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Forward

The following Proceedings of the 114th Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War were prepared five years after the fact. While every conceivable effort has been made to present an accounting as complete as possible of the Encampment, there are some areas where information was no longer available.

Special acknowledgment needs to be made to Michael S. Bennett, Sandi Crawford, Steve Fought, John Heseltine, Glenn Knight, Celeste Lewis, Carole A. Mason, PCinC David R. Medert, Brian Peters, Rebecca Pratt, David Wallace, and Robert Wolz, without whose assistance these Proceedings could not have been completed to their present extent.

Keith G. Harrison
Past Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
May 2000

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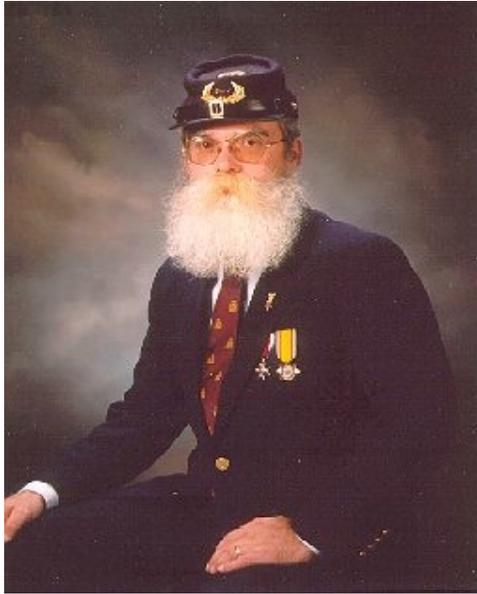
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**Keith Graham Harrison
Commander-in-Chief (1994/1995)**

Keith G. Harrison of Holt, Michigan, was elected Commander-in-Chief of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) on August 13, 1994 at the 113th National Encampment in Lansing, Michigan. Brother Harrison's ascension represented the fourth Michiganian in the then 113-year history of the Order and the first in 46 years to serve in the Order's highest office. The three other Commanders-in-Chief from Michigan were Marvin E. Hall (1892/93), Urion W. Mackey (1944/45), and Perle L. Fouch (1948/49).

Brother Harrison has served the Order in several national capacities, including Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Patriotic Instructor, Membership-at-Large Coordinator, History Book Coordinator and Council of Administration member. Within his native state of Michigan, he has served as Department Commander for three years, Senior Vice Commander for two years and Department Chief of Staff for seven years. He is a charter member of Curtenius Guard Camp #17 of Lansing-Sunfield, which he organized in 1983. Within his local camp, he served as Camp Commander (3 years), Camp Secretary (4 years), Camp Treasurer (2 years), and Camp Historian (4 years). He has been a member of the Order since 1981 and a life member since 1986.

Brother Harrison traces his SUVCW eligibility back to 28 Michigan Civil War soldiers, including one great-great-great-grandfather (Captain Joseph Harper, 12th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Company A), three great-great-grandfathers, eight great great granduncles, and 16 cousins. The Michigan regiments represented by his ancestors include the 1st, 2nd, 11th, 12th, 15th, 18th, 19th, 25th, 27th, and 28th Volunteer Infantries; the 4th, 8th, 10th and 11th Volunteer Cavalries; and the 13th and 14th Batteries. The regiment with the greatest number of his ancestors was the 12th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, with two grandfathers, four uncles and two cousins. The 12th Michigan went directly from Niles, Michigan, to Pittsburgh Landing, Tennessee, two weeks before the Battle of Shiloh. During that battle, several of his relatives were captured.

Brother Harrison has been a Civil War reenactor since 1981 and has risen through the ranks. He is a member and former Captain of the 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Company B., Inc. and a Major, currently serving as Chief of Staff, with the Cumberland Guard, a nationally-recognized Civil War reenactment association. Within the SUVCW Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR), he holds the rank of Major and currently serves as the Deputy Commander of the National Military Department, SVR. Previous SVR service includes Chief of Infantry for the Third Military District, SVR and organizer and Commander of the Michigan

Department SUVCW Color Guard, SVR (30th Michigan Volunteer Infantry). He has participated in more than 500 reenactments, parades and ceremonies since 1981, and has served innumerable times at reenactments as an infantry company commander, infantry battalion commander, and overall Union army commander. Major Harrison is knowledgeable and well practiced in Hardee, Casey and Coupee, and is competent in 1861-1865 US Army company, battalion, brigade and army-level infantry drill and tactics. He participated in most of the 125th anniversary Civil War battle reenactments and is currently participating in many of the 130th anniversary reenactments. Major Harrison's years and reputation within the 7th Michigan and the Cumberland Guard also have resulted in his being commemorated in song.

Brother Harrison belongs to several historical, patriotic, and civic organizations, including the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS), in which he has been the Commander of the Michigan Commandery since 1986; Sons of the Revolution; Society of the War of 1812; Society of Colonial Wars; Society of Mayflower Descendants; Military Order of the World Wars; and Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels. He is also a Mason (Lodge No. 252 of Okemos, Michigan and Civil War Research Lodge No. 1865 of Highland Springs, Virginia).

Brother Harrison is a 1968 graduate of Cassopolis (Michigan) High School. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree (1972) in fisheries and wildlife biology from Michigan State University and a Master of Arts degree (1974) in ecology from Western Michigan University. He is licensed as a Registered Sanitarian and as a Registered Environmental Health Specialist, and is nationally certified as an Ecologist. His professional research and work have resulted in more than 70 publications addressing a wide variety of environmental, environmental health, natural history, and resources management topics. He has been published in local, state, national, and international societal journals. He currently serves in two positions within Michigan state government. He is the Director of the Office of Special Environmental Projects for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and has held an appointment from Michigan Governor John Engler as the Executive Director of the Michigan Environmental Science Board since 1992.

Brother Harrison has been married twice, his first marriage to Linda (Dodson) Harrison in 1976, and his second to Jean (Whitmer) Harrison in 1990. He has one son, Nathan Lewis Harrison, who is a life member of the Order. His interest in history and genealogy peaked with the birth of his son, when he wrote and published a 350-page genealogy, *The Ancestry of Nathan Lewis Harrison*. The book documents his son's ancestry back to the year 938 A.D. and identifies more than 150 families and 1,600 individuals who preceded him. A copy of the book was provided the Order in 1989.

Since serving as Commander-in-Chief, Brother Harrison has continued to serve the Order as a member of the National Council of Administration (1995/96), Constitution and Regulations Committee (1996 - 1998), and Communications Technology Committee (1995 - Present); Brigadier General and Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve 1996/97, National Webmaster (1998 to Present); and National Signals Officer (2000 to Present). In addition, he currently serves as National Webmaster of the MOLLUS Web Site, and Webmaster for the Grand Army of the Republic Museum and Library Web Site. He retired from active Civil War reenacting in August 1996.

Civil War Ancestors of Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison

(Union Volunteer Infantry)

1st Lt William H. Sherman	Company F, 1st Michigan	First Cousin (4 times removed)
1st Lt Edward Sherman*	Company D, 2nd Michigan	First Cousin (4 times removed)
Pvt Thomas H. Higgins*	Company G, 11th Michigan	Great Great Great Uncle
Pvt William M. Sherman*	Company E, 11th Michigan	First Cousin (4 times removed)
Capt Joseph S. Harper**	Company A, 12th Michigan	Great Great Great Grandfather
Pvt Benjamin Higgins	Company A, 12th Michigan	Great Great Grandfather
Cpl John Higgins	Company A, 12th Michigan	Great Great Great Uncle
Pvt James P. Higgins	Company A, 12th Michigan	Great Great Great Uncle
Pvt Edward Graham	Company A, 12th Michigan	Great Great Great Uncle
Pvt Henry C. Graham	Company A, 12th Michigan	Great Great Great Uncle
Pvt Charles Cleveland	Company A, 12th Michigan	First Cousin (4 times removed)
Pvt Harvey Harper	Company H, 12th Michigan	First Cousin (4 times removed)
Sgt Robert Harper	Company A, 15th Michigan	First Cousin (4 times removed)
1st Lt George H. Brewster	Company F, 18th Michigan	Third Cousin (5 times removed)
Pvt Elmore F. Lewis	Company H, 19th Michigan	Great Great Grandfather
Pvt Hiram L. Brewster	Company G, 25th Michigan	Third Cousin (5 times removed)
Pvt Daniel P. Sherman*	Company I, 27th Michigan	First Cousin (4 times removed)
Pvt Nathan Pemberton	Company H, 28th Michigan	Great Great Great Uncle

(Union Volunteer Cavalry)

Pvt Francis B. Lewis*	Company D, 4th Michigan	Great Great Great Uncle
Pvt James H. Lewis*	Company D, 4th Michigan	Great Great Great Uncle
2nd Lt Andrew Guilford	Company K, 8th Michigan	First Cousin (4 times removed)
Capt Franklin Sherman	Company A, 10th Michigan	First Cousin (4 times removed)
Pvt Nelson C. Sherman	Company H, 10th Michigan	First Cousin (4 times removed)
Pvt William Sherman	Company H, 10th Michigan	First Cousin (4 times removed)
Sgt Burwell Hinchman	Company K, 11th Michigan	First Cousin (3 times removed)

(Union Artillery)

Pvt Jesse Sherman	13th Michigan Battery	First Cousin (4 times removed)
Pvt Isaac S. Pound	14th Michigan Battery	Great Great Grandfather
Pvt Eliphalet Pemberton	14th Michigan Battery	First Cousin (5 times removed)

(United State Army)

Bvt Brig Gen Thomas W. Sherman	3rd US Artillery	Sixth Cousin (4 times removed)
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(Confederate Volunteer Cavalry)

Pvt James Brewster	Company K, 11th Kentucky	Third Cousin (5 times removed)
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** See Biography.

* Died while in Service.



(ca 1861)



(ca 1885)

Captain Joseph S. Harper

Joseph S. Harper was born on December 19, 1805 in Washington County, Pennsylvania on a farm where his grandparents, John and Margaret Harper had settled from Ireland soon after the Revolutionary War. Robert Harper, Joseph's father, had married a Miss Tamar Johnson, who was of Scottish descent and whose family had settled in Washington County at an early date. Joseph Harper was the sixth child in a family of ten. His childhood was spent on the farm. Prior to coming to Cassopolis, Michigan, he spent two years in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and a short period in Washington, Pennsylvania. Dissatisfied where he was, he started out for what was then considered the far west, with the intention of settling in Chicago, Illinois. But, by one of those seemingly inconsequential happenings of which only time can develop the importance, his journey was cut short. On February 3, 1835, he stopped in the little Michigan village of Cassopolis and there he spent the rest of his life. A year later, he married Miss Caroline Guilford from Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Joseph Harper was by trade a carpenter; a trade he learned while in Pennsylvania. He was the builder of the first courthouse in Cassopolis (county seat of Cass County) in 1835 and was one of the five contractors selected to construct the second courthouse in 1841. Very soon after coming to Cass County, he was made Deputy Sheriff and remained in that capacity until the state was organized. In 1836 he was elected Justice of the Peace and took office on July fourth. In the fall of 1838, he was elected Register of Deeds. He was re-elected to that office in 1840. In 1850, he was elected Sheriff. Prior to the formation of the Republican party, he was a Whig and was prominently identified with the presidential campaign of 1850. In 1854, he was elected Sheriff of Cass County upon the first Republican ticket.

When the Civil War broke out, his popularity made it an easy matter for him to raise a company of men. In September 1861, at the age of 55, he left Cass County for the front as Captain of Company A, 12th Michigan Volunteer Infantry. He participated in the Battle of Shiloh in April 1862. Due to disability, he resigned his commission on May 8, 1862 at Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee and was mustered out on May 27, 1862. His brief army experience was unfortunate in that it undermined his health and he was for two years a sufferer with diseases that threatened very serious consequences. In 1864, with a view to improve his health, he traveled to Montana and for three years followed mining. The experiment proved successful for upon his return to Michigan, his health was much improved. In 1868, 1869, 1873, and 1874 he was elected President of the Village of Cassopolis, and was chosen President of the Cass County Pioneer Society in 1881.

Joseph and Caroline (Guilford) Harper had four daughters, all born in Cassopolis. Captain Harper died in Cassopolis on August 28, 1894, at the age of 88. He is buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery in that village.



William W. Haskell
Commander-in-Chief (1967/68)
1906 - 1995

The 114th National Encampment adopted the following Resolution of Respect Upon the Death of Brother William W. Haskell, Past Commander-in-Chief, to be presented to Brother Haskell's widow by a Brother of the Department of Massachusetts:

Inasmuch as Almighty God, Our Heavenly Father, in His Divine Love and Mercy, has called from this earthly fellowship into Eternal Rest, our Beloved Brother Haskell on Tuesday, March 28, 1995, at the age of 89 years, and a member of our Order for 69 years, by right of descent from Henry W. Furbush, Company G, First Maine Volunteer Cavalry, and

WHEREAS: Brother Haskell was born in Massachusetts in 1906; initiated into Camp No. 12 in Hingham, Massachusetts in 1926; transferred to the Capt. H. B. Grover Camp No. 17 in Brockton in 1933; elected Camp Commander in 1938, elected Department Commander in 1944 and served long years as Department Secretary beginning in 1962; an officer in the Sons of Veterans Reserve; a member of the National Council of Administration; elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief in 1966; and elected Commander-in-Chief in 1967 at the 86th National Encampment held in Chicago, Illinois. His service to Camp, Department and National continued until recently. His love of sports was reflected in his service as a baseball umpire for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS it is most appropriate to here record and express our sincere regret and sorrow caused by the death of our beloved Brother Haskell, a resident of Brockton, Massachusetts, and to express our profound sympathy with condolences to all who mourn his passing, his surviving wife, Esther, his daughter, Barbara Higgins of Brookline, Massachusetts, and three granddaughters, to whom the Great Healer, a Merciful God, Our Father, will provide their consolation; with this thought also; that their sorrow and loss are also those of our Order so that our consolation may be joined.

WE DO HEREBY RESOLVE: That this, our resolution, be spread upon the Proceedings of this Encampment, in memory of and as a tribute to our departed Brother William Haskell in honor of his good life and to signify our affirmation that Brother Haskell has but preceded us from this temporary and imperfect fraternity to the All-Perfect, Celestial and Eternal Encampment above where the Divine Grand Commander-in-Chief eternally presides.

Done this date: August 11, 1995
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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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National Officers for 1994/1995

Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.....David R. Medert

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Alan R. Loomis

Council of Administration: Peter A. Dixon (to 1995)
..... Andrew M. Johnson (to 1996)
..... Allen W. Moore, PCinC (to 1995)
..... Robert E. Grim (to 1997)

National Secretary David F. Wallace

National Treasurer..... Richard D. Orr

National Quartermaster Elmer F. Atkinson, PCinC

National Chief of Staff.....Clark W. Mellor, PCinC

National Counselor The Honorable James B. Pahl

National Life Member Coordinator Richard D. Orr

National Chaplain Rev. Richard Bradley Long

National Patriotic Instructor Danny L. Wheeler

National Historian Gary L. Gibson

National Graves Registration Officer..... Charles Sharrock

National GAR Highway Officer Alan E. Peterson

National Membership-at-Large Coordinator L. Dean Lamphere, Jr

National Membership List Coordinator Richard A. Williams

National Camp and Department Organizer Richard Greene

National Personal Aide David Turpin

Washington Representative Richard Schlenker, PCinC

National Guide Gregg A. Mierka

National Guard Peter Kane

National Color Bearer Terrance L. McKinch

Banner Editor.....Gregory Hayes

National Chief of Staff Emeritus Norman R. Furman, PCinC

Council of Administration Senior Member Emeritus..... Joseph S. Rippey, PCinC

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
Standing National Committees for 1994/1995

Program and Policy

David R. Medert, Chair (to 95)
Keith D. Ashley (to 96)
Robert E. Grim (to 95)
Joseph Long, Jr. (to 97)
J. Douglas Park (to 98)

Constitution and Regulations

Richard D. Orr, Chair (to 96)
Lowell V. Hammer, PCinC (to 95)
Allen W. Moore, PCinC (to 95)
The Honorable James B. Pahl (to 96)
Joseph S. Rippey, PCinC (to 95)

Encampment Site

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Ross S. Dent
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George Shadman
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Membership

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Lincoln Tomb Observance

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

Remembrance Day

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Clyde H. Hayner
Joseph Long, Jr.
Anthony Waskie

History

Gary L. Gibson, Chair
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Rev. Robert G. Carroon, Jr. (to 95)
Jerome Orton (to 95)
Richard C. Schlenker, PCinC (to 96)

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James A. Muetting, Sr.
Charles E. Funck

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Nicholas Kaup (to 96)
Mark Sullivan (to 95)
Brian Guiot (to 95)

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
Special National Committees for 1994/1995

Blue/Gray 1999 Encampment Investigation

Richard D. Orr, Chair
Lowell V. Hammer, PCinC
Rev. Robert G. Carroon, Jr.
Howard E. Bartholf

Computer Software Standardization

Richard Williams (Chair)
Richard D. Orr
Kenneth D. Hershberger
L. Dean Lamphere, Jr

GAR Memorial Foundation

Michael G. Friedel (Co-chair)
Richard D. Orr (Co-chair)

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Gregory Hayes, Chair
Richard A. Williams
J. Douglas Park
L. Dean Lamphere, Jr

Real Sons and Daughters

Jerome Orton, Chair
Robert Petrovic
David Downing

National Headquarters Fund Committee

Ivan Frantz, Sr., Chair
Clyde Hayner, Sr.
Stephen Killian, Esq.

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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Radisson Hotel Columbus North
Columbus, Ohio
Friday August 11 - 13, 1995**

Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison called the 114th Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) to order at 9:00 AM on Friday, August 11, 1995. The meeting was opened per the SUVCW Ritual.

A resolution on the passing of Past Commander-in-Chief William Haskell was adopted by the Encampment.

National Secretary David F. Wallace called the roll of National Officers:

Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Alan R. Loomis
Council of Administration Member Peter A. Dixon
Council of Administration Member Andrew M. Johnson
Council of Administration Member Allen W. Moore, PCinC
Council of Administration Member Robert E. Grim
National Secretary David F. Wallace
National Treasurer Richard D. Orr
National Quartermaster Elmer F. Atkinson, PCinC
National Chief of Staff Clark W. Mellor, PCinC
National Counselor The Honorable James B. Pahl
National Life Member Coordinator Richard D. Orr
National Chaplain Rev. Richard Bradley Long (Absent)
National Patriotic Instructor Danny L. Wheeler
National Historian Gary L. Gibson
National Graves Registration Officer Charles Sharrock (Absent)
National GAR Highway Officer Alan E. Peterson
National Membership-at-Large Coordinator L. Dean Lamphere, Jr.
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National Camp and Department Organizer Edgar Richard Greene
Washington Representative Richard Schlenker, PCinC
Banner Editor Gregory Hayes (Absent)
National Personal Aide David Turpin
National Guide Gregg A. Mierka
National Guard Peter F. Cane (Absent)
National Color Bearer Terrance L. McKinch
National Chief of Staff Emeritus Norman Furman, PCinC
Council of Administration Senior Member Emeritus Joseph S. Rippey, PCinC

Appointment of Encampment Committees and Staff:

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

<u>Credentials:</u>	George Powell (Chair) Forrest Altland Richard A. Williams
<u>Resolutions:</u>	PCinC Elmer Atkinson (Chair) Dean Lamphere Andrew Johnson
<u>Ritual and Ceremonials:</u>	PCinC Richard Greenwalt (Chair) Kenneth Hershberger J Douglas Park
<u>Officer Reports:</u>	PCinC Gordon Bury (Chair) Rev. Jerry Carroon Peter Dixon
<u>Constitution and Regulations:</u>	Richard Orr (Chair) PCinC Allen Moore PCinC Lowell Hammer PCinC Joseph Rippey The Honorable James B. Pahl

Visitation Delegations:

Auxiliary to the SUVCW: PCinC Elmer F. Atkinson, Gary Gibson and Glenn Knight

Ladies of the GAR: PCinC Charles Corfman, David Turpin and Ron Krieser

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War: Charles Funck

Woman's Relief Corps: Howard Streeter

Respondents to Visiting Delegations:

Auxiliary to the SUVCW: PCinC Richard Schlenker

Ladies of the GAR: PCinC Lowell Hammer

Brother Robert Grim was appointed acting Chaplain and Brother Richard Smyser was appointed acting Guard.

Preliminary Credentials Committee Report

It was reported that 116 Delegates and Alternates were registered, of which 83 were present.

Past Commanders-in-Chief Recognition

The following Past Commanders-in-Chief were recognized by the Encampment:

Joseph S. Rippey 1963/64; 1964/65
Norman R. Furman 1971/1972
Richard Greenwalt 1978/1979
Richard C. Schlenker 1982/1983
Gordon R. Bury 1986/1987
Clark W. Mellor 1988/1989
Charles W. Corfman 1989/1990
Elmer F. Atkinson 1992/1993
Allen W. Moore 1993/1994

Awards and New Charters

Commander-in-Chief Harrison announced the following awards:

Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief Award (Most Outstanding Camp as Selected by the Commander-in-Chief): Governor Crapo Camp #145, Michigan Department.

Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award (Most outstanding SUVCW member as selected by the Commander-in-Chief): Daniel Lisarelli, Department of the Southwest.

Best Newsletter Award (Established by PCinC Lowell Hammer): *Michigan's Messenger*, Editor John Mann.

Department with the Largest Percentage Growth Award: Department of Maine, 40 percent.

Department with the Largest Number of New Members under 40 Award: Department of Ohio, 46 Members

Camp Charter: Memphis Camp-at-Large #1, Germantown, Tennessee.

Camp Charter: Col. George L. Warner Camp #154, Department of New York.

Special Merit Award: Mrs. David F. Wallace for her calligraphy on all the charters.

National Officers Reports

Commander-in-Chief Harrison declared that all Officers Reports will be limited to five minutes and upon presentation will be referred without debate to the Encampment Committee on Officers Reports.

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

Report of the Commander-in-Chief

STATE OF THE ORDER Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

National Officers, Delegates and Brothers to the 114th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

I am honored and pleased to present to you my year-end report. I will not, however, bore you with a description of all my various travels which have been numerous and most enjoyable, or on how much of my own money that I have spent conducting the Order's business. Both of these come with the territory of being Commander-in-Chief and need not be elaborated on at this Encampment. Rather, I wish to present to the Encampment a status report on items, which are of much greater importance to our Order. By initiating this, it is my hope that similar type and more informative "State of the Order" reports will be provided by Commanders-in-Chief in the future. With that said, I am pleased to report that the state of our Order is excellent and improving on a daily basis. In addition, our membership continues to grow and the Order is financially sound.

As I began my year as Commander-in-Chief, I had outlined a vision, which I wanted to see our Order pursue. As an Order, we have always tried to emulate the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) in many of our actions and deeds. I felt, however, that we had been emulating the declining rather than the productive years of the GAR. Most of us were not around when the GAR was in full bloom and so never had the opportunity to observe first hand the vigor and vitality of that organization. Before the GAR ranks were filled with a few tired old veterans resolved to the fact that their organization was dying, it was a large, highly visible, enthusiastic and energetic organization filled with young men with unconquerable dreams.

I believe that if we as an Order are to fulfill what the GAR created us to fulfill, we must first change how we view ourselves as an Order. The SUVCW was created to be a perpetual organization, forever living on as successive generations of sons are born. It was intended to be vibrant, innovative and effective in its dealings. It was intended to be an organization, which would emulate the GAR not during its waning years but during its height of influence. I felt, therefore, that it was important for our Order to again become visible and active in our local communities and in our states. As a consequence, early on in my tenure as Commander-in-Chief, I advocated a need for our Camps to get out and promote, on behalf of the SUVCW and the GAR, local Civil War-related and also non-Civil War-related community projects and to begin to work more closely with our contemporary veterans' organizations. It will only be through this type of visibility that we can and will succeed in keeping the significance and the memory of the GAR alive and, most importantly, in the eyes of the American public. I am pleased to report that with the institution of Juniors into our Order (our investment in our and the GAR's future); the continued decrease in the average age of our membership; the continued increase in members, Camps and Departments, and the directly related increase of Sons' initiatives and activities throughout the country; my vision for the Order is becoming a reality.

Another major goal for this year was to begin the process of streamlining, simplifying, and hopefully, making more effective and efficient the workings of the Order. This has taken several forms throughout the past 12 months with, in particular, my strong advocacy for the elimination and replacement of the Order's past dependency on "word of mouth" and "recollection" type of operation, with one which is more dependent on the use of the Order's *Constitution and Regulations (C&R)* and the National, Department and Camp job descriptions. The overall purpose of this goal was to develop a system within the Order which when operating correctly could sustain periodic setbacks (such as *Banner* Editor changes, for instance) without causing the operation of the Order to come to a screeching halt as had happened so all too often in the past. Other components comprising this goal also included: institution of quarterly reporting by National Officers and Committees; computerization of the Order and the subsequent improvement in the Order's internal communications; national review of Department and Camp-at-Large bylaws; and the streamlining of the Order's procedures to organize new Camps.

The Order has made considerable progress in attaining this goal. For instance, in terms of the quarterly reporting, I am very pleased to report that the practice was met with almost 100 percent success by your elected and appointed National Officers and Committee chairs. This has afforded the Order the flexibility to respond and make needed adjustments to changing circumstances throughout the year rather than waiting until the end when it was either too late to take advantage of favorable circumstances or too late to correct problems.

A second area of improvement was the Order's greater reliance on the *C&R*. All too often in the past, Camps, Departments and the National Organization have floundered for lack of consistent advice. Two reasons have accounted for this. First, advice at the Camp, Department and National levels has been sought from far too many Brothers rather than from appointed counselors whose job it is to research and provide such advice and second, many of the appointed counselors either did not have or, more commonly, had but chose not to read or refer to the most recent copy of the *C&R*. In order to help correct these problem, I have pushed throughout this year for all National, Department and Camp officers to obtain and read the most recent copy of the Order's *C&R* and to not take or offer advise without first checking to see what is said about the issue in the *C&R*. As an organization, we can no longer depend on how something was done five, ten or 20 years ago. As our *C&R* changes, so too should our application of its provisions. While we have greatly improved in this matter, it has not been to the degree to which I would have preferred. We still have far too many Camp, Department and National officers who have not read the *C&R* and we still have far too many Brothers in the Order who chose to offer advice based solely on their past office holding experience and tenure in the Organization rather than based on what is written in the *C&R*. To them, I offer the following: (1) if you are a Camp, Department or National Officer is it your duty and responsibility to obtain and read the *C&R*; and (2) if you are, in particular, the Camp, Department or National Counselor or Commander, it is your duty and responsibility to obtain and thoroughly study the Order's *C&R* and to refer to it prior to rendering decisions. To do otherwise would be a disservice to your Order and will only result in holding back and hindering rather than helping the brotherhood.

Directly related to a greater use of the C&R has been my push this year to have each Department and Camp-at-Large bring its current by-laws into compliance with the Order's C&R. The Department and Camp-at-Large bylaws reviews were requested and were seen as necessary in order to ensure that the Departments and Camps-at-Large were keeping pace with the National Organization in terms of operational changes affecting how the Order functions and also to help reduce the number of unnecessary and often fraternally damaging misunderstandings and misconceptions which tend to surface each year within the Order. Outdated (in some cases by 10 to 40 years) bylaws have cause innumerable problems for the Order and will only provide a disservice to our many new members who seek to learn and work within the Order.

I am pleased to report most of the Departments and Camps-at-Large have complied with my request and most of the bylaws have been reviewed. The Departments and Camps-at-Large who had noted problems will now need to amend their bylaws at their Department Encampments and annual Camp-at-Large meetings next year to bring them into compliance with the C&R. Pursuant to Section 3, Article III, Chapter III of the Order's Regulations, those few Departments and Camps-at-Large who chose not to comply with General Orders #1 (Item #8), #2 (Item #9) and #4 (Item #6), Series 1994/1995 forfeited their representation at this National Encampment and will continue to forfeit their representation at subsequent National Encampments until compliance to the 1994/1995 General Orders is met.

Probably one of the largest changes to our Order this year has been its dramatic increased use of computers and electronic communications. It has really only been during the last three to four years that our Order has even begun to use computers to assist it in its operation; however, we have made great strides in these few years. I strongly advocated this year for an even greater use of such tools in the daily operation of our National Organization and in the operations of our Departments and Camps. As just one example of the strides made this year within the National Organization, the following National elected and appointed officers are now communicating electronically:

- Commander-in-Chief
- Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief
- Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief
- National Secretary
- National Treasurer
- National Quartermaster (via the GAR Museum)
- Life Member Coordinator
- National Counselor (via fax)
- National Personal Aide
- National Color Bearer
- National Membership-at-Large Coordinator
- National Membership List Coordinator
- Assistant National Membership List Coordinator
- National Camp and Department Organizer (via fax)
- Banner* Editor
- National Aide for Cyberspace

In addition, many Department and Camp officers and members are also now on-line and can obtain needed information, instructions, and clarifications, literally in a moments notice, and have done so this year. As a consequence of this much-improved form of communications, correspondences have greatly increased. As one example, I have processed over 2,100 pieces of correspondence this year alone; with approximately 85 percent being electronic or e-mail. With this technology I have been able to either answer or refer the correspondence to the appropriate National Officer for response almost immediately upon my receipt and to copy my other key elected and appointed officers into my response at no extra cost to the Order. I foresee this type of communication continuing to increase in volume in the next several years and affording the Order, for the first time in its history, the opportunity to ensure consistency and continuity between Commander-in-Chief's administrations.

Other areas where computerization has successfully entered and improved our Order include our membership mailing list, our Order's national financial records, and the creation and processing of *Banner*. In addition, we have begun to place on computer disk our various historical records, and, with this year, the beginnings of a computerized national graves registration program. One of the most significant areas where computers have advanced our Order has been in our recruitment program. During this year, two Brothers, on behalf of the Order, established a prospective member inquiry folder on *America on Line* and a home page on the World Wide Web. These electronic communication sites provide information on the Order and the e-mail and regular mail address of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief to write to for an application. As a result of these sites, millions of prospective members can now be reached. I fully anticipate that this area will grow at an astronomical rate also and will eventually become the Order's largest single source of membership inquiry in the future.

As a direct result of the Order's improved communications and adherence to and fulfillment of the job descriptions, the Order's growth has been dramatic this year. In terms of gross numbers, over 1,200 new members, 21 new Camps and one new Department were added to the rolls, representing the largest increase in recent history of the Order in all three categories. In addition, the groundwork was laid this year for a minimum of five new Camps and up to three new Departments next year. I submit to you that this has not been a fluke or totally related to a resurgence of interest in the Civil War. Rather, it has taken place because the Order during the last four to five years has purposefully pursued a specific course of action and has purposefully sought individuals within the Order to carry out the plan who were committed to doing the job requested of them. The Order is growing geometrically and it is changing, and gone are the times of putting Brothers into National, Department, and Camp elected and appointed offices based solely on their tenure in the Order. In a similar vein, also gone are the times of retaining non-functioning Brothers in offices for the same reason. This growth will continue so long as we continue along the same path. Based on the above, and assuming that the Order can improve its member retention statistics, I will go on record as predicting that by the year 2000, our membership should easily surpass 10,000.

Along with the concerted effort of the Order to obtain new members, we also began this year a concerted effort to begin laying claim to abandoned GAR Post and SUVCW Camp

monies, which are rightfully ours. Contrary to regulations, many old GAR Post and SUVCW Camp property, records and monies were not forwarded upon their disbandment to their respective state and national organizations. In terms of the monies contained in checking and savings accounts, most ended up reverting to the escheats division or department within the state in which the Post or Camp was located. The process of locating and acquiring our rightful monies, unfortunately, was not considered, along with many other critical issues, a priority by this Organization's leadership in the past. This was changed this year. As the legal heir of the GAR, the SUVCW has an obligation to lay claim to these monies.

I am pleased to report that the National Organization has recovered this year alone just over \$22,000. I strongly encourage Departments to actively explore the possible existence of such funds in their respective state(s). The National Organization will continue to initiate inquiries into those states without an existing Department. It is important to keep in mind that this program is a long-term project and may take some extra time and paper work. The benefits, however, will be worth it.

During the year, I have had the pleasure of presenting several awards. The categories for the awards included work on behalf of the Order to further the memory of the GAR and recruiting. The following 12 Brothers were designated as National Aides and presented with a certificate noting it for their dedicated work in furthering the memory of the Grand Army:

Bradley McGowan, Iowa	John Andrew Prime, Louisiana
Kent Armstrong, Michigan	Howard Streeter, Michigan
Martin Ahlvin, Mississippi	Philip Faller, Mississippi
Stan Prater, Missouri	Jan Ouhרבka, Rhode Island
Aram Plante, Rhode Island	James W. Dark, Texas
Daniel Lisarelli, Texas	Howard Bartholf, Virginia

During the same period, I have had the pleasure of conferring certificates and National Aide status on the following 35 Brothers for their membership recruitment activities:

Gene Armistead, California	Charles Sharrock, Colorado
David Turpin, Iowa	Robert Linnell, Maine
William Neal, Maryland	Gilbert Bagley, Massachusetts
Edward Brown, Massachusetts	Edward Hayes, Massachusetts
Douglass Knight, Massachusetts	Edward Parks, Massachusetts
Alan Peterson, Massachusetts	Wendell Presbrey, Jr., Massachusetts
Gary Gibson, Michigan	Richard Green, Michigan
L. Dean Lamphere, Michigan	Terrance McKinch, Michigan
David Wallace, Michigan	Donald Workman, Michigan
Fred Morganthaler II, Montana	Robert Gregory, New York
James Grismer, New York	Jerome Orton, New York
Joseph Pucciarelli, New York	Douglas Smith, New York
Danny Wheeler, New York	Keith Ashley, Ohio
David Medert, Ohio	Eugene Carpenter, Rhode Island
Brian Guiot, Rhode Island	Donald Marcum, Rhode Island

Richard Parmenter, Rhode Island
David Allison, Texas
William Ward, Utah

Charles Yates, Tennessee
Kenneth Nelson, Utah

In addition to the above Brothers receiving awards, I was also fortunate to present certificates of merit to the following non-members for their service to the Order and the memory of the GAR:

Post #961, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Ithaca, New York
(*Donation of \$500 to the GAR Memorial Fund*),
Gail Seitz, Past National President, DUVCW, Detroit, Michigan
(*Donation of \$5,000 for maintenance of Sunfield GAR Hall*),
Barry Crompton, Australia (*Union Civil War Grave Maintenance*),
Terry Foenander, Australia (*Union Civil War Grave Maintenance*),
Roy Parker, Australia (*Union Civil War Grave Maintenance*),
Robert Simpson, Australia (*Union Civil War Grave Maintenance*)
Citizens of Watrousville, Michigan (*Union Civil War Grave Maintenance*),
Jack & Marie Cole, Watrousville, Michigan (*Union Civil War Grave Maintenance*),
Jenelle Steele, Vernon, Michigan (*Union Civil War Grave Maintenance*), and
Susan Wallace (*Preparation of all Camp and Department Charters*).

The Order also made in-roads this year in terms of fraternal relations with its representation at the Sons of Confederate Veterans 100th Reunion and presentation to that body of a resolution to jointly organize and commemorate in 1999 the 50th anniversary of the last Reunion of the United Confederate Veterans and the last Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic; and its work with the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War to have them consider a resolution this year to again meet nationally with the Allied Orders; and its first time ever attendance at the National Congress of the Daughters of the Union.

I have highlighted only a few of the programs and projects where considerable progress and/or improvement have been made this year by your officers and committees. In addition to these, the Order has made considerable progress in its project to eventually acquire a National Headquarters, its history book project, its national graves registration program, its GAR Highway signage program, and its revision of several forms, most notably, membership cards, for use by the Order. Later reports from National Officers and Committees will elaborate further on these and many more programs and projects which have been undertaken this year.

Overall, it has been one of the most productive years in recent history for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Such productivity, however, has required the commitment of many Brothers. I wish to thank all the elected and appointed National Officers and the members of the Standing and Special National Committees for all their dedicated and productive work this year. The Order has grown dramatically both in numbers and organization because of your work. As I indicated at the beginning of my term as Commander-in-Chief, I believe that I have had the best team of officers and staff ever to be produced from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to date.

In conclusion, let me state that I believe this year marked the beginnings of an evolution, a renaissance, within the Order from an organization operating mostly on the personalities of a select minority to a intricate, team-based organization operating more interdependently through communications and dependently on the written word of the *C&R* and, therefore, better reflecting the will and desire of the majority of the membership as exemplified through the National Encampments. The evolution, the renaissance to which I speak has really only just begun and will not be fully realized by our Order for many years to come; however, the process has begun and cannot be reversed so long as we as an Order continue to acquire new members and elect and appoint qualified and interested Brothers to fill all positions at the Camp, Department and National levels, and so long as we remain cognizant of and actively work together in fraternity, charity, and loyalty to fulfill all the responsibilities and charges given to us by the Grand Army of the Republic.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Keith G. Harrison
Commander-in-Chief

Recommendations

The below listed recommendations are divided into three categories:

- A. Continuation of the following programs or activities:
 - 1. Computerization of the Order's inventory of records, and
 - 2. Continuation of Order's 1994/1995 Special National Committees with the exceptions of the Computer Software Standardization and Blue/Gary 1999 Encampment Investigation Committees, which finished their tasks in March and July, of this year, respectively.

- B. Adoption by the National Encampment of the following programs or activities:
 - 1. Creation of a Special (not Standing) National Blue/Gray 1999 Encampment PLANNING Committee be created for a period of 6 years for the purpose of overseeing all special activities for the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Grand Army of the Republic. The Committee would present its final report at the year 2000 National Encampment;
 - 2. National Registrations Graves Registration Computerization Program to be presented by the National Graves Registration Standing Committee at this Encampment;
 - 3. Eagle Scout Recognition Program through the Quartermaster's Office;
 - 4. Creation of a Special (not Standing) National Committee on Communications Technology to ensure coordination and the most efficient and advantageous use by the Order of the modern electronic communications modalities. The activities of the committee would include:
 - a. Development and periodic update of a list of Brothers on e-mail,
 - b. Development of a relatively maintenance-free recruiting home page for use by potential applicants seeking information about the Order and its Allied Orders, and

- c. Development of an interactive electronic site on the world wide web and other electronic sites for the exchange of information;
5. Subject to budget constraints and concurrence by the Council of Administration, financial support for commercial electronic mail service (American On Line, Prodigy, CompuServe, etc.) for Brothers holding the offices of Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer, and *Banner* Editor who do not already subscribe to such a service (Approximate Annual Maximum Cost, \$900/year); and
6. Subject to budget constraints and concurrence by the Council of Administration, purchase of laptop or desktop computer for use by the Order.

C. Implementation of adopted programs by previous National Encampments:

1. Initiation of 800 telephone number for recruiting;
2. Update of Ritual and Ceremonials by National Standing Committee on Program and Policy;
3. Indexing of Constitution and Regulations by National Standing Committee on Constitution and Regulations; and
4. Annual Printing in the *Banner* of Department Commanders', Junior Vice Commanders' and Secretaries' Telephone Numbers (and where possible e-mail addresses)

List of Activities

Keith G. Harrison, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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| 12-13 Aug. | - 113th National Encampment, SUVCW, Lansing, Michigan |
| 13 Aug. | - Council of Administration Meeting, Lansing, Michigan |
| 14 Aug. | - National Convention, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Lansing, Michigan |
| | - National Convention, Woman's Relief Corps, Lansing, Michigan |
| 26-28 Aug. | - Annual Jackson Civil War Muster, Jackson, Michigan |
| 27 Aug. | - Initiation of Junior Sons into 3 Michigan Camps, Jackson, Michigan |
| 1 Sept. | - Presentation of 50 Year Badge to 100 Year-old Member Donald Pace, Marshall, Michigan |
| 1 Sept. | - Colgrove-Woodruff Camp #22 Meeting, Marshall, Michigan |
| 27 Sept. | - Curtenius Guard Camp #17 Meeting, Lansing/Sunfield, Michigan |
| 1 Oct. | - Central Region Conference SUVCW-AUX Meeting, Skokie, Illinois |
| 8 Oct. | - U.S. Grant Camp #101 Meeting, Detroit, Michigan |
| 9 Oct. | - Dedication of Michigan US 12 as Iron Brigade Memorial Highway, New Buffalo, Michigan |
| 22 Oct. | - Dinner and Reception for Commander-in-Chief, Lansing, Michigan |
| 29 Oct. | - Dinner and Reception for National President, Aux. to SUVCW, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania |
| 11 Nov. | - Veterans' Day Program, Ft Custer, August Michigan |
| 11 Nov. | - Veterans' Day Parade, Lansing, Michigan |
| 13 Nov. | - Dedication of State of Maryland Monument, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania |
| 19 Nov. | - Remembrance Day Ceremonies, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania |
| 29 Nov. | - Curtenius Guard Camp #17 Meeting, Lansing/Sunfield, Michigan |
| 3 Dec. | - Interhereditary Council of Michigan, Detroit, Michigan |
| 9 Dec. | - Graveside Ceremony of Hondon Hargrove, Michigan Black Historian, Lansing, Michigan |

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- 1 Jan. - Inaugural, Governor of Michigan, Lansing, Michigan
- 7 Jan. - U.S. Grant Camp #101 Meeting, Detroit, Michigan
- 13 Jan. - 7th Michigan NCO Training, Lansing, Michigan
- 21 Jan. - Governor Crapo Camp #145 2nd Anniversary Ceremony, Flint, Michigan
- 31 Jan. - Curtenius Guard Camp #17 Meeting, Lansing/Sunfield, Michigan

- 11 Feb. - Military Order of the Loyal Legion Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 11 Feb. - Military Order of the Loyal Legion Dinner, Washington, D.C.
- 12 Feb. - Annual Abraham Lincoln Birthday Ceremony, Washington, D.C.
- 18 Feb. - Michigan Department Mid-Winter Conference, Lansing, Michigan
- 18 Feb. - Annual George Washington/Abraham Lincoln Dinner, Lansing, Michigan
- 28 Feb. - Benjamin Pritchard Camp #20 Meeting, Kalamazoo, Michigan

- 17 March - Charter Camp Meeting, Brooks-Grant Camp #7, Middleport, Ohio
- 18 March - Council of Administration Meeting, Columbus, Ohio
- 27 March - Presentation to Michigan State University History Class, E. Lansing, Michigan
- 28 March - Curtenius Guard Camp #17 Meeting, Lansing/Sunfield, Michigan
- 1 April - Blue Coats in a Gray City Program (130th Anniversary), Richmond, Virginia
- 8 April - Department of Iowa Annual Encampment, Des Moines, Iowa
- 15 April - Lincoln Death Day Program (130th Anniversary), Springfield, Illinois
- 22 April - Department of Maryland Annual Encampment, Newark, Delaware
- 29 April - Department of New Hampshire Annual Encampment, Manchester, New Hampshire

- 13 May - Formation of Department of Southwest, Arlington, Texas
- 20 May - Daughters of the Union Annual Convention, Flint, Michigan
- 20 May - Rededication of Grave of Lt. Col. Benjamin F. Orcutt, Kalamazoo, Michigan
- 29 May - Memorial Day Program, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
- 30 May - Memorial Day Program, Curtenius Guard Camp #17, Lansing/Sunfield, Michigan
- 30 May - Curtenius Guard Camp #17 Meeting, Lansing/Sunfield, Michigan

- 3 June - Michigan Commandery, MOLLUS Meeting, Grosse Pointe, Michigan
- 6 June - Presentation to 5th Grade Class, Haslett, Michigan
- 8 June - Presentation of Personal Check for \$1,000 to State of Michigan, Save the Flags Program
(Adoption of 12th Michigan Volunteer Infantry Civil War Flag)
- 10 June - Department of Michigan Annual Encampment, Lansing, Michigan
- 17 June - Department of Ohio Annual Encampment, Alliance, Ohio
- 24 June - Department of Pennsylvania Encampment, Ft. Washington, Pennsylvania

- 1 July - Dedication of Indiana US 12 as Iron Brigade Memorial Highway, Chesterton, IN
- 9 July - General Phil Kearny Camp #67 Meeting, Bay City, Michigan
- 15-16 July - Historic Charlton Park Civil War Muster, Hastings, Michigan
- 17 July - Charter Camp Meeting, George W. Anderson Camp #58, DeWitt, Michigan
- 25 July - Curtenius Guard Camp #17 Meeting, Lansing/Sunfield, Michigan
- 27 July - 100th Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Chattanooga, Tennessee

- 10 Aug. - Council of Administration Meeting, Columbus, Ohio
- 11-13 Aug. - 114th National Encampment, SUVCW, Columbus, Ohio

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Medert returned the gavel and the control of the Encampment to Commander-in-Chief Harrison.

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

It has been a pleasure to serve as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and I am pleased to present you and the 114th National Encampment with a report of my activities in said office and as Chairman of the National Committee on Program and Policy for the period August 12, 1994 through August 13, 1995.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund

To date, I have raised \$717.00. Ninety persons have donated to this fund. The amount should be higher by the end of the Encampment.

National Advertising Programs

Recruiting advertisements were placed in the following magazines:

<u>Magazine</u>	<u>Insertions</u>	<u>Cost/insertion</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Responses</u>
<i>America's Civil War</i>	2	\$225.00	11/94, 11/95	183
<i>Civil War Times</i>	2	\$447.53	2/95, 6/95	418
<i>Blues and Gray</i>	2	\$137.00	2/95, 6/95	46
<i>Civil War News</i>	2	\$110.88	12/94,2/95,4/95, 6/95	44
<i>Confederate Veteran</i>	1	\$150.00	1/95	52
<i>Military History</i>	1	\$450.00	12/94	68
<i>Vietnam</i>	1	\$340.00	12/94	37
<i>American History Illustrated</i>	1	\$359.00	12/94	31

The advertising was placed starting with the November issue 1994 and running through June 1995. The total cost of the advertising was \$3,361.58. The Cowle History Group controls five of the above magazines. They inadvertently placed one of our advertisements into the *American History illustrated*, which was not ordered. This would have run the advertising over budget. The actual cost was \$3,722.52. Due to Cowles History Group making the error, they agreed to give us a 10 percent discount on all of our advertising. This brought the total cost down to \$3,361.58. Two adverstisements were scheduled for the *Confederate Veteran*, however they ran only the one.

A total of 879 applicants responded to the advertisements, which gives us a cost of \$3.82 per applicant, which is down from last year.

The advertisements in the *Confederate Veteran* and the *Civil War News* were designed specifically for those publications. The *Confederate Veteran* advertisement was designed to appeal to members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans who have ancestors who fought for the Union. The advertisement for the *Civil War News* was much larger with an entirely different masthead.

All of the camera-ready advertisements were given department classifications so that incoming responses could be cataloged to a particular magazine. This enables us to determine which magazines are bringing in the most responses to our advertising.

Recruiting material was sent to Mr. Robert Betterton, the Executive Director of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) to dispense to the SCV members who were interested in joining the SUVCW. It was later learned that Mr. Betterton was replaced by Mr. Ralph Palmer, Adjutant-in-Chief, P.O. Box 59, Columbia, Tennessee 38402-0059. His home address is 2287 Holy Ridge Dr., Marietta, Georgia 30060-7313. I contacted Mr. Palmer by telephone and he is a very congenial person and would like to cooperate with our Order.

National Committee on Program and Policy

Listed below are the accomplishments of National Committee on Program and Policy:

Membership Card. A new membership card was designed. It is a white card with rounded corners and the SUVCW badge watermarked in the center in bronze. The lettering is in blue. The left center area of the card is blank to accommodate a national number if introduced. Eight cards are printed to an 8 1/2" by 11" sheet of paper and are perforated for easy removal. A total of 15,000 cards was produced for a cost of \$1000.00 or \$.07 cents per card.

Camp Charter Procedure. The procedure for obtaining a camp charter was rewritten. An easy to understand step by step set of instructions has been devised. The forms have been rewritten and the procedure includes a check-off sheet, which should guarantee that each step in the process has been completed. If the procedure is followed, it should make the process of obtaining the charter less of an ordeal.

Recruitment Brochure. The recruitment brochure that has been issued in the past had some incorrect statements pertaining to the history of our Order. With the assistance of PCinC Richard Schlenker, PCinC Bud Atkinson, and National Treasurer Richard Orr, these errors have been corrected. The revised brochure has been completed but not yet reproduced.

Delegate Card. Our present delegate cards consist of six cards of multiple colors. All have to be earned in stock. This form has been redesigned into just one card. This will handle both department and national encampments.

Member Data Form. A new form was developed called a "Member Data Form." At present, we have nothing at the department and national level to indicate what talent we have in our membership. We are in need of an addition to our data base to indicate which members of our Order are interested in serving on or chairing a department or national committee and members who are qualified to hold positions such as, secretary, treasurer, etc. if openings occur. It is recommended this form be printed in the next

issue of the *Banner* so that each member will have an opportunity to make use of it if he desires to do so.

Scholarship Form. During the current year the Commander-in-Chief has had over 20 requests for the Sons two \$1,000.00 scholarships. With this number of requests we have reached the point where we must standardize our requirements for these scholarships. A scholarship form was created based on requirements by most schools and colleges. It is recommended that when an individual requests one of our scholarships, this form be forwarded to them and when completed turned over to a scholarship committee of three members. The committee would then make recommendations to the Commander-in-Chief to aid him in his selection for the awards. The Commander-in-Chief would have the prerogative of accepting or rejecting the committee's recommendations.

Banner. I was appointed chairman of an ad hoc committee to make a study of our present procedure in publishing and printing the *Banner* and to come up with an alternate method of publishing and printing the *Banner*. It was recommended that a *Banner* staff be appointed to consist of an Editor, Assistant Editor, and Advertising Editor. Heretofore whenever a *Banner* Editor quit or was dismissed, we had no one in the wings to take over. It was also recommended that selected advertising be permitted to help pay for the publishing. It was recommended that Gregory Hayes of the Michigan Department be named the Editor and to utilize *Microsoft Publisher* (which Hayes has on his computer) as the software to prepare the *Banner* in house. Several printing companies were contacted around the country for publishing costs. It was also recommended that Paul Huff of the Ohio Department be assigned as Assistant Editor, and Danny Wheeler of the New York Department be assigned as Advertising Editor.

Other Activities

Attached list includes over 60 Civil War-related activities where I have represented the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I have also been involved for the past two years in an attempt to keep open the Veterans Orphans Children's Home at Xenia, Ohio that was created by the GAR in 1869. The state intends to close it down on September 1 of this year. Several of us from the Camp and Department level have been working on this project. It doesn't look good.

Expenses

One expense voucher was submitted to the Order for \$104.51 to cover telephone and postage. The amount of \$372.56 for office expense, paper, postage, telephone, electronic communication, copying, etc. was not charged to the Order.

Recommendations

1. An ad hoc committee be appointed to study the feasibility of restructuring the quarterly per capita tax procedure to allow reporting of per capita tax only once or twice per year.

2. A study be made into the benefits and practicality of establishing a national number for all members of the Order.
3. Consideration should be given to contracting with an individual to hold the position of Executive Director who would then be the National Headquarters. If this person was contracted rather than being hired as an employee, the Order would not be obligated pay all fringe benefits, etc. This type of system is currently being used by the Sons of Confederate Veterans. This system would eliminate the need for a structure as a National Headquarters.
4. Explore Richard Williams' plan of assigning a national number for members of the SUVCW along with obtaining the unique number assigned each veteran by the National Park Service and place the same in our data base so that members ancestors can be located when needed.
5. That the position of National Personal Aide be renamed to Aide de Camp.
6. That a member data form be printed in next issue of the *Banner*.
7. That the above referenced Scholarship be forwarded to future applicants.
8. That the *Banner* staff be approved consisting of Editor, Assistant Editor and Advertising Editor and to allow for selected advertising; and that Gregory Hayes be named Editor, Paul Huff be named Assistant Editor and Danny Wheeler be named Advertising Editor.

In F, C., & L.,
Dave R. Medert
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief,
Chair, National Committee on Program and Policy

***Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Report and
National Membership Committee Report***

The total number of membership contacts received, responded to by letter, and referred to the Department Junior Vice Commanders, Camp at Large Junior Vice Commanders, or Membership-at-Large Coordinator was 1,059. The data were compiled as of July 23, 1995, in order to complete this report for submission to the National Secretary by August 4, 1995. I would like to add that the cyberspace information was not placed until late spring. Approximately one fourth of the responses for the summer quarter were email responses (47 responses out of 206 total responses). I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Department and Camp Junior Commanders, the National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, and other officers that followed up on the responses and contacts that I sent to them.

In keeping with the request of the Council of Administration, it is my suggestion that the following codes be used with the appropriate magazine advertisements in our future membership advertising.

<i>Civil War Times Illustrated</i>	Dept. CWT
<i>America's Civil War</i>	Dept. ACW
<i>Military History</i>	Dept. MU
<i>Vietnam</i>	Dept. V
<i>Civil War News</i>	Dept. CWN
<i>Blue and Gray</i>	Dept. BG
<i>The Courier</i>	Dept. TC
<i>Confederate Veteran</i>	Dept. CV
<i>Camp Chase Gazette</i>	Dept. CCG
<i>American History Illustrated</i>	Dept. ANT

I recommend that the membership information (membership pamphlet membership application, etc.) that is sent to prospective members be adapted to a cyberspace format so that it can be transmitted by electronic mail and downloaded by the prospective member.

I recommend that future Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief be given the opportunity to recommend a National Aide or Aides to the Commander-in-Chief for the purpose of assisting him in responding to membership contacts. The National Aide or Aides would then be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief for the above stated purpose.

Addendum to the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Report

Member Prospect Contacts as of July 23, 1995

Magazine Advertisements	889
Other	123
Email	<u>47</u>
Subtotal	1,059

Member Prospect Contacts : July 23 – August 9, 1995

Magazine Advertisements	25
Email	<u>6</u>
Total	1,110

The number of e-mail contacts during the period of July 23 - August 8 was approximately one fourth of the total contacts, the same percentage that occurred during the summer quarter. I find this percentage of contacts very gratifying since this form of membership enhancement (e-mail) went on line about the beginning of the summer quarter (May). I fully expect that this form of response to our membership enhancement to increase.

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

Report of a National Council of Administration Member

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as elected member of the Council of Administration. The Constitution and Regulation is silent on the specific duties of elected council members except to, with other members, serve as the Board of Directors of the SUVCW.

I have attended meetings of the Council and participated freely in policy discussion and decisions. It is a delight to work with the other constitutional officers to assist them in the operations of the Order.

Many ancillary functions have fallen to me as Council member and as an officer of the Maryland Department. Permit me to list the most interesting of these in brief:

1. Presentation of Camp charter to the Army of the James Camp 1864 in Richmond, Virginia;
2. Celebration of the acquisition of Fort C.F. Smith by Arlington County, Virginia as an historic site and park;
3. Testimonial dinner for Auxiliary National President Margaret Atkinson and George Powell, Commander of the Pennsylvania Department;
4. Dedication of the Maryland Monument at Gettysburg;
5. Remembrance Day at Gettysburg National Cemetery;
6. Dedication of white poplar trees at the Stone House at Bull Run Battlefield Park. The species was carefully selected to match trees existing during the battle;
7. Joint meeting of SUVCW Richmond Camp and its Longstreet counterpart of the Sons of Confederate Veterans;
8. Participation in Lincoln Birthday activities at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC;
9. Presentation of the permanent charter to the Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain Camp #20 at Roanoke, Virginia;
10. Participation in the commemorative march of the Army of the James into Richmond, Virginia;
11. Memorial Day activities with the Washington, DC Lincoln-Cushing Camp #2 recreating the first "Decoration Day" at Arlington National Cemetery; and

12. Attend the Pennsylvania Department Encampment. Field duty at McConnellsville, Ohio with the SVR Annual Encampment. It is a don't miss occasion.

In F., C., & L.,
Andrew M. Johnson, Member
Council of Administration

Report of the National Secretary

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

1. Membership in our Order at year-end was 4,240 or an increase of 648 (18.0%) over 1994;
2. Gross Membership increase during 1995 was 1,217 or 33.9 percent over 1994;
3. Gross Membership Loss during 1995 was 569 or 15.8 percent of 1994;
4. Departments increased by one with the formation of the Department of the Southwest (Texas and Oklahoma) (see Table 1);
5. A total of 21 new Camps organized during 1995, with a net New Camp increase of 17 totaling 147, a 13.1 percent increase over 1994 (see Table 1);
6. A total of \$35,140.50 was received in Per Capita Tax during the year;
7. A total of \$5,552,50 was received in New Member Fees during the year; and
8. Year-to-date payments received were \$41,143.00.

Table 1- New Departments and Camps Formed 1994- 1995

Departments:

Department of the Southwest - formed from one existing Camp-at-Large (Jeremiah Smith Camp #1, Newalla, Oklahoma) and three new Camps-at-Large in Texas.

Camps::

Isaac Murphy Camp #1, Bentonville, Arkansas - 9 Members

James B. McPherson Camp #1, Atlanta, Georgia - 7 Members

Gen. Philip Sheridan Camp #2 of Aurora, Department of Illinois - 22 Members

Col. William Hardy Link Camp #12 of Fort Wayne, Department of Indiana - 5 Members

Fort Duffield Camp #1, Louisville, Kentucky - 21 Members

James A. Garfield Camp #1 of Baltimore, Department of Maryland - 8 Members

Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain Camp #20 Of Roanoke, Virginia, Department of Maryland - 20 Members

Alexander French Camp #28 of Big Rapids, Department of Michigan - 11 Members
Gen. Phil Kearny Camp #67 of Bay City, Department of Michigan - 12 Members
Phelps Camp #66, Springfield, Missouri - 16 Members
Unnamed Camp-at-Large, Greenville, North Carolina - 7 Members
Brooks-Grant Camp #7 of Middleport, Department of Ohio - 54 Members
Washington Camp #120 of Washington, Department of Pennsylvania - 12 Members
Memphis Camp #1, Memphis, Tennessee - 16 Members
Fort Donelson Camp #62, Dover, Tennessee - 27 Members
Lone Star Camp #1 of Arlington, Department of the Southwest - 20 Members
Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea USN Camp #2 of Houston, Department of the Southwest - 7 Members
Sam Houston Camp #3 of Round Rock, Department of the Southwest - 8 Members
Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp #1, Forks, Washington - 15 Members

Proceedings Update

The 1994, 1988, and 1982 Proceedings have been transcribed on to computer disk for editing in to publishable documents. In addition, the remaining previous year's Proceedings are currently being transcribed on to computer disk with a projected completion date of the Fall of 1995. Editions will be published and put on to microfiche as completed, within budgetary restraints.

Statistical Summary

Membership in our Order increased by a net of 648 to 4,240. This is the first time membership has stood at this level since March 31, 1963. Gross membership gain for the year was centered in the Initiation category with a gross increase of 832 or 68.4 percent of total Increase. An increase of 258 or 21.2 percent of total came as a result of new Camp organization. Gross membership loss for the year was centered in the Drop category at 439 or 77.2 percent of total loss. The second largest category of loss was due to Death with 43 Brothers (7.6% of total Loss) passing from our ranks during 1995.

Compliance

All required reports and payments have been submitted by all Departments and Camps-at-Large except as noted below:

1. Department of Connecticut has not submitted 4th Quarter Reports, Per Capita Tax, Form 49 or Bylaws, and

2. Lot Smith Camp #1, Salt Lake City, has not submitted 3rd or 4th Quarter Reports or Per Capita Tax .

Dedication

I have dedicated my service to our Order this past year, to the memory of my Great Grandfather, James Monroe Wallace, Company I, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry (1862 - 1865), and also to the memory of my Great Great Uncle, Simon Peter Foglesong, Company C, 180th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, who died while preserving our nation.

An undertaking of this nature can best be described as overwhelming at times, and also extremely rewarding. However, results cannot be achieved in a vacuum. I want to thank Commander-in-Chief Harrison for his invaluable assistance and encouragement. I also want to thank Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief David Medert, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Alan Loomis, National Treasurer Richard Orr, and the members of the Council of Administration for their help and advice. I also want to thank the Brothers of the Department of Michigan and in particular the Gov. Crapo Camp #145, who started me on my journey. Finally, I want to thank my wife Susan and my son Patrick for their loving patience and understanding while I've been engaged in this undertaking.

Recommendations

1. Consideration should be given toward the purchase of a personal computer or laptop computer, software and printer for use by the National Organization.
2. Consideration should be given toward determining ways to improve membership retention. This could be an assignment for the National Committee on Membership as outlined in the *Job Descriptions*.
3. Consideration should be given toward providing the Membership-at-Large Coordinator with an overrun of *Banner's* at each publication, the number to be determined by his Office and the *Banner* Managing Editor. Often, our publication is the only contact that a Member-at-Large has with our Order. Providing a *Banner* as part of the initial membership package helps to cement the relationship.
4. Consideration should be given toward setting up an independent account for the National Quartermaster to purchase supplies and help to ensure the timely delivery of orders to Brothers, Camps and Departments. This would be similar to that of the National Membership-a-Large Coordinator.
5. Consideration should be given toward a suitable recognition of the efforts of Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard C. Schlenker, for his development and publication of his *Collection of Notations* of the past Encampments of our Order. This has been a valuable reference tool while working on the compilation of the past Proceedings.

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

Report of the National Treasurer

As you are aware, this will be my last report as National Treasurer after serving six years. With that in mind, I sought and was given the permission of the Commander-in-Chief to digress from the usual presentation of the financial report for a few minutes and try to recount the actions of the Order during the past six years, and add some perspective. We will get to the financial reports eventually, and I assure you they will be pleasant. As a side note, I am pleased to see how closely related the themes are of both Commander-in-Chief Harrison's State of the Order report and the report that I am about to present.

Many participants at this Encampment were not active on the National level six years ago. Also, many Brothers who are present are veterans of numerous Encampments. From time to time it is of benefit to both the new and the old to look at where we were; where we are; what we did to get here; and what we have accomplished during this journey. There is a need to learn from what we did right and what we did wrong. For surely, if we don't, we are destined to repeat the mistakes and forego the positive actions.

Six years ago, this Order was thrown into a turmoil when Past Commander-in-Chief Chester Shriver, then the National Secretary-Treasurer, past away. For more than 25 years, Chet had served in that capacity. The members came to take for granted the work of those offices would be completed some day. When audits weren't performed, we said it will be done some day. When proceedings weren't prepared, our response was it will be done some day. The fact of the matter is some of these things still haven't been done and some will never be done. The Brothers of this Order had become complacent and accepted what fate handed them.

After taking office as National Secretary-Treasurer, and a few months of scouring the records, Jim Lyons and I came to the conclusion that this Order had all the symptoms of one that was dying a slow lingering death. We shared our findings and concerns with then Commander-in-Chief Corfman and a small group of Brothers. The concerns and frustrations of some members were exacerbated at Remembrance Day that year, when a highly regarded member of our Order, who has given many years of dedicated service and one of the Brothers to whom the Order looked for leadership, remarked that this was a dying organization; that there could be no interest in the Union soldier among the "younger" members because they had never known the men of the GAR; that the true SUVCW would die with his generation. The comment was made with great sincerity and sadness. It doesn't matter who made the remark. What does matter, are the results it garnered. That remark became a turning point in the history of the SUVCW. It became challenge, the spark that created a resolve within this Order which has spread to every department and camp. That Brother was correct about one thing. Some of us never had the privilege of knowing the men of the GAR.

We only know them from books and our members who had the opportunity. The rest of his remarks were wrong. For this absence of first hand knowledge of the men of the

GAR didn't dampen the desire or enthusiasm. Rather, it increased the hunger to learn, to know; the passion to continue so that future generations would at least have the same knowledge, which we have received. It provides us with the opportunity, the recourse, if only for an instant, to forget their human failings and errors and to dwell on their superhuman feats, heroics and sacrifices. It affords us the opportunity to remember and perpetuate the memory of the GAR of the late 1800's -- a strong, active, politically savvy organization with a million members in the prime of their lives. Not the handful of elderly gentlemen of the 1940's awaiting their last muster call whose heroics had been supplanted by the efforts of many thousands more during World War I and World War II.

As Brother Lyons and I made our way through years of records, we uncovered a frightening story. It was a story we all should have known, and a story that should never have happened. Yet, a story we largely ignored even when the numbers were reported to us each year. The message fell on deaf ears.

No one questioned the future of the SUVCW. Perhaps because the vast majority believed the remarks made in Gettysburg were accurate and our demise inevitable or perhaps because we assumed we had a divine right to exist without working for our own perpetuation. Our membership, which stood at approximately 2,100, had been in a steady decline, broken only with infrequent years of growth of 10 or 15 members. If you stripped away those who were "paper members" (names only) in non-functioning camps, our active membership was barely 1500. Our finances weren't in any better condition. For years we had been "borrowing" money from the GAR Fund to meet operating expenses. We poured thousands of dollars into the *Banner* for which we received two issues. We paid a minister to create a mailing database for the *Banner* only to learn when the editor was finally relieved of his responsibilities that the database didn't belong to us. His agreement between the former editor and the minister was for the production of mailing labels and the total database was his. The minister refused to turnover our mailing list to us. We had no idea who our members were. The money we had been "borrowing" from the GAR Fund was being done by action of the Encampment without any regard to how long the funds would last. Nor was any thought given to the legal consequences of taking money designated for educational and charitable purposes and using it for operating expenses. Yet, no one questioned this. We all accepted this as our fate.

But because that spark was slowly growing into a burning desire within an increasing number of our members, together we as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War did what we needed to do to survive and grow. We did a self-examination. We looked at our finances and saw a need for drastic action. If we did not act, we would be bankrupt in three years--four at the most. We looked at our membership and saw that we would continue losing camps, and begin losing Departments in the near term. We looked at how we conducted our business and saw a need for change. Instead of being proactive and making our own fate, we were complacent accepting whatever "fate" handed us.

Extraordinary measures were required. With much trepidation and after long discussions and consideration of alternatives, the SUVCW took those measures. We doubled the per capita tax from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per year in one fell swoop to the outcry of some that we would drive members away; we would lose camps. We lost one camp, which we would not have otherwise lost. All members of that camp were dual members. We looked at the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief fund that had been created for the purpose of promoting the Order but was not being used. We learned from the recruitment efforts of our Southern counterpart and devised a national recruitment program. With the money from the Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund, we began purchasing advertising space in national publications. We established the National application fee of \$5.00 for each new member dedicated to funding the recruitment campaign. We were becoming proactive.

We needed to do more. All the work of the recruiting program was falling to the National Secretary. He was being overwhelmed. Because of the importance of the membership campaign, he placed his energies here and other things were not being done.

Generally, the Order had grown to believe and accept as fact that the election or appointment to most national offices was a reward for past performance, an honor. We did not demand the level of performance, which the job required. We blindly accepted positions without real responsibility; offices without any work product; partially completed and poorly adhered to job responsibilities. This wasn't the fault of the officers nor was it true of all the officers. As is true in most things, with rare exceptions, people perform to the level of expectation placed upon them by those to whom they are accountable -- the membership. They did what we expected. If we only asked that a chair be filled at the Encampment that is what was done. If we never insisted that an officer or committee do anything, nothing was done. If we accepted "No report" year after year, we never thought maybe we don't need this office. This was our fault. We allowed this environment to develop and fester to the point that it was killing us. As an organization, we finally came to realize and accept that while we are all volunteers, when a Brother seeks and accepts an office whether at the National, Department or Camp level, we have a right to expect he will fulfill the functions of the office and an obligation to hold him accountable to the Order.

Election or appointment to an office was no longer a reward for past performance. It became a statement of expectation, faith, and trust that the Brother could meet the needs of the Order based on his past performance. We took measures to assure that we would hold our officers accountable for performing the duties of their office and when they didn't we replaced them; we insisted that each officer have a meaningful job and that they do it; we defined those jobs in clear understandable terms. And, when necessary, created jobs to meet the needs of the Order. The offices of National Secretary and National Treasurer were split into multiple offices. The National Quartermaster took over the responsibility for filling supply orders and purchasing the supplies. The Membership List Coordinator took over the maintenance of the membership list from the Secretary. We created the position of new Camp and

Department Organizer with the express responsibility to guide Brothers in the formation of camps and departments. We added an Assistant Editor for Advertising and an Assistant Editor for Editorial content to the *Banner* staff. Publication of the *Banner* became a committee effort with the Editor being only responsible for the content of the *Banner*. The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief became responsible for the development of policy and program and the implementation of those policies and programs. The Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief became accountable for the recruiting program. We were becoming proactive, making our own fate.

Last year we took further steps to assure the future of the SUVCW by providing camps with the tools needed to establish Juniors.

What has been the result of these significant changes in the manner in which we conduct the business of the SUVCW? As Brother Wallace reported in the Secretary's report, our membership has climbed to nearly 4,100 almost double that of six years ago. The average age of our membership has dropped from the late 60's to the late 40's — early 50's. A new department was chartered for the first time in many years and another is knocking at the door. We are organizing camps at a pace we haven't seen since the 1880's when we were a fledgling organization. Officers are performing their duties with diligence. We have begun to move into the information age, The membership roster, the *Banner*, our financial records and processes and our inventory are all computerized. All of the National officers are communicating through electronic mail. This has greatly enhanced our response time and ability to address problems and conduct the business of the Order - to respond to the needs and inquires of our membership. You will hear more of these adventures as we continue through this Encampment.

As to our finances, we have returned all the "borrowed" monies to the GAR Fund and then some. We have contracted with a professional accountant to maintain our financial records. Our annual expense budget has quadrupled since 1989 as has our annual income. Our net worth has grown from near bankruptcy to more than \$200,000. Thus, giving us the potential of turning the dream of a National Headquarters into a realistic expectation and giving us the potential to financially support enhanced efforts to properly honor our ancestors through our educational and charitable activities. We are seeing an enormous snowball effect from our efforts. We are growing. We are financially sound.

Most importantly, we have increased our efforts in the camps, departments and the National Organization to fulfill the purpose of our Order - keeping alive the memory of the men of the GAR and their sacrifices. With more members we can accomplish so much more. It is because of these changes that we were able to make a thousand dollar donation to the victims of the Oklahoma City bombing in the name of the GAR or present two one thousand dollar scholarship annually in the name of the GAR or contribute thousands of dollars to the construction and/or restoration of Civil War Monuments, or to consider entering into a partnership with the National Parks Service for the modernization of the Gettysburg National Military Park and thereby assure that we have a voice which shall be heard within the National Park Service. None of these

things would be possible without the financial foundation to carry on our work and the financial foundation cannot be built without members and we can't attract members without working at it and conducting the work of the Order in a business like manner.

No one officer or group of officers could do what we have done. Each one of you and every Brother who is not here have contributed to this effort. Whether a Brother limits his participation to the camp or is active in the department or the National Organization each has been a participant in this renewal. We have made tremendous strides, but we have not completed the job. Participation at the department and National level must be encouraged and increased. We should have 200 delegates here. Personally, I long for the day when we need to register alternates or when a department seeks approval to have their delegates each cast one—half vote because the delegation is twice the number of allotted delegates. We need to strive for the establishment of departments in all states. We must remain vigilant and focused on our purpose. You have worked for the right to be optimistic about our future, but we must never again become complacent and reactive. We must never again accept what is handed to us by fate. We must forever keep green the memory. We must forever be proactive.

This is what the Sons have done in six short years. It is more than getting new members or increasing per capita tax. This has been about changing our attitude as an organization and the attitude of individual members. It has been about growing, about changing from accepting what fate handed to us to taking care of ourselves, about making our own destiny, about growing from the child son of the GAR to the adult son of the GAR who can pass on the memory of the men of the GAR and their deeds to his son and the nation.

As you can gather, our finances are sound. During the past year, we had several "windfalls." First, we received \$500 from the remnants of a GAR Post account in New Hampshire. The camp that held these funds closed the account. Second, the funds bequeathed to the Order by Past Commander-in-Chief Heald were received from his trust following the death of his widow. This amounted to \$4,849.95. Third, thanks to one of those much-maligned public servants; i.e., a government employee, of the state of Oregon and the efforts of Brother Pahl, we recovered \$22,084.50 of escheated monies from the state of Oregon. These were monies that had remained unclaimed in bank accounts and stock accounts after the Department of Oregon and Washington surrendered its charter.

The financial statements we gave you reflect the current condition of the Order. Some of these documents are different from those that you usually received. This is the result of computerizing the records. What you have, are summaries. The complete set of financial reports produced by the accountant and myself for the year ending June 30, 1995 are available for anyone who wishes to view them. I didn't think it prudent to make copies of approximately 700 pages for each delegate.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, INC.
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1995

	General Fund	G.A.R. Memorial Fund	Permanent Fund	Sr. Vice CinC Fund	Heald Fund	Total All Fund Funds
Checking Account	5,561.26	2,417.10	2,736.19	4,397.98	154.52	15,267.05
Certificates of Deposit	15,168.65	55,000.00	42,000.00	0.00	4,850.00	117,018.65
Money Market Accounts	18,262.23	8,946.28	7,930.65	0.00	0.00	35,139.16
US Savings Bonds	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00
Accounts Receivable - Supplies	72.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	72.50
Accounts Receivable - Life Membership	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Inventory	13,499.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,499.79
Short-Term Investments	12,214.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,214.03
Total Assets	64,778.46	66,363.38	68,166.84	4,397.98	5,004.52	208,711.18
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
Accounts Payable	918.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	918.00
Beginning Fund Balance	40,802.99	45,630.01	60,079.31	3,871.80	0.00	150,384.11
Net Income (Loss)	23,057.47	20,733.37	8,087.53	526.18	5,004.52	57,409.07
Ending Fund Balance	63,860.46	66,363.38	68,166.84	4,397.98	5,004.52	207,793.18
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	64,778.46	66,363.38	68,166.84	4,397.98	5,004.52	208,711.18

GENERAL FUND

	Budgeted	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable) Variance
Revenues			
Per Capita Tax 3250 @\$10.00	\$32,500.00	\$36,402.00	\$3,902.00
Sale of Supplies	\$12,000.00	\$22,062.60	\$10,062.60
Shipping & Handling	\$0.00	\$1,414.50	\$1,414.50
Banner Subscriptions	\$150.00	\$276.00	\$126.00
National Encampment Registration Fee	\$300.00	\$510.00	\$210.00
New Camp Application Fees	\$100.00	\$475.00	\$375.00
Aux. Love Gift	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Earnings - short-term Investments	\$0.00	\$298.18	\$298.18
Interest Income - money market acct	\$500.00	\$293.61	(-206.39)
Interest Income - CD General Fund	\$0.00	\$170.14	\$170.14
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$150.00	\$1,219.56	\$1,069.56
Transfer of Funds	\$2,390.00	\$0.00	(-2390.00)
Recapture of escheated money	\$0.00	\$22,084.50	\$22,084.50
Revenues Collected	\$48,340.00	\$55,457.09	\$37,117.09
Reserve Funds		\$15,000.00	\$0.00
Total Revenues	\$63,340.00	\$55,457.09	\$22,117.09
Cost of Sales - Dies	\$0.00	\$15.00	(-15.00)
Total Cost of Sales	\$10,000.00	\$16,936.07	(-6936.07)

GENERAL FUND

	Budgeted	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable) Variance
Expenses			
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
National Secretary Expenses	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
National Treasurer's Expenses	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
National Quartermaster Expenses	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Council of Admin. per Diem	\$1,600.00	\$400.00	\$1,200.00
Offices Expenses	\$2,500.00	\$2,434.87	\$65.13
Telephone	\$0.00	\$496.00	(-496.00)
Postage & Express Mail	\$0.00	\$1,384.59	(-1384.59)
Printing of Proceedings 1882-85.1987-94	\$7,000.00	\$2,965.60	\$4,034.40
National Encampment Expenses	\$500.00	\$387.93	\$112.07
Transcribing Proceedings	\$500.00	\$495.00	\$5.00
"The <i>Banner</i>	\$10,000.00	\$8,414.03	\$1,585.97
Past Commander-in-Chief's Jewel	\$475.00	\$460.00	\$15.00
Audit 1994	\$1,750.00	\$1,400.00	\$350.00
Purchases Services	\$0.00	\$100.00	(-100.00)
Scholarships	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Sons of Veterans Reserve	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Fraternal Relations Committee	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Military Affairs Committee	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
National Historian Expenses	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Publications Committee	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
Bank Charges	\$50.00	\$36.11	\$13.89
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$135.00	\$416.27	(-281.27)
Accountant Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Inventory Adjustment	\$0.00	\$73.15	(-73.15)
Transfer Funds	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses Paid	\$50,675.00	\$45,463.55	\$5,211.45
Net Gain (loss)	\$2,665.00	\$23,057.47	

G. A. R. FUND

	Budgeted	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable) Variance
Revenues			
National Patriotic Instructor's Appeal	\$2,500.00	\$3,046.00	\$546.00
NMAL Donation	\$2,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$1,500.00
Donations - GAR Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Income - Money Market Acct	\$175.00	\$407.96	\$232.96
Interest Income - CD GAR Fund	\$525.00	\$1,623.47	\$1,098.47
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Transfer of Funds	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
Revenues Collected	\$20,200.00	\$24,077.43	\$3,877.43
Reserve Funds			
Total Revenues	\$20,200.00	\$24,077.43	\$3,877.43
Expenses			
Scholarships	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00

	G. A. R.	FUND	Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Budgeted	Actual	Variance
Lincoln Memorial Ceremony	\$75.00	\$45.00	\$30.00
Lincoln Tomb Ceremony	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
G.A.R. Remembrance Day	\$300.00	\$25.00	\$275.00
Memorial Cathedral of the Pines	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Tomb of the Unknown Civil War Soldier	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
Jefferson Memorial	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$25.00
Congress of Patriotic Organizations	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Special Projects	\$750.00	\$1,250.00	(-500.00)
G.A.R. Campfire Program	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
Patriotic Instructor's Appeal	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Bank Charges	\$60.00	\$49.06	\$10.94
Blue Coats in a Gray City	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
Bentonville Monument	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses Paid	\$4,535.00	\$3,344.06	\$1,190.94
Net Gain (loss)	\$15,665.00	\$20,733.37	

	PERMANET	FUND	Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Budgeted	Actual	Variance
Revenues			
Life Membership Fees	\$2,000.00	\$5,475.00	\$3,475.00
Honor Roll Contributions	\$250.00	\$325.00	\$75.00
Donations - Perm. Fund	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Interest Income - Money Market Acct	\$500.00	\$244.49	(-255.51)
Interest Income - CD Perm. Fund	\$1,500.00	\$3,023.97	\$1,523.97
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer of Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Revenues Collected	\$4,250.00	\$9,098.46	\$4,848.46
Reserve Funds			
Total Revenues	\$4,250.00	\$9,098.46	\$4,848.46
Expenses			
Purchase of Supplies for Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Offices Expenses	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Bank Charges	\$60.00	\$34.93	\$25.07
Life Member Payments	\$1,195.00	\$976.00	\$219.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Transfer of Funds	\$2,390.00	\$0.00	\$2,390.00
Total Expenses Paid	\$3,475.00	\$1,010.93	\$2,734.07
Net Gain (loss)	\$505.00	\$8,087.53	

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF FUND

	Budgeted	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable)
			Variance
Revenues			
New Member Registration Fee	\$3,500.00	\$4,568.00	\$1,068.00
Donations	\$0.00	\$1,176.00	\$1,176.00

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF FUND

	Budgeted	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable) Variance
Reserve Funds	\$0.00		\$0.00
Total Revenues	\$4,000.00	\$5,744.00	\$1,744.00
Expenses			
Offices Expenses	\$500.00	\$1,051.15	(-551.15)
Telephone	\$0.00	\$299.10	(-299.10)
Postage & Express Mail	\$0.00	\$566.21	(-566.21)
Membership Drive	\$3,500.00	\$3,301.36	\$198.64
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses Paid	\$4,000.00	\$5,217.82	(-1217.82)
Net Gain (loss)	\$0.00	\$526.18	

HEALD FUND

	Budgeted	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable) Variance
Revenues			
Donations - Heald Fund	\$0.00	\$0.05	\$0.05
Interest Income - CD Perm Fund.	\$0.00	\$154.52	\$154.52
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$0.00	\$4,849.95	\$4,849.95
Revenues Collected	\$0.00	\$5,004.52	\$5,004.52
Reserve Funds			
Total Revenues	\$0.00	\$5,004.52	\$5,004.52
Expenses			
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer of Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses Paid	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Net Gain (loss)	\$0.00	\$5,004.52	

As you can see from the balance sheets, we ended the year with \$63,860.46 in the general fund; \$66,363.38 in the GAR Fund; \$68,166.84 in the Permanent Fund; \$4,397.98 in the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund; and \$5,004.52 in the Heald Fund. By action of the Council of Administration and in keeping with the provisions of the bequest of PCinC Heald, the Heald Fund monies were transferred to the GAR Fund at 12:01 AM July 1, 1995. Thus, the current amount in the GAR Fund is \$71,367.90. As of this time there is no money in the National Headquarters Fund which we established last year. Our total net worth is \$207,793.18.

For the record, we received verbal acknowledge of our donation to the Oklahoma Red Cross from the President of the Oklahoma Chapter of the Red Cross, the Mayor of Oklahoma City, and the office of the Governor of Oklahoma. They all expressed their appreciation for our donation and assured us that the donation would be used to aid the families and children of the victims of the Oklahoma City Federal Building bombing. Considering that their priorities were understandably and properly elsewhere I felt this was a magnanimous gesture on their part.

As I reported last year, steps were initiated to protect our exclusive right to our badges, symbols and coat-of-arms. Although it took more than four months for the reply, I

believe the significance of this letter lies in the fact that US Department of Treasury has upheld our assertion of exclusive right to our emblems, seals and badges.

Recommendations

1. Our Sisters in the Auxiliary to the SUVCW are now grappling with some of the same problems which we began facing six years ago. They are starting the road to recovery with far less financial resources than we did. Thus I am recommending that we reaffirm the action of the Council of Administration and offer to include information and the contact person for the Auxiliary in selected recruiting advertisements during the 1995-1996 year. The specific publications to be determined by the officers of the Auxiliary and SUVCW who are responsible for managing the respective recruitment programs. All costs of these joint advertisements will be borne by the SUVCW.

2. The \$12,214.03 in short-term investments (Vanguard mutual funds) be transferred to the National Headquarters Fund.

3. The \$15,168.65 in reserve general funds be transferred to the National Headquarters Fund.

Together, recommendations #1 and #2 would result in a National Headquarters Fund of \$27,882.68.

4. The \$10,000.00 in reserve general funds be transferred to the GAR Fund.

These actions will leave a net balance of \$36,895.78 in the general fund. Subtracting the inventory, we will begin the year with \$23,500 in the general fund. This is approximately twice what we have been starting with for several years.

5. If the Encampment approves recommendation #3 we will have a balance of \$81,367.90 in the GAR Fund. This fund has grown sufficiently large that it will generate more income than necessary to cover the projected expenses from this fund. I am therefore recommending that we relieve the National Patriotic Instructor of all fund raising responsibilities so that he may concentrate all his efforts on inculcating patriotism among the Brothers and among the American people.

Commander-in-Chief, it has been a distinct pleasure to have served with you during this past year. Brothers, while some of the times have been trying, tiring and frustrating during the past six years, it has been my honor to have served our Order in this capacity. I have done this in memory of my forefathers, uncles and cousins and the sacrifices which they made. I will continue to serve in whatever capacity you deem proper.

In F., C., & L.,
Richard D. Orr
National Treasurer

The first session of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War 114th National Encampment was recessed by Commander-in-Chief Harrison at 12:03 PM on August 11, 1995.

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
One Hundred Fourteenth Annual National Encampment
Second Session
Friday, August 11, 1995**

The 114th National Encampment was reconvened by Commander-in-Chief Harrison at 1:30 PM on Friday, August 11, 1995.

National Quartermaster's Report

The growth of our Order in the last year has generated a large number of National Supply orders. As near as I can determine by my records, I sent out 454 orders since our last National Encampment. This is not including the supplies I sold at Encampments and other Order events. This year my wife was National President of the Auxiliary and I traveled to seven Department Encampments taking supplies with me so the members would have a chance to see what was available to them. I had a hard time keeping in a supply of Member badges; there were 305 membership badges bought this year. Keep bringing in the new members and I will find a way to have badges for them.

I have added to our supplies list Junior badges and Son's Decals. New Membership Cards are available in sheets of eight to be used in a typewriter or computer and sized to fit your wallet. The National Council of Administration has reviewed our forms and the revised forms will be replaced as new forms are needed. The new Applications for Membership are now available.

I have received a large number of inquiries, either with the orders or on the telephone, asking questions on both the supplies and the Sons. I answer their questions or if I can't, I refer them to the proper source. Members and potential members write and tell me that they can not get any one to answer their letters, and thank me for giving the information requested. I have answered over 100 letters this year.

I thank the 1994 Encampment for changing the job title to National Quartermaster and giving me a non-voting seat on the National Council with a salary. I would like this Encampment to reconsider and make the National Quartermaster a full member of Council with voting privileges. Under the current structure, the Quartermaster is being paid to attend meetings of Council, but as a nonvoting member. He is in contact with more of the individual members than any other Council member. In other organizations the number of members on Council increases with the membership. We have doubled our membership in the last two years.

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

I was very impressed with the Ceremonies at Grant's Tomb on April 30. General Grant's birthday event is sponsored by the Oliver Tilden Camp #26, New York. It was very well attended by both the reenactors and the public. I recommend a special award be given to the Tilden Camp for the many years it has conducted this event and that the National Organization budget the money for a wreath to be presented in the Sons of Union Veterans' name.

Recommendations

1. That National Quartermaster be made a full member of the Council of Administration with voting rights.
2. That a special award be given to Oliver Tilden Camp for its annual commemoration of the birthday of General Ulysses S. Grant at the National Monument, New York City.
3. That the National Organization contributes the sum of \$50.00 to Tilden Camp for a wreath to be placed in the name of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War each year.

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

Report of the Life Membership Coordinator

We had 40 new life members during the past year. It continues to appear that the National Organization is losing money on the life memberships. Each life member costs the National Organization \$18.00 a year. Eight dollars refunded to the Brother's camp and ten dollars in lost per capita tax. Thus, I must renew my recommendation of 1994 that a special committee of three Brothers knowledgeable in actuarial matters be established to study our life membership fee structure and make any recommendations for any changes necessary to place this on sound financial basis.

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

Report of the National Counselor

I have had the high honor of serving our Order in the office of National Counselor during the year 1994/1995. I held this office at the same time I held the office of Counselor

with the Department of Michigan and with Curtenius Guard Camp #17. I am sure this is the first time in a long time, if ever, that a Brother of the Order held the same office at Camp, Department, and National level simultaneously.

Opinions

There were the usual letters and opinions to our Commander-in-Chief and National Officers as to opinion concerning the National Charter, Constitution and Regulations of our Order.

I corresponded with members of the United States Congress as to our Congressional mandate that we only accept blood descendants of Civil War soldiers and sailors. I also corresponded with businesses improperly marketing the membership badge of our Order. As the result of my efforts, these sales ceased.

As the result of a situation from last year's National Encampment, I researched the National Flag Code and submitted an article for publication in the *Banner*.

Due to Brother Russ Gregory stepping down from the position of *Banner* Editor, I was not able to determine what he had in mind to have the *Banner* given special IRS designation. As the result of a request made at the last National Encampment, I studied the Federal Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act. It is my opinion neither of these statutes applies to our Order.

National Counselor Resource Notebook

When I assumed office, I inquired of my predecessor about materials or records in his possession to pass on. I was informed none existed. I was concerned, as I'm sure several important opinions have been previously issued. Without a repository readily available to an incoming National Counselor, I was deprived of the well-reasoned opinions of my predecessors.

To address this need, I have assembled a National Counselor Resource Notebook. This contains such basic documents as the Deed of Conveyance from the GAR. Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, Regulations, Ritual, National and local job Descriptions, Opinions and correspondence. In addition to this, I have received copies on microfiche of all previously published National Encampment proceedings. Brother Doug Park of Michigan donated to the office of National Counselor a microfiche reader. Some printed copies of some of the proceedings were also obtained.

Growth with an awareness of our history can be properly channeled to provide the maximum benefit to our Order. These resources available to future Counselors will be invaluable in keeping our progress in proper perspective.

Oregon Trust Property

After preliminary contact from the state of Oregon with Brother Doug Park, I corresponded with the Trust Property Section of the state of Oregon. This

correspondence lead to me making a preliminary claim for funds being held by the state of Oregon that was the property of this Order.

I was able to obtain the proper claim forms and assisted the National Organization in making a formal claim for these funds. I was able to overcome a competing claim from a property finder firm that seemed to overstep their authority provided by one of the Departments of this Order.

This procedure resulted in our Order obtaining over \$20,000.00 from the state of Oregon. There is a possibility of further funds being held by various banks in the western part of our country. I have also corresponded with at least one Department of our Order as to how it can search for similar funds within their state.

Department Bylaws Review

The main focus of a majority of my efforts on behalf of the National Organization was the review of the Bylaws of the various Departments and Camps-at-Large of our Order, as this was directed by Commander-in-Chief Harrison. The purpose was to review these Bylaws and advise each of the Departments as to how these bylaws fit in relation to our National Constitution and Regulations.

National Regulations, Chapter Y, Article I, authorize the Commander-in-Chief to issue General Orders. An "order" is defined in Black's Law Dictionary, Fifth Edition as a mandate, command or direction authoritatively given. Commander-in-Chief Harrison issued a General Order to establish a special report be submitted to the National Organization. This was in the form of the Department's Bylaws. It is my opinion that failure of a Department or a Camp-at-Large to submit that special report invokes the provisions of National Regulations, Chapter III, Article II, Section 3. Such Departments and Camps-at-Large are no longer in good standing and, therefore (in my opinion), not entitled to representation at the next National Encampment.

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

Report of the National Chaplain

It is my honor to fill in for the Reverend Bradley Long who cannot be here because of a change in employment. He changed jobs just a few weeks ago, and this resulted in a relocation from Chatsworth, Illinois to Oklahoma City. He did not feel he could impose upon his new employer for time off to attend this Encampment.

Reverend Long has performed his duties throughout the year including an article in the Summer, 1995 issue of the *Banner* concerning the observance of May 30th as Memorial Day. He has been helpful in making preparations for the Joint Memorial Service that

will be held on Sunday morning. He has also been helpful in supplying information for this necrology report.

Based on information submitted by Department Chaplains to the National Chaplain it is my sad duty to report the following Brothers have died since the last National Encampment held in August 1994 at Lansing, Michigan.

- Past Commander-in-Chief William Haskell died on March 28, 1995 at the age of 89. In 1926 he joined Camp #12 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Hingham, Massachusetts. In 1944 he was elected Commander of the Massachusetts Department and in 1967 was elected Commander-in-Chief. An appropriate eulogy will be given on Sunday at the Joint Memorial Service by Past Commander-in-Chief Elmer F. Atkinson.

- Lt. Col. Matt Urban, recipient of the Medal of Honor and reputed to be America's most highly decorated combat soldier, passed away March 4, 1995. He was 75, and an Honorary Member of the Curtenius Guard Camp #17, Department of Michigan. He was the keynote speaker of the Campfire Program at the 1988 National Encampment in Lansing, Michigan.

- John Campbell died on July 16, 1994. He joined Governor Crapo Camp #145, Department of Michigan on April 17, 1993 at the age of 87. He was a Real Son. His Father was Private John Campbell, who served in the 13th Battery, Michigan Light Artillery. Brother Campbell was a toolmaker for many years in southeast Michigan.

- Dudley Pritchard, Member, General Benjamin Pritchard Camp #20, Department of Michigan.

- Philip Johnston, Member, General Benjamin Pritchard Camp #20, Department of Michigan.

- John LaRue, Past Department Commander and Member of the Robert Finch Camp #14, Department of Michigan.

- William M. Culin, Life Member and W.W.II, Korea and Vietnam Veteran.

- James T. Cunningham, Charter Member of Lt. Comdr. Edward Lea Camp #2, Department of the Southwest.

- Wayne Pyle died in April 1995. He was a Past Commander of Phil Sheridan Camp #4 and Past Commander of the Department of California-Pacific, and was serving as Department Treasurer at the time of his death.

- Ralph Swagger, Member of McClellan Camp #91, Department of Ohio died January 13, 1995.

- Ken Athey, Member of Henry Banning Camp #207, Department of Ohio died February 17, 1995.
- James Corfman, Member of Given Camp #51, Department of Ohio died in March, 1995.
- Robert Ashley, Charter Member of Brooks-Grant Camp #7, Department of Ohio died April 5, 1995.
- Wallace J. Macomber died on June 3, 1994 at the age of 89. He was a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for 70 years. He joined Elisha Dyer Camp #7, Department of Rhode Island on January 21, 1924. He was a Past Commander of the Department of Rhode Island. He was a member of the Department of Massachusetts at the time of his death.
- Ellery Dillion died on November 15, 1994. He was a member of Oliver Tilden Camp #26 Department New York.
- Gerald W. Lonkey of Tonawanda, New York joined Camp #223, Department of New York on May 7, 1984.
- David Laing was a Life Member of Camp #82, Department of New York. He joined our Order on August 11, 1976.
- Adrian Faulkner died in September 1994. He joined our Order on February 11, 1977 and was a Member-at-Large of the Department of New York.
- Paul Harrington died February 2, 1995. He was a member of Camp #126, Department of New York.
- Joseph LaRue died July 16, 1994. He was a member of Camp #126, Department of New York.
- DeVene Williamson died April 25, 1995. He was a member of Camp #126, Department of New York. He was a Life Member and Past Commander of the Department of New York. He attended the last National Encampment of the GAR in 1949. He was an Honorary PallBearer of Past Commander-in-Chief U.S. Grant III. He joined our Order June 1, 1943.
- Richard Williamson died May 15, 1995. He was the older brother of DeVene Williamson. He was a member of Camp #126, Department of New York. He joined our Order on December 14, 1981.
- Rex Davenport was a member of Camp #26, Department of New York.

I would like to request that everyone bow their head for a moment of silence in honor of these departed Brothers and ask that you attend the Joint Memorial Service on Sunday.

In F., C., & L.,
For Reverend Bradley Long, National Chaplain
Robert Grim, Acting National Chaplain

Report of the National Patriotic Instructor

As National Patriotic Instructor, I tried to find time to instruct, in addition to raising money for the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund.

I sent Patriotic Packages to all Departments.

I attended Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, representing the Sons of Union Veterans. I received \$500.00 from my hometown Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #961 in support of what I was doing for the Order.

I attended an Abraham Lincoln Dinner for the Republican party, a \$55-a-plate affair. I also set up six tables of GAR information and gave a speech on points of interest about our 16th President.

I furnished articles for the *Banner*, *Pennysavers*, etc. on observing Memorial Day, and did other articles on patriotism for the Order.

Memorial Day started at 7:00 AM and I attended five services until noon. At 2 PM, I put on a GAR service for the town of Newfield, New York (They called me the week before, because they had no one to do it.)

I feel that the donation side went quite well.

Income:

1st Quarter	\$556.00
2nd Quarter	\$846.00
3rd Quarter	\$750.00
4th Quarter	\$916.00
Held over in account	<u>\$ 17.00</u>
Total income	\$3085.00

Expenses incurred for the year:

Support Slips	\$ 60.00
Flag Guide cards	\$ 18.00
Mailings	\$64.00
Misc. supplies	\$ 35.00
Rubber stamp	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
Total expenses	\$182.00

This leaves a net balance of \$2,903 in our account. As of July 31, 1995, we had a total of 141 contributors that made this possible. If more money is received, the balance will be updated.

I would to thank all fellow Brothers for the opportunity to serve you and thank you for your contributions to our Order, not only in money but patriotism and hard work towards our goals and ideals.

To our Commander-In-Chief, thank you for the opportunity to serve you. For the good of the Order, I secured five new members and also secured the first three Juniors in the Department of New York. They are in the local camp in Ithaca.

Recommendation

Recommend that we always have a pledge form in each *Banner*, not just once or twice during the year. This will make the job easier for our next Patriotic Instructor and save money on donation slips.

In F., C., & L.,
By Danny L. Wheeler
National Patriotic Instructor

Report of the National Historian and National Committee on History

This report will be a combined report of the National Historian and the National Committee on History.

The office of the National Historian was a very busy place this year. The impending publication of the History Book has taken most of my time. The book is based on the brief history booklet that was published and distributed by Davis * Camp in 1939. By using this as a guide, we are able to ensure accuracy. Each member of the committee was requested to take one area of the book and update the information. A large section of the book includes data on each National Encampment, where and when it was held, who was elected Commander-in-Chief, and significant events and changes in our Order.

For example, if we look at the 17th Encampment in 1898, we find this entry:

Omaha, Nebraska, September 12 - 14, 1898. The Commander-in-Chief, Charles K. Darling, was at the head of his regiment, the 6th Massachusetts Infantry, in Porto Rico. (Spanish American War). Many of the members of the Order were in the US Service in the war with Spain. In the absence of the CinC, George E. Cogshall of Grand Rapids, Michigan, the Sr. Vice, presided. The Encampment was saddened and very little enthusiasm was manifested by reason of the war

and so many brothers "gone to the front." The War Service Medal was approved at this time. Frank L. Shepard of Illinois was elected Commander-in-Chief.

Subjects also planned for inclusion are a portrait and biography of Major Augustus Plummer Davis, a listing of all known past and present departments, information on our Auxiliary with a list of past National Presidents, the Sons of Veterans Reserve, and background on the Grand Army of the Republic. Most important, the book will include biographies of members of our Order. This book will be something we can all be proud of.

As the proceedings of all past National Encampments have been placed on microfiche, it was necessary to procure a microfiche reader. I am happy to announce that I was able to secure the donation of a reader to the Order by my employer, Borgess Medical Center of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

This past year, I have received and answered several letters of inquiry about GAR and SUVCW records and how to locate them. I have answered these to the best of my ability, and I hope I have helped these Brothers. In my spare time, I also brought three new Brothers into the Order. As for the \$50.00 budgeted for this office, none was used. All expenses incurred were paid by me and considered a donation to the Order.

Over the past several years, I have heard many negative comments as to the records of the Order that are stored at Carlisle Barracks. At this point, we have no idea what materials are stored there, and what their condition is. These records are not accessible, as they should be, nor are they being kept in an acceptable manor.

I would like to thank Commander-in-Chief Harrison for appointing me to this office, and allowing me the opportunity of serving the Order.

Recommendations

1. That the incoming Commander-in-Chief assigns a committee to find a new facility in which to store our records. If something is not done soon, we will not have any records to save.
2. That an inventory be taken of all material in storage at Carlisle Barracks, so we know what we actually have.
3. That the National Organization purchase several copies of the History Book, to be given to, but not limited to, National Headquarters, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; National Headquarters, Womans Relief Corps, National Organization, Auxiliary to SUVCW, National Organization, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; the Library of Congress; one copy to remain the property of the Commander-in-Chief; and any others that the Council of Administration deems proper.

In F., C., & L.,
Gary L. Gibson, National Historian
Chair, National Committee on History

Report of the National GAR Highway Officer

Each year as I prepare my report I have given indications that we have made progress and it was a busy year. Well, this year has topped all previous years regarding the placing or replacing of signs along the Grand Army Highway, Route 6.

In past years where we had no help or communications, especially states from the mid-west to the Pacific, we no have individuals in place to track down the legislation and or resolutions and make contact with local transportation departments.

A breakdown of states where the highway passes is as follows:

- Massachusetts: Report of the Massachusetts Highway Officer complete and some indications that signs may be needed in the area from Hyannis to Provincetown. Other than that, highway signs are in place.
- Rhode Island: No report and no knowledge of who the Highway officer is.
- Connecticut: Highway officer in place and last report signs are in place.
- New York: Highway officer in place, no signs in place as of this report.
- Pennsylvania: Highway officer is reviewing the sign blueprints to determine if they will use our dimensions or modify the sign.
- Ohio: Highway officer in place and all indications are that Ohio may do a fundraiser to purchase new signs. They have inquired about prices to purchase signs from a company in Massachusetts.
- Illinois: No listing of highway officer and no report from Illinois in some time. Although there was some interest from the Morris Daily Herald in Morris, Illinois to do an article on the GAR Highway, back in April. Requested that a copy of the story be sent to me for our records. As of this date, I have not heard from the reporter, but did send a follow-up letter
- Nebraska: Have had some contact with Brother Gregory Ogletree of Omaha. He has been in contact with the Nebraska State Department of Roads.
- Colorado: Assume Brother Willard Hinkley is highway officer. I have had correspondence with him regarding the purchasing of signs. I have not heard from him since April of 1995.
- Utah: Assume Brother Willard Ward of Salt Lake City is highway officer. I have had correspondence with him. I have not received an updated report.
- Nevada: No report and no idea if Nevada has highway officer.
- California: I was provided with the name of Brother Donald Greely of San Jose. I wrote to him, but no answer as of today.

We have made progress during the past year for which I am very happy. The appointment of Highway Officers in states where we have departments have really made a difference. In those states where we do not have departments, we are attempting to use members and Camps-at-Large.

I have a good feeling that we are close to the day when we will again have signs in place in all 14 states that Route 6 travels. My sincere thanks to Brothers who have put

that extra effort to do some research and correspond with their highway departments to obtain up-to-date information.

Recommendation

That each department where Route 6 travels appoint their highway officer for a 2-year term instead of 1-year.

Reason: It sometimes takes the newly appointed officers from each department quite some time to know what they are supposed to do and how to go about it. Most departments have their Encampments in April, May or June. At that point there is little time to do anything. I have submitted this recommendation before and do believe it is in the best interest of moving forward and getting signs in place that this should be a two-year position.

Commander-in-Chief, it has been a pleasure and an honor to serve you and your administration this past year. I hope I have fulfilled my duties to your satisfaction. Thank you.

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

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

During this year, we have standardized the forms for data gathering for graves registration. We have added a "yes/no" question regarding whether or not cemetery records were checked out. In addition, we have changed the current abbreviations to match those used in Utah. A copy of the new form has been filed with the National Secretary.

Since National has other forms, I suggest that the new standardized/revised grave registration form be sent to a printer (noting all changes). These could be ordered from National by all Departments/Camps as needed and they can make copies to give to people who help record where Civil War Veterans are buried.

Camps and Departments should be encouraged to take on the activity of graves registration. National Officer should receive a copy of all completed forms to forward to the Camp/Department Graves Registration Officer for their records. The reasons I want the forms sent to me are:

I have received dozens of letters from people who want help to find where Civil War Veterans are buried because I had the grave registration form put in the *Banner*.

I have spent hundreds of dollars on telephone calls and stamps. Until the Committee can take on the expense and time to do this, I will be glad to do it.

I have enjoyed serving as Chairman of the National Graves Registration Committee and working with the Committee members. It would be my pleasure to serve in this capacity again next year.

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

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the revised Graves Registration form; motion passed.

Report of the National Chief of Staff

(Verbal Report)

Report of the Washington Representative

Your servant is honored to present this, his 15th consecutive Annual Report as Washington Representative of activities on your behalf in the nation's capital. It is a special privilege to have followed such distinguished Washington gentlemen in this office as General U.S. Grant, III, who served for seven years, and Arthur R. Glerium, who served for 20 years. As always, this work and other work for the Order is carried out in honor of my Great Grandfather, Daniel B. Schlenker, who at the age of 37, living on a farm in Berks County, Pennsylvania with a wife and four children found himself a nine month draftee in the 167th Pennsylvania Militia when the state raised 14 regiments in response to President Lincoln's August 1862 call for 300,000 men. He survived his ordeal and later became active in the Grand Army of the Republic.

Our Congressional Charter, approved on 20 August 1954 under Chapter 774 Public Law 605 (H.R. 3034) Section 9, Paragraph b. states: *The corporation shall have in the District of Columbia at all times, a designate agent authorized to accept service or process for the corporation.* It is a pleasure to report that no such action was required this year. SUVCW Regulations Chapter 3, Article Y, Sec 11, further modified the duties, which the undersigned has made deliberate effort to carry out. The Job Descriptions issued last year describe further duties for this office, which on some future occasion, I would like to contest before they are made part of some official document of this Order.

Your representatives in Washington grow more numerous with an active camp of 165 members on site and, which includes another Past Commander-in-Chief, two members of the National Council of Administration, a National Staff member, National Committee members, members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve and a supportive Auxiliary, all of whom participate in the many ceremonials and patriotic events held there. This higher

visibility has allowed us to bring the SUVCW story to a larger audience. Opportunity abounds through membership in the DC Civil War Round Table, DC Lincoln Group, Lincoln Commission, Lincoln Birthday National Commemorative Committee, National Congress of Patriotic Organizations, and the National Gavel Society.

Friendly relations are nurtured with the Loyal Legion and Dames, Daughters of Union Veterans, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stars and Bars, United Daughters of the Confederacy, American War Mothers, and many other hereditary, veteran and patriotic societies where memberships are held. The ceremonies of note attended were at Lincoln, Washington and Jefferson Memorials; Ft. Stevens; Arlington, Congressional, National Battlefield and local cemeteries and at New York Avenue Presbyterian "Lincoln's" Church.

We recently learned that Past Commander-in-Chief, Edward R. Campbell (1901 - 1902), a member of our Camp and a Veteran of the Battle at Fort Stevens, was the last person to be interred at the nearby Battlefield National Cemetery and that in years, past honors were rendered on Memorial Day.

A highlight of our activities, which were begun last year, continues to be our reenactment of the First Memorial Day held by the National Grand Army of the Republic at Arlington National Cemetery. This event held May 30, 1868 was described in the *Banner* last year.

Opportunity to bring Civil War life, the GAR and SUVCW stories to the public was afforded on 30 occasions this year as the lecture circuit once again began, as programs were presented in schools; museums; senior and service clubs; historical, Masonic and military groups in company with the Washington Representative of our National Auxiliary. We continue to supply articles of an historic nature on our Order to the *Banner*.

The personal project of a long term study of our published Proceedings has culminated in a compilation of excerpts from those volumes and furnished to the Turner History Book project and distribution to National Officers in March. Copies are available to Delegates who are interested.

Representing you has been carried out in the strictest of decorum and dignity in order to bring no embarrassment to such a distinguished organization.

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

Addendum to Washington Representative's Report

Inquiries were received and responded to on a variety of subjects such as: the history of our Order; National Encampment arrangements; Camp and Department by-laws; charter application process; Civil War graves in Texas; colored troops in the Civil War, African American Museum; temporary homes for ex-

Union soldiers, DC Ceremonials; battlefield preservation, Sons of Veterans Reserve; reenactments; WWII and Korean War monuments, and many subjects that lead us to think that some look upon us as an elected Representative in Congress.

Our total itinerary is too voluminous to enumerate herein and this listing of our lecture series is but a sample.

1994-1995 Lecture Series

8/30/94	Revitz House	Rockville, Maryland
9/994	Dorchester Garden Club	Cambridge, Maryland
9/12/94	1st Baptst JOY Sr.	Hyattsville, Maryland
9/13/94	Cavalry Lutheran WOC	Silver Spring, Maryland
9/21/94	Rotary Inner Wheel	Frederick, Maryland
9/22/94	Leland Comm. Ctr.	Chevy Chase, Maryland
10/4/94	Officer's Wives	Ft. Meade, Maryland
10/6/94	Civic Center Docents	Rockville, Maryland
10/18/94	Potomac Comm Ctr.	Potomac, Maryland
10/26/94	Blair house	Silver Spring, Maryland
10/27/94	Luther Rice Bapt. Srs.	Silver Spring, Maryland
11/2/94	Koontz Friends	Rockville, Maryland
12/2/94	Waverly House Sr.	Bethesda Maryland
1/20/95	St Paul's Lutheran Church	Washington, DC
1/27/95	Friendship Center Srs.	Chevy Chase, Maryland
1/30/95	Bauer Sr.	Rockville, Maryland
2/6/95	Shaare Tikvah Srs.	Temple Hills, Maryland
2/16/95	Pascal Center	Glen Burnie, Maryland
3/8/95	Wheaton Rec. Ctr. Sr.	Wheaton, Maryland
3/10/95	Aspen Wood Home	Silver Spring, Maryland
3/16/95	Leland Comm. Center AARP	Bethesda, Maryland
4/20/95	Atonement Presb. Church	Wheaton, Maryland
4/29/95	Valparisa Guild Luth.	Arlington, Virginia
5/16/95	Hebrew Academy Sr.	Silver Spring, Maryland
5/17/95	Randolph Nursing Home	Wheaton, Maryland
5/18/95	Forest Methodist Sr.	Forrestville, Maryland
5/24/95	Elizabeth House Sr.	Silver Spring, Maryland
6/11/95	Laurel 125th Anniversary	Laurel, Maryland
6/17/95	Maryland Div. UDC	Hunt Valley, Maryland

Report of the National Membership-at-Large Coordinator

When I accepted the office in August 1994, the latest quarterly report for the Membership-at-Large (MAL) listed 338 Members. In the last year while the office of the MAL has been in my care, 141 Members have been brought into the Order, nearly exceeding the previous two years when 173 Members were brought into the Order.

Inquiries processed through National MAL Office equaled 357. The number of individuals who joined from 357 inquiries processed equaled 78. This is a 21.8 percent rate for inquiries to join. For the most part, the inquiries came from Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Allan Loomis. These transactions resulted in the June 30, 1995 Membership being 375 members in the MAL, a net gain of 37 members during the last year.

The MAL has been very active in promoting and working with National Camp and Department Organizer Richard Greene and Camp organizers throughout the nation forming local Camps and I have been very pleased to transfer many MAL members into local active camps. Currently, the MAL has 40 transfers, which are not yet closed (awaiting return of signed transfer card). We are presently working with Brothers who are working on possible Camps in Jacksonville, Tampa and Miami, Florida; Scottsdale, Arizona; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Vicksburg, Mississippi; Billings, Montana; Keamey, Nebraska; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Knoxville, Tennessee; and Kettle Falls, Washington. This list does not include the new Camps-at-Large which were formed recently. I will leave that for Brother Greene to report on.

During the Council of Administration meeting in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; I requested assistance in locating organizers in Florida, but as you can see this is no longer a concern as it is hopeful that a Camp-at-Large and Department of Florida may again be added to our rolls. We were able to obtain so many organizers by including a "Want Ad" with all applications going out to inquiries in Florida. The response was well received and this technique may be employed further in the future. We currently advise all inquiries being processed of the opportunity to assist as a Camp organizer and of any organizers in their geographical area.

Recommendations

1. I recommend that the Council support the National MAL by adding an additional 50 *Banner* issues to the printing requirements for each issue.
2. During the latter part of May with the high demands made of this office in new member applications and transfer requests brought forth a suggestion from Commander-in-Chief Harrison to try to inform applicants on the progress on their applications. I have enclosed a copy of the form with this report so that if any additional suggestions for improvements can be made they can be implemented.
3. My next recommendation is easier explained by showing some statistics on the subject first:

Ending Membership of the National MAL equaled 375. The current MAL Members from states where Departments currently equals:

California Pacific	15	Colorado and Wyoming	2
Connecticut	2	Illinois	7
Indiana	3	Iowa	0
Maine	2	Maryland	15
Massachusetts	3	Michigan	5
New Hampshire	0	New Jersey	11
New York	11	Ohio	11
Pennsylvania	10	Rhode Island	0
Vermont	1	Wisconsin	3

From the above, 101 or the total of 375 of the National MAL or 26.9 percent, currently resides in areas where Departments exist.

I am recommending that the Council of Administration first, strongly recommend to all departments that they form a Camp-at-Large attached to the Department. They have larger staffs and provide the ability to better serve these members than National by informing them of functions for participation and involvement, which are closer to them. They can also use this as their nucleus for building new Camps within their Departments. Secondly, that we only allow new members to join the Departments Camps-at-Large instead of allowing them to join the National MAL instead. This would possibly need to be a procedural requirement and may involve Bylaws review. We need to make membership at the Departmental Camp-at-Large, better than joining the National MAL.

This has been a very challenging and exciting year and if the Council of Administration will still require my services, I will be able to finish the next year. At this time, I would like to inform the Council that I cannot serve as the National MAL Coordinator beyond the 1995-1996 year. I strongly recommend that the next candidate for the National MAL Coordinator role have a computer and use Microsoft Office Professional. Many of the software and processing enhancements that have been made during this year and the next would be lost if software had to be changed again. Currently all of the reports, Membership Certificates, mailing labels are all generated off of the computer, with further automation yet to take place. When Brother Doug Park past his torch to me my goal was to improve on the systems, which he had put into place and this, is still my goal. I would like to thank Past Commander-in-Chief Allen Moore and Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison for their support of me in this role and the Council for their ongoing support.

I am pleased, and in keeping with my predecessor's tradition, to present the Council the enclosed check, in the amount of \$2,000.00, representing a contribution from the MAL to the National Organization. I respectfully request this contribution be dedicated fully to the GAR Fund from which funds were borrowed in the past and for which repayment is a high priority. If this fund has been repaid the funds borrowed, then this money should be placed in a fund and used in the assistance and implementation of a plan to establish a National Headquarters, with the goal to relieve putting this role in the future on the shoulders of a single individual during the hopeful growth of the future.

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

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

Report of the National Membership List Coordinator

The current database of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War stands at 4,500. That includes Members, Associates, complimentary issues to places like libraries and National President and Secretaries of the associated Allied Orders, and paid subscriptions of other people.

The process of sending the names and addresses to the printer of the *Banner* on a computer diskette has saved countless hours of volunteer work. Sending names and addresses to a printer on a diskette allows the organization the greatest flexibility. The National Membership List Coordinator can be located in any city and the printer also located in any city and the information for the mailing of the *Banner* can be communicated by way of mail.

I would normally receive between 60 and 80 address corrections after every *Banner* mailing. The last two *Banner* mailing have only generated three address corrections. I've already checked with the Post Office and they aren't holding any returned *Banners* for me. Many Departments and Camps are keeping me updated on their membership and coordination of information between Dave Wallace, National Secretary, and L Dean Lamphere Jr., National Member-at-Large Coordinator, has been working well.

Electronic Mail

Communication on the Internet, electronic mail, has also been an advantage for this office. One example where it worked well was when the National Member-at-Large Coordinator, L. Dean Lamphere Jr., was able to get last minute changes in his data base and send the MAL data base by way of electronic mail. I didn't need to wait for the mail. I was able within hours to add his records with the rest of the organization's database to produce the diskette for the printer of the *Banner*.

Electronic mail has also helped communications between National Officers and others who have joined the electronic age. For instance, this report will be sent to the Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary when I finish (approximately 2:00 AM, August 3, 1995) and they can read it from their electronic mail box whenever they sign on next. The electronic mail allows a message to be sent and the recipient to read it at their earliest convenience and respond, if necessary, when it is convenient for them.

Looking ahead

I am starting to use Microsoft Access (data base program) to develop input screens, reports and queries for the National database. Several National Officers currently have access to the software and it isn't too expensive to purchase for new users. The goal is to have screens edit certain fields for data entry, have an easy way to look up information and because it is a Windows-based program, the printing of reports can be to what ever printer each user has defined in Windows.

Recommendation

There is a current process for the Department Secretaries to report to the National Secretary any new members added to the Department (copy of Member or Associate application), but there isn't any process in place to have the Department Secretary to send address changes of Members and Associates or to indicate which Member or Associate is terminated. To keep the National Database up to date, it would be

beneficial to also have Department Secretaries indicate in their quarterly report address changes and terminations by individual.

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

Report of the National Camp and Department Organizer

I have the honor to present herein the report of the office of the National Camp and Department Organizer. One year ago, at the onset of your administration, there were three national Camps-at-Large. In the past year, 11 new camps have been added to this roster with most of the activity in the South, Southwest and Pacific Northwest.

During this year we witnessed the formation of the first new Department in the Order in over 30 years. Representing the states of Texas and Oklahoma, the Department of the Southwest serves as an icon of the vast in-roads that have been made in the South and Southwest. In this direction there are, for the first time, Camps-at-Large in Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, and North Carolina. I am, once again encouraged by a recent emergence of willing camp organizers in Florida. I believe that we will see solid progress in that area within the coming year.

Another area of growth to be noted is the Pacific Northwest. We have chartered one camp within the past year in the state of Washington with another Washington Camp and an Oregon Camp formation coming into view. Additionally, Arizona, Montana, Nebraska, Minnesota, New Mexico, South Carolina, and Mississippi, each have organizers working within their borders as of this writing.

It is my forecast that, perhaps as soon as the coming autumn, the Order will see the creation of a new department in Tennessee, followed closely by another in the Washington-Oregon region. More distant, but still possible during the coming year are Department charters for the Arkansas-Missouri area and Florida. The aforementioned gives me great optimism for the future of the Order. We are going places that we've never gone before and doing things that we've never done. This progress is due, in great part, to the reformations and re-awakenings of the Order. In the past few years, with job descriptions in place, each person has a clearer knowledge of his duties and what is expected of him as well as the duties of others. The improved and streamlined communication flow is a great asset. With e-mail and fax we do in minutes what took weeks to accomplish in an earlier time.

The greatest asset to recruiting and camp organization is, in my opinion, the database of inquirers and Members-at-Large that is maintained by the Member-at-Large Coordinator. With reports from this database in hand, the local organizer often has a ready made membership list from which he has little to do but make contact with the listed individuals and begin his organization process. Of equal importance are the advertisements that the National Organization places in various Civil War-oriented

publications to solicit inquirers as to our Order. The respondents to these ads are the very names which comprise the database, which is provided the local organizer and ultimately fuel the recruiting effort. In a few cases, camps were formed almost exclusively from individuals from these lists.

I believe that it is essential that the Order remain diligent in its quest to continually seek better and more streamlined ways to execute its tasks. It must guard against complacency, resisting the appeal of resting on its laurels.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you, once again, for affording me the opportunity to serve you and the Order in this capacity. I have found it personally enjoyable and rewarding. I hope that my efforts have met with your approval. Please call upon me if, in the future, I may be of assistance to you in any arena.

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

***Report of the Editor of the Banner and
Special Committee on Banner Printing and Distribution***

I have the honor to present to you, and the National Encampment, my report for the past year. In so doing, let me first thank you for the privilege of serving in your administration. Your leadership and guidance have been invaluable and I will always consider it an honor to have been associated with you.

This has been a transition year for the *Banner*. The first issue I produced was put together in three weeks. Since that time I feel we have only improved its quality and content. To review the year:

1. The *Banner* is now published exclusively via desktop publishing. This has allowed the Order to eliminate the time and cost of cutting and pasting. It also allows us to place last minute news easily into the Journal; i.e. the death of our PCinC Haskell occurred at printing time. We were able to completely rework the cover page in less than two hours and send it to the printer.
2. The *Banner* now has a staff of more than one. With the efforts of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Medert, an assistant Editor and Advertising Editor were added. Both of the Brothers in those positions proved exceptional to the tasks.
3. Various features have been added, including:
 - Letters-to-the Editor page
 - From Our Pages - a look back at articles and events from past issues
 - Passages - an obituary section for departed Brothers
 - SVR News
 - National News

4. Each issue now contains at least two feature articles.
5. Camp and Department news items have been expanded.
6. A copyright notice for the *Banner* and a trademark for the name have been added.
7. The Winter and Spring issues contained 16 pages, the Summer 24.

Recommendations

1. Mail the *Banner* at a second class rate. I would like to explore mailing the *Banner* at the 2nd Class rate. From my readings on the subject, 2nd Class moves with the speed of 1st Class but at about half the price. The *Banner* is currently mailed at 3rd Class or Bulk rate. If acceptable to all, I would like Mailing List Coordinator Richard Williams to take the application I have received and apply for the permit. As to the actual price, a table is shown below. Please note that the table is based on the old rates - when first class was \$0.29. All of these will have risen.

First Class – unsorted \$0.29
 Second Class – unsorted \$0.20
 2nd Class, unsorted, non-profit \$0.169
 2nd Class, Zip+4 sorted, non-profit \$0.162
 2nd class, Bar code sorted, non-profit \$0.146

Although 2nd class may cost a bit more than 3rd, everyone gets an issue in three to five days. The most frequent complaint I have received is the length of time it takes for a Brother to receive his copy of the publication. Although none in the Order have control over the mail system, we all share the same feeling.

2. Advertising. The introduction of advertising to the *Banner* has been disappointing. Our display rates are, in the opinion of many, much too high for the circulation numbers. I would recommend that the Advertising Editor make recommendations as to suggested prices for advertisements and that the Council approve his changes. I would also recommend that the *Banner* include classified advertisements from members of the Order only. The rate for these would be \$5.00 per ad per issue, with a maximum of 30 words.

3. Member-at-Large Coordinator. I would suggest that an additional 75 copies of each issue be printed and given to the MAL Coordinator for distribution to new members as he sees fit.

4. Circulation. Print runs of the *Banner* are increasing with each issue due to the increase in our membership. I would recommend that 150 additional copies above the total number of members at the deadline date for each issue be printed. This would include the 75 copies asked for the MAL Coordinator in item 3. I would further propose

that any member of our Order make these additional copies available on a request basis for use in promotions, recruiting, etc. The requester will be required to pay any postage for receipt of the copies.

5. Complementary Subscriptions. My own recommendation is that the Order provide NO complementary subscriptions. If a Brother would wish to donate an issue or series of issues to a particular person or organization, he can request some of the extra press run of each issue.

6. Staff. I would propose that the positions of Assistant Editor and Advertising Editor be designated at National Officer positions and filled by the customary method (appointment by the Council of Administration).

7. Publication Size and Frequency. I would like to continue the tradition of publishing the *Banner* on a quarterly basis - Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter, with a maximum page content of 24 pages. For the year of 1996, I would also like publish a 100th Anniversary issue of the *Banner*. Additionally I would like to suggest that at the National Encampment an award be given for the best article contributed to the *Banner* during the preceding year as selected by the *Banner* committee.

Gentlemen, I appreciate the time you have taken to read this sermon. I would like it to be the beginning of a larger discussion to make the *Banner* not just the oldest publication of its kind, but the best.

In closing, I wish to thank the *Banner* Committee: J. Douglas Park, L. Dean Lamphere Jr., and Richard Williams, for their support and hard work; Assistant Editor Paul Huff and Advertising Editor Denny Wheeler for the devotion to the cause and their excellent work; and lastly, National Secretary David Wallace. Dave is by far the greatest example of the three principles of this that we hold dear.

In F., C., & L.,

Gregory Hayes, *Banner* Editor

Chair, Special National Committee on *Banner* Printing and Distribution

Report of the National Aide for Cyberspace

I want to thank Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison for the opportunity to serve the Order in this unique and timely manner. Without the active support and assistance of the entire national staff, I could not have developed the attached recommendations in the brief span of time that was available. Without exception the national officers provided me with everything that I requested.

I will not take time to justify the use of emerging electronic technologies within the Order as the membership has taken to them without urging. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be in cyberspace and in the process we will resolve many communications problems and, unfortunately, create some others. On the whole, if the

National staff provides the leadership and addresses standardization issues, the Order will benefit from the exercise.

First and foremost, I recommend that the Commander-in-Chief establish a special committee to continue to address the issues outlined in this report. A good name for the committee is *National Communications Technology Committee*.

To gather the information for this report I contacted each member of the Order known to be available via email. That list has been maintained and upgraded and issued periodically by email. From time to time I asked a broad question about the emerging technologies and carried on an active communication with certain key respondents. Since November 1994, I have sent or received nearly 200 email messages on the subject of the Order and its use of the emerging technologies.

The committee should consider the potential that technology offers for recruitment, administration, reporting, correspondence, and access. They should be a coordinating force for standardization and they should evaluate not yet known technologies for their appropriateness to the needs of the Order.

Allow me to outline an approach that should respond most efficiently to the application of standards and the requirements of the SUVCW. The keystone of a good communication technology program must be a home page or web site. The home page is an established address on the information super highway that is commonly called the Internet. The system operator for our home page must be a member of the Communication Technology Committee. The physical location is unimportant as is the Internet address. Our only concerns should be cost and the ability to maintain the address for as long as possible.

Anyone with a computer and a modem can now access the Internet and connect to the SUVCW Home Page. That page must be the central location for members, who have net access. The page would have an explanation of the Order, a downloadable membership application, a directory of key members and a listing of contacts at the national, department, and eventually the camp level. It will also house an administrative area for the use of the national staff creating a virtual headquarters.

The SUVCW Home Page would also contain information to help departments and camps create their own home pages. At this point we need to insist that local home pages use the national information as it appears on the national home page. Just like national blank forms, information on the national home page should not be modified unilaterally. Changes should be agreed upon Order-wide. The committee might consider changes to the National Rules and Regulations, which will allow enforcement of these standardization issues.

Another aspect of home pages is the opportunity to create links. Links allow the user to go from one home page to another with a single point and click. Obviously, all department and camp home pages should be linked. In addition, links should be

provided to the various Civil War centers, the National Archives, the Library of Congress, National Park Service and the Sons of Confederate Veterans. We should also make every effort to have other home pages provide a link to ours.

Our home page should also have some bulletin boards to pass on information from national to subordinate units and back. A history board could collect the histories of each camp and a graves registration board could develop a national database from local input. We could also begin collecting member genealogies and all of this information could be available on line. It's not possible to list here all of the opportunities that can be presented on this service.

An appropriate goal would be to have each department and camp with access to the Internet and we should encourage members to connect. This can best be done through the *Banner* with small how-to articles, which can be written by members of the committee.

I looked into developing a contact with one of the service providers (America Online, CompuServe, Prodigy or GEnie among others). After considerable thought and investigation, I would recommend against it, but the committee should also give it consideration before a final decision is made. The problem, from my perspective, with such an association is that access is limited to subscribers of that service whereas a home page is open architecture and, while you may have to use a provider to get to the home page, the page is available to everyone.

The committee should locate members of the Order who are active on each of the commercial services and ask them to serve as the coordinator for that service. For instance there are Civil War boards on American On Line, CompuServe and Prodigy. One member on each of the services should be responsible for checking the board and providing correct information on the Order where appropriate. This person would also capture membership requests and forward them appropriately.

The committee should also consider other non-net communications solutions. These could include facsimile transmission, CD-ROM, bulletin boards, wide-area paging, 800 and 900 telephone lines. And the technology continues to offer new opportunities every day. We need a group that can quickly consider those emerging technologies and take best advantage of them.

My single recommendation is that the Commander-in-Chief name a National Communications Technology Committee and that committee consider the following:

- I. Establish the SUVCW Home Page.
 - A. Create standard history, membership info, format and other materials.
 - B. Encourage departments and camps to establish their own home pages.
 1. Require the use of standard pages.
 2. Encourage them to offer unique products on their pages.

3. Link department and camp home pages to SUVCW home page.
 - C. Link SUVCW home page to other Civil War related home pages.
 - D. Provide articles for the *Banner* on communications.
- II. Appoint SUVCW contacts with commercial services.
 - III. Continuously evaluate emerging and available technology to SOLVE PROBLEMS.

This report is submitted, as requested, to the Commander-in-Chief at the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War held August 10 - 13, 1995 at Columbus, Ohio.

In F., C., & L.,
Glenn B. Knight
National Aide for Cyberspace

Report of the National Personal Aide

(No Report)

Report of the National Guide

(No Report)

Report of the National Guard

(No Report)

Report of the National Color Bearer

(No Report)

The second session of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War 114th National Encampment was recessed by Commander-in-Chief Harrison at 4:55 PM on August 11, 1995.

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
One Hundred Fourteenth Annual National Encampment
Third Session
Saturday, August 12, 1995**

The 114th National Encampment was reconvened by Commander-in-Chief Harrison at 8:50 AM on Saturday, August 12, 1995.

Greetings from the Sons of Confederate Veterans

Commander-in-Chief Harrison indicated that as part of his travels, he brought greetings on behalf of the Order and had an opportunity to address the 100th Annual Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) on July 27 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. As a

result, an invitation was made for Dr. Norman Dasinger, Commander-in-Chief of the SCV to do the same at this Encampment. Commander-in-Chief Harrison then introduced Mr. John Well, National SCV Genealogist-in Chief, who was at the Encampment representing Commander-in-Chief Dasinger. Mr. Wells presented the following address:

Commander-in-Chief Harrison, Sons of Union Veterans:

I bring you greetings and salutations from your Brother hereditary and historical organization: the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and its Commander-in-Chief, Dr. Norman Dasinger. He wanted desperately to be here as a gesture of our unity, a unity of pride in our ancestors who fought and died for their individual interpretations of American freedom in the bloodiest and most important war in American history. However, two of Commander Dasinger's children will graduate from college tomorrow and he could not miss that event. I think he wanted to see for himself where all his money has gone.

I requested to be here on this important occasion as the representative of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, because Columbus, Ohio, is a very important part of my family's heritage. You see, my great grandfather, my great-great grandfather, and three of my great-great uncles lived in Columbus, Ohio, some 132 years ago. Actually, they were in JAIL here as Confederate prisoners of war at Camp Chase. My great-great uncle is buried in the Camp Chase Cemetery. I'm sorry to say that Great Granddaddy could not recommend the accommodations there! It wasn't quite up to Radisson standards!

But, Gentlemen, today I stand before you with a sad heart. I am not at all comfortable with what has happened to the memory of MY ancestors in gray and YOUR ancestors in blue, especially in the past few decades. The soldiers of the War Between the States are not the same heroes to Americans they once were.

Today, the celebration of their holidays is relegated to quiet, often unpublicized, local observances. There are no school programs, no parades, no glowing newspaper articles---they're gone, ... and with them have gone much of the honor and respect due our wonderful Northern and Southern American heroes.

What happened? Who are the dirty rotten scoundrels who allowed this awful state of affairs to evolve? Who is to blame?

I'm afraid the answer is very simple! We did it!! We, the proud sons and daughters of those brave and selfless boys in blue and gray, we have done them in.

We have allowed the soldiers of the War Between the States to become modern day political mascots, political mascots of liberal revisionist historians and right wing radical racist fringe groups. The Yanks and Rebs have become combatants in a 20th century ethnic and social war. Our ancestors are being represented as defenders of everything from affirmative action to assault weapons. In some circles the Sons of Union Veterans is considered to be little more than a dressed up Michigan militia while the Sons of Confederate Veterans is passed off as a group of sheetless Ku Klux Klansmen! Pardon

me, gentlemen, but, this stereotyping is one large odoriferous accumulation of bovine excrement and it is an affront to our ancestors and to You and me!

Now, it would be very easy for us to place the blame for this state of affairs at the feet of the racists and revisionists, but it's not that simple.

There are those within our organizations who encourage such warped depictions of our ancestors. There are most certainly a few members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans who literally wrap themselves in the Confederate battle flag to promote racial division and hatred of anyone living north of the Ohio River. There are SUVCW members who relish in perpetuating the Southern redneck stereotype. And, these gentlemen have saddled our ancestors with all sorts of modern political opinions. I've encountered compatriots who claim WITH PASSION that their soldier ancestors were not only against gun control, but were anti-abortion as well.

Consider how strange it is that we attach all this baggage solely to the poor boys in blue and gray! I wonder how the veterans of the Spanish-American War felt about comprehensive health care? Did those World War I doughboys really favor a balanced budget amendment? Sounds absurd, doesn't it? Yet we continue to allow our ancestors to be used as political toys!

As a result of all this posturing, many descendants are choosing not to affiliate with either the SUVCW or the SCV. They are choosing not to declare publicly their pride in their Union and Confederate forebearers because they do not want to adopt all the garbage that goes with it.

Politicians avoid us, "serious" historians ignore us, and the general public considers us to be fanatics. "When are you all going to quit fighting the war?", is a common retort.

Brothers, it is passed the time that we as descendants of Union and Confederate Americans returned to the reasons why the SUVCW and the SCV were founded in the first place: to preserve and perpetuate the bravery, sacrifices, and heroism of our ancestors and to pass on our PRIDE to our children and our children's children. We CANNOT afford to continue to demean our ancestors by politicizing them.

Secondly, we, YOU and I, must stop fighting the War Between the States. There are members of both organizations who hate each other. They hate each other! Why?? Because our ancestors were military enemies over 130 years ago. That's a long time to hold a grudge!! There are members of the SCV who hate you because you live north of the Mason-Dixon Line! There are SUVCW members who dislike me simply because I speak with a southern accent.

I confess readily that I love the Confederate Battle Flag. I cherish it because it was the flag of my ancestors and it continues as a symbol of my homeland, my culture, the funny way I talk, my heritage. I will fight to preserve the public display of that flag with all of my being.

But, ... but, ... I also love and cherish the Union flag, the flag of the United States of America, my country! I served in Vietnam under that flag ... and the blood of my comrades, both Northern and Southern, soaked the soil of southeast Asia to keep that flag flying high. The best man at my wedding, who was my fraternity brother, my best friend, and a member of the SCV, lies buried in a Little Rock, Arkansas cemetery because he defended the flag of the United States in Vietnam!

We must end this silly division between us and come together in order to fight the new War Between the States that is raging all around us. Who is our enemy? All those historians, politicians, social activists, and extremists who would bend and twist the memory of our ancestors to fit their own selfish interests. Gentlemen, if we do not fight this war together ... well, just sit back, relax, and watch as our heritage continues to hemorrhage, ... as more and more descendants of Union and Confederate American heroes turn their backs on their special ancestry.

The basic question is: Are you a member of this organization in order to server yourself – or are you here to preserve selflessly and accurately the honor due your ancestors?

Sons of Union Veterans, thank you for inviting the Sons of Confederate Veterans to be a part of your Encampment. It is my prayer that you leave here with a renewed dedication to perpetuate the pride!

(Immediately following the prolonged standing ovation given Mr. Wells by the Delegates to the Encampment, the following presentation was made by Mr. Wells to Commander-in-Chief Harrison)

Commander-in-Chief Harrison, in honor of our common heritage as Americans, I would like to present you with a membership in the venerable Morgan's Men Association. The Morgan's Men Association is the oldest continuing veterans organization in the South, formed in 1868 by surviving Confederate cavalymen of General John Hunt Morgan's famous command. You are presented this membership in honor of your collateral ancestor Private James Brewster, Company K, Chenault's 11th Kentucky Cavalry, Confederate States of America, who served under General. John Hunt Morgan, and also lived here in Columbus in the later months of 1863 as a P.O.W. at Camp Chase, Ohio. He was on vacation near Buffington's Island when he was arrested for trying to swim the Ohio River!!!

In addition, I want you to have this book, entitled *Hands Across the Wall*, accounts of the 50th and 75th reunions of the Battle of Gettysburg. As the title indicates, the veterans themselves were able to join hands across the wall at Gettysburg ... Why can't we?

Greetings from the Military Order of the Loyal Legion

Greetings were brought on behalf of Commander-in-Chief Scott Stucky of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States by Gordon R. Bury.

Greetings from the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic

Delegations from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War were received by the Encampment. Greetings were also brought on behalf of Ruth Funck, National President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War by Charles Funck.

Communications

Commander-in-Chief Harrison declared that upon presentation, all communications will be referred to the proper committee without debate. The Secretary was instructed to read the shorter correspondences and to paraphrase the longer correspondence.

The third session of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War 114th National Encampment was recessed by Commander-in-Chief Harrison at 11:30 AM on August 12, 1995.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War One Hundred Fourteenth Annual National Encampment Fourth Session Saturday, August 12, 1995

The 114th National Encampment was reconvened by Commander-in-Chief Harrison at 1:00 PM on Saturday, August 12, 1995.

National Committee Reports

A motion was made and seconded to address ad seriatim all committee recommendations, with the exception of recommendations proposing amendments to the Constitution and Regulations which require a 2/3 votes; motion passed.

Report of the National Committee on Constitution and Regulations

During the first quarter the year your Committee on the Constitution and Regulations (C&R) completed re-typing the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, and Regulations. These documents were reproduced and made available through the National Quartermaster.

Copies of the C&R were provided to each National Officer and each Department Commander and Department Secretary. These complimentary copies are marked as the property of the National Organization and the respective Departments. By vote of the Council of Administration these copies were provided free of charge with the provision that the copies be passed on to the current officer's successor. At the request of the Commander-in-Chief, the following amendments to the Regulations have been drafted:

Section 3, Article IV, Chapter III. On assuming the office, the Commander-in-Chief shall appoint Assistant National Secretaries, ~~and~~ one or more Assistant National Treasurers, one or more Assistant Editors of the *Banner* and may appoint such aides as he may deem necessary.

A motion was made and seconded to amend Section 3, Article IV, Chapter III as stated above; motion passed.

Section 3, Article V, Chapter III. The National Secretary shall ... He shall make a ~~monthly~~ quarterly report of ~~financial~~ and the numerical strength of the Order.

A motion was made and seconded to amend Section 3, Article V, Chapter III as stated above; motion passed.

Section 4, Article V, Chapter III. The National Treasurer shall ... (insert after first sentence the following) He shall make a quarterly report of the financial strength of the Order, and cause the same to be distributed to all members of the Council of Administration.

A motion was made and seconded to amend Section 4, Article V, Chapter III as stated above; motion passed.

The Department of Pennsylvania proposed that the language of Article V. Section 5 be changed by making the National Quartermaster a voting member of the Council of Administration rather than a nonvoting member.

A motion was made and seconded to amend Section 5, Article V, Chapter III as stated above; motion passed.

The National Treasurer has requested that Chapter V. General Regulations, Article III. Badges and Decorations, Sections 9, 10, and 11 be amended by deleting all reference to a three-inch wide sash for wear on formal occasions.

A motion was made and seconded to amend Sections 9, 10, and 11, Article V, Chapter V as stated above; motion defeated.

A motion was made and seconded to create the position of Scout Liaison; motion defeated.

A motion was made and seconded to automatically grant life membership status to 75 year members; motion defeated.

A motion was made and seconded to amend Section 3, Article II, Chapter I, to allow a Brother to be dropped after three month for nonpayment of dues; motion passed.

Report of the National Encampment Site Committee

(Verbal Report)

Report of the National Committee on Legislation

Your committee, appointed to study legislation and public policy of interest and concern to members of our Order, begs leave to submit the following Report to you and through you to the officers and delegates attending the 114th Annual National Encampment.

Restoration of Memorial Day to May 30 - On the first day of the 104th Congress, Senator Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) introduced S. 77, *The Traditional Observance Act of 1995*. This measure is designed to return the federal observance of Memorial Day to May 30 and add significance to the November 11 observance of Veterans Day as well. In remarks delivered on the Senate floor on January 4, 1995, Senator Inouye observed that our nation has lost sight of the significance of Memorial Day because of its inclusion as one of the three-day holidays.

His bill would restore Memorial Day to May 30 and authorize our flag to fly at half-staff on that day. In addition, this legislation would authorize the President to issue a proclamation making both Memorial Day and Veterans Day as days for prayers and ceremonies. This legislation would help restore the recognition our veterans deserve for the sacrifices they have made on behalf of our nation.

S. 77 has been referred to the Judiciary Committee chaired by Senator Orin Hatch (R-Utah). The ranking minority member is Senator Joseph Biden (D-Delaware.). It is likely that the bill will come to test in the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights chaired by Senator Hank Brown (R-Colorado).

If a similar measure is introduced in the House, it will be referred to the Subcommittee on Civil Service chaired by Representative John L. Mica (R-Florida). The ranking minority member is Representative James P. Moran (D-Virginia).

Preservation of Civil War Battle Sites - The Shenandoah Valley National Battlefield Partnership Act, S. 305, co-sponsored by Senators John Warner (R-Virginia), Charles Robb (D-Virginia), and James Jeffords (R-Vermont), has been introduced in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources' Subcommittee On Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation. The latter panel is chaired by Senator Craig Thomas (R-Wyoming). Senator Dale Bumpers, a staunch supporter of a similar bill in the last Congress, is the ranking minority member. A companion bill, HR 763, has been introduced in the House by Representative Frank R. Wolf (R-Virginia) and co-sponsored by Representatives Robert Goodlatte (R-Virginia), James Traficant (D-Ohio), James Moran (D-Virginia), and Bart Gordon (D-Tennessee).

These measures are similar in content to S 1033 and HR 746, which were introduced two years ago at the beginning of the 103rd Congress. S. 1033 did not pass the full

Senate in the summer of 1994 and was referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands. When the Congress recessed on October 8, 1994, to prepare for the upcoming congressional elections, both S. 1033 and HR 746 were "dead" for that Congress. There was an attempt to include Shenandoah Valley protection provisions in HR 5044, the *American Heritage Partnership Act*, which passed the House on October 5, 1994. But the measure did not receive consideration in the Senate in the waning days of that Congress. Hence, the need to introduce new legislation at the opening of the 104th Congress was apparent.

In our annual report for 1993, we discussed at some length the provisions embodied in S. 1033 and HR 746 that have been introduced anew as S. 305 and HR 763. In brief, the bills call for a public-private partnership through the donation of land and the protection of private property rights. A balance is struck among preservation, Valley lifestyle, and economic development interests. The bills would earmark the preservation of some ten sites and a total of 1,864 acres to include the battlefields at McDowell, Cross Keys, Port Republic, Second Winchester, New Market, Fishers Hill, Toms Brook, Cedar Creek, Kernstown, and Opequon. The legislation calls for visitor facilities, site interpretation, and giving local governments incentives to preserve sites through grants and technical assistance. Grants would also be available to private landowners to encourage scenic or preservation easements coupled with agreements to maintain open space lands that possess historic view sheds.

Representative Bail Gordon (D-Tennessee) has introduced HR 1548 that would expand the boundaries of Stones River National Battlefield in Tennessee.

Senator Trent Loft (R-Mississippi) has introduced S. 610 that would establish an interpretive center at the site of the Siege and Battle of Corinth near Corinth, Mississippi. Similar legislation has been introduced in the House by Representative Roger Wicker (R-Mississippi) as HR 1548. On May 10, 1955, Assistant Secretary George T. Frampton, Jr., of the Department of the Interior, wrote a letter opposing the construction of the center on the basis of its cost estimated at \$6 million. He observed that visitors to that site can be served by the nearby Shiloh Military Park. He also stated that it was the Department's view that a visitors' center should be considered a local responsibility.

Renovation of Grant's Tomb - The Interior Department last fall announced plans to spend approximately \$850,000 over a two-year period to begin to restore the burial site of President U.S. Grant and his wife in New York City. But following a visit to the tomb site earlier last year, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt said that the site needed \$5 to \$10 million in renovations and increased security. In the last Congress, HR 4393, the Grant's Tomb International Memorial Act of 1994, was not considered and died in committee at the expiration of the 103rd Congress.

African-American Civil War Memorial - Ground was broken in Washington, DC last fall to construct a memorial to honor 178,000 black men known as the United States Colored Troops who fought for the Union side during the Civil War. The names of those veterans will be inscribed on the memorial located on a plaza created by the

construction of an underground subway stop in what is known as the Shaw neighborhood at 10th and U Streets, N.W. The area is named for Col. Robert Gould Shaw, commander of the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, a black unit that saw considerable action during the War.

Protection of Our Flag - The advent of the 104th Congress has seen a new effort to pass a constitutional amendment designed to protect the flag from acts of physical desecration. It would make flag statutes passed by Congress or state legislatures constitutional if their provisions comply with the terms of the amendment. The proposed amendment is one sentence long and reads as follows:

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

Identical measures, H Jt. Res. 79 and S Jt. Res. 31, have been introduced in the House and Senate, respectively. On May 25, 1995, the House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution voted seven to five along party lines to endorse the *Flag Protection Amendment*. Two weeks later on June 7, the full Judiciary Committee voted 18 to 12, again along party lines with three members abstaining, to recommend the amendment for passage. In the committee deliberations there was a substitute amendment offered that would have left it to Congress to enact one national definition of "flag." It would also have replaced the words "physical desecration" with "burning, trampling or rending." But the substitute was thought to be too restrictive and lost 22 to six with six Democrats joining 16 Republicans in opposition. This maneuver allowed even opponents of the amendment to be on record as favoring at least one version of it.

In an emotionally charged and at times raucous debate, the House on June 28, took up H Jt. Res. 79. On a final vote of 312 to 120 the amendment passed and was sent to the Senate. The margin of victory for supporters of the measure was 24 votes more than the two-thirds needed to pass a constitutional amendment. At this writing the fate of the amendment is uncertain. Hearings will be held by the Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on the Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights. Public opinion polls give the *Flag Protection Amendment* a wide margin of support across the country. But some scholars of the Constitution question its effect on the free speech protections guaranteed by the First Amendment. Even if it passes the Senate, it will require ratification by three-fourths of the states before it can become a part of the Constitution.

Recommendations

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

1. That we urge support for S. 77 to return the federal observance of Memorial Day to May 30, and urge similar legislation be enacted at the state level. **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**
2. That we urge support for S. 305 and HR 763, the *Shenandoah National Battlefields Partnership Act*, as a means of preserving the Civil War heritage of an area in need of that attention. **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**
3. That we urge support for HR 1548 relating to the boundaries of the Stones River National Battlefield Site. **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**
4. That we urge significant additional funding for the continued renovation and long-term maintenance and protection of the tomb of our 18th President, Ulysses S. Grant. **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**
5. That we urge support for H. Jt. Res. 79 and S. Jt. Res. 31, the *Flag Protection Amendment*, as a means of shielding our flag legally from acts of physical violence and abuse. **The Encampment did not concur with the recommendation.**

It is a privilege to have been associated with Brothers Forest F. Altland, Ross S. Dent, Peter F. Kane, and Michael E. Nye as fellow members of the Committee on Legislation and to have been able to serve our National Organization in this manner during the 1994-95 year.

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

Report of the National Committee on Military Affairs

Upon being appointed by Commander-in-Chief Harrison as Chairman of the National Military Affairs Committee, I notified the members of this committee of their appointment, and sent them a copy of our duties as listed in the C&R. I also notified them that there would be a meeting on Remembrance Day, November 18, 1994 in my room at the Ramada Inn, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. This announcement was also sent to BG Corfman and Commander-in-Chief Harrison, and the Adjutant General, Major Clyde H. Hayner.

Communications by mail and telephone were open between committee members and any others who wished to contact the committee.

The committee met at 9 PM. Friday, November 18, 1994 in my room at the Ramada Inn, Gettysburg Pennsylvania along with Commander-in-Chief Harrison, BG Corfman, and Major Hayner. At this meeting a discussion was held on ways of increasing the

membership in the SVR and its objects. It was decided that the SVR should give priority to participation in living histories and ceremonies.

Membership support at the 21st SVR Muster in McConnelsville, Ohio July 15 – 16, 1995 was poor. There were about 20 men from Ohio, two from Washington and one from Pennsylvania.

SVR Collar Insignias and small SVR pins to be worn on the membership badge were added to the list of National supplies available to SVR members. The orders for them have been brisk.

The Committee congratulates the SVR for the activities at Remembrance Day at Gettysburg. The parade and the ceremonies at Woolson Monument received National Press coverage, and the participation of the reenactors grows each year. The Blue and Gray Ball has people looking for tickets in June, to make sure they will be able to attend. The Ball has grown to our largest major event and has earned the respect of the reenactors.

On June 26, 1995, General Corfman and I were requested to attend a meeting with the Superintendent of Gettysburg National Military Park, John Latschard and his Staff, in reference to our Remembrance Day Program. The Superintendent offered any help that he and his staff could give. He stated that the only problem he heard of was with our sound system. After much discussion by the group, it was decided that the speaker platform would be moved down on the road, and the Park would install the platform and furnish rope and poles for crowd control. Latschard stated that they had a very good sound system on Memorial Day, and he would see that information was given to William Little. Latschard said he was working on projects in which he would like the SVR to participate and he would keep us informed. Both the General and I feel that a good working relationship will benefit the Park and the SVR and the Sons.

As in previous years, the committee continues to believe that men in Civil War uniforms are the best recruiting tools we have for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and recommend their use at local camps, in living history at your local school, and anywhere there is a interest in Civil War. Start a SVR Company in your Camp.

The SVR and the National Civil War Artillery Association (NCWAA) has established a series of artillery training schools to train and certify Artillery men in safe firing practices and Civil War Artillery Drill. General Corfman, a certified inspector for the NCWAA, along with 1st Lt. David V. Medert, has organized schools at Florida, Ohio, and Missouri. The General has issued 168 Artillery Certification Cards so far in 1995. The intent is to add a School of the Soldier next year.

The last report I received shows that the SVR increased membership this year by 75 new members giving us a total of 550. It is the decision of the SVR Officers and this Committee to gradually change from participating in Battle Reenactments to Ceremonies, Living History, and the Training Schools. It is an ideal spot for the SVR.

Most of our members are in larger reenactment units, and we can not compete with them, but there has been a change in the attitude of the Reenactors to the Sons and SVR, many of them are signing up as members in our Order. I am sure the schools will increase membership.

There is the need for continuous communications from chain of command throughout the whole SVR. Reports must be completed and submitted on time in order for the Adjutant to keep this committee and National informed. A lot of paper has be eliminated. There is no longer the need to enlist every three years, once you enlist you are a member as long as you pay your dues. Two Strength Reports per year are required. The *Guidon* Editor, David R. Medert, 16 Shawnee Drive, Chillicothe Ohio 45601, is looking for news items from your Company. The SVR should also make use of the *Banner* for s recruiting drive.

In F., C., & L.,
Elmer F. Atkinson, Chairman
National Committee on Military Affairs

Report of the National Committee on Americanism and Education

I sent a letter to Committee members in October 1994, asking for ideas, etc. Unfortunately it got no response and no one communicated with me. This will have to be corrected next year.

We held two essay contests during the year. The first was *Why I am Proud to be a Son of a Union Veteran*. We had six responses. The winner received an all-weather American flag. This flag was donated by the city of Ithaca. The winner is:

Stephen A. Michaels
CK Pier Badger Camp #1
Department of Wisconsin

The second contest consisted of *Why the War of 1861-65 Is Still Important Today*. We received only one, and again, it is attached to this report. It is a very moving piece. The winner is:

Calvin S. Grant
Camp #21
Department of Massachusetts

He receives a \$100 Savings Bond given by Aylener Gifford of Gen. Custer Camp #1 of Chicago, Illinois

Under patriotism, I have led the rebuilding of a GAR Monument in Danby, New York; my 80th one.

Under education I have given talks on the GAR to Kiwanis Clubs, Rotary Clubs, Civil War Round Tables, Boy Scouts, and Cub Scouts. I was a teacher for one day for gifted children in a Summer School Program.

We made sure there were articles in the *Banner* for Memorial Day in addition to other Patriotic articles.

I would like to wrap up this report by asking our fellow Brothers to help others understand flag etiquette and encourage the flag being flown not only on holidays, but every day of the year.

In F., C., & L.,
Danny Wheeler, Chair
National Committee on Americanism and Education

Why I am Proud to be a Son of Union Veterans

When I became a member of the *Sons*, I felt a much greater kinship with my Civil War ancestor. Ideals that were part of my ancestor's life were made a greater passion in my life. The Order reawakened in me what it meant to be an American... to make personal sacrifices, to defend an idea, and to expect little if any reward in return. Through patriotic programs and traditions patterned after Grand Army rituals, I came to better know, appreciate, and honor my ancestor.

As a Son, I have also come to know many in the Order who have volunteered time and talent in preserving the memory of Union soldiers. Their standards of generosity and professionalism continue to serve as prime examples. Their friendship and leadership are to be valued.

For these reasons and more, I am proud to be a Son of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Stephen A. Michaels
C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1
Department of Wisconsin

Why the War of 1861 – 1865 is still Important

The Civil War was the result of a conflict between two different economic systems, The Industrial North and the Agrarian South.

The Industrial Revolution began in America after the Revolutionary War. Previous to that time the colonies traded agricultural crops, Cotton, Tobacco, Rum and other wares to England who would provide manufactured goods in exchange. The British would not let the Colonies engage in manufacturing as it would interfere with the basis of their trade.

The Industrial Revolution provided work for a great many people in a great many industries and trades. As a result the Northern farmers were lured away from the land to go to work in the factories. Those who had kept slaves had freed them since the need was no longer there. The South contended that its unique crops, Cotton and Tobacco, required vast plantations and numerous resident workers. The best source of workers of course was the Black slaves and they intended to keep them as they had for some 200 years.

Abraham Lincoln ran for the Presidency on the platform that slavery should be abolished in the United States. His opponent Stephen Douglas' preferred to let the separate states decide for themselves whether to permit slavery or not. The issue split the powerful Democratic Party and each faction ran its own candidate for President. As a result of the split vote Abraham Lincoln won the election. South Carolina immediately seceded from the Union and ten others followed soon after.

The Federal troops stationed in Ft. Moultrie in South Carolina moved to Ft. Sumter in the Harbor. The South considered this a threat and opened fire on a supply ship and the Fort itself resulting in the Fort's surrender. The North and South proceeded to arm their people and the first major engagement was the Battle of Bull Run, a victory for the South. From then on it was all-out War until finally coming to an end in 1865 with the surrender of the South.

Although the Union would be preserved the residents of the Southern states were forbidden to vote since they had participated in a rebellion. The period of Reconstruction was disastrous to the South for many years. The Slaves who were freed by Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation took advantage of their new-found freedom and took over civil offices in the South and further degraded the economic system there due to their inexperience in Government affairs. This situation would change in 1870 by the ratification of the XVth Amendment reinstating the right to vote for citizens regardless of race, creed, color or previous condition of servitude. It did not say "regardless of sex" so women did not get the right to vote in America until ratification of the XIX Amendment in 1920.

Why is that War still important to us today? In the first place we are able to enjoy a Government of the combined United States and an integration of a great many people into a common society which never would have happened prior to the Civil War. The mind—set of the colonists was that it was a predominantly white Protestant America and no one else mattered, Indians, Blacks, Asians, Mexicans, Spaniards, South Americans or any other religion.

We have come a long way since the days before the Civil War in our ability to resolve a great many problems, Ethnic, Economic, Suffrage, Education and Civil Rights. The Constitution and the Bill of Rights would finally apply to everyone in the country and not to selective people as it originally had been interpreted.

The people on both sides who fought the Civil War did so with the firm belief that their cause was right. In those days and under those unique circumstances involved with their way of life it is reasonable to assume that there was justification on both sides. However, the theory of justice and freedom for all would have to prevail in the long run anyway or else we could not hope to have achieved the position of esteem that we hold in this world today.

Although the Civil War divided our people and caused a great many casualties it would in the end bring our people together and in the process strengthen the Legislative, Administrative, and Judicial branches of our chosen Government so that the redress for grievances are more appropriately addressed in Congress and not on the Battlefield! The Revolutionary War had set us adrift from English rule but the Civil War molded a Nation and made us who we are today, "ONE NATION, INDIVISIBLE, WITH FREEDOM AND JUSTICE FOR ALL."

Calvin S. Grant
Camp #21, Department of Massachusetts
Badger, California

Report of the National Committee on Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

The 39th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by our Order with the active assistance of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and the Lincoln Deathday Association, Inc., recorded the attendance of some 53 organizations, which presented commemorative wreaths and 68 persons who gathered at the Lincoln Plaza Hotel for the luncheon following the rites.

At the ceremony brief addresses were given by Commander-in-Chief Harrison and by PCinC Chief William H. Upham, Jr., who represented the Commander-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion. Thomas L. W. Johnson presided at the ceremony and at the luncheon program.

The 114th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment assisted by the 24th Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment, under the coordination of Colonel Robert H. Graham, provided an honor guard and escorted the wreath-bearers. Ronald Clark, a member of the 24th Regiment, served as chaplain at both the ceremony and the luncheon. The colors of the Commander-in-Chief were present. Members of the 34th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment from the St. Louis area also took part with their colors. The Springfield Municipal Band provided appropriate musical selections throughout the ceremony.

At the luncheon, Dr. Wayne C. Temple, chief deputy director of the Illinois State Archives, spoke on some newly discovered aspects of Mr. Lincoln's a working draft of *The Gettysburg Address*.

Among the dignitaries present was Margaret Atkinson, National President of our Auxiliary, and Elizabeth B. Hammer, National President of the Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States. In addition, Elsie H. Gould, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps; Ruth Marie Funck, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and Ercelle Speaks, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, led their respective organizations in presenting wreaths. Also present were Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Alan Loomis, National Secretary David F. Wallace, Council of Administration Member Robert E. Grim, and David Turpin, National Personal Aide, Past Commanders-in-Chief Lowell V. Hammer and Elmer Atkinson accompanied their wives.

Departments that participated were Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Ohio, and Wisconsin and the Department of Wisconsin Auxiliary. Camps represented were C. K. Pier Badger Camp No 1, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Gen. John A. McClernand Camp #4, Springfield, Illinois; Gov. Henry A. Crapo Camp #145, Flint, Michigan; William T. Sherman-Billy Yank Camp # 65, St. Louis, Missouri; and Adm. David D. Porter Camp #116, Valparaiso, Indiana.

The ceremony received good media coverage again this year with two Springfield television channels covering the event for later news broadcasts. In addition, the *Illinois State Journal Register* carried an account of the ceremony.

For a complete account of the 1995 ceremony, your attention is invited to the Summer 1995 issue of the *Banner*.

Your committee takes pride in serving the National Organization in this manner and is very appreciative of the financial support and commitment so generously provided each year by our Order. Without that support and the financial backing of the Lincoln Deathday Association, Inc., the ceremony would not be what it has become. We also wish to acknowledge the volunteer efforts of Edward G. Pree and PNP Ellinore Johnson. Working together, we believe we have a quality ceremony in keeping with the significance of the occasion and at a modest cost.

In planning for the 1996 ceremony, your committee pledges to do all that it can to continue to contain its expenses, bearing in mind the core expenditures required for a ceremony of this kind. In anticipation of some invaluable assistance from the Lincoln Deathday Association, the following recommendation is made and submitted.

A complete accounting of the expenses incurred for the 1995 ceremony has been filed with the National Treasurer.

Recommendation

That the appropriation in the amount of \$400.00 be continued for the support of the 1996 ceremony so as to allow the development of a projected budget for the conduct of the observance. **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**

In F., C., & L.,
Robert H. Graham, Co-Chair
Thomas L.W. Johnson, Co-Chair
National Committee on Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committee

Report of the National Committee on Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day continues to be the biggest event of the year for SUVCW and SVR.

Our events start with the SVR Breakfast at 8:00 AM, followed by informal discussion of events and happenings.

The 10:30 Parade Briefing for Officers and Commanders sets the Order for parade and ceremonies, which, fortunately, remains fairly constant each year. The Parade forms at the Recreation Field and moves to Zeigler's Grove, on the Battlefield. The Troops advancing Battalion Front Formation for a Wreath-laying Ceremony and to hear the Gettysburg Address given by Abraham Lincoln (James Getty). This is followed by an indoor program an the Cyclorama Auditorium. Other units depart at this time for their own ceremonies throughout the battlefield.

The Pennsylvania Past Commanders and Past Presidents Dinner gives the SVR, SUVCW, Auxiliary, and LGAR members a chance to meet and greet.

The Grand Military Ball has to be limited to 800 tickets due to space. I start mailing tickets in July. The 28th Pennsylvania Band (SVR) plays for the Ball. We have a Dance master, and the dancers prefer the Virginia Reel, Polka, Waltz, and Schottische.

I wish to thank the committee members who make this event possible. William Little is co-chairman and handles permits, parade route, etc. Andy Waskie, Dick Smyser, and Tim Park organize the parade, Bud Atkinson is everywhere: organizing the speaker, printing etc.

The Dance Committee: Gen and Mrs. Richard Schlenker, Col and Mrs. Atkinson, Col and Mrs. Frank Foight, Major and Mrs. Clyde Hayner, Captain and Mrs. Richard Smyser, Sgt and Mrs. Tim Park, my wife, Janice, and myself. The Ladies arrange for the decorations and run the Ball. The serve as guides and crowd control

Others help as needed. The Cooperation is excellent. This event does much to advance the message of SUVCW and SVR.

Charles W. Corfman, PCinC
Co Chairman
National Committee on Remembrance Day Ceremony

Report of the National Committee on Fraternal Relations

The Fraternal Relations Committee to more efficiently interact with the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic as well as other associated Orders and Associations, assigned each of its members specific contacts with those groups. In that way, the members acted as a simple conduit, keeping the flow of information and the lines of communications interactive during the past year.

The committee functions in direct communication to ensure each of the Allied Orders were informed, along with other interested parties, in such activities as Commander-in-Chief Harrison's reception, Remembrance Day, the Lincoln Memorial Birthday ceremonies, to name a few. Additionally, this committee has been in contact with the Representative of the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in a sharing of goodwill and information.

It is with the sincerest of fraternal objectives that we encourage future interaction and the timely exchange of information along with invitations to the activities of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, not only with the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, but to all Civil War societies such as the Daughters of the Union, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, the Dames of the Loyal Legion, who share in similar goals and objectives as the SUVCW.

The social interaction and the exchange of information between the SUVCW and the SCV should likewise continue in mutually advancing joint objectives of both Orders to preserve a history of our united nation which so swiftly being lost in a modern world.

In F., C., & L.,
Gordon R. Bury II, PCinC, Chair
National Committee on Fraternal Relations

Report of the Special Committee on Blue/Gray 1999 Encampment Investigation

This has been an important year for the Special Blue/Gray 1999 Committee. A resolution was developed which was presented to the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) by Commander-in-Chief Harrison at the SCV National Reunion. A copy of the resolution is on file with the National Secretary. In summary, we extended an invitation to the SCV to join us in a joint activity in 1999 to commemorate the last Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and the last Reunion of the United Confederate Veterans (UCV). Informal communication had lead us to believe that this offer would be accepted in the spirit in which it was made and with the knowledge and belief that the two organizations have more common interests than areas of disagreement.

The Committee has also developed two other resolutions for consideration by the Encampment; also on file with the National Secretary. These resolutions request the Congress of the United States to authorize the United States Mint to issue one or more commemorative coins in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the last Encampment of the GAR and last Reunion of the UCV request the United States Postal Service to re-release the stamps issued for the last national meetings of the GAR and UCV. **The Encampment concurred with all three resolutions.**

In F., C., & L.,
Richard Orr, Chair
Special Committee on the Blue/Gray 1999 Encampment Investigation

A motion was made and seconded to discharge the Special Committee on the Blue/Gray 1999 Encampment Investigation and establish a special five year National Planning committee to work the Sons of Confederate Veterans on a 1999 Encampment. Membership on the shall be composed of no less than three but no more than five Brothers of the Order; motion passed.

Report of the Special Committee on Computer Software Standardization

(Report previously presented in the Banner)

Report of the Special Committee on GAR Memorial Foundation

(Verbal Report)

A motion was made and seconded to prepare a letter to Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service requesting change in status to a 501 (C)(1) organization; motion was tabled and referred to the National Counselor for review.

Report of the Special Committee on Real Sons and Daughters

It has been a pleasure to send certificates to “real sons and daughters” of Civil War veterans upon behalf of our Order. After more than 10 years of doing this project, it was a pleasant surprise to have our Order look officially upon this project as more than a hobby. We thank-you!

Below you shall find a list of widows and “Real Sons And Daughters Of Union And Confederate Veterans” that have been recognized this year. Unfortunately some have passed away.

Widows

- ◆ Daisy Anderson widow of Private Robert Ball Anderson - 125th US Colored Troops is alive and well. She lives in Denver, Colorado. She is a member of Auxiliary #41 in Ithaca and receives a widow's pension.
- ◆ This past April Mrs. Emily Brozel Rounkles died. A resident of Excelsior Springs, Missouri, she was the widow of Samuel P. Dinsmoor, who served with the 116th Ohio Volunteers. He built the famous Garden of Eden in Lucas, Kansas.
- ◆ Mrs. Alberta Martin, Elba, Alabama, is a Confederate widow. She is the widow of William Jasper Martin, a veteran of the 4th Alabama Infantry. She has informed me that she believes the other United Daughters of the Confederacy member in Virginia is also a Confederate widow.

Real Sons and Daughters

- ◆ Lena Leota Atwater Miller, N. Little Rock Arkansas. Daughter of Charles I. Atwater, Company B., 9th Minnesota Volunteers.
- ◆ Ruth Harvey, Phoenix, Maryland and Mrs. Charles W. Crane, Lansdowne, Maryland. Daughters of Private J.W. Beaver, Company D., 5th Battalion Virginia Reserve Cavalry. They have five more siblings.
- ◆ Ethel Raley, Leonardtown, Maryland. Daughter of Daniel Hammett, 2nd Maryland Artillery, CSA.
- ◆ Minerva Melar Christensen, Mutali, Oklahoma. Daughter of Henry Clay Moler, Company H, 12th Missouri Cavalry. DUVCW.
- ◆ Josie Mosely Peters, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Daughter of John Moseley, Company I., 3rd Wisconsin Cavalry. DUVCW.
- ◆ Jacob A. Garvini Wagneri, South Carolina. Son of Jacob Garvini, 20th South Carolina Volunteers. SCV.
- ◆ Emma Milling, Greenwood, South Carolina. Daughter of James A. Milling, 5th South Carolina Volunteers.
- ◆ Lidia Blackstones, Ruth Kouros, and Florence Podgurski (%David Lambert, 1108 West St. Stoneghton. Massachusetts 02072). Daughters of Alfred Crowd, 5th Massachusetts Cavalry.
- ◆ Albert Hartman, Franklin, West Virginia. Son of Jobs Harthan, Company C., 62nd Virginia Mounted Infantry.

- ◆ Bonnie Hardin. Daughter of Dr. David Harding, Company B., 41st Alabama Infantry. SCV.
- ◆ William A. Adams. Son of William A. Adams, Company A., Hodges Mississippi Reserve Forces. SVC
- ◆ Mertice Pickle Ray, Columbia, Mississippi. Daughter of Jacob Pickle, 24th Mississippi Infantry.
- ◆ Grace Hardy Ward and Jennie Gray Hosford, Alvini Texas. Daughters of Edward Graland Ward, Company I., 5th Texas Cavalry.
- ◆ Sophie Stephens. Daughter of John Walter Kennedy, South Carolina Boykins Squadron State Cavalry.
- ◆ Louis Goldman, Houston, Texas. Son of Thomas Jefferson Goldman, 44th Georgia Infantry.
- ◆ Eula Bell Russell, Pulaski, Tennessee. Daughter of James A. Tatum. Company K., 10th Alabama Cavalry.
- ◆ George T. Russell, Columbia, Tennessee. Son of James A. Tatum, Company K., 10th Alabama Cavalry.
- ◆ Elverlina Rucker, Nashville, Tennessee. Daughter of Rev. Peter Vetress, 6th Kentucky Cavalry.
- ◆ Bertha Griffin, Nashville, Tennessee. Daughter of Rev. Peter Vetress, 6th Kentucky Cavalry.
- ◆ Lillie Odom Gallatin, Tennessee. Daughter of Rev. Peter Vetress, 6th Kentucky Cavalry.
- ◆ Fayola Payne, Gallatin, Tennessee. Daughter of Edwin Sanders Payne, Company C., 7th Tennessee Cavalry. Receives a UDC pension.
- ◆ Emily J. Stevens, Omaha, Nebraska. Daughter of S.P. Dinsmoor, Company B., 116th Ohio Volunteers.
- ◆ Col. John W. Dinsmoor, USAF (Ret), Aurora, Colorado. Son of S.P. Dinsmoor, Company B., 116th Ohio Volunteers.
- ◆ George H. Darley, Jacksonville, Florida. Son Of Benjamin Darley, Company K. 2nd Illinois Artillery.
- ◆ Lynford Voorheis, Friendship, New York. Son of Edwin Voorheis, 136th New York. SUVCW.
- ◆ Annie Beaslev, Wallace, North Carolina. Daughter of Lyman Beasley, Company I., 183rd New York Volunteers.
- ◆ Ethel Hills Hilligas, Friendship, New York. Daughter of Alfred Hills, Company B., 179th New York. DUVCW
- ◆ Hugh D. McCormick, Front Royal, Virginia. Son of William McCormick, 38th Virginia Infantry, CSA
- ◆ Thyne C. Labanta, PDC, Clarklake, Michigan. Son of Derick Banta, Company F., 76th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. SUVCW
- ◆ L. H. Orebaugh, Traverse City, Michigan. Son of Alfred Orebaugh, Company K., 27th Ohio Infantry (Principal Music in Company E., 91st Ohio Volunteer Infantry. WWI Veteran.
- ◆ Allen Nelson, Sanford, Florida. Son of George Nelson, 2nd Vermont Volunteers. Attended with Father the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. SUVCW
- ◆ William H. Upham. Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Son Of William Upham, Sr., Company F., 2nd Wisconsin Volunteers. SUVCW, PCinC – MOLLUS.
- ◆ Fred Upham, Fort Collins, Colorado. , Son Of William Upham, Sr., Company F., 2nd Wisconsin Volunteers.
- ◆ James Fitz Sullivan, Holiday, Florida. Son of James P. Sullivan, Company K., 6th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. SUVCW
- ◆ Sammie D. Mason, Athens, Alabama. Daughter of John Jackson Dawson, 110th US Colored Troop. Auxiliary #41
- ◆ Ira E. Hicks. New Canaan, Connecticut. Son of Ira E. Hicks, a MOLLUS member and therefore a Civil War officer)
- ◆ Susan Shelton, Chicago. Illinois. Daughter of Andrew Jackson Smith, Company B., 55th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. DUVCW.
- ◆ Caruth Smith Washington, Las Vegas, Nevada. Daughter of Andrew Jackson Smith, Company B., 55th Massachusetts Volunteers. DUVCW

- ◆ Helen Wallace, Terrell, Texas. Daughter of Edgar Mayhew Johnson, Company K., 18th Maine Infantry. DUVCW.
- ◆ Zelma Straders, Argonia, Kansas. Daughter of James Monroe Fulton, Company F., Illinois Infantry. DUVCW.
- ◆ Florence Schaublin, Worthington, Ohio. Daughter of Samuel Fletcher, Co 0., 136th Pennsylvania Volunteers. DUVCW
- ◆ Dorothy Kern, Indianapolis, Indiana. Daughter of George Kern, Company A., Virginia Infantry. DUVCW
- ◆ Gladys Grim, Lancaster, Ohio. Daughter of Joseph Grimm, Company I., 17th Ohio Infantry. DUVCW
- ◆ Alma Parker, Tacoma, Washington. Daughter of Tilley G. Sanford, Company D., 2nd Iowa Volunteer Cavalry. DUVCW.
- ◆ Doris Wheelock Oveson, Northfield, Minnesota. Daughter of Lafayette Wheelock, Company I., 4th Wisconsin Infantry. DUVCW
- ◆ Ruth Norris, Lincoln, Nebraska. Daughter of Seth Eskridge, Company C., 29th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. DUVCW
- ◆ Helen Miller, Middleport, Ohio. Daughter of William Leroy Maguire, 7th Ohio Light Artillery. DUVCW
- ◆ Nora McComb, Town City Terrace, Oregon. Daughter of John A. Randolph. Company C., 40th Wisconsin Volunteers. DUVCW.
- ◆ Helen McCollum, Wellfleet, Nebraska. Daughter of Austin Baily, Company H., 17th Illinois Infantry. DUVCW
- ◆ Rhea R. McCandless, Topeka, Kansas. Daughter of Robert R. McCandless, 110th Ohio Volunteers. DUVCW
- ◆ Alveeta March, Franklinton, Pennsylvania. Daughter of Michael Sloan, Company G., 5th Maryland Infantry. DUVCW.
- ◆ Mary Linhardt, Lincoln, Nebraska. Daughter of David Linhardt, Company G., 74th Illinois Infantry. DUVCW.
- ◆ Lillian Lamont, Louisville, Kentucky. Daughter of Theodore Habich, Company F., 34th Kentucky Infantry. DUVCW
- ◆ Florence Kinder, Bourbonnais, Illinois. Daughter of Alfred Crouch, USS Tyler. DUVCW
- ◆ Melvina Keeler, Oberlin, Ohio. Daughter of George H Summers, Company A., 4th Wisconsin Cavalry. DUVCW.
- ◆ Beall Hollabaugh, Mclean, Virginia. Daughter of James Rhodes Holstein, Company G., 11th Virginia Infantry. DUVCW
- ◆ Harry Heron, Oakville, Ontario, Canada. Sons of Charles Hammer, 124th Ohio Volunteer Infantry.
- ◆ Charlotte Ayres, Wyckoff, New Jersey. Daughter of Charles Hammer, 124th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. DUVCW.
- ◆ Jennie Benbrook, Lakewood, California. Daughter of Joseph Bellmard, Kansas Cavalry. Native American, DUVCW.
- ◆ Bessie Brunner, Vancouver, Washington. Daughter of Charles Willis, Company C., 25th Ohio Volunteers. DUVCW.
- ◆ Irene Bush, Riverside, California. Daughter of Charles Bickford, Company B., 1st Battery Maine Artillery. DUVCW.
- ◆ June Carpenter, Lafayette, Indiana. Daughter of William Robertson, Company A., 155th Indiana Volunteer. DUVCW.
- ◆ Emeline Convers, Eugene, Oregon. Daughter of Martin Baker, Company A., 11th Kansas Cavalry. DUVCW.
- ◆ Olive Cook, Tacoma, Washington. Daughter of James Ellison, Company I., 47th Iowa Volunteers.
- ◆ Opal Crume, Kokomo, Indiana. Daughter of Alexander Hall, 164th Indiana Light Artillery. DUVCW
- ◆ Fanny Farmhols, Avon, Illinois. Daughter of William Hawkins, Company A., 34th Ohio

- Infantry. DUVCW.
- ◆ Lottie Finley, Clear Creek, Indiana. Daughter of Mitchell Finley, Company F., 82nd Indiana Volunteers. DUVCW.
 - ◆ Ruth W. Flynn, New Albany, Indiana. Daughter of Joseph Wiseman, Company D., 13th Indiana Cavalry. DUVCW.
 - ◆ Grace Marchion, Washington. D.C. Daughter of Thomas Marchion, Company B., 9th Wisconsin Volunteers.. DUVCW PDP.
 - ◆ Ruth J. Grubenhoff, Grove City, Ohio. Daughter of Daniel Diefenderfer, Company F., 31st Ohio Volunteers. DUVCW.
 - ◆ Corwin T. Henkins, Seneca, Missouri. Son of Abraham Henkins, Company H., Valentine's 44th Regiment of Infantry, US Army.
 - ◆ Malcolm Chambers, Redlands, California. Daughter of Arthur Montgomery Pelton, Medical Cadet US Army.
 - ◆ Goldie Grace Lyons, Westlake, Ohio. Daughter of Mathias Nessitt, 30th Indiana Volunteers. One hundred years old.
 - ◆ Margaret Nero, Rome, New York. Daughter of Charles Covell, 81st New York Volunteers.
 - ◆ John B. Cobb, E. Tawas, Michigan. No further information.
 - ◆ Ty Cobb, E. Tawas, Michigan. No further information.
 - ◆ Sonya and Tanya Witt, West Palm Beach, Florida. Nieces of John Musgrove, 25th Iowa Volunteers. WRC.
 - ◆ Edith Snowden and Gladys Norman, Waukesha, Wisconsin. Daughters of Elijah T. McPherso, Company K., 14th Kansas Cavalry.
 - ◆ Clara Schrodtt, Watertown, New York. Daughter of Zimrod Merriam, 94th New York Volunteers.
 - ◆ Horace Rumsey Waterloo, New York. Son of Horace Rumsey, 148th New York Volunteers.
 - ◆ Bertha Hills Durfee, Elmira, New York. Daughter of Thomas Hills, 45th Pennsylvania Volunteers.
 - ◆ David Hills, Tioga, Pennsylvania. Son of Thomas Hills, 45th Pennsylvania Volunteers.
 - ◆ Gladys Bissell, Warren, Vermont. Daughter of Dean Faucetti, Company E., 1st Vermont Cavalry. LGAR and Auxiliary.
 - ◆ Eleda Scribner, Randolph, Vermont. Daughter of Dean Faucetti, Company E., 1st Vermont Cavalry.
 - ◆ Dale Collier, Tiffin, Ohio. Son of Harry Judd Collier, Company F., 140th Infantry. Life member SUVCW.
 - ◆ Frances Campbell, Duluth, Minnesota. Daughter of Albert Woolson, Company C., 1st Minnesota Heavy Artillery.
 - ◆ Mrs. John Kosus, Duluth, Minnesota. Daughter of Albert Woolson, Company C., 1st Minnesota Heavy Artillery.
 - ◆ John Hottenstein, Grandview, Missouri. Son of Justin Hottenstein, 20th Illinois Infantry.
 - ◆ Lawrence Dutcher, New Paltz, New York. Son of Hiram Dutcher, 184th New York Volunteers. SUVCW.
 - ◆ Desmond Dutcher, Oswego, New York. Son of Hiram Dutcher, 184th New York Volunteers. SUVCW and is a WWII and Viet Nam Veteran.
 - ◆ Thora McCauley Kron, Doniphan, Missouri. Daughter of J.R. McCauley, 15th Missouri Cavalry.
 - ◆ Joseph E. Stump, Lebanon, Kansas. Son of Henry B. Stump, Company B., 2nd Missouri Cavalry and Company M., 12th Illinois Infantry. SUVCW.
 - ◆ John Brandon, Albea, Iowa. Son of John Brandon, Company A., 6th Wisconsin Infantry. SUVCW
 - ◆ Jake A. Thompson, Ottumwa, Iowa. Son of Alester D. Thompson, Company A., 182nd Ohio Infantry.
 - ◆ Elmer C. Thompson. Ottumwa, Iowa. Son of Alester D. Thompson, Company A., 182nd Ohio Infantry. SUVCW.

- ◆ Frank P Abraham, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Son of Lot Abraham, Company O., 4th Iowa Volunteers. SUVCW
- ◆ Leonard J. Doyal, Jr., Albany, Georgia. Son of Leonard Doya, 53rd Regiment Georgia Volunteer. SCV Commander-in-Chief.

There are over 100 names above. Without a doubt I have neglected some names. Maybe in the near future a list can be put in the *Banner* again.

There are two deaths of sons of Confederate Veterans I would like to mention. The first is Robert L.F. Sikes, son of Benjamin F. Sikes, 2nd Georgia Volunteer Infantry. He was one of our sponsors for a Congressional Charter in 1956. Our Order owes him a big thank you.

Second is WWI veteran William Henry Philpot, son of Capt. William Henry Philpot, Company B., 61st Alabama Infantry. He wrote a book about his father's life and prefaced with the saying, *I loved my father as son should love his father and respected him as one man should another.*

Recommendation

Recommend that this special committee be continued and include members from the other Allied Orders. **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**

In F., C., & L.,
 Jerry Orton, Chair
 Special Committee on Real Sons and Daughters

Report of the Special Committee on National Headquarters Fund

The idea of a Headquarters for the SUVCW is something new at this late date in our history. Whether it be an office building of our own or a group suite of offices to function as a Headquarters, the idea sounds great on the surface, but we need to review a bit of history of the SUVCW.

Back in 1941 when I joined Ruhl Camp #33, York, Pennsylvania, the National Headquarters was the office address of National Secretary-Treasurer Horace H. Hammer in the Colonial Trust Building in Reading, Pennsylvania, for which the National Organization paid the sum of \$420.00 per year rent. His paid salary was \$1,604.80, not including FICA and withholding tax. The membership was 17,117 members, annual Per Capita Tax was \$0.40 per year. Our total assets were \$6,466. He served that of office for nearly 43 years. A stenographer was always hired for taking the Proceedings at the National Encampment. Afterward, they were typed and reviewed before the printed and distributed. By the way, the lady is still with us and a PNP of the DUVCW. Of course the other official address for Headquarters was the address of the Commander-in-Chief.

In 1948, Secretary-Treasurer Hammer died. PCinC Leroy Stoudt would tell one and all that PCinC Albert C. Lambert of Trenton, New Jersey solicited the National Secretary-

Treasurer job for less money. Al Lambert was National Secretary-Treasurer for a while, *Banner* Editor and a "jack of all trades" for the SUVCW. After 15 years on the job, he retired on Mar. 31, 1964. Al Lambert's salary was only \$1,200 per year. Membership was down to 4,000. Twenty years earlier we had 17,117 members. We were richer in 1964 but had less members.

I can never remember over the years of ever having the idea carried forth from year to year by various National Officers to encourage the general membership to provide any money, trust funds or endowments to the SUVCW upon a member's death. Camps and Departments fell down on the job, also. No ideas for a National Headquarters was every in any persons long-range plans for the future, to my knowledge. We have had members who claimed a million dollars worth of loyalty and devotion to the SUVCW, but never left the organization any money upon their death.

If we want a National Headquarters, there must be a program to raise funds. We will have to educate our membership to giving funds for such a project. It is recommended that the *Report of the National Aide for Fund Development* by Brother Glenn Knight of Lancaster, Pennsylvania and turned in at last year's Encampment to then Commander-in-Chief Allen W. Moore, be used as a guideline to get the project started.

The Committee's first Quarterly Report outlined a Fund Raising Plan to raise \$249,500 over a five-year period. The program to raise the funds could be done in two years, I believe.

You may wonder what are some other organizations are doing and the costs of their Headquarter's operation. The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) maintain their National Headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky. Their office staff consists of an Executive Secretary, Librarian, Genealogist, Merchandise Manager and three other persons. Operating on a five-day work week. For the year ending March 31, 1992, the Annual Operating expenses were \$427,950. Salary expense alone was \$144,000. Their budget projection for the year ending March 31, 1997 is \$635,100. Need I say anymore about the SAR financial costs and operating expenses.

Now lets look at cost figures for the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS). They maintain a National Headquarters at 1805 Pine Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This is a three-way operation, namely the Loyal Legion Library and Museum, the Headquarters for the MOLLUS Commandery-in-Chief, and the Headquarters for the Pennsylvania Commandery of MOLLUS. Without getting into the three-way division of expenses, a Recorder in-Chief (MOLLUS) works part time in a five-day work week and salaried at \$4,800 per year.

The Library and Museum has a paid Curator, administrative assistant, and clerical assistant. Many volunteers do much of the other work. Annual combined operational costs for the three units is well over \$100,000 plus. My grateful thanks to PCinC Lowell V. Hammer for this information. With declining income and a land locked location on a narrow one way street near the downtown area of Philadelphia and with no room to

expand, their future does not look encouraging. We, 30 of us, were impressed on Saturday, March 25, 1994, when we toured the Loyal Legion Library and Museum.

Now, lets move on to Philadelphia. The GAR Museum and Library is generally a weekend operation and maybe some type of meeting on several evenings monthly. All work is done by volunteers. The Philadelphia Camp, Anna Ross Camp #1 and Auxiliary, are to be commended on the job done so far to their old Headquarters building and the Museum and Library as it now exists.

Their location site is in an old neighborhood in the Frankford Area of northeastern Philadelphia. Over a period of 20 years, more or less, I have been to this Griscom Street building seven or eight times. Our York Camp sponsored bus trip on Saturday, March 25, 1995. Only 24 of the 30 persons had never been to Griscom Street GAR Museum and Library. Presently, the building is full or near full capacity.

One member posed the following, the only way the SUVCW might be able to afford a National Headquarters is through the rental of shared space in an existing installation. Would the GAR Museum and Library have space. I would say no! For them to cut-up their big room and make office space would louse-up their whole standing with the Historical Commission and they would lose any future grant monies.

Our only figures on costs are for the utilities only. Many dollars have been spent over some time. Also, at present five-day a week operation would not be profitable. The volume of visitors is not that large.

The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (DUVCW) has their National Headquarters in Springfield, Illinois. As I recall, it is a single family type house, out from the center of town. It is a five-day a week operation, averaging maybe 100 visitors a month.

Until the last year, the National Treasurer was a full time resident at the Headquarters and received a monthly allowance, plus her National Treasurer allotment. However, now the DUVCW has found that not every National Treasurer wants to leave her established home and move to their National Headquarters.

My contact for this could not say that a full resident person has been hired to fulfill this position, as of the third week in June. I did not press her for salary data either. Knowing this lady, as I do, I left it go without any answer. Their annual operating cost for the 1991-1992 was \$8,900. Allowing for inflation, their 1994-1995 cost might be \$10,000. The hiring of a fulltime person at the Headquarters could raise that amount considerably.

Back in 1992, they received an amount of \$37,264 from the estate of Bertha Robbins. Money was placed into a money market fund account for the National Headquarters. Did any of our deceased members ever leave the SUVCW \$37,000 or more dollars? Just thought I would make mention of it! Presently, I know of only three PCinCs that willed any money to the SUVCW. C. Leroy Stoudt gave money to the Pennsylvania Department

Sons and Auxiliary, in memory of his late wife Anna, before he died. General U.S. Grant, III gave some money over several years and some money after his death. And within the last year or so we received money from Cleon E. Heald.

The Women's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the GAR maintains a National Headquarters in Springfield, also. I have never been there. A letter under the date of May 16, 1995 was sent to Mrs. Elsie M. Gould, National President, with a stamped and addressed envelope and a picture I took of her last November in Gettysburg. To date, as I am typing this part of the report, no reply has been received from her. On July 19th, a letter from Mrs. Gould was received. I quote from the letter.

As you know our Grand Army Memorial Museum is located at 629 South 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois. It is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 P.M or by special arrangements with our Museum caretaker.

We estimate the monthly operating expense totals approximately \$500. We do not pay taxes for we have an exempt status.

We do not charge a fee, but visitors usually leave a donation. The only merchandise we sell are booklets and this August we will add a Museum Cookbook"

If we are going to have a National Headquarters, some decisions must be addressed before getting started. Do we want:

1. A place to handle all and/or only part of the day-to-day operations for the SUVCW?
2. All of item 1, plus a store for the sale of badges and other supplies for the Departments and Camps. If we have visitors, do we want to sell merchandise to the public?
3. All of items 1 and 2, plus having a museum and library for visitors?
4. What amount of square feet of floor space would be required for the several options above?

I wanted some other person's thoughts and comments on these vital questions. Under the date of May 18th a letter addressed to National Secretary David F. Wallace and National Treasurer Richard Orr was mailed, asking them for their ideas on the above questions. A copy was also sent to Commander-in-Chief Harrison. To my great surprise, no answer was received from either of the two Brothers. However, I am in receipt of a copy of a letter by Richard Orr to Commander-in-Chief Harrison about data submitted in an earlier Quarterly Report by this Committee:

Possible locations of a National Headquarters site, consideration was given to the following areas.

A geographical location, using all connecting Departments from Maine to Wisconsin to Maryland-Delaware. The geographical center would be in Western New York. Not recommended.

Springfield, Illinois as a site. The Daughters and the Relief Corps are there. This is Lincoln country and some ties to the G.A.R. Would the appeal be there for Civil War buffs be enough to justify locating there?

Four cities popular for GAR and Sons of Veterans National Encampments were Columbus, Ohio, Iowa, Grand Rapids, Michigan and Indianapolis, Indiana. No other compelling reason can be given, to locate at these four sites.

Pittsburgh, Home of Major A. P. Davis, founder of the Order. Would this site be a magnet to attract visitors?

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Where the first "cadet corps" was formed as a unit, attached to GAR Posts. As I have stated earlier the present GAR Museum and Library has no room for a HQ offices.

Gettysburg I can think of several reasons why Gettysburg should not be chosen as a National HQ site! There are now plenty of museums, mini-museums, dioramas, military displays, electric maps, gift and various curio stores. Most of these enterprises are operating on a seven-day work week. Nearly all of the choice locations are taken. And, the present Gettysburg Camp membership would not enhance our operation. About 15 - 20 years back Gettysburg Camp #112 had the largest membership in the Pennsylvania Department. Most members were out-of-towners who wanted to belong at Gettysburg. They lived in many states outside of Pennsylvania. Their membership did the Camp no good locally.

Good reasons for a National Headquarters site at Gettysburg. Prestige location in a well-known Civil War town. One of the highest tourist attendance areas in Pennsylvania. As the late PCinC Shriver use to say in the 1960's, having the National Secretary-Treasurer Headquarters at P.O. Box 24, Gettysburg added class to the organization. In the month of November, more of our members go to this place, than we even get at our National Encampment. A good place to recruit new members.

In conclusion, the following requirements need to be addressed:

1. Rent, lease, or buy a Headquarters after location site is determined.
2. Area of square feet required for a minimum acceptable size for our use.

3. Size of staff for a startup operation.
4. Should the five day work week be followed, or a longer workweek.
5. What office equipment would be required for operation and how much communication equipment would we start off with?
6. We must secure short-term and long-term financing for the annual costs of operation.
7. Hire professional counsel for fund raising.
8. We will need a “jack of all trades” committee to do this work. A National Headquarters will not come about in two or three years; more likely four, five or six years.

Recommendations

1. Recommend that a special National committee be appointed by the in-coming Commander-in-Chief, consisting of five members, to investigate and find professional counsel and advice to achieve the goal of a National Headquarters for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Said Committee to operate under the Regulations and make annual reports to the Council of Administration and National Encampment(s). **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**
2. Recommend that funds be appropriated of not less than \$3,000.00 for use by the special committee in fulfillment of its charge. **A motion was made and seconded to table this recommendation; motion passed.**

In F., C., & L.,
Ivan E. Frantz, Sr. Chair
Clyde Hayner Sr.
Stephen Killian
Special National Committee on National Headquarters Fund

Encampment Committees

Officers Report

A motion was made and seconded to address ad seriatim all officer recommendations, with the exception of recommendations proposing amendments to the Constitution and Regulations which require a 2/3 votes; motion passed.

Commander-in-Chief Recommendations

- A. Recommend continuation of the following programs or activities:
1. Computerization of the Order's inventory of records. **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**
 2. Continuation of Order's 1994/1995 Special National Committees with the exceptions of the Computer Software Standardization and Blue/Gary 1999 Encampment Investigation Committees, which finished their tasks in March and July, of this year, respectively. **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**
- B. Recommend adoption by the National Encampment of the following programs or activities:
1. Creation of a Special (not Standing) National Blue/Gray 1999 Encampment PLANNING Committee be created for a period of six years for the purpose of overseeing all special activities for the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Grand Army of the Republic. The Committee would present its final report at the year 2000 National Encampment **(This recommendation was already addressed).**
 2. National Registrations Graves Registration Computerization Program to be presented by the National Graves Registration Standing Committee at this Encampment. **(This recommendation was already addressed).**
 3. Eagle Scout Recognition Program through the Quartermaster's Office. **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**
 4. Creation of a Special (not Standing) National Committee on Communications Technology to ensure coordination and the most efficient and advantageous use by the Order of the modern electronic communications modalities. The activities of the committee would include:
 - a. Development and periodic update of a list of Brothers on e-mail,
 - b. Development of a relatively maintenance-free recruiting home page for use by potential applicants seeking information about the Order and its Allied Orders, and
 - c. Development of an interactive electronic site on the world wide web and other electronic sites for the exchange of information.**The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**
 5. Subject to budget constraints and concurrence by the Council of Administration, financial support for commercial electronic mail service (American OnLine, Prodigy, CompuServe, etc.) for Brothers holding the offices of Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer, and *Banner* Editor who do not already subscribe to such a

service (Approximate Annual Maximum Cost, \$900/year). **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**

6. Subject to budget constraints and concurrence by the Council of Administration, purchase of laptop or desktop computer for use by the Order. **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**

C. Implementation of adopted programs by previous National Encampments:

1. Initiation of 800 telephone number for recruiting. **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**

2. Update of Ritual and Ceremonials by National Standing Committee on Program and Policy. **The Encampment concurred with this recommendation with referral to the National Committee on Program and Policy.**

3. Indexing of Constitution and Regulations by National Standing Committee on Constitution and Regulations. **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation with referral to the National Committee on Constitution and Regulations.**

4. Annual Printing in the *Banner* of Department Commanders', Junior Vice Commanders' and Secretaries' telephone numbers (and where possible e-mail addresses). **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Recommendations

A. An ad hoc committee be appointed to study the feasibility of restructuring the quarterly per capita tax procedure to allow reporting of per capita tax only once or twice per year. **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**

B. A study be made into the benefits and practicality of establishing a national number for all members of the Order. **A motion was made and seconded that a one-year term Special National Committee be created to investigate the issue.**

C. Consideration should be given to contracting with an individual to hold the position of Executive Director who would then be the National Headquarters. If this person was contracted rather than being hired as an employee, the Order would not be obligated pay all fringe benefits, etc. This type of system is currently being used by the Sons of Confederate Veterans. This system would eliminate the need for a structure as a National Headquarters. **A motion was made and seconded that a fact finding Special National Committee for Headquarters Staffing be formed; motion passed.**

D. Explore Richard Williams' plan of assigning a national number for members of the SUVCW along with obtaining the unique number assigned each veteran by the

National Park Service and place the same in our data base so that members ancestors can be located when needed. **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**

- E. That the position of National Personal Aide be renamed to Aide de Camp. **The Encampment concurred to refer this to the Encampment Committee on Constitution and Regulations.**
- F. That a member data form be printed in next issue of the *Banner*. **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**
- G. That Scholarship information be forwarded to future applicants. **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**
- H. That the *Banner* staff be approved consisting of Editor, Assistant Editor and Advertising Editor **(This portion of recommendation was already addressed)**, to allow for selected advertising and that Gregory Hayes be named Editor, Paul Huff be named Assistant Editor and Danny Wheeler be named Advertising Editor. **The Encampment concurred to refer the remainder of this recommendation to the 1995/96 National Council of Administration.**

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Recommendations

- A. Recommend that the following codes be used with the appropriate magazine advertisements in our future membership advertising. **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**

<i>Civil War Times Illustrated</i>	Dept. CWT
<i>America's Civil War</i>	Dept. ACW
<i>Military History</i>	Dept. MU
<i>Vietnam</i>	Dept. V
<i>Civil War News</i>	Dept. CWN
<i>Blue and Gray</i>	Dept. BG
<i>The Courier</i>	Dept. TC
<i>Confederate Veteran</i>	Dept. CV
<i>Camp Chase Gazette</i>	Dept. CCG
<i>American History Illustrated</i>	Dept. ANT

- B. Recommend that the membership information (membership pamphlet membership application, etc.) that is sent to prospective members be adapted to a cyberspace format so that it can be transmitted by electronic mail and downloaded by the prospective member. **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**
- C. Recommend that future Junior Vice Commander-in-Chiefs be given the opportunity to recommend a National Aide or Aides to the Commander-in-Chief for the purpose of assisting him in responding to membership contacts. The National Aide or Aides

would then be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief for the above stated purpose. **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**

National Secretary Recommendations

- A. Consideration should be given toward the purchase of a personal computer or laptop computer, software and printer for use by the National Organization (**This recommendation was already addressed**).
- B. Consideration should be given toward determining ways to improve membership retention. This could be an assignment for the National Committee on Membership as outlined in the *Job Descriptions*. **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**
- C. Consideration should be given toward providing the Membership-at-Large Coordinator with an overrun of *Banner's* at each publication, the number to be determined by his Office and the *Banner* Managing Editor. Often, our publication is the only contact that a Member-at-Large has with our Order. Providing a *Banner* as part of the initial membership package helps to cement the relationship. **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**
- D. Consideration should be given toward setting up an independent account for the National Quartermaster to purchase supplies and help to ensure the timely delivery of orders to Brothers, Camps and Departments. This would be similar to that of the National Membership-a-Large Coordinator. **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**
- E. Consideration should be given toward a suitable recognition of the efforts of Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard C. Schlenker, for his development and publication of his *Collection of Notations* of the past Encampments of our Order. This has been a valuable reference tool while working on the compilation of the past Proceedings. **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**

National Treasurer Recommendations

- A. Recommend that we reaffirm the action of the Council of Administration and offer to include information and the contact person for the Auxiliary in selected recruiting advertisements during the 1995-1996 year. The specific publications to be determined by the officers of the Auxiliary and SUVCW who are responsible for managing the respective recruitment programs. All costs of these joint advertisements will be borne by the SUVCW. **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**
- B. Recommend that \$12,214.03 in short-term investments (Vanguard mutual funds) be transferred to the National Headquarters Fund. **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**

- C. Recommend that \$15,168.65 in reserve general funds be transferred to the National Headquarters Fund. **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**
- D. Recommend that \$10,000.00 in reserve general funds be transferred to the GAR Fund. **A motion was made and seconded to adhere to the National Treasurer's recommendation; motion passed.**
- E. Recommend that we relieve the National Patriotic Instructor of all fund raising responsibilities so that he may concentrate all his efforts on inculcating patriotism among the Brothers and among the American people. **A motion was made and seconded to relieve the National Patriotic Instructor of all fund raising responsibilities; motion passed.**

National Quartermaster Recommendations

- A. That National Quartermaster be made a full member of the Council of Administration with voting rights (**This recommendation was already addressed**).
- B. That a special award be given to Oliver Tilden Camp for its annual commemoration of the birthday of General Ulysses S. Grant at the National Monument, New York City. **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**
- C. That the National Organization contributes the sum of \$50.00 to Tilden Camp for a wreath to be placed in the name of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War each year. **A motion was made and seconded to concur with the recommendation but to contribute annually \$75.00 rather than \$50.00; motion passed.**

Life Membership Coordinator Recommendation

Recommend that a special National committee of three Brothers knowledgeable in actuarial matters be established to study our life membership fee structure and make any recommendations for any changes necessary to place this on sound financial basis. **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**

National Patriotic Instructor Recommendation

Recommend that we always have a pledge form in each *Banner*, not just once or twice during the year. This will make the job easier for our next Patriotic Instructor and save money on donation slips. **A motion was made and seconded to put fund raising pledge forms into the *Banner*; motion passed.**

National Historian Recommendations

- A. That the incoming Commander-in-Chief assigns a committee to find a new facility in which to store our records. If something is not done soon, we will not have any records to save. **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**

- B. That an inventory be taken of all material in storage at Carlisle Barracks, so we know what we actually have. **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation**
- C. That the National Organization purchase several copies of the History Book, to be given to, but not limited to, National Headquarters, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; National Headquarters, Womans Relief Corps, National Organization, Auxiliary to SUVCW, National Organization, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; the Library of Congress; one copy to remain the property of the Commander-in-Chief; and any others that the Council of Administration deems proper. **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**

A motion was made and seconded to also inventory the Massachusetts Department storage facility; motion passed.

GAR Highway Officer Recommendation

Recommend that each department where Route 6 travels appoint their highway officer for a two-year term instead of one-year. **The Encampment concurred to refer this to the Encampment Committee on Constitution and Regulations.**

Banner Editor Recommendations

- A. Recommend that the *Banner* be mailed at a second class rate. **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**
- B. Recommend that the *Banner* include classified advertisements from members of the Order only. The rate for these would be \$5.00 per ad per issue, with a maximum of 30 words. **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**
- C. Member-at-Large Coordinator. I would suggest that an additional 75 copies of each issue be printed and given to the MAL Coordinator for distribution to new members as he sees fit. **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**
- D. Recommend that 150 additional copies above the total number of members at the deadline date for each issue be printed. **A motion was made and seconded to refer this to the 1995/96 National Council of Administration; motion passed.**
- E. Recommend that the Order provide no complementary subscriptions. **The Encampment did not concur with this recommendation.**
- F. Recommend that the positions of Assistant Editor and Advertising Editor be designated at National Officer positions and filled by the customary method (appointment by the Council of Administration **(This recommendation was already addressed)**).
- G. Recommend the *Banner* be published on a quarterly basis - Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter, with a maximum page content of 24 pages and that a 100th Anniversary issue of the *Banner* be published in 1996 **(A motion was made and seconded to refer this portion of the recommendation to the 1995/96 National Council of**

Administration; motion passed). Recommend that at the National Encampment an award be given for the best article contributed to the *Banner* during the preceding year as selected by the *Banner* committee (**A motion was made and seconded to concur this portion of the recommendation; motion passed**).

National Member List Coordinator Recommendation

Recommend that Department Secretaries to also report quarterly address changes to the National Secretary. **The Encampment concurred with the recommendation.**

National Membership-at-Large Coordinator Recommendation

- A. Recommend that the an additional 50 *Banner* issues made available to the National Membership-at-Large Coordinator for use with new applicants (**This recommendation was already addressed**).
- B. Recommend the use of a new form to keep applicants informed as to the status of their application. **The Encampment did not concur with this recommendation.**
- C. Recommend that all departments form a Camp-at-Large attached to the Department and that we only allow new members to only join the Departments Camps-at-Large instead of allowing them to join the National MAL. **A motion was made and seconded to have the 1995/96 National Committee on Constitution and Regulations review this recommendation and report back the 1996 National Encampment; motion passed.**

National Aide for Cyberspace Recommendations

Recommend the establishment of a special National committee called the *Special National Communications Technology Committee*. The job duties of the committee would include the following:

- A. Establish the SUVCW Internet Home Page.
 - 1. Create standard history, membership info, format ,and other material;
 - 2. Encourage departments and camps to establish their own home pages;
 - a. Require the use of standard pages;
 - b. Encourage them to offer unique products on their pages; and
 - c. Link department and camp home pages to SUVCW home page.
 - 3. Link SUVCW home page to other Civil War related home pages; and
 - 4. Provide articles for the *Banner* on communications.
- B. Appoint SUVCW contacts with commercial services (American OnLine, CompuServe and Prodigy).
- C. Continuously evaluate emerging and available technology to SOLVE PROBLEMS.

The Encampment concurred with the three-part recommendation.

Constitution and Regulations

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Recommendations

Recommend that the name be changed for the National Aide to Aide de Camp. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendation; motion passed.**

GAR Highway Officer Recommendation

Recommend that each department where Route 6 travels appoint their highway officer for a two-year term instead of one-year. **The Encampment did not concur with the recommendation. A motion was made and seconded to amend the Regulations making it optional for a Department to create a two year GAR Highway Officer position; motion passed.**

Resolutions

A motion was made and seconded to address ad seriatim all non office endorsement resolutions, with the exception of recommendations proposing amendments to the Constitution and Regulations which require a 2/3 votes; motion passed

A resolution from the Department of Michigan was presented that requested the US Government to reproduce the official Civil War Service Medal and to make it available to descendant of Civil War soldiers. **The Encampment did not concur with the resolution.**

A resolution from the Department of Michigan was presented that requested that Congress and the Secretary of Defense to reaffirm and encourage the wearing of American military Hereditary Society badges and medals. **A motion was made and seconded to refer this matter to the National Counselor; motion passed.**

A resolution from the Department of Ohio was presented that opposed the Clinton Administration's *Goals 2000* history curricula, which trivializes the scarifies of our ancestors by utilizing politically correct language and giving only one mention of Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant in its treatment of the War of the Rebellion. **The Encampment concurred with the resolution.**

A resolution from the Department of Ohio was presented that requested that the National Organization to consider increasing its funding allotment to states hosting National Encampments. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the resolution and to refer the matter to the National Council of Administration; motion passed.**

A resolution from the Department of Ohio was presented requesting that the National Organization provide Departments and Camps free of charge copies of required forms

(Forms 3, 4, 6, B, and 27-28) and other supplies for recruitment and education. **The Encampment did not concurred with the resolution. A motion was made and seconded to refer the matter to the National Council of Administration for review and action before the 1996 National Encampment and to consider the possibility of allowing Camps and Departments to photocopy forms; motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded requesting the National Secretary to prepare appropriate letters on behalf of the National Organization to the target recipient/audience of the above approved resolutions; motion passed.

Ritual and Ceremonials

(No Report)

Council of Administration Report

A motion was made and seconded to refer all correspondence regarding the National Headquarter to the National Council of Administration; motion passed.

National Treasurer Orr presented the Council of Administration recommended budget for 1995/1996 (Appendix 1). **A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget as presented; motion passed.**

National Secretary Wallace summarized the August 10, 1995 meeting of the National Council of Administration (Appendix 2).

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

A motion was made and seconded to charge a National Encampment pre-registration fee of \$7.00 if paid prior to July 31st and \$10.00 if paid after July 31st; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to establish the eligible dates for the War Medal as the same as those used by Congress; motion passed. A motion was made and seconded to establish the dates as an amendment to the Article 3, Chapter V of the National Regulations; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to have the National Quartermaster inquire into the cost of producing signs that Camps may use at city boundaries; motion passed.

Good of the Order

A motion was made and seconded to support the Department of Ohio in its efforts to save the Xenia Home; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded donate \$500 for Erie County Historical Society’s monument to General Vincent; motion passed.

A motion was made that the Encampment encourage that the teaching of our heritage be place back into our school’s history curriculum; motion passed.

Final Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund Report

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Medert reported that a total of \$1,087 had been collected for the fund.

Final Patriotic Instructor’s Fund Report

National Patriotic Instructor Wheeler reported that at the beginning of the Encampment, a net total of \$2,903 had been raised. During the Encampment, an additional \$82.00 was raised bringing the final net total for the National Patriotic Instructor’s Fund to \$2,985.00

Final Encampment Credentials Committee Report

The Encampment Credentials Committee reported that a total of 116 delegates and alternates were registered. Of these, 77 were present.

Nomination and Election of Officers for 1995/1996

A motion was made and seconded to declare a candidate unanimously elected by the sound of the gavel in the case where only one candidate is nominated; motion passed.

The following National Officers were nominated and then elected unanimously:

- Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert
- Senior Vice Commander-in-ChiefAlan R. Loomis
- Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief..... Richard D. Orr
- Council of AdministrationJ. Douglas Park
- National Secretary David F. Wallace
- National Treasurer Charles W. Corfman, PCinC

The fourth session of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War 114th National Encampment was recessed by Commander-in-Chief Harrison at 4:57 PM on August 12, 1995.

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
One Hundred Fourteenth Annual National Encampment
Fifth Session
Saturday, August 12, 1995**

The 114th National Encampment was reconvened by Commander-in-Chief Harrison at 9:00 PM on Saturday, August 12, 1995.

Installation of Officers

Commander-in-Chief elect Medert requested that PCinC Joseph Rippey serve as the Installing officer and that Reverend Robert Girard Carroon and Herb Webb serve as Chaplain and Guide, respectfully. PCinC Rippey relieved Commander-in-Chief Harrison of his duties thanking him for a job well done. He then installed the following elected and appointed National Officers per the Ritual of the Order:

Commander-in-Chief	David R. Medert
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief	Alan R. Loomis
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.....	Richard D. Orr
Council of Administration:	Keith G. Harrison, PCinC (to 96) J. Douglas Park (to 98)
National Secretary	David F. Wallace
National Treasurer	Charles W. Corfman, PCinC
Life Member Coordinator	Richard D. Orr
National Counselor	Hon. James B. Pahl
National Chaplain	Rev. Robert G. Carroon, Jr
National Patriotic Instructor.....	David Turpin
National Historian	Danny Wheeler
National GAR Highway Officer.....	Alan E. Peterson
National Chief of Staff.....	Andrew M. Johnson
Washington Representative.....	Richard C. Schlenker, PCinC
National Aide de Camp.....	James E. Hilton

National GuideHerbert Webb
National Guard..... Douglas E. Smith
National Color Bearer Robert E. Grim
National Aide for Protocol.....Richard Greenwalt, PCinC

Mrs. David R, Medert was present to pin the Commander-in-Chief badge onto Commander-in-Chief Medert.

Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to disband the Encampment Committees and to express appreciation for a job well done; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded that upon publication, these minutes become the official record of the Encampment; motion passed.

The 114th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was formally closed in Ritualistic form at 9:45 PM on August 12, 1995 by Commander-in-Chief Medert.

Appendices

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Appendix 1

Proposed Budget for 1995/1996

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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Proposed Budget

	General Fund Budgeted	GAR Fund Budgeted	Permanent Fund Budgeted	Sr. Vice Fund Budgeted	Total Funds Budgeted
Revenues					
Per Capita Tax 3250 @ \$10.00	\$32,500.00				\$32,500.00
National Encampment Registration Fee	\$300.00				\$300.00
Sale of Supplies	\$12,000.00				\$12,000.00
Auxiliary Love Gift	\$250.00				\$250.00
New Camp Application Fees	\$100.00				\$100.00
Interest Income	\$500.00	\$700.00	\$2,000.00		\$3,200.00
New Member Registration Fee				\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
National Patriotic Instructors Appeal		\$2,500.00			\$2,500.00
Life Membership Fees			\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00
Honor Roll Contributions			\$250.00		\$250.00
<i>Banner</i> Subscriptions	\$150.00				\$150.00
NMAL Donation		\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$150.00			\$500.00	\$650.00
Transfer of Funds	\$2,390.00	\$15,000.00			\$17,390.00
Revenues Collected	\$48,340.00	\$20,200.00	\$4,250.00	\$4,000.00	\$76,790.00
Reserve Funds	\$15,000.00				\$15,000.00
Total Revenues	\$63,340.00	\$20,200.00	\$4,250.00	\$4,000.00	\$91,790.00
Expenses					
Commander-in-Chiefs Expenses	\$5,000.00				\$5,000.00
National Secretary Expenses	\$1,500.00				\$1,500.00
National Treasurer's Expenses	\$1,500.00				\$1,500.00
National Quartermaster's Expenses	\$1,500.00				\$1,500.00
COA per diem	\$1,600.00				\$1,600.00
Purchase of Supplies for Sale	\$10,000.00				\$10,000.00
Offices Expenses	\$2,500.00		\$50.00	\$500.00	\$3,050.00
Printing of Proceedings 19882-85, 1987-94	\$7,000.00				\$7,000.00
National Encampment Expenses	\$500.00				\$500.00
Transcribing Proceedings	\$500.00				\$500.00
<i>Banner</i>	\$10,000.00				\$10,000.00
Past Commander-in-Chiefs Jewel	\$475.00				\$475.00
Audit 1992, 1993	\$1,750.00				\$1,750.00
Membership Drive				\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Scholarships	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00			\$2,000.00
Lincoln Memorial Ceremony		\$75.00			\$75.00
Lincoln Tomb Ceremony		\$400.00			\$400.00
G.A.R Remembrance Day		\$300.00			\$300.00
Memorial Cathedral of the Pines		\$100.00			\$100.00
Tomb of the Unknown Civil War Soldier		\$75.00			\$75.00
Jefferson Memorial		\$75.00			\$75.00
Congress of Patriotic Organizations		\$25.00			\$25.00
Special Projects		\$750.00			\$750.00
Sons of Veterans Reserve	\$500.00				\$500.00
G.A.R. Campfire Program		\$400.00			\$400.00
Fraternal Relations Committee	\$50.00				\$50.00
Military Affairs Committee	\$25.00				\$25.00
Patriotic Instructor's Appeal		\$200.00			\$200.00
National Historian Expenses	\$50.00				\$50.00

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Proposed Budget (continued)

	General Fund Budgeted	GAR Fund Budgeted	Permanent Fund Budgeted	Sr. Vice Fund Budgeted	Total Funds Budgeted
Publications Committee	\$40.00				\$40.00
Bank Charges	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$60.00		\$170.00
Expenses (continued)					
Life Member Payments			\$1,195 .00		\$1,195 .00
Bentonville Monument		\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00
G.A.R- Highway Book					\$0.00
Blue Coats in a Gray City		\$75.00			\$75.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$135.00		\$50.00		\$185.00
Transfer Funds	\$15,000.00		\$2,390.00		\$17,390.00
Total Expenses Paid	560,675.00	\$4,535.00	\$3,745.00	\$4,000.00	\$72,955.00
Net Gain (loss)	\$2665.00	\$15,665.00	\$505.00	\$0.00	\$18,835.00

Appendix 2

1994/1995 Council of Administration Meetings Minutes

**(August 14, 1994, November 20, 1994, February 7, 1995,
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**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
POST - 113th ANNUAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT**

**Minutes of the
Council of Administration Meeting
August 14, 1994**

**Holiday Inn- South
Lansing, Michigan**

Members Present: Commander-In-Chief Keith G. Harrison, Senior Vice Commander-In-Chief David R. Medert, Junior Vice Commander-In-Chief Allen R. Loomis, Council Member Peter A. Dixon, Council Member Robert E. Grim, Council Member PCinC Allen W. Moore, National Treasurer Richard D. Orr, National Secretary David F. Wallace.

Members Absent: Council Member Andrew M. Johnson.

Other Brothers Present: National Quartermaster PCinC Elmer F. Atkinson, PCinC Charles Corfman, *Banner* Editor Russell C. Gregory, National Member-At-Large Coordinator L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., Chief of Staff PCinC Clark W. Mellor, National Counselor James B. Pahl, J. Douglas Park, PCinC Joseph S. Rippey, and PCinC Richard C. Schlenker.

The meeting was called to order by Commander-In-Chief Keith G. Harrison at 1:30 p.m.

Brother Schlenker offered the opening prayer.

It was moved and supported that Brother Joseph S. Rippey, PCinC, be appointed as the Council of Administration Senior Member EMERITUS; motion passed.

Officer Reports:

A. Senior Vice Commander-In-Chief: Brother Medert proposed to the council that the Program and Policy Committee be assigned the following: 1) Develop a proposal regarding a National Member Number, 2) Review the Application for Charter process and develop an updated procedure, and 3) Develop an outline for planning and conducting a National Encampment. Commander-In-Chief Harrison approved the request, directing that a report be presented to the Council of Administration.

B. Junior Vice Commander-In-Chief: Brother Loomis thanked Brother Medert for his assistance and reported that he had spoken with three prospects prior to the meeting.

C. National Secretary: Brother Wallace reported that items referred by the 113th National Encampment to the Council of Administration for action were addressed in the Commander-In-Chief's and National Treasurer's reports.

D. National Treasurer: A motion to develop a three-part carbonless Membership Application was defeated after much discussion. It was moved and supported (Orr/Dixon) that the line spacing be adjusted as required and a space for a National Membership Number be added to the existing Membership Application. Motion carried.

It was moved and supported (Orr/Dixon) that all Departments and Camps-at-Large be required to submit a copy of their most recent bylaws to the National Counselor no later than January 1, 1995, for review for conformity to the most recent edition of the Orders' Constitution and Regulations. Motion carried (Note: underlined portion of the motion indicates an approved amendment to the motion).

Brother Orr reviewed Past Commander-In-Chief Moore's recommendation that there should be six issues of the *Banner* published annually. After discussion the Council decided to remain with a minimum of four issues annually. *Banner* Editor Russ Gregory felt that five issues could be produced during the next year.

A motion appointing the Senior Vice Commander-In-Chief as Publisher of the *Banner* was defeated after considerable discussion.

A motion designating the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc., as Publisher of the *Banner* was defeated after the National Counselor pointed out that the motion was redundant. Brother Gregory indicated that there needed to be a one-word change in the "ownership box" which will be taken care of prior to publishing the next issue.

Brother Orr reviewed the National Patriotic Instructor's recommendation for the formation of a GAR foundation. It was moved and supported that the Commander-In-Chief appoint a Special Committee comprised of members with knowledge in the formation of foundations to explore the formation of the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Foundation and to report back with a recommendation to the Council of Administration at its regularly scheduled meeting in March 1995; motion passed. The Commander-In-Chief requested that any Brother present refer the names of attorneys with foundation experience to him by the end of next week.

Brother Orr reviewed a request from Camp #116, Department of Indiana, to produce an embroidered badge, embroidered hat and decals. It was moved and supported (Orr/Atkinson) that Gary Dolph, as represented by Brother Ed Krieser, be authorized to produce the 4" decal of the Order's membership badge in the amount of 250 to be delivered to the National Quartermaster; motion passed.

It was moved and supported (Orr/Atkinson) that the Council of Administration not approve the manufacture of embroidered hats as presented; motion passed.

It was moved and supported (Orr/Atkinson) that if the proposed embroidered hats can be produced in conformity with the specific colors and depiction of the membership badge, the Council of Administration would approve their manufacture; motion passed.

It was moved and supported (Orr/Loomis) that Gary Dolph, as represented by Ed Kreiser, be authorized to produce an embroidered patch in conformity with the specific colors and depiction of the membership badge of the Order; motion passed.

The National Secretary was directed to correspond with Ed Krieser, supplying a prototype and description of the membership badge of the Order.

E. Commander-in-Chief. Commander-in-Chief Harrison requested names of individuals with actuarial experience to be submitted to him by August 19th.

It was the resolution of the sense of the body that the Commander-in-Chief appoint Brother James T. Lyons as an Assistant National Secretary to transcribe two past encampment proceedings, in a format specified by the Commander-in-Chief, by the end of the next quarter.

It was the resolution of the sense of the body that if the appointed Assistant National Secretary is unable to complete the transcription of two past encampment proceedings in the designated time frame, that the Commander-in-Chief immediately seek and assign to volunteers one past year's proceedings to be transcribed in a format specified by the Commander-in-Chief.

New Business:

After a review and discussion of costs it was moved and supported (Wallace/Dixon) to raise the basic subscription rate of the *Banner* from \$4.00 per year to \$6.00 per year; motion passed.

It was moved and supported (Wallace/Dixon) that the *Banner* editor be authorized to begin a subscription drive to sell introductory subscriptions at \$4.00 for one year with renewals at the \$6.00 level. The *Banner* editor will present an update to the Council of Administration at its next scheduled meeting; motion passed.

After a discussion regarding the Turner Publishing project it was moved and supported (Atkinson/Dixon) that a separate mailer explaining the project with no return address be sent to the membership; motion passed.

Next Council of Administration meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 20, 1994, at 7:30 a.m., Ramada Inn, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. This will be a breakfast meeting and is scheduled to conclude by 10:30 a.m.

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

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
Minutes of the
Council of Administration Meeting
November 20, 1994

Ramada Inn - Gettysburg
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Members Present; Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison, Senior Vice commander-in-Chief David R. Medert, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Alan R. Loomis, National Secretary David F. Wallace, National Treasurer Richard D. Orr, Council Member Allen W. Moore PCinC, Council Member *Peter A. Dixon*, Council Member Andrew M. Johnson, Council Member Robert E. Grim, National Counselor James H. Pahl, Esq., National Quartermaster Elmer F. Atkinson PCinC, and Washington Representative Richard C. Schlenker PCinC.

Other Brothers Present: Charles W. Corfman PCinC, Richard Greenwalt PCinC, Clark W. Mellor PCinC, Member-at-Large Coordinator L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., Clyde H. Hayner, Maryland Department Commander, and Ivan Frantz, Sr., PDC.

The meeting was called to order by Commander-in-Chief Harrison at 7:40 a.m.

Brother Schlenker offered the invocation.

It was moved and supported that the minutes of the August 11, 1994 Council of Administration meeting be approved as distributed to the members by mail; motion passed.

It was moved and supported that the minutes of the August 14, 1994 Council of Administration meeting be approved as distributed to the members by mail; motion passed.

It was moved and supported that the minutes of the September 17, 1994 Council of Administration meeting be approved as distributed to the members by mail; motion passed.

Commander-in-Chief Harrison gave a brief background regarding the status of the *Banner* and his desire to update the system for publication.

It was moved and seconded that the Editor of the *Banner* be instructed to prepare and publish the post-National Encampment issue of the *Banner* by December 1, 1994 and to prepare and publish the Winter issue of the *Banner* by January 31, 1995. In the event that the Editor of the *Banner* fails to publish on either date, the Commander is authorized to immediately remove the Editor of the *Banner* and 2) that the Commander-in-Chief seek bids for the commercial production of the *Banner*; motion passed.

The National Secretary was instructed to contact the *Banner* Editor by certified mail regarding the motion.

It was moved and supported that a Subcommittee of the Council of Administration be formed to solicit interest among the membership for interest as "Managing Editor" of the *Banner*, to report to the Commander-in-Chief by December 31, 1994; motion passed. Commander-in-Chief Harrison appointed David R. Medert, Richard D. Off, Alan R. Loomis, and David F. Wallace as members of the Subcommittee.

It was the Resolution of the Sense of the Body that the Council of Administration acknowledges that the National Secretary is only in custody of the Seal and copies of the Charter and Articles of Incorporation of the Order, the originals being held in the Public Law Division of the National Archives.

Officer Reports:

A. Commander-in-Chief

It was moved and supported that the Council of Administration be permitted to meet when a requirement to meet arises without requiring its members to travel to a single location; motion passed. The National Counselor indicated that this was within the scope of the Regulations.

B. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Brother Medert reviewed the activities of his office for the First Quarter. He indicated that he would present specific motions from his report with the National Standing Committee on Program and Policy.

C. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Brother Loomis reviewed the activities of his office during the First Quarter.

It was moved and supported that the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief establish a coding system for magazines and periodicals in order to assist in tracking and tabulating responses to the Order's advertisements; motion passed.

It was moved and supported that the telephone numbers of Department Officers, if available, be listed in the first issue of the *Banner* after the National Encampment; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to commit to the Special National Committee on Standardization of Software to explore the use of the computer Internet system for membership recruitment; motion passed.

D. National Secretary; Brother Wallace reviewed the Statistical Summary for the First Quarter.

It was moved and supported that the size of all future Official Proceedings of the National Encampment be published in a standard 5 1/2" x 8 1/2"; motion passed.

It was moved and supported that the National Secretary be authorized to engage the services of a stenographer or secretarial service to transcribe the 1982, 1988 and 1990 rough draft proceedings onto computer disk for editing into publishable documents. Cost not to exceed the budgeted amount for 1994-1995; motion passed.

It was moved and supported and amended that the Council of Administration approve that the maximum number of copies printed for past Proceedings of the National Encampment not exceed 150 copies for the years 1982, 1984, 1985, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, and 1991; motion passed.

It was moved and supported that accurate and complete submission of required National reports be added to the previous action of August 11, 1994; motion passed.

It was moved and supported that the Job Description for the National Secretary be amended to strike "Activities (5) Prepare monthly summary reports" and replace it with "Prepare quarterly summary reports," motion passed.

It was the resolution of the sense of the body that the Council of Administration acknowledges that the National Secretary is only in custody of the Seal and copies of the Charter and Articles of Incorporation of the Order, the originals being held in the Public Law Division of the National Archives.

It was moved and supported that the National Secretary be authorized to contract with Pioneer Micrographics of South Lyons, Michigan, to microfiche the following documents of the Order: Existing Department and Camp-at-Large Quarterly Reports and Supporting Documents (600 pages) - 'total cost not to exceed \$250; motion passed.

National Treasurer: Brother Orr reviewed the Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balances for the Period Ending November 13, 1994.

The Audited Financial Statements of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for the Year Ended June 30, 1994 was distributed by Brother Orr.

Brother Orr reviewed the terms of a bequest received by the Order from the estate of Past Commander-in-Chief Cleon Heald.

It was moved and supported that the Cleon Heald Memorial Fund be established to receive the bequest and deposit it into a certificate of deposit. The balance of the fund will be transferred into the GAR Memorial Fund after June 30, 1995; motion passed.

F. National Quartermaster: Brother Atkinson reviewed the activities of his office for the First Quarter. In addition, Brother Atkinson reviewed the activities of the Military Affairs Committee for the First Quarter.

It was moved and supported that the Application for Membership be reduced to a 5 1/2" by 8 1/2" size and reviewed for corrections of misspellings; motion passed.

It was moved and supported that the Recruiting Guide and Job Descriptions be provided on an executable file at no cost; motion passed.

It was moved and supported that the National Supply Order Form be revised to provide a documentation section for the order; motion passed.

It was noted that Collector's Armory no longer carried the " "SV" membership badge as a "Civil War collectible."

G. National Counselor: Brother Pahl provided updates regarding the Freedom of Information Act request from the National Encampment and the current Internal Revenue Service designation of the Order.

H. Washington Representative Brother Schlenker reviewed his activities during the First Quarter with the Council.

I. National. Membership-at-Large Coordinator: Brother Lamphere updated the Council on the status of reorganizing Florida as a Department.

J. National Historian

It was moved and supported that the Council of Administration approved the engagement of a professional photographer to photograph the painting of Major A.P. Davis located in the Soldier's & Sailor's Memorial Hall in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in both black and white and in color to be printed and offered to sale to the membership. Motion carried,

K National Membership List Coordinator:

It was moved and supported that the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War be provided with information regarding new Camp formation on a go forward basis in order to help organize local Auxiliaries; motion passed.

Committee Reports:

L. National Committee on Program and Policy:

A motion was made and seconded to commit the proposed "Membership Data Sheet" to the Program and Policy Committee for additional review and modification; motion passed.

It was moved and supported that the Order adopt a new annual membership card. The general format should include the Junior and Associate categories. The Program and Policy Committee is authorized to make a final decision on format based on these general directions; motion passed.

It was moved and supported that the Order contract with Brother Edward Krieser to produce the new annual membership card; motion passed.

It was moved and supported that an Ad Hoc Committee be established to study the feasibility of revising quarterly per Capita Tax payments to annual payments; motion passed. Commander-in-Chief Harrison appointed Brothers Johnson, Medert and Orr to the Committee

It was moved and supported to participate in remembering and/or honoring the remaining Civil War widows in some appropriate manner; motion passed

At this point, Susan F. Wallace, wife of National Secretary David F. Wallace was introduced to the Council. Commander-in-Chief Harrison, on behalf of the Council, expressed appreciation for the calligraphy services Mrs. Wallace was providing in completing the Camp Charters.

M National Committee on Constitution and Regulations Brother Orr reviewed the activities of the Committee during the First Quarter.

It was moved and supported that copies of the Constitution and regulations be provided to each National Officer and each Department Commander and Department Secretary. These complimentary copies are to be marked as the property of the National Organization and the respective Department with the intention that the copies be passed on to the current officer's successor. Additionally, copies should be supplied to each member of the National Committee on Constitution and Regulations; motion passed.

N. Special National Blue/Gray 1999 Encampment Committee: Brother Orr reviewed the activities of the Committee during the First Quarter.

O. Remembrance Day Committee: Brother Corfman updated the Council on the activities of the committee during the First Quarter.

P. National Standing Committee on Fraternal Relations:

An update regarding the Sons of Confederate Veterans General Order No. 1 was presented. The Committee advised that "we proceed the way we are proceeding" and that it is a SCV matter.

Written updates were provided by the following Committees:

National Standing Committee on Legislation, Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committee, National Headquarters Fund Committee *Banner* Printing and Distribution Committee, and Real Sons and Real Daughters Special Committee.

Communications:

Brother Wallace read a letter from Thomas R. Willmering, Camp Commander, William T. Sherman - Billy Yank Camp No. 63 of St. Louis, Missouri, withdrawing St. Louis from consideration for the 1996 National Encampment.

The next meeting of the Council of Administration is scheduled for March 1995 in Columbus, Ohio.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
David F. Wallace
National Secretary

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

**Minutes of the
Council of Administration Meeting
Conference Call
February 7, 1995**

Members Participating: Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Alan R. Loomis Council Member Robert E. Grim, Council Member Andrew M. Johnson, Council Member PCinC Allen W. Moore, National Secretary David F. Wallace, National Treasurer Richard D. Off, National Quartermaster Elmer F. Atkinson.

Members Not Participating: Council Member Peter A. Dixon, National Counselor James H. Pahl, Washington Representative PCinC Richard C. Schlenker.

Other Brothers Participating: PCinC Charles Corfman, National Membership-at-Large Coordinator L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., and Interim *Banner* Editor Gregory D. Hayes.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m.

Commander-in-Chief Harrison explained that the purpose of the conference call meeting was to:

- 1 - Appoint a Managing Editor for the *Banner*;
- 2 - Review printing proposals for the *Banner* as obtained by the Special Committee for the Professional Upgrade of the *Banner*;
- 3 - Review a request for funds from the "Blue Coats in a Gray City" program.

It was moved and supported (Medert/Atkinson) that the Council of Administration authorize a staff and utilize a commercial printing company to prepare and print the *Banner*; motion passed.

Discussion included a review of printing costs and the mechanics of appointing an editorial staff:

It was moved and supported (Orr/Wallace) that the Council of Administration alter the current policy of the Order and accept advertising from non-associated entities that is germane and of interest to our membership. Pricing would be as follows: a one-page advertisement would cost the equivalent of the production price of four pages of the *Banner*. Maximum advertising allowed per issue will not exceed 25 percent; motion passed.

Discussion included prorating of ad size and a separate pricing structure for SUVCW members.

It was moved and supported (Medert/Wallace) that the *Banner* be prepared by a staff consisting of a Managing Editor, Assistant Managing Editor, and Advertising Editor. In addition, Department Commanders and National Camp-at-Large Commanders may appoint Regional Reporters as Editors of events; motion passed. The positions of Assistant Managing Editor and Advertising Editor were referred to the National Standing Committee on Program and Policy for inclusion in the National Job Descriptions,

It was moved and supported (Medert/Atkinson) that Gregory D. Hayes, Department of Michigan, be appointed as the Managing Editor of the *Banner*; motion passed.

It was the resolution of the sense of the body that Commander-in-Chief Harrison appoint Paul Huff, Department of Ohio, as a National Aide with responsibilities commensurate with the position of Assistant Managing Editor of the *Banner*.

It was the resolution of the sense of the body that Commander-in-Chief Harrison appoint Danny Wheeler, Department of New York, as a National Aide with Responsibilities commensurate with the position of Advertising Editor of the *Banner*.

Brother Hayes gave a brief overview of software available for publishing the *Banner*.

It was moved and seconded (Atkinson/Medert) that the *Banner* be published on the following schedule: March 30th, June 30th, September 30th and December 30th; motion passed.

The review of commercial printing bids was tabled.

It was moved and seconded that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War not provide the funds requested by the "Blue Coats in a Gray City" program as it does not qualify under the guidelines established for a monetary donation from the GAR Fund; motion passed.

The conference call meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
David F. Wallace
National Secretary

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Minutes of the Council of Administration Meeting March 18, 1995

Radisson Hotel Columbus North Columbus, Ohio

Members Present: Commander-in-Chief, Keith G. Harrison. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David R. Medert, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Alan R. Loomis, Council Member, Peter A. Dixon, Council Member, Robert E. Grim, Council Member Andrew M. Johnson, National Secretary, David F. Wallace. National Treasurer, Richard D. Orr, and National Counselor, James B. Pahl.

Members Absent: Council Member Allen W. Moore, PCinC, Washington Representative, Richard C. Schlenker, PCinC.

Other Brothers Present: Charles W. Corfman, PCinC.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Brother Dixon offered the invocation.

It was moved and supported to accept the minutes of the November 20, 1994 Council of Administration meeting as distributed by mail and facsimile; motion passed.

It was moved and supported to accept the minutes of the February 7, 1995 Council of Administration Conference Call as distributed by mail and facsimile; motion passed.

Officer Reports:

A. Commander-in-Chief: Brother Harrison briefly updated the Council on his activities. Brother Harrison discussed the increased use of electronic mail (e-mail) throughout the Order.

B. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief: Brother Medert indicated that the bulk of his report would be included under the Program and Policy Committee. Brother Medert discussed the placing an article in the *Banner* asking Brothers to remember the Order through a bequest in their wills.

C. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief: Brother Loomis reviewed his report with the Council, including the report of the Membership Committee.

D. National Secretary: Brother Wallace reviewed the Statistical and Financial Reports for the quarter ended December 31, 1994.

It was moved and supported that the National Quartermaster seek bids on obtaining an updated Seal as the existing Seal is becoming worn; motion passed.

E. National Quartermaster: The Council reviewed the quarterly report submitted by the National Quartermaster. The Eagle Scout Certificate of Recognition program was discussed and Commander-in-Chief Harrison directed that an upgraded design be developed. Brother Atkinson also discussed the possibility of establishing an operating budget for the National Quartermaster, similar to that of the National Membership-at-Large Coordinator. It was felt that as this would require an amendment to the Regulations and that the National Treasurer should review the idea and respond at the next Council meeting.

F. Council Members: The Council reviewed the quarterly report submitted by Brother Grim.

G. National Counselor: The Council reviewed the quarterly report submitted by the National Counselor. Brother Pahl reviewed the situation that has arisen between the Department of Rhode Island, Quest, Inc., and the state of Oregon.

It was moved and supported that all Departments be directed to seek escheats within the respective Department; motion passed.

H. Washington Representative: The Council reviewed the quarterly report submitted by the Washington Representative. Commander-in-Chief Harrison commended Brother Schlenker for the "Collection of Notations" developed from the past Proceedings and Minutes of previous National Encampments.

I. Patriotic Instructor: The Council reviewed the quarterly report submitted by the National Patriotic Instructor, Danny Wheeler. Brother Wheeler indicated that he has been seeking donations from outside the Order as well as within.

J. Member-at-Large Coordinator: The Council reviewed the report submitted by the Membership-at-Large Coordinator, L. Dean Lamphere, Jr.

K. National Camp and Department Organizer: The Council reviewed the report submitted by the National Camp and Department Organizer, Richard Greene

L. Banner Managing Editor: The Council reviewed the quarterly report submitted by the *Banner* Managing Editor. Issues concerning advertising and non-profit status change in mailing status and guidelines for accepting advertising were referred to the *Banner* Publication and Distribution Committee for review. As general guideline for present, it was the opinion of those members present that no advertising be accepted that is contrary to the objects of the Order. It was also determined that the review of printing costs and selection of a printing company be done annually by the Council of Administration at the National Encampment. In an effort to determine whether or not there are delays being experienced, it was decided that all Council of Administration Members would receive their *Banner* mailing via First Class Mail. The National Treasurer was also directed to conduct a review of the costs assigned to the *Banner*.

M. National Treasurer:

It was moved and supported that the National Treasurer be authorized to exceed the 1994/1995 Budget in the following categories: 1) Office Expenses and 2) Printing of Proceedings; motion passed.

It was moved and supported that the National Treasurer be directed to open an account with the United States Treasury for the purpose of investing various funds in US Treasury Notes and/or Bonds with the purpose of holding such investments until maturity to negate any potential decrease in value on the secondary market but not prohibiting the sale of such items on the secondary market should the value increase. If rates are favorable, the National Treasurer is directed to convert existing United States Savings Bonds held by the Order into United States Treasury instruments; motion passed.

It was the resolution of the sense of the body that the National Treasurer invests these funds on a short-term basis (one year or less maturity).

It was moved and supported that, based on a favorable review by the National Counselor, the National Treasurer be authorized to seek a Letter of Determination from the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service verifying the status of the SUVCW as a section 501(C)(1) organization under the 1986 Amendments to the Internal Revenue Code. Such a designation declaring the SUVCW to be an instrumentality of the United States government by virtue of the SUVCW's Congressional Charter and exempting the SUVCW and its subordinate organizations from any and all requirements to prepare and file Federal or state income tax forms and potentially exempting the SUVCW from all taxes; motion passed.

It was moved and supported that the National Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented; motion passed.

N. National Membership List Coordinator: The Council reviewed the report submitted by Brother Richard Williams.

Motions to include current and past National Presidents of the Allied Orders and National Secretaries of the Allied Orders were referred to the *Banner* Committee on Printing and Distribution for review.

It was moved and supported that current National Officers of the Allied Orders not be supplied with a complimentary issue of the *Banner*; motion passed.

It was the opinion of the Council that all address changes should be sent to the National Secretary.

It was the opinion of the Council that any changes to the National Aide positions would have to be reviewed by the Committee on Constitution and Regulations, and presented to the National Encampment for action.

It was moved and supported that the Program and Policy Committee conduct a review of Form 35-37-38 in order to update it for providing current information from the Departments to the National Secretary; motion passed.

It was moved and supported that all forwarding orders (US Post Office address changes) that have expired be referred to the Departments or Camps-At-Large for review; motion passed.

O. National GAR Highway Officer's Report: The Council reviewed the report submitted by Brother Peterson. It was the opinion of the Council that any extension in the term of Highway Officers would have to come from the Committee on Constitution and Regulations to the National Encampment.

Committee Reports:

Standing Committees:

A. Program and Policy Committee: The Council reviewed the report submitted by Brother Medert.

It was moved and supported that the Eagle Scout Certificate Program be administered through the National Quartermaster's Office, that the National Quartermaster work with the Camps to distribute the certificates, and that the only signature on the certificate be that of the Commander-in-Chief; motion passed.

It was moved and supported that each Department and Camp-at-Large compile a listing of the zip codes in the areas that they serve; motion passed.

It was moved and supported that a Pre-Registration Program for the National Encampment be adopted for the Order, and that a pre-registration fee of \$5.00 and an at-the-door registration fee of \$10.00 be adopted, with a Pre-Registration Form to be included in the *Banner*; motion passed.

It was moved and supported that the Delegate Form, the Scholarship Application, the Membership Data Form, and the Recruiting Brochure developed by the Program and Policy Committee be accepted as presented; motion passed.

It was moved and supported to accept the Forming A Camp form with changes as proposed; motion passed.

B. Constitution and Regulations: Brother Orr reported that nothing had come before the Committee during the quarter. Brother Harrison requested that the Committee begin a project to index the Constitution and Regulations.

C. Membership Committee: Brother Loomis' report was included as part of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief's report.

D. Encampment Site: Brother Corfman gave an update of the current status of arrangements.

E. Legislative: The Council reviewed the quarterly report submitted by the Committee Chair, Thomas L. W. Johnson, PDC.

F. Military Affairs: Brother Atkinson indicated that nothing had come before the Committee during the quarter.

G. Americanization and Education: The Council reviewed the report submitted by the Committee Chair, Danny L. Wheeler, PDC. An article announcing an essay contest will be submitted to the *Banner*.

H. History: The deadline for submissions to the History Book has been extended and will be announced in the *Banner*.

I. Fraternal Relations: No activity was reported for the quarter.

J. Lincoln Tomb Ceremony: The Council reviewed the quarterly report submitted by the Committee Chair, Thomas L. W. Johnson, PDC.

K. Remembrance Day: No activity was reported for the quarter.

L. Graves Registration: The Council reviewed the report submitted by the Committee Chair, Charles Sharrock, PDC.

Special Committees:

A. 1999 National Encampment: Brother Orr briefed the Council on the limited activities that occurred during the quarter.

B. Computer Standardization: The Council accepted the Committee report, and Commander-in-Chief Harrison discharged the Committee.

C. Banner Printing and Distribution: This Committee report was presented as part of the *Banner* Managing Editor's report.

D. Real Sons and Daughters: The Council reviewed the report submitted by the Committee Chair, Jerome Orton, PDC. A copy of the names of Real Sons and Real Daughters will be provided to the Life Membership Coordinator.

E. National Headquarters: The Council reviewed the report submitted by the Committee. The Committee Chair will be directed to explore options on sites and to review funding.

F. Life Memberships: No activity for the quarter was reported by the Committee.

G. GAR Memorial Foundation: Appointees to the Committee were reviewed.

Old Business:

It was moved and supported that the Commander-in-Chief prepare and transmit Certificates of Merit to Turner Pictures and Ted Turner, and that the National Historian draft the appropriate language for a

resolution honoring Turner Pictures and Ted Turner for perpetuating the memory of those who defended the Union through the movies *Gettysburg* and *Andersonville*; motion passed.

It was moved and supported that, pending receipt of written correspondence indicating that donated funds would go to provide for the cost of a historic monument, the Council of Administration authorize the donation of \$250 to the "Blue Coats in a Gray City" program; motion passed.

New Business:

It was moved and supported that the Ben Harrison Camp No. 356, Department of Indiana, be authorized to reproduce the Emblem of the Order on name badges; motion passed.

It was moved and supported that the Ben Harrison Camp No.356, Department of Indiana, be authorized to sell nametags as a fundraiser to SUVCW members outside of the Camp; motion passed.
A motion to establish a 10 percent of the retail price royalty fee on the use of the protected badges, emblems and objects of the Order was tabled.

It was moved and supported that the Matthew's Bronze Company be authorized to reproduce and sell the Emblem of the Order as an attachment to a grave marker; motion passed.

It was moved and supported that Balch Brothers and West and Company be authorized to reproduce and sell the Emblem of the Order as a grave flag holder; motion passed.

It was moved and supported that a notice regarding the availability of the grave marker and grave flag holder be published in the *Banner*; motion passed.

The National Secretary was directed to inform Matthew's Bronze Company and Balch Brothers and West and Company regarding Council action.

It was moved and supported that the Order participate in the Old Darlington District South Carolina graves identification project through an article in the *Banner* outlining the project; motion passed.

It was moved and supported that the National Organization have a color separation of the Membership Badge of the Order and the Membership Badge of the Grand Army of the Republic done, and that it be prepared and offered for purchase as blank letterhead to the Departments and Camps; motion passed.

It was moved and supported that, beginning in the Fiscal Year 1996, that letter head with the elected National Officers be prepared using previous styled National letterhead as a guideline; motion passed.

It was moved and supported that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War enter into an agreement with Geraldine R. Orr to provide professional accounting services. Such accounting services to be based upon Ms. Orr's proposal to Commander-in-Chief Harrison. Motion carried with one abstention (Note: To avoid any appearance of impropriety, Brother Richard D. Orr abstained from voting on the motion).

The next meeting of the Council of Administration is scheduled for 7:00 PM, Thursday, 10 August 1995, at the Radisson Hotel Columbus North. Columbus. Ohio.

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
David F. Wallace
National Secretary

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Minutes of the Pre-National Encampment Council of Administration Meeting August 10, 1995

Radisson Hotel Columbus North Columbus, Ohio

Members Present: Keith G. Harrison, Commander-in-Chief, David R. Medert, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Alan R. Loomis, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer, Robert E. Grim, Council Member, Peter A. Dixon, Council Member, Andrew M. Johnson, Council Member, PCinC Allen W. Moore, Council Member, David F. Wallace, National Secretary, PCinC Elmer F. Atkinson, National Quartermaster, and PCinC Richard C. Schlenker, Washington Representative.

Members Absent: Hon. James B. Pahl, National Counselor.

Other Brothers Present: L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., James Hilton, PCinC Charles W. Corfman, PCinC Gordon R. Bury II, and PCinC Clark W. Mellor.

The meeting was called to order by Commander-in-Chief Harrison at 7:30 PM.

Brother Grim offered the invocation.

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the March 18, 1995, Council of Administration Meeting be accepted as distributed; motion passed.

Several National Officers shared brief reviews of their reports to the National Encampment with the Council.

Brother Orr reviewed the preliminary budget for 1995/1996 with the Council.

It was moved and seconded that the preliminary budget as presented by the National Treasurer be recommended to the National Encampment for adoption motion passed.

Commander-in-Chief Harrison led a discussion regarding the issue of establishing a National Headquarters. Several offers were reviewed by the Council. It was moved and seconded that the all the offers be presented to the National Encampment with the recommendation that they be referred back to the Council of Administration for continued review; motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.

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

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Minutes of the Post-National Encampment Council of Administration Meeting August 13, 1995

Radisson Hotel Columbus North Columbus, Ohio

Members Present: David R. Medert, Commander-in-Chief, Alan R. Loomis, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Robert E. Grim, Council Member, Keith G. Harrison, PCinC, Council Member, Andrew M. Johnson, Council Member, J. Douglas Park, Council Member, David F. Wallace, National Secretary, Charles W. Corfman, PCinC, National Treasurer, Elmer F. Atkinson, PCinC, National Quartermaster, Hon. James B. Pahl, National Counselor, and Richard C. Schlenker, PCinC, Washington Representative.

Other Brothers Present: Peter A. Dixon, L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., Richard Greene, Richard A. Williams, Kenneth Hershberger, Edgar Dowd, and James Hilton.

The meeting was called to order by Commander-in-Chief Medert at 10:35 AM.

Brother Schlenker offered the invocation.

It was moved and supported that the following Brothers be appointed to the following positions within the *Banner* staff for the 1995-1996 fiscal year; motion passed.

Gregory D. Hayes (Michigan)	Managing Editor
Paul D. Huff (Ohio)	Assistant Editor
Danny L. Wheeler (New York)	Advertising Editor

The job descriptions for the Assistant Editor and the Advertising Editor were referred for review and inclusion in the National Job Descriptions by the Program and Policy Committee.

It was moved and supported that Brother L. Dean Lamphere, Jr. (Michigan) be appointed as the Membership-at-Large Coordinator for the 1995-1996 fiscal year; motion passed.

It was moved and supported that Brother Richard Greene (Michigan) be appointed as National Camp and Department Organizer for the 1995-1996 fiscal year; motion passed.

It was moved and supported that Brother Richard A. Williams (Michigan) be appointed as the National Membership List Coordinator for the 1995-1996 fiscal year; motion passed.

It was moved and supported that Brother Kenneth Hershberger (Maryland) be appointed as the Assistant National Membership List Coordinator for the 1995-1996 fiscal year; motion passed.

The Commander-in-Chief reviewed the responsibilities of the National Chief of Staff, and the split of responsibilities between the National Chief of Staff and the Assistant Chief of Staff.

It was moved and supported that the job descriptions for the position of National Chief of Staff and the position of National Assistant Chief of Staff be referred to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief for review and update of the National Job Descriptions by the Program and Policy Committee, and to add the appropriate changes involving the Chiefs of Staff Banquet related to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; motion passed.

The Commander-in-Chief briefly reviewed the responsibilities of the National Special Committee on Communications Technology.

The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief discussed the feasibility of including SVR news with the *Banner*.

It was moved and supported that the subscription rate for the *Banner* for Juniors and members of the Allied Orders be established at \$6.00 per year (January - December) and \$10.00 per year (January - December) for those not associated with the Allied Orders; motion passed.

There was a brief discussion regarding the direction of the National Encampment regarding overruns of each issue of the *Banner*.

It was moved and supported that overruns of each issue of the *Banner* be produced in sufficient numbers for the Membership-at-large Coordinator to cover his requirements for additional new members; motion passed.

There was a brief discussion regarding which members of the Allied Orders currently received a complimentary subscription to the *Banner*.

It was moved and supported that, in addition to the National Presidents of the Allied Orders, the National Secretaries of the Allied Orders, and all of the Past National Presidents of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, that the National Editors of the Allied Orders' newsletters, and the Editor of *The Confederate Veteran*, receive a complimentary subscription to the *Banner* during their term in office; motion passed.

There was a brief discussion regarding the advertising rates for the *Banner*.

It was moved and supported that the Managing Editor and Advertising Editor of the *Banner* review and implement the advertising proposal developed by the Advertising Editor, and that a brief update be presented to the Council of Administration at its next regularly scheduled meeting; motion passed.

It was moved and supported that the *Banner* Managing Editor be authorized to produce a special 100th Volume Issue of the *Banner*; motion passed.

It was moved and supported that the Imagick Rubber Stamp Co. not receive approval to reproduce the image of the Order on rubber stamps without additional information, and that Imagick Rubber Stamp Co. be informed that a \$25 royalty fee per image would be charged; motion passed. The National Secretary was directed to notify Imagick Rubber Stamp Co.

There was a discussion regarding the implementation of the previously approved "800" number for the Order. A motion to commit for additional research by Brother Orr and Brother Loomis carried.

The Assistant National Treasurer reviewed inventory levels, costs and pricing.

It was moved and supported that the 1996 National Supply List be approved as presented, with an effective date of January 1, 1996; motion passed.

It was moved and supported that the National Supply List be revised to require proof of eligibility from Camps and Departments for the purchase of the Past Camp Commander and Past Department Commander Badges; motion passed.

There was a discussion regarding the various offers for establishing a National Headquarters. The Commander-in-Chief appointed a Subcommittee consisting of Brothers Richard Orr (Chair), Elmer F. Atkinson, and Glenn Knight. It was suggested that consideration be given toward establishing a temporary headquarters at Gettysburg.

It was moved and supported that the Life Member Reimburse for the 1995 - 1996 fiscal year be set at \$8.00 per Life Member; motion passed. Forms will be distributed to the Departments with the Second Quarter Report information.

It was moved and supported that the dues for the Membership-at-Large be set at \$15.00 for 1996, and that the Application Fee for the Membership-at-Large be set at \$20.00 for 1996; motion passed.

The Assistant to the National Treasurer distributed Officer Expense Reports to be forwarded to the Accountant.

The next meeting of the Council of Administration is scheduled for Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, Sunday, November 19, 1995.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

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

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Appendix 3

**Camp Fire Program
114th National Encampment
August 11, 1995**

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CAMP FIRE PROGRAM
Friday, August 11, 1995
Radisson Hotel, Columbus, Ohio

Master of Ceremonies Clark Mellor, PCinC, National Chief of Staff, SUVCW
7:00 PM Concert..... Ohio State University Alumni Band
7:50 PM Posting of the Colors..... Governor William Dennison Camp #1 Color Guard
National Anthem Ohio State University Alumni Band
Pledge of Allegiance.....Danny L. Wheeler, National Patriotic Instructor, SUVCW
InvocationMary E. Willey, National Chaplain, Auxiliary to the SUVCW
Greetings from the Department of Ohio Jim Hilton, Ohio Department Commander
Greetings from the State of Ohio..... The Honorable George V. Voinovich, Governor of the State of Ohio
GreetingsKeith G. Harrison, Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW
GreetingsMargaret E. Atkinson, National President, Auxiliary to the SUVCW
GreetingsErcelle Speaks, National President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
Announcements..... Clark Mellor, PCinC, National Chief of Staff, SUVCW
Benediction Barbara Tyler, National Chaplain, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
Retiring of the Colors..... Governor William Dennison Camp #1 Color Guard

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Appendix 4

**Joint Memorial Service
114th National Encampment
August 13, 1995**

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JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic**

**Sunday, August 13, 1995
Radisson Hotel, Columbus, Ohio**

Musical Prelude.....Allen W. Moore, PCinC
Processional..... *Onward Christian Soldiers*

Department Commanders, SUVCW
Department Presidents, ASUVCW
Department Presidents, Ladies of the GAR

Lighting of the Candles.....Keith G. Harrison, Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW
.....Margaret Atkinson, National President, ASUVCW
.....Ercelle Speaks, National President, Ladies of the GAR

Invocation..... Robert E. Grim, Acting National Chaplain, SUVCW

Scripture.....Barbara Tyler, National Chaplain, Ladies of the GAR

Memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic.....Richard L. Greenwalt, PCinC, SUVCW

Eulogy

William Haskell PCinC.....Elmer F. Atkinson, PCinC
Viola Bremne, PNP, ASUVCW..... Esther Peiper, PNP, ASUVCW
Della Richard PNP Ladies of the GAR..... Nancy Conaway, PNP, Ladies of the GAR

Choir..... *The Old Rugged Cross*

Tributes of Memory

Past National Presidents, ASUVCW.....Doris Schlenker, PNP, ASUVCW
Past Commanders-in-Chief..... Richard Schlenker, PCinC, SUVCW
Past National Presidents, Ladies of the GAR.....Eleanor Lowe, PNP, Ladies of the GAR
Deceased Officers & Members ASUVCW..... Frances Murray, National Secretary ASUVCW
Deceased Officers & Members, SUVCW..... David Wallace, National Secretary, SUVCW
Deceased Officers & Members, Ladies of the GAR..... Bonnie Weld, PNP, Ladies of the GAR

Roll Call and Placing of Flowers

Department Commanders, SUVCW
Department Presidents, ASUVCW
Department Presidents, Ladies of the GAR

Audience..... *Faith of Our Father*

Benediction..... Mary E. Willey, National Chaplain, ASUVCW

Extinguishing of Candles.....Keith G. Harrison, Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW
.....Margaret Atkinson, National President, ASUVCW
.....Ercelle Speaks, National President, Ladies of the GAR

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

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Selected Ceremony Presentations and Correspondence Keith G. Harrison, Commander-in-Chief

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**Keith G. Harrison, Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Springfield, Illinois, April 15, 1995**

On behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I am pleased to have been invited to present a few remarks at this commemoration. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was created in 1881 by the Grand Army of the Republic. The purpose of our Congressionally Chartered Order is to foster and preserve the memory of those who preserved the Union in 1861-1865.

We are here today to commemorate the 130th anniversary of the death and sad and mournful return of Abraham Lincoln to his home of 25 years. It was here in this city that he was to start a career in public life like no one before or since has ever started. It was also here that he would indirectly and directly define issues that would ultimately change forever the course of this country. In short, it was here that he would formulate the design that he would use to later refine to usher in a new era, a new beginning for our nation.

The importance of this city to Abraham Lincoln and his affection for its people were aptly presented in his farewell address on February 11, 1861. In his address, he stated:

"My Friends, no one, not in my situation, can appreciate my feeling of sadness at this parting. To this place, and the kindness of these people, I owe everything. Here I lived a quarter of a century, and have passed from a young to an old man. Here my children have been born, and one is buried. I now leave, not knowing when or whether ever I may return, with a task before me greater than that which rested upon Washington. Without the assistance of that divine being who ever attended him, I cannot succeed. With that assistance, I cannot fail. Trusting in him who can go with me, and remain with you, and be everywhere for good, let us confidently hope that all will yet be well. To his care commending you, as I hope in your prayers you will commend me, I bid you an affectionate farewell."

Most appropriately, it would be here four years later and now 130 years ago, that this city would again figure prominently in the life of Abraham Lincoln. It would be here the city's favorite son along with his family would be laid to rest and immortalized for all future generations to know. More importantly, however, it also would be here that the final chapter of the life of Abraham Lincoln and his design for the new era would end, setting into motion the beginning of renewed and stronger nation.

As Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as heirs to the Grand Army of the Republic, and as citizens of this country, we encourage you to commemorate with us the life and works of Abraham Lincoln, one individual from Springfield, Illinois, who solely through his belief in the people and principles of this country lead it through its darkest time and into a new era.

Correspondence to the Oklahoma City Red Cross

Oklahoma City Red Cross
601 NE 6th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73104

April 24, 1995

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, enclosed please find a check for \$1,000 to go towards your agency's work with the federal bombing victims and their families in Oklahoma.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was created in 1881 by the Grand Army of the Republic (Union veterans of the Civil War). The purpose of our Congressionally Chartered Order is to foster and preserve the memory of those who fought and died to preserve the Union in 1861-1865. The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) was created in 1868, in part, to help take care of the widows and orphans of the Union veterans and later became the forerunner of and strong advocate for veterans' rights. Although removed by time and circumstances, we believe that we are in some way still carrying on with the GAR's goals with our small contribution and hope that it can be used to (1) provide assistance to the widows, widowers, father or motherless children and childrenless parents which this tragedy has created and (2) acknowledge all the brave and selfless Americans that have been directly and indirectly subjected to and thus far endured the worst of humanity.

Sincerely,
Keith G. Harrison
Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**Keith G. Harrison, Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
New York, New York, April 30, 1995**

Dear Brothers of Oliver Tilden Camp #26, Sisters of our Allied Orders and Guests:

While I certainly wish that I could be with you today at this ceremony, other commitments of the Order prevent me. It is indeed an honor, however, to be asked to present some words on this occasion. I could go into all the accomplishment of Ulysses S. Grant both as a General and as a President, but I do not believe I need to with this audience.

The marking of this annual ceremony speaks to what the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was created 114 years ago to do. The Grand Army of the Republic, of which General Grant was a member, knew that someday they would no longer be around to properly care for their graves, their memorials and their memory. They purposefully gave that job to the Sons of Union Veterans. Specifically, we were charged with the responsibility of bringing to the attention of the proper authority the disrepair of their memorials. As you have teamed first hand with this memorial, this is not an easy task.

It remains unconscionable to me that a memorial, the final resting place of the most successful General of our American Civil War, a United States President, could be allowed by the United States Government to fall in such disrepair. There is absolutely no excuse for what has happened to this memorial over the years.

This lack of care I believe demands an all out and continued letter writing, editorial and mass media campaign to the President of our United States, to our Congressman, to our Governors, to all the national and state heads of our contemporary veterans organizations and to the American public in order to apprise them of this neglect and to bring and maintain national, state and local attention and focus onto this memorial. We cannot permit the neglect the National Parks Service to fulfill its charge continue to go unnoticed. I fervently believe that the Grand Army of the Republic would expect nothing less of us.

As the resident Sons of Union Veterans Camp in the area, I believe that you have a responsibility to spearhead this campaign and to pressure the powers to be to fulfill their responsibilities to refurbish and maintain this American landmark in the manner which it justly deserves.

Thank you for affording me the opportunity to make these remarks.

**Keith G. Harrison, Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Bryon, Michigan
May 29, 1995**

Brothers of Gov Crapo Camp 145, Distinguished Guests and Citizens of Bryon, Michigan

On behalf of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I am pleased to present a few remarks on this, the 127th anniversary of the founding of Memorial Day by the Grand Army of the Republic. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was created in 1881 by the Grand Army of the Republic. The purpose of our Congressionally Chartered Order is to foster and preserve the memory of those who served and saved the Union in 1861-1865. Among the charges given to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War by the Grand Army of the Republic was to ensure the continued and proper observance of Memorial Day (30 May). In 1868, John A. Logan, then Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army, designated 30 May for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country and to cherish tenderly the memory of our heroic dead.

Each year, the Sons of Union Veterans throughout this country carry out the charge given to us by the Grand Army and gather to participate with other patriotic organizations to remember all our country's veterans, the principals for which they fought and gave their lives, and the benefits of liberty which they gave to us. While we are encouraged by the participation we see today, during the last twenty years the meaning of Memorial Day has become obscured due to the change from 30 May to the three-day weekend and the virtual absence in the newspapers of the significance of this day. Each year fewer and fewer citizens are taking the time to come out to remember. In our larger cities this trend has become highly noticeable and it is now becoming more noticeable even in our smaller communities. There is a need to reverse this trend by re-educating our politicians, our community leaders, the press and the public as to what this date means to our country.

As Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as heirs to the Grand Army of the Republic, and as citizens of this country, we encourage you to talk with your local and state officials and to work with us and the other patriotic and veterans organizations to return Memorial Day back to its established date of 30 May.

Thank you.

**Keith G. Harrison, Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
State of Indiana US 12 Iron Brigade Memorial Highway Marker
Dedication Ceremony
Chesterton, Indiana
July 1, 1995**

Sons of Union Veterans Brothers, Military Order of the Loyal Legion Companions, fellow reenactors of the 24th Michigan, 19th Indiana and 9th Indiana, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen:

On behalf of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I am pleased to present a few remarks at this dedication of the Iron Brigade Memorial Highway marker. This is the second such marker ceremony that I have had the privilege to speak at; the other being just across the state line in Michigan. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was created in 1881 by the Grand Army of the Republic; the Union Civil War veterans. The purpose of our Congressionally Chartered Order is to foster and preserve the memory of those who served and saved the Union in 1861-1865.

Throughout the year but especially on Memorial Day, the Sons of Union Veterans throughout this country carry out the charges given to it by the Grand Army to gather and participate with other patriotic and veterans organizations to remember our country's veterans, the principles for which they fought and gave their lives, and the benefits of liberty which they gave to us. As a nation we must never forget what these veterans did and the significance that they have had in the forging of this country.

Therefore, and on behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic and its heir, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and on behalf of all the appreciative citizens of this country, I dedicate this historical marker designating US 12 within the state of Indiana as the Iron Brigade Memorial Highway. I am certain, as the Iron Brigade and Grand Army of the Republic veterans look down upon this ceremony today, that they are both pleased and content in knowing that there remain citizens such as you who still take the time to remember and help ensure that their sacrifices are never forgotten by the American public. Thank you.



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RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING the FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY
of the
LAST ENCAMPMENT OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
and
LAST REUNION OF THE UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS

WHEREAS, The Grand Army of the Republic and the United Confederate Veterans were dissolved following their respective National Encampment and Nation Reunion in 1949; and

WHEREAS, the fiftieth anniversary of the culmination of the Grand Army of the Republic and the United Confederate Veterans shall occur in 1999; and

WHEREAS, the sacrifices and hardships endured by the Union and Confederate armies is without question the most horrifying any group of Americans has endured in battle; and

WHEREAS, the loss of American lives and the number of American survivors maimed during the Civil War exceeded the combined number of lost American lives and wounded American soldiers from the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Indian Wars, the Spanish-American War, the Boxer Rebellion, the Philippine Insurrection, World War I, World War II, Korean War and three-fourths of the Viet Nam War; and

WHEREAS, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was founded to continue the work of the Grand Army of the Republic, to assist the Grand Army of the Republic in memorializing their honored dead, and to assure that the history of our nation, as it actually occurred, would be taught to our young; and

WHEREAS, the Sons of Confederate Veterans was founded to continue the work of the United Confederate Veterans, to assist the United Confederate Veterans in memorializing their honored dead, and to assure that the history of our nation as it actually occurred would be taught to our young; and

WHEREAS, all the veterans of the Civil War whether they wore blue or gray were Americans and fought for their beliefs and are all deserving of having their sacrifices memorialized throughout the ages; and

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WHEREAS, the Grand Army of the Republic and the United Confederate Veterans met on occasion to commemorate special anniversaries of battles of the Civil War; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, with a sense of common purpose extend an invitation to our southern brethren, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, to unite with us in a joint memorial activity to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the last Reunion of the United Confederate Veterans and the last Encampment the Grand Army of the Republic during 1999; that the type of activity, date, location and time of the activity be one which is mutually agreeable to both the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, that this be a true joint project directed by a committee comprised of equal representation of each Order with the chairman or co-chairmen to be determined by the committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we respectfully request that the Sons of Confederate Veterans join with us in petitioning the United State Congress to authorize a commemorative coin(s) memorializing the fiftieth anniversary of the last Reunion and last Encampment of our forefathers and that the Sons of Confederate Veterans join with us in petitioning the United States Postal Service to re-issue the commemorative stamps which were issued by the United States Post Office commemorating the last national meeting of the United Confederate Veterans and the Grand Army of the Republic.

Adopted by the National Council of Administration, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on 20 July 1995.



Attest:

David F. Wallace
David F. Wallace, National Secretary

Keith G. Garrison
Keith G. Garrison, Commander-in-Chief

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Appendix 6

**Commander-in-Chief Reception Banquet
October 22, 1994**

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Appendix 7

General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief, Series 1994/1995

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General Orders No. 1, Series 1994-1995
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1. I wish to express my appreciation to the delegates to the 113th National Encampment in Lansing, Michigan., for electing me as Commander-in-Chief. I look forward to an exciting and productive year.
2. I wish also to express the gratitude of the National Organization to all the Michigan Department Brothers who again out-did themselves in hosting an excellent National Encampment.
3. All correspondence to this office should be sent to the above address. For those Brothers who have E-mail or fax capabilities, you may also send your correspondence through these media. Requisitions for supplies should be mailed directly to the National Quartermaster, PCinC Elmer Atkinson. Address changes should be processed through your Camps and Departments and sent to National Secretary David Wallace.
4. Standing and Special National Committee appointments for 1994-95 have been made. This year will be different from previous years in that I am requesting that each committee chair keep me and, therefore, the Order informed of his committee's activities and progress on a quarterly basis rather than waiting until the end of the year to report. Committee quarterly progress reports are due by the following dates: 19 November 1994; 17 February 1995; 19 February 1995; and at the National Encampment in August 1995. The last quarterly report should summarize the preceding quarters plus provide information specific to the last quarter.
5. All too often in the past, I have seen Camps and Departments flounder for lack of consistent advice from the National Organization. Probably one of the most common problems which has occurred over the years has been a lack of consistent interpretations of the Order's Constitution and Regulations because of multiple Brothers providing their "opinions." The Order has a National Counselor and it is he who has this responsibility for the National Organization. I have requested that all interpretations prepared by the National Counselor be summarized periodically in the *Banner* this year for the benefit of all Brothers.
6. In a related matter, the time has come also for Brothers within our Order to stop offering advice without first checking to see what is said about the issue in the Order's Constitution and Regulations. We can no longer depend on how something was done five, ten, or twenty years ago. Our Constitution and Regulations are constantly changing; so too should our application of them. I would strongly advise all National, Department, and Camp officers to obtain and read the most recent copy of the Order's Constitution and Regulations. This document may be obtained through the office of the National Quartermaster, PCinC Elmer Atkinson.
7. Proposed amendments to Articles III, V, and VII of the National Constitution were passed at the 112th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The proposed amendments were ratified by a sufficient number of Departments pursuant to the National Constitution and become effective with the publication of these General Orders. The specific changes to Articles III, V, and VII of the National Constitution are presented below.

Article III

Eligibility to Membership

All male descendants, whether through lineal or collateral line of ages specified in Article VIII of this Constitution who are blood relatives of soldiers, sailors, marines or members of the Revenue Cutter Service, who were regularly mustered and served honorably in,

were honorably discharged from, or died in the service of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of America or such State regiments as were called into active service and were subject to orders of the United States general officers, during the War of the Rebellion between April 12, 1861, and April 9, 1865; who have never been convicted of any infamous or heinous crime; and who have, or whose ancestors through whom membership is claimed have, never voluntarily borne arms against the Government of the United States of America shall have eligibility to membership.

Article V
Organization

Section 1. The several constituted bodies of the Order shall be as follows:

Fifth. Eligibles from states where no Department exists may become members-at-large attached to National Headquarters. Dues for such members shall not be less than five dollars (\$5.00) per annum more than the National per capita tax. Membership application fees for new members-at-large shall not be less than five dollars (\$5.00) which shall be placed in the Permanent Fund.

Article VII
Membership

Section 1. Membership classes. There shall be three (3) classes of membership.

(a) Members. Males at least fourteen (14) years of age who meet the qualifications stipulated in Article III of this Constitution and Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation. Members enjoy all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of membership.

(b) Life Members. Members who have paid the requisite Life Membership fee as established by the National Organization. Life Members are exempt from the National per capita tax and otherwise, enjoy all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of membership.

(c) Honorary Membership. The Commander-in-Chief, upon recommendation from a Camp, Department, or the National Council of Administration and with the approval of the National Council of Administration, may grant honorary memberships to persons of acknowledged eminence who are especially distinguished for conspicuous and consistent loyalty to the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, and who have been active and eminent in maintaining the supremacy of the same and are known not to be eligible for membership in our Order. The National Organization, Departments, and Camps shall not impose the per capita tax, fees, dues, or any other monetary assessment on Honorary Members. Honorary Members are entitled to a free subscription to the *Banner*.

Section 2. Associates. There shall be one class of Associates. Associates are males at least fourteen (14) years of age who do not meet the qualifications stipulated in Article III of this Constitution and Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation but otherwise meet the requirements for membership established by the National Organization. The number of Associates in any Camp shall not exceed one-third (1/3) of the total roster of the Camp at the time of election. At no time during a meeting of a Camp, a Department, or the National Organization shall business be transacted if the number of Associates in attendance exceeds forty-nine per cent (49%) of the total attendance then present at said meeting. Associates may not be elected, appointed, or otherwise assume the offices of Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer or be appointed Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Associates shall not be counted toward the required number of members to establish a new camp. The names of Associates may not appear on the

Camp charter nor may Associates be designated as Charter Members of the Camp. Associates otherwise enjoy all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of membership.

Section 4. Establishment of Associates by Departments and Camps. Departments, at their own discretion, may establish Associates. Departments may impose further restrictions on Associates, provided that the rights established in Chapter V, Article VI of the National Regulations may not be altered, reduced, or vacated. If a Department specifically establishes Associates by amending its bylaws, Camps within said Department may amend the Camp by-laws and establish Associates. Camps may impose further restrictions in accordance with the provisions of the Department by-laws and provided that the rights established in Chapter V, Article VI of the National Regulations may not be altered, reduced, or vacated. If a Department does not establish Associates, Camps within the Department's jurisdiction may not establish Associates.

Section 5. A member in good standing upon written application to his Camp shall be entitled to receive a Transfer Card or Honorable Discharge, and, if his Camp be disbanded or suspended shall be entitled to receive a Transfer Card from the Commander of the Department.

8. Departments and Camps-at-Large are hereby ordered to submit a copy of their most recent set of bylaws to National Counselor James B. Pahl no later than 1 January 1995. The bylaws will be reviewed for conformity to the most recent edition of the Order's Constitution and Regulations.

9. The 1993-94 National Committee on Program and Policy did not have an opportunity to finish its review of all of the Order's forms last year. As a consequence, I would request that the 1994-95 Committee review the remaining forms. In particular, I would request that the Committee look specifically at Forms 23 and 26 (Organizer's Report and Charter Application, respectively). The current process for establishing and chartering new camps is very cumbersome and requires adherence to many outdated and/or unnecessary procedures. I would request that the Committee propose a simplified and streamlined process that would be consistent with the Order's Constitution and Regulations. A single new form consolidating the procedures with clear and concise instructions (possibly a checklist) would be preferred. I am requesting that recommendations regarding the Camp organization forms be submitted by 17 February 1995.

10. Brothers are urged to contribute to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's fund again this year. The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's fund is used to pay for recruitment advertising in national publications. This program has resulted, in part, in our Order's large membership increases in recent years. Donations should be sent to Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief David Medert, 16 Shawnee Drive, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601-1148. Your checks should be made payable to: "National Organization, SUVCW."

11. Brothers are also urged to send donations to National Patriotic Instructor Danny Wheeler for the Order's Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Memorial Fund. Monies from this fund help to pay for the Order's patriotic programs, which perpetuate the memory of the GAR. Donations may be sent to Brother Wheeler at 501 Willow Ave., Ithaca, New York 14850. Again, your checks should be made payable to: "National Organization, SUVCW."

12. My itinerary for 1994 and 1995 has filled quickly. I would strongly encourage Departments who desire the presence of the Commander-in-Chief at their annual encampments to get their invitations in soon. For fairness reasons, I will book on a first-come, first-serve basis.

13. On behalf of the Order, I would like to extend congratulations to all the new Presidents of the four other Allied Orders of the GAR: Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Ladies of the GAR, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Women's Relief Corps. I look forward to working this year with all four organizations on behalf of our Order.

14. As we begin what I hope will be a highly productive year, I wish to outline a vision that I would like to see our Order promote. As an Order we have always tried to emulate the GAR in many of our actions and deeds. Unfortunately, I feel that we have been emulating the declining rather than the productive years of the GAR. I would submit that this is the wrong way to remember the GAR. Most of us were not around when the GAR was in full bloom and so never had the opportunity to observe firsthand the vigor and vitality of that organization. Before the GAR ranks were filled with a few tired old veterans resigned to the fact that their organization was dying, the GAR was a large, highly visible, enthusiastic and energetic organization filled with young men with unconquerable dreams.

If our Order is to fulfill what the GAR created it to fulfill, we must first change how we view ourselves as an Order. The SUVCW was created to be a perpetual organization, forever living on as successive generations of sons are born. It was intended to be vibrant, innovative, and, therefore, effective in its dealings. It was intended to be an organization that would emulate the GAR not during its waning years but during its height of influence. I, therefore, implore you to become active in your local communities and in your states. Get out and promote, on behalf of the SUVCW and the GAR, local Civil War-related or even non-Civil War-related community projects. Get involved in projects with our contemporary veterans' organizations. Promote the memory of the GAR and its members' deeds through our actions. With this kind of visibility and activity, we can and will succeed in keeping the significance and the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic alive and, most importantly, continually in the eyes of the American public.

15. Another area in which I would like to see our Order continue to excel is in the increased recruitment of younger members. For many years, our Order has been, literally, a retirement Order. This has changed during the last several years with the increase of younger members and the dropping of the average age of our membership. This kind of recruiting must be continued, for, as previously stated, this is a perpetual organization and must be constantly infused with younger members if it is going to remain viable.

16. The last major area of change I would like to see this year is an increased use of computers and electronic communications throughout our Order. It has been really only in the last three to four years that our Order has even begun to use computers to assist it in its operations; however, we have made great strides in these few years. I intend this year to advocate for even greater use of such tools in the Order's daily operation. I would strongly recommend that Departments and Camps begin to consider the same. Along these lines, I have appointed a limited-term special committee to develop guidelines to help ensure that we all remain compatible in terms of our software. I am requesting that this committee provide its recommendations by 17 February 1995.

17. Finally it is my hope that this year will be a highly productive year of even more progress and positive changes for the Order. I look forward to working with all Camp, Department and National office-holders in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

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1. First of all, I wish to acknowledge and thank Brothers Don Everett and Gary Gibson of Michigan for arranging a very enjoyable reception and banquet for me on 22 October in Lansing, Michigan. The evening and the roast proved to be very memorable; especially some of the gifts.
2. On 13 November, I and Margaret Atkinson, National Auxiliary President, were most fortunate to be able to participate in the dedication at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania of the new state of Maryland monument to its soldiers, both north and south, who fought there. The ceremony was one of best that I have ever attended. The Governors from both Pennsylvania and Maryland, along with many military and civilian dignitaries, were present. The ceremony was conducted with precision and was most impressive. I am also pleased to report that our own Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) comprised an integral part of this ceremony and accounted for themselves most admirably.
3. On 19 November, I was back in Gettysburg for a very impressive Remembrance Day Parade and Ceremony sponsored by the SVR, an excellent dinner sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department and a Military Ball sponsored by the SVR. I strongly encourage anyone who has not yet attended the annual Remembrance Day activities to do so. It is very memorable. I would like to personally thank the 30th Michigan Volunteer Infantry - SVR, for the very large and impressive turnout at the Remembrance Day program. I was very pleased and highly honored.
4. I am very pleased to report that the newly instituted practice of submittal of written or verbal quarterly reports by your elected and appointed National officers and committee chairs was met with almost 100 percent success for the quarter. This is a new procedure, which was started this year. In the past, the Order has always waited until the end of the year to have its officers and committees present their reports. By that time, however, it was either too late to take advantage of favorable circumstances or too late to correct problems. With the current quarterly reporting process, the Council of Administration, your Order's "Board of Directors", is afforded an opportunity to make informed and necessary adjustments in the direction of the Order during rather than at the end of the year. The next quarterly reports are due to me by 19 February 1995.
5. I also wish to report that the November Council of Administration meeting was probably one of the most productive (in terms of the short time allocated for it) that I have attended in years. Your Council of Administration members came with prepared motions and focused rather than unstructured, tangential and unproductive discussions. I fully believe that this new format will allow us who sit on your Order's Council of Administration to be much more effective in our dealings and more responsive to the Order and its needs.
6. Since my election I have had the honor and privilege of conferring a Certificate of Merit and National Aide status on the following Brothers: Philip E. Faller and Martin Ahlvin, Mississippi (representing the Commander-in-Chief at a Union soldier's grave site ceremony in Mississippi); Stan Parterre, Missouri (representing the Commander-in-Chief at the dinner reception for the incoming President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War); Aram Plante and Jan Ouhrabka, Rhode Island (exceptional organizational work in Rhode Island); and Daniel F.B. Lisarelli, Texas (representing the Commander-in-Chief at the charter Camp meeting of the Lone Star Camp #1 in Texas).

During the same period, I have had the pleasure of conferring certificates and National Aide status on the following Brothers for their membership recruitment activities: Charles Yates, Tennessee (5 new members); Richard Greene, Michigan (5 new members); L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., Michigan, (5 new members); Terrance L. McKinch, Michigan (5 new members); David F. Wallace, Michigan (7 new members); Donald H. Workman, Michigan (17 new members), David Turpin, Iowa (5 new members), Eugene Carpenter, Rhode Island (8 new members); Richard Parmenter, Rhode Island (4 new members); Brian Guiot, Rhode Island (4 new members); Donald Marcum, Rhode Island (3 new members); Douglas R. Knight, Massachusetts (5 new members); William R. Ward, Utah (8 new members); and Kenneth C. Nelson, Utah (5 new members). I was particularly pleased to confer the title of National Aide on Keith Ashley, Ohio, who initially served as organizer and now serves as Camp Commander of the new Ohio Brooks-Grant Camp 47. In addition to organizing the Camp, Brother Ashley brought in 37 of the Camp's 54 total membership as new members into the Order. Finally, I was very pleased to present, via National Patriotic Instructor Danny Wheeler, a Certificate of Merit to Post 4961, Veterans of Foreign Wars in Ithaca, New York for its very generous donation of \$500 to the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Memorial Fund.

7. In March of last year, the current National Treasurer, Brother Richard Orr, announced that he would not be seeking another term as Treasurer at the end of his current term (August 1995). In the past when issues such as this came up, we as an Order usually have done nothing and let fate take its course. We were fortunate to have had Brother Orr serve these last few years; however, we may not be so lucky in the future. I do not believe that this is the best way to approach such issues. I fully believe that it behooves us as an organization to actively solicit and encourage qualified individuals who have the experience and talent for such a position to consider running. Because of the Order's large and continued growth, we now have a vast pool of talented Brothers who, if are made known of the upcoming vacancy in advance, might be willing to be considered for such a position. I strongly urge any Brother who feels that he could be an asset to the Order to consider the possibility of running for National Treasurer. The term would be for three years. For our newer Brothers who may not know, it helps if you wish to be considered for the position, that you obtain endorsement from your Camp to your Department Encampment and then from your Department Encampment to the National Encampment. For individuals in Camps-at-Large, you should seek endorsement from your Camp to the National Encampment. And finally, for Members-at-Large who wish to run for the office, you will need to place your own name into nomination at the National Encampment. Strongly consider the possibility of running. Our Order does best when we have individuals in positions who have both the interest and desire to do the work.

8. The Commander-in-Chief awards two \$1,000 scholarships on an annual basis. The availability of the Order's annual scholarships is becoming known more and more throughout the country. I believe that this is a good for two reasons. First, it increases the pool of qualified candidates which in turn allows the Order to pick the most deserving; and second, it helps to get the name of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) out before the public. This year, the Order received over 20 requests for scholarship consideration. The pool of applicants was filled with some of the brightest and highly talented young people that I have seen. It was both a very difficult but most rewarding task that I have had to select the top two individuals for this year's scholarships.

The two recipients of the annual SUVCW scholarships for 1994-95 were Ms. Gretchen Kroger of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Russell C. Young of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. Ms. Kroger is a member of the Anna M. Ross Auxiliary #1. She graduated from high school magna cum laude being in the top 5 percent of her class (#27 out of 550) with a grade point average of 3.9. Her Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT) score totaled 1,250 (610 verbal and 640 math). She is currently attending Rowan College of New Jersey majoring in elementary education with a history coordinate major. She happens to be also the granddaughter of PCinC Bud Atkinson and National Auxiliary President Margaret Atkinson.

The second recipient, Mr. Russell Young, is currently finishing up high school and will be attending one of five colleges in the fall. Mr. Young currently ranks 17th out of a class of 222 and also exceeded 1,200 on his SAT. He is a member of the National Honor Society, German Honor Society, National Art Honor Society and was included in the 1994 edition of Who's Who in American High Schools. His great great

grandfather was Corporal Nathan Hale Baker of Company B, 10th Rhode Island Volunteer Infantry. He is interested in pursuing history in college.

The National Committee on Program and Policy is currently working on the development of an application and process to be used by future Commanders-in-Chief that should greatly help streamline this program.

9. Due to the lateness of the post-encampment *Banner*, the requirement placed onto Departments and Camps-at-Large to have a copy of their Bylaws into National Counselor, James Pahl, by 1 January is extended to 1 March 1995.

10. Among the National staff, there have been two vacancies. Brothers Russell Gregory and Vaughn Rawson, *Banner* Editor and National Camp and Department Organizer, respectively, have resigned. Both have done an exemplary job in their respective positions and deserve the accolades of the Order. Both were given a Certificate of Merit for their work. I have appointed Brother Richard Greene (9245 Willits, Mayville, Michigan 48744; 517-843-5967) as the new National Camp and Department Organizer. An ad hoc committee of the Council of Administration is currently seeking a new editor of the *Banner* for consideration by the full Council of Administration. During the interim, all articles should be sent to the National Secretary, Dave Wallace (7017 Granada Lane, Flint, Michigan 48532).

11. One of our newest Camps-at-Large, the Lot Smith Camp #1, Salt Lake City, Utah, has offered to assist Brothers and applicants FREE OF CHARGE in researching Civil War military records. According to Camp Commander William Ward, the Camp is uniquely placed to be a resource to the National Organization in terms of its access to personnel records of the Civil War. Many of the Camp's Brothers participate in the Civil War Soldiers System project of the National Park Service, Genealogical Society of Utah and the Federation of Genealogical Studies. Brother Ward is currently the user specialist assigned to producing a finished CD-ROM set from the records. In addition, Brother Ken Nelson, the Camp's Senior Vice Commander, is the LDS Family History Library's expert on American military records with special interest in Civil War and GAR records. Brother Ward may be contacted by writing to William R. Ward, Commander (Lot Smith Camp #1 SUVCW, PO Box 11592, Salt Lake City, Utah 84147-0592). His e-mail address is: WR-WARD%UTLI3N%UTLO1N%XFER%UTLVAX%YVAX%WPGATE@yvax.byu.edu

12. Brothers are reminded and urged to send their donations to both the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's and the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Memorial Funds. Both funds are integral to the operation of our Order. Donations to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund may be sent to Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief David Medert (16 Shawnee Drive, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601-1148). Donations to the GAR Memorial Fund may be sent to National Patriotic Instructor Danny Wheeler (501 Willow Ave., Ithaca, New York 14850). In both cases, checks should be made payable to the "National Organization - SUVCW." No donation is too small.

13. Camp and Department Commanders are reminded that copies of fully completed applications must accompany their quarterly reports for every new Member or Associate being reported during that quarter. There are no exceptions to this.

14. At the 113th National Encampment, the Order approved the category of Juniors (Junior Sons) within the SUVCW. This new classification does not represent a new "Member" category or authorize a lowering of the current minimum age (14 years) for a Brother. Briefly, Juniors are boys 8 to 14 years meeting the same eligibility requirements as a Member (no Junior Associates) but who cannot vote or hold any elected office, and for whom Camps and Departments do not have to pay per capita tax. Juniors cannot be counted towards Camp or Department membership totals and will not receive a *Banner*. Juniors may be charged dues if so determined by the local camp. It is optional for Camps to have Juniors. Departments do not have to authorize the new category for Camps to take in Juniors; however, Departments can, by vote at its upcoming 1995 Encampment, prohibit its local Camps from having Juniors. It is anticipated that only those boys who have a relative in the local Camp will be voted in by that Camp. It is also expected that any Brother who brings a Junior into the Camp will assume all responsibility for the boy while he attends Camp functions. I would strongly encourage Camps to consider and Departments not to prohibit the inclusion of Juniors in our ranks. We as an Order have a tremendous opportunity to involve our sons, and to serve at a critical time period in their development as

a positive role model in terms of such attributes as appreciation of history, love of the flag, patriotism, citizenship, fraternity, charity and loyalty. Let us not lose this opportunity to help ensure the perpetuation of our Order and the memory of the GAR.

15. Pursuant to the National Regulations, a difference exists between Standing and Special National Committees. Standing Committees will reoccur yearly until such time that a National Encampment decides otherwise and amends the regulations. Special Committees are created for a specific purpose and a specified period of time (usually one year). Special Committees cease to exist after that time period unless it is felt by a National Encampment that they are still needed. The National Organization currently has 12 Standing Committees (Program and Policy, Constitution and Regulations, Membership, Encampment Site, Legislation, Military Affairs, Americanism and Education, Lincoln Tomb Observance, Remembrance Day, History, Fraternal Relations and Graves Registration). The National Organization also has (this year) seven Special Committees (Blue/Gray 1999 Encampment Investigation, Computer Software Standardization, *Banner* Printing & Distribution, Real Sons & Daughters, National Headquarters Fund Committee, Life Memberships and Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Foundation). I point this out because in the past several Special Committees have almost been given a defacto status of a Standing Committee and/or were continued way beyond their usefulness. In order to help correct this problem, I had hoped to have had the above distinction highlighted in the last *Banner's* listing of National Committees. Unfortunately, the distinction did not get printed.

16. Appointments to the last two Special Committees (Life Memberships and Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Foundation) for this year will be finalized in March. If any Brother has a desire to serve on either of these committees, please let me know.

17. I hope that everyone had a very happy holiday season and I trust that your new year will be rewarding in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

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1. I am pleased to announce that the Order now has a new editor of the *Banner*. Brother Gregory Hayes of Linden, Michigan was appointed by the Council of Administration as Editor of the *Banner* on 7 February 1995. In addition, I have appointed Brothers Paul Huff of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and Danny Wheeler of Ithaca, New York, as National Aides to serve in the capacity as an Assistant Editor and Advertising Editor, respectively, for the *Banner*. With Brother Hayes appointment as *Banner* Editor, also comes a second appointment as Chair of the Special National Committee on *Banner* Printing and Distribution. The *Banner* is now being prepared almost entirely by computer. As a consequence, you are encouraged when and where possible to submit your articles to Brother Hayes on computer disk or e-mail. The *Banner* will also now begin to take advertisements.

2. As a reminder, all address changes should be processed through your Camps and Departments and sent to National Secretary David Wallace. For those Brothers who have e-mail or fax capabilities, you may also send your correspondence through these vehicles (Brother Wallace has a new e-mail address: jmw12Oovi@aol.com). Requisitions for supplies should be mailed directly to the National Quartermaster, PCinC Elmer Atkinson.

3. Also as a reminder, copies of the Order's two publications entitled, *Job Descriptions for Camp and Department Officers SUVCW* and *Job Descriptions for National Organization Officers and Standing Committees SUVCW*, are available through our National Quartermaster. Neither of these publications happened to appear on the requisition sheet in the last issue of the *Banner*. They are, however, available, and I would strongly encourage all Camp, Department and National Officers to obtain a copy of each of these publications along with a copy of the Order's Constitution and Regulations. You cannot fulfill your responsibilities if you do not know what you are suppose to do.

4. The National Organization has been heading into the computer world at a very fast pace. Currently, the entire membership mailing list and the creation and processing of *Banner* have been computerized. In addition, we have begun to place on computer disk our various historical inventories of records, and hopefully this year we should have in place the beginnings of a computerized national graves registration program. As a consequence of both our current and anticipated needs, I created last year the Special National Committee on Computer Software and Standardization to look at the some of the issues which could cause us some problems in the future in terms of compatibility of data base, word processing and financial software. The Committee has since completed and presented its report. The following are the standards that were recommended by the Committee and are now passed on to the membership.

Software Packages Recommendation

Database: Any data base program that can read and write dbase III format (most commercial packages meet this requirement). The National Membership List Coordinator currently uses *R&R Report Writer* to maintain the membership list.

Word Processing: Any word processing program that can read and write ASCII format files (most commercial packages meet this requirement).

Financial: No specific recommendation; however, there are several good packages, including *Microsoft Money*, *Quicken*, *Peachtree* and *Managing Your Money*.

By meeting the above standards, Brothers should be able to exchange and update information by way of computer disks; thereby saving both time and money and also helping to reduce errors.

5. It has been amazing the number of Brothers all over this country who have been writing me via e-mail and fax. It is almost as if the Order after 114 years is just now "coming of age" in terms of communications. Personally, I have found these communication vehicles to be invaluable and a tremendous time and money saver, not only to me as Commander-in-Chief but also to the Order. I would strongly encourage all Brothers to seriously consider these additional forms of communication at least as an adjunct to the more conventional forms of US Mail and telephone.

6. The Order is going on-line probably sometime later this month. The Council of Administration has approved a trial period to establish a membership inquiry bulletin board on *America-on-Line*. The purpose of the bulletin board will be to provide information on the Order and an e-mail and regular mail contact to prospective members to write to for an application. I have appointed Brother Glen Knight (Senior Vice Commander, Pennsylvania Department, KA3KWM@aol.com) as a National Aide to work with *American-on-Line* to develop this program.

7. The deadline for submittal of biographical information for the SUVCW History Book will be extended until 30 April, 1995. After that date, the book goes to press. Therefore, I strongly encourage

any Brother who has not yet forwarded his and his ancestor's biographies to Turner Publishing Company, to do so before the end of April. Specific information on how to complete and where to send your biographies may be found in the last issue of the *Banner* (Volume 99, Issue 1).

8. On 12 February in Washington, DC, I and the National Presidents of our Allied Orders attended and laid a wreath on behalf of each of our respective Orders in recognition of Abraham Lincoln's birthday. Despite the cold weather, the ceremony was well attended. Our Sons of Veterans Reserve, headed up by PCinC General Charles Corfman, accounted for themselves admirably.

9. Since the last issue the *Banner*, I have had the honor and privilege of conferring a Certificate of Merit to five individuals, none of whom are members of the Order. The recipients of the certificates were: Gail Seitz, Past National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans (DUVCW) and four gentlemen (Robert Simpson, Terry Foenander, Barry Crompton and Roy Parker) from Australia. Sister Seitz was presented the certificate as a result of her very generous contribution of \$5,000 to establish a fund for the maintenance of the Samuel W. Grinnell Post #283 Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Hall in Sunfield, Michigan. This hall is currently home to the Helen M. Edwins Tent #30, DUVCW and the Curtenius Guard Camp #17, SUVCW (my camp). The thoughtfulness of Sister Seitz is much appreciated. Certificates were also presented to the four men from Australia for their past, present and currently ongoing work in locating and marking the graves of American veterans buried in Australia. In terms of Union Civil War graves, they have located over 150.

During the same period, I have had the pleasure of conferring Certificates of Merit and National Aide status on the following Brothers for their membership recruitment activities: Douglas E. Smith, New York (3 new members); Joseph Pucciarelli, New York (4 new members); James Grismer, New York (12 new members), Charles Sharrock, Colorado (4 new members), Ellsworth W. Brown, Massachusetts (6 new members) and Jerome Orton, New York (5 new members). Finally, I was very pleased to confer National Aide status on James W. Dark, Texas, for representing the Commander-in-Chief at the Edward Lea Camp #2 charter presentation ceremony.

10. Since becoming Commander-in-Chief, I have been made aware of several deaths. On behalf of the National Organization, I wish to express my sympathy to the families of the following late Brothers:

William W. Haskell, Past Commander in Chief - 1967-68;
Matt Urban, Honorary Member of Curtenius Guard Camp #17, Department of Michigan and most decorated veteran of World War II,
James T. Cunningham, Charter Member of Lt. Commander Edward Lea Camp #2, Texas;
Frederick Jones, Member, Governor Crapo Camp #145, Department of Michigan,
Dudley Pritchard, Member, General Benjamin Pritchard Camp #20, Department of Michigan,
Philip Johnston, Member, General Benjamin Pritchard Camp #20, Department of Michigan,
John Campbell, Real Son and Member, Governor Crapo Camp #145, Department of Michigan,
John LaRue, PDC and Member, Robert Finch Camp #14, Department of Michigan; and
William M. Culin, Life Member and World War II, Korean and Vietnam Veteran.

11. In theory, when a GAR Post was disbanded, all records and property were to be transferred to the Department and when the Department disbanded, to the National Organization. A similar progression is suppose to take place in the SUVCW. In fact, this seldom ever happened. Today, GAR Post and many SUVCW Camp records are scattered all over this country in a variety of locations. In addition to records, many of these Posts and Camps had savings and/or checking accounts. This money usually ended up reverting to the escheats division or department within the state in which the Post or Camp was located. As the legal heir of the GAR, the SUVCW may lay claim to these funds. The National Organization has begun to make a concerted effort to locate and recover these funds. It has been decided by the Council of Administration that Departments should also actively explore the possibility of such funds in their respective state(s). The National Organization will initiate inquiries in those states without an existing Department. The National Secretary will be mailing information to all Departments that should help with your search. If you need additional assistance on to how to go about this, contact National Counselor James B. Pahl (445 Maple, Mason, Michigan 48854-1519).

12. In addition to the many new Camps which have been and are still being formed all over this country this year, come 13 May 1995 the National Organization should be also become larger by at least one new Department. National Secretary Dave Wallace and I will be traveling to Texas to create the Department of the Southwest. The Department will be composed of two, possibly three, Camps in Texas and one Camp in Oklahoma. There is still a possibility for more Departments yet this year. The team of Dean Lamphere, National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, and Richard Greene, National Camp and Department Organizer, are to be commended for all the work that they have done. Given the magnitude of the number of inquiries these Brothers process, I am hereby appointing Brother Edgar Dowd (Department of Michigan) as a National Aide to serve in the capacity as an assistant to the National Membership-at-Large Coordinator. This year should be a banner year (pardon the pun) in terms of new members, new camps and new departments.

13. The Oliver Tilden Camp #26 of New York City will be holding its annual commemoration of the birthday of General Ulysses S. Grant on 30 April at Grant's Tomb, 122nd Street and Riverside Drive, Manhattan. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend due my attendance at the New Hampshire Department Encampment. I have, however, sent remarks to be presented on behalf of the National Organization. I would encourage as many Brothers as possible to attend this very important ceremony in order to bring attention to the neglect of this American memorial and symbol of purpose and resolve.

14. Brothers are reminded and urged to send their donations to both the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's and the GAR Memorial Funds. Both funds are integral to the operation of the our Order. Donations to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund may be sent to Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief David Medert (16 Shawnee Drive, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601-1148). Donations to the GAR Memorial Fund may be sent to National Patriotic Instructor Danny Wheeler (501 Willow Ave., Ithaca, New York 14850). In both cases, checks should be made payable to the "National Organization - SUVCW." No donation is too small.

15. With the beginning of spring, we are all getting ready for our annual Department Encampments. It is at these Encampments where decisions are made as to what should be forwarded to the National Organization for consideration at its Encampment in August. Various items such as proposed changes to the Constitution and/or Regulations, endorsements for Brothers to a variety of elected national offices, and proposals to the National Organization for consideration of special requests are presented each year. As a suggestion for consideration at your Department Encampments, thoroughly think out your proposed changes or requests; the clearer they are, the better chance they will be understood and possibly adopted by the National Organization. Also, and in particular for proposed Constitution or Regulations changes, look at the existing wording and then develop language using the least amount of wording change which will, if adopted, still result in what you want.

16. Camps are reminded that they should hold appropriate ceremonies on Memorial Day, 30 May. This is the date established by the Grand Army of the Republic and General John A. Logan in his famous Order #11. The charge to ensure that appropriate ceremonies are held each year was officially given to the Order by the Grand Army. This is a charge that in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty to GAR we should never neglect.

17. I hereby order that all Camp and Department charters be draped for 30 days in memory of our departed Brothers and in respect for their survivors.

By Order Of
Keith G. Harrison
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
David F. Wallace
National Secretary

GENERAL ORDERS No. 4 Series 1994-1995

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1. Thus far, I have traveled to Iowa, Maryland (actually Delaware) and New Hampshire for Department Encampments and I have a full schedule of additional Departments and special programs lined up. Each of the places that I have visited has been most enjoyable. Given my rather hectic schedule, I may not be able to get back to all the Departments with thank you letters. As a consequence, I wish to take this opportunity to personally thank the Departments, which I have visited thus far, and to thank in advance those that I will be visiting in the very near future. I would also like to personally thank Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief David Medert, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Alan Loomis, PCinC Elmer Atkinson, PCinC Clark Mellor, PCinC Richard Schlenker and Brothers Alan Peterson, Howard Streeter, Jim Dark, Daniel Lisarelli, Dave Wallace, Kent Armstrong, Richard Greene, Dean Lamphere, Gregory Hayes and Charles Funck for representing the National Organization at my request at functions where schedule conflicts prevented my attendance.

2. During this period I traveled to Springfield, Illinois for the annual death day program for Abraham Lincoln (130th anniversary), where I and the National Presidents of the other Allied Orders placed wreaths on behalf of our respective Orders. The weather was perfect for the outside program. In addition, I also traveled to Richmond, Virginia for a special 130th anniversary commemoration of the fall of Richmond. The program entitled, *Blue Coats in a Gray City*, was orchestrated by Brother Howard Bartholf (Department of Maryland) and was excellent. While I was in Richmond, I was fortunate enough to have time to visit the Museum of the Confederacy, Confederate White House and Virginia State Capitol. I would encourage anyone who gets the opportunity to see these. Time did not permit me, however, any opportunity to visit Hollywood Cemetery where many of the more notable Confederates are buried.

3. I am pleased to announce that during this period I have conferred a Certificate of Merit to the following individuals: Bradley McGowan (Department of Iowa) for almost single handily raising funds to restore Des Moines, Iowa Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument and Howard Bartholf (Department of Maryland) for his efforts in orchestrating the *Blue Coats in a Gray City* program. In addition, I am also pleased to state that I have conferred National Aide status sent a Certificate of Merit to the following Department of Massachusetts Brothers for their recruitment activities: Edward Parks (14 members), Edward Hayes (5 members), Alan Peterson (4 members) and Gilbert Bagley (3 members).

4. Based on discussions with National Historian Gary Gibson and Turner Publishing, response to the Order's History book by the membership has been exemplary. As a consequence, it has been recommended by Brother Gibson that the deadline be extended once more in order to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to participate. I am therefore extending the deadline for submission of biographical sketches to Turner Publishing until August 1, 1995.

5. The following Departments and Camps-at-Large are to be commended for submittal of their bylaws pursuant to General Orders #1 (Item #8) and #2 (Item #9), Series 1994-1995: Departments - California-Pacific, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin and (proposed) Southwest; Camps-at-Large - General William T. Sherman Billy Yank Camp #65 and Fort Duffield Camp #1. These Department and Camp-at-Large bylaws either have been or are in the process of being reviewed for consistency with the Order's Constitution and Regulations by National Counselor, James Pahl.

The bylaws reviews were requested and are seen as necessary in order to ensure that the Departments and Camps-at-Large are keeping pace with the National Organization in terms of operational changes

affecting how the Order functions and also to help reduce the number of unnecessary and often fraternally damaging misunderstandings and misconceptions which tend to surface each year within the Order. Outdated (in some cases by 10 to 20 years) bylaws only provide a disservice to our many new members who seek to learn and work within the Order. If we are going to move into the 21st century as an expanding and vibrant Order, it is important that the membership be afforded and encouraged to use the most accurate information available.

6. The following Departments and Camps-at-Large have not (as of 10 June 1995) submitted a copy of their bylaws pursuant to General Orders #1 (Item # 8) and #2 (Item #9), Series 1994-1995:

Departments: Colorado and Wyoming, Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont

Camps-at-Large Phelps Camp #66 and Lot Smith Camp #1

The National Counselor has been asked to look into the potential Constitution and Regulations ramifications of noncompliance with the two General Orders as they relate to seating and participation by the above listed Departments and Camps-at-Large at the upcoming 114th National Encampment. I strongly encourage all the above listed Departments and Camps-at-Large to submit a copy of their bylaws to the National Counselor (James B. Pahl, Esq., 445 W. Maple, Mason, Michigan 48854-1519) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE and avoid any possible embarrassment at the August 1995 National Encampment.

7. The 114th National Encampment will be held 10-13 August 1995 at the Radisson Hotel Columbus North, 4900 Sinclair Road, Columbus, Ohio. The Joint Opening of the Allied Orders will take place at 4:00 PM on Thursday afternoon (10 August). All National Officers are requested to be present for the Joint Opening. The pre-encampment meeting of the National Council of Administration will take place at 7:00 PM on Thursday night (10 August). The first business session for the SUVCW will begin at 9:00 AM on Friday (11 August). I look forward to seeing a large showing of delegates to this Encampment.

8. National Encampment reports from elected and appointed National Officers and Standing and Special National Committee Chairs should be typewritten on 8 1/2" by 11" white paper and submitted to National Secretary Dave Wallace (7017 Granada Lane, Flint, Michigan 48532) by no later than Friday, 4 August 1995. Three (3) copies should be submitted. A period of five (5) minutes will be afforded each National Officer and Committee Chair to present his report on the floor of the Encampment. In addition to the three paper copies of the report, it would also be appreciated if a disk with the report could be sent to the National Secretary.

9. The below listed Brothers are appointed to the following 114th National Encampment Committees:

Credentials: George L. Powell, Chair; Forrest F. Altland; and Richard A. Williams;

Resolutions: PCinC Elmer Atkinson, Chair, L. Dean Lamphere; and Andrew Johnson;

Ritual & Ceremonies: PCinC Richard Greenwalt, Chair; Kenneth Hershberger; and Rev. Richard Bradley Long;

Audit: PCinC Charles Corfman, Chair; J. Douglas Park and Robert Grim;

Officer Reports: PCinC Gordon Bury, Chair; Robert Carroon, and Peter Dixon; and

Constitution and Regulations: Richard Orr, Chair, PCinC Lowell Hammer, PCinC Allen Moore, PCinC Joseph Rippey and James Pahl.

10. As this will be my last General Order for the year, I wish to thank all the elected and appointed National Officers and the members of the Standing and Special National Committees for all their dedicated and productive work this year. The Order has grown dramatically both in numbers and organization because of your work. As I indicated at the beginning of my term as Commander-in-Chief, I have the best administrative team ever to be produced from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to date. To our sister Allied Order Presidents, Sisters Margaret Atkinson (Aux. to SUVCW), Ercelle Speaks (Ladies of the GAR), Ruth Funck (DUVCW) and Elsie Gould (Woman's Relief Corps), I have thoroughly enjoyed attending with you the various events and Department encampments. I trust and

hope that your respective National Encampments will be both enjoyable and highly productive. Finally, it is my hope also that someday, all our Orders may once again come together at National Encampments.

11. Brothers are reminded and urged to send their donations to both the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's and the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Memorial Funds. Both funds are integral to the operation of our Order. Donations to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund may be sent to Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief David Medert (16 Shawnee Drive, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601-1148). Donations to the GAR Memorial Fund may be sent to National Patriotic Instructor Danny Wheeler (501 Willow Ave., Ithaca, New York 14850). In both cases, checks should be made payable to the "National Organization - SUVCW." No donation is too small.

12. One of my goals this year has been to streamline, simplify and hopefully make more effective and efficient the workings of the Order. This has taken many forms throughout the year with the computerization of the Order being the most obvious. Other less noticeable efforts, however, have included a strong advocacy for the elimination and replacement of the Order's past dependency on "word of mouth" and "recollection" type of operation, with one which is more dependent on the use of the Order's Constitution and Regulations and the National, Department and Camp job descriptions. Concurrent with this effort has been the beginnings of an evolution within the Order from an organization operating mostly on the personalities of a select minority to a team-based organization operating more dependently on the written word of the Constitution and Regulations and therefore better reflecting the will and desires of the majority of the membership as exemplified through the National Encampments. The evolution to which I speak has really only just begun and will not be fully realized by our Order for many years to come; however, the process has begun and cannot be reversed so long as we as an Order continue to elect and appoint qualified and interested Brothers to fill all positions at the Camp, Department and National levels, and so long as we remain cognizant of and actively work together in fraternity, charity and loyalty to fulfill all the responsibilities given to us by the Grand Army of the Republic.

By Order of-
Keith G. Harrison
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
David F. Wallace
National Secretary

Appendix 8

Delegates and Alternates to the 114th National Encampment

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Department	Last	First Name	Rank
Illinois	Clark	Ronald E.	Department Commander
Illinois	Delaney	Robert E.	Delegate
Indiana	Crawford	McClerland E.	Delegate
Indiana	Frederick	Francis R.	Delegate
Indiana	Gill	Ronald B.	Delegate
Indiana	Jackson	Steven	Department Commander
Indiana	Kosik	Dan W.	Delegate
Indiana	Krieser	Edward J.	Past Department Commander
Indiana	Loomis	Alan R.	Past Department Commander
Indiana	Milton	Thomas C.	Delegate
Indiana	Moore	Allen W.	Past Commander-in-Chief
Iowa	Friedel	Michael G.	Past Department Commander
Iowa	Speaks	Dean K.	Delegate
Iowa	Turpin	David A.	Department Commander
Maryland	Bateman	Robert J.	Delegate
Maryland	Dixon	Peter A.	Past Department Commander
Maryland	Foight	Frank A.	Past Department Commander
Maryland	Hershberger	Kenneth D.	Delegate
Maryland	Johnson	Andrew M.	Past Department Commander
Maryland	Neal	William R.	Department Commander
Maryland	Schlenker	Richard C.	Past Commander-in-Chief
Massachusetts	Cauldwell	Frederick	Delegate
Massachusetts	Mellor	Clark W.	Past Commander-in-Chief
Massachusetts	Olsen	Roger L.	Department Commander
Massachusetts	Peterson	Alan E.	Past Department Commander
Massachusetts	Wheeler	Norman F.	Delegate
Michigan	Brennan	William	Department Commander
Michigan	Dowd	Edgar J.	Delegate
Michigan	Gibson	Gary L.	Past Department Commander
Michigan	Greene	Richard	Delegate
Michigan	Harrison	Keith G.	Commander-in-Chief
Michigan	Harrison	Nathan L.	Alternate Delegate
Michigan	Lamphere	L. Dean, Jr.	Delegate
Michigan	Lowe	William H.	Delegate
Michigan	Lyons	James T.	Past Department Commander
Michigan	McKinch	Terrance L.	Delegate
Michigan	Miller	Max D.	Delegate
Michigan	Pahl	Hon. James B.	Past Department Commander
Michigan	Park	J. Douglas	Past Department Commander
Michigan	Wallace	David F.	Delegate
Michigan	Williams	Richard A.	Alternate Delegate
Michigan	Wallace	David F.	Delegate
Michigan	Williams	Richard A.	Alternate Delegate
New Jersey	Hann	David	Department Commander
New York	Furman	Norman R.	Past Commander-in-Chief
New York	Henke	Cliff	Delegate

Department	Last	First Name	Rank
New York	Orton	Jerome L.	Past Department Commander
New York	Puccharelli	Joseph	Delegate
New York	Rippey	Joseph S.	Past Commander-in-Chief
New York	Russell	James	Past Department Commander
New York	Smith	Douglas	Department Commander
New York	Wheeler	Danny L.	Past Department Commander
Ohio	Altland	Forest	Past Department Commander
Ohio	Ashley	Keith D.	Delegate
Ohio	Baker	Harrison S.	Delegate
Ohio	Britton	Mark D.	Delegate
Ohio	Bury	Gordon R.	Past Commander-in-Chief
Ohio	Carlson	Merle L.	Delegate
Ohio	Corfman	Charles	Past Commander-in-Chief
Ohio	Darby	Donald E.	Delegate
Ohio	Davis	Robert W.	Delegate
Ohio	Debo	Darrell E.	Delegate
Ohio	Drake	Paul D.	Delegate
Ohio	Drake	Paul R.	Delegate
Ohio	Frost	Howard T.	Delegate
Ohio	Gettings	Duane R.	Alternate Delegate
Ohio	Greenwalt	Richard	Past Commander-in-Chief
Ohio	Grim	Robert E.	Past Department Commander
Ohio	Haskins	Wyman M.	Alternate Delegate
Ohio	Hilton	James E.	Department Commander
Ohio	Hogan	Edward	Delegate
Ohio	Huff	Gordon P.	Delegate
Ohio	MeElfresh	Wayne	Delegate
Ohio	Medert	David R.	Past Department Commander
Ohio	Medert	David V.	Delegate
Ohio	Mooney	Ralph E.	Delegate
Ohio	Moore	Jason H.	Delegate
Ohio	Mouning	James G.	Delegate
Ohio	Park	Tim	Delegate
Ohio	Schaeffer	Karl F.	Delegate
Ohio	Schimming	Randal W.	Alternate Delegate
Ohio	Seibert	J. Rix	Delegate
Ohio	Seibert	Jon B.	Delegate
Ohio	Smith	Roy	Delegate
Ohio	Smyser	Richard H.	Past Department Commander
Ohio	Swagger	Larry K.	Past Department Commander
Ohio	Troup	Richard E.	Delegate
Ohio	Trowbridge	Michael L.	Delegate
Ohio	Webb	Herbert G.	Delegate
Ohio	Weld	Theodore V.	Delegate
Ohio	Wolz	Robert J.	Past Department Commander
Ohio	Wyszumlale	Edward P.	Alternate Delegate
Pennsylvania	Atkinson	Elmer F.	Past Commander-in-Chief
Pennsylvania	Frantz	Ivan E., Jr.	Delegate
Pennsylvania	Frantz	Ivan E., Sr.	Past Department Commander
Pennsylvania	Frantz	Karl J.	Delegate

Department	Last	First Name	Rank
Pennsylvania	Kern	Lester A.	Delegate
Pennsylvania	Knight	Glenn B.	Delegate
Pennsylvania	Lindberg	William	Delegate
Pennsylvania	Long	George W.	Past Commander-in-Chief
Pennsylvania	Long	Joseph, Jr.	Past Department Commander
Pennsylvania	Orr	Nathan	Delegate
Pennsylvania	Orr	Robert	Delegate
Pennsylvania	Orr	Richard D.	Past Department Commander
Pennsylvania	Powell	George L.	Department Commander
Rhode Island	Mierka	Gregg A.	Department Commander
Rhode Island	Ouhrabka	Jan M.	Delegate
Rhode Island	Plante	Aram A.	Past Department Commander
Wisconsin	Black	Herman	Delegate
Wisconsin	Krieser	Curtis D.	Delegate
Wisconsin	Michaels	Stephen	Delegate
Camp-at-Large #01	Yates	Charles	Delegate
Camp-at-Large #66	Burk	Anthony P.	Delegate
Camp-at-Large #65	Leicht	Stephen	Alternate Delegate
Camp-at-Large #66	Petrovic	Robert M.	Alternate Delegate

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Appendix 9

Listing of Past Commanders-in-Chief

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ELECTED	NAME	DEPARTMENT	ELECTED	NAME	DEPARTMENT
1881	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	1934	*Frank L. Kirchgassner	Massachusetts
1882	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	1935	*Richard F. Locke	Illinois
1883	*Frank F. Merrill	Maine	1936	*William A. Dyer	New York
1884	*Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania	1937	*William A. Dyer	New York
1885	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	1938	*William L. Anderson	Massachusetts
1886	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	1939	*Ralph R. Barrett	California
1887	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	1940	*J. Kirkwood Craig	Minnesota
1888	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	1941	*Albert C. Lambert	New Jersey
1889	*Charles L. Griffin	Indiana	1942	*Henry Towle	Maine
1890	*Leland J. Webb	Kansas	1943	*C. Leroy Stoudt	Pennsylvania
1891	*Bartow S. Weeks	New York	1944	*Urion W. Mackey	Michigan
1892	*Marvin E. Hall	Michigan	1945	*H. Harding Hale	Massachusetts
1893	*Joseph B. Maccabe	Massachusetts	1946	*Neil D. Cranmer	New York
1894	*William E. Bundy	Ohio	1947	*Charles H.E. Moran	Massachusetts
1895	*William H. Russell	Kansas	1948	*Perle L. Fouch	Michigan
1896	*James L. Rake	Pennsylvania	1949	*John H. Runkle	Pennsylvania
1897	*Charles E. Darling	Massachusetts	1950	*Cleon E. Heald	New Hampshire
1898	*Frank L. Shepard	Illinois	1951	*Roy J. Bennett	Iowa
1899	*A.W. Jones	Ohio	1952	*Frederick K. Davis	Wash & Oregon
1900	*Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania	1953	*U.S. Grant III	Maryland
1901	*Edward R. Campbell	Maryland	1954	*U.S. Grant III	Maryland
1902	*Frank Martin	Indiana	1955	*Fredrick G. Bauer	Massachusetts
1903	*Arthur B. Spink	Rhode Island	1956	*Fred E. Howe	New York
1904	*William C. Dustin	Illinois	1957	*Albert B. DeHaven	Maine
1905	*Harvey V. Speelamn	Ohio	1958	*Earl F. Riggs	California
1906	*Edwin M. Amies	Pennsylvania	1959	*Harold E. Arnold	Rhode Island
1907	*Ralph Sheldon	New York	1960	Thomas A. Chadwick	Vermont
1908	*Edgar Allen, Jr.	Maryland	1961	*Charles L. Messer	New York
1909	*George W. Pollit	New Jersey	1962	*Chester S. Shriver	Pennsylvania
1910	*Fred E. Bolton	Massachusetts	1963	Joseph S. Rippey	New York
1911	*Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	1964	Joseph S. Rippey	New York
1912	*Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	1965	*W. Earl Corbin	Ohio
1913	*John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania	1966	*Frank Woerner	California
1914	*Charles F. Sherman	New York	1967	*William H. Haskell	Massachusetts
1915	*A.E.B. Stephens	Ohio	1968	*Frank M. Heacock, Sr.	Pennsylvania
1916	*William T. Church	Illinois	1969	Fred H. Combs, Jr.	New Jersey
1917	*Fred T.J. Johnson	Pennsylvania	1970	*George L. Cashman	Illinois
1918	*Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania	1971	Norman R. Furman	New York
1919	*Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts	1972	*John C. Yocum	Pennsylvania
1920	*Phelam A. Barrows	Nebraska	1973	*Allen B. Howland	Massachusetts
1921	*Clifford Ireland	Illinois	1974	John H. Stark	Pennsylvania
1922	*Frank Shelhouse	Indiana	1975	Clarence J. Riddell	Pennsylvania
1923	*Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania	1976	Kenneth T. Wheeler	New Hampshire
1924	*William M. Coffin	Ohio	1977	*Harold T. Bielby	New York
1925	*Edwin C. Irelan	Maryland	1978	Richard L. Greenwalt	Ohio
1926	*Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts	1979	*Elton O. Koch	Pennsylvania
1927	*Walter C. Mabie	Pennsylvania	1980	*Richard E. Wyman	New Hampshire
1928	*Delevan B. Bowley	California	1981	Harry E. Gibbons	New York
1929	*Theodroe C. Cazeau	New York	1982	Richard C. Schlenker	Maryland
1930	*Allen S. Holbrook	Illinois	1983	William L. Simpson	Pennsylvania
1931	*Frank C. Huston	Indiana	1984	Eugene E. Russell	Massachusetts
1932	*Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania	1985	Donald L. Roberts	New York
1933	*Park F. Yengling	Ohio	1986	Gordon R. Bury II	Ohio

1987	Richard O. Partington	Pennsylvania	1991	Lowell V. Hammer	Maryland
1988	Clark C. Mellor	Massachusetts	1992	Elmer F. Atkinson	Pennsylvania
1989	Charles W. Corfman	Ohio	1993	Allen W. Moore	Indiana
1990	George W. Long	Pennsylvania	1994	Keith G. Harrison	Michigan

HONOR CONFERRED BY THE COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF

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

SONS OF VETERANS

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

THE POST SYSTEM

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

PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDERS

*Isaac S. Bangs	Maine
*A.V. Bohn	Colorado
*Frank Challis	New Hampshire
*Charles S Crysler	Missouri
*A.P. Davis	Pennsylvania
*E. Howard Gilkey	Ohio
*H.P. Kent	Massachusetts
*William Maskell	Illinois
*Walter S. Payne	Ohio
*R.M.J. Reed	Pennsylvania
*William Ross	Maryland
*Raphael Tobias	New York
*Leland J. Webb	Kansas

* Deceased

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Appendix 10

Listing of National Encampments

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NUMBER	YEAR	DATES	LOCATION
1st	1882	October 18	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
2nd	1883	August 6 - 7	Columbus, Ohio
3rd	1884	August 27 - 30	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
4th	1885	September 17 - 18	Grand Rapids, Michigan
5th	1886	September 1 - 2	Buffalo, New York
6th	1887	August 17 - 19	Des Moines, Iowa
7th	1888	August 15 - 17	Wheeling, West Virginia
8th	1889	September 10 - 13	Patterson, New Jersey
9th	1890	August 26 - 29	St. Joseph, Missouri
10th	1891	August 24 - 29	Minneapolis, Minnesota
11th	1892	August 8 - 12	Helena, Montana
12th	1893	August 15 - 18	Cincinnati, Ohio
13th	1894	August 20 - 23	Davenport, Iowa
14th	1895	September 16 - 18	Knoxville, Tennessee
15th	1896	September 8 - 10	Louisville, Kentucky
16th	1897	September 9 - 11	Indianapolis, Indiana
17th	1898	September 10 - 14	Omaha, Nebraska
18th	1899	September 7 - 9	Detroit, Michigan
19th	1900	September 11 - 13	Syracuse, New York
20th	1901	September 17 - 18	Providence, Rhode Island
21st	1902	October 7 - 9	Washington, D.C.
22nd	1903	September 15 - 17	Atlantic City, New Jersey
23rd	1904	August 17 - 19	Boston, Massachusetts
24th	1905	September 18 - 20	Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
25th	1906	August 20 - 23	Peoria, Illinois
26th	1907	August 20 - 21	Dayton, Ohio
27th	1908	August 25 - 27	Niagara Falls, New York
28th	1909	August 24 - 26	Washington, D.C.
29th	1910	September 20 - 22	Atlantic City, New Jersey
30th	1911	August 20 - 25	Rochester, New York
31st	1912	August 27 - 29	St. Louis, Missouri
32nd	1913	September 16 - 18	Chattanooga, Tennessee
33rd	1914	September 1 - 3	Detroit, Michigan
34th	1915	September 28 - 30	Washington, D.C.
35th	1916	August 30 - 31	Kansas City, Missouri
36th	1917	August 22 - 23	Boston, Massachusetts
37th	1918	August 20 - 21	Niagara Falls, New York
38th	1919	September 9 - 11	Columbus, Ohio
39th	1920	September 22 - 23	Indianapolis, Indiana
40th	1921	September 27 - 29	Indianapolis, Indiana
41st	1922	September 26 - 28	Des Moines, Iowa
42nd	1923	September 4 - 6	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
43rd	1924	August 12 - 14	Boston, Massachusetts
44th	1925	September 1 - 3	Grand Rapids, Michigan
45th	1926	September 21 - 23	Des Moines, Iowa
46th	1927	September 13 - 15	Grand Rapids, Michigan
47th	1928	September 18 - 20	Denver, Colorado
48th	1929	September 10 - 12	Portland, Maine
49th	1930	August 26 - 28	Cincinnati, Ohio
50th	1931	September 14 - 17	Des Moines, Iowa
51st	1932	September 19 - 22	Springfield, Illinois
52nd	1933	September 19 - 21	St. Paul, Minnesota
53rd	1934	August 14 - 16	Rochester, New York
54th	1935	September 9 - 12	Grand Rapids, Michigan

NUMBER	YEAR	DATES	LOCATION
55th	1936	September 22 - 24	Washington, D.C.
56th	1937	September 6 - 9	Madison, Wisconsin
57th	1938	September 5 - 8	Des Moines, Iowa
58th	1939	August 29 - 31	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
59th	1940	September 10 - 12	Springfield, Illinois
60th	1941	September 15 - 18	Columbus, Ohio
61st	1942	September 15 - 17	Indianapolis, Indiana
62nd	1943	September 20 - 23	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
63rd	1944	September 12 - 14	Des Moines, Iowa
64th	1945	October 1 - 4	Columbus, Ohio
65th	1946	August 25 - 29	Indianapolis, Indiana
66th	1947	August 10 - 14	Cleveland, Ohio
67th	1948	September 26 - 30	Grand Rapids, Michigan
68th	1949	August 28 - 31	Indianapolis, Indiana
69th	1950	August 20 - 24	Boston, Massachusetts
70th	1951	August 19 - 23	Columbus, Ohio
71st	1952	August 24 - 28	Atlantic City, New Jersey
72nd	1953	August 23 - 27	Buffalo, New York
73rd	1954	August 8 - 13	Duluth, Minnesota
74th	1955	August 21 - 25	Cincinnati, Ohio
75th	1956	September 1 - 15	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
76th	1957	August 18 - 22	Detroit, Michigan
77th	1958	August 17 - 21	Boston, Massachusetts
78th	1959	August 16 - 20	Long Beach, California
79th	1960	August 21 - 25	Springfield, Illinois
80th	1961	August 20 - 24	Indianapolis, Indiana
81st	1962	August 19 - 23	Washington, D.C.
82nd	1963	August 18 - 23	Miami Beach, Florida
83rd	1964	August 16 - 20	Providence, Rhode Island
84th	1965	August 15 - 19	Richmond, Virginia
85th	1966	August 14 - 15	Grand Rapids, Michigan
86th	1967	August 6 - 10	Chicago, Illinois
87th	1968	August 18 - 22	Wilmington, Delaware
88th	1969	August 17 - 21	St. Louis, Missouri
89th	1970	August 23 - 27	Miami Beach, California
90th	1971	August 15 - 19	Boston, Massachusetts
91st	1972	August 13 - 17	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
92nd	1973	August 5 - 9	Palm Springs, California
93rd	1974	August 18 - 22	Bretton Woods, New Hampshire
94th	1975	August 10 - 14	Rochester, New York
95th	1976	August 15 - 19	Columbus, Ohio
96th	1977	August 14 - 18	Des Moines, Iowa
97th	1978	August 13 - 17	Grand Rapids, Michigan
98th	1979	August 12 - 15	Hartford, Connecticut
99th	1980	August 10 - 14	Richmond, Virginia
100th	1981	August 9 - 13	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
101st	1982	August 14 - 18	Providence, Rhode Island
102nd	1983	August 15 - 19	Portland, Maine
103rd	1984	August 12 - 16	Akron, Ohio
104th	1985	August 10 - 15	Wilmington, Delaware
105th	1986	August 10 - 13	Lexington, Kentucky
106th	1987	August 9 - 12	Buffalo, New York
107th	1988	August 14 - 17	Lansing, Michigan
108th	1989	August 13 - 16	Stamford, Connecticut

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109th	1990	August 12 -15	Des Moines, Iowa
110th	1991	August 11 - 14	Indianapolis, Indiana
111th	1992	August 13 - 16	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
112th	1993	August 13 - 15	Portland, Maine
113th	1994	August 11 - 14	Lansing, Michigan
114th	1995	August 10 - 13	Columbus, Ohio

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