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### FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY.

10.30 A. M.

BOSTON, MASS., August 17, 1904.

The Twenty-third Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., convened at Faneull Hall, at 10.30 o'clock, A. M., Commander-in-Chief Arthur B. Spink presiding.

The Commander-in-Chief called the Encampment to order, and introduced Division Commander Harry M. Holbrook, of Massachusetts, who welcomed the Commandery-in-Chief and delegates to Boston, on behalf of the Massachusetts Division, stating that the committee in charge had secured the historic Faneull Hall for the opening session, the G. A. R. Committee having tendered the use of the hall for that purpose, but that future sessions of the Encampment would be held in Isaac Rich Hall.

The following officers of the Commandery-in-Chief were reported present:

Commander-in-Chief, Arthur B. Spink, Providence, R. I.  
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, James B. Adams, Atlantic City, N. J.

Council-in-Chief, H. V. Speelman, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Council-in-Chief, Newton J. McGuire, Indianapolis, Ind.

Council-in-Chief, Walter J. Smith, Allentown, Pa.

Adjutant-General, William R. Congdon, Providence, R. I.

Quartermaster-General, Fred. E. Bolton, Boston, Mass.

Assistant Adjutant-General, Theodore A. Reed, Philadelphia, Pa.

Assistant Quartermaster-General, Thomas J. Hannon, Boston, Mass.

Chaplain-in-Chief, E. E. Schoening, St. Louis, Mo.

Chief-of-Staff, Gen. R. M. J. Reed, Philadelphia, Pa.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I will ask Division Commander F. H. B. McDowell, of Wisconsin, to take station as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and Past Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Shepard to act as Judge-Advocate-General.

The Commander-in-Chief proceeded to read his report, but R. M. J. Reed moved that Officers' Reports be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports without reading. Motion put and carried.

The Commander-in-Chief then announced the Committee on Credentials, as follows:

William R. Congdon, Adjutant-General, *ex-officio*.

Michael Crowley, New Hampshire.

James E. Blythe, Iowa.

Herbert O. Bixby, Vermont.

Edward H. Archer, Ohio.

The following standing committees were then announced.

#### ON RESOLUTIONS.

Ralph Sheldon, New York.

A. T. Bogue, Connecticut.

George H. Stebbins, Kentucky.

George W. Hoxie, Rhode Island.

#### ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank P. Merrill, Maine.

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles K. Darling, Massachusetts.

Past Commander-in-Chief E. R. Campbell, Maryland.

Frank J. Clinton, Rhode Island.

Georgé E. Cox, Connecticut.

#### ON CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.

H. V. Speelman, Ohio.

R. M. J. Reed, Pennsylvania.

Fred. E. Bolton, Massachusetts.

E. C. Parkinson, New York.

Newton J. McGuire, Indiana.

#### ON RITUALS AND CEREMONIES.

F. H. B. McDowell, Wisconsin.

T. A. Barton, Rhode Island.

Wm. H. Smith, Pennsylvania.

The following special committees were announced:

#### ON THE "BANNER."

W. B. McNulty, Pennsylvania.

A. L. Sorter, Jr., Iowa.

F. T. F. Johnson, Maryland.

R. M. Genthner, New York.

G. E. Cox, Connecticut.

#### ON GREETINGS.

D. Sherman Smith, Pennsylvania.

F. H. B. McDowell, Wisconsin.

Andrew Foulds, New Jersey.

Arthur L. Cheney, Vermont.

Emanuel J. Hromada, California.

#### ON THE PRESS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Joseph B. McCabe, Massachusetts.

T. A. Barton, Rhode Island.

Malcolm D. Rudd, Connecticut.

A. L. Sorter, Jr., of Iowa: Moved that an additional committee be appointed, to be known as the Committee on Organization. Motion seconded and carried.

The Commander-in-Chief announced the committee as follows:

Frank McCrillis, Illinois.

Past Commander-in-Chief E. R. Campbell, Maryland.

William H. Smith, Pennsylvania.

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles K. Darling, Massachusetts.

A. L. Sorter, Jr., Iowa.

BROTHER HUNT, of the local Committee, here made a few remarks, inviting the Commandery-in-Chief to take a sail down the Bay this afternoon, starting from Rowe's Wharf, at 1.30, for Nantasket Beach, where a dinner would be served.

MICHAEL CROWLEY, New Hampshire, moved that the Encampment take a recess, to convene at Isaac Rich Hall, at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Motion seconded and carried.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF then declared a recess until 9 o'clock A. M., Thursday, August 18, 1904.

### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

BOSTON, MASS., Thursday, August 18, 1904.

Encampment resumed at 10 o'clock A. M., at Isaac Rich Hall, with Commander-in-Chief presiding, and the officers at their respective stations.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Commander Holbrook, Mass., will detail a Camp and Picket Guard. I will appoint as Acting Inspector F. J. Clinton, of Rhode Island, and he, with the assistance of the brothers detailed as Camp and Picket Guard will take up the password and countersign.

ACTING INSPECTOR reported that all present were entitled to remain.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF announced that by courtesy of Governor Bates, the Encampment is permitted to meet in this hall.

### OFFICERS' REPORTS.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: What is your pleasure in reference to having Officers' Reports read?

F. H. B. McDOWELL, of Wisconsin: I move that the report be read. Seconded by Fred E. Carpenter, Rhode Island, and carried.

At the request of the Commander-in-Chief, the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief assumed command, the Commander-in-Chief reading his report to the Encampment as follows:

### REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., BOSTON, MASS., August 17th, 1904.

*To Officers and Members of the Twenty-third Annual Encampment Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.*

BROTHERS.—At the last Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief I was elected to the responsible position of Commander-in-Chief and I have the honor, at this time to present to you, for your consideration a summary of the business transacted at these Headquarters. In submitting this report I trust that you will believe that I have tried to fill the position to the best of my ability and if I have failed I assure you that it comes from my head and not from my heart.

### HEADQUARTERS.

Headquarters were established at Providence, R. I., Room 535, Baugan Building, on the 21st day of September, 1903, and I received the office furniture and paraphernalia on October 1st, 1903.

### FINANCIAL CONDITION.

This matter will be submitted to you in a report of the Quarter master-General, however, I am pleased to inform you that it is in a favorable condition.



## GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

In referring to this subject I will simply say that the kindest of feeling exists throughout the noble and grandest of all orders, namely the Grand Army of the Republic, towards which I would respectfully call your attention and beg your indulgence to permit me to quote the kind and eloquent words of that most loyal Veteran, the Honorable John C. Black, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic endorsing our Order in the following words:

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19, 1904.

*Arthur B. Spink, Esq., Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, Providence, R. I.*

COMRADE.—From the beginning until this hour men have studied the fathers in their sons, and the sons have been in the constant contemplation and affection of their sires. No lad can ever know what he is to his father until he himself has assumed the parental role. And you young men, will not know until a generation has passed, the feeling with which the Grand Army of the Republic contemplate the members of the Sons of Veterans. You are the heritors of our fate. To you will soon be given the preservation of our accomplishments and the honors of our deeds. We believe that there is a great need for you in the land. So swift has been its growth and development, magical its prosperity, and so widespread its achievements, that the whole great people walk in the sunlight and never dream that darkness and disaster may occur—and God forbid that it ever should. But none the less, those that are wise will prepare for the hours of trial, and we who bore the stress and burden of the fiercest wars to which humanity has ever been subjected in the event that need should ever come in the new times for men, look to you to keep all that we have won; to impress upon the minds of the people among whom your lots may be cast, all the virtues of self-sacrifice, of suffering, and of heroic exertions, and so every old veteran who can lay his hand upon the head of his son and say, this is my son; this is the heir of my race; this is the successor of my duties, will feel that he leaves on guard for the Republic a true and tested and unfaltering friend.

As you have learned at the knees of your father the things that they did and the hopes that burned in them so we hope that your children at your knees may know that full measure of that splendid patriotism that reddened this whole land with the gore of the bravest and best; and may the God of the country give to you, the Sons of Veterans, the full measure of strength and singleness of purpose and devotion that belonged to your sires. For you and each one of you we cherish the strongest hope and most enduring pride.

In Fraternity, Charity and loyalty,

JOHN C. BLACK, *Commander-in-Chief.*

## LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

I desire to call your attention to the lack of interest shown by our members to our auxiliary organization namely, the "Ladies' Aid Society." This organization wherever existing I am proud to say will be found camps of Sons of Veterans which are in a flourishing condition and I would suggest that Division Commanders request their several Camp Commanders to, at once, take steps towards the formation of a Ladies' Aid Society in their several locations. Much good can be derived by forming these societies, this has been shown by the assistance which the W. R. C. have rendered to the G. A. R. Attend to this matter, Brothers, and see that your Camp has a L. A. S. formed at once.

## DECISIONS.

During the year 11 decisions have been rendered with opinions of the Judge Advocate General. Copies are herewith annexed. Many Matters have been referred to me which by submitting to your Division Judge Advocate or by referring to the "Digest" of decisions of Past Commanders-in-Chief you would have been lightened at once.

## MEMBERSHIP.

I cannot but call your attention to our membership. Where our Order should number one hundred thousand, I regret to say, that we have but a small percentage of that number. At the commencement of my term there was reported by my predecessor 25,235 members. I am pleased to say that a gain has been made during the year, and for this I am gratefully indebted to that grand old Division of Pennsylvania, who is never tired, but always working for members and the advancement of our patriotic Order. Too much praise, cannot be given them and they have shown as promised at Atlantic City, that they would bring members if laws were enacted suitable to them. Brothers, they have fulfilled their promise and I desire to thank each and every one who has assisted in this increase of membership, and to several other Divisions I feel grateful for the work they have done in recruiting. Viz.: New Hampshire, Kentucky, Ohio, New York, Indiana.

Each of these Divisions have done grand work and there are several applications approved which in a short time, I know my successor will receive the Mustering Officer's Report of Camps mustered.

## VISITATION.

I regret exceedingly that your Commander-in-Chief has not been privileged to visit more of the Divisions during his term of office. Not only has business kept me from doing this, but business requiring my attention at Headquarters has also been the cause, however, your Commander-in-Chief has had the pleasure of visiting the Division of Connecticut, the Division of Massachusetts, the Division of New York, the Division of Pennsylvania and many local Camps in this section of the country, and has attended the Encampment of Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania Divisions.

## CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Much may be said regarding the Constitution, Rules and Regulations governing our Order, but I refrain from going into this subject, preferring to leave this to you for your deliberation, knowing full well your capacity for disposing of the many matters which may be discussed. However, I wish to call your attention to the sections which conflict with one another and would impress on the Committee on C. R. and R. to thoroughly go over this important matter. At this meeting there will be presented for your consideration a draft of C. R. and R. which your committee will go over and submit to you later. This matter is a serious one in more ways than one; it is also an expensive one, having each year a new C. R. and R. to be printed and distributed throughout our Order and one has hardly had time to familiarize himself with the contents when a new one is presented. I trust and hope that soon this matter of C. R. and R. will be overcome by the adoption of one "Agreeable to all" for years to come.

## ORGANIZING.

I would call your attention to the plan of organizing and building up of our Order as adopted by the Division of Pennsylvania. This includes in almost every Camp organized by that Division the acceptance of the Death Benefit Association attached to their Camp which has



been found to be a very successful Association, and I would suggest Division Commanders to at once take the matter of Death Benefits into consideration. I would also suggest allowing Camps to make fees on reinstatements of dropped members and to allow Divisions to make their own Charter Fees.

#### COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

To the Council-in-Chief who has on every occasion given me prompt and loyal support and attention on matters submitted to them, I desire to extend my appreciation and thanks for their co-operation at all times.

#### MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY.

Under the able management of President Frederick D. Tucker, this year has practically been one of preparation. They have eliminated all unwise and uncertain features from their educational and financial policy. The educational policy, both for the academic and industrial side, is considered by the best judges wise, conservative and progressive. The standard of discipline in the school has been raised, and there is renewed confidence in its ultimate success. They are preparing for a large number of students this Fall. Their faculty is to be greatly strengthened, not so much in numbers as in the change of instructors. They are now doing academy work, and the first two years of the college work. In two years more they shall have filled out their college courses, and at the same time they hope to have the faculty increased to meet the demands of both departments. The Missouri Division has shown great enthusiasm concerning the work at the University. One Camp at Cape Girardeau, Mo., sent \$54.00 and they have received several individual subscriptions and gifts of ten dollars each. In Connecticut and in Illinois, much interest is manifested.

President Tucker wishes me to express the appreciation on his part and the part of the Board of Regents, of the gifts both great and small, which they have received from the members and camps in the Order.

Of all the monuments that other patriotic societies have erected or are erecting, none are more promising than this one, and none will bring greater glory to its promoters.

The amount of money given to date by the Sons of Veterans is small. I realize that there are certain Divisions that are unable to do much financially. However, they can do a great deal for the University. If in every community where there is a camp they would try to interest people in this institution, distribute literature concerning the same and endeavor if possible to send them students, I know it would be appreciated. The educational work that they are doing and plan to do, will be recognized in a short time as in the front rank. The Board of Regents and the Faculty in co-operation with it are trying to do all they can to develop this great monument. Through the main corridor of the Institution on either side may be seen the portraits of the Past Commanders-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans. Which owing to the amount of money expended during the past years for transportation and also for want of room at Headquarters for portraits of Past Commanders-in-Chief, I submitted a plan to the Council-in-Chief whereby the Board of Regents of the Memorial University be made custodian of these several portraits until such time as they be called upon to surrender them to the Commandery-in-Chief. The agreement is herewith attached and is as follows:

**THIS AGREEMENT**, made this 30th day of November, 1903, between the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., party of the first part, and Memorial University, party of the second part, WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, The party of the first part has this day loaned to the party of the second part thirteen (13) portraits of the Past Commanders-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., the party of the second

part agrees that said portraits are received by it as a loan, and that the same shall be hung in the building or buildings of the Memorial University and cared for until the party of the first part shall desire the return of the same; and that upon notice, the party of the second part will surrender or deliver up the same to the party of the first part, or permit the same to be removed by the proper officers of the party of the first part.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have on the day first above written, caused these presents to be executed by the proper officers.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. of V.,

ARTHUR B. SPINK, *Commander-in-Chief.*

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY,

FREDERICK D. TUCKER, *President.*

#### LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY.

February 12th, known to us and respected as Lincoln's Birthday the day in the year when all members of camps should pay honor to that martyr and this day should be recognized with appropriate exercises. I trust that all camps gave due consideration of this day by public meetings. Get your prominent members to address your meeting on this day. Invite the members of the G. A. R.; W. R. C.; L. A. S. and D. of V., in fact, all patriotic Orders to join with you in celebrating this day and let it be known that the 12th of February is a day known throughout the land as "Sons of Veterans Day."

#### MEMORIAL DAY AND MEMORIAL SUNDAY.

Your Commander-in-Chief is pleased to report that at the last observance of these memorable days our members, throughout the country, generally, were discharging their duties as Sons of Veterans, assisting those who are privileged to be spared, in decorating the graves of their former comrades. Let us each and every one be mindful of our duties on these days, continuing to keep green the memories of those who by their noble deeds we are permitted to stand under the glorious old Flag, the Stars and Stripes, free American citizens.

The Chaplain-in-Chief's Report will enlighten you more thoroughly as to the number of members participating in the exercises of these days.

#### THE BANNER.

THE BANNER, our official organ, I believe is a source of much benefit to our organization. During my visits to the several Divisions, during my term, it has been voiced to me by a large majority of the brothers of the gratification which it gave them. During the past year the Editor has procured new type which has caused a different complexion to the paper. Notes from almost every Division are received regularly, but many arrive too late for publication until the following month. This is your fault, not the publishers. If you will condense your notes and send promptly to the Editor, I know he will be pleased to furnish news to all. At this meeting it will become part of our duties to consider the matter of a renewal of contract, and I am sure you will deal with this matter conscientiously. Personally I am delighted to endorse THE BANNER, as I believe it is an important factor to our Organization. It certainly cannot be said of the Editor that he has failed to send you your paper regularly, for if you have failed to receive it, it is your Camp Commander who is to blame for not sending a list of members to your Division Commander. I have appointed a Special Committee on THE BANNER and I would recommend:

Recommendation No. 1.—That a five years' contract be entered into with the publisher of THE BANNER and that it be endorsed at this meeting as the Official Organ of the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

## AMERICAN FLAG ASSOCIATION.

Pursuant to instructions, regarding membership in the "American Flag Association," will say that the Commandery-in-Chief Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., has been admitted to membership in that Association, and a committee was appointed by me consisting of the following named brothers:

Hon Elisha Dyer, Chairman, Ex-Governor of Rhode Island.  
 Hon. John M. Thurston, Ex-United States Senator, Nebraska.  
 Hon. Charles A. Bookwalter, Ex-Mayor, Indianapolis Indiana.  
 Hon. Asa W. Jones, Ex-Lieutenant Governor, Youngstown, Ohio.  
 Hon. Harry D. Sisson, Mayor, Pittsfield, Mass.  
 Hon. H. W. Wessells, Litchfield, Connecticut.  
 Hon. Bartow S. Weeks, Ex-District Attorney, New York, N. Y.  
 Hon. Frank Jackson, Ex-Governor, Iowa.  
 Hon. John T. Howe, Alderman, Scranton, Pa.  
 Hon. Charles B. Landis, Member of Congress, Washington, D. C.  
 Hon. F. E. Coyne, Postmaster, Chicago, Ill.  
 Hon. Forrest Goodwin, State Senator, Skowhegan, Maine.  
 Hon. C. H. Little, Ex-Speaker, House of Representatives, Manchester, New Hampshire.

I trust that Ex-Governor Dyer will submit a report relative to the condition existing in the several States, and at this time I desire through him to extend my thanks to the brothers on this committee for the services which they have rendered.

## SONS OF VETERANS RESERVES.

In approaching the subject I desire to say that at no time during my connection with our Order has such discipline and uniformity been shown by the Military Branch. Under the able leadership of General R. M. J. Reed, Chief of Staff, and at his suggestion, much has been accomplished, and I thoroughly indorse all he has done, believing it to be for the good of our Organization, and I would recommend:

Recommendation No. 3.—That the Chief of Staff rank as Major-General, he to have full and exclusive command of the Sons of Veterans Reserves, subject at all times to the orders of the Commander-in-Chief, and that the appointment and term of office be for five years.

## NATIONAL COLORS.

Members of this Commandery may wonder why our National Colors are not displayed at this meeting. It is simply this, the Flag belonging to the Commandery-in-Chief is lettered, "Commandery-in-Chief Sons of Veterans, United States of America," hence, their absence I would recommend:

Recommendation No. 4.—That a new American Flag be bought same size and material as the present one and not to exceed in cost fifty dollars.

## DIVISIONS.

I am pleased to report to this Encampment the reinstatement of the Division of South Dakota, for which I am greatly indebted to Past Commander Z. C. Green, of Brookings, South Dakota, for the work which he has done in bringing this about.

The numerical strength of the larger Divisions is as follows:  
 Pennsylvania, 134 Camps, 9,112 members; Massachusetts, 123 Camps, 4,322 members; New York, 66 Camps, 2,677 members; Ohio 1,467 members; Illinois, 46 Camps, 1,257 members; Indiana, 32 Camps 822 members; Maine, 33 Camps, 988 members; New Hampshire, 30 Camps, 792 members; New Jersey, 22 Camps, 968 members; Wisconsin, 24 Camps, 638 members; Vermont, 23 Camps, 598 members; Connecticut, 19 Camps, 622 members.



With a total of 708 Camps and 27,103 members at the end of the June Quarter, a net gain during this administration of 66 Camps and 1,968 members.

#### STAFF.

I desire to acknowledge my appreciation for the great assistance rendered me by the members of my Staff. Ready at all times to discharge any duty assigned to them and a prompt and cheerful report submitted by them of duty performed. To the Adjutant-General I am greatly indebted for the able manner in which he has conducted the business of his office. I am under everlasting obligations to him. Fortunate was it for me, and I am thoroughly sensible of this fact, in securing such a man of ability, integrity and tact (but such are always to be found in the newspaper man). It has been a great pleasure for me to receive many letters regarding the Adjutant-General's work complimenting him on his prompt and faithful attention to all matters referred to these headquarters. Such have been received from the Divisions of New Jersey, Ohio, New York, Kentucky, Illinois, Pennsylvania and others.

I do feel honored in associating with me a gentleman who has not with your approval and has certainly *won* the kind words spoken by you regarding his ability for this position.

#### CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I desire to express my appreciation of the honors you conferred upon me nearly one year ago. I feel profoundly grateful for all that you have done to make the performance of my duties easy during my administration, and in serving you I have sought to maintain the high rank and well earned reputation which our Order has attained in the past.

We all have our part in the development, improvement and uplifting of the Sons of Veterans, which is our pride and happiness to serve.

As I retire to the ranks it will be my aim to strengthen each link where found weak and to ever promote the best interest of the Sons of Veterans "with malice towards none and charity for all." I return to you the scepter of office committed to my care and bid you all God speed."

ARTHUR B. SPINK,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

#### DECISIONS OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

HEADQUARTERS OF COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF. S. of V., U. S. A.  
PROVIDENCE, R. I., November 27, 1903.

Decision I. (J. A. Gen. Op. 3.)

*Orra L. Stone, Esq., Commander of Division of Massachusetts, Clinton, Mass.*

DEAR SIR:—The resolutions submitted by Lieutenant Colonel Henry Merritt Camp, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., of Salem, Mass., requesting a decision as to the eligibility of Sons of Veterans to membership in this and other Sons of Veterans orders at one and the same time which was submitted through your office has received the consideration of the Judge Advocate General who renders the following opinion upon said matter:

*First.*—"There is nothing in the laws of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. prohibiting a member of that Order joining or becoming a member of any organization of Sons of Veterans."

*Second.*—"The eligibility clause of our Constitution contains no provision respecting the membership in other Orders of applicants for membership in this Order."

*Third.*—There is but one method provided of terminating the membership in this Order of a brother who is in good standing under the laws and who are eligible when mustered, and that is a court-martial for some offence recognized by the laws of the Order."

*Fourth.*—The resolutions set forth facts in general terms which might, under proper proceedings and with proper proofs, sustain a court-martial of certain individual members. If such facts, however, cannot be proven, or if proceedings by court-martial are unwarranted, then the only remedy of the Salem Camp for the state of affairs existing in that locality is by persuasion or negotiation along the lines suggested by the principals and objects of our Order. Except as above set forth, the laws themselves provide no specific or enforceable relief.

Decision is entered in accordance with the foregoing opinion.

Respectfully yours,

ARTHUR B. SPINK,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

Official: WILLIAM R. CONGDON, *Adjutant-General.*

HEADQUARTERS OF COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. of V., U. S. A.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., January 2, 1903.

Decision II. (J. A. Gen. Op. 4.)

*Orray T. Mason, Commander Div. R. I., S. V., Providence, R. I.*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—The question which you submit "are Reports of Quartermaster-Sergeants to be forwarded to the Adjutant and the per capita tax entered in the Adjutant's cash book, or are said reports and tax to be forwarded directly to the Quartermaster?" has been referred to the Judge Advocate-General for an opinion thereon. In his opinion the Judge Advocate says: "The Reports of the Quartermaster-Sergeant should be forwarded with the per capita tax to the Adjutant of the Division; that the latter officer should enter the amount of cash received in his cash book and turn over the same to the Division Quartermaster, who should issue a regular receipt therefor to the Camp, and also receipt for the same to the Adjutant's cash book. In this opinion I fully concur.

Faternally yours,

ARTHUR B. SPINK,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

Official: WILLIAM R. CONGDON, *Adjutant-General.*

HEADQUARTERS OF COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. of V., U. S. A.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., February 6, 1904.

Decision III. (J. A. Gen. Op. 5.)

*Charles H. Young, Esq., Commander Division Rhode Island, Providence, R. I.*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—The following questions for Decision received from your Division were referred to the Judge Advocate-General for an opinion thereon:

*First.*—"Am I justified in suspending a Camp for refusal and failure to report the number of members in arrears for dues, and to forward the mailing list as ordered in Paragraphs 5 and 7, Division Orders No. 5., November 17, 1903?"

The mailing list is necessary to carry out the orders of the Commander-in-Chief. (Paragraph 2, General Orders No. 5, October 5, 1903.)

*Second.*—"Does a Past Commander and member of a Camp so suspended lose his seat in the Encampment during such suspension?"

*Third.*—"How does such suspension affect a member holding a Division office?"

In his opinion the Judge Advocate-General says:

"Section 5 of Article V of the Constitution authorizes Division Commanders, at their discretion, to suspend delinquent Camps for failure to make their reports and to perform any other duties required of them by the Constitutional Laws. Such, however, have the right of

appeal to the Commander-in-Chief. The Commandery-in-Chief is the supreme legislative body of the Order. Its enactment are laws, and I am of opinion that, under section above cited, a Division Commander has power to suspend a Camp for refusal to make reports and obey other laws enacted by the Commandery-in-Chief.

A Past Commander, under Section 1, of Article XIX, has membership in the Division Encampment so long as he remains in good standing in his Camp. Section 4, of Article VIII, provides for transfer cards from the Division Commander to members of disbanded and suspended Camps, when such members were in good standing at the time of such dissolution of suspension. I am of the opinion that the suspension of a Camp operates as the suspension of its members. A Past Commander's right to a seat in the Encampment is based, not only upon the service of such officer, but upon his good standing in his Camp. He could not sit in the Division Encampment unless transferred by the Division Commander in due form, and received in another Camp.

As to the third question, I am of opinion that the suspension of a Camp would also operate to deprive a Division officer, having membership in such Camp, of his right to a seat and vote in the Division Encampment during such suspension.

In this opinion of the Judge Advocate-General I fully concur and enter decision in accordance with the same.

Fraternally yours,

ARTHUR B. SPINK,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

Official: WILLIAM R. CONGDON, *Adjutant-General.*

HEADQUARTERS OF COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. of V., U. S. A.  
PROVIDENCE, R. I., February 6, 1904.

Decision IV.

*J. A. Medlar, Esq., Commander Division of California, Los Angeles, Cal.*  
MY DEAR COMMANDER:—Your request for a decision upon the following question is received. "Can a Brother hold the office of Division Quartermaster (elective) and be Captain of a Camp (Camp Commander) at the same time?"

My decision is that he cannot. The two offices are incompatible, and if the Brother desires to be Camp Commander and is holding the office of Division Quartermaster under an election, he must resign the position of Division Quartermaster.

Commander-in-Chief Maccabe in Decision XXV, 13-25 said: "Promotion vacates previous rank and office. Two elective and commissioned offices cannot be held by a member at the same time. This Decision stands as the Law of the Order today just as much as it did in '97-'98. There can be no question that a Brother cannot hold two elective positions in his Division; hence it will follow that a Brother cannot be Division Quartermaster elected by the Division Encampment and Camp Commander at the same time.

Fraternally yours,

ARTHUR B. SPINK,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

Official: WILLIAM R. CONGDON, *Adjutant-General.*

HEADQUARTERS OF COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. of V., U. S. A.  
PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 25, 1904.

Decision V. (J. A. Gen. Op. 6.)

*Fred. G. Hansen, Esq., Adj. Div. New Jersey, S. of V., Hoboken, N. J.*

MY DEAR SIR:—Your request for a decision upon the question of the eligibility of membership in the Sons of Veterans of the son of Richard Blauvelt, who, according to the records submitted from the War Department deserted, was referred to the Judge Advocate-General for an opinion.



In reviewing the case, the Judge Advocate says: "The record of the War Department shows his re-enlistment and desertion thereafter. It does not show an honorable discharge before the re-enlistment; and would not avail if it did. The discharge contemplated means that by which the applicant's ancestor finally quitted the military service of the United States in the War of 1861-5.

Long established precedents in the Order requires that the record must be corrected in the War Department. It may be officially cleared under Act of Congress. Whether the applicant is eligible depends on the state of this record. It is the final test of his right to membership in our Order. While it stands as shown by the transcript, he is ineligible.

I fully concur in the conclusions reached by the Judge Advocate-General, and enter decision, that under the record, as it now stands the son of Richard Blanvelt is not eligible to membership.

Fraternally yours,

ARTHUR B. SPINK,  
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: WILLIAM R. CONGDON, *Adjutant-General*.

HEADQUARTERS OF COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. of V., U. S. A.  
PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 26, 1904.

#### Decision VI.

*J. A. Medlar, Esq., Commander Division, California, Los Angeles, Cal.*

MY DEAR SIR:—I have your request for decision upon the following questions: First—Can the Captain, First and Second Lieutenants of a Camp having provided themselves with the officers fatigue coats with shoulder straps, as First and Second Lieutenants wear the same while holding office?

*Second*—Is it permissible to wear them when the camp is in session or on duty at Memorial exercises of Grand Army functions?

*Third*—At a Division Encampment can the Division Officers wear their uniforms with insignia of rank while the Encampment is in session?

In answer to your first question I will say that no officer can wear the shoulder straps while holding office, either in Camp or Division. The Twenty-second National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief held at Atlantic City, New Jersey, adopted what is known as the Military Department Sons of Veterans U. S. A. Section XII of the Military Law as adopted at that Encampment provides that "On and after the adoption of these amendments to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of Sons of Veterans it shall not be lawful for any member of the Order not connected with the Military Department Sons of Veterans Reserves to wear any insignia of rank or side arms except the miniature rank straps and chevrons now in use by the officers of the Camp. As I view this law it is plain that the Commandery intended to do away with all Military ranks within the Sons of Veterans, and to transfer all these titles and right to wear shoulder straps, etc., to the Military part of the Organization known as the Reserves.

You refer in this question to "Captain, First and Second Lieutenant". Officers of a Camp are not now known by these titles. This same Encampment abolished these titles and made them read Commander, Senior and Junior Vice Commander. My answer to this question is that no officer either Camp or Division unless they are officers in the Sons of Veterans Reserves can wear shoulder straps while holding such offices.

My answer to your second question I think is fully covered in the answer to the first question. If a Camp or Division officer cannot wear the shoulder straps while holding office they certainly cannot wear the same when the camp is in session or on duty at Memorial Exercises or Grand Army functions.

In answer to your third question I will say that Division officers cannot wear the shoulder straps as an insignia of rank, but of course

each Division officer is entitled to wear the miniature rank strap of the insignia of rank. I certainly regret that your Division officers may be deprived of the little glory that there may be in wearing rank straps in the form of shoulder straps, but now that you have raised the question, it is my duty to give you the law as amended at the last National Encampment.

My decision is in accordance with the answers given to the questions above.

Faternally yours,

ARTHUR B. SPINK,  
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: WILLIAM R. CONGDON, *Adjutant-General*.

HEADQUARTERS OF COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. of V., U. S. A.  
PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 29, 1904.

Decision VII. (J. A. Gen. Op. 7.)

*Herman Rabich, Esq., Commander Division Missouri, S. V., Cape Girardeau, Mo.*

DEAR SIR:—Your request for a decision upon the following was referred to the Judge Advocate General: "A Camp was suspended September 30, 1902 and charter revoked April 1st, 1903. There was no per capita tax paid Division by the Camp or any member thereof since April 1st, 1902."

*Question I*—"Is any member of said Camp entitled to a transfer card of past rank or have any of them been entitled to same since charter was revoked?"

*Question II*—"Also can a Division Encampment restore past rank to any member of said Camp?"

In his opinion the Judge Advocate General says: "I am of opinion that under Section 4, Article 8, of the Constitution, the Division Commander would have authority to issue transfer cards to members of a dropped camp, who were in good standing at the time of such dissolution, provided transfers were applied for within one year from time of the dissolution. I arrived at this conclusion for the reason that this section provides that transfers so issued shall have the same force as though given by a Camp and Section 1, of the same article provides for the issuance of transfers to members of Camps in good standing, which transfers at the expiration of one year shall be void, and the holder considered honorably discharged from the Order. For that reason I believe that a transfer issued by a Division Commander can only be issued within one year from the dissolution of the Camp, and that it would be in force as a transfer only up to the expiration of that year. It is not within the power of the Division Encampment to restore past rank to any former member of the Order, and under our Laws, the members of the Camp in question have lost their past rank by failing to transfer within a year from dissolution of their Camp."

In deciding your first question therefore I would say that the members of the Camp referred to were entitled to transfer cards at any time within one year from the date the charter was revoked viz: April 1st, 1903, and said transfer cards carried with them any past rank that the members had. If any of those members had applied to you for a transfer card at any time before the year was up, it was your duty to issue said transfer cards, and if the members placed the same in any camp within one year from the date that the camp charter was revoked, said member was entitled to retain his past rank.

In deciding your second question I will say that the Division Encampment cannot restore past rank to any member of said Camp. The right to restore past rank rests only with the Commandery-in-Chief.

Decision is entered in accordance with the above.

Faternally yours,

ARTHUR B. SPINK,  
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: WILLIAM R. CONGDON, *Adjutant-General*.

HEADQUARTERS OF COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. of V., U. S. A.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., June 23, 1904.

*Frank B. Wilson, Esq., Commander of Division of California, 456 Parrott Building, San Francisco, Cal.*

DEAR SIR:—On May 5th, 1904 you requested me to re-consider my decision (Decision No. 4) and also requested an official decision on the following:

"Question No. 1. Can a brother hold the office of Division Quartermaster (elective) and be a Camp Commander at the same time?"

"Question No. 2. If a brother cannot hold the office of Division Quartermaster and Camp Commander at the same time then who shall remove him from office if he refuses to resign one of the offices. You or I?"

"Question No. 3. Can a Camp at any other time than at an annual election pass a resolution providing that on a certain date that the office of first or Quartermaster Sergeants or both be an elected office and proceed on the date named and elect accordingly?"

"Our Division By-Laws provide that the office of Division Quartermaster shall be elective and that the term of said office shall be for three years. In accordance therewith this Division elected a Division Quartermaster for a term of three years commencing May 6th, 1903. At our last Encampment held April 1904 a resolution was adopted which provides for the amendment of the Division By-Laws at our next Encampment to make the office of Division Quartermaster appointive and for a term of one year which if adopted will reduce the term of the present incumbent one year.

"Question No. 4. Is said resolution constitutional?"

This matter has been referred to the Judge Advocate General for an opinion, and the Judge Advocate General fully sustains my decision (Decision No. 4) so far as it relates to the right of a brother to hold the office of Division Quartermaster (elective) and be a Camp Commander at the same time. The Judge Advocate General holds that my decision should be adhered to and says: "It is in line with precedent, long established and supported by numerous decisions. There is another reason why a brother should not be permitted to fill these two offices at the same time; that is, as Camp Commander he is required to make reports to the Headquarters of which he would be a staff officer, and to make requisitions upon and transact business with the Division Quartermaster. The argument upon the so-called Civic nature of our organization has no bearing whatever upon this question." Therefore, replying to your first question I must hold that my former decision must stand.

Upon your second question the Judge Advocate General says: "If the brother in question holds the office of Division Quartermaster for a term of three years commencing May 6th, 1903 his Division Commander had no right or authority to issue to him a commission as Camp Commander and such commission is void, unless prior to its issuance the brother in question resigned his office of Division Quartermaster. No resignation is required for the office of Camp Commander. The Camp should be simply directed to elect a Commander who should be installed and commissioned in the usual manner. The Commission held by the brother in question as Camp Commander should be at once canceled by the Division Commander, that having been unlawfully issued." The opinion of the Judge Advocate General on this question is sustained and I enter a decision in accordance with said opinion.

Concerning question No. 3, the Judge Advocate says: "A Camp may, at any time, adopt a resolution providing that, after a certain date the office of first or Quartermaster Sergeant shall be elective, but unless the Camp Commander removes the brother appointed by him to this office the Camp cannot elect a Quartermaster Sergeant until the succeeding election in December after the adoption of such resolutions."



at which time if the resolution remains in force, this Sergeant may be elected." I indorse the opinion of the Judge Advocate General as expressed on question No. 3 and my decision is in accordance with the same.

Your fourth question requests a decision as to the constitutionality of a certain resolution the substance of which is only stated in your letter. I believe it to be inadvisable for me at this time to enter an official decision concerning the constitutionality of this resolution when I have not a certified copy of the resolution. Therefore an official decision on this question is denied until such time as you shall submit a certified copy of the resolution attested by the Division Adjutant under the seal of the Division.

Respectfully yours,

ARTHUR B. SPINK,  
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: WILLIAM R. CONGDON, Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS OF COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. of V., U. S. A.  
PROVIDENCE, R. I., July 22d, 1904.

Decision IX (J. A. Gen. Op. 10.)

Frank B. Wilson, Esq., Commander Division of California, 456 Parrott Building, San Francisco, Cal.

DEAR SIR:—On May 5th, 1904 you made a request for an official Decision as to the standing in our Order of one T. M. Gilbert of Los Angeles, California. The same has been referred to the Judge Advocate General who has given his opinion as follows:

"It appears from the statement of facts in the communication that Gilbert was tried by a court martial and found guilty of violation of oath of office and sentenced to be dishonorably discharged; that the findings of the court were set aside by the Commander-in-Chief, and a new trial recommended to be ordered; that a new court martial was not ordered until the last encampment of the California division when a motion was adopted, directing that a new court martial be ordered, which has not yet been done. In the meantime, Brother Gilbert's camp was suspended, and, for anything that appears, disbanded. He has several times applied for a transfer card with his past rank, but his application has not been granted.

The weight of decisions seems to hold that a transfer card should be issued by a division commander only within one year from the date of the suspension or disbanding of a camp. I cite the following decisions and proceedings for and against this position: Decision No. 13, 15th Encampment, page 45, W. H. Russell, Commander-in-Chief; Decision No. 9, 16th Encampment, page 31, J. L. Rake, Commander-in-Chief; proceedings in J. E. Edmundson's case 15th Encampment, page 116; Decision 13, 18th Encampment page 23, Frank L. Shepard, Commander-in-Chief; Decision No. 14 and Opinion 12, 19th Encampment, page 33, A. W. Jones, Commander-in-Chief.

It does not appear from the statement of facts whether Brother Gilbert has demanded to have the refusal of the Division Commander to issue him a transfer card reviewed by the Division Encampment or the Commander-in-Chief, or whether he has asked for a second court martial. It would appear by inference that the former has been done, as Brother Gilbert was brought before the California Division encampment by the present commander's report. The only negligence upon Brother Gilbert's part, which may be attributed to him at this time, if any, is that he has not heretofore applied to the Commander-in-Chief but that may be offset by the fact that his application was not, until the last encampment of the California Division, acted upon by that Division. If the matter has been pending during these years, and he has been seeking to have the Division act upon his application for a transfer card, he ought not be deprived of that card on the ground of negligence if he is otherwise entitled to it.

Commander-in-Chief Maccabe in opinion No. 35, 13th Annual Encampment page 102, disapproved the finding of the first court martial on the ground that the court was improperly constituted; that there was no evidence to sustain the charge; that the court's finding was based wholly on the resolution of the division encampment, ordering a warrant drawn and the accused to pay into the division treasury a balance.

The matter is not now in a satisfactory shape for a decision, but if Brother Gilbert was guilty of the charges made against him, the California Division should have proven those charges by some competent evidence at a subsequent court martial. It is not in accordance with the laws of this Order, or with the American institutions to convict a person upon an opinion or a resolution, and such was the ruling of Commander-in-Chief Maccabe. There is no evidence now before the Commander-in-Chief which would warrant him in holding that the brother in question was not entitled to a transfer card because of the charges preferred by the California Division, if that division refuses, or if the commander of the division neglects to appoint a court martial to try brother Gilbert. Such a court martial has been ordered by the Division.

The division commander states that at the time the division encampment passed such a motion, he was fully aware that it could not be done, because of the provisions of Article 103, Section 144, U. S. Revised Statutes, limiting the time within which a court martial may be ordered to two years from the commitment of the offence. The commander of the California division is probably wrong in his inference. The statute of limitations is a personal defence which may be waived by the accused, and if he does waive such a defence, he may, with all propriety, be tried by a court appointed. If this statute does grant the right to interpose the statute of limitations, it is for him to make that defence before the court, and not for the commander of the Division to interpose it as an objection to ordering a court martial, directed by the past encampment."

With this reasoning of the Judge Advocate General I fully coincide. Certainly the division of California cannot be permitted to deny Brother Gilbert his transfer card and the right to establish his innocence before a properly appointed court. I shall therefore decide that it is your duty as Commander of the California Division to comply with the Order of your division encampment to appoint a court martial for the trial of Brother Gilbert.

If you do not comply with the Order of your division encampment and convene a court martial before which Brother Gilbert may have the right to establish his innocence he will have the right to apply to you as Commander of the Division of California to grant him the transfer card in accordance with the rules of the Order.

Fraternally yours,

ARTHUR B. SPINK,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

Official: WILLIAM R. CONGDON, *Adjutant-General.*

HEADQUARTERS OF COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. of V., U. S. A.  
PROVIDENCE, R. I., July 27th, 1904.

Decision X.

*Harry D. Miller, Commander Captain P. R. Schuyler Camp No. 2, Division of Pennsylvania, S. of V., U. S. A.*

DEAR SIR:—Your communication of May 25th, 1904 forwarded through Commander C. Day Rudy Commander of the Division of Pennsylvania in relation to an appeal taken by Captain P. R. Schuyler Camp No. 2 Division of Pennsylvania from a ruling of Division Commander C. Day Rudy in the court-martial of Past Camp Commander W. J. Brady, was duly received.

I have delayed entering a Decision in this matter hoping that the matter might be adjusted. Your insistence, however, upon an Official Decision will be complied with at once.

I have examined the authorities bearing upon Court-martial Proceedings at great length, and have arrived at the conclusion that Captain P. R. Schuyler Camp No. 2 Division of Pennsylvania has no right of appeal in any Court-martial Proceedings against William J. Brady.

I have arrived at this conclusion from the fact that Captain P. R. Schuyler Camp is the aggrieved party. The Camp is not, nor has it ever been on trial in Court-martial Proceedings. The Camp as a camp could not be Court-martialed. Hence, it would follow that the Camp not being aggrieved and never having been Court-martialed could not appeal.

The only party that in any manner or form could be aggrieved was William J. Brady the party against whom charges were preferred and against whom Court-martial Proceedings were held and against whom as the Defendant a verdict was rendered and a sentence preferred. Said William J. Brady has officially declared that he had no appeal to take and he being the Defendant and not taking any appeal the sentence of the Court must stand.

I therefore enter Decision dismissing the appeal taken by Captain P. R. Schuyler Camp No. 2, Division of Pennsylvania on the ground that the Camp has no right of appeal.

Fraternally yours,

ARTHUR B. SPINK,  
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: WILLIAM R. CONGDON, *Adjutant-General*.

HEADQUARTERS OF COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. of V., U. S. A.  
PROVIDENCE, R. I., August 10, 1904.

Decision XI.

*R. M. Genthner, Commander Division of New York, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Rochester N. Y.*

DEAR SIR:—Your favor of recent date submitting an appeal from the action of the 21st Annual Encampment of the New York Division, relative to the seating of Brother George H. Denniston as a Past Captain is received.

It appears from your statement of the case that Brother Denniston was installed Captain of Quinby Camp, No. 13, formerly of New York Division, on the 19th of January, 1903, and on the 16th day of February, 1903, his Camp surrendered its charter, and Brother Denniston transferred his membership to C. A. Glidden Camp, No. 6.

Colonel I. H. Smith, under whose administration Camp No. 13 surrendered its charter, ruled that Brother Denniston was entitled to the rank of Past Captain and he was seated in the 20th Annual Encampment. At the 21st Annual Encampment held June last, the matter was again brought to the attention of the Encampment by the Credentials Committee, who refused to seat Brother Denniston as a Past Captain.

A point of order was raised that inasmuch as Colonel I. H. Smith had given an opinion that Brother Denniston was entitled to the rank of Past Captain and was seated in the 20th Annual Encampment as such, that the 21st Annual Encampment had no jurisdiction in the case.

You held that the point of order was not well taken, and also ruled that Brother Denniston had no right to a seat in the Encampment as a Past Captain.

The Encampment reversed your ruling by adopting a motion to seat Brother Denniston.

Your ruling that Brother Denniston had no right to a seat in the Encampment as a Past Captain was a perfectly proper one, and is sustained by the law of the Order. There can be no question that any brother must serve to the end of the term, which, as fixed by the Constitution, is December 31st, in order to entitle him to the rank of Past Captain. In this case Brother Denniston was installed as Captain in January, and in one month from the date of his installation his Camp surrendered its charter. Therefore he would not be entitled to the rank of Past Captain.



The action of the Encampment in seating Brother Denniston as a Past Captain was erroneous, and not in accordance with the Constitution of the Order; therefore I must decide that the appeal from the action of the 21st Annual Encampment of your Division is sustained and the action of the encampment reversed. I am forced to decide that Brother Denniston is not entitled to the rank of Past Captain.

Fraternally yours,

ARTHUR B. SPINK,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

Official: WM. R. CONGDON, *Adjutant-General.*

The reading of the report was followed by applause.

**SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** You have heard the report of the Commander-in-Chief. No objection being offered the report will be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

The Commander-in-Chief resumed Command, and the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief read his report as follows:

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., August 16, 1904.

*To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-Third Annual Encampment.  
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.*

**BROTHERS:**—Herewith I submit my report as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief for the term just closing.

During the year past I have given attention to all matters that have been presented to me for action and have endeavored, in every possible way, to advance the interests of the Order.

I was present at, and installed the officers of the Division of New Jersey, and attended several meetings of Sons of Veterans, making addresses in the interests of the Order. On Memorial Day I was on duty, under orders of the G. A. R., and made an address.

I desire at this time to extend my sincere thanks to the members of the Encampment, and in conclusion say that the honors conferred upon me are appreciated. In future I shall be ready to respond to any call to duty.

I am fraternally yours,

JAMES B. ADAMS,  
*Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.*

**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** The report will be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

#### VISIT OF DELEGATION FROM NATIONAL DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS.

At this point it was announced that a committee from the National Daughters of Veterans was in the ante-room with greetings from that organization.

E. B. FOLSOM, of Vermont, moved that the committee be received. Motion seconded and carried.

**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF** declared the Encampment to be at recess, and the committee was escorted into the hall.

**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** I present to you Miss Keenan, of New Hampshire, who comes here to represent the Daughters of those who served with our fathers.

**MISS KEENAN:** Brothers, it is not for me to take up your time. Speech is silver; silence is golden. I only want to say, on behalf of the National Associations of the Daughters of Veterans, that we extend to you greetings, and wish you happiness and prosperity. (Applause.)

**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** I now have the pleasure in presenting to you Miss Hoover, who represents the State of Illinois.

**MISS HOOVER:** I came here with the intention of keeping still, I really did not want to talk this morning. You know that the Daugh

ters of Veterans have the same rules with regard to admission into the Order as you have. We are very proud of our title. It is our only title of nobility. I thank you for your attention, and wish you God speed. (Applause.)

**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** And now the last, but not the least, as we all know in the Commandery, I have the honor to present the great State of Pennsylvania, through Miss French.

**MISS FRENCH:** I do not know that I have anything to say. We extend to you all our greetings, and if you ever come to Philadelphia, we will try to do the best we can to help you along.

**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** In return for all that has been said, I will call upon my Chief-of-Staff, General R. M. J. Reed, to respond.

**GENERAL REED:** Commander-in-Chief, ladies of the Daughters of Veterans, and Brothers. To my surprise I was called upon to respond to the greetings of the Daughters of Veterans. Yesterday, for the first time in my life, I had the honor of meeting you and becoming acquainted with your objects, and I am not in position to say anything to you regarding the organization of the Daughters of Veterans other than that I believe all they told me yesterday. They say they are organized for the purpose of honoring and perpetuating the honor and name of the men who saved this Republic of ours, and that is certainly an excellent object. I differ with them somewhat as to the requirements for eligibility, but I am like that fellow we are told of in the Bible—I am almost convinced. I am very susceptible of conviction I want to say to the members of this convention, I believe organizations of this character are calculated to accomplish very much good. I have said that I always believed that the boys were kept on the firing line by the mothers, wives and sweethearts at home. I wish you every success. I hope that this is only the beginning of our acquaintance with these patriotic women, and with them, and with you, I wish all patriotic Orders in America God speed and unlimited success.

**CHARLES H. STRAUB, West Virginia:** I move that a vote of thanks be extended to the committee from the Daughters of Veterans and that the greetings of this Encampment be sent to the Daughters through their committee. Motion seconded.

**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** Is it your pleasure that the present committee extend the greetings:

**GENERAL REED:** I beg to offer an amendment, that this Encampment send a committee to the Daughters of Veterans.

Amendment seconded, accepted by the original mover, and the motion put and carried as amended.

**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** The committee will consist of W. F. Moyhan, of New York; William E. Hull, of Illinois, and R. M. Campbell, of Pennsylvania.

**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** I will ask General Reed to present Past Commander-in-Chief Charles K. Darling and escort him to the platform.

**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** What is your pleasure with regard to receiving the Adjutant General's report? No objection being offered the report was read as follows:

HEADQUARTERS OF COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. of V., U. S. A.  
DEPARTMENT OF ADJUTANT-GENERAL.  
PROVIDENCE, R. I., August 15, 1904.

To Arthur Bradford Spink, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

MY DEAR SIR AND COMMANDER:—Agreeable to established custom and in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution and Laws of our Order I have the honor to submit my report as Adjutant-General for the official year of 1903-1904,

## RECORDS.

The records for the official year are complete with but few exceptions which will be noted later. The most important feature of the records at Headquarters is the record of Camps which is now embodied in a card system adopted by my predecessor and combines not only the complete records of all Camps, but serves as a letter file also. This system I heartily endorse and believe its extension so as to include practically all records now contained in book form would not only be beneficial, but result in much labor saving.

The card system having only been adopted late in the year under the previous administration, it was necessarily incomplete, but after much searching, old records and great care being exercised to correct the complete files, I am pleased to report that the files of Camps now in existence in the Order is complete, with the exception of Iowa. The condition of affairs in Iowa has been such that it has been impossible to correct the cards complete for this Division. Then, too, the failure of one or two Divisions to send in lists of Camp officers has made it impossible to correct the cards in this respect.

Recommendation No. 1.—I would recommend that the Record Books of Commissions issued, the book containing rosters of Commandery-in-Chief Officers and Division Officers, and the Record Book of Camp charters approved and charters issued, be discarded, and that the same be included in the card system.

The Record of Commissions issued and the roster of Commandery and Division Officers can easily be contained on single cards combining all the necessary information now given in book form and would at the same time save much labor and become more easily accessible.

All the information now contained in the Record Book of Camp charters issued is contained on each card giving the record of the Camps, hence, this book is unnecessary and merely serves as a repetition of the work embodied in preparing the cards.

## HEADQUARTERS BUSINESS.

In conducting the business at Headquarters I have sought to do my duty, and practically every day during the past eleven months I have travelled twenty miles from my home to be at Headquarters to give attention to the routine affairs of the office.

More than two thousand letters have been received and all have been answered promptly. Fully three thousand letters have been sent out from the office during the term and copies of all the more important ones are contained in five copy books.

There have been issued, seven General Orders, five Special Orders, two Circulars and two Orders of the Military Department, copies of which are annexed and are made a part of this report.

Eighteen dispensations have been granted to Division Commanders to muster Camps within their Divisions without first submitting their charter applications to Headquarters for approval.

There have been issued 118 commissions for this Administration and 7 commissions were issued for the former Administration.

But two official questions were submitted to the Council-in-Chief one being the question of fixing the date for the Twenty-Third Encampment, and the other the approval of the Council to the placing the portraits of Past Commanders-in-Chief in one of the halls of Memorial University.

## CHARTERS ISSUED.

There have been fifty applications for Camp charters approved and sixty-six charters have been issued to Camps mustered during the Administration. Sixteen charters were issued to Camps mustered during the term of Commander-in-Chief Martin, and two charters have been issued to replace the original charters destroyed by fire.



## COURT MARTIALS.

The Order is extremely fortunate in that not a single court martial has been referred to the Commandery Headquarters for approval. One case of court martial was sought to be presented on an appeal, but the appeal was taken by the Camp and not the aggrieved party, hence, had no standing. Charges were preferred against a member of the Commandery, and an order issued appointing a court martial, but the court has not yet passed upon the matter.

Eleven official decisions have been recorded.

The bonds of nineteen Division Commanders have been duly filed approved and turned over to the Quartermaster-General. There are still a number of bonds of Division Commanders yet to be filed.

## OFFICIAL VISITS.

It has been my pleasure to attend the Encampments of the Divisions of Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts and Rhode Island during the year, and also to attend many social functions. On all of these visits the many courtesies extended and the fraternal spirit exemplified has been the source of much pleasure.

## FINANCES.

There has been received by this department \$9,311.16 for per capita tax, \$370.00 for charter fees, and \$1,087.00 for muster fees, and officer receipts have been given for all moneys received. Monthly statements of the receipts have been made to the Quartermaster-General, also a statement of expenses, a more detailed account of which can be given by the Quartermaster-General.

## MEMBERSHIP.

It is with much pleasure that I am able to report the highest membership which the Order has attained since March 31, 1899. The present membership, as shown by the reports, for the quarter ending June 30, 1904, is 27,229, with 713 Camps, as against 25,235 members and 714 Camps June 30, 1903; a net gain for the year of 1,994 members, and a net loss of one Camp. Were it not for the suspension of the Division of Kansas, with 14 Camps and 253 members, and a large number of Camps suspended by several Divisions in order to report in time for this Encampment, there would be nearly 28,000 members in good standing.

I have been unable to secure the reports from the Kansas Division for the June quarter, although I have exerted every effort to do so but can get absolutely no word from the Division Commander.

The very good gain which I can report for the year is due largely to the magnificent work in recruiting which the grand Division of Pennsylvania has done. Of the total net gain which I report for the year, of 1,994 members, the "Keystone State" furnishes 1,361, or nearly 75 per cent. of our entire gain. This Division has also mustered 18 of the total of 66 Camps mustered during the present term. This splendid growth, I believe, is an example for every Division of our Order, and the lines upon which that Division work, I believe, can be profitably followed by all.

The military feature, under the head of the Sons of Veterans Reserves, so ably managed by that peerless brother, and splendid military gentleman, General R. M. J. Reed, coupled with the other features, such as the Death Benefit Association, and their system of recruiting, is largely responsible for this most creditable showing. I would not, of course, forget the splendid work done by many other Divisions, of which I would like to speak, but can only refer you to the consolidated reports as an example of their loyalty and devotion to the Order.

Brother George H. Stebbins, of Kentucky, is entitled to great credit for his work, for he has labored under great difficulty and has placed his Division in better condition than it has been in several years.

In Iowa a very bad state of affairs existed at the beginning of our year, but after much correspondence and patient labor, I am pleased to say I have enlisted the support from the excellent gentleman who is now Commander, Brother William F. Muse, and with his help, and that of Brothers James E. Blythe and A. L. Sorter, Jr., I am satisfied the Division is now on the right road to success, and I anticipate a large increase in that Division during the coming year.

The South Dakota Division was under suspension for three quarters, but Brother S. Z. Green has taken hold of affairs, reinstated the Division, and hopes to form a large Camp and materially increase the membership before next Spring.

The Division of West Virginia and Kansas are in very bad condition. The latter Division now being under suspension. These two Divisions need careful and immediate attention.

### SUSPENSIONS.

The one great drawback to a healthy and rapid growth in the Order is the continuous suspension of members. It would seem that all some Camp Commanders can conceive as their duty to the Order was to suspend members rather than seek to retain every worthy brother, and I believe this statement was never more forcibly illustrated than when some Camps which had been organized less than six months when the Camp Commanders, in their quarterly reports, suspended members.

I have always been a believer in the idea that no brother should ever be suspended until all efforts to collect his dues were unavailing and it was well known that the brother preferred not to longer remain a member. To seek to check this continual drain in the membership of the Order, and to seek to reinstate suspended and dropped members, has been my great aim during the year, and I feel sure that my efforts have met with some measure of success. Supported in this field of endeavor by many of the Division Commanders, I believe there has been much improvement to be noted, but there is pressing need of a radical change in sentiment at the very root of this evil, namely, in practically every Camp of the Order.

The sooner every Camp Commander can be brought to realize that the suspension of a member nine times out of ten means the total loss of that member to the Order, the sooner will the Order begin to advance by rapid strides toward the goal of our ambitions. To save a member from the suspended list is equal to a gain. The continual losses by suspensions is certainly disheartening to those who are laboring so hard to secure recruits.

The privilege which was granted by the Twenty-Second Encampment for the re-instatement of members who were dropped prior to June 30, 1903, upon the payment of the regular muster fee and without the payment of back dues, and which by the terms of the resolution is to remain in effect until December 31, 1904, has not been generally accepted, although in some Divisions special efforts have been made to regain these dropped members, and with some success.

The experience of the year has taught me that while this provision is an excellent one, and might profitably be extended at least another year, yet I believe one of the most fruitful fields of labor is in the re-establishment of old Camps, which for one reason and another have been suspended. Investigation shows that in many Divisions there are large numbers of Camps that have been suspended, but that the charters have never been revoked or the Camps actually disbanded. In a great many cases I am informed that not only are the charters preserved by some members of these Camps, but that the books and general supplies have also been preserved.

I believe, therefore, if Divisions could be permitted to re-instate Camps of this character on such terms as the Division Commanders may determine as expedient, where no charter is to be furnished, and where the Division is not called to furnish supplies, it would be most beneficial, and would, I believe, tend to revive many Camps that have been lost to the Order.

Recommendation No. 2.—I would therefore recommend that until the next Encampment the second paragraph of Article VIII, Section 3, of the Constitution, be suspended so far as it requires the payment of one year's dues to the Camp by which the applicant was dropped in the case of former members dropped prior to June 30, 1903.

Recommendation No. 3.—I would also recommend that Division Commanders be permitted for one year to reinstate any and all Camps at their discretion, and upon such terms as they shall determine, which are, for one year or more, in arrears for per capita tax and so reported under suspension at the end of the June quarter, 1904; provided, however, that no Camp, the charters of which have been surrendered or revoked shall be so reinstated, and that for every Camp so reported: reinstated, the Commandery-in-Chief receive the sum of \$2.50, in addition to the regular per capita tax for the quarter in which the Camp is reported as reinstated.

Recommendation No. 4.—I would recommend that Article V, Section 1, be so amended that Camps can be formed with 15 members, and that Section 2 of the Article be so amended that there shall be a maximum fee of \$25 and a minimum fee of \$15, and that the same be left to each Division to fix the fee for new Camps, and further provide that if the Constitution be so amended, each Division Council be authorized to fix the amount of the charter fee until the Division shall in Encampment establish the charter fee for the Division.

#### QUARTERLY REPORTS.

No matter has so severely taxed my patience as the utter carelessness of some Division Commanders in making up their reports, and yet it would seem that no amount of courteous correspondence can bring some Commanders to a realization of the importance of not only sending in reports in due season, but to be absolutely sure of their correctness. More of my time has been devoted to correspondence in seeking to get reports and in correcting mistakes made by Division Commanders than to any one thing during the year. I confidently believe that the Commander-in-Chief should have power to remove Division Commanders who are found to be derelict in their duty.

#### PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS.

The constant shifting about from year to year on National Headquarters not only entails an added annual expense, but is unquestionably detrimental to the Order, for no man who assumes the responsibilities to the office of Adjutant General can in one year accomplish the results that a more ripe experience in the office would give. In the first place one full month is usually lost in getting Headquarters settled, and it requires from one to two months to get in touch with all Divisions and to become thoroughly familiar with all the necessary details of the office. Hence it follows that by the time the Adjutant-General gets down to real business he has but a few months at best for real active enthusiastic work before he has to begin to prepare to retire.

The splendid work which has been accomplished in the Division of Pennsylvania in the past few years is unquestionably due in a large measure to the fact that Headquarters work has been done by those two splendid workers, Brothers McNulty and Tawney, and recognizing their worth and the importance of maintaining permanent Headquarters, the Division at its last Encampment elected these two brothers Quartermaster and Adjutant respectively for a term of five years, and established permanent Headquarters for the same length of time. There can be no sound argument against the Commandery-in-Chief following the lead of the Keystone State in this movement, for the establishment of permanent Headquarters.

Recommendation No. 5.—Believing that this would place the Order on a firmer business basis, and that it would be a saving to the Commandery as well, I earnestly recommend the establishment of perma-



nent Headquarters and the election of the Adjutant-General for a term of at least three years.

### CONCLUSION.

I cannot close this report without saying a word to you, Commander, as our official relations are so soon to be severed. Called as I was by you to assume the responsibilities of this office without ever having sought it, or ever dreamed of such a thing as serving the Order in such an honored position, I have ever sought to do everything that I could to make your year a success. Our daily associations together at Headquarters have been of the most pleasant, and nothing but harmony has prevailed, and no one but ourselves can ever know the close friendship that has been formed during these eleven months.

To me it has been a year devoted with unswerving loyalty, to you and to this grand, noble and patriotic Order. It has been a labor of love, for next to my family I am devoted to the Order of the Sons of Veterans. I have formed many pleasant friendships among the loyal brothers of this grand Order, especially among Division Commanders and Adjutants and Quartermasters, and I am indebted to them all for many courtesies and much assistance for which I am profoundly grateful, and wish to officially record my thanks.

To you, Commander, I can but say that I am deeply sensible of the honor conferred by being selected to serve you in such a close official capacity, and words fail me to express my appreciation. I can but say in the blunt New England expression, I thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. CONGDON,  
*Adjutant-General.*

### APPENDIX.

Charters issued by Commander-in-Chief Spink, which were approved by Commander-in-Chief Martin:

No. of Camp.	Location.	Date of Muster.	No. Mustered.	Charter Issued.
12	Freeport, N. Y. ....	Feb. 18, 1903	26	Nov. 27, 1903
79	Brooklyn, N. Y. ....	Mar. 31, "	26	Dec 22, "
20	Rice Lake, Wis. ....	May 28, "	39	Nov. 1, "
29	Brainard, Minn. ....	June 12, "	44	Jan. 1, 1904
14	South Amboy, N. J. ...	June 15, "	48	Dec. 21, 1903
10	Sidney, Ohio. ....	July 6, "	21	Nov. 20, "
95	Revere, Mass. ....	July 8, "	20	Oct. 10, "
52	Bradford, N. H. ....	Aug. 10, "	21	Nov. 14, "
26	Napa, Cal. ....	Aug. 11, "	21	Nov. 20, "
1	Seattle, Wash. ....	Aug. 13, "	21	Nov. 24, "
102	Fenton, Mich. ....	Aug. 14, "	22	Oct. 24, "
96	Seneca, Kan. ....	Sept. 4, "	27	Nov. 1, "

CHARTER APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF  
SPINK.

- September 17, 1903, Saltsburg, Pa., 23 applicants.  
September 26, 1903, Findlay, Ohio, 60 applicants.  
September 29, 1903, Tiffin, Ohio, 29 applicants.  
September 29, 1903, East Fairfield, Ohio, 27 applicants.  
October 1, 1903, Springfield, Ohio, 48 applicants.  
October 5, 1903, Philadelphia, Pa., 40 applicants.  
October 8, 1903, Tionesta, Pa., 27 applicants.  
October 24, 1903, Clinton, Mass., 30 applicants.  
October 24, 1903, Watertown, N. Y., 28 applicants.  
October 26, 1903, Norwood, Pa., 28 applicants.  
October 26, 1903, Bridgeton, Me., 48 applicants.  
November 2, 1903, Bermidji, Minn., 58 applicants.  
November 2, 1903, Seneca, Kan., 27 applicants.  
November 17, 1903, Seattle, Wash., 21 applicants.  
January 1, 1904, Ironton, Ohio, 15 applicants.  
January 9, 1904, Lepsic, Ohio, 35 applicants.  
January 21, 1904, Nelsonville, Ohio, 29 applicants.  
January 25, 1904, Lawrenceville, Ill., 29 applicants.  
January 29, 1904, Homer, Ill., 24 applicants.  
January 30, 1904, Plymouth, Ind., 25 applicants.  
February 5, 1904, Logan, Ohio, 22 applicants.  
February 16, 1904, Mount Joy, Pa., 31 applicants.  
February 23, 1904, Day Brook, W. Va., 37 applicants.  
February 24, 1904, Highland, N. Y., 34 applicants.  
February 27, 1904, Goldsmith, Ind., 18 applicants.  
February 29, 1904, Union City, Pa., 45 applicants.  
March 4, 1904, Columbus, Ind., 26 applicants.  
March 4, 1904, Bowling Green, Ind., 17 applicants.  
March 2, 1904, Franklin, Mass., 20 applicants.  
March 12, 1904, Braddock, Pa., 28 applicants.  
March 30, 1904, Decatur, Ind., 50 applicants.  
April 6, 1904, Duluth, Minn., 28 applicants.  
April 11, 1904, Cherry Tree, Pa., 16 applicants.  
April 18, 1904, Belteaire, Ohio, 25 applicants.  
April 18, 1904, Monongahela, Pa., 23 applicants.  
April 18, 1904, McClure, Pa., 72 applicants.  
April 21, 1904, Dayton, Pa., 19 applicants.  
April 23, 1904, Kittanning, Pa., 63 applicants.  
April 29, 1904, Marion, Mass., 27 applicants.  
May 4, 1904, Hollidaysburg, Pa., 38 applicants.  
May 10, 1904, Meyersdale, Pa., 40 applicants.  
May 21, 1904, Billerica, Mass., 25 applicants.  
May 23, 1904, Allegheny City, Pa., 27 applicants.  
June 14, 1904, Murrys ville, Pa., 24 applicants.  
July 1, 1904, Philadelphia, Pa., 25 applicants.  
July 18, 1904, Johnsonburg, Pa., 31 applicants.  
July 23, 1904, Toms River, N. J., 40 applicants.  
July 25, 1904, Bourbon, Ind., 29 applicants.  
August 9, 1904, Wellsville, N. Y., 26 applicants.  
August 11, 1904, Corning, N. Y., 26 applicants.

## CHARTERS ISSUED BY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF SPINK.

No. of Camp.	Location.	Date of Muster.	No. Mustered.	Charter Issued.
47	Saltsburg, Pa. ....	Sept. 26, 1903	23	Oct. 10, 1903
17	East Fairfield, O. ....	Oct. 3, "	26	Oct. 16, "
48	Tionesta, Pa. ....	Oct. 20, "	18	Oct. 24, "
110	Prospect, N. Y. ....	Sept. 23, "	29	Oct. 24, "
408	Batchtown, Ill. ....	Oct. 10, "	17	Oct. 24, "
25	Bridgeton, Me. ....	Oct. 1, "	40	Oct. 30, "
29	Philadelphia, Pa. ....	Oct. 20, "	54	Nov. 20, "
102	Sudbury, Mass. ....	Oct. 22, "	17	Nov. 24, "
15	Tiffin, O. ....	Nov. 24, "	44	Dec. 21, "
50	Norwood, Pa. ....	Nov. 14, "	28	Dec. 21, "
4	Bermidji, Minn. ....	Oct. 17, "	53	Dec. 31, "
3	Zolma, Mo. ....	Dec. 15, "	26	Dec. 31, "
112	Watertown, N. Y. ....	Nov. 2, "	30	Jan. 9, 1904
13	Vinal Haven, Me. ....	Jan. 11, "	30	Jan. 22, "
26	Springfield, O. ....	Oct. 23, "	58	Jan. 29, "
7	Leipsic, O. ....	Jan. 29, "	25	Feb. 4, "
67	Findlay, O. ....	Jap. 28, "	29	Feb. 4, "
12	Grand Rapids, Wis. ....	Nov. 13, "	26	Feb. 12, "
3	Rome, Wis. ....	Jan. 8, "	17	Feb. 19, "
410	Homes, Ill. ....	Feb. 12, "	24	Feb. 26, "
409	Lawrenceville, Ill. ....	Feb. 12, "	27	Feb. 27, "
5	St. Louis, Mo. ....	Feb. 21, "	17	Mar. 5, "
19	Logan, O. ....	Feb. 11, "	26	Mar. 8, "
25	Nelsonville, O. ....	Feb. 19, "	39	Mar. 8, "
74	Mount Joy, Pa. ....	Mar. 2, "	33	Mar. 10, "
1	Daybrook, W. Va. ....	Mar. 5, "	38	Mar. 16, "
30	Union City, Pa. ....	Mar. 8, "	20	Mar. 18, "
110	Franklin, Mass. ....	Mar. 2, "	21	Mar. 22, "
17	Prairie Farm, Wis. ....	Mar. 11, "	30	Mar. 22, "
114	Highland, N. Y. ....	Mar. 4, "	20	Mar. 29, "
6	Henderson, Ky. ....	Apr. 27, "	30	May 3, "
10	Louisville, Ky. ....	Apr. 30, "	15	May 5, "
55	Dayton, Pa. ....	May 9, "	20	May 13, "
51	Monongahela, Pa. ....	May 9, "	24	May 13, "
22	La Crosse, Wis. ....	May 10, "	30	May 14, "
58	Meyersdale, Pa. ....	May 23, "	34	May 28, "
39	Holidaysburg, Pa. ....	May 11, "	19	May 27, "
23	Whitehall, Wis. ....	May 28, "	23	June 3, "
2	Marquette, Neb. ....	Mar. 23, "	30	June 14, "
56	Allegheny, Pa. ....	May 28, "	15	June 14, "
5	Duluth, Minn. ....	May 5, "	39	June 6, "
43	Kittanning, Pa. ....	May 3, "	176	June 30, "
59	Murrysville, Pa. ....	June 24, "	24	July 2, "
2	Cullman, Ala. ....	June 29, "	15	July 5, "
21	East Jeffrey, N. H. ....	June 11, "	21	July 12, "
22	Sincook, N. H. ....	June 1, "	17	July 12, "
24	Swanzey, N. H. ....	June 18, "	14	July 12, "
114	Marion, Mass. ....	May 12, "	25	July 12, "
119	Billrice, Mass. ....	May 26, "	27	July 15, "
30	Cherrytree, Pa. ....	Apr. 30, "	35	July 15, "
18	Ellsworth, Kan. ....	June 1, "	19	July 16, "
3	Hampton, Neb. ....	June 18, "	27	July 18, "
411	Waukegan, Ill. ....	Apr. 22, "	17	July 26, "
7	Waconia, Minn. ....	July 9, "	28	July 26, "
25	Winchester, N. H. ....	June 30, "	15	Aug. 1, "
15	Toms River, N. J. ....	July 28, "	46	Aug. 4, "
64	Johnsburg, Pa. ....	July 27, "	26	Aug. 9, "
312	Philadelphia, Pa. ....	July 11, "	19	Aug. 11, "



ROSTER OF DIVISION COMMANDERS, 1904.

- Alabama and Tennessee—Joseph H. Larimore, Birmingham, Ala.  
 Box 494.  
 California—Frank B. Wilson, 456 Parrott Building, San Francisco.  
 Colorado and Wyoming—Frank A. Whitney, 1832 W. 36th Ave.  
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 Connecticut—Malcolm D. Rudd, Lakeville.  
 Illinois—George W. G. Estover, 401 Tacoma Bldg., Chicago.  
 Indiana—L. A. Handley, Richmond.  
 Iowa—Will F. Muse, Mason City.  
 Kansas—L. E. Fowler, Emporia.  
 Kentucky—George H. Stebbins, 812 Vine St., Cincinnati.  
 Maine—John Shaw, Bath.  
 Maryland—Francis E. Cross, 319 9th St., S. E., Washington, D. C.  
 Massachusetts—Harry M. Holbrook, 27 State St., Boston.  
 Michigan—Frank J. Kellog, Battle Creek.  
 Minnesota—George T. Drake, 345 St. Peter St., St. Paul.  
 Missouri—Edward A. Hoberg, 3319 Michigan Ave., St. Louis.  
 Nebraska—James McBeth, Osceola.  
 New Hampshire—Warren C. Brown, Troy.  
 New Jersey, Fred A. Gentieu, Penns Grove.  
 New York—R. M. Genthner, Rochester.  
 Ohio—W. S. Reeder, Dayton.  
 Pennsylvania—Alfred G. Loyd, Sharpsburg, Box 101.  
 Rhode Island—Charles H. Young, Box 326, Providence.  
 Vermont—Robert C. Church, Burlington.  
 Washington—Millard T. Johnson, Asotin.  
 West Virginia—U. C. Edgell, Clarksburg.  
 Wisconsin—Frank H. B. McDowell, 914 Erie St., Racine.

ROSTER OF ADJUTANTS AND QUARTERMASTERS, 1904.

- Alabama and Tennessee—Adjutant, M. D. Friedman, Box 494, Birmingham, Ala.; Quartermaster, Valentine Gilb, Jr., Box 147, Birmingham.  
 California—Adjutant, F. R. Handley, 456 Parrott Bldg., San Francisco; Quartermaster, D. S. Cahen, San Francisco, Cal.  
 Colorado and Wyoming—Adjutant, John H. Head, 1428 W. 32d Ave., Denver Col.; Quartermaster, Mack C. Langton, 1845 W. 39th Ave., Denver Col.  
 Connecticut—Adjutant, Walter W. Norton, Limrock; Quartermaster, Charles W. Roberts, 926 Maine St., Hartford.  
 Illinois—Adjutant, Joel F. Longenecker, 401 Tacoma Building, Chicago; Quartermaster, W. F. Jenkins, 401 Tacoma Building, Chicago.  
 Indiana—Adjutant, William H. Hansche, Richmond; Quartermaster, Frank D. Howells, Richmond.  
 Iowa—Adjutant, George M. Netzer, Mason City; Quartermaster H. A. Merrill, Mason City.  
 Kansas—Adjutant, T. D. Smith, Emporia; Quartermaster, G. B. Selleck, Emporia.  
 Kentucky—Adjutant (Acting), Chas. E. Stebbins, 324 W. 11th St., Newport; Quartermaster, Chas. E. Stebbins, 324 W. 11th St., Newport.  
 Minnesota—Adjutant, Wm. J. Hiland, 345 St. Peter St., St. Paul; Quartermaster, W. G. Osgood, Minneapolis.  
 Maine—Adjutant, Albert W. Beals, Bath; Quartermaster, Charles S. Brown, Bath.  
 Maryland—Adjutant, Charles S. Davis, 319 19th St., S. E. Washington, D. C.; Quartermaster, Edw. K. DePuy, Box 33, Kensington, Md.  
 Massachusetts—Adjutant, John E. Gilman, Jr., 1114 Old South Bldg., Boston; Quartermaster, Edwin R. Olin, 101 Milk St., Boston.  
 Michigan—Adjutant, Charles I. Giles, Battle Creek; Quartermaster, C. H. Shaw, Battle Creek.

Missouri—Adjutant, Fred G. Uthoff, 3319 Michigan Ave., St. Louis; Quartermaster, O. E. Zesch, 1925 Congress St., St. Louis.

Nebraska—Adjutant, Charles C. Stull, Osceola; Quartermaster, R. H. McBeth, Shelby.

New Hampshire—Adjutant, Linwood B. Emery, Troy; Quartermaster, Ernest H. Gates, Troy.

New Jersey—Adjutant, Joseph N. Layman, Penns Grove; Quartermaster, Henry F. Werle, Penns Grove.

New York—Adjutant, G. E. Snyder, Rochester; Quartermaster, V. M. Graham, Rochester.

Ohio—Adjutant, R. E. Long, Dayton; Quartermaster, M. H. Bennett, Dayton.

Pennsylvania—Adjutant, Jas. H. Tawney, N. E. Cor. Broad and Arch Sts., Philadelphia; Quartermaster, Wm. B. McNulty, N. E. Cor. Broad and Arch Sts., Philadelphia.

Vermont—Adjutant, C. G. McGaffey, Burlington; Quartermaster, J. H. Aldrich, Burlington.

Washington—Adjutant, Harry Shaner, Asotin; Quartermaster, A. P. Smith, Spokane.

Rhode Island—Adjutant, Frederick E. Carpenter, Box 326, Providence; Quartermaster, F. Edward Pollard, 265 Prospect St., Pawtucket.

West Virginia—Adjutant, F. O. Sutton, Clarksburg; Quartermaster, W. T. Sutton, Clarksburg.

Wisconsin—Adjutant, S. E. Franham, Racine; Quartermaster, Angus R. Callender, 914 Erie St., Racine.

#### DATE AND PLACE OF HOLDING DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS, 1904.

Division.	Place of Meeting.	Date of Meeting.
Alabama and Tennessee.....	Chataanooga, Tenn.....	May 26
California .....	Los Angeles.....	April 6-7
Colorado and Wyoming.....	Canon City, Col.....	June 14-15-16
Connecticut .....	Rockville .....	April 13-14
Illinois .....	Springfield .....	April 26-27-28
Indiana .....	Noblesville .....	May 24-25
Iowa .....	Mason City.....	June 7-8-9
Kansas .....	Emporia .....	May 17-18-19
Kentucky .....	Newport .....	May 16
Maine .....	Bath .....	June 8-9
Maryland .....	Frederick .....	June 22
Massachusetts .....	Boston .....	February 9-10
Michigan .....	Battle Creek.....	June 14-15-16
Minnesota .....	Spring Park.....	June 20-21-22
Missouri .....	St. Louis.....	May 13-14
Nebraska .....	Osceola .....	June 7-8-9
New Hampshire .....	Concord .....	April 6-7
New Jersey .....	Atlantic City.....	May 12
New York .....	Newark .....	June 28-29-30
Ohio .....	Tiffin .....	June 14-15-16
Pennsylvania .....	Johnstown .....	June 7-8-9
Rhode Island.....	Providence.....	February 2
Vermont .....	Burlington .....	June 8-9
Washington .....	Asotin .....	July 2
West Virginia .....	Grafton .....	April 27-28-29
Wisconsin .....	Madison .....	June 15-16

A number of General Orders were issued, all of which appeared in THE BANNER, and are familiar to the members of the Order. The Special Orders are as follows:

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.  
PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sept. 18, 1903.

General Order, No. 4.—Series 1903.

I. Having been duly elected and installed Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., at the twenty-second Annual Encampment, held at Atlantic City, N. J., September 14th to 17th, 1903, command is hereby assumed and headquarters established at Room 535, Banigan Building, Providence, R. I. All communications to the Commander-in-Chief and Adjutant General must be mailed to the above address.

All reports and remittances for per capita tax and charter fees must be sent to William R. Congdon, Adjutant General, 535 Banigan Building, Providence, R. I., by express, postoffice money order or New York draft.

II. The following officers were duly elected and installed at the Twenty-second Annual Encampment and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Commander-in-Chief, Arthur B. Spink, Providence, R. I.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, James B. Adams, Atlantic City, N. J.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, F. H. B. McDowell, Racine, Wis.  
Council-in-Chief, H. V. Speelman, Cincinnati, Ohio; Newton J. McGuire, Indianapolis, Ind.; Walter E. Smith, Allentown, Pa.

III. The following appointments on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief are hereby promulgated:

Chief of Staff, R. M. J. Reed, Philadelphia, Pa.

Adjutant General, William R. Congdon, Providence, R. I.

Judge Advocate General, William T. Church, Chicago, Ill.

Chaplain-in-Chief, E. E. Schoening, St. Louis, Mo.

Retiring members of staff are hereby relieved from duty and ordered to report to their respective Divisions.

By order of

ARTHUR B. SPINK,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

Official: WILLIAM R. CONGDON, *Adjutant-General.*

HEADQUARTERS OF COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.  
PROVIDENCE, R. I., October 5, 1903.

General Order, No. 5.—Series 1903.

I. As directed by the Commandery-in-Chief at the Encampment held at Atlantic City, September 14 to 17, 1903, I hereby promulgate such amendments to the Constitution and Laws of the Order as were made at said Encampment, together with such important resolutions affecting the laws as were passed.

It was resolved: "That until December 31, 1904, the second paragraph of Article VIII, Section 3, of the Constitution be suspended so far as it requires the payment of one year's dues to the Camp by which the applicant was dropped, in the case of former members dropped prior to June 30, 1903."

And that the adoption of this clause be left discretionary with the Council of each Division.

It was resolved: "That the Division Commander be allowed, with the consent of the Commander-in-Chief, to institute and muster camps in their respective Divisions, with a membership of not less than fifteen charter applicants—this discretionary power to continue for one year from the date of the said Encampment.

Article VII, page 7, was amended as follows:

After the word "fee" in the second line strike out the words "of not less than three dollars" and insert the words "to be fixed by the camp."

Article XI, Section 2, page 10 of the Constitution and Laws was amended as follows:



After the word "guard" in the fourth line, insert: "provided, that any Camp may elect its First and Quartermaster Sergeants."

Article XXI, Section 4, page 17, was amended as follows:

After the word "of" in the seventh line insert words "Adjutant or," and after the word "quartermaster" in the next line insert the words "or both," and in the sixth line strike out the word "two-thirds" and insert the word "majority," so that the section will read as follows:

"Sec. 4. The Division Commander shall appoint a Chaplain, an Adjutant, a Quartermaster, a Judge Advocate and a Sergeant-Major. He shall also have power to detail any member in the Division for any special service or duty. The Commander may remove at will any officer appointed by him. Provided, that by a majority vote of the members of the Annual Encampment of any Division the office of Adjutant or Quartermaster, or both may be made elective, &c."

The Constitution and Laws were so amended that wherever the words "Captain," "First Lieutenant," or "Second Lieutenant," appear, they be changed to read "Camp Commander," "Senior Vice Commander," and "Junior Vice Commander" respectively.

The following was adopted by the Encampment concerning the formation of a military department of the Order, and was by vote of the Commandery made a part of the General Law of the Order and all laws or parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this report are hereby suspended pending the revision of the Constitution.

#### MILITARY DEPARTMENT, SONS VETERANS, U. S. A.

I. That the incoming Commander-in-Chief shall at once appoint and Commission a Chief of Staff to command the Military Department, with the rank of Brigadier-General.

II. The Chief of Staff, by and through the advice and consent of the Commander-in-Chief shall formulate proper Laws and Rules for the Government of the Military Department; said laws to be promulgated in general orders by the Commander-in-Chief; and when adopted, said Laws and Rules shall become a part of the Rules and Regulations of the Constitution.

III. Military Companies or Guards of all Camps through the Order, shall become attached to Battalions, Battalions shall be organized into Regiments, and Regiments to Brigades.

Companies shall consist of not less than twenty-three Non-commissioned Officers and Privates, with the proper number of Commissioned Officers. Battalions shall consist of from two to four companies. Regiments shall consist of two or more Battalions. Two or more Regiments shall constitute a Brigade.

IV. Camps shall be permitted to maintain a firing squad, to be composed of not more than ten men; and said firing squad shall not be compelled to become attached to a company, battalion or regiment.

V. Officers of companies shall be elected by the men composing the company.

Officers of a battalion shall be elected by the commissioned officers of the companies constituting the battalion.

Officers of a regiment shall be elected by the commissioned officers of the companies and battalions constituting the regiment.

VI. All officers above the rank of Colonel shall be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief.

VII. No unattached or independent companies, battalions or regiments shall be permitted in any Division of this Order, where the Military Department exists, except the firing squad, provided for in Sec. 4.

VIII. The Chief of Staff commanding the Military Department shall at once appoint the required number of staff officers, said officers to hold the rank specified in the army regulation.

IX. The Chief of Staff commanding the Military Department shall make an annual report to the Commander-in-Chief of the condition and requirements of his department.

X. The Military Department shall at all times be subject to the orders of the Commander-in-Chief, said orders to be promulgated through the proper intermediate official channels.

XI. The Military Department shall be known and styled "Sons Veterans Reserves."

The uniform shall consist of dark blue blouse, light blue pantaloons, fatigue or dress cap of the U. S. A. and campaign hat, laced leggings, woven web belt and such arms as desired or adopted by the companies constituting the Sons Veterans Reserves. Insignia of rank and pantaloons stripes shall conform to U. S. Army regulations. The Commissioned Officers may have the Division mark of their Division appear on the breast of the Eagle, which is embroidered on the cap.

XII. On and after the adoption of these amendments to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Sons Veterans, U. S. A., it shall not be lawful for any member of the Order, not connected with the Military Department of the Sons Veterans Reserves, to wear any insignia of rank or side arms, except the miniature rank straps and chevrons now in use by the officers of a Camp.

XIII. All officers and members of the Sons Veterans Reserves, shall be subject to the orders of their superior officers; and for refusal to obey such orders, or for conduct unbecoming a member of the Sons of Veterans, prejudicial to good order and discipline, or to the Order of Sons Veterans, shall be reprimanded, fined, suspended or expelled; as may be determined after due trial. Any members of the Sons Veterans Reserves guilty of any of the above offences, shall be reported by his commanding officer, or a superior officer to the Commander of the Camp to which he belongs. The Commander of this Camp shall order a trial by a Committee of five members of said Camp, two of whom shall be members of the Sons Veterans Reserves. Ten days notice of the meeting of said Trial Committee shall be given accused and accuser.

The findings of the trial committee shall be in writing and submitted to the Camp. The Commander of the Camp shall forward the said finding of the Trial Committee together with the action of the Camp, to the Division Commander whose approval or disapproval shall be final, unless appealed from to the Commander-in-Chief.

XIV. Immediately after the adoption of these additions to the Constitution and Laws, or as soon thereafter as possible, the Commander-in-Chief, his Adjutant-General and the Chief of Staff commanding the Military Department shall meet and formulate proper rules governing the Military Department in accordance with the provisions of these amendments."

In Article XXI, Section 4 the elective term of the Quartermaster and Adjutant is fixed by a majority vote of Division Encampments.

It was resolved that: Hereafter all proposed amendments to the Constitution and Laws be submitted in writing by Divisions, Camps or Committees on Constitution and Laws to the Commander-in-Chief at least sixty days before the first session of each Commandery-in-Chief, and that such proposed changes be made the subject of an order or circular to be issued by the Commander-in-Chief, copies to be mailed to all who are entitled to a seat in the Encampment at least fifteen days before the first session of the Commandery-in-Chief.

II. In accordance with the vote of the Encampment the Adjutant of each Division is hereby ordered to prepare from the quarterly reports, at the close of each quarter, a complete list of all Brothers mustered, transferred, suspended or reinstated in their respective Divisions, together with their correct postoffice addresses, as well as all changes in addresses of members in good standing, and forward the same to "THE BANNER" in order that the mailing list of our official

organ may be correct. Division Commanders should remind First Sergeants of the necessity of forwarding postoffice and street addresses of such members, with each quarterly report blank.

III. By vote of the Commandery the next annual Encampment will be held in Boston, Mass., the date to be fixed by the Council-in-Chief.

IV. The Encampment voted that the proceedings of the Providence and Washington Encampments be included with the printed proceedings of the Atlantic City Encampment.

V. A most complete and exhaustive report was received from the officers of the Memorial University by the Atlantic City Encampment which showed the University to be in a most excellent condition. I desire to commend the Memorial University to the thoughtful consideration of the brothers of the Order and to ask for it your hearty support.

VI. We are now entering upon a year which I feel confident will be the most prosperous and bring to us the richest harvest of any in the history of our Order. It will be a year of hard work in which every member of our Order will have a share. We must make a long step in advance and we must add thousands of members to our rolls. There is an incentive to not only get new members, but to see to it that the large number of former members, who have through neglect or otherwise allowed themselves to be dropped from our rolls, are again reinstated.

I ask of every Division and Camp officer their united support and to the great body of our brotherhood in every Camp, I appeal to you to exert every effort for the advancement of the noble principles of our Order and the strengthening of our ranks.

By order of

ARTHUR B. SPINK,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

Official: WILLIAM R. CONGDON, *Adjutant-General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. of V., U. S. A.  
PROVIDENCE, R. I., October 17, 1903.

Special Orders No. 6.—Series 1903.

To *Frank L. Shepard, Past Commander-in-Chief, 79 Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill.*

You are hereby authorized in the name of the Commander-in-Chief to install Brother William T. Church, of Chicago, Ill., as Judge Advocate-General for this administration. You will report all your acts performed by virtue of this Order to the Adjutant-General.

Fraternally yours,

ARTHUR B. SPINK,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

Official: WILLIAM R. CONGDON, *Adjutant-General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. of V., U. S. A.  
PROVIDENCE, R. I., October 17, 1903.

Special Orders No. 7.—Series 1903.

To *Edward A. Hoberg, City Hall, St. Louis, Mo.*

You are hereby authorized in the name of the Commander-in-Chief to install Brother E. E. Schoening, of St. Louis, Mo., as Chaplain-in-Chief for this administration. You will report all your acts performed by virtue of this Order to the Adjutant-General.

Fraternally yours,

ARTHUR B. SPINK,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

Official: WILLIAM R. CONGDON, *Adjutant-General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. of V., U. S. A.  
PROVIDENCE, R. I., October 31, 1903.

Special Orders No. 8.—Series 1903.

To *J. W. V. R. Plummer, Past Division Commander, Key West, Florida.*

You are hereby appointed provisional Division Commander of the



provisional Division of Florida with power to muster Camps in the State of Florida and to have general supervision of all such Camps mustered until such time as sufficient Camps have been formed to warrant the organization of a Division. You will therefore assume the duties thereof at once and report all acts performed under these Orders to the Adjutant-General.

Fraternally yours,

ARTHUR B. SPINK,  
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: WILLIAM R. CONGDON, *Adjutant-General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. of V., U. S. A.  
PROVIDENCE, R. I., November 23, 1903.

General Order No. 6.—Series 1903.

I. Brothers the time for the annual election of officers in the several Camps is near at hand, and it is of the utmost importance that the best men be selected. I am constrained to refer to this important matter at this time by reason of the action of the Commandery at the session at Atlantic City, and to specially impress upon all Camps the importance of, selecting the right man for Quartermaster-Sergeant.

The Committee on Good of the Order recommended and it was voted at the Encampment that Commanders-elect be allowed to choose their Quartermaster-Sergeants before the election of the other officers is proceeded with, this to apply to all Camps where no provision is made for the election of this officer of the Camp as provided in the constitutional change made at this Encampment. Camps should make it their definite policy to secure their best man for this position and retain him there permanently, as the office is all important.

Division Commanders will bring this matter prominently before their Camps in their respective Divisions.

II. The following Brothers are hereby detailed as special aides to the Commander-in-Chief. They will actively engage in the work of the Order, keeping these Headquarters regularly informed as to matters in their respective localities and in every way possible pushing forward the organization and strengthening of Camps:

J. W. V. R. Plummer, Key West, Fla., Alabama and Tennessee.  
Valentine Gilb, Jr., Birmingham, Ala., Alabama and Tennessee.  
C. E. Washburn, Los Angeles, California.  
Frank R. Handley, San Francisco, California.  
A. R. Holbrook, Bridgeport, Connecticut.  
Charles H. Anderson, Denver, Colorado.  
L. E. James, Oblong, Illinois.  
Dan J. Chapin, Rockville, Indiana.  
Guy R. Carron, Des Moines, Iowa.  
W. Y. Morgan, Hutchinson, Kansas.  
B. M. Harwood, Louisville, Kentucky.  
Frank L. Beals, Brunswick, Maine.  
Frank A. White, Easton, Maryland.  
Edward H. Lounsbury, Boston, Massachusetts.  
C. J. Post, Grand Rapids, Michigan.  
C. M. Rawlzer, Minneapolis, Minnesota.  
Edward A. Hoberg, St. Louis, Missouri.  
J. Howard Heine, Hooper, Nebraska.  
Ernest B. Folsom, Dover, New Hampshire.  
James M. Mathews, Trenton, New Jersey.  
Louis Walters, New York, New York.  
Dan S. Gardner, Massillon, Ohio.  
R. M. Wright, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.  
Edward E. Damners, Providence, Rhode Island.  
M. F. Barlow, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.  
Fred W. Spear, Bennington, Vermont.  
J. Monroe Heagan, Spokane, Washington.  
George M. White, Wellsburg, West Virginia.  
H. S. Fuller, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

III. At the Twenty-Second Annual Encampment held at Atlantic City, N. J., the Commander-in-Chief was instructed to appoint a committee consisting of thirteen, to secure legislation in the several States and in Congress, to prevent the desecration of the "American Flag:" said committee to represent the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in the American Flag Association.

The following are appointed on said committee, viz:

Hon. Elisha Dyer, Chairman, (Providence) Ex-Governor Rhode Island.

Hon. John M. Thurston, Ex-United States Senator, Nebraska. (Washington, D. C.)

Hon. Charles A. Bookwalter, Ex-Mayor, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Hon. Asa W. Jones, Ex-Lieut. Governor, Youngstown, Ohio.

Hon. Harry D. Sisson, Mayor, Pittsfield, Mass.

Hon. H. W. Wessells, Litchfield, Conn.

Hon. Bartow S. Weeks, Ex-District Attorney, New York, N. Y.

Hon. Frank Jackson, Ex-Governor, Iowa.

Hon. John T. Howe, Alderman, Scranton, Pa.

Hon. Charles B. Landis, Member of Congress, Washington, D. C. (Maryland.)

Hon. F. E. Coyne, "Postmaster," Chicago, Ill.

Hon. Forrest Goodwin, State Senator, Skowhegan, Maine.

C. H. Little, ex-Speaker House of Representatives, Manchester, N.H.

IV. I desire to impress upon all Division officers the necessity for the prompt forwarding of quarterly reports to these headquarters. This does not mean that the reports shall be sent at the convenience of Division officers, but it does mean just what the Constitution requires.

Our laws require that the reports from every Camp shall be forwarded to Division Headquarters on or before the 10th days of January, April, July, and October, and that the reports from every Division shall be forwarded to these Headquarters on or before the last days of January, April, July and October.

Division officers are therefore given at least twenty days in which to make up their reports and have them ready to send on the last day of the month following the close of each quarter.

There may be some excuse for the very largest Divisions being delayed a few days longer than the time limit on account of the volume of their reports, but certainly the smaller Divisions can not be burdened in this way.

Delay in sending reports causes annoyance and much inconvenience, and there is no good reason why the Adjutant-General should not have all reports in by the fifteenth of the month following the time limit which the Constitution establishes. The framers of the law believed they were giving ample time when they fixed a limit and I feel that it is for the interest of the Order that I should insist upon these reports reaching these Headquarters at least fifteen days after the limit fixed by the Constitution. This of course applies only to Divisions as the Division officers must deal with the Camps in such manner as will enable them to comply with this rule.

I shall be compelled to suspend Divisions unless this order is complied with or a reasonable excuse given.

By order of

ARTHUR B. SPINK,  
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: WM. R. CONDON, *Adjutant-General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. of V., U. S. A.  
PROVIDENCE, R. I., January 1, 1904.

Circular No. 1.—Series 1904.

## APPEAL FOR MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY.

In the performance of the obligations of my office and by direction of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., I desire to appeal to the loyalty and patriotism of the brotherhood of our beloved Order, for the performance of the moral obligations which you owe to the Memorial University, located at Mason City, Iowa. This grand seat of learning, conceived as it was by the Sons of Veterans, and dedicated to the Grand Army of the Republic, as a memorial to the sacred memories of the patriotic men and women of Civil War times, is deserving of the loyal support of every son of a veteran. It is an institution in which we should take just pride, and we should seek to give it our financial assistance, to the end that it shall become one of the strong educational institutions of the country.

The Memorial University is founded on broad educational principles, and has at its head as President, a gentleman of high culture and ability, whose energetic efforts are being devoted to the building up of the institution. It is now in the second year of its existence, with a large number of enthusiastic students, who are being taught to revere the sacred memories of our fathers; of their sacrifices on the field of battle, and their valor in defending the flag of our country.

The duties of citizenship which these young men and women will acquire, through the medium of this University, will be exemplified in their future fields of activity, and, one of the fundamental principles and objects of our Order, "To inculcate patriotism, to teach truthful history, and to spend and sustain the doctrine of equal rights, universal liberty, and justice to all" will have been exemplified.

I appeal to the Brothers of our Order to give as their means will permit, but to give something, that an endowment fund may be at once established, in behalf of the Sons of Veterans, for the benefit of the University. Let every Camp adopt a plan whereby not only the members of the Camp, but citizens who may be interested may be reached, and contributions received for the Memorial University fund.

Every Camp should immediately appoint its best workers upon a committee to work in co-operation with the President of the University. Send a list of the committee to President Frederick D. Tucker, Mason City, Iowa, and he will keep in touch with you, and advise you of his needs. This committee can interest every member of the Camp to give whatever they can to the cause, and can use their best endeavors to interest the citizens to contribute either to the general expense fund or the endowment fund as they prefer. Let us begin the New Year with the determination, that during the next few months, we will lay by a small part of our earnings each month, to establish a fund in the performance of an obligation which we owe to the Memorial University.

Trusting that the commanding officers of every camp will bring this matter before their Camps at the very next meeting, and that some plan will be adopted at once to further this grand object, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

ARTHUR B. SPINK,  
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: WM. R. CONGDON, *Adjutant-General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. of V., U. S. A.  
Department of Chaplain-in-Chief.

Circular No. 2.—Series 1904.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., January 5, 1904.

BROTHERS:—We are again reminded of the near approach of one of the most important days of the year for our Order "Union Defenders' Day," the birthday anniversary of Abraham Lincoln. Let us pause in the midst of this throbbing and pulsing of a busy laboring life, and view the past. Let us devote at least one day in reviewing the deeds of one who gave his all for his country. Let us see to it that his memory is ever revered, for under his guidance this union of States was preserved, and this government of the people, by the people, and for



the people maintained. Let us on this day do some kind deed whereby the Order can be benefitted and whereby we can show our appreciation of the sacrifices he made that we might live to enjoy the pure air of Liberty.

Camps should make early preparations to properly observe this day, and if possible Camps should arrange to hold public meetings on February the twelfth, when the Chaplain should arrange a patriotic programme giving expressions to the life and history of the immortal Lincoln.

Fraternally yours,

E. E. SCHOENING,  
*Chaplain-in-Chief.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. of V., U. S. A.  
PROVIDENCE, R. I., January 8, 1904.

The foregoing is hereby approved and promulgated,  
By command of

ARTHUR B. SPINK,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

Official: WM. R. CONGDON. *Adjutant-General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. of V., U. S. A.  
PROVIDENCE, R. I., January 15, 1904.

General Orders, No. 1.—Series 1904.

I. The following is appointed a Committee on Good of the Order, the same being authorized by the Twenty-Second Annual Encampment. This committee will give its earnest consideration to all matters for the advancement and upbuilding of the Order and present a report making such recommendations as deemed advisable to the Twenty-Third Annual Encampment to be held at Boston.

Orra L. Stone, Chairman, Clinton, Massachusetts.

L. W. Friedman, Birmingham, Ala., Alabama and Tennessee.

Frank B. Wilson, San Francisco, California.

W. W. Swan, Denver, Colorado.

George E. Cox, Hartford, Connecticut.

W. G. Dustin, Dwight, Illinois.

Frank L. Shepard, Chicago, Illinois.

Frank Martin, Indianapolis, Indiana.

W. A. Morris, Mason City, Iowa.

W. Y. Morgan, Hutchinson, Kansas.

George H. Stebbins, Cincinnati, O., Kentucky.

Arthur M. Soule, Portland, Maine.

E. R. Campbell, Washington, D. C., Maryland.

Fred. E. Bolton, Boston, Massachusetts.

H. E. Cowdin, Rockford, Michigan.

W. H. Reeves, Mound, Minnesota.

Herman Rabich, Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

James McBeth, Shelby, Nebraska.

Carl H. Foster, Peterboro, New Hampshire.

F. M. Cunningham, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

R. M. Genthner, Rochester, New York.

J. J. Rose, East Liverpool, Ohio.

R. M. J. Reed, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

William B. McNulty, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Orray T. Mason, Providence, Rhode Island.

Z. C. Green, Brookings, South Dakota.

Arthur L. Cheney, Morrisville, Vermont.

Albert T. Beddell, Walla Walla, Washington.

John W. McClung, Grafton, West Virginia.

B. S. Fox, Meehan, Wisconsin.

II. Attention is called to the Ladies' Aid Society, an organization of patriotic women, auxiliary to our Order, composed of wives, sisters, and mothers. They are bound together by the same principles of

Friendship, Charity and Loyalty and are as devoted and loyal to the old flag as are our own members. The Ladies' Aid Society can do much to advance the interests of our Order, and I would appeal to every Camp not already having such an auxiliary to seek to organize one at once. If a Division of the Ladies' Aid has not been established in your Division, write Miss Addie M. Wallace, National President, 812 E. Eleventh St., Indianapolis, Indiana, who will furnish all necessary information and blanks for the formation of the society.

III. Division Commanders are requested to examine carefully their quarterly reports before forwarding them to these Headquarters. and to see to it that they are correctly made out and complete in every detail. They should also see that the correct amount of per capita tax is forwarded and payment made for all reinstated members and for new members mustered other than those mustered in new Camps. The fee for new members other than in new Camps mustered during the quarter is now twenty-five cents each.

IV. The Twenty-Second Annual Encampment having voted that installing officers shall make out their reports in duplicate; one copy to be forwarded to the Adjutant-General, all Division Commanders are directed to forward a copy of each installing officer's reports to the Adjutant-General taking care to see that the name and number of the Camp, and the name and addresses of the Camp officers are carefully written in.

V. Officers and members are again reminded that all requests for information relative to the Military Department, should be addressed to Gen. R. M. J. Reed, Chief of Staff, 2510 W. Lehigh Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. All Camps that desire to establish a company of the Sons of Veterans Reserves, and have not already made application to the Chief of Staff should do so at once.

VI. The attention of Division Commanders is directed to the necessity of forwarding mustering officers' reports (Form 23) when a new Camp is mustered. The fee of five dollars (\$5.00) must either accompany the application for a new Camp or the report of the mustering officer. No charter will be issued until the mustering officer's report and the fee is received.

VII. Division Commanders are again reminded that all remittances for supplies must be made to Fred E. Bolton, Quartermaster-General, 947 Tremont Building, Boston, Mass., and all remittances for per capita tax and charter fee must be made payable to William R. Congdon, Adjutant-General, 535 Banigan Building, Providence, R. I.

VIII. The Twenty-Second Annual Encampment voted that any brother having a valid transfer card, and desiring to place it in any Camp in the Division, can do so and be received in such Camp by a three-fourths vote of the members of the Camp present voting.

IX. Division Commanders will please advise these headquarters of the time and place of holding their next Division Encampments, as soon as the same have been selected.

X. Division Encampments are to be held as follows: Rhode Island, February 2nd, at Providence; Massachusetts, February 9th and 10th, at Boston.

XI. We have now entered a new year, and one which I trust will be the grandest in the history of the Order. The achievements of the next six months must be such as to place the Order on a firm and solid basis. The new officers in the various Camps who assume their duties this month should be imbued with an enthusiastic purpose to make their Camp better and stronger and to accomplish this purpose they should set about to carry some definite plan into execution at once.

There are two ways in which our Order must grow. First by the organization of new Camps and the admission of new members into the Camps already established; second, by reclaiming the many thousands of members who have for various causes relinquished their membership and become dropped. Every Grand Army Post in the land ought

to have a good live Camp connected with it, and I appeal to every Division Commander to communicate with every Post Commander in their respective Divisions, and seek to interest the members of the Grand Army in the work of forming new Camps.

Organization must be our watchword, and a campaign should be begun at once to arouse every member to action. I believe that every Division should at once secure the services of one or more of its most active brothers as organizers. Place these brothers in the field at once to organize new Camps or to secure recruits for the Camps now organized, and pay them a fair compensation for their labor. This can be done by allowing the organizers a percentage of the charter fee for new Camps or of the muster fee of each recruit secured. Each Division should also seek by some means to raise funds to pay the traveling expenses of said organizers. Upon notification of each Division Commander that an organizer has been so chosen I will appoint and commission the brother so chosen a personal aide upon my staff.

I would also urge each Division Commander to order the Camp Commanders to appoint a special committee at once to be composed of the elective officers of each Camp whose duty it shall be to prepare a list of all dropped members since the Camp was organized. Let this committee divide the list of names thus made among their members and wait upon each desirable former member and present to him the exceedingly liberal terms upon which he can again become a member of the Camp. The Twenty-Second Annual Encampment voted to suspend the second paragraph of Article VIII, Section 3, of the Constitution, so far as it relates to the payment of one year's dues to the Camp by which the applicant was dropped. This relates to all dropped members who were dropped prior to June 30th, 1903. This places all dropped members on an even footing with those who were never members of the Order, and every Camp throughout the Order should take immediate advantage of these very liberal terms. Remember brothers, that this part of the Constitution is only to remain suspended until December the 31st of this year, and every dropped member ought to be brought back into the Order before that date. Camps now have the right to fix the amount of the admission fee for new members, which of course will also be the amount dropped members will pay until December 31st. Be liberal, brothers, and I believe you will be able to gather into your fold many who have allowed themselves to be dropped as well as many new recruits.

Every Camp should arrange for an open meeting before March 31st, when eligible sons and former members should be invited as well as the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and members of the Ladies' Aid Societies where they are organized. Secure for these open meetings one or two of the best speakers to be had, either Sons of Veterans, or Grand Army men and have the principles and objects of the Order fully and carefully explained. Let no efforts be spared to increase the membership of the Order, but let a revival begin at once. Let the waves of enthusiasm roll onward and ever onward enveloping every section of our fair land. From the rock bound coasts of Maine to fair Pacific's golden shore let the call to duty be heard. Let every brother of the Order consider this an appeal to him to get into the harness and go out to labor for the Sons of Veterans. On June 30th, I shall call for a report of your labors, and if every member has done his whole duty we shall be able to march into Boston at the next Annual Encampment an army of Sons of noble sires, three hundred thousand strong.

XII. Announcement is made of the following applications for charters approved and Camps mustered:



CHARTER APPLICATIONS APPROVED.

September 17, 1903, Saltsburg, Pa., 23 applicants.  
 September 26, 1903, Findlay, Ohio, 60 applicants.  
 September 29, 1903, Tiffin, Ohio, 29 applicants.  
 September 29, 1903, East Fairfield, Ohio, 27 applicants.  
 October 1, 1903, Springfield, Ohio, 48 applicants.  
 October 5, 1903, Philadelphia, Pa., 40 applicants.  
 October 8, 1903, Tionesta, Pa., 27 applicants.  
 October 24, 1903, Clinton, Mass., 30 applicants.  
 October 24, 1903, Watertown, N. Y., 28 applicants.  
 October 26, 1903, Norwood, Pa., 28 applicants.  
 October 26, 1903, Bridgeton, Me., 48 applicants.  
 November 2, 1903, Bermidji, Minn., 58 applicants.  
 November 2, 1903, Seneca, Kan., 27 applicants.  
 November 17, 1903, Seattle, Wash., 21 applicants.  
 January 1, 1904, Irouton, Ohio, 15 applicants.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

(Mustered under the administration of Commander-in-Chief Martin.)

No. of Camp.	Location.	Date of Muster.	No. Mustered.	Charter Issued.
12	Freeport, N. Y.	Feb. 18, 1903	26	Nov. 27, 1903
79	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Mar. 31, "	26	Dec. 22, "
20	Rice Lake, Wis.	May 28, "	39	Nov. 1, "
29	Brainard, Minn.	June 12, "	44	Jan. 1, 1904
14	South Amboy, N. J.	June 15, "	48	Dec. 21, 1903
10	Sidney, Ohio	July 6, "	21	Nov. 20, "
95	Revere, Mass.	July 8, "	20	Oct. 10, "
52	Bradford, N. H.	Aug. 10, "	21	Nov. 14, "
26	Napa, Cal.	Aug. 11, "	21	Nov. 20, "
1	Seattle, Wash.	Aug. 13, "	21	Nov. 24, "
102	Fenton, Mich.	Aug. 14, "	22	Oct. 24, "
96	Seneca, Kan.	Sept. 4, "	27	Nov. 1, "

CHARTERS ISSUED.

(Mustered under present administration.)

No. of Camp.	Location.	Date of Muster.	No. Mustered	Charter Issued.
47	Saltsburg, Pa.	Sept. 26, 1903	23	Oct. 10, 1903
17	East Fairfield, O.	Oct. 3, "	26	Oct. 16, "
48	Tionesta, Pa.	Oct. 20, "	18	Oct. 24, "
110	Prospect, N. Y.	Sept. 23, "	29	Oct. 24, "
408	Batchtown, Ill.	Oct. 10, "	17	Oct. 24, "
25	Bridgeton, Me.	Oct. 1, "	40	Oct. 30, "
29	Philadelphia, Pa.	Oct. 20, "	54	Nov. 20, "
102	Sudbury, Mass.	Oct. 22, "	17	Nov. 24, "
15	Tiffin, O.	Nov. 24, "	44	Dec. 21, "
50	Norwood, Pa.	Nov. 14, "	28	Dec. 21, "
4	Bermidji, Minn.	Oct. 17, "	53	Dec. 31, "
3	Zolma, Mo.	Dec. 15, "	26	Dec. 31, "
112	Watertown, N. Y.	Nov. 2, "	30	Jan. 9, 1904

By command of

ARTHUR B. SPINK,  
 Commander-in-Chief.

Official: WM. R. CONGDON, Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. of V., U. S. A.  
PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 30, 1904.

## General Orders No. 2.—Series 1904.

I. Pursuant to the action of the Twenty-Second Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held at Atlantic City, N. J., September 14 to 17, 1903, providing for the establishment of a military department, the following laws, rules and regulations for the government of the same are hereby promulgated, having been formulated in accordance with the vote of said Encampment and are a part of the rules and regulations of the Constitution:

1. That the military branch of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., shall be composed of volunteers, who are members in good standing in the Order, and shall be designated "The Sons of Veterans Reserve," and shall consist of such military companies as now exist in the several Divisions, and shall comprise all the different arms of service of the United States Army.

2. That regiments shall consist of three battalions; and to each regiment there shall be one Colonel, one Lieutenant-Colonel, and a staff to consist of one Surgeon with the rank of Major, one Adjutant, one Quartermaster, one Inspector, and one Chaplain, each with the rank of Captain; and a non-commissioned staff to consist of one Sergeant-Major, one Quartermaster-Sergeant, one Color-Sergeant, one Commissary Sergeant and one Hospital Steward.

3. The battalions shall consist of four companies; and to each battalion there shall be one Major, and a staff consisting of one Surgeon, one Adjutant, one Quartermaster, and one Inspector of small arms, each with the rank of First Lieutenant; and a non-commissioned staff consisting of one Sergeant-Major, one Quartermaster-Sergeant, and one Hospital Steward.

4. That to each company of infantry and cavalry there shall be one Captain, one First Lieutenant, one Second Lieutenant, one First Sergeant, four Sergeants, and one Corporal to each ten privates. The minimum number of enlisted men in each and every company shall be twenty-three.

5. That the batteries of light artillery shall have not less than two or more than four guns. To two guns there shall be one Captain, one First Lieutenant, one Second Lieutenant, one First Sergeant, one Quartermaster-Sergeant, two Sergeants, four Corporals and one Bugler. To more than two guns, there shall be for each additional gun, one Sergeant, two Corporals, and not less than ten privates; and for two additional guns there shall be one additional First Lieutenant and Second Lieutenant.

6. That to each Signal Corps Company, Ambulance Corps Company, and Engineer Corps Company, there shall be one First Lieutenant, two Sergeants, two Corporals.

7. The band of music shall consist of one Chief Musician with the rank of First Lieutenant, two Sergeants, two Corporals, and seventeen privates; and the corps of field music, of one non-commissioned principal Musician, two Sergeants, two Corporals, and twelve privates.

8. That when any company of Sons of Veterans Reserve, for a period of six months, contain less than the minimum number of enlisted men prescribed by these regulations, or upon a duly ordered inspection shall be found to have fallen below a proper standard of efficiency, the Chief of Staff may either disband such company or consolidate it with any other company of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, and grant an honorable discharge to the supernumerary officers and non-commissioned officers made by such consolidation.

9. That all officers shall be commissioned by the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., they having been previously elected or nominated, as herein provided. No person commissioned as an officer shall enter upon the duties of the office to which he may be

commissioned until he has accepted such commission and been assigned to duty by competent authority.

10. That the staff officers of a regiment or battalion shall be nominated by the permanent Commander thereof.

11. The field officers of regiments or battalions shall be elected by the written votes of the line officers of their respective commands. Captains and Lieutenants of companies shall be elected by the written votes of the enlisted men of their respective companies.

12. That every subordinate organization of the Reserve, Companies, Battalions, Regiments or Brigades, desiring to elect officers, shall notify the Chief of Staff, through intermediate channels, who will then issue the necessary authority, and detail an officer to conduct said election. The officer so detailed shall make report to the Chief of Staff of the result of said election. A majority vote of all the members entitled to vote shall be necessary for an election. Election of officers shall be ordered and held under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Chief of Staff.

13. That every person accepting an election or commission as an officer shall appear before an examining board to be appointed by the Chief of Staff, which board shall examine said officer as to his military and other qualifications fitting him to fill the position to which he is elected. If an officer shall fail to appear before the Board of Examination, after being notified, or shall fail to pass a satisfactory examination, the fact shall be certified by the President of the Board to the Chief of Staff, who shall thereupon declare the election or nomination of such officer null and void. If, in the opinion of the Board, such officer is competent and otherwise qualified, the President of the Board shall certify this fact to the Chief of Staff, who shall thereupon recommend him to the Commander-in-Chief for commission.

14. That a commissioned officer may be honorably discharged:
- Upon tender of resignation.
  - Upon report of a Board of Examination.
  - Upon failure to appear before such Board when ordered.
  - Upon being dropped from the roll of his Camp.
  - He may be dismissed upon the sentence of a court martial.
  - Upon conviction in the court of justice of an infamous crime.

15. That non-commissioned staff officers shall be appointed by the permanent Commander of the organization to which they belong, and permanent Commanders of battalions shall appoint the non-commissioned officers of companies upon the written nomination of their respective Captains; but they may withhold such appointment if, in their judgment, there is proper cause; non-commissioned officers of corps companies shall be appointed by their respective captains. The permanent Commander of any battalion or corps company may reduce to private any non-commissioned officer of his command.

16. Enlistment in the Sons of Veterans Reserve shall be for a term of three years; provided, however, that any soldier who may have received an honorable discharge by reason of expiration of his term of service, may, within three months thereafter, re-enlist for a term of one or two years, to date from the expiration of his previous term. Every person enlisting in the Sons of Veterans Reserves shall sign enlistment papers which shall contain an oath of allegiance to the government of the United States and to the Order of the Sons of Veterans. The requisites and regulations for enlistment, and the form of the enlistment papers and oath for enlisted men shall be prescribed by the Chief of Staff.

17. Enlisted men may be honorably discharged on their own application, approved by the commanding officer of their respective companies and by superior commanders.

- Upon disability established by certificate of a medical officer.
- To accept promotion by commission.



Whenever, in the opinion of the Chief of Staff, the interest of the service demands such discharge.

18. Enlisted men may be dishonorably discharged:

By order of Chief of Staff.

To carry out the sentence of a court martial.

Upon conviction of felony in a civil court.

Upon expulsion from his company in accordance with its by-laws and regulations.

Upon official information that he has been dropped by his Camp.

19. That any soldier discharged from the service of the Sons of Veterans Reserves shall be furnished with a certificate of discharge, which shall show clearly the reason thereof. Dishonorable discharges shall have the word "dishonorable" written diagonally across their face in large letters in red ink.

20. That the uniforms, arms, and equipment of the Sons of Veterans Reserves shall be the uniforms adopted by the Commandery-in-Chief at the Annual Encampment, held at Atlantic City, N. J., 1903, and as per Par. 5 of General Orders No. 1, C. S., of Chief of Staff, dated Nov. 19, 1903. This uniform shall not be altered or changed, except by a two-thirds vote of the Commandery-in-Chief.

21. That any drill, parade, encampment, or duty that is required, ordered, or authorized to be performed under the provisions of these regulations, shall be deemed military duty, and while on such duty every officer and enlisted man of the Sons of Veterans Reserve shall be subject to the lawful orders of his superior officer; and for military offenses enlisted men may be punished by such penalties as a court martial shall impose.

22. That the Chief of Staff shall prescribe stated drills and parades as he may deem necessary for the instruction of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, and may order out any portion of the command for drills, inspections, parades, escorts or other duties as he may deem proper.

23. The commanding officer of any regiment, battalion, or company may also assemble his command, or any part thereof, as he may deem expedient; but no parade shall be performed without the permission of the Chief of Staff.

24. That an annual inspection of each organization of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, and of their armories and property in their possession, shall be made at such time as the Chief of Staff may order or direct.

25. That the Sons of Veterans Reserve shall perform not less than three days' military duty in each year, at such times as may be ordered by competent authority; and no officer or soldier when so ordered on duty shall be excused except upon the certificate of a medical officer or by his immediate commanding officer.

26. Courts of inquiry, to consist of not more than three officers, may be ordered by the Chief of Staff for the purpose of investigating the conduct of any officer, either at his own request, or on complaint, or on charges of conduct unbecoming an officer. Such courts of inquiry shall report the evidence adduced, and give a statement of facts, and an opinion thereon, when required, to the Chief of Staff, who may, at his discretion, order a court-martial for the trial of the officer whose conduct has been inquired into.

27. That general courts-martial for the trial of commissioned officers or enlisted men, shall be ordered by the Chief of Staff at such times as the interest of the service may require.

28. That for the trial of enlisted men for all minor offenses the commanding officer of each battalion and corps company shall at such times as may be necessary appoint courts-martial. Such battalion and company courts-martial shall consist, for a battalion, of one officer, whose rank is not below that of captain; and for a company, of a lieutenant. Such court shall have power, subject to the approval of the

officer ordering the court, to sentence the offender to be reprimanded by said officer in battalion or company orders; or, in case of a company non-commissioned officer, to be reduced to private, or to pay such fines as may be imposed and allowed by the regulations, or by-laws, of the organization to which the offender belongs; and such court may, with the approval of the Chief of Staff, sentence to be reprimanded in general orders, or to be dishonorably discharged.

29. That in all courts-martial and courts of inquiry the arraignment of the accused, the proceedings, trial, and record, shall in all respects conform as nearly as practicable to the regulations for such courts obtaining in the army of the United States.

30. That companies, battalions or regiments may adopt constitution, articles of agreement, or by-laws, subject to the approval of the Chief of Staff, for the government of matters relating to the civic affairs of their respective organizations, and to the regulations of fines, and the determination of causes upon which excuse from fines may be based; provided, however, that such articles or rules shall not be repugnant to the constitution and laws for the government of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., nor to the laws of our country; that said articles, or rules, are without force or effect unless approved by the Chief of Staff.

31. That the system of discipline and military duty ordered, or such other system as may hereafter be directed by the laws of the United States and the respective states in which the Sons of Veterans Reserve is, or may be, established, shall be observed by the Sons of Veterans always and everywhere.

32. The insignia of the Reserve, for collar of officers' coats, shall be furnished on requisition by the Assistant Quartermaster-General of this department. The Assistant Quartermaster-General will also furnish information about the proper uniform and equipment of officers, non-commissioned officers and privates.

II. Division Encampments are to be held as follows:

Alabama and Tennessee, May 26th, at Chattanooga, Tenn.

Colorado and Wyoming, June 14-15-16, at Canon City, Col.

Indiana, May 24-25, at Noblesville.

Iowa, June 7-8-9, at Mason City.

Kansas, May 16, at Emporia.

Kentucky, May 16-17, at Newport.

Maine, June 8-9, at Bath.

Maryland, June 21, at Frederick.

Michigan, June 15-16, at Battle Creek.

Minnesota, June 8-9-10, at Minnetonka.

Missouri, May 13-14, at South St. Louis.

Nebraska, June 7-8-9, at Osceola.

New Jersey, May 11, at Atlantic City.

New York, June 28-29-30, at Newark.

Ohio, June, 14-15-16, at Tiffin.

Pennsylvania, June 7-8-9, at Johnstown.

Vermont, June 8-9, at Burlington.

Washington, June 21-22-23, at Bellingham.

Wisconsin, June 15-16, at Madison.

III. Since my last orders Division officers have been elected as follows:

Rhode Island—Commander, Charles H. Young, Providence; Senior Vice Commander, James T. Hoxsie, Hope Valley; Junior Vice Commander, Clarence E. Esten, Pascoag.

Massachusetts—Commander, Harry M. Holbrook, 27 State street, Boston; Senior Vice Commander, Walter Penny, Lynn; Junior Vice Commander, James T. Cummings, Northfield.

Connecticut—Commander, Malcolm D. Rudd, Lakeville; Senior Vice Commander, George W. Fletcher, Simsbury; Junior Vice Commander, George S. Hoyt, Danbury.

California—Commander, Frank B. Wilson, San Francisco; Senior Vice Commander, E. B. Cushman, Long Beach; Junior Vice Commander, E. C. Bartlett, Redlands.

New Hampshire—Commander, Warren C. Brown, Troy; Senior Vice Commander, Frederick T. Woodman, Concord; Junior Vice Commander, Arthur J. Boutwell, Hopkinton.

Illinois—Commander, G. W. G. Estover, P. O., Chicago; Senior Vice Commander, R. F. Locke, Rockford; Junior Vice Commander, C. H. Spillman, Edwardsville.

IV. By unanimous vote of the Council-in-Chief the dates for the Twenty-Third Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief to be held in Boston, have been fixed for August 17, 18 and 19, and the same is hereby promulgated.

The local committee of which Past Division Commander, Orra L. Stone of Clinton, Mass., is chairman, is making extensive arrangements for the reception of the Commandery.

Further announcements will be made later.

V. Section IV of Article XXI of the Constitution as amended at the Twenty-second Annual Encampment held at Atlantic City should read as follows:—The Division Commander shall appoint a Chaplain, an Adjutant, a Quartermaster, a Judge Advocate and a Sergeant-Major. He shall also have the power to detail any member in the Division for any special service or duty. The Commander may remove at will any officer appointed by him. Provided, that by a majority vote of the members of the Annual Encampment of any Division the office of Adjutant or Quartermaster, or both, may be made elective, and the encampment may, by a majority vote, fix the term of office of the Quartermaster; and said encampment may, by a majority vote, fix the location of the Quartermaster's office.

VI. Park F. Yengling of Salem, Ohio, is upon recommendation of the Division Commander, appointed a special Aide upon the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, for meritorious services in the work of organization in his Division.

VII. Since the date of last announcement the following applications for camp charters have been approved and camp charters issued:

#### CHARTER APPLICATIONS APPROVED.

- January 9, 1904, Leipsic, Ohio, 35 applicants.
- January 21, 1904, Nelsonville, Ohio, 29 applicants.
- January 25, 1904, Lawrenceville, Ill., 29 applicants.
- January 29, 1904, Homer, Ill., 24 applicants.
- January 30, 1904, Plymouth, Ind., 25 applicants.
- February 5, 1904, Logan, Ohio, 22 applicants.
- February 16, 1904, Mount Joy, Pa., 31 applicants.
- February 23, 1904, Day Brook, W. Va., 37 applicants.
- February 24, 1904, Highland, N. Y., 34 applicants.
- February 27, 1904, Goldsmith, Ind., 18 applicants.
- February 29, 1904, Union City, Pa., 45 applicants.
- March 4, 1904, Columbus, Ind., 26 applicants.
- March 4, 1904, Bowling Green, Ind., 17 applicants.
- March 2, 1904, Franklin, Mass., 20 applicants.
- March 12, 1904, Braddock, Pa., 28 applicants.
- March 30, 1904, Decatur, Ind., 50 applicants.
- April 6, 1904, Duluth, Minn., 28 applicants.
- April 11, 1904, Cherry Tree, Pa., 16 applicants.
- April 18, 1904, Belteaire, Ohio, 25 applicants.
- April 18, 1904, Monongahela, Pa., 23 applicants.
- April 18, 1904, McClure, Pa., 72 applicants.
- April 21, 1904, Dayton, Pa., 19 applicants.
- April 23, 1904, Kittanning, Pa., 63 applicants.



CHARTERS ISSUED.

No. of Camp.	Location.	Date of Muster.	No. Mustered.	Charter Issued.
12	Vinal Haven, Me.....	Jan. 11, 1904	30	Jan. 22, 1904
26	Springfield, O.....	Oct. 23, "	58	Jan. 29, "
7	Leipsic, O.....	Jan. 29, "	25	Feb. 4, "
67	Findlay, O.....	Jan. 28, "	29	Feb. 4, "
12	Grand Rapids, Wis...	Nov. 13, "	26	Feb. 12, "
3	Rome, Wis.....	Jan. 8, "	17	Feb. 19, "
410	Homes, Ill.....	Feb. 12, "	21	Feb. 26, "
409	Lawrenceville, Ill....	Feb. 12, "	27	Feb. 27, "
5	St. Louis, Mo.....	Feb. 21, "	17	Mar. 5, "
19	Logan, O.....	Feb. 11, "	26	Mar. 8, "
25	Nelsonville, O.....	Feb. 19, "	39	Mar. 8, "
74	Mount Joy, Pa.....	Mar. 2, "	33	Mar. 10, "
1	Daybrook, W. Va.....	Mar. 5, "	38	Mar. 16, "
30	Union City, Pa.....	Mar. 8, "	20	Mar. 18, "
110	Franklin, Mass.....	Mar. 2, "	21	Mar. 22, "
17	Prairie Farm, Wis...	Mar. 11, "	30	Mar. 22, "
114	Highland, N. Y.....	Mar. 4, "	20	Mar. 29, "
29	Bowling Green, Ind....	Mar. 18, "	29	Mar. 30, "
148	Collinsville, In. Ter..	Mar. 10, "	24	Apr. 2, "
26	Goldsmith, Ind.....	Mar. 7, "	32	Apr. 4, "
218	Braddock, Penn.....	Mar. 19, "	32	Apr. 5, "
227	Plymouth, Ind.....	Feb. 8, "	23	Apr. 7, "
32	Columbus, Ind.....	Mar. 8, "	34	Apr. 7, "
2	Salt Lick, Ky.....	Feb. 22, "	15	Apr. 15, "
21	Chetek, Wis.....	Mar. 15, "	31	Apr. 22, "
65	McClure, Pa.....	Apr. 22, "	22	Apr. 27, "
2	Clarksburg, W. Va....	Apr. 18, "	15	Apr. 27, "

VIII. Following is the report of the Adjutant General for quarter ending September 30th, 1903:

	CAMPS.	MEMBERS.
Number in good standing at date of last report....	714	25,250
<b>GAINS.</b>		
By muster in .....	18	1,073
By transfer .....		33
By re-instatement .....	17	517
Total gain .....	35	1,623
Aggregate .....	749	26,873
<b>Loss.</b>		
By disbandment .....	5	74
By death .....		31
By honorable discharge.....		32
By transfer .....		26
By suspension .....	48	1,728
By dishonorable discharge ....		5
Total loss .....	53	1,896
Number in good standing Sept. 30, 1903.....	696	24,977
Amount received for per capita tax .....		\$ 2,383.37
Cash on hand at Division Headquarters .....		3,163.51
Cash on hand in Camps .....		42,580.13
Expended by Camps in charity .....		2,785.64
Number of members families relieved .....		129
Number of veterans families relieved .....		9
Amount received on account muster of recruits.....		\$ 131.75

By command of

ARTHUR B. SPINK,  
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest: Wm. R. CONGDON, Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. of V., U. S. A.  
PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 25, 1904.

Special Orders No. 1.—Series 1904.

A Court-martial is hereby appointed to meet in the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the fifteenth day of June, A. D. 1904, or as soon thereafter as practicable for the trial of Brother William S. Curry, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and said Court is authorized to sit without regard to hours in the trial of said Brother.

The detail for the Court is as follows:

Colonel E. R. Campbell, Washington, D. C.; Major William P. Taylor, Doylestown, D. C.; Major William Read, Philadelphia, Pa.; Captain S. S. Horn, Easton, Pa.; Captain Charles P. Baldwin, Wayne, Pa.; Captain Joseph Seeley, Philadelphia, Pa.; Captain Paul Smyser, York, Pa.; Division Commander C. Day Rudy, Harrisburg, Pa.; Captain A. W. Scott, Philadelphia, Pa.; Captain S. W. Lawrence, Plymouth Meeting, Pa.; Captain Charles S. Becker, Reading, Pa.; Walter E. Smith, Allentown, Pa.; Dr. D. Sherman Smith, Lancaster, Pa.

Brother James H. Tawney, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is detailed Judge Advocate.

ARTHUR B. SPINK,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

Official: WILLIAM R. CONGDON, *Adjutant-General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. of V., U. S. A.  
PROVIDENCE, R. I., June 4, 1904.

Special Orders No. 2.—Series 1904.

James E. Blythe, of Mason City, Iowa, is hereby appointed a personal Aide to the Commander-in-Chief and is hereby detailed to represent the Commander-in-Chief at the Encampment of the Division of Iowa, to be held in Mason City, Iowa, June 7, 8 and 9th, 1904.

He is hereby authorized to receive the following reports due these Headquarters from said Division of Iowa: the quarterly report of the Division Quartermaster for quarter ending September 30th, 1903; the quarterly reports of the Division Adjutant and Division Quartermaster for quarter ending December 31, 1903; the quarterly reports of the Division Adjutant and Division Quartermaster for quarter ending March 31, 1904.

He is also directed and is authorized to collect all per capita tax due from said Division of Iowa for the quarter ending December 31, 1903, and the quarter ending March 31, 1904.

He is also directed not to permit the Installation of any of the new Officers of said Division of Iowa until the reports are properly made out and received by him and all per capita tax heretofore referred to is paid to him.

He will report to the Adjutant-General as soon after the adjournment of said Encampment as possible, giving a full account of the proceedings so far as it affects the Commandery and he will also forward to the Adjutant-General all reports and per capita tax received.

By order of

ARTHUR B. SPINK,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

Official: WILLIAM R. CONGDON, *Adjutant-General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.  
PROVIDENCE, R. I., July 8, 1904.

General Orders No. 3.—Series 1904.

I. The Council-in-Chief having fixed the dates for the Twenty-third Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, the same is hereby ordered to convene at Boston, Mass., Wednesday, August 17th, 1904, at 10 o'clock a. m., in Isaac Rich Hall, Boston University Law School Building.

Headquarters for the Commandery-in-Chief will be established at the Revere House, Boston, where the Council-in-Chief is hereby ordered

to meet Monday, August 15, at 9 a. m., for the purpose of auditing the books and accounts of the Adjutant General and Quartermaster General and for the purpose of transacting such business as may properly come before it.

The officers of the Commandery-in-Chief and members of the staff of the Commander-in-Chief will have quarters at the Revere House during the encampment week, and it is the expectation of the local committee of Massachusetts to have all delegates quartered at the same place.

Rooms can be secured from \$1.50 per day and upwards, American plan. Applications for the same should be addressed to S. S. Mitchell, Manager, Revere House, Boston, Mass.

The local committee of arrangements on behalf of the division of Mass., of which Past Div. Commander Orra L. Stone, of Clinton, Mass., is chairman, is exercising every effort to provide for the entertainment of the officers and members of the encampment and all others who may attend. All indications point to one of the most pleasant and successful encampments ever held by the Order. I would especially urge every past officer and delegate entitled to seats in this encampment to make an effort to attend.

While the complete program for the encampment week has not yet been completed by the local committee, yet they announce, that one of the leading features for the entertainment of the delegates and the guests will be a sail down the beautiful Boston harbor on Wednesday afternoon the first day of the encampment.

The committee have chartered a steamboat of the Boston and Nantasket Steamship Company with a capacity of 1200, which is to leave Boston at 1.30 p. m. for a sail of three hours; thence returning to Nantasket, where a dinner is to be served at 5.30 p. m., to all representatives of the commandery, their wives and guests, members of the Ladies' Aid Society, Daughters of Veterans, and friends of the Order. Provision will also be made for sight seeing trips to historic places, such as, Bunker Hill, Concord, Lexington, and Plymouth Rock. As soon as the local committee has perfected its plans, further announcement will be made in General Orders.

II. It is anticipated that a very low rate will be secured over the different railroads for all who desire to attend the encampment and the Commander-in-Chief expects to shortly be able to announce the exact concessions of the different railroads. The following committee on transportation is hereby appointed who will report to these headquarters as soon as possible the railroad rates to and from the encampment: Fred. E. Bolton, chairman, Boston, Mass.; E. F. Buck, Peoria, Ill.; E. W. Estes, New York City, N. Y.; B. S. Fox, Meehan, Wis., Ralph M. Campbell, New Castle, Pa.

III. Owing to the large amount of work that will devolve upon the committee on constitution and law in revising the Constitution it is deemed advisable that said committee should meet prior to the Encampment to consider the different matters that will come before them. The twenty-second encampment having by vote continued the following committee on Constitution and Law, they will act in that capacity at the coming encampment: H. V. Speelman, R. M. J. Reed, Fred E. Bolton. Said committee is hereby ordered to convene at the Revere House at Boston, Monday, August 15th, at 12 o'clock noon.

Any matter intended for the committee on constitution and law should be forwarded at once to the chairman, H. V. Speelman, Cincinnati, O., or the same may be handed to any member of the committee.

IV. Owing to the very short time in which the Adjutant General will have in which to prepare his report to the encampment all division commanders are hereby ordered to have the reports of their respective divisions for the quarter ending June 30th, 1904, and all per capita tax due, in the hands of the Adjutant General by August 1st, 1904, the time limit fixed by the constitution. No division commander need expect any extension of time beyond the limit fixed by the con-



stitution, as the same will not be granted. All divisions which have not made their reports by August 1st, and paid all per capita tax due, will be so reported by the Adjutant General to the encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Boston and such delinquents and the representatives from such divisions will be treated in accordance with the provision of the constitution.

Every division commander is cautioned to use great care in the preparation of their reports and to carefully note that the proper amount of per capita tax is forwarded.

V. The attention of division chaplains is called to the importance of forwarding their reports to the Chaplain-in-Chief in order that he may be able to prepare a consolidated report before the Annual Encampment. Send these reports at once to Chaplain-in-Chief E. E. Shoening, St. Louis, Mo.

VI. All Division Commanders who have not yet forwarded rosters of Camp officers are hereby directed to forward the same at once to the Adjutant-General.

VII. Division Commanders who have not filed their bonds with these headquarters are directed to do so at once. The certificates of election of Division officers, also of delegates and alternates to the Twenty-Third Annual Encampment and list of Past Division Commanders should also be forwarded to the Adjutant-General at once by all Division Commanders that have not done so. Out-going Division Commanders should see to it that these headquarters are advised at once of the election of their successors, giving postoffice addresses.

VIII. Frank H. B. McDowell having been elected Commander of the Division of Wisconsin, has tendered his resignation as Junior-Vice Commander-in-Chief, and the same has been accepted.

IX. Early in the month of January it was the pleasure of the Commander-in-Chief to appeal to the members of this noble Order to render every assistance possible to the Memorial University, an institution founded by the Sons of Veterans, and dedicated to the memory of the men and women of civil war times. In some divisions the response has been very gratifying. The University, however, is now passing through a very trying period, and needs the moral and financial support of the members of our Order. The Commander-in-Chief would urge upon every member of the Order the duty which they owe to this University, and would especially ask that every effort be made to secure funds for the University.

X. The semi-annual password and countersign in effect July 1st has been promulgated to all Divisions. Division Commanders will promulgate the same to all Camps in good standing June 30th, after receiving the quarterly reports from said Camps.

XI. Since the date of last announcement the following applications for Camp charters have been approved and Camp charters issued:

#### CHARTER APPLICATIONS APPROVED.

- April 29, 1904, Marion, Mass., 27 applicants.
- May 4, 1904, Hollidaysburg, Pa., 38 applicants.
- May 10, 1904, Meyersdale, Pa., 40 applicants.
- May 21, 1904, Billerica, Mass., 25 applicants.
- May 23, 1904, Allegheny City, Pa., 27 applicants.
- June 14, 1904, Murrysville, Pa., 24 applicants.
- July 1, 1904, Philadelphia, Pa., 25 applicants.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

No. of Camp.	Location.	Date of Muster.	No. Mustered.	Charter Issued.
6	Henderson, Ky.....	Apr. 27, 1904	30	May 3, 1904
10	Louisville, Ky.....	Apr. 30, "	15	May 5, "
55	Dayton, Pa.....	May 9, "	20	May 13, "
51	Monongahela, Pa....	May 9, "	24	May 13, "
22	La Crosse, Wis.....	May 10, "	30	May 14, "
58	Meyersdale, Pa.....	May 23, "	34	May 28, "
39	Holidaysburg, Pa....	May 11, "	19	May 27, "
23	Whitehall, Wis.....	May 28, "	23	June 3, "
2	Marquette, Neb.....	Mar. 23, "	30	June 14, "
56	Allegheny, Pa.....	May 28, "	15	June 14, "
5	Duluth, Minn.....	May 5, "	39	June 6, "
43	Kittanning, Pa.....	May 3, "	176	June 30, "
59	Murrysville, Pa.....	June 24, "	24	July 2, "
2	Cullman, Ala.....	June 29, "	15	July 5, "

XII. Since my last orders Division officers have been elected as follows:

Alabama and Tennessee, Commander, Joseph H. Larimore, Birmingham, Ala.; Senior Vice Commander, John S. Cooper, Knoxville, Tenn.; Junior Vice Commander, C. D. Thomas, Birmingham, Ala.

Colorado and Wyoming, Commander, Frank A. Whitney, 1832 W. 36th Ave., Denver, Col.; Senior Vice Commander, W. W. Swan, 2949 Gallup Ave., Denver, Col.; Junior Vice Commander, W. S. Whitney, Elkton, Col.

Indiana, Commander, L. A. Handley, Richmond; Senior Vice Commander, Otis Brattain, Noblesville; Junior Vice Commander, Wm. F. Gottschalk, Terre Haute.

Kentucky, Commander, George H. Stebbins, 812 Vine St., Cincinnati, O.; Senior Vice Commander, James P. Stebbins, Newport, Ky.; Junior Vice Commander, Joseph F. Biggs, Louisville Ky.

Maine, Commander, John Shaw, Bath; Senior Vice Commander, Clarence H. Cram, Augusta; Junior Vice Commander, Darling S. Hayes, Sanford.

Michigan, Commander, Frank J. Kellogg, Battle Creek; Senior Vice Commander, H. A. La Roch, Dimondale; Junior Vice Commander, James A. Dana, Williamston.

Minnesota, Commander, George T. Drake, St. Paul; Senior Vice Commander, George E. Cliver, Minneapolis; Junior Vice Commander, J. H. Boustead, Red Wing.

Missouri, Commander, Edward B. Hoberg, 3319 Michigan Ave., St. Louis; Senior Vice Commander, H. P. Kesselring, Melrose; Junior Vice Commander, Fred J. Kohlman, Lexington.

Nebraska, Commander, James McBeth, Osceola; Senior Vice Commander, B. J. Galley, Columbus; Junior Vice Commander, S. J. Hyatt, Fremont.

New Jersey, Commander, Fred A. Gentieu, Penn's Grove; Senior Vice Commander, John W. Robbins, Paterson; Junior Vice Commander, Chas. C. Lawrence, Trenton.

New York, Commander, R. M. Genthner, Rochester; Senior Vice Commander, J. C. Van Zile, Poughkeepsie; Junior Vice Commander, Ralph P. Hollister, Mount Vernon.

Pennsylvania, Commander, Alfred G. Loyd, Sharpsburg; Senior Vice Commander, D. J. Snively, Johnstown; Junior Vice Commander, T. M. Ruch, Hellertown.

Vermont, Commander, Robert C. Smith, 68 Church St., Burlington; Senior Vice Commander, W. S. Barnum, Richford; Junior Vice Commander, E. L. Lambert, Bennington.

West Virginia, Commander, U. C. Edgell, Clarksburg; Senior Vice Commander, H. N. Kinter; Junior Vice Commander, C. T. Emery, Blacksville.

Wisconsin, Commander, Frank H. B. McDowell, Racine; Senior Vice Commander, John Hazelwood, Jefferson; Junior Vice Commander, L. F. Small, Madison.

Several other Divisions have held their Encampments, but these Headquarters have not been advised as to the results of the elections. Division Commanders who do not find the announcements of the new officers in these orders will please communicate with the Adjutant General, giving the list of new officers.

By command of

ARTHUR B. SPINK,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

Official: WILLIAM R. CONGDON, *Adjutant-General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.  
PROVIDENCE, R. I., August 1, 1904.

General Orders No. 4—Series 1904.

I. The Committee on Transportation for the Twenty-Third Annual Encampment to be held in Boston, Mass., August 17th to 19th, report that the same rates for transportation have been secured as have been obtained by the Grand Army of the Republic, which meets in the same city the week of August 15th. The rates are certainly very low from all parts of the country, and a very large attendance of the members of the Order is anticipated.

The arrangements as to transportation rates are so varied from the territory covered by the various traffic associations, which is given in a very voluminous report from the chairman of the committee, Quartermaster-General Fred E. Bolton, that an attempt to include the same in this Order is deemed inadvisable. Members intending to attend the Encampment should consult with local ticket agents at once, and ask for G. A. R. railroad rates to Boston and return. All should be particular to ascertain the latest data upon which tickets can be purchased. By application to Mr. Silas W. Cummings, Joint Agent, 75 Federal St., Boston, Mass., return tickets may be extended to September 30th over most of the railroads, upon payment of a small amount.

It is expected that the first session of the Encampment will be held in Faneuil Hall, one of the most historic buildings in New England, and the remaining sessions in Isaac Rich Hall.

Everything possible is being done by the local committee to provide for the entertainment of all who attend the Encampment, and all may look forward to a week of pleasure and enjoyment.

On information given by the local committee it was erroneously stated in General Orders No. 3, that "rooms can be secured from \$1.50 per day and upwards, American plan," at the Revere House. It should have been stated that the same was upon the European plan. Application for rooms can be made to S. H. Mitchell, manager of Revere House or to Fred A. Thissell, No. 1, Beacon Street, Room 44, Boston, Mass.

II. Division Commanders must remember that the June quarterly reports must be forwarded on time. No delays can be permitted this quarter, as the books must be closed and the Adjutant-General given sufficient time in which to prepare his report for the National Encampment.

III. Attention is again called to the matter of bonds. Division Commanders who have not attended to this matter must do so at once.

IV. All Staff Officers must have their reports prepared to submit at the opening session of the Encampment.

V. The following Division Officers have been elected in addition to those previously announced:

Iowa, Commander, Will F. Muse, Mason City; Senior Vice Commander, A. C. Weeks, Denison; Junior Vice Commander, E. S. Hyde, Dubuque.



Kansas, Commander, L. E. Fowler, Emporia; Senior Vice Commander, A. W. Sherer, Topeka; Junior Vice Commander, M. J. Sweet, Wichita.

Maryland, Commander, Francis E. Cross, 319 9th St., S. E., Washington, D. C.; Senior Vice Commander, Orpheus H. Budlong, 1425 New York Avenue, Washington D. C.; Junior Vice Commander, Robert L. Rippeon, E. 6th St., Frederick, Maryland.

Ohio, Commander, W. S. Reeder, Dayton; Senior Vice Commander, Frank O. Tuttle, Cleveland; Junior Vice Commander, Park F. Yengling, Salem.

Washington, Commander, Millard T. Johnson, Asotin; Senior Vice Commander, F. H. Stringham, Rockford; Junior Vice Commander, Elbert Smith, Walla Walla.

VI. Since the date of last announcement the following applications for Camp charters have been approved and Camp charters issued:

CHARTER APPLICATIONS APPROVED.

- July 18, 1904, Johnsonburg, Pa., 31 applicants.
- July 23, 1904, Toms River, N. J., 40 applicants.
- July 25, 1904, Bourbon, Ind., 29 applicants.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

No. of Camp.	Location.	Date of Muster.	No. Mustered.	Charter Issued.
21	East Jeffrey, N. H....	June 11, 1904	21	July 12, 1904
22	Sincook, N. H.....	June 1, "	17	July 12, "
24	Swansey, N. H.....	June 18, "	14	July 12, "
114	Marion, Mass.....	May 12, "	25	July 12, "
119	Billrice, Mass.....	May 26, "	27	July 15, "
30	Cherrytree, Pa.....	Apr. 30, "	35	July 15, "
18	Ellsworth, Kan.....	June 1, "	19	July 16, "
3	Hampton, Neb.....	June 18, "	27	July 18, "
411	Waukegan, Ill.....	Apr. 22, "	17	July 26, "
7	Waconia, Minn.....	July 9, "	28	July 26, "

VII. The following is the report of the Adjutant General for the quarter ending Dec. 31st, 1903.

	CAMPS.	MEMBERS.
Number in good standing at date of last report....	696	24,931
<b>GAINS.</b>	<b>CAMPS.</b>	<b>MEMBERS.</b>
By muster in .....	9	1,172
By transfer .....		45
By reinstatement .....	26	61
Total gain .....	35	1,978
Aggregate .....	731	26,959
<b>LOSS.</b>		
By disbandment .....	2	27
By death .....		45
By honorable discharge .....		46
By transfer .....		29
By suspension .....	23	1,305
By dishonorable discharge .....		3
Total loss .....	25	1,455
Number in good standing Dec. 31, 1903.....	706	25,504
Amount received for per capita tax .....		\$ 2,360.53
Cash on hand at division headquarters .....		4,188.99
Cash on hand in Camps.....		49,911.84
Expended by Camps in charity.....		4,959.48
Number of members families relieved .....		156
Number of veterans families relieved .....		10
Amount received on account muster of recruits.....		\$ 226.75

VIII. The following is the report of the Adjutant-General for the quarter ending March 31st, 1904:

	CAMPS.	MEMBERS.
Number in good standing at date of last report.....	706	25,501
<b>GAINS.</b>		
By muster in .....	23	1,993
By transfer .....		69
By reinstatement .....	13	413
Total gain .....	36	2,475
Aggregate .....	742	27,979
<b>LOSS.</b>		
By disbandment .....	6	85
By death .....		33
By honorable discharge .....		60
By transfer .....		35
By suspension .....	17	1,244
By dishonorable discharge .....		4
Total loss .....	23	1,461
Number in good standing March 31st, 1904.....	719	26,518
Amount received for per capita tax .....		\$ 2,389.04
Cash on hand at Division Headquarters .....		4,133.30
Cash on hand in Camps .....		46,689.09
Expended by Camps in charity .....		7,607.85
Number of families relieved .....		190
Number of veterans families relieved .....		44
Amount received on account muster of recruits.....		\$ 341.00

IX. In issuing this the last General Orders by this administration, your Commander-in-Chief desires to express to the members of the Commandery, and the brotherhood of this grand and patriotic Order, his deep appreciation of the great honor which was conferred upon him, by electing him to this exalted position. If what has been accomplished during the year has resulted in further strengthening the ranks of our Order, and the efforts of the administration to advance the standard one step further to the front, shall have met the approval of the brothers of the Order, then, the mantle of office can conscientiously be laid aside with a feeling of duty well performed. The thanks of the Commander-in-Chief are extended to every one who has contributed to the success of the administration.

By command of

ARTHUR B. SPINK,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

Official: WILLIAM R. CONGDON, *Adjutant-General.*

The reading of the report was followed by applause.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The report of the Adjutant-General will take its proper course.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If there is no objection we will now listen to the report of the financial condition of our organization, and you will please keep as quiet as possible; I have pleasure in presenting to you, Quartermaster-General Bolton, who will make his report for the past year.

The Quartermaster-General then read his report as follows:

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT,  
947 Tremont Building,  
BOSTON, MASS., August 17, 1904.

Arthur B. Spink, *Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.*

SIR:—I have the honor to respectfully submit herewith a report of the financial and business transactions of the Quartermaster-General's

Department, for the term ending August 10, 1904, embracing the period of your administration.

Report supplemental to Twenty-Second Annual Encampment.

Cash on hand, as shown by report.....	\$ 2,390 03
Received for per capita tax.....	554 86
Received for charter fees.....	15 00
Received for furniture .....	28 00
	<u>\$ 2,987 89</u>
Paid for office expenses.....	\$ 201 31
Paid for general expenses .....	110 00
Paid for traveling expenses .....	5 50
Paid for salaries .....	286 30
Paid for General Orders .....	12 50
Paid for "The Banner" .....	440 03
Paid for 22nd Encampment .....	743 18
	<u>\$ 1,698 82</u>
Cash on hand at beginning of administration.....	\$ 1,289 07

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM SEPTEMBER 16, 1903 TO AUGUST 10, 1904.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand at beginning of administration.....	\$ 1,289 07
Received for supplies .....	\$ 3,385 31
Received for per capita tax.....	10,032 61
Received for charter fees .....	355 00
	<u>\$13,773 12</u>
Total cash receipts .....	\$15,062 19

EXPENDITURES.

Traveling Expenses:

Commander-in-Chief and Adjutant-General....	\$ 459 01
Quartermaster-General .....	3 60
	<u>\$ 462 61</u>

Supplies:

Badges and decorations .....	\$ 1,185 66
Camp and Division supplies .....	228 96
Cost of shipping .....	83 59
Insurance .....	18 00
Wrapping paper, twine, etc.....	2 24
	<u>\$ 1,518 45</u>

Office Expenses:

Rent—Commandery .....	\$ 191 97
Rent—Quartermaster-General .....	380 04
Light and toilet supplies, Q. M. General.....	15 76
Light and toilet supplies, Commandery.....	9 60
Express, telephone and telegrams, Commandery	44 06
Telegrams, Q. M. General.....	1 50
Postage, Commandery .....	140 64
Postage, Q. M. General.....	45 00
Stationery, all national officers.....	104 30
Stationery, Commandery .....	13 71
Stationery, Q. M. General.....	57
Extra clerk hire, Commandery.....	107 75
Remington Typewriter .....	65 00
Rubber stamps .....	4 40
Cost of exchange fees on checks, etc., Q. M. Gen.	4 47
	<u>\$ 1,127 77</u>

General Expenses:

Moving Commandery headquarters.....	\$ 68 09
Gold Star, Commander-in-Chief.....	150 00
Premium on bond, Commander-in-Chief.....	20 00
Repairing frames and portraits, Commandery.	26 30



Freight charge on portraits to Mason City.....	3 10	
Entertainment, Corporal Tanner, Commandery	6 00	
Lettering door, Commandery .....	2 50	
Printing endorsement slips.....	1 50	
Commandery ribbon .....	10 00	
Printing password and countersign slips.....	5 75	
Printing rules and regulations for S. of V. Reserves, Military Department .....	21 50	
Binding 1903 Requisitions, Q. M. General.....	2 00	
		\$ 316 74
Salaries .....	\$2,762 27	
General Orders .....	324 31	
Furniture .....	93 69	
"The Banner" .....	5,284 62	
Rebate, West Virginia Division, P. C. Tax....	3 60	
Rebate, Connecticut Division, P. C. Tax.....	2 25	
Rebate, New York Division, P. C. Tax.....	1 80	
Miscellaneous .....	4 19	
Memorial University .....	177 50	
23rd Annual Encampment, printing roster of..	44 50	
		\$ 8,698 73

Total expenditures .....\$12,124 30

Balance cash on hand.....\$ 2,937 89

Supplies on hand inventoried at cost.....\$ 883 27

The financial condition of the Commandery-in-Chief, on August 31, 1903, was as follows:

GENERAL ACCOUNT AUGUST 31, 1903.

ASSETS—Dr.		LIABILITIES—Cr.	
Furniture .....	\$ 387 80	Due to Divisions .....	\$ 25 75
Supplies .....	1,226 87	"The Banner" .....	776 65
Cash .....	2,390 03	Surplus .....	3,237 13
Due from Divisions....	534 83		
Total .....	\$ 4,039 53	Total .....	\$ 4,039 53

The financial condition of the Commandery-in-Chief at the close of business August 10, 1904, is as follows:

GENERAL ACCOUNT AUGUST 10, 1904.

ASSETS—Dr.		LIABILITIES—Cr.	
Furniture .....	\$ 408 15	Due to Divisions .....	\$ 8 35
Supplies .....	883 27	"The Banner" .....	300 00
Cash .....	2,937 89	Surplus .....	3,968 99
Due from Divisions....	48 03		
Total .....	\$ 4,277 31	Total .....	\$ 4,277 34

The account of profit and loss from August 31, 1903 to August 10, 1904, is as follows:

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT SEPTEMBER 1903 TO AUGUST 1904.

LOSSES.		GAINS.	
Furniture (10 per cent. reduction) .....	\$ 45 34	Per Capita Tax .....	\$10,032 81
Supplies .....	7 73	Charter fees .....	355 00
Salaries .....	2,762 27	Supplies .....	1,557 40
General Orders .....	324 31		
Traveling expenses.....	462 61		
Office expenses.....	1,127 77		
General expenses.....	316 74		
23rd Encampment.....	44 50		
"The Banner".....	5,284 62		
Memorial University...	177 50		
Rebate, P. C. Tax.....	7 65		
Miscellaneous .....	4 19		
Balance (net gain)....	1,379 98		
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$11,945 21</b>	<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$11,945 21</b>

Supplies furnished free to Commandery, etc.

Divisions are indebted in the following amounts:

Connecticut, 14 cents; Indiana, \$11.30; Iowa, \$9.54; Kansas, \$1.39; Maryland, 60 cents; Minnesota, \$18.13; Nebraska, 79 cents; New Hampshire, 10 cents; New Jersey, \$1.85; New York, \$2.25; Rhode Island, 50 cents; Washington, 71 cents; West Virginia, 23 cents.

Divisions have credits in their favor, as follows:

Alabama and Tennessee, \$1.42; California, \$3.06; Kentucky, 21 cents; Maine, 22 cents; Michigan, \$1.27; Missouri, 46 cents; Ohio, \$1.25; Vermont, 33 cents; Wisconsin, 13 cents.

These figures represent a period of eleven months actual business. Without giving long tables of figures or statistics, it can be briefly stated that the financial condition of the Commandery is the best of any similar period for the past ten years at least. The balance of cash on hand \$2,937.89, is \$547.86 more than reported at the last Encampment.

The receipts from the sale of supplies, \$3,385.31; increased \$246.14 over last year, netting in profit \$1,557.50—the best result for the same number of months shown on the books.

The income from per capita tax and membership fees also increased; the gain being \$883.00 more than the previous term. From the per capita tax receipts (\$10,032.81) there has been paid to "The Banner," \$5,284.62, which leaves the net income from per capita tax and membership fees, up to and including August 10, \$4,748.19.

The total receipts for Charter Fees was \$355.00, representing 71 Charter Fees, which is one less than last term up to date; the income from Charter Fees is divided between the Memorial University and the Commandery. The Commandery therefore is credited with \$177.50.

The surplus account makes a gain of \$731.88. The liabilities are \$494.05 less than last year. The profit and loss account shows a net gain since the last Encampment of \$1,379.98, as compared to a net loss of \$489.46, reported at that time.

Estimating the further receipts of this administration to the final close of its business, compared to its expenses, it is apparent that the succeeding administration will start its work in better condition than any of its predecessors. During the time I have been honored to serve as your financial officer up to the present period, it is gratifying for me to say that the books will show at the close of this year's business at least 10 per cent. increase in the amount of cash on hand.

The expenditures of this administration have been in keeping with its work, and compare very favorably with preceding years. The item of traveling expense, \$462.21 for all officers, is larger than for five

years by \$161.01, but in consideration of the fact that Commander-in-Chief Spink and Adjutant-General Congdon have devoted a great deal of time in travel in the interests of the Order, visiting a number of Division Encampments and important functions, the expense is warranted and the result attained of advantage to the Order.

The balance of the expenses are moderate, and manifest an eye to economy.

With the consent of the Commander-in-Chief it was deemed advisable to defer the printing of the proceedings of the last three Encampments, for the reason that the Commandery in the early period of the term was not in a position to meet the expense involved without accruing considerable liability. It was estimated that the cost of publication of the proceedings of the Twentieth, Twenty-First and Twenty-Second Encampments would be close to \$1,000.00.

In consideration of the fact that "The Banner," in conformity to its contract, published and placed in the hands of the members of the Order-at-large the records of these Encampments, it was thought best to secure the further advices of the Commandery on this subject.

The general desire seemed to be for a compact form of publication that will preserve the records in a journal of proceedings that may be placed in the archives of the Camps and Divisions. This can be accomplished; however, in view of the length of some of the records, it seems consistent to suggest, in the event the publication is ordered, that the subject matter be edited and reduced to the minimum; the proceedings of the three Encampments mentioned and those of this Encampment bound together in one or two volumes. This method will reduce expense and conform to all desired purposes.

The Memorial Services, held at Atlantic City, N. J., (22nd Encampment) in honor of our well beloved brothers, Past Commander-in-Chief William E. Bundy and Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Griffin, whose helpful leadership we miss at all times, and whose absence we now deplore, should be published. A separate pamphlet form could be prepared both for single distribution and binding with the proceedings.

In concluding this report, my acknowledgement of thanks is made to the Division Commanders and Quartermasters, both past and present, for their friendly and pleasant official relations with this department.

To Commander-in-Chief Spink, with whom I have held pleasant relations for the past sixteen years, and numbered among my friends before the time we served together as Commanders of neighborly Divisions, we can only say that to the success of his administrative work, it has been our aim to contribute in the details of his department, both in the line of what it was my duty to perform, and on the basis of a more than ordinary fraternal relationship.

Adjutant-General Congdon has at all times evinced that courtesy that is typical of his nature. To have served with him has been most agreeable.

Assistant Quartermaster-General Hannon has given that same loyal and faithful interest and service in the work he has in the years we have been together.

We cannot refrain from taking this opportunity to extend to the members of this Encampment, among whom we can see so many that have given to the Order their best services for years, a cordial word of welcome to this old city we call our home, and to the Division of Massachusetts, which is proud to be affiliated with you in the work of the Sons of Veterans. We trust your stay here will be no less pleasant than the pleasure is ours to have you with us.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

FRED. E. BOLTON,  
Quartermaster-General.



The reading was followed by applause, and referred.

The report of the Judge Advocate-General was received without reading and referred to the proper committee, and was as follows:

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.

CHICAGO, ILL., July 28, 1904.

*Arthur B. Spink, Esq., Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.*

SIR:—I have the honor to submit to you herewith my report as Judge Advocate-General, together with copies of official opinions rendered by me during my term of office, expiring August 17, 1904.

I have been required to pass upon no court martial proceeding. I have been requested to submit formal opinions upon ten subjects referred to me by the Commander-in-Chief, and to them, as well as to various expressions of an advisory nature, during the past year, I have given as much care and attention as was necessary to satisfy myself that each opinion was in accordance with the laws of the Order and established precedent. In some instances I was required to pass upon various enactments appearing to establish conflicting rules, and in some, I found but little guidance in expressed law and none in precedent. In these matters I have endeavored to be conservative, and to follow the usual lines of judicial interpretation and construction as I knew them.

I beg leave to suggest that the law relating to the uniform should be revised. The various provisions of the laws, of the military department enactment, and of the Constitution are at variance, and sadly conflicting; so much so that it is impossible for a member of the Order, not enlisted in the military department, to know what his rights are with respect to this subject. Such provisions as are not intended to be in force ought to at least be expressly repealed, and such as remain in force should be simplified where necessary by amendment in order that they may be easily understood by members and Camp officers.

I beg further to suggest that such provisions of the General Laws and of the Constitution as are in direct conflict with the military department enactment be expressly repealed.

I would further suggest that the provisions of our Laws and Constitution, relating to the discipline of members of the Order be revised. Section 6, Article XIV of the Laws, edition of 1903, provides that certain offences shall render a member liable to censure or trial by court martial and punishment. Article 33 of the Constitution provides that when a court martial convenes, the rules governing the same shall be the same as those governing the United States Army. All other provisions of the Constitution and Laws relating to courts martial seem to have been eliminated at the time of the last revision. There is no proper definition of offences for which a member may be disciplined or tried. Penalties are not provided. Procedure can only be regulated and courts appointed by following the practice of the United States Army, which is altogether too rigid for proper application under the present government of this Order.

The military department enactment provides for the trial of officers and members of the Sons of Veterans Reserves by a trial committee, composed of five members of the accused member's Camp, two of whom shall be members of the Reserves, the committee to be appointed by the Commander of the Camp upon a report of the offence to him by the commanding officer of the accused. We are in the anomalous position of being compelled to try the members of our military department by a civic tribunal, and at the same time to discipline the members of our civic organization by means of courts martial.

My membership in the Order has always been a source of great satisfaction to me, and my relations with the officers have always been cordial and pleasant. My duties in the various capacities in which I have served have ever been lightened by the sentiment which impels us to give expression to our patriotism through this organization, and it is therefore extremely gratifying to me to have had the honor of serving upon your staff during the past year. I wish to express my ap-

preciation of the many courtesies you have extended to me in the discharge of my duty, and my own regret that I have not been able to do more to contribute to the success of your administration, as well as my sorrow at my enforced absence from the 23d Annual Encampment.

I have the honor to remain,

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,  
*Judge Advocate-General.*

OPINION NO. 1.

*Arthur B. Spink, Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A. Providence R. I.*

DEAR SIR:—In reply to your communication of the 26th inst. in respect to the abstract of title of Memorial University and the liability for its indebtedness I would say that the abstracts submitted to Commander-in-Chief Martin were prepared under my direction, examined and submitted by me. I have been acquainted with the organization of Memorial University from the beginning, and all its affairs in general, and I am of opinion that Memorial University corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Iowa, is alone liable for any indebtedness contracted by it or its agents. I am further of the opinion that neither the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, nor any of its subordinate departments, nor any officer or member of the Order, is liable in any manner for any indebtedness of the University or any obligations of that institution now in existence.

I have the honor to remain.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,  
*Judge Advocate-General.*

OPINION NO. 2.

November 13, 1903.

*Arthur B. Spink, Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A. Providence R. I.*

DEAR SIR:—Replying to your communication of the 7th inst., requesting an opinion as to whether a brother, whose grandfather has served sixty days in the Home Guards is entitled to belong to our Order, I would say that it is impossible to advise definitely upon this unless all the facts relating to the grandfather's enlistment and service are known. If the Home Guards was a military organization, and was in the pay and service of the United States during the War of 1861-1865 and the ancestor in question was paid by and mustered out of service by the United States, the brother in question might be eligible, but if the organization was purely a State one, and not in the service of the government, it would be insufficient to give the brother a right to membership. This can only be intelligently passed on upon showing all of the facts.

Yours truly,

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,  
*Judge Advocate-General.*

OPINION NO. 3.

November 24, 1903.

*Arthur B. Spink, Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A. Providence R. I.*

MY DEAR SIR AND COMMANDER:—In compliance with your request for an official opinion of the resolutions passed by Colonel Henry Meritt Camp No. 8, Salem, Massachusetts, relative to an independent association of Sons of Veterans located in Salem, I would say:

*First.* There is nothing in the Laws of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., prohibiting a member of that Order joining or becoming a member of any other organization of Sons of Veterans.

*Second.* The eligibility clause of our Constitution contains no provision respecting the membership of other Orders of applicants for membership in this Order.

*Third.* There is but one method provided of terminating the membership in this Order of a brother who is in good standing under the Laws and who was eligible when mustered, and that is a court martial for some offence recognized by the Laws of the Order.

*Fourth.* The resolutions set forth facts in general terms which might, under proper proceedings and with proper proofs, sustain a court martial of certain individual members. If such facts, however, cannot be proven, or if proceedings by court martial are unwarranted, then the only remedy of the Salem Camp for the state of affairs existing in that locality is by persuasion or negotiation along the lines suggested by the principles and objects of our Order. Except as above set forth, the Laws themselves provide no specific or enforceable relief.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,  
*Judge Advocate-General.*

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OPINION NO. 4.

December 29, 1903.

*Arthur B. Spink, Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A., Providence, R. I.*

DEAR SIR:—Replying to your request for an opinion upon the inquiry of Orray D. Mason, Commander of the Rhode Island Division, as to the proper method of forwarding the Quartermaster-Sergeant's reports and per capita tax, I would say that it is my opinion that the reports of the Quartermaster-Sergeant should be forwarded, with the per capita tax, to the Adjutant of the Division; that the latter officer should enter the amount of cash received in his cash book, and turn over the same to the Division Quartermaster, who should issue a regular receipt therefor to the Camp, and also receipt for the same on the Adjutant's Cash Book.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,  
*Judge Advocate-General.*

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OPINION NO. 5.

February 2, 1904.

*Arthur B. Spink, Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A., Providence, R. I.*

DEAR SIR:—In reply to your request for an opinion upon the questions submitted by the Commander of the Rhode Island Division as follows:

I. Am I justified in suspending a Camp for refusal and failure to report the number of members in arrears for dues, and to forward the mailing list as ordered in Paragraphs five and seven, Division Orders number five, November 17, 1903?

The mailing list is necessary to carry out the orders of the Commander-in-Chief. (Paragraph two, General Orders number five, October 5, 1903.)

II. Does a Past-Commander and member of a Camp so suspended lose his seat in the Encampment during such suspension?

III. How does such suspension affect a member holding a Division office?

Section 5, Article V of the Constitution authorizes Division Commanders at their discretion, to suspend delinquent Camps for failure to make their reports and to perform any other duties required of them by the Constitutional Laws. Such, however, have the right of appeal to the Commander-in-Chief. The Commandery-in-Chief is the supreme legislative body of the order. Its enactments are laws, and I am of opinion that, under the section above cited, a Division Commander has power to suspend a Camp for refusal to make reports and obey other laws enacted by the Commandery-in-Chief.

A Past Commander, under Section 1, of Article XIX, has membership in the Division Encampment so long as he remains in good stand-



ing in his Camp. Section 4, of Article VIII, provides for transfer cards from the Division Commander to members of disbanded and suspended Camps, when such members were in good standing at the time of such dissolution or suspension. I am of opinion that the suspension of a Camp operates as the suspension of its members. A Past Commander's right to a seat in the Encampment is based, not only upon the service of such officer, but upon his good standing in his Camp. He could not sit in the Division Encampment unless transferred by the Division Commander in due form, and received in another Camp.

As to the third question, I am of opinion that the suspension of a Camp would also operate to deprive a Division officer, having membership in such Camp, of his right to a seat and vote in the Division Encampment during such suspension.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,  
*Judge Advocate-General.*

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OPINION NO. 6.

March 22, 1904.

*Arthur B. Spink, Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A., Providence, R. I.*

DEAR SIR:—I have the honor to return herewith papers relating to the eligibility to membership of the son of Richard Blanvelt. The record of the War Department shows his re-enlistment and desertion thereafter. It does not show an honorable discharge before the re-enlistment; and would not avail if it did. The discharge contemplated means that by which the applicant's ancestor finally quitted the military service of the United States in the War of 1861-5.

Long established precedents in the Order require that the record must be corrected in the War Department. It may be officially cleared under Act of Congress. Whether the applicant is eligible depends on the state of this record. It is the final test of his right to membership in our Order. While it stands as shown by the transcript, he is ineligible.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,  
*Judge Advocate-General.*

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OPINION NO. 7.

April 22, 1904.

*Arthur B. Spink, Esq., Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,  
535 Banigan Bldg., Providence, R. I.*

DEAR SIR:—Relative to communication of Commander Herman Raibich, of Missouri Division, I am of opinion that under Section 4, Article VIII, of the Constitution, the Division Commander would have authority to issue transfer cards to members of a dropped Camp, who were in good standing at the time of such dissolution, providing transfers were applied for within one year from the time of dissolution. I arrive at this conclusion for the reason that this section provides that transfers so issued shall have the same force as though given by a Camp, and Section 1 of the same Article provides for the issuance of transfers to members of Camps in good standing, which transfers at the expiration of one year shall be void, and the holder considered honorably discharged from the Order. For that reason, I believe that a transfer, issued by a Division Commander, can only be so issued within one year from the dissolution of the Camp, and that it would be in force as a transfer only up to the expiration of that year.

By a vote of the 22nd Encampment, however, it was provided that so much of Article VIII, as requires payment of one year's dues to the Camp by which the applicant was dropped should be suspended until December 31, 1904, provided the applicant was dropped prior to January 30, 1903. Under this law, the members of the Camp in question could be re-admitted to the Order upon simply paying muster fees, provided the Council of the Missouri Division has not ordered otherwise.

It is not within the power of the Division Encampment to restore past rank to any former member of the Order, and under our laws, the members of the Camp in question have lost their past rank by failing to transfer within a year from the dissolution of their Camp.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,  
*Judge Advocate-General.*

OPINION NO. 8.

June 8, 1904.

*Arthur B. Spink, Esq., Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,  
535 Banigan Bldg., Providence, R. I.*

MY DEAR COMMANDER:—The letter of Frank B. Wilson, Commander of the Division of California, referred to me for an opinion under date of May 31, 1904, and relating to questions of uniform has received my consideration, and I have the following suggestions to make in reference thereto.

"Question 1. Can officers and members of the Sons of Veterans (not Sons Veterans Reserves) wear uniform as provided in Article VI, page 35, and Article VII, page 36. These Articles, except Section 5, of Article VI, have not been repealed and are in full force and effect as the Laws of the Order. Section 5, Article VI, page 36, is not in conflict with the military department enactment, so far as the uniform prescribed for a military department of Sons of Veterans Reserves is concerned; but so far as applied to other organizations of the Order, it must be held to be repealed by paragraph 12 of the military department enactment for the reason that it would be useless and ridiculous to permit the wearing of the regulation uniform of the United States Army without the insignia of rank or side arms, except the miniature rank straps and chevrons now in use by the officers of the Camp. Section 5, Article XVIII, page 14, is modified by the military department enactment, which is of a later date, and as heretofore held in Divisions where the military department exists, there shall be no unattached or independent companies, battalions or regiments. This section, as it is modified, simply means that when a Camp has formed a military organization in a Division where the military department does not exist, under other laws of the Order, authorizing such, that not less than twenty of its members shall be uniformed, provided that any Camp may have an equipped and uniformed firing squad, if it so desires, without having twenty members in uniform.

"Question 2. What uniform shall be worn by Camps having firing squads as provided by Section 4, page 47; is it the uniform prescribed by Article VI, Sections 1 and 2, page 35?"

I am of opinion that the firing squad of a Camp shall be uniformed in accordance with the provisions of Article VI, page 35, of Constitution and Laws, Edition of 1903. The uniform there prescribed is intended for all members of the Order who wear uniforms, except as otherwise provided for the Sons Veterans Reserves. Section 5, Article VI, page 36 is repealed by paragraph XII of the military department enactment of 1903.

"Question 3. Can a Company of Sons of Veterans Reserves in addition to uniform prescribed by Section XI, page 48, have a dress uniform that would conflict with the U. S. Army Regulations?"

I do not think this question can be properly submitted by a Division Commander for an opinion. A Division Commander is not an officer of the Sons Veterans Reserves, and he has no right to require an opinion on this question. It is a question which could be raised alone by a company of Sons Veterans Reserves and should be transmitted through the proper officials of the military department of the Commander-in-Chief before he could properly be expected to decide it.

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,  
*Judge Advocate-General.*

## OPINION NO. 9.

June 10, 1904.

*Arthur B. Spink, Esq., Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,  
535 Banigan Bldg., Providence, R. I.*

MY DEAR COMMANDER:—In reference to the communication from the Commander of the California Division, requesting an opinion as to whether a brother can hold the office of Division Quartermaster (elective) and the office of Camp Commander at the same time. I would say that in my opinion, your decision on this point heretofore rendered should be adhered to. It is in line with precedent long established and supported by numerous decisions. There is another reason why a brother should not be permitted to fill these two offices at the same time; that is, as Camp Commander, he is required to make reports to the headquarters of which he would be a staff officer, and to make requisitions upon and transact business with the division quartermaster. The argument of Division Commander Wilson, upon the so-called civic nature of our organization has no bearing whatever upon this question. If the brother in question holds the office of division quartermaster for a term of three years, commencing May 6, 1903, his division commander had no right or authority to issue to him a commission as camp commander and such commission is void, unless prior to its issuance, the brother in question resigned his office of division quartermaster.

No resignation is required for the office of a camp commander. The Camp should simply be directed to elect a commander, who should be installed and commissioned in the usual manner. The commission held by the brother in question as camp commander should be at once cancelled by the division commander, that having been unlawfully issued. This answers question No. 2.

A Camp may, at any time, adopt a resolution providing that, after a certain date, the office of First and Quartermaster Sergeant shall be elective, but unless the camp commander removes the brother appointed by him to this office, the Camp cannot elect a quartermaster sergeant until the succeeding election in December after the adoption of such resolution, at which time if the resolution remains in force, this sergeant may be elected.

The next question of this communication relates to a resolution adopted at the 1904 Encampment of the California Division, which resolution is not set out in the division commander's communication. He is, therefore, not entitled to an opinion upon the constitutionality of that resolution as asked in question No. 4. It is inadvisable for the Commander-in-Chief to render decisions as to the constitutionality of a resolution when the substance of the resolution only is stated in the letter from a division commander. A true copy of the resolution so certified by the Adjutant of the Division, who has charge of the records should be submitted before an opinion upon its constitutionality is asked for.

However, it appears to me that no question of the constitutionality of this resolution can be raised. A division quartermaster elected in 1903 for the term of three years is entitled to hold his office until the expiration of the term for which he was elected. If in the meantime the encampment by a proper enactment provides for the appointment of division quartermaster and abolishes the elective character of the office, then, under such an enactment, the Division Commander will have authority to appoint the quartermaster when the term of the quartermaster theretofore elected has expired. It does not follow that a change in the method of the filling of office will reduce the term of one elected for a stated period. There is nothing from the statement of facts from which such a conclusion could be reasonably drawn; and the laws of our Order and parliamentary usage do not permit it.

I return herewith communication of the Commander of the California division.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,  
*Judge Advocate-General.*



## OPINION NO. 10.

June 25, 1904.

Arthur B. Spink, Esq., *Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,*  
535 Banigan Bldg., Providence, R. I.

MY DEAR COMMANDER:—In reference to the communication from the Commander of the California Division, under date of May 5, 1904, relating to the status of T. M. Gilbert, the former Commander of that Division, which communication was referred to me for an opinion on May 31, 1904, I have to say:

That it appears from the statement of facts in the communication that Gilbert was tried by a court-martial and found guilty of violation of oath of office and sentenced to be dishonorably discharged; that the findings of the court were set aside by the Commander-in-Chief, and a new trial recommended to be ordered; that a new court-martial was not ordered until the last Encampment of the California Division when a motion was adopted, directing that a new court-martial be ordered, which has not yet been done. In the meantime, Brother Gilbert's camp was suspended, and, for anything that appears, disbanded. He has several times applied for a transfer card with his past rank, but his application has not been granted.

The weight of decisions seems to hold that a transfer card should be issued by a Division Commander only within one year from the date of the suspension or disbanding of a camp. I cite the following decisions and proceedings for and against this position: Decision No. 13, 15th Encampment, page 45, W. H. Russel, Commander-in-Chief; Decision No. 9, 15th Encampment, page 31, J. L. Rake, Commander-in-Chief; Proceedings in J. E. Edmunson's case, 15th Encampment, page 116; Decision 13, 18th Encampment, page 23, Frank L. Shepard, Commander-in-Chief; Decision No. 14, and Opinion 12, 19th Encampment, page 33, A. W. Jones, Commander-in-Chief.

It does not appear from the statement of facts whether Brother Gilbert has demanded to have the refusal of the Division Commander to issue him a transfer card reviewed by the Division Encampment or the Commander-in-Chief, or whether he has asked for a second court-martial. It would appear by inference that the former had been done, as Brother Gilbert was brought before the California Division Encampment by the present Commander's report. The only negligence upon Brother Gilbert's part, which may be attributed to him at this time, if any, is that he has not heretofore applied to the Commander-in-Chief; but that may be off-set by the fact that his application was not, until the last Encampment of the California Division, acted upon by that Division. If the matter has been pending during these years, and he has been seeking to have the Division act upon his application for a transfer card, he ought not be deprived of that card on the ground of negligence, if he is otherwise entitled to it. Commander-in-Chief Maccabe in Opinion No. 35, 13th Annual Encampment, page 102, disapproved the finding of the first court-martial on the ground that the court was improperly constituted; that there was no evidence to sustain the charge; that the court's finding was based wholly on the resolution of the Division Encampment, ordering a warrant drawn and the accused to pay into the Division treasury a balance.

The matter is not now in a satisfactory shape for a decision, but if Brother Gilbert was guilty of the charges made against him, the California Division should have proven those charges by some competent evidence at a subsequent court-martial. It is not in accordance with the laws of this Order, or with the American Institutions to convict a person upon an opinion or a resolution, and such was the ruling of Commander-in-Chief Maccabe. There is no evidence now before the Commander-in-Chief, which would warrant him in holding that the brother in question was not entitled to a transfer card because of the charges preferred by the California Division, if that Division refuses, or if the Commander of the Division neglects to appoint a court-martial to try Brother Gilbert. Such a court-martial has been ordered by the Division.

The Division Commander states that at the time the Division Encampment passed such a motion, he was fully aware that it could not be done, because of the provisions of Article 103, Section 144, U. S. Revised Statutes, limiting the time within which a court-martial may be ordered to two years from the commitment of the offence. The Commander of the California Division is probably wrong in his inference. The statute of limitations is a personal defence which may be waived by the accused, and if he does waive such a defence, he may, with all propriety, be tried by a court appointed. If this statute does grant the right to interpose the statute of limitations, it is for him to make that defence before the court and not for the Commander of the Division to interpose it as an objection to ordering a court-martial, directed by the past Encampment.

From the papers now before the Commander-in-Chief, it would seem that the Commander of the California Division should be advised to comply with the order of his Division Encampment to appoint the court-martial for the trial of Brother Gilbert the second time, and that unless this is done, within a reasonable time, he will have the right to apply to the Commander to grant the transfer card in accordance with the rules of the Order. The California Division cannot be permitted to deny Brother Gilbert both his transfer card and the right to establish his innocence before a properly appointed court.

Respectfully submitted and correspondence returned.

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,  
Judge Advocate-General.

Chaplain-in-Chief Shoening read his report as follows:

St. Louis, August 12, 1904.

*To Commander-in-Chief Arthur B. Spink and Officers and Members of the Twenty-Third Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.*

GREETING:—I have the honor of submitting for your consideration the report of the Department of the Chaplain-in-Chief.

I was appointed to this honorable position September 25, 1903, and soon found that the position of Chaplain-in-Chief was not alone one of honor, but that there was any amount of work to do if one desired to advance the interests of our beloved Order. My first duty by direction of the Commander-in-Chief was to call on the Officials of the World's Fair relative to a special day for the Sons of Veterans. We arranged that there should be a G. A. R. and S. of V. Day, but after consulting with the G. A. R. the proposition was abandoned.

During the year I installed the Officers of four (4) Camps, reorganized Camp No. 100, of St. Louis, issued a circular for Union Defenders' Day, attended and addressed a joint meeting of the Camps in St. Louis, at which the G. A. R. attended, issued a Memorial Day circular and attended the Memorial Day services at the National Cemetery at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., on Sunday, May 29.

In my circular No. 2 I called attention that Camp Chaplains should make their reports and forward immediately so that Division Chaplains consolidated reports should reach me June 30.

The first report reached me from Division Chaplain C. E. Washburn, of the California Division, his report reached me by registered mail June 15, and was preceded by a telegram saying that his report had been forwarded. I sincerely wish we had a great many more Chaplains who would take as active an interest in their work as Brother Washburn does.

The following reports were received prior to June 30 in the order named:

California, Wisconsin, Maryland, Vermont, Colorado and Wyoming. The Divisions of Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Washington and West Virginia have not forwarded their reports.

The following is the Tabulation of Reports received:

TABLE NO. 1.

Showing percentage of Camps reporting from each Division.

Division	Per Cent.	Division	Per Cent.
Alabama & Tennessee.	100	Missouri	93 1-3
California	80	Minnesota	66 2-3
Colorado & Wyoming..	66 2-3	New Hampshire	94
Connecticut	100	New Jersey	91
Illinois		New York	87
Indiana	00*	Ohio	50
Iowa	00*	Pennsylvania	58 2-10
Kansas	00*	Rhode Island	100
Kentucky	83 1-3	Vermont	69 16-23
Maine	97 14-160	Washington	00*
Maryland	100	West Virginia	00*
Massachusetts	90 2-10	Nebraska	00*
Michigan	00*	Wisconsin	50

\*No report forwarded

The Divisions of Alabama and Tennessee, Maryland, Connecticut and Rhode Island have a percentage of 100.

TABLE NO. 2.

Showing largest Camps in each Division.

Division	Camp	Members	Division	Camp	Members
Ala. & Tenn.	1	75	Missouri	14	145
California	10	70	Minnesota	1	82
Col. & Wyo.	3	33	Nebraska	0	0*
Connecticut	6	66	New Hampshire..	10	64
Illinois	26	52	New Jersey	8	189
Indiana	0	0*	New York	78	253
Iowa	0	0*	Ohio	3	115
Kansas	0	0*	Pennsylvania	233	500
Kentucky	20	26	Rhode Island	5	109
Maine	2	60	Vermont	19	64
Maryland	2	86	Washington	0	0*
Massachusetts	1	128	West Virginia	0	0*
Michigan	0	0*	Wisconsin	37	66

\*No report forwarded

Largest Camp in the Order, Camp No. 233, Pennsylvania Division, with 500 members.

TABLE NO. 3.

Showing Camp with greatest number of Brothers in line Memorial Day.

Division	Camp	Members	Division	Camp	Members
Ala. & Tenn.	1	30	Missouri	14	67
California	7 & 10	60	Minnesota	1	30
Col. & Wyo.	3	18	Nebraska	0	0*
Connecticut	6 & 7	110	New Hampshire	28	40
Illinois	26	38	New Jersey	8	70
Indiana	0	0*	New York	6	65
Iowa	0	0*	Ohio	43	56
Kansas	0	0*	Pennsylvania	16	397
Kentucky	6	22	Rhode Island	10	33
Maine	2	41	Vermont	9	28
Maryland	2	36	Washington	0	0*
Massachusetts	11	73	West Virginia	0	0*
Michigan	0	0*	Wisconsin	37	30

\*No report forwarded

Camp No. 16, Pennsylvania Division, had largest number of members in line on Memorial Day, 397 members.



TABLE NO. 4.

Showing number of Camps in each Division furnishing Firing Squad.

Division	No. of Camps	Division	No. of Camps
Alabama & Tennessee.	0	Missouri .....	6
California .....	5	Minnesota .....	12
Colorado & Wyoming.	0	Nebraska .....	0*
Connecticut .....	2	New Hampshire .....	2
Illinois .....	5	New Jersey .....	13
Indiana .....	0*	New York .....	17
Iowa .....	0*	Ohio .....	12
Kansas .....	0*	Pennsylvania .....	58
Kentucky .....	0	Rhode Island .....	4
Maine .....	10	Vermont .....	4
Maryland .....	7	Washington .....	0*
Massachusetts .....	17	West Virginia .....	0*
Michigan .....	0*	Wisconsin .....	5

\*No report forwarded

Pennsylvania furnished largest number, 58 Firing Squads.

TABLE NO. 5.

Showing Camp having largest attendance at Memorial Sunday services.

Division	Camp	Members	Division	Camp	Members
Ala. & Tenn.....	1	45	Missouri .....	14	34
California .....	10	30	Minnesota .....	1	20
Col. & Wyo. ....	3	18	Nebraska .....	0	0*
Connecticut .....	6	50	New Hampshire ..	10	38
Illinois .....	26	40	New Jersey .....	1	60
Indiana .....	0	0*	New York .....	6	50
Iowa .....	0	0*	Ohio .....	89	51
Kansas .....	0	0*	Pennsylvania ....	16	283
Kentucky .....	6	22	Rhode Island ....	10	23
Maine .....	2	33	Vermont .....	19	26
Maryland .....	2	40	Washington .....	0	0*
Massachusetts ...	1	73	West Virginia ...	0	0*
Michigan .....	0	0*	Wisconsin .....	7	20

\*No report forwarded

283 members of Camp No. 16, Pennsylvania Division, listened to Divine Services on Memorial Day.

TABLE NO. 6.

Showing number of addresses delivered by members of the Order on Memorial Day.

Division	Members	Division	Members
Alabama & Tennessee.	6	Missouri .....	4
California .....	7	Minnesota .....	23
Colorado & Wyoming..	0	Nebraska .....	0*
Connecticut .....	10	New Hampshire .....	9
Illinois .....	4	New Jersey .....	7
Indiana .....	0*	New York .....	57
Iowa .....	0*	Ohio .....	17
Kansas .....	0*	Pennsylvania .....	97
Kentucky .....	0	Rhode Island .....	2
Maine .....	17	Vermont .....	4
Maryland .....	6	Washington .....	0*
Massachusetts .....	47	West Virginia .....	0*
Michigan .....	0*	Wisconsin .....	5

\*No report forwarded

97 members of the Pennsylvania Division delivered addresses on Memorial Day.

TABLE NO. 7.

Showing number of Camps observing Union Defenders' Day in each Division.

Division	Camps	Division	Camps
Alabama & Tennessee.	4	Missouri .....	2
California .....	8	Minnesota .....	2
Colorado & Wyoming..	0	Nebraska .....	0*
Connecticut .....	10	New Hampshire ....	5
Illinois .....	4	New Jersey .....	16
Indiana .....	0*	New York .....	37
Iowa .....	0*	Ohio .....	6
Kansas .....	0*	Pennsylvania .....	49
Kentucky .....	0	Rhode Island .....	4
Maine .....	14	Vermont .....	1
Maryland .....	5	Washington .....	0*
Massachusetts .....	47	West Virginia .....	0*
Michigan .....	0*	Wisconsin .....	3

\*No report forwarded

49 Camps of the Pennsylvania Division observed Union Defenders' Day, with Massachusetts Division a close second with 47 Camps.

TABLE NO. 8.

Showing number of deaths during past year in each Division.

Division	Members	Division	Members
Alabama & Tennessee.	3	Missouri .....	2
California .....	0	Minnesota .....	1
Colorado & Wyoming..	0	Nebraska .....	0*
Connecticut .....	4	New Hampshire ....	4
Illinois .....	1	New Jersey .....	3
Indiana .....	0*	New York .....	16
Iowa .....	0*	Ohio .....	2
Kansas .....	0*	Pennsylvania .....	50
Kentucky .....	0	Rhode Island .....	1
Maine .....	6	Vermont .....	1
Maryland .....	1	Washington .....	0*
Massachusetts .....	28	West Virginia .....	0*
Michigan .....	0*	Wisconsin .....	2

\*No report forwarded

50 deaths in the Pennsylvania Division.

TABLE NO. 9.

Showing number of funerals attended by Camps in a body in each Division.

Division	G. A. R.	S. V.	Division	G. A. R.	S. V.
Ala. & Tenn.....	0	1	Missouri.. .....	9	2
California .....	6	1	Minnesota .....	10	2
Col. & Wyo.....	0	0	Nebraska .....	0	0*
Connecticut .....	2	4	New Hampshire ..	8	15
Illinois .....	8	1	New Jersey .....	23	2
Indiana .....	0	0*	New York .....	34	13
Iowa .....	0	0*	Ohio .....	39	4
Kansas .....	0	0*	Pennsylvania .....	205	58
Kentucky .....	0	0	Rhode Island ...	3	1
Maine .....	3	4	Vermont .....	7	1
Maryland .....	19	0	Washington .....	0	0*
Massachusetts ...	43	16	West Virginia ...	0	0*
Michigan .....	0	0*	Wisconsin .....	8	2

\*No report forwarded

Pennsylvania Division, 205 G. A. R. members, and 58 S. of V. members.

TABLE NO. 10.

Showing number of burial services conducted by Camps in each Division.

Division	G. A. R.	S. V.	Division	G. A. R.	S. V.
Ala. & Tenn.....	0	1	Missouri .....	8	1
California .....	0	0	Minnesota .....	2	2
Col. & Wyo.....	0	0	Nebraska .....	0	0*
Connecticut .....	0	2	New Hampshire ..	0	2
Illinois .....	0	0	New Jersey .....	6	1
Indiana .....	0	0*	New York .....	3	12
Iowa .....	0	0*	Ohio .....	6	3
Kansas .....	0	0*	Pennsylvania .....	28	40
Kentucky .....	0	0	Rhode Island .....	0	0
Maine .....	0	0	Vermont .....	0	2
Maryland .....	0	0	Washington .....	0	0*
Massachusetts ....	3	8	West Virginia ...	0	0*
Michigan .....	0	0*	Wisconsin .....	0	0

\*No report forwarded

Pennsylvania Division conducted 28 G. A. R., and 40 S. of V. burial services.

#### RECAPITULATION.

Number of Divisions in the Order .....	26
Number of Divisions Reporting .....	21
Number of Divisions Not Reporting .....	5
Percentage of Divisions Reporting .....	80 10-13
Number of Camps in the Order March 31, 1904.....	719
Number of Camps Reporting .....	477
Percentage of Camps Reporting .....	66 34-100
Number of Brothers in line Memorial Day .....	11,828
Number of Camps Observing Union Defenders' Day .....	217

During the year I have received about one hundred and fifty pieces of mail and sent out over two hundred, my postage amounting to four dollars.

In conclusion I desire to thank you Commander Spink for the honor conferred upon me and assure you of my appreciation. To Adjutant General Congdon, Quartermaster General Bolton and the Commanders of the various Divisions, my thanks are due for the uniform kindness shown me during the year.

Wishing you all God speed and our Noble Order success, I am,

Yours in F., C. & L.,

E. E. SCHOENING,  
Chaplain-in-Chief.

**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** The report of the Chaplain-in-Chief will take its proper course.

H. V. SPEELMAN, Chairman, then read the report of the Council-in-Chief, as follows:

BOSTON, MASS., August 17, 1904.

*To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-Third Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.*

**BROTHERS:**—The Council-in-Chief submits herewith a record of its proceedings during the past year, for your consideration and approval.

At our first meeting, held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, following the adjournment of the Twenty-Second Annual Encampment, an organization was effected by the election of H. V. Speelman, of Ohio, as Chairman, and Walter E. Smith, of Pennsylvania, as Secretary.

The bond of the Commander-in-Chief was fixed at ten thousand dollars, and that of the Adjutant General at twenty-five hundred dollars.



Past Adjutant General McGuire was requested to sell the old desks, and Commander-in-Chief Spink was authorized to purchase one new one. He was authorized to purchase two new trunks.

During the year the Council-in-Chief, upon the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief, voted to purchase a typewriter at a cost of sixty-five dollars, for use at headquarters, and also voted to have placed in the National Memorial University at Mason City, Iowa, such portraits of Past Commanders-in-Chief as the Commander-in-Chief may select.

Your Council-in-Chief voted to have printed under one cover the proceedings of the Providence, Washington and Atlantic City Encampments, this work to be under the supervision of the Quartermaster General.

By unanimous action of your Council, August 17, 18 and 19, 1901, were decided upon as the dates for the holding of the Twenty-Third Annual Encampment.

The books and accounts of the Adjutant General and Quartermaster General, together with all bills, vouchers and requisitions pertaining thereto, have been carefully audited, and have been found correct in every particular. These officers are to be commended for the business-like manner in which their duties have been discharged.

On the date of our examination of the books, August 15, 1904, a balance of \$2,937.89 was found to be on the books and in the hands of the Quartermaster General, and in addition to this amount, since the close of the Quartermaster General's books, there have been turned over to that officer the sum of \$176.61, making a total balance on hand of \$3,114.50, a net gain of about \$2,300.00 for the year.

Your Council-in-Chief recommends that the per capita tax for the coming year be fixed at thirty-six cents per member, the same as heretofore.

Fraternally submitted,

H. V. SPEELMAN, *Chairman.*

NEWTON J. McGUIRE.

JAMES B. ADAM.

WALTER E. SMITH, *Secretary.*

*Council-in-Chief.*

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If there is no objection, the report of the Council-in-Chief will be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports. Referred.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I have pleasure in presenting to you, General R. M. J. Reed, Commandant of our organization, the Sons of Veterans Reserves, for his report:

General Reed made his report as follows:

REPORT OF CHIEF-OF-STAFF, COMMANDING MILITARY S. OF V.  
RESERVES, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., August 16, 1904.

MR. WM. R. CONGDON, *Adjutant General.*

SIR AND BROTHER:—The 22d Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, held at Atlantic City, N. J., September, 1903, incorporated a Military Department as a portion of the Constitution, and in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid amendments, the Commander-in-Chief honored me with the appointment of Chief-of-Staff.

In accepting the appointment, and entering upon the duties, it was with an abiding faith in the Military features of our Order, but with many misgivings as to ability to meet the requirements and fulfill the expectations of the Commander-in-Chief and Brothers favorable to the movement.

My experience as the organizer and Commanding Officer of the First Regiment of Pennsylvania S. of V. Reserves, for the past six years, was of great value, and proved the advisability, and necessity as well, of a regularly organized and disciplined Military attached to the Order.

I, at once, addressed communications to many of the Division officers and Camps throughout the United States, who were known to have armed Guards, bringing to their notice the provisions of the Military Law, and asking their co-operation in organizing Companies of Reserves. Several of the Division Commanders responded by publishing the same in their General Orders, while some have, up to the present, disregarded the Orders of the Commander-in-Chief, as published in his General Orders and we have failed to receive either a response to our communication or information relative to the location of Camps, who at this time have organized Camp Guards.

I have been peculiarly fortunate in securing conservative Military men as members of my personal Staff. Lieutenant Colonel Theodore A. Reed, Assistant Adjutant General, with a number of years experience in the U. S. Army and the National Guard, has been my ever present and willing helper, at the Headquarters, assisted materially by E. J. Prittie, Aide-de-Camp, who has also an enviable Military record of several years. Past Commander-in-Chief Lieutenant Colonel E. R. Campbell, Assistant Inspector General, a veteran officer of the U. S. Army and the National Guard, has been my refuge, adviser, and assistant on all occasions, and language is inadequate to express my indebtedness for the work he has accomplished since his appointment. Captain Harry Moore, Aide-de-Camp, assigned to duty with Colonel Campbell, has also rendered valuable service. Lieutenant Colonel Charles H. E. Moran, Assistant Quartermaster General, has, in spite of adverse conditions, been able to accomplish much of the work assigned him. Past Division Commander C. Day Rudy, of Pennsylvania, Division Commander A. G. Loyd, of Pennsylvania, and Division Commander R. M. Gentlner, of New York, deserve special mention for the valuable assistance rendered, and their efforts in creating an interest in the Sons of Veterans Reserve. To them belongs very much of the credit, and much of the results that have followed our efforts in organizing in Pennsylvania and New York. The enthusiastic efforts of Colonel F. A. McKelvey, Commanding the 4th Regiment, S. of V. Reserves, of Pennsylvania, resulted in the organization of that Regiment, which at the present time has seventeen Companies on their rosters.

We have now, in Pennsylvania, six Regiments of Infantry, two excellent batteries of Artillery, and two troops of Cavalry, with two other Regiments ready for muster.

At this date we have the following organizations:

New York, two battalions of Infantry, one troop of Cavalry, and one signal corps.  
 New Hampshire, two Companies of Infantry.  
 Connecticut, one Company of Infantry.  
 Rhode Island, one Company of Infantry.  
 Minnesota, one Company of Infantry.  
 Massachusetts, two Companies of dismounted Cavalry.  
 California, one Company of Infantry.  
 Illinois, two Companies of Infantry.  
 New Jersey, two Companies of Infantry.  
 Ohio, one battalion of Infantry.  
 State of Washington, one Company of Infantry, with a full battalion in prospect in the near future.

We expect that our successor will be ready to muster Companies in Indiana, Kansas, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Michigan, Nebraska and Minnesota, within the next month.

I am fully convinced that within two years from this date we shall have not less than fifteen full Regiments of Infantry, several batteries of Artillery and troops of Cavalry, fully organized, armed and equipped—a real organization of Reserve soldiery, whose patriotism cannot be doubted, and who, in time of need, could be implicitly relied upon for defense of the general Government.



We have been able to eliminate many of the objectionable features of the "go as you please" independent Camp Guards, who were dressed in a hundred different kinds of uniform, and there are but few members of the Order now who wear shoulder-straps and side-arms, and have no soldiers to command. In a short time we believe that our members will be educated up to the point that shoulder-straps and side-arms mean a Military command, and that when a member of this Order assumes to wear a Military designation, it will mean that he belongs to an organized Military force.

The expenses attending the organization, or rather preparation for work, have been considerable. At our own expense, we prepared suitable commissions, had dies made for cutting the Insignias of the Reserve, and this with postage, traveling and hotel expense, has amounted to more than we had anticipated. The sacrifice, however, has been freely given as a testimonial of our love for the cause. These expenses will not fall to the lot of my successor, excepting, perhaps, traveling and postage.

The experience of the past years most conclusively prove that the Chief-of-Staff, and his assistants, cannot achieve success under a commission for one year. The seed sown by an active and enthusiastic corps of officers would be harvested by their successors the following year. These successors may, perhaps, have done no work whatever, and yet they would receive the credit for what had been done by their predecessors, and by the end of the second year affairs would be again in their chaotic state. We believe that the Chief-of-Staff should be commissioned for a term of five years, and therefore, recommend that the Chief-of-Staff be commissioned for five years from date of this Encampment.

I also recommend the elimination of conflicting Military titles in the Civic body. The Adjutant General, Inspector General, Quartermaster General, and other Military officers are now styled Assistant Adjutant General, etc., while every Military man knows that these officers of the general staff are not Assistant Adjutant General, etc., but are, in fact, Adjutant General, etc. The Adjutant of a General commanding a subordinate body is properly styled Assistant Adjutant General, as he is in fact. Therefore, if we want to have a Military Department organized along Military lines, we must have respect for Military usage.

As there is at present much uncertainty as to what color facings will be worn by the Infantry of the U. S. Army, I recommend that this Encampment adopt the light blue facings for the Infantry arm of the Reserves.

I also recommend that all officers of the several Divisions, as well as the officers of armed Guards, be required to report to the Chief-of-Staff, any, and all, Companies and armed Guards that now, or may hereafter, exist in their Divisions, or who have failed or refused to report to these Headquarters. In many cases our only means of knowing of the existence of Guards attached to Camps, who are tardy in obeying the orders of the Commander-in-Chief, and his subordinates, is to make it a portion of the duty of Division officers to make report on these matters.

I recommend that a per capita tax, of one-half cent per quarter, be levied for the support of the Military Department. Said per capita tax to be paid over by the Commandery-in-Chief on presentation of bills approved by the Commander-in-Chief.

We are now more firmly convinced than we were one year ago of the advisability, and even the necessity, for the establishment of a purely Military feature in our Order. We can point to many Camps who, prior to 1903, were practically dormant, who immediately after the adoption of the Military feature took on new courage, organized Military Companies, and are now successful organizations. Many Camps have been organized wholly because of the opportunity given them to organize a Military Company under the protection of the Constitution. Results have proven that this Military feature will be one of the great-



est factors in adding to our numerical strength, and winning the respect of the Grand Army of the Republic and patriotic citizens.

There has just been held, in the City of Reading, a most successful Camp of the First and Fifth Regiments of Infantry of Pennsylvania, two batteries of Artillery, two troops of Cavalry, and parts of the Second Third and Fourth Regiments, under the immediate command of Brigadier General Fred Tscudy, recently appointed to command the Reserves of Pennsylvania.

Before closing this report I desire to testify to the valued help, willing assistance, and good advice given me, at all times, by the Commander-in-Chief, Brother A. B. Spink, and Adjutant General William R. Congdon. No favor has been asked that has been refused, no assistance required that ever found them too busy to respond, and I hope most earnestly that my successor may be blessed and honored by serving two such Commanders.

I respectfully and earnestly ask that this Twenty-Third Annual session of the Commandery-in-Chief will concede the modest request made in behalf of this Military movement, and I pledge you my word that if supported in a proper way the organization of the Sons of Veterans, ten years hence, will have a Military organization worthy of the joint heirs of an heroic ancestry.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. J. REED,

*Chief-of-Staff, Commanding Military Department.*

Applause followed the reading of the report.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The report of General Reed, Chief of Staff, will be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports, if there is no objection. No objection is offered and it is so submitted.

F. H. B. McDOWELL, of Wisconsin: At the time of my retirement from the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, having been elected Commander of my Division, I had prepared a report, and as it carries with it a recommendation, I ask the privilege of reading same to this Encampment.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: No objection being offered, he will be permitted to read his report.

Brother McDowell read his report as follows:

June 16, 1904.

*Arthur B. Spink, Esq., Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Officers and Members of the 23d Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHEREN:—In performing the duties required of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief there is that of presenting an annual report, with such recommendations as may seem necessary to him in the progress and upbuilding of the Order. The condition of our Order in the Middle West, which has come more particularly under my jurisdiction, has been such as to excite not a little anxiety among those of us who have its growth and permanency at heart. It does not require a great deal of work to organize camps of the Order in the average small town or city; and it does not require a great amount of sacrifice on the part of conscientious officers and members to keep Camps alive and healthy—if the membership is kept constantly at work along some line which is of interest to a majority of the members; but it has become a serious problem how to organize and maintain Camps of the Order in our larger cities, which shall be at all proportionate to the material for membership in those cities. Such centers as Chicago, Milwaukee, Cleveland, Detroit, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Kansas City and others which might be mentioned, can boast of but one Camp of the Order, while some have none at all. This question has been a matter of serious consideration by Past Commanders of the various Divisions and by officers of the Commandery-in-Chief. My opinion is that the Military reserve feature

of our Order, as soon as it can become effective in our Western cities, will assist in solving this problem and aid in the building up of the Order in the West. I am also a strong believer in the death-benefit feature of Camp-life, both in the protection to members' families and the consequent incentive to continued membership. The good results of the financing of this protection by the Sons of Veterans' Death Benefit Association of Pennsylvania, has been brought to my notice in my own Division, and I do not hesitate to indorse and recommend it to all Divisions and Camps as a feature and benefit, which cannot well be ignored.

I desire to recommend, as an addition to the present Sons of Veterans Military Reserve, that this Commandery-in-Chief provide for the creation of an additional arm of the service, to be known as the Naval Reserve, and direct that the Commander-in-Chief promulgate by general orders, through his Chief of Staff, such regulations for the Government of that arm of the service as to him shall be deemed necessary; such Naval Reserve to be organized, officered, uniformed, equipped and drilled in accordance with the regulations governing the Naval service of the United States; companies to be mustered wherever the locations and conditions require such service.

To the end that our Military Reserve be equipped, so far as possible, by the National and State authorities, I would recommend that the incoming Commander-in-Chief and the Commanders of the several Divisions be instructed to secure from Congress and the various State Legislatures the necessary legislation for the equipping of the Military Reserve from the National and State arsenals.

In conclusion I can only emphasize the idea which has become firmly fixed in my mind that, aside from any duty we owe to our fathers or our country, the Order of the Sons of Veterans is a good thing, and to urge the younger members—like the Old Guard—to stay with it and push it along.

I desire at this time, Commander Spink, to thank you and the members of your staff for the very pleasant relations of the past year, and to wish you and each of them continued prosperity and usefulness in our Order and in your various relations in life.

Fraternally in F., C. and L.,

FRANK H. B. McDOWELL,  
*Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.*

The reading was followed by applause.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If there is no objection, the report will be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports. No objection offered, it is so referred.

#### VISIT OF DELEGATION FROM ASSOCIATION OF ARMY NURSES.

H. M. HOLBROOK, of Massachusetts: There is without, a delegation of Army Nurses.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: What is the pleasure of the Encampment?

REV. A. S. HAWKES, of Rhode Island: I move that they be received.

Motion put and carried.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I will appoint the following committee to escort the delegation to the room, and will declare a recess in order to receive them:

Rev. A. S. Hawkes, R. I.; R. M. Genthner, N. Y.; R. C. Woerner, N. J.

Committee escorted delegation into the hall.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I am pleased to present to you Mrs. Anna Stubbs, of Pennsylvania.

MRS. STUBBS: Gentlemen of the Sons of Veterans, we bring greetings from the Army Nurses of the Civil War. We are proud of you, and you have our best wishes.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I now present to you Mrs. H. R. Shontz, of Pennsylvania.

MRS. SHONTZ: We are very glad to meet you together here. We are very glad to know that your fathers are going to be followed by the sons.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It is a coincidence that the entire delegation is from the Keystone State. I now have pleasure in introducing Mrs. Stewart, of Gettysburg, Pa.

MRS. STEWART: I cannot say very much. I feel very much like the old soldier; when he was sitting down he knew a great deal, but when he got up he knew nothing. I am proud of the boys, as my boy is among you. When I was a young girl, we thought the Boys in Blue were the embodiment of nobility and chivalry, and we hope you will be worthy sons of worthy sires.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I will call upon Rev. Dr. Hawkes to respond for the Commander-in-Chief.

REV. A. S. HAWKES, of Rhode Island: It is a great pleasure, I am sure, ladies of the Army Nurses Association, to say a word or two in appreciation of your visit to us at this time. Very few of us know what it is to pass through a war and need the assistance of the army nurses. There have been those who needed it. I think, as I respond to the feeling that animates the hearts of all of us, some of whose fathers suffered, that I can say that we cannot honor too much those who took upon themselves the burden of alleviating pain. It is with those feelings that we greet you this morning, and I will say that as far as we are concerned, we give you our most earnest and hearty thanks. May God bless you for a much longer life.

The Committee then retired from the hall, and the Encampment resumed business.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON "BANNER."

W. B. McNULTY, of Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief, we have here the report of the Committee on *The Banner*, which I will proceed to read.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If there are no objections, Brother McNulty will read report. No objections being offered, the report was read as follows:

WHEREAS, Divisions representing a majority of the membership of the Order have endorsed *The Banner*; and

WHEREAS, It is generally appreciated by the membership and recognized as a source of strength.

*Be it Resolved*, That the Commandery-in-Chief renew the contract, on terms in force, for a term of five years; that all communications intended for publication be forwarded through Division Headquarters; that Division Adjutants correct mailing lists quarterly; and that greater space be devoted to editorial discussion and matters of general interest.

W. B. McNULTY,  
GEORGE E. COX,  
R. M. GENTHNER,  
A. L. SORTER, JR.,  
F. T. F. JOHNSON.

The report was adopted after argument, for three years instead of five.



## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL: Your Committee will report that the following list of brothers are entitled to seats in this Encampment, and further that your Committee on Credentials have checked up 145 credential cards, which is approximately the number present. I cannot get a complete list of all present.

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**COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF OFFICERS.**

*Commander-in-Chief*, ARTHUR B. SPINK, Providence, R. I.  
*Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief*, JAMES B. ADAMS, Atlantic City, N. J.  
*Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief*,  
*Council-in-Chief*, H. V. SFEELMAN, Cincinnati, Ohio; NEWTON J. MCGUIRE,  
 Indianapolis, Ind.; WALTER J. SMITH, Allentown, Pa.  
*Adjutant General*, WILLIAM R. CONGDON, Providence, R. I.  
*Quartermaster General*, FRED. E. BOLTON, 947 Tremont Bldg, Boston, Mass  
*Judge Advocate General* WILLIAM T. CHURCH, Chicago, Ill.  
*Chaplain-in-Chief*, E. E. SCHOENING, St. Louis, Mo.  
*Chief of Staff*, GENERAL R. M. J. REED, Philadelphia, Pa.

**PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF.**

Frank B. Merrill, Boston, Mass.; Louis M. Wagner, Philadelphia, Pa.; George B. Abbott, Chicago, Ill.; George M. Marks, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Bartow S. Weeks, New York City, N. Y.; Joseph B. Maccabe, Boston, Mass.; Edwin Earp, Lynn, Mass.; W. H. Russell, La Crosse, Kan.; James Lewis Rake, Reading, Pa.; R. M. J. Reed, Philadelphia, Pa.; Charles K. Darling, Boston, Mass.; Frank L. Shepard, Chicago, Ill.; A. W. Jones, Youngstown, O.; E. W. Alexander, Reading, Pa.; Edward R. Campbell, Washington, D. C.; Frank Martin, Indianapolis, Ind.

**PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDERS.**

Frank H. Callis, Manchester, N. H.; E. Howard Gilkey, Columbus, O.; R. M. J. Reed, Philadelphia, Pa.; W. E. W. Ross, Baltimore, Md.; Raphael Tobias, New York City, N. Y.

**CONSTITUTIONAL LIFE MEMBERS.**

W. E. W. Ross, Baltimore, Md.; Wm. H. Pierpont, New Haven, Conn.; R. M. J. Reed, Philadelphia, Pa.; O. B. Brown, Dayton, O.; Wm. Luther Davis, Cincinnati, O.; Charles A. Bookwalter, Indianapolis, Ind.; John M. Thurston, Omaha, Neb.; Isaac Cutter, Camp Point, Ill.; E. C. Parkinson, Rochester, N. Y.; Harold C. Megrew, Indianapolis, Ind.

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**DIVISIONS.**
**ALABAMA AND TENNESSEE.**

*Commander*.—Joseph H. Larimore, Birmingham, Ala.  
*Past Commanders*.—M. D. Friedman, Birmingham, Ala.; R. W. Biese, Birmingham, Ala.; W. R. Cooper, Knoxville, Tenn.; Valentine Gilb, Jr., Birmingham, Ala.; J. W. V. R. Plummer, Key West, Fla.; Edgar E. Carter, Greenboro, N. C.; L. W. Friedman, Birmingham, Ala.; H. T. Cooper, Knoxville, Tenn.; W. F. Bolin, Birmingham, Ala.; Orville H. Hall, Atlanta, Ga.; I. A. Millar, Birmingham, Ala.; J. F. Ehrhart, Birmingham, Ala.; W. A. J. Moore, Knoxville, Tenn.  
*Delegate at Large*.—B. G. Covell, Birmingham, Ala.  
*Alternate at Large*.—B. L. Loventhal, Birmingham, Ala.

*Delegate.*—H. M. Austin, Birmingham, Ala.

*Alternate.*—E. E. Carter, Knoxville, Tenn.

#### CALIFORNIA.

*Commander.*—Frank B. Wilson, San Francisco, Cal.

*Past Commanders.*—C. J. Callahan, Los Angeles, Cal.; L. D. P. Callahan, Los Angeles, Cal.; Ed. C. Robinson, Oakland, Cal.; Frank W. Bunnell, Los Angeles, Cal.; Fred V. Wood, Oakland, Cal.; Frank C. Shipley, Seattle, Wash.; C. L. Pierce, San Francisco, Cal.; Harry T. Moore, San Francisco, Cal.; Dr. A. G. Bennett, San Jose, Cal.; Otto L. Sues, San Francisco, Cal.; Dr. E. Weldon Young, Seattle, Wash.; C. J. Plimpton, Seattle, Wash.; Chas. B. Oral, Pine, Oregon; Walter Ross, Eugene, Oregon; C. E. Washburn, Los Angeles, Cal.; Frank R. Handley, San Francisco, Cal.; John A. Medler, Los Angeles, Cal.

*Delegate at Large.*—George S. Geis, San Francisco, Cal.

*Alternate at Large.*—F. W. Hawley, Los Angeles, Cal.

*Delegate.*—Emanuel J. Hromada, San Francisco, Cal.

*Alternate.*—Fred E. Munsey, Los Angeles, Cal.

#### COLORADO AND WYOMING.

*Commander.*—Frank A. Whitney, Denver, Col.

*Past Commanders.*—Chas. H. Anderson, Denver, Col.; Lorin S. Whitney, Denver, Col.; L. M. Taylor, Ft. Collins, Col.; William W. Swan, Denver, Col.

*Delegate at Large.*—August Rischie, Denver, Col.

*Alternate at Large.*—Guy L. Cotton, Pagosa Springs, Col.

*Delegate.*—John C. Lennox, Pagosa Springs, Col.

*Alternate.*—Charles C. McClintock, Petersburg, Col.

#### CONNECTICUT.

*Commander.*—Malcolm D. Rudd, Lakeville, Conn.

*Past Commanders.*—W. H. Pierpont, New Haven, Conn.; G. B. Smith, Hartford, Conn.; H. W. Wessels, Litchfield, Conn.; G. E. Cox, Hartford, Conn.; A. T. Bogue, Hartford, Conn.; W. N. Barber, Meriden, Conn.; W. J. Bissell, Litchfield, Conn.; E. S. Bishop, Norwich, Conn.; F. R. Upson, Southington, Conn.; L. S. Chapman, Derby, Conn.; F. S. Valentine, Derby, Conn.; Edward Croft, Waterbury, Conn.

*Delegate at Large.*—F. H. McGar, Waterbury, Conn.

*Alternate at Large.*—C. E. Batchelor, Ansonia, Conn.

*Delegate.*—F. G. Poole, Mystic, Conn.

*Alternate.*—E. E. Brooks, Rockville, Conn.

#### ILLINOIS.

*Commander.*—Geo. W. G. Estover, Chicago, Ill.

*Past Commanders.*—R. V. Mallary, Decatur, Ill.; G. B. Abbott, Solto De Agua, Chiopas, Mexico, via Frontera; Frank McCrillis, New York, N. Y.; George B. Staddon, Springfield, Ill.; George H. Hurlburt, New York, N. Y.; C. D. Marsh, Chicago, Ill.; John D. Hall, Peoria, Ill.; John R. Neeley, Chicago, Ill.; Wm. G. Dustin, Dwight, Ill.; Frank L. Shepard, Chicago, Ill.; Wm. T. Church, Chicago, Ill.; S. A. Thompson, Fortress Monroe, Va.; Will C. Schneider, Kankakee, Ill.; Charles T. Orner, Bloomington, Ill.; Wm. E. Hull, Peoria, Ill.; Frank T. Reid, Springfield, Ill.; J. E. Seabert, Dwight, Ill.; C. D. Thomas, Champaign, Ill.

*Delegate at Large.*—E. F. Buck, Peoria, Ill.

*Delegates.*—John T. Stockton, Chicago, Ill.; Henry Abels, Springfield, Ill.; J. A. Simpson, Lincoln, Ill.

*Alternates* not reported.

INDIANA.

*Commander.*—Lawrence A. Handley, Richmond, Ind.

*Past Commanders.*—John C. Harvey, Danville, Ind.; John W. Newton, Winchester, Ind.; N. J. McGuire, Indianapolis, Ind.; Frank Martin, Indianapolis, Ind.; R. B. Oglesbee, Indianapolis, Ind.; R. S. Thompson, Rising Sun, Ind.; H. O. P. Cline, Marion, Ind.; Sidney Conger, Shelbyville, Ind.; Geo. W. Krietenstein, Terre Haute, Ind.; Geo. F. Ogden, Laketon, Ind.; Wm. H. Armstrong, Indianapolis, Ind.; E. E. Friedline, Jonesboro, Ind.

*Delegate at Large.*—H. M. Caylor, Noblesville, Ind.

*Alternate at Large.*—Chris H. Meyer, Alexandria, Ind.

*Delegates.*—George Carr, Greenfield, Ind.; W. F. Giller, Fort Wayne, Ind.

*Alternates.*—T. W. Blair, Fort Wayne, Ind.; F. E. Watson, Goldsmith, Ind.

IOWA.

*Commander.*—W. F. Muse, Mason City, Ia.

*Past Commanders.*—W. W. Bisby, Boise City, Ia.; A. L. Sorter, Jr., Mason City, Ia.; Will A. Brown, Marshalltown, Ia.; L. A. Dilley, Davenport, Ia.; H. J. Green, Decorah, Ia.; W. T. Mollison, Fairbault, Minn.; W. A. Morris, Mason City, Ia.; C. W. Bryan, Prairie City, Ia.

*Delegate at Large.*—R. Shaw Van, Dennison, Ia.

*Alternate at Large* not reported.

*Delegate.*—J. E. Blythe, Mason City, Ia.

*Alternate* not reported.

KANSAS.

*Commander.*—L. E. Fowler, Emporia, Kan.

*Past Commanders.*—W. Y. Morgan, Hutchinson, Kan.; W. P. Feder, Great Bend, Kan.; John Redmond, Burlington, Kan.; J. L. Papes, Wichita, Kan.; L. B. Price, Wichita, Kan.; Guy B. Selleck, Emporia, Kan.; W. P. Wilcox, Emporia, Kan.; Ed. H. Madison, Dodge City, Kan.; W. H. Russell, LaCrosse, Kan.; R. L. Rickard, Valley Centre, Kan.

*Delegate at Large.*—E. L. Smith, Strong City, Kan.

*Alternate at Large* not reported.

*Delegate.*—C. D. Clark, Wichita, Kan.

*Alternate* not reported.

KENTUCKY.

*Commander.*—Geo. H. Stebbins, Newport, Ky.

*Past Commanders.*—W. N. Evans, Augusta, Ky.; W. A. Field, Augusta, Ky.; B. F. McClelland, Louisville, Ky.; Alex. Hamilton, Newport, Ky.; B. M. Harwood, Louisville, Ky.; J. E. Stebbins, Newport, Ky.; Wm. H. Kennedy, Newport, Ky.

*Delegate at Large.*—Joseph F. Biggs, Louisville, Ky.

*Alternate at Large.*—Tiffin Kennedy, Newport, Ky.

*Delegate.*—A. H. Cabell, Henderson, Ky.

*Alternate.*—Arthur L. Ross, Newport, Ky.

MAINE.

*Commander.*—John Shaw, Bath, Me.

*Past Commanders.*—Charles H. Rice, Bangor, Me.; Edward K. Gould, Rockland, Me.; Thomas G. Libby, Vinelhaven, Me.; Waldo H. Perry, Portland, Me.; Andrew C. Cloudman, Cumberland Mills, Me.; Edward C. Moran, Rockland, Me.; Charles E. Merrill, Auburn, Me.; Robert L. Whitcomb, Portland, Me.; Harry C. Chatto, Rockland, Me.;



L. L. Cooper, Augusta, Me.; Arthur M. Soule, Portland, Me.; Geo. E. Leighton, Portsmouth, N. H.; Frank P. Merrill, Boston, Mass.; Elmore N. Courson, Brunswick, Me.; Frank L. Beals, Auburn, Me.; J. Warren Phinney, Cumberland Mills, Me.; Arthur L. Orne, Rockland, Me.

*Delegate at Large*.—George W. Gragg, Dorchester, Mass.

Alternate at Large not reported.

*Delegates*.—Wm. H. Looney, Portland, Me.; E. M. Small, Lewiston, Me.

Alternates not reported.

#### MARYLAND.

*Commander*.—Francis E. Cross, Washington, D. C.

*Past Commanders*.—Miles W. Ross, Baltimore, Md.; Robert W. Wilson, Baltimore, Md.; Frank O. Peterson, Baltimore, Md.; D. M. Rittenhouse, Baltimore, Md.; Frank A. White, Easton, Md.; Edgar Allen, Jr., Richmond, Va.; E. K. DuPuy, Kensington, Md.; Geo. S. Whitmore, Washington, D. C.; F. T. F. Johnson, Washington, D. C.; Frank P. Gentien, Henry Clay, Del.

*Delegate at Large*.—Charles S. Davis, Washington, D. C.

Alternate at Large not reported.

*Delegate*.—Roscoe C. White, Frederick, Md.

Alternate not reported.

#### MASSACHUSETTS.

*Commander*.—Harry M. Holbrook, Boston, Mass.

*Past Commanders*.—Fred. G. Bradford, Summerville, Mass.; Chas. F. Sargent, Lawrence, Mass.; Henry S. Crossman, Springfield, Mass.; John H. Hinckley, Beverly, Mass.; Nathan C. Upham, Fitchburg, Mass.; Dudley B. Purbeck, Boston, Mass.; Wm. A. Stevens, Arlington Heights, Mass.; Geo. W. Knowlton, Boston, Mass.; Albert C. Blaisdell, Lawrence, Mass.; Daniel F. Goulding, Boston, Mass.; Fred E. Bolton, Boston, Mass.; Harry D. Sisson, Pittsfield, Mass.; Orange H. Cook, Melrose Highlands, Mass.; Fred. E. Warner, Salem, Mass.; Leonard C. Couch, Taunton, Mass.; Geo. N. Howard, Melrose Highlands, Mass.; Edward H. Lounsbury, Boston, Mass.; D. Murray Travis, S. Framingham, Mass.; Orra L. Stone, Clinton, Mass.

*Delegate at Large*.—Thomas J. Hannon, Boston, Mass.

Alternate at Large not reported.

*Delegates*.—Samuel A. Pickering, Dedham, Mass.; Everett H. Lyndes, Lowell, Mass.; A. A. Upton, Orange, Mass.; G. Henry Powell, Canton, Mass.; James G. Wellington, Norwood, Mass.; Arthur E. Bent, S. Framingham, Mass.; James E. Smith, Leominster, Mass.; Hubert A. Mayo, Roslindale, Mass.; Lyman W. Floyd, Manchester, Mass.

*Alternates*.—Charles E. Flanders, Haverhill, Mass.; Walter F. Dove, Dorchester, Mass.; George A. Mathewson, New Bedford, Mass.; C. S. Mero, Worcester, Mass.; Fred. S. Coffin, Waltham, Mass.; Charles A. Buzzell, S. Sudbury, Mass.

#### MICHIGAN.

*Commander*.—Frank J. Kellog, Battle Creek, Mich.

*Past Commanders*.—E. D. Eddy, Grand Rapids, Mich.; E. R. Henderson, Paducah, Ky.; H. E. Cowdin, Rockford, Mich.; A. B. Coffinberry, Grand Rapids, Mich.; C. J. Post, Grand Rapids, Mich.; F. E. Munger, Detroit, Mich.; F. J. McMurtrie, Detroit, Mich.; Geo. E. Cogshall, Grand Rapids, Mich.; F. M. Williams, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Carl A. Wagner, Port Huron, Mich.; Jerome E. Turner, Muskegon, Mich.

*Delegate at Large*.—J. O. Barden, Battle Creek, Mich.

*Alternate at Large*.—Charles I. Giles, Muskegon, Mich.

No Delegate or Alternate reported.

## MINNESOTA.

*Commander.*—George T. Drake, St. Paul, Minn.

*Past Commanders.*—J. C. Carter, Minneapolis, Minn.; C. W. Ratzler, Minneapolis, Minn.; Chas. E. Casler, St. Paul, Minn.; E. H. Milham, St. Paul, Minn.; J. C. Patterson, Princeton, Minn.; H. Stadrick, Jr., Minneapolis, Minn.; A. O. Allen, Wells, Minn.; Thomas T. Wareham, Vernon Centre, Minn.

*Delegate at Large.*—W. S. Tracy, Brainard, Minn.

*Alternate at Large.*—A. E. Veon, Brainard, Minn.

*Delegate.*—W. H. Reeves, Spring Park, Minn.

*Alternate.*—W. A. Lester, Minnesota Lake, Minn.

## MISSOURI.

*Commander.*—Edward A. Hoberg, St. Louis, Mo.

*Past Commanders.*—Ed. L. Gottschalk, St. Louis, Mo.; E. E. Schoening, St. Louis, Mo.; Oscar R. Fries, St. Louis, Mo.; Frederick W. Miller, St. Louis, Mo.; S. Ed. Blumer, Cape Girardeau, Mo.; Herman Itabich, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

*Delegate at Large.*—Louis C. Spies, St. Louis, Mo.

*Alternate at Large.*—Wm. Schneider, St. Louis, Mo.

*Delegate.*—Charles Wippo, St. Louis, Mo.

*Alternate.*—Jacob Ruedi.

## NEBRASKA.

*Commander.*—James McBeth, Osceola, Neb.

*Past Commanders.*—Moses P. O'Brien, Omaha, Neb.; F. J. Coates, Grand Island, Neb.; Geo. F. Wolz, Fremont, Neb.; W. H. Davis, Wilber, Neb.; F. A. Agnew, South Omaha, Neb.; A. H. Rawitzer, Omaha, Neb.; J. Howard Heine, Hooper, Neb.; Charles B. Stull, Osceola, Neb.; J. E. Young, Lushton, Neb.

No Delegates or Alternates reported.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*Commander.*—Warren C. Brown, Troy, N. H.

*Past Commanders.*—Frank H. Challis, Manchester, N. H.; Frank E. Libby, Somersworth, N. H.; Michael Crowley, Charlestown, Mass.; Jas. H. Joyce, Somersworth, N. H.; Frank E. Smith, Endfield, N. H.; Cyrus H. Little, Manchester, N. H.; John H. Trombley, Dover, N. H.; Walter S. Willey, Somersworth, N. H.; H. E. Chamberlain, Concord, N. H.; Ernest B. Folsom, Dover, N. H.; Wm. R. Blake, Concord, N. H.; Linwood B. Emery, Troy, N. H.; Carl H. Foster, Peterboro, N. H.

*Delegate at Large.*—Daniel P. Webster, Penacook, N. H.

*Alternate at Large.*—Fred C. Congdon, Manchester, N. H.

*Delegate.*—Harry L. Lewis, Keene, N. H.

*Alternate.*—Lyman B. Whittemore, Nashua, N. H.

## NEW JERSEY.

*Commander.*—Fred A. Gentieu, Penn's Grove, N. J.

*Past Commanders.*—Fred D. Morse, Elizabeth, N. J.; Andrew Derrom, Paterson, N. J.; Thomas H. Edmonds, Trenton, N. J.; George W. Pollitt, Paterson, N. J.; James B. Adams, Atlantic City, N. J.; James M. Matthews, Trenton, N. J.; George H. Bailey, Atlantic City, N. J.; Robert Morton, Jr., West Hoboken, N. J.; R. J. Van Houten, Paterson, N. J.; R. F. Cross, Elizabeth, N. J.; F. M. Cunningham, Atlantic City, N. J.; Robert C. Woerner, Hoboken, N. J.

*Delegate at Large.*—Frank W. Stockbridge, Paterson, N. J.

*Alternate at Large.*—John Reeger, Trenton, N. J.

*Delegates.*—Andrew Foulds, Passaic, N. J.; Arthur I. Verceulus Paterson, N. J.

*Alternates.*—Charles P. Aherns, Hoboken, N. J.; C. A. Paul, Atlantic City, N. J.

#### NEW YORK.

*Commander.*—Rudolph M. Genthner, Rochester, N. Y.

*Past Commanders.*—James E. Purdy, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mortimer J. Downing, New York, N. Y.; E. W. Halch, Buffalo, N. Y.; George Addington, Albany, N. Y.; William H. Wycker, Goshen, N. Y.; Clarence E. Holmes, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; W. S. Oberdorf, Dansville, N. Y.; W. H. Robertson, Cortland, N. Y.; Lewis J. Macy, Pulaski, N. Y.; A. G. Cortney, Syracuse, N. Y.; John M. Diven, Elmira, N. Y.; Charles H. E. Moran, Albany, N. Y.; Ralph Sheldon, Albany, N. Y.; E. W. Estes, New York, N. Y.; George E. Libbey, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Louis L. Drake, New York, N. Y.; William K. West, New York, N. Y.; Isaac H. Smith, Peckskill, N. Y.; Adolph Hoefling, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jos. J. Sawyer, Pulaski, N. Y.; Job E. Hedges, New York, N. Y.; W. H. Robertson, New York, N. Y.

*Delegate at Large.*—G. E. Snyder, Rochester, N. Y.

*Alternate at Large.*—F. K. Maples, Brooklyn, N. Y.

*Delegates.*—R. B. Randall, Newark, N. Y.; William B. Moyihan, Rochester, N. Y.; W. A. Personius, Waverly, N. Y.; C. H. Floyd, New York, N. Y.; W. H. Hammill, Brooklyn, N. Y.

*Alternates.*—Edward Durfee, Fulton, N. Y.; William H. Klein, Syracuse, N. Y.; O. E. Witherill, Auburn, N. Y.; F. B. Colson, Horsehead, N. Y.; Charles H. Gray, Troy, N. Y.

#### OHIO.

*Commander.*—W. S. Reeder, Dayton, O.

*Past Commanders.*—Frederick W. Myers, Moundsville, W. va.; Dan S. Gardner, Massillon, O.; Ed. H. Archer, Columbus, O.; H. V. Speelman, Cincinnati, O.; A. E. B. Stephens, Cleves, O.; E. H. Gilkey, Columbus, O.; F. W. Hendrix, Springfield, O.; C. H. A. Palmer, Cleveland, O.; J. J. Rose, East Liverpool, O.

*Delegate at Large.*—C. A. Lentz, East Palestine, O.

*Alternate at Large* not reported.

*Delegates.*—Sherman Carter, Cleveland, O.; R. T. Atchison, Mogadon, O.; Frederick E. Neiderheman, Cincinnati, O.

*Alternates* not reported.

#### PENNSYLVANIA.

*Commander.*—Alfred G. Loyd, Sharpsburg, Pa.

*Past Commanders.*—Dr. J. H. Classen, Philadelphia, Pa.; L. M. Wagner, Philadelphia, Pa.; R. M. J. Reed, Philadelphia, Pa.; E. W. Alexander, Reading, Pa.; R. E. Hopkins, Milton, Pa.; W. H. Smith, Allentown, Pa.; H. H. Hammer, Reading, Pa.; F. M. Hartzell, Pittsburg, Pa.; H. M. Russell, Philadelphia, Pa.; C. J. Miller, Philadelphia, Pa.; J. L. Rake, Reading, Pa.; W. B. McNulty, Philadelphia, Pa.; G. W. Gerhard, Reading, Pa.; H. M. Rebele, Allegheny, Pa.; W. E. Smith, Allentown, Pa.; C. L. John, Mt. Carmel, Pa.; C. E. Diefenderfer, Reading, Pa.; J. H. Tawney, Philadelphia, Pa.; Wildun Scott, Milton, Pa.; A. S. Moulthrop, DuBois, Pa.; S. S. Horn, Easton, Pa.; S. W. Macurdy, Pittsburg, Pa.; William S. Curry, Philadelphia, Pa.; W. P. Baker, S. Bethlehem, Pa.; C. Day Rudy, Harrisburg, Pa.

*Delegate at Large.*—E. M. Amies, Altoona, Pa.

*Alternate at Large.*—J. T. Howe, Scranton, Pa.

*Delegates.*—Karl Steward, Harrisburg, Pa.; J. E. Sautter, Sharpsburg, Pa.; John Bower, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.; Vernon Hazzard, Monongahela, Pa.; J. R. Druckenmiller, Emaus, Pa.; P. Reade Marshall, Ber-



lin, Pa.; Oscar Daub, Easton, Pa.; G. S. Jamison, Pittsburg, Pa.; W. H. Row, Reading, Pa.; Henry L. Stewart, Gettysburg, Pa.; C. H. Jaquette, Scottdale, Pa.; R. M. Campbell, New Castle, Pa.; William Bischoff, Bethlehem, Pa.; A. S. Rhoads, Milton, Pa.; Paul Smyser, York, Pa.; J. M. Culbertson, Allentown, Pa.; D. Sherman Smith, Lancaster, Pa.; George Riddle, Philadelphia, Pa.

*Alternates.*—William B. Jeffries, Philadelphia, Pa.; Charles H. Turner, Philadelphia, Pa.; H. J. Fried, Allentown, Pa.; C. G. Campbell, Johnstown, Pa.; A. M. Wadding, Brookville, Pa.; W. E. Rice, Easton, Pa.; Eli Schuck, Meyersdale, Pa.; William Bell, Bristol, Pa.; H. T. McCurry, Allegheny, Pa.; M. J. Oates, Braddock, Pa.; B. Hollenbach, Reading, Pa.; John Burdell, Philadelphia, Pa.; Harry Louderback, Philadelphia, Pa.; Frank McKelvey, Pittsburg, Pa.; Q. O. Reitzel, Mount Joy, Pa.; J. B. Reid, Hollidaysburg, Pa.; W. R. Willhide, Pittsburg, Pa.; F. W. Walker, New Kensington, Pa.

RHODE ISLAND.

*Commander.*—Charles H. Young, Providence, R. I.

*Past Commanders.*—Theodore A. Barton, Providence, R. I.; Thomas M. Sweetland, Pawtucket, R. I.; William M. P. Bowen, Providence, R. I.; Reuben H. Dexter, Pawtucket, R. I.; Arthur B. Spink, Providence, R. I.; Herbert S. Thompson, Providence, R. I.; Charles W. Abbott, Jr., Warren, R. I.; Walter R. Williams, Woonsocket, R. I.; Fred. E. Carpenter, Providence, R. I.; Frank J. Clinton, Providence, R. I.; Charles A. Hammond, Milford, Mass.; John H. Leonard, Rumford, R. I.; Orray T. Mason, Providence, R. I.

*Delegate at Large.*—Rev. Albert S. Hawkes, Edgewood, R. I.

*Alternate at Large.*—Fred. W. Sally, Woonsocket, R. I.

*Delegate.*—George W. Hoxie, Shannock, R. I.

*Alternate.*—Elhanum Mowry, Pawtucket, R. I.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

*Commander.*—S. A. Cochrane, Brookings, S. D.

*Past Commander.*—Z. C. Green, Brookings, S. D.

No Delegates or Alternates reported.

VERMONT.

*Commander.*—Robert C. Smith, Burlington, Vt.

*Past Commanders.*—Fletcher D. Proctor, Proctor, Vt.; Clarence F. R. Jenne, Brattleboro, Vt.; Fred L. Eaton, Sioux City, Iowa; Herbert O. Bixby, Chelsea, Vt.; Herbert S. Foster, Philippines; William M. Sargent, South Royalton, Vt.; Frank L. Green, St. Albans, Vt.; Arthur I. Howe, N. Wilbraham, Mass.; William W. Lapoint, Barre, Vt.; Clinton J. Smith, Huntington, Vt.; Elmer E. Perry, Barre, Vt.; Ira E. Morse, Cambridge, Vt.; Fred W. Spear, Bennington, Vt.; Arthur L. Cheney, Morrisville, Vt.

*Delegate at Large.*—H. O. Allen, Lyndonville, Vt.

Alternate at Large not reported.

*Delegate.*—A. N. Camp, Morrisville, Vt.

No Alternate reported.

WASHINGTON.

*Commander.*—Millard T. Johnson, Asotin, Wash.

*Past Commanders.*—Albert T. Beddell, Walla Walla, Wash.; Harry Rosenhaupt, Spokane, Wash.; John F. Hoyt, Spokane, Wash.

*Delegate at Large.*—E. Bannister, Asotin, Wash.

*Alternate at Large.*—F. H. Stringham, Rockford, Wash.

## WEST VIRGINIA.

*Commander.*—N. C. Edgell, Clarksburg, W. Va.

*Past Commanders.*—O. B. Beer, Buchannon, W. Va.; George M. White, Wellsburg, W. Va.; John W. McClung, Grafton, W. Va.

*Delegate at Large.*—Charles H. Straub, Grafton, W. Va.

*Alternate at Large.*—F. L. Lutzkus, Wellsburg, W. Va.

*Delegate.*—W. S. Turrill, Central Station, W. Va.

*Alternate.*—S. B. Sigler, Fairmount, W. Va.

## WISCONSIN.

*Commander.*—Frank H. B. McDowell, Racine, Wis.

*Past Commanders.*—F. J. Walters, Milwaukee, Wis.; H. S. Fuller, Milwaukee, Wis.; W. J. Patton, Milwaukee, Wis.; A. G. Braband, Milwaukee, Wis.; M. A. Grasse, Milwaukee, Wis.; C. H. Hudson, Madison, Wis.; J. W. T. Ames, River Falls, Wis.; G. A. Geisler, Sheboygan, Wis.; T. L. Jacobs, Sheboygan, Wis.; R. L. McCormick, Hayward, Wis.; B. S. Fox, Meehan, Wis.

*Delegate at Large.*—Schuyler E. Farnham, Racine, Wis.

*Alternate at Large.*—F. E. Merryfield, Stevens Point, Wis.

*Delegate.*—J. W. Cruger, Watertown, Wis.

*Alternate.*—William Warner.—Thorpe, Wis.

**PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF SHEPARD:** I move that the report of the Committee on Credentials, as made, be adopted, and the members who have presented suitable credentials be declared as seated by the Encampment. Seconded by A. S. Hawkes, Rhode Island.

**E. B. FOLSOM,** New Hampshire: I move to amend the motion, that further time be given to those members who have not presented their credentials to be so. Seconded by E. M. Small, Maine.

Amendment put and carried.

**LUTHER J. DAVIS,** Ohio: I move that the Adjutant-General call the roll. Seconded by F. E. Carpenter, Rhode Island.

**ADJUTANT-GENERAL:** Shall I only call the names of those who have presented credentials, except the Division Commanders, who do not have to present credentials?

**H. H. HAMMER,** Pennsylvania, suggested that the Adjutant-General call only names of those who have presented credentials.

No objection being offered, Commander-in-Chief instructed the Adjutant-General to call the roll as suggested, as per list printed.

**PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF SHEPARD:** I move that the report of the Committee on Credentials be adopted, and that the same be accepted as the roll-call of the Encampment, and that the names of the Delegates and Division Commanders reported present, and properly seated, be considered as the Delegates to this Encampment. Motion seconded and carried.

## PRESENTATION OF GAVEL.

**PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF CAMPBELL:** Commander-in-Chief, Maryland Division is always ready to mend her ways, and mend your ways, and anticipating the accident which has occurred (the handle of the gavel in use by the Commander-in-Chief having been broken earlier in the day while the Commander-in-Chief was rapping Encampment to order) we have come prepared to fit you for duty. The Commander of the Maryland Division is in the business of making gavels; he gets the wood from the White House. This gavel is made from timber that was put into the White House before it was burned by the British in 1814. It has been but recently brought to light, and Brother Cross, our Division Commander, secured this piece of wood from which

he has made this gavel, which he wants to present to Brother Spink to use during this Encampment. On behalf of the Maryland Division, and on behalf of Brother Cross, who can tell you more about it, I give it to you to mend your broken ways.

**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** It is with great pleasure that I receive this gavel from my friends at this time. I certainly appreciate it, Brother Campbell.

**FRANCIS E. CROSS, Maryland:** I will supplement Past Commander-in-Chief Campbell's remarks by stating that the gavel is of oak, from the original construction of the Executive Mansion, it having been taken out in 1902, after being in the building 110 years. It was encased in pine, which was charred by the fire of 1814. The handle of the gavel is made of walnut, from the ballister of the stairway over which our Presidents have passed for over a century. (Applause.)

**W. B. MOYIHAN, New York:** I move that we take a recess until 2.30 p. m. today. Seconded and carried.

**THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF** declared a recess until 2.30 p. m. today.

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### SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

BOSTON, MASS., August 18, 1904.

Previous to the resumption at 2.30 p. m., the Memorial University Quartette, from Iowa, sang "My America," and other songs.

**T. A. BARTON, Rhode Island:** I move that the Encampment extend a rising vote of thanks to the quartette, and three cheers. Seconded and carried unanimously.

**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** The Encampment will come to order, and we await the further report of the Committee on Credentials.

**J. E. BLYTHE, Iowa,** reported for the Committee that a few names had been added in and added to the report, and moved that the report as it now stands, with the additional names, be adopted. Seconded and carried.

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### VISIT OF PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ELL TORRANCE, OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, AND PAST DIVISION COMMANDER WILLIAM H. ARMSTRONG.

**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** Brothers, we have two personal friends of ours in the room; General Ell Torrance, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Past Division Commander William H. Armstrong. What is your pleasure?

**G. W. KNOWLTON, Massachusetts:** I move that we receive Past Commander-in-Chief Torrance and Past Commander Armstrong. Motion seconded and carried.

**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** I have the pleasure in introducing to you, Past Commander-in-Chief Torrance, of Minneapolis. (Applause.)

**GENERAL TORRANCE:** Commander-in-Chief, and comrades. I thank you for your very encouraging introduction, and in reply let me say that I have not seen as large a company of Sons of Veterans ever assembled in convention before, and I have never seen a finer looking lot of men as I see here this afternoon. I don't know what to say. I know that I am interrupting the regular order of business. We left the National Encampment, G. A. R. a few moments ago, so that I might call upon you; otherwise I felt I would not be able to visit your Encampment at all, and I did what I very seldom do; leave my own Encampment before new business. I believe in being present at the opening of an Encampment and adjourning when the Encampment finally adjourns.



I want to say a word in favor of a worthy institution. I was present at the laying of the corner-stone of the Memorial University at Mason City, Iowa, and I say to you that at that time my faith was hardly strong enough to believe that you could in any satisfactory measure accomplish what your organization had in mind, but that doubt has since been removed, and I believe that that institution is not only going to be successful in the highest sense of the term, but that it will be productive of good as wide as the boundaries of our country, and that it will reflect great honor on the organization of the Sons of Veterans; and I want this convention to urge upon each one individually to pledge your loyal, unflagging support to that institution, and that the success of that University and the success of this organization will be assured for all time to come. We must have some high and noble purpose; we must work to some definite end, and I know of nothing better that you can do as an organization than to pledge and consecrate your very best energy and fidelity to that institution. The President of the University is here, and I want to hear what he has to say. He will say what shall be said much better than I. I must stop now, and not take up more of your time. I am happy to be here, and thank you for the kindness and courtesies you have shown, and I wish you and your organization all the good in the world. (Applause.)

J. E. BLYTHE, Iowa, announced that President Tucker, of the University, would come later.

**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** To answer Past Commander-in-Chief Torrance, I will call upon Commander Rudd, of Connecticut, to express our appreciation of his visit.

M. D. RUDD, of Connecticut: Commander Spink, General Torrance, and Brothers of the convention; I feel it a great honor to be called upon to respond to words from a representative of the Grand Army of the Republic. They were the authors of our being. To perpetuate their memory and their deeds we have been organized, and we exist. The man who can discover the reason for our existence and make it generally known in this organization will have found the keynote of success. I believe the nearest approach is the Memorial University. There is a high ideal in an educational way, under the leadership of a man who is capable of carrying it on to success, and why it is that we as an organization do not support it more, I am at a loss to understand. In some Divisions there have been votes passed for subscriptions through the Camps. I hope it may be generally done. This is not saying much to Past Commander-in-Chief Torrance, but in a general way I know it is speaking by and for the Grand Army. It is a memorial of that body of men, erected by us, and I hope, to be continued by us.

**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** I have the pleasure to introduce to you now, not only a member of our organization, but a member of the Grand Army of the Republic; one who has fought for us for many, many years, and I now present to you our friend, William H. Armstrong, of Indianapolis, Ind.

**PAST COMMANDER WILLIAM H. ARMSTRONG:** Commander Spink, and members of the Encampment. It is exceedingly comforting to me, particularly just at this time, to look into the faces of so many who seem to be entirely placid and contented with the work that they have been engaged in. I have been working for a single purpose, which I believe to be the joint interests of two great patriotic organizations, whose usefulness in this country are hard to compute. I hope that that usefulness may not be impaired by the action that has just been taken by the Encampment of the Grand Army, and it is with extreme regret that I have to say to you that that action was not what I hoped it would be. It was merely a continuance of what the action has been for the last three years. We seem to have plenty of fair words for you, gentlemen, whom we call our boys, and I suppose you

are. We seem to think that you are still boys, and the action of some of us would indicate that we think you are very immature boys; in other words, that you have not grown in years as we have grown, and you are not quite old enough to bear the responsibility of caring for the ark of the covenant that our distinguished Past Commander referred to in his beautiful address when he recognized your value and your services. It was our earnest desire, those of us who felt as he and I feel, that you should have been given direct and positive evidence that we believe that you had arrived at that age, or at least that the organization had arrived at that age, and that the time had come when you should have been given a greater and closer share in the work that we have been trying to do. The judgment of the majority should always be abided in by loyal and patriotic citizens, and therefore what I may say to you must not be construed in any way that I am disloyal to either of the organizations; God forbid that; but my personal feeling for you is so great, that I regret very much that we have been unable to attain now what we had hoped would be attained. That your organization exists for a noble, useful and splendid purpose is unquestionable. I hope the action of the Grand Army will not interfere with your purposes or dampen your spirit. I trust that you may go on augmenting your numbers, and that finally you may be looked to as the men who represent, carry out and practice the great principles, and that you will be their supporters when all of us have passed to the great beyond. I hope this Encampment may be productive of usefulness, that will send you forward with renewed spirit and interest, and that some of these times, if I live long enough, I may come before you with a different sort of a message than I bring today. (Applause.)

**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** The kind words which our brother has said to us are certainly appreciated, and I desire to call upon a gentleman who is a comrade of the Grand Army and a brother of ours—Past Commander T. A. Barton, of Rhode Island—to respond to Brother Armstrong.

**T. A. BARTON, Rhode Island:** My comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, and, I believe, brothers of this Order of Sons of Veterans. I would that I could fittingly respond to the noble words which you have made here today as comrades and brothers, but I can only thank you, as a comrade and as a Son of a Veteran, and as one of the "Minute Men" of 1861, who responded to the call of Abraham Lincoln. When I was a school boy I followed the example of my father, when he was in I was in. My brothers of this Order, I well know from personal experience that the two comrades who have addressed you are working heart and soul in the interest of this Order of ours. And not only those two comrades, but, if you had happened in the Encampment today when we sat and heard the expressions so full of sympathy, and the belief expressed that soon and without any effort on our parts, we will be fittingly and deservedly recognized as sons and be given an opportunity to carry on the work so nobly started, you would not be discouraged.

Comrades and brothers, on behalf of this Commandery-in-Chief, may God speed you, and may we be ever touching elbows as brothers, and I know we will not fail to do our duty. (Applause.)

**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** I will call for the report of the Committee on Constitution and Laws.

The question is asked whether the motion with reference to 'THE BANNER' was legally adopted, as it was not specified by a motion that the report of the committee as amended shall be adopted. Question referred to Acting Judge Advocate-General, who held that the motion was legally adopted.

**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** The Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Laws will proceed.

**H. V. SPEELMAN, Ohio:** The Committee at this time wishes to submit a partial report. Your committee has been in almost constant

session, day and night, every day from the time of our arrival Monday. We have listened carefully to various Brothers and Divisions touching upon this Constitution and Law. Our paramount object has been to simplify and make plain as brief as possible, our Constitution and Laws. We have endeavored to enlarge the powers of Divisions and Camps. In other words, we are in favor of giving you "Home Rule." We have endeavored, as far as possible, to prepare our report in such a way, that when this new Constitution is made up, it will be printed in such a way and order that all things will appear therein in their proper order. In other words, everything pertaining to Camps, Divisions, and the Commandery-in-Chief will follow each other consecutively, so that we can find anything we want when we look for it without searching through the entire Constitution.

**GENERAL R. M. J. REED:** I move that where there are no objections, the Constitution will be adopted by sections, as read, upon the statement of the Commander-in-Chief that there are no objections.

**FRANK J. CLINTON, Rhode Island:** Are the proposed amendments to this Constitution to be carried out in the manner in which it was promised at the Encampment at Atlantic City last year that they should be, which provided that all proposed amendments to the Constitution and Laws be submitted in writing at least sixty days before the first session of each Commandery-in-Chief, and that such proposed changes be made the subject of an order or circular to be issued by the Commander-in-Chief, copies to be mailed to all who are entitled to a seat in the Encampment at least fifteen days before the final session of the Commandery-in-Chief.

I would like to know if the provisions of that resolution are to be carried out by this Encampment.

**N. J. McGUIRE, Indiana:** I move that the resolution adopted at Atlantic City by the Commandery-in-Chief be suspended, and that we adopt a new Constitution.

Motion seconded and carried.

**GENERAL R. M. J. REED** moved that where there is no objection each section will be adopted as read. Seconded and carried.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief assumes command.

**H. V. SPEELMAN, Chairman,** then read the report of the Committee on Constitution and Laws.

The report was read and occupied the largest part of two days, and the result was the final adoption of the Constitution and Laws as follows:



# CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.

## ARTICLE I.

### NAME.

The name of this Society shall be the "Sons of Veterans, United States of America."

## ARTICLE II.

### PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTS.

Founded upon a trust in Almighty God, with a realization that under His beneficent guidance the free institutions of our land, consecrated by the services and blood of our fathers, have been preserved, and upon a true allegiance to the government of the United States of America, pledging fidelity to law and order, this society declares its objects to be:

*First.*—To perpetuate the sacrifices of our fathers and their services for the maintenance of the Union.

*Second.*—To inculcate patriotism, to teach truthful history and to spread and sustain the doctrine of equal rights, universal liberty and justice to all.

*Third.*—To help the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and all honorably discharged Union soldiers, sailors and marines, to extend aid and protection to their widows and orphans, and to honor the memories of their heroic dead through historical exercises and the proper observance of Memorial Day and Union Defenders' Day.

*Fourth.*—To aid and assist worthy and needy members of our Order.

## ARTICLE III.

### ORGANIZATION.

The several constituted bodies of the Society shall be as follows:

*First.*—Of organizations known as Camps, by name and number.

*Second.*—Of State organizations known as Divisions.

*Third.*—Of the Commandery-in-Chief.

*Fourth.*—Of a Military Department, styled S. of V. Reserves.

## ARTICLE IV.

### ELIGIBILITY TO MEMBERSHIP.

All male descendants, whether through the paternal or maternal line, not less than eighteen years of age, of soldiers, sailors or marines who were regularly mustered and served honorably in, or who were honorably discharged from, the army or navy of the United States during the war of 1861-65, and whose ancestors through whom membership is claimed has never voluntarily borne arms against the government of the United States of America.

## ARTICLE V.

## CAMPS.

SECTION 1. A Camp may be formed by the Division Commander, with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief.

When a new Camp is mustered the membership thereof shall be not less than fifteen, except in cities of 100,000 inhabitants or more, when thirty members shall be required.

SEC. 2. No charter shall be surrendered by any Camp so long as ten members thereof demand its continuance.

SEC. 3. In case of the surrender or forfeiture of a charter, all the Camp property and moneys shall be immediately turned over to the Division Commander.

## ARTICLE VI.

## ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Each application for membership shall be made on the forms furnished by the Commandery-in-Chief, and in compliance with the instructions printed thereon.

SEC. 2. Each application for membership shall be referred to a committee of three, for investigation and report. The election of a member shall be by ballot; three black balls shall reject. Upon election he may be duly mustered. When mustered he shall be presented with the regulation badge.

SEC. 3. The fee of a rejected applicant shall be returned, and he shall not again be eligible until six months after such rejection.

## ARTICLE VII.

## TRANSFER CARD AND HONORABLE DISCHARGE.

SECTION 1. Upon application to the Commander of his Camp, a member in good standing shall receive a transfer card, or honorable discharge, properly attested and under seal.

The holder of a transfer card is a member of the Order for purposes of discipline only, and shall be considered honorably discharged if the card is not deposited with some Camp within a year.

SEC. 2. Members in good standing of disbanded or suspended Camps shall receive from the Division Commander transfer cards of honorable discharges.

## ARTICLE VIII.

## BY-LAWS.

Camps and Divisions may adopt By-Laws, subject to approval by the Division Commander and Commander-in-Chief, respectively.

## ARTICLE IX.

## RELIGION AND POLITICS.

The Order being strictly non-sectarian, and non-political, the introduction or discussion of sectarian or political topics is strictly prohibited.

## ARTICLE X.

## DIVISIONS.

Ten Camps may be organized into a Division, of not less than one State, at the discretion of the Commander-in-Chief.

ARTICLE XI.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of a Camp shall be a Commander, Senior and Junior Vice Commander, three members of the Camp Council, Chaplain, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant and Corporal of the Guard. Inside and Outside Guard, Musician and Color Bearer.

SEC. 2. The officers of a Division shall be a Division Commander, Senior and Junior Vice Division Commander, three members of the Division Council, Division Secretary, Division Treasurer, Division Counselor, Division Chaplain, and Division Inspector.

SEC. 3. The officers of the Commandery-in-Chief shall be a Commander-in-Chief, Senior and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Chief of Staff, three members of the Council-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Counselor, National Chaplain, and National Inspector.

ARTICLE XII.

MEETINGS—QUORUMS.

SECTION 1. Regular meetings of each Camp and Division shall be held as provided in their respective By-Laws. Camps shall meet not less than once each quarter, and the Divisions shall meet in Encampment at least once a year.

SEC. 2. Five members shall constitute a Camp quorum, and a majority of the members accredited and present shall constitute a quorum in the Division and the Commandery-in-Chief Encampments, respectively.

SEC. 3. There shall be an annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at such time and place as that body may designate.

SEC. 4. Due notice shall be given of all special meetings, and of regular Division and Commandery-in-Chief Encampments.

ARTICLE XIII.

SELECTION OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Camp Commander, Senior and Junior Vice Camp Commanders, the Camp Council, and delegates to the Division Encampment, shall be elected by ballot at the first meeting in December. They shall be installed, publicly if desired, at the first meeting in January.

SEC. 2. On assuming office, the Commander shall appoint all other Camp officers; provided, however, that the Camp may elect its Secretary and Treasurer, and fix their term of office.

SEC. 3. The Division Commander, Senior and Junior Vice Division Commanders, the Division Council, and delegates, shall be elected by a roll-call of Camps, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for a choice, except for members of the Division Council and delegates to the Commandery-in-Chief, who may be chosen by a plurality vote.

SEC. 4. On assuming office, the Division Commander shall appoint all other Division officers; provided, however, that Divisions may elect their Secretary and Treasurer, and fix their terms and location of offices.

SEC. 5. Vacancies in delegate representation may be filled by the Camp or Division Commander, or the chairman of the respective delegations.

SEC. 6. The Commander-in-Chief, Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief, Chief of Staff, the Council-in-Chief, and the National Treasurer shall be elected by a roll-call of the Divisions, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for a choice, except for members of the Council-in-Chief, who may be chosen by a plurality vote.



SEC. 7. On assuming office, the Commander-in-Chief shall appoint all other Commandery-in-Chief officers; provided, however, that the Commandery-in-Chief shall elect the Chief of Staff, and National Treasurer for a term of five years.

SEC. 8. Camp and Division Commanders, and the Commander-in-Chief, shall have power to remove all appointive officers; the Camps, Division Encampments, and the Commandery-in-Chief, may, by a two-thirds vote, declare vacant the position of any elective officer for cause.

SEC. 9. Any vacancies which may occur in the elective officers of the Camps, Divisions, and the Commandery-in-Chief, shall be filled temporarily by the next officer in rank; such vacancies shall be filled permanently, in the Camps by election of the members, in the Divisions by the Division Council, and in the Commandery-in-Chief by the Council-in-Chief.

SEC. 10. The term of office of all elective officers shall be for one year, except where otherwise provided.

SEC. 11. No member shall be eligible to election for office at any meeting of the Division, of Commandery-in-Chief, unless present at such meeting.

#### ARTICLE XIV.

##### DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

The duties of all Camp, Division and Commandery-in-Chief officers shall be as defined by the ritual, and as indicated by the books and blanks supplied by the Commandery-in-Chief.

#### ARTICLE XV.

##### COMMITTEES.

The standing committees of the Encampments of the Divisions and the Commandery-in-Chief shall consist of five members each, and shall be as provided in the Order of Business.

#### ARTICLE XVI.

##### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening of Encampment.
2. Roll-call of officers.
3. Appointment of Committee on Credentials.
4. Reports of officers.
5. Report of Committee on Credentials.
6. Roll-call of members as reported.
7. Appointment of Committees:

*First.*—On Constitution and Laws.

*Second.*—On Ritual and Ceremonies.

*Third.*—On Resolutions.

*Fourth.*—On Reports of Officers.

8. Reception and reference of communications. (All communications shall be submitted in writing to be referred to the proper committee without debate.)

9. Unfinished business.

10. Reports of Committees.

11. New business.

12. Election and installation of officers.

This order of business may be transposed by a two-thirds vote, except that the election and installation of officers shall not be held until all other work has been completed.

## ARTICLE XVII.

## ENCAMPMENTS.

SECTION 1. The membership of the Division Encampment shall be made up as follows.

*First.*—Its own elective and appointive officers, and its sitting Camp and Division Commanders.

*Second.*—All its past Commanders-in-Chief, Constitutional Life Members, past Grand Division Commanders, Past Division Commanders, Past Camp Commanders, in good standing, who have served for a full term, or having been elected to fill a vacancy shall have served to the end of the term.

*Third.*—Delegates elected by ballot by the several Camps of the Division, as follows: One delegate for each Camp, whatever its membership, and additional delegates, in the ratio of one for every fifty members, or major fraction thereof, based upon the report of the quarter next preceding the Encampment, in good standing.

SEC. 2. The membership of the Commandery-in-Chief shall be made up as follows:

*First.* Its own elective and appointive officers, (except members detailed for special duty, life members, and Division Commanders.

*Second.* All past Commanders-in-Chief, past Grand Division Commanders, and past Division Commanders, in good standing, who have served a full term, or having been elected to fill a vacancy, shall have served to the end of the term.

*Third.* Of one delegate from each Division, whatever its membership, and one additional delegate for every five hundred members, or major fraction thereof, in good standing, based upon the reports next preceding their election.

SEC. 3. The Commandery-in-Chief shall not elect Constitutional Life Members, and the name of any such member heretofore elected who shall at any time lose his membership in the Order shall be stricken from the roll of the Commandery-in-Chief.

## ARTICLE XVIII.

## FINANCES.

SECTION 1. Each Camp and Division shall regulate its fees and revenues.

SEC. 2. Divisions shall pay the Commander-in-Chief five dollars for each Camp charter, which amount shall accompany the application, one-half to be paid to the permanent endowment fund of the National Memorial University.

SEC. 3. A member-elect shall pay before his muster an admission fee, to be fixed by the Camp, which shall accompany the application, twenty-five cents of which amount shall be paid to the Commandery-in-Chief and forwarded through Division headquarters with the report.

SEC. 4. The Commandery-in-Chief shall assess a per capita tax, not exceeding forty cents on each member as reported in good standing at the end of the quarter. Said tax shall be payable in four equal installments and forwarded by the Division Treasurer to the National Secretary on or before the last days of January, April, July and October; provided that neither Camps nor Divisions shall be required to pay per capita tax on any member for the quarter in which he was mustered.

SEC. 5. It shall be unlawful for any Division or Camp, in anticipation of the collection of per capita tax or admission fees, to offset the same against any Camp or Division indebtedness.

SEC. 6. There shall be paid to the Military Department of the Order—the Sons of Veterans Reserves—in quarterly installments, the sum of one cent per annum per capita, toward the organization and maintenance of the same.

SEC. 7. The National Secretary and National Treasurer shall each receive an annual salary of \$1500.

#### ARTICLE XIX.

##### ARREARAGES AND PENALTIES.

SECTION 1. The Commander-in-Chief, upon recommendation of the Division Commander, may annul and declare forfeited the charter of any Camp more than six months in arrears for reports or per capita tax. Camps in arrears for one year shall be considered disbanded, and their charters shall be revoked.

SEC. 2. Any member of a Camp who is six months in arrears in the payment of dues shall be ineligible to office in the Sons of Veterans, and may by a vote of the Camp be suspended, and when so suspended the Camp shall not be subject to per capita tax on such member.

SEC. 3. Any member of a Camp who remains suspended for six months shall be dropped from the roll of membership.

#### ARTICLE XX.

##### POWERS AND AUTHORITY.

SECTION 1. The Commandery-in-Chief shall be the supreme source of power for the Sons of Veterans. To this end no form of government shall be considered as legally established until the same has been submitted to and duly approved by the Commandery-in-Chief at a stated meeting of the same.

SEC. 2. The Commandery-in-Chief shall act as a final court of appeals from all orders, decisions and rulings of the Commander-in-Chief, and the determination of such appeal at any meeting shall not be subject to review at any subsequent meeting.

#### ARTICLE XXI.

##### DISCIPLINE.

SECTION 1. The rules governing the trial of civic brothers for offences shall be the same as those provided for trial by courts-martial in the Military Department.

SEC. 2. Division Commanders may suspend Camps for failure to perform any duties required by the Constitution and Laws.

SEC. 3. The Commander-in-Chief may suspend Divisions for failure to perform any duties required by the Constitution and Laws.

#### ARTICLE XXII.

##### INSPECTIONS.

There shall be an annual inspection of Camps and Division headquarters during the last quarter of each year.

#### ARTICLE XXIII.

##### UNIFORMS OF CIVIC BODY.

Uniform to be worn by members of the civic body as follows: Dark blue sack coat, concealed fastenings, coat trimmed all around edges with black lustrous mohair braid, sword vents at side, standing



collar, having on each point the Division mark in metal of the respective Divisions, coat cut in style of the United States Army officers; pantaloons, military cut, dark blue; black campaign hat, with black and gold cord, acorn ends, gilt embroidered wreath, containing either letters "S. V." in old English or number of Camp and "S. V.," as desired; provided, that Divisions may adopt the regulation United States Army cap used during the war of 1861-65, instead of the black campaign hat.

In Divisions where the state law does not permit the carrying of fire arms, members of the civic body will on parade and other occasions of like character, be permitted to wear side arms.

#### ARTICLE XXIV.

##### MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PAR. 1. The Military Department of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., shall consist of all the uniformed, armed and equipped members of the Order, which may have heretofore, shall be at this time, or may at any future period exist as armed Camp Guard; or any title by which they are now, or may hereafter be known, and no member of the Order shall be permitted to wear any military insignia of the Sons of Veterans military rank, who is not a member of the Sons of Veterans Reserves, except as provided in Article XXIII.

PAR. 2. No unattached or independent squad, company, battalion or regiment, or other armed body of Sons of Veterans, shall be permitted in the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., who are not attached to, and are a part of, the Military Department, known as the Sons of Veterans Reserves; provided, however, that Camps may form a detail, for any purposes whatever, of not more than ten men, including officers, uniformed and equipped in conformity with the regulations of the Military Department.

PAR. 3. The Commandery-in-Chief shall elect a Chief-of-Staff, who shall be commissioned a Major General by the Commander-in-Chief, for a term of five years.

PAR. 4. The Chief-of-Staff, by and with the advice and consent of the Commander-in-Chief, shall formulate, from time to time, proper rules and orders for the government of the Military Department. Said rules and orders to be promulgated in general orders, and when so promulgated shall become a part of the laws governing the Sons of Veterans Reserves.

PAR. 5. Military companies, guards or firing squads, of all Camps throughout the Order, of whatsoever arm of service, shall be attached to, and become a part of, the Sons of Veterans Reserves, and shall be assigned to companies, battalions, regiments and brigades by the Chief-of-Staff; provided, however, that this shall not be compulsory on the part of details, as provided in paragraph two hereof.

PAR. 6. Members of Camps desiring to become attached to the Reserves, and unable to organize a full company, may on application to the Chief-of-Staff, be consolidated with other squads belonging to other Camps, and organize into a company. Companies shall consist of not less than twenty-four privates, with the proper number of non-commissioned officers and officers. The organization of companies, battalions, regiments and brigades in any Division shall be as far as possible, in accordance with the regulations governing the National Guards of their respective States, or under such other regulations as may, from time to time be made by the Chief-of-Staff.

\*PAR. 7. The commissioned officers of the companies shall be elected by the enlisted men composing said Company. Officers of battalions and regiments shall be elected by a majority vote of the commissioned officers of companies, constituting said battalions or regiments.

PAR. 8. All officers above the rank of Colonel shall be commissioned by the Commander-in-Chief, and all other officers commissioned by the Chief-of-Staff, for a period of three years.

PAR. 9. The Chief-of-Staff commanding the Military Department shall from time to time appoint such members of his personal staff as the good of the service may require.

PAR. 10. The Chief-of-Staff shall make an annual report to the Commander-in-Chief of the conditions and requirements of the Military Department.

PAR. 11. The Military Department shall, at all times, be subject to the orders of the Commander-in-Chief. Said orders to be promulgated through the proper intermediate official channels.

PAR. 12. The uniform of the Sons of Veterans Reserves shall consist of a dark blue blouse, buttoned up to the neck with five S. V. buttons, with rolling collar; light blue pantaloons, without stripes, except for officers and non-commissioned officers; fatigue cap of the United States Army pattern of 1903; campaign hat; laced leggings; blue woven belt; and such arms as may be adopted by the Sons of Veterans Reserves. Insignia of rank and stripes on pantaloons shall conform to the United States Army Regulations of 1903. The commissioned officers shall have the Division mark of their respective Divisions appear on the breast of the eagle, which is embroidered on the cap.

PAR. 13. All officers and members of the Sons of Veterans Reserves shall be subject to the orders of their superior officers, and for refusal or failure to obey such orders, or for conduct unbecoming a member of the Sons of Veterans, or prejudicial to good order and discipline, or to the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., shall be tried by courts-martial.

PAR. 14. It shall not be lawful for any member of the Order, not connected with the Military Department of the Sons of Veterans Reserves (the National Guard or United States Army), to wear any insignia of rank, or side arms, or any part of the Sons of Veterans Reserves uniform, except as provided in Article XXIII.

PAR. 15. All members of the Reserves, when in uniform, shall wear the regulation membership badge of the Order, and such other military badges to which they may be entitled. Officers shall wear on the points or sides of the coat or blouse collar, the metal insignia of the Reserves, together with the regulation device of their corps or arm of the service.

PAR. 16. These military laws, uniforms or equipments, shall not be repealed, altered or amended, until each company in the Reserves shall have received at least sixty days' notice, through general orders, of the proposed changes, and then only by a two-thirds vote of members present at a regular annual session of the Commandery-in-Chief.

PAR. 17. The Commander-in-Chief, through the Chief-of-Staff, shall organize an additional branch of the Military Department, to be known as the Sons of Veterans Naval Reserves; this arm of the service to be officered, armed, uniformed, equipped, and drilled in accordance with the regulations governing the Naval Service of the United States; companies of the Naval Reserves to be organized and mustered wherever the conditions and locations require such service.

#### COURTS-MARTIAL.

SECTION 1. Rules governing courts-martial proceedings shall be the same as those governing the United States Army, except, when in the opinion of the Commander-in-Chief and the Chief-of-Staff, it becomes necessary to conduct them with modifications, made necessary by the exigencies of the service. All courts-martial shall be appointed and convened by order of the Commander-in-Chief.

SEC. 2. When charges shall have been preferred against a member of the Order for any violation of obligations, they shall be forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief, who may appoint a member of the Order to investigate the charges and report whether it is advisable to order a court-martial in the case, or he may appoint a court-martial without such investigation.

SEC. 3. Courts-martial shall consist of not less than five or more than nine members, and a Judge Advocate. Any member in good standing shall be competent and must serve when appointed a member of courts-martial, unless excused by the Commander-in-Chief. No member of the Order, against whom charges have been preferred, can claim the privilege of being tried by members who now hold, or who have held, equal rank with himself in the Order, or in the Reserves.

SEC. 4. All proceedings of courts-martial must be forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief, who will either approve the findings of the court or appoint a new court or modify the sentence imposed by the courts-martial. All findings and sentences of courts-martial, after being approved by the Commander-in-Chief shall be promulgated in orders.

SEC. 5. Charges may be preferred for any violation of obligations, the charge to be "Violation of Obligation, and Disobedience of Orders," which shall be followed by such specifications as may be required.

SEC. 6. All members, under charges, shall have the right to be represented, before the Court, by counsel, who may be either members or non-members of the Order.

SEC. 7. Accused members ordered before a court-martial shall be entitled to receive, at least, ten days' notice of trial, with the list of the court and a copy of the charges and specifications. These notices shall be forwarded by the Judge Advocate by registered mail to his last known address, or delivered in person.

SEC. 8. All members of the Order, or of the Military Department, may be tried by a court composed of members of the Order in good standing, regardless of rank, who shall be selected and designated in orders by the Commander-in-Chief.

SEC. 9. No member shall be deprived of his rights and privileges in the Order until convicted and the sentence approved by the Commander-in-Chief. Five members shall constitute a quorum of courts-martial, and after having convened at the regular hour and place, shall proceed without regard to hours.

SEC. 10. Courts-martial may use the regular courts-martial blanks or write out form and proceedings fully on blank paper. The Judge Advocate shall have power and authority to employ a stenographer.

SEC. 11. Appeals from the sentence of any court-martial must be to the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment at an annual session, no other person or body having jurisdiction over the same.

SEC. 12. The Order, being patriotic and not beneficial, the sentence of suspension does not deprive the convicted brother of his beneficial rights. Members convicted by a court-martial will lose their past rank. If the sentence is suspension, they are deprived of all rights and privileges of the Order. This includes attending meetings of the Order, wearing the uniform of the Reserves, or the badge of the Order.

SEC. 13. Brothers losing rank by a court-martial proceedings, or through being dropped for non-payment of dues, can only have rank restored by action of the Commandery-in-Chief.

SEC. 14. When a Camp, or members of a Camp, refuse to obey the laws or orders issued by higher authorities in the Division, Commander-in-Chief, or by the Chief-of-Staff, or any of their superior officers, the Division Commander or the Commander-in-Chief may detail a brother to take charge of said Camp. If ten members of the Camp will



obey the law, the Camp and its property, shall be turned over to those members, and the members who have refused to obey shall be ordered before a court-martial and, if convicted, be dishonorably discharged from the Order. Where there are less than ten members who are loyal and obedient, the charter shall be revoked, and the property and moneys of the Camp shall be turned over to the Division to which the Camp belongs.

SEC. 15. Loyal and obedient brothers of disbanded Camps, where charters are to be revoked, will be granted honorable discharges, or transfer cards.

SEC. 16. Any member, bringing action against Camps, Companies, Divisions, or the Commandery-in-Chief in a court of law, without first having exhausted all means for redress, within the Order, shall be dishonorably discharged by the Commander-in-Chief, without trial.

SEC. 17. All detachments, guards, or companies, belonging to Camps of the Order, that are now or may hereafter be organized, shall at once forward full roster of said military organization, with post-office address of the officers, to the Chief-of-Staff, and a duplicate copy to the Inspector-General of the Sons of Veterans Reserves. The Chief-of-Staff shall assign them as part of companies, battalions, regiments or brigades, as in his judgment may be for the best interest of the Sons of Veterans Reserves.

SEC. 18. No member, detachment, company, battalion, or regiment, can change their relative position from one company, battalion, or regiment to any other, without an order of the Chief-of-Staff.

SEC. 19. All questions or disputes, relating to seniority or position in line of any officers, company, battalion or regiment, shall be referred to the Chief-of-Staff, whose decision shall be final. Orders of immediate commanding officers shall govern until such decision shall have been rendered.

SEC. 20. The decision of the Chief-of-Staff, in all questions relating to the regulations and government of the Sons of Veterans Reserves of the Military Department of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., shall be final.

SEC. 21. The Chief-of-Staff may refuse to accept any company, or part of a company, as members of the Sons of Veterans Reserves who, in his opinion, are found to be lacking in strength, or efficiency. He may also disband any company, battalion, or regiment, or parts of these, who fall below the required standard of efficiency. U. S. A. Regulations and Drill Regulations shall govern any question not herein mentioned. All regulations and laws in conflict with the foregoing are hereby repealed.

#### OBLIGATION OF A MEMBER OF THE SONS OF VETERANS RESERVES.

I do solemnly promise, and declare, on my honor, that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution and Laws of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and of the Sons of Veterans Reserves. I do also promise and agree to abide by the laws of the Sons of Veterans Reserves, and of this company, battalion or regiment, as may be now in force or as may be hereafter amended, and obey all orders issued by my superior officers, and by all competent authority.

I do further agree to serve for a period of three years, unless sooner discharged by proper authority, and to do all in my power to promote the interests of the Sons of Veterans Reserves, opposing in all honorable ways anything calculated to disrupt, disturb, or retard its progress.

## ARTICLE XXV.

## AMENDMENTS.

The Constitution and Laws and the Ritual of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., shall only be altered or amended by the Commandery-in-Chief, by a majority vote of the members reported present and entitled to a vote, at a stated annual meeting thereof. All proposed amendments to the Constitution and Laws shall be submitted in writing by Divisions, Camps or committees on Constitution and Laws to the Commander-in-Chief at least sixty days before the first session of each Commandery-in-Chief, and that such proposed changes be made the subject of an order or circular to be issued by the Commander-in-Chief, copies to be mailed to all who are entitled to a seat in the Encampment at least fifteen days before the first session of the Commandery-in-Chief.

## LAWS—ARTICLE I.

## BONDS.

SECTION 1. The bonded officers shall be as follows: Camp Treasurer, and Camp Council holding the funds of their Camp; Division Commander, Division Treasurer and Division Secretary; Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary and National Treasurer.

SEC. 2. The above officers shall give bonds in amounts to be fixed by the various councils of the respective bodies in some acceptable surety company. Provided that camp officers may furnish acceptable personal bonds. Bonded officers shall be held liable on their bond for the funds remaining in their possession until their successors have been properly installed, qualified, have given bond and receipt for money and property.

SEC. 3. In the event of failure or neglect of any Division Commander to have a sufficient bond on file at the headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief within thirty days after assuming office, as required by the foregoing, it shall be the duty of the Commander-in-Chief to remove said Division Commander from office and to place the Senior Vice Division Commander, or some other officer, in temporary charge of the Division.

The bonds of the Camp Treasurer, and Camp Council, shall be approved by the Camp Commander; the bond of the Division Commander shall be approved by the Commander-in-Chief and held by the National Treasurer; the bond of the Commander-in-Chief shall be approved and held by the Council-in-Chief, and the bonds of the National Secretary and National Treasurer shall be approved and held by the Commander-in-Chief.

## ARTICLE II.

## DISPENSATIONS.

The Commander-in-Chief may grant permission to officers commanding Divisions whenever it becomes necessary for the good of the Order to muster Camps without first sending the application for charter therefor to the Commandery-in-Chief headquarters for approval; but in all such cases the application for charter must be forwarded to the Commandery-in-Chief headquarters for approval immediately upon the muster of the Camp.

## ARTICLE III.

## SEALS.

The Commandery-in-Chief, and the several Divisions and Camps shall be provided with seals, made after patterns in the office of the National Secretary.

## ARTICLE IV.

SECTION 1. The Commandery-in-Chief, Chief-of-Staff and Division Commanders shall from time to time issue or publish letters, circulars, General or Special Orders, as the business of the Order requires, and provide for their promulgation. It shall be the duty of the Division Secretaries to forward to the commanding officers of the several Camps in their respective Divisions at least two copies of all General or Special Orders issued, by the Chief-of-Staff.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the commanding officers of Camps to cause all letters, circulars, General or Special Orders received by them to be read at the first stated meetings of the Camp after their receipt.

SEC. 3. Division Commanders shall forward to the Commander-in-Chief at least one copy of all Circulars or Orders issued by them, and to the National Secretary at least two copies thereof.

SEC. 4. All Orders from the Chief-of-Staff when published in circular form shall be uniform in size,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide by  $8\frac{1}{4}$  inches long. The Commander-in-Chief, Chief-of-Staff and the Commanders of the several Divisions shall number their Circulars, General or Special Orders, commencing with No. 1, the first issued each year, and continue numerically until the close of the year.

## ARTICLE V.

## COMMISSIONS.

SECTION 1. The retiring Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary shall issue to the Commander-in-Chief-elect his commission, upon being notified by the Chairman of the Council-in-Chief that the Commander-in-Chief has given his bond as required by law.

SEC. 2. The Commander-in-Chief shall issue to all elective and appointed officers of the Commandery-in-Chief, and the elective officers of the several Divisions, commissions which shall state the rank and date of rank of the officer to whom issued, and such commissions shall be attested by the National Secretary, with the seal of the Commandery-in-Chief.

SEC. 3. Division Commanders shall issue commissions to appointed officers of the several Divisions, and the officers-elect of the several Camps in their respective Divisions, and such commissions shall be attested by the Division Secretary, with the seal of the Division.

SEC. 4. Commanding officers of Camps shall issue warrants to the appointed officers of their respective Camps, and such warrants shall be attested by the Secretary, with the seal of the Camp.

## ARTICLE VI.

## INSIGNIA OF RANK.

The Insignia of rank for officers during their period of service and no longer, shall be as follows:

*First.*—For all officers of Camps, a miniature rank strap of blue field, made of correct proportions, the outside measurement not to exceed nine-sixteenths of an inch wide, and one and eleven-sixteenths of an inch long; and while in active command or on formal occasions it shall be worn on the left breast immediately above the membership badge.

*Second.*—For all other officers the field of the miniature strap shall be of black velvet.

*Third.*—The miniature rank straps worn by the officers respectively shall be as follows: Commander-in-Chief, four silver stars; Senior



Vice Commander-in-Chief, three silver stars; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, two silver stars; Chief-of-Staff, two silver stars, with Reserve insignia in center; the National Chaplain, a shepherd's silver crook; Division Commander, a silver eagle; Senior Vice Division Commander, a silver leaf at each end of the field; Junior Vice Division Commander, a gold leaf at each end of the field; Camp Commander, two bars at each end of the field. Senior Vice Commander, one bar at each end of the field; Junior Vice Camp Commander, a blank field; Personal Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, one silver star; Personal Staff of the Division Commanders, one bar at each end of the field.

## ARTICLE VII.

## BADGES AND DECORATIONS.

SECTION 1. Officers and members shall, on parade or other duty, wear on the left breast the regulation badge of the Order, together with such other badges as they may be entitled to.

SEC. 2. All past Camp Commanders who have served a full term, or have been elected to fill a vacancy, and serve to the end of the term, may wear the prescribed Iron Cross of the Order, attached to the regulation Camp officer's ribbon. All past Division Commanders may wear the prescribed Silver Cross of the Order, attached to the regulation Division officer's ribbon. All past Commanders-in-Chief may wear the prescribed Golden Star of the Order, attached to the regulation Commandery-in-Chief ribbon. For meritorious service the Commandery-in-Chief may award, at any stated annual meeting, the prescribed Golden Cross of the Order, to be attached to the regulation Commandery-in-Chief ribbon. Officers of Past Grand Divisions who have been awarded the Golden Cross of the Order, or other decorations as prescribed by previous laws, may continue to wear same. If a Division Commander or a Camp Commander permits his Division or Camp to be suspended and remain suspended until the expiration of the term for which he is elected, he shall not be entitled to past rank.

SEC. 3. Brothers, entitled thereto, may wear the Bronze War Service Cross, attached to the Division ribbon, hereafter described. Brothers who have served the United States of America faithfully and honorably in the Spanish-American War, shall alone be entitled to wear this particular decoration, and such brothers shall obtain it only through proper application and by furnishing proof of such service.

SEC. 4. Brothers may wear the miniature badge representing the shield of the Order as a buttonhole or pin decoration; and the bar pin, or buttonhole decoration.

SEC. 5. There shall be three prescribed ribbons in the Order. All officers of the Commandery-in-Chief shall wear attached to the regulation badge, while holding office, a ribbon, the center a broad stripe of old gold, with a narrow border of red, white and blue on each side, the same as now worn. All Division officers shall be entitled to wear a ribbon with a red center, and the red, white and blue border on each side, the same as is now worn. The officers and members of the Camp shall wear a ribbon with a blue center, and a red, white and blue border on each side, (the same as is now worn by Camp officers only), attached to the regulation badge. The Commandery-in-Chief officers' ribbon and the Division officers' ribbon shall be worn attached to the regulation badge by officers only, while holding office.

SEC. 6. The regulation badges of the Order shall not be plated, gilded or changed in any manner.

SEC. 7. All badges shall be worn on the left breast of the coat, the tops of the ribbon forming a horizontal line, the upper end of which shall be from two to four inches (according to the height of the wearer) below the upper line of the shoulder, and in accordance with

the regulations of the United States Army; the same as now or may hereafter be made.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### FLAGS AND COLORS.

**SECTION 1.** Each duly constituted body of the Order may have two flags of the full regulation size of 1900, to wit: Sixty-six inches fly, fifty-two inches deep on the staff; also two small colors of silk, as hereinafter defined.

**SEC. 2. Camps.**—The first, or National colors of stars and stripes, name, number and location, may be in gold or embroidered letters on silk streamer, streamer to be five or six inches wide and sixty inches long, suspended from top of staff. The second, or Camp color, of blue, with the Coat of Arms of the Order in the center of the flag, and appropriately arranged around the same, the name and number of the Camp, the name of the Order and the location of the Camp, in gold or silk embroidered letters. The reverse of the Camp color shall contain the Coat of Arms and colors of the State in which the Camp is located; and the same wording, in gold or silk embroidered letters, as the obverse.

The fringe of the flag shall be of yellow worsted, or silk bullion, and the cords and tassels of worsted or silk. Both flags shall be provided with the jointed staffs, brass or nickel spear-heads, heart shaped, or gilt eagles, substantial belts and good oil-cloth covers. The two small or Camp colors shall also be of blue, 18x24 inches, with worsted or silk bullion fringe, and poles of convenient length, properly ornamented with spear-heads. In the center of each color shall appear the number of the Camp. These colors shall also be provided with suitable oil-cloth covers.

**SEC. 3. Divisions.**—The first or National color, of stars and stripes, with the words "..... Division (giving the full name of the State,) Sons of Veterans, United States of America, on silk streamer, in gold or embroidered letters in an appropriate manner. The second or Division color, of red, same shade as the National color, with the Coat of Arms of the Order in the center of the flag, the..... Division (giving the full name of State) above the center piece, and the words "Sons of Veterans, United States of America," below the same, all in gold or embroidered letters. The reverse of the Division flags shall contain the Coat of Arms of the state of which the Division is composed, in the center, with the words in the same manner as the obverse. The fringe of the flag shall be of silk bullion, and the cords and tassels of silk. Both flags shall be provided with jointed staffs, gilt edges, or nickel spear-heads, substantial belts and good oil-cloth covers.

The two small or Division colors shall also be of red, same shade as the National color, with silk fringe, and staffs of convenient length, properly ornamented. In the center of each flag shall appear the crest and motto of the Order; above the center the words, "..... Division" (giving the full name of the State) and below, the same words, "Sons of Veterans, United States of America." Both flags shall be provided with suitable oil-cloth covers.

**SEC. 4. Commandery-in-Chief.**—The first or National color of stars and stripes with the words "Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans," and below the Coat of Arms the words "United States of America." The reverse of the flag shall contain the Coat of Arms of the United States in the center, with same words, in the same manner as the obverse. The fringe of the flags shall be of silk bullion, and the tassels and cords of silk. Both the flags shall be provided with first-class jointed staffs, fine gilt or nickel spear-heads or substantial belts and good oil-cloth covers.

The two small or Commandery colors shall also be of old gold with silk bullion fringe, and staffs of convenient length, properly ornamented with spear-heads. In the center of each flag shall appear the crest and motto of the Order; above the center-piece with the words "Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans," and below the same the words, "United States of America." Both flags shall be provided with suitable oil-cloth covers.

Sec. 5. The Commandery, Division and Camp flags and colors shall be displayed at all stated or special meetings of their respective bodies, and on parade.

Sec. 6. Provided, however, that the name of the Commandery, the name of the Division, or the name and number of the Camp may be shown on streamers 5 or 6x60 inches attached to the staff above the National or State flags, as the case may be. The colors of the streamers to be, for the Commandery, old gold; Divisions, red; Camps, blue.

## ARTICLE IX.

### COAT OF ARMS.

The Coat of Arms of the Order shall be as follows:

*Shield.*—The field is white; two sabres crossed, points up, in proper colors, ensigned by a wreath of laurels, green; on a chief azure (heraldic blue cobalt); the rising sun, gold; in the disc the monogram S. V. in vermillion, on the white field arrange thirteen stars of five points, as in the cut, in vermillion.

*Supporters.*—On the right a soldier, in fatigue uniform (without arms) of 1861-65, viz: dark blue blouse, light blue trousers, zouave cap, cross and waist belts of brown leather, on the buckle the letters "U. S." On the left a sailor—navy blue shirt and trousers, black silk necktie and regulation cap.

*Crest.*—An eagle (American) on rocks, in proper colors.

The scrolls containing the mottoes are white, shaded at the end with crimson lake; letters black; the ornaments bordering the shield, and under the same, of gold; the flags, naval and military, with cannon muskets, all in their proper places and colors.

## ARTICLE X.

### PASSWORD AND COUNTERSIGN.

SECTION 1. The Commander-in-Chief shall select, and by means of a cipher, distribute the semi-annual password and countersign to Divisions not in arrears. He shall so regulate the sending out of the same that they will reach the headquarters of each Division by the first days of June and December of each year. The several Division Commanders shall, in turn, see that by cipher the new password and countersign reaches each Camp on or before the night set for the installation of the newly elected officers, and that the same are duly promulgated on that occasion, but only to such Camps as have sent in all reports and paid per capita tax. The Commander-in-Chief shall change the password and countersign whenever in his opinion the interests of the Order demand it. The password shall in all cases be the name of an officer or individual; the countersign that of a battle or place.

SEC. 2. Any member of the Grand Army of the Republic, or honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine, who served in the Union Army or Navy during the war of 1861-65, may be admitted to the sessions of any Camp, after having satisfied the Camp Commander of his right to be accorded such privilege.



## ARTICLE XI.

## RITUALS.

SECTION 1. The general use of the Ritual for Camp services is prohibited; no Camp shall be allowed over five rituals, and the Camp Commander shall make it his especial duty to see that each and all of his subordinates are fully instructed as to their duties and parts.

SEC. 2. The full use of the ritualistic ceremonies in the muster of recruits is optional with Camps; but the obligation of membership, the closing instruction by the Camp Commander in the lesson of loyalty, in the presenting the insignia of the Order, and the demonstration of the secret work, shall never be omitted.

SEC. 3. The Ritual of the Order is hereby made a part of the Laws of the Order, in all matters not inconsistent herewith.

## ARTICLE XII.

## CAMP PACKET.

10 Form	1—Requisition for supplies.
20 Form	3—Application for Membership.
5 Form	4—Transfer Cards.
10 Form	5½—G. A. R. Comrade Cards.
5 Form	6—Honorable Discharges.
5 Form	7—Past Officers' Credentials.
10 Form	8—Delegates' Credentials.
10 Form	8½—Alternates' Credentials.
1 Form	9—Receipts of the Evening.
6 Form	10—Treasurer's Monthly Reports.
1 Form	11—Constitution and Laws.
20 Form	12—Statements of Account.
3 Form	13—Camp Council's Quarterly Reports.
20 Form	14—Notice to Delinquent Members.
20 Form	16—Form of Request on War or Navy Department for Ancestor's Record.
10 Form	17—Non-Commissioned Staff Warrants.
20 Form	18—Ode Cards.
6 Form	19—Camp Treasurer's and Camp Council Bonds.
1 Form	A—Descriptive Book.
1 Form	B—Camp Treasurer's Receipt Book.
1 Form	C—Camp Secretary's Requisition Book.
1 Form	D—Minute Book.
1 Form	E—Ledger.
1 Form	F—Cash Book.
1 Form	G—Roll Book of Members, Obligated Veterans, etc.
1 Form	1—General Order File Book.
5 Form	21—Rituals.
1 Form	27D—Duplicate Book, Camp Secretary's Quarterly Reports
1 Form	28D—Duplicate Book, Camp Treasurer's Quarterly Reports.
1 Form	00—Cipher.
1 Form	000—Key to Cipher.
1	Regulation Badge.

## ARTICLE XIII.

## RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order of the Commandery-in-Chief and subordinate bodies of the Sons of Veterans shall be the rules governing deliberative bodies.

H. V. SPEELMAN,  
R. M. J. REED,  
E. C. PARKINSON,  
F. E. BOLTON,  
N. J. McGUIRE,  
*Committee on O. R. & R.*

OFFICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.,  
DWIGHT, ILL., December 1, 1904.

I hereby certify that the foregoing are the Constitution and Laws for the government of the Commandery-in-Chief and of all Divisions, Camps and members of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., as adopted at the annual meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief, held at Boston, Mass., August 17, 18, 19, 1904.

WM. G. DUSTIN.  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

JAS. E. SEABERT, *National Secretary.*

The Commander-in-Chief resumed command, and declared the meeting closed for to-day, and that a recess be taken until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

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### THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Friday, August 19, 1904.

Encampment resumed at 9 o'clock A. M., with the Commander-in-Chief presiding, and the officers at their respective stations.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The motion is, that the Constitution and Laws be adopted as a whole.

H. V. SPEELMAN, of Ohio: I want to add to my motion for the adoption of the report of the committee, that these Constitution and Laws as now adopted shall be effective and in full force January 1, 1905.

Motion seconded by E. C. Parkinson, N. Y.

The motion was put and carried.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The business now before the Encampment is the reports of committees.

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### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

A. L. SORTER, JR., of Iowa: The Committee on Organization has to report as follows:

*To the Commandery-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.*

BROTHERS:—Your Committee upon Organization, after listening to statements of brothers from many Divisions, relative to existing conditions, and discussing at length plans now in successful operation, for maintaining interest and holding membership, as well as making an exhaustive review of the causes which have resulted in a depletion of the ranks in some of the Divisions:

Finds that, where organized the Sons of Veterans Reserves have strengthened the Order; that the sick benefit has operated favorably in many camps; that the Grand Army of the Republic has an increased respect for our Order, because of the founding of the Memorial University.

Also in those Divisions where a loss of membership has been reported, it is suggested that had it been possible to maintain competent organizers in the field this loss would have been prevented.

Therefore, it is recommended that each member of this Encampment be urged to individually do all he can to assist the proper officers of the S. V. Reserves to enlarge and perfect their organization; that we urge Camps to consider the advisability of establishing a sick benefit, and that in Divisions where it is advisable to keep organizers in the field, Division Commanders be authorized to make contracts with competent brothers to serve in this capacity and to arrange for compensation by a just division of the muster fee, or some other equitable compensation; all moneys to pass through regular channels and or-

ganizer's compensation accounts to be duly audited and paid by authorized officers, and said contracts to be approved by the Commander-in-Chief.

F. McCRILLIS,  
E. R. CAMPBELL,  
WILLIAM H. SMITH,  
CHARLES K. DARLING,  
A. L. SORTER, JR.

A. L. SORTER, JR., of Iowa: On behalf of the committee, I move the adoption of this report. Seconded by C. H. Straub, West Virginia. Motion put and carried.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Adjutant General will now read some communications.

ADJUTANT GENERAL: The following is from a committee from the Ladies' Aid Society:

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GREETINGS FROM THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF THE  
LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

"Patience is a virtue." We've waited honey, waited long for you. Good luck. Good constitution, and love from your Ladies' Aid Society.

KATE G. RAYNOR,  
MRS. F. P. CONNELL,  
ROSE GILMAN WHITE,  
DELLA A. C. GOODRICH,  
EDNA BERGWITZ.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If there is no objection, the communication will be filed and spread upon the minutes. Hearing none it is so ordered.

ADJUTANT GENERAL: The following is from Past Commander-in-Chief J. L. Rake:

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TELEGRAM:

CHICAGO, August 17, 1904.

A. G. Loyd, Division Commander, care Fred E. Bolton, 977 Tremont Bldg., Boston.

Regret inability to be present. Greetings to Encampment. Let me suggest historic Gettysburg for nineteen five meeting.

J. L. RAKE.

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF SHEPARD: I move you, sir, that the committee already appointed by the Commander-in-Chief express the appreciation of the greetings from the Ladies' Aid Society. Seconded and carried.

The following communications were read by the Adjutant General, and no objections being offered, they were received and filed:

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FROM PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MARTIN.

INDIANAPOLIS, August 13, 1904.

Col. Arthur B. Spink, Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A. Boston, Mass.

DEAR BROTHER COMMANDER AND MEMBERS OF THE ENCAMPMENT:— Business makes it absolutely impossible for me to be with you in Boston. To say that I regret my absence would put it mildly indeed, for I am heart sick over my enforced absence. I have looked forward throughout the year to this annual meeting of the "Old Guard." There is no pleasure comparable to that growing out of the associations with the noble men of our Order. There is a fellowship there that I know nowhere else.



I trust the Encampment may be a great success, and result in good for our Beloved Order. We are on the high road to success, and have but to keep our faces to the front and work.

I send to each and all my sincerest greetings and God speed.  
Fraternally yours,

FRANK MARTIN.

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FROM PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF RUSSELL.

LaCROSSE, KANSAS, August 15, 1904.

DEAR GENERAL:—Your wire at hand. I will do best I can at once to stir matters up. Sorry I cannot be with you, but it is too far this intensely hot weather. Can you give us an Encampment out West once more? Say in Ohio, Indiana, or Illinois. Would be mighty glad to go. Give my most cordial regards to all the boys, and God bless our splendid Order.

Yours sincerely,

W. H. RUSSELL.

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HEADQUARTERS GENERAL GEORGE A. CUSTER CAMP, NUMBER 6, ILLINOIS DIVISION. SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

CHICAGO, August 9, 1904.

*To the Members of the Commandery-in-Chief in Executive Session, Boston, Mass.:*

General George A. Custer Camp, No. 6, Division of Illinois, takes great pleasure in sending greetings to the 23d Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

[SEAL.]

ALBERT E. KERR,  
Commander.

*Joel F. Longenecker, First Sergeant.*

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CHICAGO, August 13, 1904.

*To the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. Boston.*

At a meeting of Andrew J. Guilford Camp, No. 1, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Division of Illinois, held August 9, at 206 La Salle Street, Chicago, the Commanding Officer of the Camp was instructed to send the Greetings of the Camp to the Commandery-in-Chief, soon to assemble in Boston.

As such, I take pleasure in extending the heartiest greetings and good wishes of Camp No. 1 to the Commandery-in-Chief.

H. C. McGUIGAN,  
Commander.

Attest:

W. F. JENKINS, *First Sergeant.*

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: While we are waiting for the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports, we will have the report of the Committee on Rituals and Ceremonies, Brother McDowell.

F. H. B. McDOWELL, of Wisconsin: The following is the report of the committee:

BOSTON, MASS., August 19, 1904.

*To the Officers and Members of the 23d Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.*

Your Committee on Rituals and Ceremonies desires to report that, in view of the proposed changes in our Constitution, Rules and Regulations, it has seemed inadvisable to make any changes in the Ritual during the past year. We recommend that Camp Commanders be instructed to make the necessary changes in the titles used in the ritual to conform to the new Constitution, and that the Committee on Rituals and Ceremonies be empowered to prepare a new ritual, or make such changes as may be deemed necessary in our present ritual, during the

first half of the coming year, have it exemplified at such Division Encampments as can well be done in 1905, and present the same to the 24th Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief for adoption or rejection, at such expense as may be authorized by the Council-in-Chief.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

F. H. B. McDOWELL,

T. A. BARTON,

WM. H. SMITH.

A. G. LOYD, of Pennsylvania: I move the adoption of the report. Seconded by Dr. S. W. McCurdy, Pa., and carried.

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MERRILL: The Committee on Officers' Reports is ready to report.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: We will now have that report.

FRANK J. CLINTON, of Rhode Island, Secretary of the Committee, read same, as follows:

BOSTON, August 19, 1904.

To the Officers and Brothers of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Your Committee beg to submit the following report:

#### RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Recommendation No. 1. Already acted on by the Commandery-in-Chief. (On "Banner").

Recommendation No. 2. Not received by your committee.

Recommendation No. 3. Already acted on by the Commandery-in-Chief. (Power of the Chief of Staff, Sons of Veterans Reserves.)

Recommendation No. 4. We concur in this recommendation, providing for the purchase of a new U. S. flag.

The report of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief is referred to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

We concur in the recommendation of the Council-in-Chief, fixing the per capita tax at 36 cents.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS OF ADJUTANT GENERAL.

Recommendation No. 1. Referred to incoming Commander-in-Chief.

Recommendation No. 2. Provided for by action of this Encampment.

Recommendation No. 3. Provided for by action of this Encampment.

Recommendation No. 4. Provided for by action of this Encampment.

Recommendation No. 5. Nonconcurrency.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK P. MERRILL, *Chairman.*

CHAS. K. DARLING,

E. R. CAMPBELL,

GEORGE E. COX,

FRANK J. CLINTON.

S. S. HORN, of Pennsylvania: I move the adoption of the report of the committee as read. Seconded and carried.

RALPH SHELDON, of New York: Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

To the Commandery-in-Chief in its 23d Annual Encampment.

The Committee on Resolutions makes the following report:

*resolved.* That a vote of thanks be extended to the local committee, and the members of Massachusetts Division, for the courtesies extended; the ride down the Bay; the shore dinner, the kindly attention shown the ladies, and the generous hospitality, which will always be a pleasant memory to those who were fortunate enough to be present.

*Resolved.* That fraternal greetings be extended to the Grand Army of the Republic, Women's Relief Corps, Ladies' Aid Society, Daughters of Veterans, and kindred societies, for their co-operation in the work of the Sons of Veterans.

*Resolved.* That a vote of thanks be given to the Press of the city, for the liberal space and useful information given to the organization during the Encampment week.

Submitted in F., C. & L.,

RALPH SHELDON,  
ARTHUR T. BOGUE,  
GEORGE W. HOXIE.

A. G. LOYD, of Pennsylvania: I move the adoption of the report. Seconded and carried.

A. L. SORTER, JR., of Iowa: Contrary to the usual rule in this Commandery-in-Chief, we have a brother here who has a report to make. It is in the hands of Hon. James E. Blythe, of the Board of Regents of the Memorial University, and I have to request that the Commandery-in-Chief receive and file the report of the President of the University.

LUTHER J. DAVIS, of Ohio: I move that it be received, filed and published. Seconded and carried.

#### REPORT OF PRESIDENT MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY TO THE COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF OF THE SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

At this, the annual convention of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., the report is in order concerning the progress to date and the present status of Memorial University, founded and located by your order at Mason City, Ia. The institution is incorporated under the laws of the State of Iowa and is dedicated to the patriotic men and women of the Civil War. Its location, Mason City, is a growing town in Northern Iowa, ten thousand population, with four railroads. This situation in the heart of this great land is favorable to the growth and development of a national institution. The promises made by the representatives of Mason City at your National Encampment at Syracuse have been more than fulfilled. Valuable property has been acquired, consisting of a campus of forty acres and a magnificent building of stone, the first of the group to be erected, which, together with the large number of building lots, educational equipment and the nucleus of an endowment fund, amounts to \$150,000.

In making this estimate conservatism has ruled that the value might be understated rather than overstated. There is no debt upon this property. The Association formed by the citizens of Mason City through which they were to fulfill their promises made at Syracuse by their representatives turned this property over to the Board of Regents appointed by the Sons of Veterans without an incumbrance.

#### THE GOVERNING BOARD.

The institution has a strong board of regents, nearly all Sons of Veterans, representing 12 different states. Others are to be added. It also has a national G. A. R. Advisory Board and a State Advisory Board from the W. R. C. Department of Iowa. It is hoped that soon there may be an extension of this plan to every department of this Order.

The Executive Committee is composed of solid business and professional men, worthy in every way to apply the funds for the University.

#### PRESENT ORGANIZATION.

During the past year much attention has been given to the formulating of an educational policy, to be broad and comprehensive, and at the same time meeting the needs of the present day and age.



The Institution as now organized has a strong academy, with courses of study which will enable graduates from this department to pass the examination to any college in the land. The first two years of the college work are offered at the present time. The authorities are hoping to offer the full college course by another year. In addition to these main courses of study, we have organized a normal course, college of commerce, and the initial courses in the College of American History have been outlined and one class carried through the first year of the work.

Because of the reorganization of the work on its educational side, the music department was not carried during the second year. This, however, is included in our prospectus for the coming year.

The attendance during the past year was 130; as intimated above, the students in the music department were not included.

The next step in the development of the educational work after completing the college course will be the establishment of an industrial course, which will be given in connection with the Academy work. This will include the essential principle of agriculture, horticulture, landscape gardening for the boys and girls, forge work, carpentering work and mechanical drawing for the boys, and for the girls, household science, including cooking, sewing, laundering, home decoration, home economy and home management.

A small industry will also be established, where some of the boys and girls who wish to work their way can earn something toward their expenses.

As soon as possible such professional schools as may be deemed wise and necessary by the Board of Regents will be added. At the present time funds will not permit of the greater expansion of the work than that here outlined.

#### THE PATRIOTIC FEATURES.

Special attention is given to American History, as related elsewhere in this report. Military drill is required of all the boys. It is expected that an Army officer will be in resident soon. Beautiful flags, given by the W. R. C. in Iowa are used to decorate the chapel for battalion drill and to fly daily from the flag staff on the building. A number of historic pictures given by friends adorn the walls, and other gifts are on the way. The main corridor contains the pictures of the Past Commanders-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans. These have been intrusted to the care of the University authorities for safe keeping.

Every effort is made to inculcate patriotism of a liberal character in the hearts of the young people. The institution is a national institution. Scholarships have been awarded by the institution to the various States of the Union, and nine different States have been represented in our attendance.

#### THE FINANCIAL STATUS.

I have elsewhere mentioned the amount of property which has already been gathered for this institution. The fame of the institution has gone abroad to all the patriotic orders and the action of the Sons of Veterans in founding the same has been warmly approved. During this past year a member of the Board secured for the institution generous gifts of between three and four thousand dollars each from General Grenville M. Dodge, and from General F. M. Drake, whose death occurred last November. A few other individuals have made smaller gifts. During the year 1900-01 the Sons of Veterans pledged, in round numbers, by individual and camp subscriptions, maturing over a period of ten years, \$17,000 for the support of the institution. Since that date a total of a trifle over \$3000 has been paid in.

During this past year, or rather from September 1st, when I assumed charge of the work of this institution, to July 1st, \$130.50 have been sent in by ninety-six members of the order. \$253 contributed by twenty-one camps, one camp contributing \$54 of this amount. This money has been of great help, and has come at opportune times.

The expressions of the members who have sent it have been those of cheerful givers. They have expressed great interest in the welfare and progress of the institution. It is believed that there is a logical connection between their giving and their interest. It is believed further that this logical connection ought to be established by thousands of the Sons of Veterans, rather than by the few individuals who gave the \$383.

Please understand that every penny of this gift is appreciated, and the University authorities would not be frank with the members of the Order if they did not at this point make some definite statement relative to the financial support received from the Sons of Veterans. In point of development, the institution is now where the Sons of Veterans should decide whether they are to take the lead in fulfilling the moral obligation resting upon them and give to the authorities of the institution that support which will enable them to bring the University immediately to the front.

It seems reasonable to say that the individual members who have already contributed are not any more favored with this world's goods than the thousands who have not contributed. The question at the present time is not the question of establishing the institution; neither is it in reality the question of its ultimate success, but rather a question as to whether the Sons of Veterans as an Order will in reality establish their claim to a share in that success.

There is no reason why 10,000 members of the Order should not give each year what practically 383 members have given during this past year.

There is in the Order a growing disposition on the part of several states to assist in this grand work. The institution is worthy in every respect of the hearty support of the Sons of Veterans. The authorities in charge pledge themselves to make the wisest possible use of funds and to develop the institution on broad and practical lines. The possibilities for its future use and influence, both as a memorial, and as an educational factor in our nation, cannot be fully embodied in this report. A positive, helpful attitude taken by the Sons of Veterans at this, their National Encampment, will enlist thousands of women in the W. R. C., Ladies of the G. A. R., and members of all patriotic societies, in this great work and the rapid development of the institution will be assured.

We earnestly request that this Encampment and the delegates from the different states will rally the respective Divisions to the support of this enterprise, and thus unite the whole Order in a grand and inspiring work.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK D. TUCKER,  
President Memorial University.

August 15, 1904.

#### REPORT OF FLAG COMMITTEE.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., August 10, 1904.

*William R. Congdon, Adjutant-General, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.*

SIR:—I have the honor to submit herewith, the report of the Flag Committee of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. This committee was appointed to secure legislation in the several States and in Congress, to prevent the desecration of the American Flag, and also to represent the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in the American Flag Association.

It is as a part of the organization of the American Flag Association and acting with it, that this committee can render most valuable aid to the cause. The work of this latter Association has been of the greatest importance. In the intelligent handling of the subject, in its far-reaching and wise action, in bringing the matter to the American people through no less than seventy committees of patriotic orders, com-

prising nine hundred and thirty members, it has achieved wonderful success, securing in twenty six States of the Union, such legislation as undoubtedly puts a stop to the desecration of the American flag.

Your committee feel that in acting in close touch with the American Flag Association, the Sons of Veterans of the United States can accomplish a very great deal in increasing public sentiment towards the proper veneration of the flag of our country.

To the American Flag Association the assistance of our Order, composed of earnest and loyal sons of patriotic and worthy sires, must be of immense importance in the future, and your committee earnestly recommends that its brothers and comrades become familiar with what has been done already in furtherance of the object for which the committee was created. The distinguished Order to which we bear allegiance should be ever ready to uphold the honor and dignity of the American flag under all circumstances and in every condition.

I have the honor to enclose herewith, replies to letters written to various distinguished comrades in relation to the legislation in the different states, affecting the proper respect to be paid to the national ensign. Twelve letters were sent to the following gentlemen:

Hon. C. H. Little, Manchester, N. H.; Hon. Forrest Goodwin, Skowhegan, Me.; F. E. Coyne, Esq., Chicago, Ill.; Hon. Charles B. Landis, Washington, D. C.; Hon. Bartow S. Weeks, New York, N. Y.; Hon. Frank Jackson, Mason City, Iowa; Harry D. Sisson, Esq., Pittsfield, Mass.; Asa W. Jones, Esq., Youngstown, Ohio; Hon. H. W. Wessells, Litchfield, Conn.; Hon. Charles A. Bookwalter, Indianapolis, Ind.; Hon. John M. Thurston, Washington, D. C.; and John T. Howe, Scranton, Pa.

To these the following replies were received: Hon. C. H. Little, Manchester, N. H.; Hon. Charles B. Landis, Washington, D. C.; F. E. Coyne, Esq., Chicago, Ill.; Hon. Bartow S. Weeks, New York, N. Y.; Harry D. Sisson, Esq., Pittsfield, Mass.; Asa W. Jones, Esq., Youngstown, Ohio; Hon. H. W. Wessells, Litchfield, Conn.; and Hon. John M. Thurston, Washington, D. C. These enclosures are numbered one to eight inclusive.

The committee feels under very great obligation to the Commander-in-Chief, Arthur B. Spink, for his offer to lighten the labors of the committee and to extend to it all the aid and assistance in his power. No more zealous advocate or defender of the American flag can be found throughout our distinguished Order than our Commander-in-Chief.

In closing the report your committee respectfully present the following suggestion.

As the protection of the flag from any misuse or desecration is a matter of national concern and the different state laws in relation thereto may be brought into question regarding the constitutionality of some of their provisions, would it not be eminently wise to endeavor to secure from the Congress of the United States the passage of a uniform law, national in its character and free from any question as to its intention or operation.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

ELISHA DYER,  
Chairman.

H. V. SPEELMAN, Ohio: Under the head of new business, it is proper for us to select a place for our next meeting. It is unnecessary for me to make a speech on that subject. The name of the place which I suggest is a speech more eloquent than can be made by man. I move that our next Encampment be held at Gettysburg, Pa., at such time as may be determined by the incoming Council-in-Chief. Seconded by F. H. B. McDowell, Wisconsin.

E. C. PARKINSON, New York: It is a shrine that I love to go to, down among the Pennsylvanians. You will see some of the Reserves there, I want also to second the motion made by Past Division Commander Speelman.

Motion put and carried.



**PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF CAMPBELL:** Yesterday I was called to the ante-room by a gentleman from Georgia, and after conferring with one of our brothers, I promised to bring the matter which he had in hand before the Encampment. I want to fulfill my part of the agreement, but I do not ask any action at the hands of the Commandery-in-Chief, but simply that the matter may be referred to the incoming Commander-in-Chief. It is in regard to the history of the life of General Longstreet, which has been endorsed by the Grand Army of the Republic. It is purely a matter of sentiment, and I desire to make a record of this being brought before the Encampment, and refer it without discussion to the incoming Commander-in-Chief, and I make a motion accordingly. Motion seconded, put and carried.

(With the motion was presented a communication, signed by Gen. O. O. Howard, and Department Commander Lucius Field, Mass., calling attention to opportunity to subscribe for a copy of the Life of General Longstreet.)

**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** The next order of business is the nomination and election of officers, and the chair awaits the nomination for Commander-in-Chief.

The Adjutant-General called the Roll of Divisions.  
When Illinois was reached,

**PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF SHEPARD:** This is the most pleasant duty that can come to a member of the Illinois Division. For a successor to our able, industrious and honored Commander-in-Chief, we should choose a like able, industrious and respected officer. We should elect a brother who is in harmony with the purpose and spirit of our Order. The members of this Encampment can place the authority of office in the hands of William G. Dustin without causing an interim in the conduct and progress of the work—without a break in the fraternal bonds that hold us together. The Order of Sons of Veterans was born out of the patriotic deeds and principles of our fathers. It is pledged to conserve what through wrought on field of battle, to protect what they have accomplished in the intervening years; to aid them as they walk now in declining years the homeward pathway of their lives. The Order stands for the principles and objects of our country. It upholds the traditions, and its principles and objects are every day contemporaneous with the policy and ideals of the Republic.

Dustin's young manhood was nurtured with the patriotic impulse that was in the air and swept the loyal states. He witnessed, in the command of his father, the soldier life of those men who now constitute the Grand Army of the Republic. His life exemplifies the best there is in American citizenship. When he was mustered into the Order he did not have to be born again to become a good Son of a Veteran. Muster meant to him opportunity for work. It meant to the Order the gain of an earnest, able and persistent worker in the ranks. Dustin's membership in the Sons of Veterans has been synonymous with the best things and principles for the Order and the greatest effort by the Order in carrying those principles and objects into effect.

It is said that gratitude is the fairest flower of life. If that be true, then many of us here today will follow the impulse of the heart and return in small measure the favors received from Dustin's hands. He has worked with us in office and out. His counsel and support and sympathy have always been freely given. He has always been ready to help, and his help has always been of the greatest value. We can base our support of Dustin on the ground of personal affection and gratitude for what he has done for us and for the Order. But, "should auld acquaintance be forgot," and personal consideration put aside, then we nominate him on his merits and his worth in the office he seeks. He has been in closer touch with the details of the Order than any other member of the Order. He is doing more work for, and is personally acquainted with more members of the Order than any other man whose name can be suggested. Illinois nominates Dustin—Wil-

liam G. Dustin—our most available and best loved brother, for Commander-in-Chief of our Order. (Applause.)

When Maryland was reached,

CHARLES S. DAVIS, Maryland: At our Division Encampment in June last, a resolution was presented by one of our brothers, instructing the delegates of Maryland Division to this Commandery-in-Chief to use all honorable means to secure the election to the office of Commander-in-Chief of Brother William G. Dustin, and therefore, on behalf of Maryland Division, I take pleasure in seconding the nomination. (Applause.)

When New York was reached,

R. M. GENTHNER, New York: By the instructions of our Division Encampment last June, I heartily second the nomination of Brother Dustin.

When Ohio was reached,

H. V. SPEELMAN, Ohio: Representing the unanimous action of the Ohio Convention, I also second the nomination of Brother Dustin.

When Pennsylvania was reached,

GEN. R. M. J. REED: I represent the largest Division, and we unanimously endorse the nomination of Dustin.

When Vermont was reached,

A. L. CHENEY, Vermont: Brother Dustin is a native of Vermont, and I take great pleasure in seconding the nomination of Brother Dustin for Commander-in-Chief.

When Wisconsin was reached,

F. H. B. McDOWELL, Wisconsin: In view of the fact that the roll has been called, I move you, sir, that the Adjutant-General cast the entire vote of this Encampment for William G. Dustin for Commander-in-Chief.

The motion was seconded and carried.

F. H. B. McDowell and A. L. Sorter, Jr., were appointed tellers, who reported the vote.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The report of the tellers is, the unanimous vote for William G. Dustin for Commander-in-Chief. I therefore declare him duly elected for the ensuing term, and will ask Past Commander-in-Chief Darling and General Reed to escort him to the hall, which was done, and he received a rousing reception.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The next order of business is the nomination and election of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and the Adjutant-General will call the Roll of Divisions.

When Alabama and Tennessee was reached,

L. W. Friedman, Ala. and Tenn.: I give way to Massachusetts.

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF DARLING: There is a little town up in Vermont which you would call "Corinth," but which every one there calls "Crin." Its total population is 1,500, but you have seen fit to elect two Commanders-in-Chief from that town—one is speaking, and the other I have brought here.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I have the pleasure at this time to present to you your incoming Commander-in-Chief, William G. Dustin.

WILLIAM G. DUSTIN, Illinois: Commander, and brothers of this Encampment. It places me in rather an embarrassing position to have such honors conferred upon me, not being in any sense a speaker. I wish I could convey to you all just exactly how I feel in regard to the honor which you have conferred upon me today. I wish I could convey to you all the feelings that I have in regard to not only the honor of being elected as your Commander-in-Chief, but the honor that you conferred upon me yesterday. You all know that for several years I have been in very close connection with the Order, and I believe that I realize to a large extent the duties that have been thrust upon me. I am very

thankful to every brother of the whole Order for this honor, and I will only say that you will have to let my deeds judge me as you have in the past. I appreciate everything you have done for me since I have been here. I thank you.

**PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF DARLING:** I have looked forward for years to the pleasure of a meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief in the City of Boston, and as some of you may know, when the time came, owing to the fact that we met with the Grand Army of the Republic, I have been engaged in that work and have been unable to be with you but a few minutes. I am called upon to nominate a brother who has seen a great many things; who has been around the world; who has served in the Volunteer Army; who has served in the Astor Battery; and it would appear to me that he represents just the element we desire, and I take pleasure, without further words, in nominating for the position of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, George S. Geis, Past Commander of Lincoln Camp, No. 7, San Francisco.

**H. V. SPEELMAN, Ohio:** I move that in future elections the roll call of States be dispensed with. Seconded and carried.

**E. C. PARKINSON, New York:** I move that the Adjutant-General cast the unanimous vote of the Commandery-in-Chief for Brother Geis, for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Seconded and carried.

The tellers reported the vote.

**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** The tellers report the unanimous election of George S. Geis, of California, to serve you as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and I declare him elected as such.

We will now proceed to the nomination of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

**VALENTINE GILB, JR., Ala. and Tenn.:** On behalf of the loyal Sons of Veterans in this house, I take pleasure in presenting the name of a brother, who, if elected, will be a benefit to the Order in every sense of the word, a brother who has bound himself in the hearts of every brother; he is qualified in every respect, and I hope this convention will see fit to honor our brother. I refer to that loyal Son of a Veteran, L. W. Friedman, of Birmingham, Ala., whom I nominate for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

**W. E. HULL, Illinois:** I second the nomination of Brother Friedman, and move that the Adjutant-General cast the unanimous vote of the Encampment.

**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** There being no objection, the Adjutant-General will proceed to cast the unanimous vote of this Encampment for L. W. Friedman, of Birmingham, Ala., for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The tellers reported the vote.

**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** L. W. Friedman having received the unanimous vote of this Encampment for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I hereby declare him elected as such.

**H. H. HAMMER, Pennsylvania:** On behalf of the delegation adjoining New England, I have the honor and pleasure of presenting for the position of Quartermaster-General, Brother Fred. E. Bolton, of the New England and Pennsylvania Division.

**H. V. SPEELMAN, Ohio:** I move that the rules be suspended, and that the Adjutant-General be instructed to cast the vote of this Encampment for Brother Bolton, for Quartermaster-General, until January 1, 1905, and after that National Treasurer.

Motion seconded and carried.

The tellers reported the vote.

**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** I hereby declare Fred. E. Bolton elected in accordance with the motion just passed.



**QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL:** Mr. Commander, and brothers, I appreciate deeply this expression of your confidence. I have endeavored to serve you in the past in this position, and I assure you that while I hold the office, whichever it be, I shall endeavor to do the best I can to fully discharge its duties.

**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** The next in order is the election of the Council-in-Chief.

**FRANK J. CLINTON, Rhode Island:** Mr. Commander, and brothers, I do not come forward with any intention of making a speech, even if a speech were necessary. I have the honor to nominate for your first member of the Council-in-Chief, and had I the power it would take a long time to say all that can be said in favor of this brother. In placing in nomination this brother from my own Division, I will ask you not to judge from anything I say, but to judge him by his services; it is the best test; and the work that has been performed by this brother will commend itself to the kind consideration of every brother of this Encampment; I trust that his successors in office will do equally as good. It gives me pleasure to present the name of our present Adjutant-General, William R. Congdon, of Rhode Island, for the position of first member of the Council-in-Chief, and let his works be the test of his worthiness for this position.

**F. E. WATSON, Indiana:** I wish to present the name of Newton J. McGuire, of Indianapolis.

The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief assumed the chair.

**F. H. ARCHER, Ohio:** Reminding you of the great State of Ohio, and her previous great record in this great Order, I assure you it is a great privilege to present for your consideration one whom you have had an opportunity at this meeting to see and witness his capabilities and energies in behalf of this Order in all its particulars; therefore, Mr. Commander-in-Chief and brothers, of this Commandery-in-Chief, I take pleasure in presenting for your consideration for a member of the Council-in-Chief, Past Commander H. V. Speelman, of Ohio.

**S. W. McCURDY, Pennsylvania:** I move that the nominations close, the rules be suspended and the Assistant Adjutant-General cast the unanimous ballot for the three brothers who have been nominated for Council-in-Chief. Motion seconded and carried.

The tellers reported the vote.

**SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** The tellers having reported the unanimous vote of this Encampment for William R. Congdon, Newton J. McGuire and H. V. Speelman for Council-in-Chief for the ensuing year, I hereby declare them elected as such.

**PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF CAMPBELL:** Commander-in-Chief and brothers. I rise to my feet, Commander, for the purpose of calling our esteemed Brother Darling to account for leaving out of his list a very insignificant Vermonter. There are three Commanders-in-Chief for the good old State of Vermont, notwithstanding the fact that it is so small; our present Commander, to be, Brother Dustin, our beloved Darling, and your humble servant. In that connection it may be news, perhaps, to some of the boys, that while I stand here as a Son of a Veteran, as Past Commander-in-Chief, I also served three years in the Army of the Potomac in the old Vermont Brigade; a brigade that lost more men killed in battle than any other brigade we have any account of, in any army.

Now, Commander and brothers, we are up to the Military Department, and you all know that there is only one brother who is entitled to the position of Major General commanding the Sons of Veterans Reserves. He has shown, from the first, a skill and knowledge of military affairs which would entitle him to the highest consideration. His heart and soul are in the work, and he, above all others, is qualified to fill the position of commanding officer; in addition to that, the great and im-

portant Division of Pennsylvania is entitled to the honors of Chief-of-Staff. No other Division in our Order has any claim whatsoever to that position. I have the honor to report to you that in the State of Pennsylvania they have a military organization that the Order may be proud of; it is up to date, and the Camp at Reading which I officially visited recently was a model Camp, the military duties were carried out in accordance with army regulations and the customs of the service. All these things have come about through the efforts of our esteemed friend and brother, General Reed, and I have the honor to nominate him for the position of Chief-of-Staff for the ensuing term of five years, with the rank of Major-General.

W. E. HULL, Illinois: On behalf of the Division of Illinois, I take great pleasure in seconding the nomination of General Reed, and move that the rules be suspended and the Adjutant-General cast the unanimous vote of the Encampment.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: There being no objection, it is so ordered.

The tellers reported the vote.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: General R. M. J. Reed having received the unanimous vote of this Encampment for the office of Chief-of-Staff for five years, he is declared elected as such.

GEN. R. M. J. REED: I appreciate this, and will do all in my power to upbuild the Order.

T. A. BARTON, Rhode Island: Commander and brothers, one year ago it was your pleasure to elect to the high position of Commander-in-Chief one of Rhode Island's most active, able and beloved brothers. Of him it may properly be said, he is a manly man, with a mighty kind heart. At the request of my brothers from "Little Rhody," I take your time for just a few moments, that I may, on their behalf, present to you the likeness of him of whom I speak, and I ask your acceptance of the same.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: On behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief, I will call upon Past Commander Wagner, of Pennsylvania, to receive the gift.

L. M. WAGNER, Pennsylvania: Commander and brothers, I can assure you this is an unexpected honor, but it is a great pleasure to me, notwithstanding. When Brother Spink was elected Commander-in-Chief we not only felt, but we realized and positively promised that we would make every effort to build up this organization, and particularly because of our love for Brother Spink, so that at the expiration of his term we would have an increase in our organization, and we have kept that promise most faithfully. In receiving this picture, I want to compliment the Commander-in-Chief in having added to the collection already received, the handsome counterfeit of our handsome Commander-in-Chief, and therefore, on behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief, I accept this picture, and I believe that I know that as long as Brother Spink is permitted to live upon this broad universe upon which we are now dwelling, he will appear in the original at all our gatherings, at all the meetings in the future of the Commandery-in-Chief. (Applause.)

DR. D. SHERMAN SMITH, Pennsylvania: Mr. Chairman, I beg leave to report that your committee on greetings to the Ladies' Aid Society have performed their duties. The ladies returned the greetings of the Commandery-in-Chief. They are very sorry that they were not permitted to come into our room.

H. V. SPEELMAN, Ohio: I move we proceed to the installation of officers. No objection offered.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL: I desire to place in nomination for installing officer, to install Brother Dustin, and the other officers, our esteemed brother, Alfred G. Loyd, of the Pennsylvania Division. No objection, so ordered.

A. G. LOYD, Pennsylvania: I will ask Michael Crowley to assist me.

#### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The officers elect, as follows:

*Commander-in-Chief*—William G. Dustin, Illinois.

*Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief*.—George S. Geis, California.

*Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief*.—L. W. Friedman, Ala. and Tenn.

*Council-in-Chief*.—William R. Congdon, Rhode Island; Newton J. McGuire, Indiana; H. V. Speelman, Ohio.

*Quartermaster-General*.—Fred E. Bolton, Massachusetts.

*Chief-of-Staff*.—Gen. R. M. J. Reed, Pennsylvania.

Were duly and legally installed by Commander A. G. Loyd, Pa., as installing officer.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF DUSTIN: I will announce my staff later on.

FRANK McCRILLIS, Illinois: A few moments ago I was informed that I had been selected for one of the last, and one of the pleasantest duties of this Encampment—a duty that I take great pleasure in, and will endeavor to perform, because it carries with it, in a sense, reward for merit. I will request Past Commander-in-Chief Spink to arise. My brother, you are no longer Commander-in-Chief of this Order. You have taken your place again in the ranks, with all others, with no more in the way of privileges, I take it, than you had a year ago when we called you to this exalted position. You are now a brother again, and not an officer. You have been tried once more, and my brothers will all attest that you have not been found wanting. You have earned a little more of our love and devotion and esteem in the faithful manner in which you have performed the duties of your office the past year, and my brothers desire to present you with something that you can keep and treasure, as we know you will, in the years to come, that will in a small way—in a very small way—I am sure, show our regard and our love and our esteem for you, for the sacrifices you have made for the Order of the Sons of Veterans, and I therefore, in their name, take very great pleasure in pinning this badge upon your breast, and expressing the wish that whenever you see it, it will remind you of the love and devotion that we all feel for you, now that you have become brother once more and not an officer.

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF SPINK: Brother McCrillis, and my brothers of this Order, certainly I appreciate the badge which you have placed on my breast. I cannot express the things I feel. If you will let Hammer tell you how I feel about it, we will listen to him one minute.

H. H. HAMMER, Pennsylvania: He has asked me to tell you how he feels. I don't know how it feels to be up there. I don't know anything about it, and the best of it is, I don't want to know. You cannot make me feel that way. Seriously, brothers, I know he understands the sentiment that badge represents. I know he appreciates it, and I know he will always cherish the way we have trusted him, and the beautiful manner in which Past Commander McCrillis expressed it. We believe that Brother Spink will be one of us, just as he has in the past: he will be the same old Arthur.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF DUSTIN: What is the pleasure of the Encampment? Has there been anything left undone?



PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF SHEPARD: I move that the record of the proceedings of this Encampment stand approved. Seconded and carried.

H. V. SPEELMAN, Ohio: I move that the Encampment now close in due form, and adjourn *sine die*.

Seconded by James B. Adams, New Jersey, put and carried.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: There being no further business to come before the Encampment, we will proceed to close.

Encampment closed in due form.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true record of the proceedings of the 23d Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held in the City of Boston, Mass., August 17 to 19, 1904.

WILLIAM R. CONGDON.

Approved:

ARTHUR B. SPINK, *Past Commander-in-Chief*.

# RECORD OF ROLL CALLS

OF THE

## Twenty-third Annual Encampment of the Com- mandery-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A.

The following shows the members present and answering the Roll Call at the morning session of the second day of the Encampment:

### COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF OFFICERS.

<i>Commander-in-Chief</i> .....	Arthur B. Spink
<i>Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief</i> .....	James B. Adams
<i>Council-in Chief</i> .....	{ H. V. Speelman Newton J. McGuire Walter E. Smith
<i>Adjutant-General</i> .....	William R. Congdon
<i>Quartermaster-General</i> .....	Fred E. Bolton
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*Commander.*—Edward A. Hoberg.

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*Past Commanders.*—Charles H. E. Moran, Ralph Sheldon, E. W. Estes, Adolph Hoeffling.

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*Commander.*—Alfred G. Loyd.

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RHODE ISLAND.

*Commander.*—Charles H. Young.

*Past Commanders.*—Theodore A. Barton, Thomas M. Sweetland, Reuben H. Dexter, Walter R. Williams, Fred. E. Carpenter, Frank J. Clinton, Charles A. Hammond, Orray T. Mason.

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*Delegate.*—George W. Hoxie.

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*Commander.*—Robert C. Smith.

*Past Commanders.*—Herbert O. Bixby, Clinton J. Smith, Arthur L. Cheney, E. T. Monahan.

*Delegate at Large.*—H. O. Allen.

## WEST VIRGINIA.

*Delegate at Large.*—Charles H. Straub.

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*Commander.*—Frank H. B. McDowell.

*Past Commanders.*—H. S. Fuller, G. A. Geisler.

*Delegate at Large.*—Frank Huyett.

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