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U. S. A.



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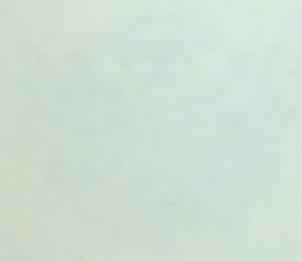
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## The Thirty-first Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

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Held at St. Louis, Mo., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday  
August 27, 28 and 29, 1912

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### TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

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#### JOINT OPENING EXERCISES, SONS OF VETERANS AND AUXILIARY.

At 10:30 A. M., a joint meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and the National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, was called to order in the Assembly Room of the Planters Hotel by Brother C. C. Behnke, Chairman of the Local Committee.

He extended greetings and welcome on behalf of the Missouri Division, Sons of Veterans, and of the local camps of the city of St. Louis; explained that Governor Hadley, of Missouri, was prevented by official duties from being present, and introduced Hon. John G. Gundlach, Acting Mayor of St. Louis, who delivered an address of welcome.

The Chairman then introduced Captain Frank Gaiennie, ex-President of the Merchants Exchange, St. Louis, Past Department Commander and Major General of the Confederate Veterans of Missouri, who supplemented the welcome accorded by Acting Mayor Gundlach.

Mrs. Minnie Geminter, President of the Department of Missouri, Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army, extended a welcome on behalf of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. Hattie A. Cummings, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Ladies of St. Louis, extended a welcome on behalf of the ladies of St. Louis.

Mrs. Flora A. S. Whitney, National President of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, returned thanks for the courteous greetings extended to the representatives of the various organiza-

tions present in St. Louis, and particularly on behalf of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.

Commander-in-Chief McGuire was then introduced by Chairman Behnke as "the Hoosier Sunshine," and expressed his appreciation of the welcome and greetings that had been extended.

"America" was sung by all present, and the joint meeting adjourned.

## OPENING SESSION OF THE ENCAMPMENT.

Tuesday, August 27, 1912.

Eleven o'clock, A. M.

The Thirty-first Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., met pursuant to call, Commander-in-Chief Newton J. McGuire in the chair.

The Commander-in-Chief: The Thirty-first Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will now come to order. The National Secretary will call the roll of National officers.

The National Secretary called the roll of National officers, and those answering present were:

Newton J. McGuire, Commander-in-Chief.

Clarence H. Cram, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Darwin E. Cary, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Fred J. Phillips, Council-in-Chief.

Arthur I. Vescelius, Council-in-Chief.

Edwin C. Irelan, Council-in-Chief.

Horace H. Hammer, National Secretary.

George C. Harvey, National Counselor.

R. J. Williams, National Patriotic Instructor.

The Commander-in-Chief: I will appoint Brother William Schneider to act as National Inspector, and take up the pass word and countersign.

Brother Schneider proceeded to take up the pass word and countersign, and reported that all present were entitled to remain.

The Encampment was then opened in due form.

The Commander-in-Chief: The Commander will now appoint the Committee on Credentials, as follows:

H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, Chairman, *ex-officio*.

Joseph Segó, of Indiana.

William H. Hart, of Connecticut.

George E. Bailey, of Minnesota.

Frank L. Kirchgassner, of Massachusetts.

Brother E. E. Schoening, Secretary of the Executive Committee, announced that delegate badges and Encampment souvenirs were ready for distribution in Parlor K.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The National Secretary: Commander, the Committee on Credentials is ready to submit a preliminary and partial report.

The Committee begs leave to report that it has examined the credentials of the following brothers, that they are regular

and the brothers entitled to seats and votes in the Encampment.

(The names of brothers whose credentials were subsequently examined, passed upon by the Committee and reported to the Encampment, are included in the following list; so that it represents the complete roll of the Convention for the Encampment).

PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF.

Geo. B. Abbott, of Illinois.  
 W. H. Russell, of Kansas.  
 Frank L. Shepard, of Illinois.  
 Edward R. Campbell, of Washington, D. C.  
 Wm. G. Dustin, of Illinois.  
 H. V. Speelman, of Ohio.  
 Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania.  
 Fred E. Bolton, of Massachusetts.

CONSTITUTIONAL LIFE MEMBER.

Isaac Cutter, of Illinois.

ALABAMA AND TENNESSEE--

Past Commander L. W. Friedman, of Alabama.

CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC--

Commander C. S. Scott, of California.

CONNECTICUT--

Commander:

Frank H. McGar.

Past Commanders:

G. E. Cox.  
 A. T. Bogue.  
 Alfred C. Baldwin.  
 C. E. Batchelor.  
 Ralph M. Grant.

Delegates:

R. E. Porter.  
 Wm. H. Hart.  
 Robt. T. Alcorn.

Alternates:

Claire E. Ames.

ILLINOIS--

Commander:

A. L. VanNess.

Past Commanders:

Geo. B. Abbott.  
 George B. Stadden.  
 John D. Hall.  
 Wm. G. Dustin.  
 F. L. Shepard.  
 Wm. T. Church.  
 Jas. E. Seabert.  
 Harry G. Wasson.  
 Will C. Creighton.  
 H. C. Springston.  
 Henry Cull.

Delegates:  
 Oscar E. Taylor.  
 Allan S. Holbrook.  
 Wm. L. Barnum, Jr.  
 E. F. Buck.

Alternates:  
 W. F. Hardinger.

INDIANA—

Commander:  
 W. F. Geller.

Past Commanders:  
 George C. Harvey.  
 Newton J. McGuire.  
 Frank E. Watson.  
 Joseph Sego.  
 T. W. Allen.

Delegates:  
 Chas. F. Hunt.  
 A. L. McConkey.

Alternates:  
 A. W. McDaniels.

IOWA—

Delegates:  
 G. F. Taylor.

Alternates:  
 J. H. Fenton.

KANSAS—

Commander:  
 J. W. Anderson.

Past Commanders:  
 Charles B. Martin.

Delegates:  
 A. G. Alrich.

Alternates:  
 E. Webb.

KENTUCKY—

Delegates:  
 Victor I. Cartwright.

MAINE—

Past Commanders:  
 Clarence H. Cram.

Delegates:  
 Orrin Ricker.  
 W. B. Fletcher.

Alternates:  
 John King.

MARYLAND—

Commander:  
 Silas E. Robb.

## Past Commanders:

Edward R. Campbell.  
 F. T. F. Johnson.  
 Edwin C. Irelan.

## Alternates:

J. B. Wilson.  
 E. W. Turnure.

## MASSACHUSETTS—

## Commander:

Frank L. Kirchgassner.

## Past Commanders:

Fred E. Bolton.

## Delegates:

Henry F. Weiler.  
 Albert J. Whitney.  
 Lyman W. Floyd.  
 B. J. Brown.  
 Geo. T. Duckworth.  
 James T. Wolff.  
 Herbert A. Mayo, of New Jersey.  
 Chas. F. Strattard.

## Alternates:

John I. Shine.  
 C. S. Benson.  
 A. E. Cooper.  
 F. W. Fenno.

## MICHIGAN—

## Past Commanders:

E. R. Henderson.

## MINNESOTA—

## Past Commanders:

H. A. Wing.

## Delegates:

Geo. E. Bailey.

## Alternates:

Chas. Doran.  
 John Gunther.

## MISSOURI—

## Commander:

Chas. C. Wippo.

## Past Commanders:

E. E. Schoening.  
 Oscar R. Fries.  
 Fred'k W. Miller.  
 Herman Rabich.  
 Wm. Schneider.  
 Nicholas Iwig.  
 John N. Hutchinson.  
 C. C. Behnke.

## Delegates:

Jacob Ruedl.

Alternates:  
Ben F. Jones.  
Oliver C. Vogel.

NEW JERSEY—

Commander:  
John D. Hopper.

Alternates:  
Geo. Grimm.

NEW YORK—

Commander:  
Wm. H. Klein.

Past Commanders:  
W. B. Moynihan.  
Adolph Hoefling.  
Charles F. Sherman.

Delegates:  
S. M. Aulds.  
Henry Luffler.  
C. H. Cary.  
Chas. S. Quinn.  
Nelson McL. Schmidt.

Alternates:  
G. M. Rowland.  
Robt. P. Zobel.  
Chas. R. Hale.  
F. E. Bache.

OHIO—

Commander:  
F. W. Combs.

Past Commanders:  
L. V. Williams.  
H. V. Speelman.  
R. J. Williams.  
Michael G. Heintz.

Delegates:  
Wm. Coffin.  
Max Morris.  
A. K. Myers.  
Lester Barnes.  
Geo. Van Horn.  
E. H. Bushong.

Alternates:  
Isaac Levy.

PENNSYLVANIA—

Commander:  
Francis Callahan.

Past Commanders:  
H. H. Hammer.  
D. Sherman Smith.  
Karl Steward.

Delegates:  
Henry Stewart.  
Alternates:  
H. W. Jones, Chicago.

## VERMONT—

Delegates:  
E. W. Carr.

## WISCONSIN—

Past Commanders:  
C. H. Hudson.  
Felix A. Kremer.

Delegates:  
Fred Hack.

Chas. S. Sherman, of New York: Commander, I move that the partial report of the Committee on Credentials be received; that the report be considered the partial roll of the Encampment, and the Committee continued.

Isaac Levy, of Ohio: Commander, I second the motion.  
The motion was agreed to.

C. C. Behnke, of Missouri: Commander, I move the Encampment do now take recess until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.  
The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to, and the Commandery-in-Chief took recess until tomorrow (Wednesday, August 28, 1912), at nine o'clock, A. M.

## JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES

Tuesday Afternoon, August 27, 1912.

The members attending the Encampment and the Ladies Auxiliary held joint Memorial Services at Jefferson Barracks, in memory of those of the two organizations who had died during the year and in honor of the sailor, marine and soldier dead of the war of the Rebellion. They left St. Louis at two o'clock on the steamer Grey Eagle, as a salute from the Missouri Naval Reserves on the cruiser Isla de Luzon was fired.

The St. Louis members of the G. A. R., Ladies of the G. A. R. and the Woman's Relief Corps, as well as the regulars at Jefferson Barracks participated in the ceremonies.

At Jefferson Barracks the party was met by Col. W. T. Wood and his command, headed by the Barracks band, who escorted them to the National Cemetery. National Patriotic Instructor R. J. Williams presided at the meeting. Following the song, "Nearer My God to Thee," Past National Chaplain Rev. Ben. F. Jones delivered a Memorial address on "The Nation's Dead."

National Counselor George C. Harvey, of Indiana, paid a tribute to Past Commander-in-Chief Frank Martin, and Hon. Sid Conger, of the Indiana Division, both deceased, and Rev. J. W. Anderson, of Kansas, made a short address in memory of Ex-Congressman Edmond H. Madison, a deceased brother of the Kansas Division; and Mrs. Libbie Meis, National Chaplain of the Auxiliary, led in the Lord's Prayer.

Commander-in-Chief McGuire and the assembled members of the Sons of Veterans then cast flowers on the graves. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Darwin E. Cary made some very appropriate remarks and placed a beautiful wreath of flowers in the center of the circle in honor of the unknown dead. A detachment of regulars fired three volleys, and taps was sounded.

The benediction at the cemetery was pronounced and the singing of the doxology concluded the ceremonies.

The addresses of National Counselor Harvey and Rev. Ben F. Jones, Past National Chaplain, are as follows:

ADDRESS DELIVERED AT NATIONAL CEMETERY, JEFFERSON BARRACKS,  
ST. LOUIS, MO., AUG. 27, 1912, BY REV. BEN F. JONES, D. D.,  
PAST NATIONAL CHAPLAIN.

"MEMORIAL TO THE DEAD."

Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, Ladies of the  
Affiliated Societies, Sons of Veterans, and Fellow Citizens:  
We stand here upon the green, under these noble trees and  
beneath a summer sky, gathered to pay a tribute of respect to

the loved and lost of other days,—thinking of “the touch of a vanished hand, and the sound of a voice that forever is stilled.”

How fitting it is that we should pay that tribute here in immediate proximity to yonder quiet God's acre, where sleep nearly thirty thousand of our heroic, chivalrous, citizen soldiery, who, in the dark hour of our nation's peril, laid the choicest offering ever conceived in the heart of any man, upon the altars of their country.

Nobly did they answer their country's call, splendidly did they battle for principle, gloriously did they die, and today, “life's fitful fever over,” they sleep here beneath their windowless curtains of green, awaiting the trumpet of God in the last reveille which shall call them to the glad morning of God's resurrection in the Infinite Beyond.

For them the war is over. Nevermore shall roar of cannon, rattle of musketry, or war's wild alarm disturb the peaceful abode whence they have gone, for there, strife of tongues and strife of arms are both unknown,—

“On fame's eternal camping-ground  
Their silent tents are spread,  
And glory crowns with solemn round  
The bivouac of the dead.”

It is impossible for us to add one single laurel to the memory of our fallen countrymen; with the blood of unselfish sacrifice they purchased undying fame for themselves; so long as men are brave and women are true,—so long will their deeds be held in loving remembrance by their grateful countrymen.

Sobbing up out of the heart of a storm-tossed mariner upon life's troubled main, from back through the centuries, over the wreck of empires, comes to us today this question—“If a man die, shall he live again?” Through all the centuries this has been the question of chiefest interest in that hour of your life and mine when the darkness of doubt, fear, and disquiet of soul is mingled with our heart's deepest hope.

When darkness settles down about our life like powdered smoke and no clear way opens before or about us, some intuition born of our deepest human need, bids us look upward and Godward, and from thence “the light that was never on land or sea,” streams in upon your life and mine.

It was the irony of fate that compelled one of America's most brilliant thinkers, a man who had been consistently agnostic all his life, in the hour of his supreme trial to give answer to that age-long question. The coming of death to his brother put faith into his heart and testimony upon his lips; so that standing there that day, looking down upon the marble features of his loved and lost, he said: “In the night of death, hope sees a star, and listening love can hear the rustle of a wing.” May it always be so when our loved ones pass away. May the star of hope shine more clearly as the night grows darker, and the rustle of angel's wings increase as one by one our loved friends leave us for the other shore!

Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic: Many thousands of your comrades lie sleeping yonder, and the year past has gathered its annual toll. We too have lost our brothers and our sisters. It is fitting that we in the midst of life's teeming activities, should turn aside and pause for a brief time to hold communion with their spirits in this hallowed spot.

There is an old story of a father who lived near one of our great American rivers. It was noted by his friends that he was in the habit of going down to the river's brink each day where he would stand for awhile looking across and then return to his home. One day when asked by a neighbor why he did this, he said: "Some time ago a young man from over the river came across and married my only child, a daughter, and bore her away with him to the home he had prepared on the other side. Before this happened I had no concern for the people who lived on that side the river, but since then I find that it helps me to come down here and think of her and think of the friends she is making on the other side the river over there."

So, we too, have come down to the river's brink today to lift the curtain and hold communion with the loved of other days. They are gone, but as long as men and women live, and love, and remember, they will not be lost to us. "We cannot say and we will not say they are dead, they are just away."

We are honored today with the presence of the remnant of the bravest army which ever heard and answered the call of duty. We are glad for your presence and inspired by your example. As the representatives of this great organization, your lineal descendants,—and as daughters of the heroic womanhood who bravely stayed at home "and kept the stuff" while you were fighting the battles of your country, we pledge you our fealty to God and Home, and Native land. As you fought the battles of strife and bloodshed, we pledge you that we will fight bravely the battles of peace and evermore uphold the principles of our great land.

As the days grow less, the shadows of the passing years grow longer, and the sun fades to that westering horizon, we pray God, Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, that the statement of Holy Writ may come true in your case, that it shall come to pass that at evening it shall be light.

SPEECH OF GEORGE C. HARVEY, OF INDIANA, IN MEMORY OF FRANK MARTIN, AND SID CONGER, DECEASED.

Officers and Members of the Grand Army of the Republic, Soldiers of the United States Army, Ladies and Gentlemen and Sons of Veterans:

It is fitting that our memorial services should be held in this sacred spot. What has been said by my Brother Jones, concerning the Veterans and Soldiers dead, were words most tersely and timely spoken. In the presence of this immense concourse of patriotic citizens and army, and in sight of thirty thousand graves of dead heroes, I am asked, and permitted, to speak a word for Indiana's dead in the order of Sons of Veterans. Without previous warning, I am unable to tell you the dates of the deaths, or the ages of "our dead." But am able to refer to them as I knew them, and as the order remembers them. At Rochester, New York, one year ago, you gave us in the person of Newton J. McGuire, the Commander-in-Chief and a short time thereafter, death claimed Past Commander-in-Chief Frank Martin. Martin was a typical Son of a Veteran. It was my privilege to appoint him when a mere boy to the position of Division Correspondent and he filled successively the offices of Division Coun-

cil, Division Commander and Commander-in-Chief. At the age of forty he was Vice President of the National Bankers' Association and through his own efforts had made himself a name among financiers in the Middle West.

It was in his forty-first year that he died, and although many orders to which he belonged claimed prestige, the Order of the Sons of Veterans did honor to his remains.

Death again invaded our ranks and Past Division Commander Sid Conger surrendered to the Common Conquerer of us all. In Conger and Martin we had complete opposite characteristics, except in that of patriotic devotion to the order, and its principles. Martin the financial adviser and polished business man, and Conger the plain, but educated and progressive farmer. Conger was not satisfied to conduct his splendid farms, but was an educator in that line, and was in demand at farmers' meetings at home and abroad and he became the head of the State Board of Agriculture, which position he held at the time of his death.

In these two brothers Indiana Division lost noble and efficient men, but the spirit which permeated them has descended to us, and we resume our places at the wheel inspired by their noble examples.

Time forbids, and lack of preparation prevents further remarks, but here under the shadow of this wonderful Military post, and overlooking that silent Necropolis whose grim visage speaks louder and more eloquently than human tongues can frame, let me close as Aeneas said to Dido. "And as long as the rivers flow into the seas, as long as the shadows play around the tops of the mountains, as long as the poles feed the stars, always their names and their praises will remain dear to us in whatsoever land we may be called."



#### TESTIMONIAL FROM CLARENCE H. CRAM, OF MAINE.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief in memory of Past Division Commander Darling S. Hayes, of Sanford, Maine, and Past Division Commander Charles H. Rice, of Bangor, Maine.

Darling S. Hayes, Commander of the Maine Division, 1906-7, passed to the great beyond on Friday, January 5th, 1912.

Like the soldier in action, his death came suddenly and unexpectedly, but like the true soldier, he died fighting the good fight, as he was one of the kind of men who never tire or become fatigued, always for the right, doing good to those about him, and who persevered in every thing undertaken, and the community in which he lived, the Order of Sons of Veterans, and especially the Maine Division has suffered a great loss in the untimely demise of our esteemed and beloved comrade.

Brother Hayes was a man among men, a warm hearted, quiet, lovable man who showed by his every day life that he loved his fellow man, never hesitating in stretching forth a friendly and helping hand at all times, and although a member of several other fraternal organizations, the strongest tie of affiliation and affection was to the order of Sons of Veterans, and among the brothers of this Order he found his warmest and most steadfast friends. His cheerful greetings will be greatly missed, and the vacant chair will bring back the memory of his kind sympathy and many good deeds, reminding us all that like

this noble Son, we should endeavor to so live, as to be ever ready to face the Great Commander.

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Charles H. Rice, Past Commander Maine Division, 1884-5, and a member of Daniel Chaplin Camp No. 3, Bangor, died suddenly on January 10th, 1912. A close friend and co-worker with Past Commander-in-Chief Frank P. Merrill, he was one of the original incorporators of the Division of Maine, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and was elected its first Commander. He retained his interest in the Order during his whole lifetime and was a regular attendant at all encampments until failing health prevented. A man of splendid executive ability, kindly disposition and pleasing address, the Maine Division made rapid gains during his administration. Untiring in the work for the good of the Order, of a judicial temperament, his wise counsel prevailed in our deliberations and his advice was sought in all cases pertaining to the good of the Maine Division. While we deeply mourn the loss of a splendid brother, we bow before the will of the Great Creator. A good friend, kind husband, father and companion has passed into the Great Beyond.

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## WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

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Wednesday, August 28, 1912.  
Nine o'clock, A. M.

The Commandery-in-Chief met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Commander-in-Chief.

The Commander-in-Chief: Is the Committee on Credentials ready to make further report? If not, what is the pleasure of the Encampment. The order of business calls for the report of the Committee on Credentials, but that Committee is not ready.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: I move you, Mr. Commander, that the order of business be transposed, and that we proceed to hear reports of officers.

The motion was seconded.

The Commander-in-Chief: Before the Chair puts the question on that motion, Acting National Inspector Schneider will satisfy himself that all present are in possession of the pass word and countersign, and entitled to remain.

The Acting National Inspector made the rounds, and reported all present entitled to remain.

The Commander put the question on Brother Speelman's motion, and declared it carried.

The Commander-in-Chief: Under the action of the Encampment the report of the Commander-in-Chief is now in order.

The Commander-in-Chief submitted the following report:

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

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,  
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Indianapolis, Indiana, August 24, 1912.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-first Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

A year ago on the 25th of August, 1911, you honored me with unanimous election as your Commander-in-Chief. I have tried to give to the work a full measure of devotion and whether I have succeeded or failed is for you to say after you have this report of my stewardship. It has been a strenuous year with me, being weighed down by abnormal business conditions, yet barring one or two mishaps it has been the most pleasant year of my life.

As the last fifty years of our Nation's History is largely a History of the deeds and doings of our fathers, so the next fifty years should be a History of the acts and achievements of their sons, especially if the sons are to be useful and patriotic citizens, live under the inspiration and achievements of the past,

and judge from their fathers what manner of men they ought to be.

The Fiftieth anniversary of the high-water mark of the Rebellion is almost upon us and speaking with the experience of one who has been in the active work of this Association for twenty-five years I want to say that the high-water mark of our opportunity to become the greatest Patriotic Organization of the future is right now at hand. Will we measure up to the responsibilities? Will we be the standard bearers of Patriotism? I am firm in the belief that we will.

However, much depends on the growth and development of our Association in the next few years. If we allow the leadership to pass into other hands we are lost. Commander-in-Chief Trimble has well said that we cannot have Righteousness without Patriotism and we cannot have Patriotism without Righteousness. In other words Patriotism is simply Righteousness carried into the affairs of Government. That being true our battles of today are the battles of Righteousness as applied to the new problems and conditions that confront us. The principle is as old as time itself, but the applications are new and we must apply the principle with the same Patriotism in the solution of the peaceful questions of today that our fathers used in solving the questions of their day. While our little Organization may seem small in point of numbers and while we have had over twenty years of trials, tribulations and adversity, during ten years of which (and about the time the Spanish war broke out) we lost over half of our membership, and things looked very discouraging for a while, yet when we study the History of Patriotic Organizations we find that the Grand Army of the Republic also had its twenty years of discouragement. It was about the time our Organization first began to grow that the G. A. R. took their second start toward growth and development. Now that we have spent all these years at hard labor, working and toiling for the right, and have finally found out the right, and have rebuilt our Association and relayed our foundation, strong and deep, and have regained nearly all we have lost in membership, we now see our Organization beginning to grow in strength, power and influence, just as the parent Order has grown, and while we may seem small in numbers, yet, wrapped up in our little band of loyal men and women is the Patriotic Spirit of the Nation, inspired by the blood of our ancestry. On the other hand we are even now more than half as large as the standing army of the United States. Besides our Association furnished a great majority of the soldiers for the Spanish-American War, most of whom after becoming veterans never came back to us, and they never will unless our Organization far outstrips theirs in strength and usefulness. So let us continue the work until we have interested the wisest and best men of our time and given our best thought and action to the cause—Let us "build this Organization and make it mighty," as Commander-in-Chief Trimble of the parent Organization has so urgently asked us to do.

#### MEMBERSHIP.

At the Thirtieth Annual Encampment held at Rochester, New York, last year, the aggregate membership was reported as 25 Divisions, 960 Camps and 41,350 members.

Based upon the reports of the corresponding period in 1912

we now have 26 Divisions, 1,042 Camps and 44,423 members. This means a net gain during the past year of 3,073 members. During this administration there have been organized 137 new Camps with 4,117 charter members. This administration has also organized a new Division known as the Division of Idaho with 10 Camps and 210 members and the Division of Oregon is well on the road to organization.

Brother C. S. Scott, Commander of the Division of California and Pacific, deserves special mention for the splendid work he has been doing throughout the West. The California Division doubled its membership in a single quarter, which was largely due to his efforts and the Division of Idaho owes its existence to him. The Divisions of Maine, Massachusetts, Missouri, New York, Pennsylvania, Washington and Wisconsin also made good gains in their respective Divisions. The report of the National Secretary will give you further details.

#### HEADQUARTERS.

On assuming office, headquarters were established at Rooms 1001-4 Law Building, Indianapolis, Indiana, at a reasonable cost to the Commandery and valuable assistance was rendered your Commander by the loyal members of the Indiana Division without compensation.

#### AIDES.

A few aides were appointed on your Commander's initiative or upon recommendation by Division Commanders, but Special Aides were required to earn their appointments by securing five or more new members. During the year, 145 active, energetic brothers were enrolled on the WORKERS LIST and while the list was not large the results were satisfactory and it is believed that the plan is a good one and if kept up it will develop into a much larger movement. While some of the Special Aides obtained five new members, many of them obtained as many as twenty or more.

#### PER CAPITA TAX.

Under the action of the Rochester Encampment, the Per Capita Tax was reduced to eight cents (8) a quarter, or thirty-two cents (32) a year. The question being raised as to when this reduction took effect, the matter was submitted to the National Counselor, and he decided that the reduction took effect with the December Quarter, 1911. The decision was approved by the Commander-in-Chief and credits were ordered to be given to all Divisions that had overpaid.

In reference to the Per Capita Tax for the coming year—It is thought that the finances of the Association will justify a further reduction and your Commander-in-Chief makes the following recommendation:

Recommendation No. 1: I recommend that the per capita tax for the coming year be reduced to seven cents (7) per quarter or twenty-eight cents (28) per year per capita.

#### CONSTITUTION.

For some unaccountable reason the new Constitution that was adopted at Rochester, and which was to be printed and distributed and become operative by January 1, 1912, has not yet made its appearance and to use a slang phrase, it would seem that it almost "died abornin." Your Commander-in-Chief never

saw the manuscript of the new Constitution, neither was he to have anything to do with getting it ready for the printer, or printing the same. For some reason the manuscript was turned over to Past Commander-in-Chief Bolton to certify as to its identity, and Past Commander-in-Chief Amies, the Chairman of the Committee on Constitutions, was by action of the Rochester Encampment, charged with the responsibility of preparing the manuscript for publication, with the right to make such changes as grammatical construction or logical sequence require. Brother Bolton claims to have turned the manuscript over to Brother Amies in December last and notwithstanding our repeated requests and entreaties for immediate action it was July, 1912, before the manuscript was turned over to the printer for publication. It was then a little more than a month until our Encampment would meet at St. Louis. So in order to avoid the possibility of mistakes and insure accuracy and certainty it was thought best not to have the Constitution printed until after this Encampment had passed upon it. So the type was set, proofs were made and enough copies printed to supply each voting member of the Encampment with a copy that we may all have a chance to look over the same and verify the different Articles and Sections and correct the mistakes if any. In this connection I desire to call your attention to a few things that I have discovered about the new Constitution in the short month that I have had access to the same, as follows, to-wit:

The repealing clause of the new Constitution, according to the proof furnished your Commander, only repeals laws and parts of laws that are inconsistent therewith. So all the provisions of the old Constitution not inconsistent with the new Constitution are still in full force and effect and the National Counselor has so decided. Upon a hasty examination of several other revisions of the Constitution I do not find that any other revision ever contained a repealing clause. So it seems that under the situation that confronts us we must either appoint a Committee to codify the old laws still in force, for publication with the new Constitution or else we must by legislation at this Encampment repeal all the old Laws. For instance the new Constitution does not provide for the suspension or dropping of members or for the reinstatement of suspended or delinquent members. The new Constitution provides that all cases of discipline must originate in the Camp to which the accused belongs and if a Division or Commandery-in-Chief officer is guilty of some wrong doing while in office a court of inquiry can only be appointed by the Commander of the Camp to which that officer belongs and neither the Division nor the Commandery can have any say in the matter.

I also want to call attention to the fact that Section 2 of Article 9, under "Fines" of Chapter 2 on Camps in the Constitution is the identical same Section that is numbered Section 3 in Article 2 under Camp Finances of Chapter 7 of the Rules and Regulations. I take it that these matters need some attention from this Encampment and attention is called to them for that purpose.

#### DECISIONS.

As your Commander-in-Chief has been operating for eight months under a Constitution that he did not know anything about and could not find out about it, there naturally could be

very little done toward deciding questions of law. And matters of discipline had to be passed over entirely until such a time as the Constitution could be examined as to how to proceed in such cases as the law in such matters was entirely changed. It is hoped that no one will be offended on account of the delay in decisions and matters of discipline. The only decisions that have been made have been matters that have been referred to the National Counselor for opinion, and whose opinion was approved by the Commander-in-Chief. Since receiving the new Constitution several matters have been passed upon and all pending matters decided.

#### PORTRAITS OF PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF.

The closing of Memorial University has left on our hands a large number of portraits of Past Commanders-in-Chief which heretofore have been hanging on the walls of the Memorial University. The Commandery-in-Chief has no place suitable to put these portraits. You Brethren who have filled the position of National Secretary, before the days when these pictures were sent to Memorial University know how easy it is to cover up all the wall paper about Headquarters with this array of great men, and so overawe you and remind you of your shortcomings that you are unfit for business. So not desiring to impair the efficiency of our worthy National Secretary nor cause him to feel any smaller than he really is, I naturally felt some timidity about ordering these portraits placed in our permanent Headquarters at Reading, Pennsylvania. In fact there are so many of them and they are so large and bulky that it is believed that the Commandery should take some action in reference to disposing of them. Your Commander therefore makes the following recommendation:

Recommendation No. 2: I recommend that the portraits of the Past Commanders-in-Chief of this Association now in Mason City, Iowa, and all other portraits of Past Commanders-in-Chief now in the possession of the Commandery, be returned to the respective Divisions from whence they came whenever requested by said Divisions, except that the portraits of the last three Past Commanders-in-Chief shall be kept hanging on the walls of our permanent Headquarters (and provided that any Division may waive their right to the portraits of their Past Commanders-in-Chief in favor of any Camp that desires such a portrait to adorn the walls of its Camp room).

#### CHANGE OF NAME.

We are again asked to change the name of our Association. It is claimed that the name Sons of Veterans does not sufficiently suggest either the character of its membership or its objects. The Department of California and Nevada of the Grand Army of the Republic passed a resolution requesting the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, which meets in Los Angeles in September, to ask the Sons of Veterans to change their name to the Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic and this action has received the indorsement of the Division of California and Pacific of the Sons of Veterans, and similar communications have been received from prominent members of several other Divisions supporting the idea. This matter has been up before. Some two years ago it was discussed in

the columns of THE BANNER and at that time your humble servant wrote an article on the subject. I still think as I did then that it is wise for us to make haste slowly along this line. Let us be sure we are right before we take any action, for while there is much in a name, yet our principles and objects are the most important.

Our Association was originally organized under the name of the Sons of Veterans about thirty years ago. We have grown under that name and stood the test of time and adversity, and after trying various schemes, plans and side issues for increasing our membership, we have at last found that the secret of our success lies in our ability to adhere strictly to the principles and objects for which we were organized, and we must fight our battles for power and influence along those lines. Therefore I do not think that the psychological moment has yet arrived for us to consider changing our name, but for fear that the movement may have more strength than I think it has and might claim your serious consideration I therefore desire to say a word on the subject.

It is true that our name does not definitely suggest either the character of our membership or the principles and objects for which we stand; and, if we are to make a change, why not style ourselves "Sons of the Union." We have organizations known as Sons and Daughters of the Revolution, and also organizations known as Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the Spanish War and even Daughters of the Confederacy. All these organizations both suggest the character of their membership and the principles and objects for which they are organized. Therefore, why not have "Sons of the Union." for then, during the War of the Rebellion, was the crucial test of our National Union. Then it was that the unity of the States was permanently established. Our principles and objects should be paramount to everything. The name of our Organization should stand primarily for the principles for which our fathers fought; and, secondarily, for the men who established the principles. It was Union or Disunion from '61 to '65 and "Union" won. All other principles clustered about the one central idea of "Union" which was the central luminary principle. Such a name would be indicative of a vital principle of government and would not, as our critics say, be putting our blue blood ancestry ahead of the principles our fathers fought for, as our present name seems to do. Such a name would broaden the scope of our usefulness. For, besides being suggestive of the principles and policies of government, that our fathers first made permanent and enduring, the name is broad enough to give us an opportunity to patriotically apply those principles to the settlement of the vital living and momentous questions of the day.

#### INCORPORATION.

The matter of incorporating our Association by a special act of congress was considered, but in view of the fact that the Grand Army of the Republic have a bill pending that has not been acted upon, it was deemed advisable not to pursue the matter further until the parent Organization had received its charter, and doubtless we may benefit by their experience.

#### SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE.

The Military branch of our Association is an important

factor in our progress and development. The Reserve continues to interest the younger element of our Association and has been the means of increasing the membership of many Camps and too much praise and encouragement cannot be given that branch of our Organization. They have become a strong factor in our advance movements and their general appearance in camp and on the march is commendable. General Edwin M. Amies, Chief of Staff and Commander of the Reserve, is an efficient officer and will present a detailed report to this Encampment of the doings of that Organization.

Upon assuming office it became the duty of your Commander-in-Chief to appoint a Committee of five on Military affairs, who under the Constitution are the law making body of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. The following brothers were appointed on this Committee:

Past Commander-in-Chief Edward R. Campbell, Washington, D. C., Chairman.

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

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles K. Darling, Boston, Mass.

Past Division Commander S. S. Horn, Easton, Pa.

Past Camp Commander William F. Coffin, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The term of one member of this Committee will expire each year and whereupon his successor will be appointed for a period of five years.

#### OFFICIAL ORGAN.

The five year contract for printing the official organ of the order will expire on January 1st, 1913, and it becomes the duty of this Encampment to take some action thereon.

Your Commander-in-Chief, believing that the Council-in-Chief is the proper body to receive bids for another term of five years, investigate and report to this Encampment advising what action should be taken in the matter, accordingly issued a general order notifying the membership at large that this matter would be referred to the Council-in-Chief; and that body will report to this Encampment their recommendations thereon.

Your Commander-in-Chief is firmly convinced that an official organ is essential to the welfare of this organization; but it is important that the organization should make the best contract possible in securing such official organ.

#### PERMANENT RESERVE FUND.

In accordance with our established policy of establishing a permanent reserve fund, it is believed that the condition of the finances will justify the investment of another thousand dollars in interest bearing securities for the permanent reserve fund; and your Commander-in-Chief, therefore, recommends:

Recommendation No. 3: That this Encampment authorize the Treasurer of the Association to invest One Thousand Dollars of the funds of the Association in interest bearing securities for the Permanent Reserve Fund.

#### DIVISION BOUNDARY LINES.

The activities along patriotic lines in the territory west of the Mississippi have been such during the past year that in several cases it was found that two or three different Divisions claim the same territory.

Heretofore it has been hard to get some of the territory

worked at all. Now, there is a strife as to who that territory belongs to. This is encouraging, to say the least. The matter became so complicated that your Commander-in-Chief found it necessary to definitely define the boundary lines of the various Divisions west of the Mississippi River. Accordingly, an order was issued fixing the boundary lines of said Divisions as follows, to-wit:

The Division of Minnesota shall consist of the States of Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota.

The Division of Missouri shall consist of the States of Missouri and Arkansas.

The Division of Kansas shall consist of the States of Kansas and Oklahoma.

The Division of Colorado and Wyoming shall consist of the States of Colorado, Wyoming and Utah.

The Division of Washington shall consist of the State of Washington and the Territory of Alaska.

The name of the Division of California and Oregon is hereby changed by request of this Division, to "California and Pacific" and shall consist of the States of California, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and the Islands of the Pacific.

The Divisions of Nebraska and Iowa and Idaho are each co-extensive and identical with the respective boundary lines of said states.

Louisiana and Indian Territory are not assigned.

All the Camps located in the territory above defined are assigned to their respective Divisions as shown above.

#### CHANGE OF CAMP NUMBERS.

At the request of the Division of California and Pacific, evidenced by the action of said Division thereon in State Encampment Assembled, your Commander-in-Chief made the following changes of Camp numbers in the State of Oregon, now a part of the Division of California and Pacific:

Brandon Camp No. 38, of Brandon, Oregon, is changed to No. 1.

John Wesley Brook Camp No. 40, of Lents, Oregon, is changed to No. 2.

J. B. Huntington Camp No. 44, of Oregon City, Oregon, is changed to No. 3.

Owen Summers Camp No. 46, of Portland, Oregon, is changed to No. 4.

Anteitam Camp No. 47, of St. Johns, Oregon, is changed to No. 5.

#### A NEW DIVISION.

It is with pleasure that I present to you a new Division, organized on June 26th, 1911, and known as the Division of Idaho, with thanks to Commander Scott, of California, and the Department Commander of the Grand Army of Idaho. Six Camps that were already organized in the Division of Idaho and belonged to the Division of California and Pacific, were detached therefrom and four more new Camps were organized in Idaho, making ten in all, and the Division of Idaho started off with ten Camps and 210 members, and three or four more Camps under process of organization. The personnel of the Division

officers of the Idaho Division is exceptionally good. The Division has bright prospects for the future, and we extend to it a welcome in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

#### ROSETTE BUTTON.

The Rochester Encampment appointed a Committee of two, consisting of Past Commanders-in-Chief Joseph B. McCabe and J. Lewis Rake, to design and have made a button hole decoration consisting of a circular rosette of ribbon or enamel, combining the colors of the American flag. This was done, and we now have a beautiful rosette button which, with a few exceptions, seems to be giving general satisfaction. Some Divisions have resolved against its use, and some complaint has been made by members of the Loyal Legion, saying that our button is too much like their button. However, as six or eight different organizations use the rosette button in different combinations of color, your Commander-in-Chief cannot see why ours should be objectionable, as we do not use the same combination of colors, and have not imitated their button. The argument has been advanced that the present button, which is made of silk ribbon, is not durable, and some would prefer enamel or bronze. Our Association has considerable money already invested in the present rosette button, and our trouble heretofore has been that we have not had one button that was distinctive and in general use. The trouble has been that we have had too many kinds of buttons; and before we make another change the membership ought to give this one more than a year's trial. Personally, I like the present rosette button very much and I believe the members in general will learn to like it.

#### VISITATIONS.

The Encampments of the Divisions of Missouri, Indiana, Illinois and Ohio were officially visited, and a number of Lincoln banquets were attended in the early part of February in the States of Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio. It is the opinion of the Commander-in-Chief that these meetings wherein the head of the Association comes in close contact with the individual members of the Camps, are very profitable to the organization. So many of the rank and file do not attend Division or Commandery-in-Chief Encampments, and never have opportunity to see or hear a national officer, and the very presence of the Commander seems to inspire and enthuse the membership.

#### ORGANIZATION WORK.

The number of new Camps that have been organized during the year is very encouraging. One year we build up the old Camps and make a fine showing in that respect, but do not organize many new Camps. Another year we break the record in organizing new Camps, but very little is done in the building up of old ones. What we most need is activity in both directions at the same time. We must keep on in even tenor of our way until we reach this ideal. Last year the Commandery-in-Chief reimbursed Divisions to the amount of \$829.50 for money spent for organization purposes. This was naturally an impetus to the building up of old Camps, and inspired Divisions to do considerable work along that line. The Encampment at Rochester

discontinued this policy, and did away with the organization fund, and as a result the building up of old Camps seems to be more difficult.

#### PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION.

The Patriotic Instructor in the Camp, in the Division and in the Commandery, seems to have developed during the last year or two into a very important official. The Grand Army and the Woman's Relief Corps are now engaged in a great forward movement along this line, and the Sons of Veterans ought not to be lagging in the matter. The Patriotic Instructors meeting at Los Angeles, California, next September, is scheduled to be one of the greatest patriotic meetings ever held in the country. Patriotic Instructors of various organizations have organized and are now organizing into associations for better and more systematic work in all patriotic communities. Too much importance cannot be attached to the position of Patriotic Instructor. Each Patriotic Instructor should be the leader of the patriotic spirit in his particular locality, and we should place in his hands the best tools to work with. In this connection I invite your special attention to the report of National Patriotic Instructor, R. J. Williams. I consider that Brother Williams has been successful in a difficult work, and is entitled to great credit therefor.

#### KINDRED ORGANIZATIONS.

There never was a time when there were better fraternal relations between the Sons of Veterans and the Grand Army of the Republic. The letter of Commander-in-Chief Harvey M. Trimble, endorsing our organization at the beginning of the administration, was a patriotic classic and his many courtesies and kindnesses to us have made work easier and results greater. He has called upon us to build this organization and make it mighty, and he shall be obeyed.

In accordance with our action of last year I make the following recommendation:

Recommendation No. 4: I recommend that the sum of \$500 be appropriated and paid to the Permanent Fund of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, as a contribution to said fund by the Sons of Veterans.

In view of the fact that the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons of Veterans do not hold their Encampments at the same time and place this year, and the Division of California and Pacific have expressed some disappointment because we did not hold our Encampment at Los Angeles with the Grand Army of the Republic, I make the following recommendation:

Recommendation No. 5: I recommend that this Encampment select one of our highest officials or past officials as a Special Representative of this Encampment to go to Los Angeles and extend the greetings of the Commandery and officially represent us at their National Encampment and that the Commandery appropriate \$150.00 to pay the expenses of said representative.

To the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G. A. R., the Daughters of Veterans and our own Ladies Auxiliary we have the same fealty and devotion that our fathers had to the family at home when they battled at the front and they can and are, and have given us their full measure of devotion.

## CONCLUSION.

The uniform courtesy and support which I have received as your Commanding Officer for the past year, both from the members and officers of our Association, will ever be remembered as one of the most pleasant and happy years of my life.

Fraternally and sincerely yours,

NEWTON J. McGUIRE,  
Commander-in-Chief.

# GENERAL ORDERS

## GENERAL ORDERS NO. IX.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,  
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Department of Commander-in-Chief,  
Rooms 1001-4 Law Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

I. Having been elected and installed Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., command is hereby assumed and headquarters established at Rooms 1001-2-3 and 4 Law Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

II. The following officers were elected at the 30th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Rochester, New York, August 22, 23, 24 and 25, 1911:  
Commander-in-Chief, Newton J. McGuire, Law Building, Indianapolis, Ind.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Clarence H. Cram, Augusta, Me.  
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Darwin E. Cary, Rochester, New York.

Council-in-Chief, Fred J. Phillips, Chicago, Ill.; Arthur I. Vescecius, Paterson, N. J.; Edwin C. Irelan, Baltimore, Md.

III. The following officers continue in office, holding over by virtue of their terms of office as prescribed by the C. R. & R.:  
National Secretary, H. H. Hammer, Reading, Pa.  
National Treasurer, James Lewis Rake, Reading, Pa.  
Chief of Staff, Edwin M. Amies, Altoona, Pa.

IV. The Bonds of the National Officers have been executed as required by law.

V. The appointment of the following staff officers is hereby announced and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:  
National Counselor, George C. Harvey, Danville, Indiana.

National Chaplain, Rev. Clay H. Newton, Parsons, Kansas.

National Patriotic Instructor, R. J. Williams, c/o Columbus Buggy Co., Columbus, Ohio.

Personal Aide, Frank Shellhouse, 2455 Central Avenue.

Chief Special Aide, Frank E. Watson, Goldsmith, Indiana, detailed to assist the Personal Aide and to supervise and direct the organization work to be done by the Special Aides throughout the Organization.

VI. The following Committee on Military Affairs is hereby appointed:

Five year term, Past Commander-in-Chief Edward R. Campbell, No. 28 T St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Four year term, Past Commander-in-Chief Charles K. Darling, Federal Building, Boston, Mass.

Three year term, Past Commander-in-Chief Arthur B. Spink, Providence, Rhode Island.

Two year term, Past Division Commander S. S. Horn, Easton, Pennsylvania.

One year term, Wm. M. Coffin, Federal Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

VII. The selection of the time and place for our next National Encampment is to be determined later by the Council-in-Chief and the Commander-in-Chief.

VIII. The old Constitution and Laws of the order will be in force for the rest of the year of 1911. On and after January 1st, 1912, the new C. R. & R., as adopted by the Rochester Encampment will be the supreme law of the Sons of Veterans. The Camps, the Divisions and the Commandery will govern themselves accordingly.

IX. The general correspondence will be addressed to National Secretary, Brother H. H. Hammer, of Reading, Pa. All remittances for supplies and everything else must be made payable to him. In making requisition for supplies, do not fail to enclose remittance else no requisition will be honored. No supplies will be shipped to Camps by National Officers. Camps cannot secure supplies except through their respective Division Headquarters.

X. Division Commanders are urged to keep up the organization work. Do everything you can to obtain prompt reports, making a special effort for the September quarter. Get a good start for the winter and keep it up. We are just now entering upon the harvest time for members. Commander Bolton reported over 40,000 and your present Commander, in order to keep up the good work, is setting the stake for 45,000 during this administration. We wish it might be 50,000 and only hope that we may get the organization work under such headway that we cannot stop short of that number. However, remember that we are just passing the summer vacation period and special and diligent efforts will be necessary to prevent suspension and vexatious delays.

XI. The proceedings of the recent Encampment will be printed and distributed as promptly as possible as will also the new Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

XII. The Per Capita Tax has been reduced from 9c a quarter to 8c a quarter. Each Division will now pay the Commandery-in-Chief the sum of 32c a year as here-tofore charged, but this reduction is not to take effect until the first quarter of 1912.

XIII. The Encampment by vote of 37 to 102 decided to make no further offering or donation to Memorial University and the name of the Sons of Veterans is not in any way to be connected with the future business of that institution. Since 1902 the National Organization has donated to the University and paid to our National Patriotic Instructor, an official of the University, the sum of \$10,925.00. While the University has done some good work, with the means at its command, yet the Commandery did not feel justified in donating to any educational institution, no matter how worthy. The majority of the brethren believe that we should bend our efforts in building up our organization to the point mentioned by Commander-in-Chief Gilman when he said that by a little hard work we might increase our members until we would be the controlling power in the affairs of the Nation. Brothers, do not fail to read Con-

mander-in-Chief Gilman's address to the National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, also the extracts from the paragraph of his report, referring to the Sons of Veterans, as presented to the National Encampment of the G. A. R. It will make the best material for organization purposes that it is possible to obtain.

XIV. By action of the National Encampment of the G. A. R. at Rochester, the Sons of Veterans were made the official escort to the G. A. R. at all future Encampments.

XV. Your Commander-in-Chief desires to express at this time his grateful appreciation of the honor conferred upon him by his election to the highest office within the gift of the Sons of Veterans. The duties and responsibilities of the office fall heavily upon his shoulders and he shall do all in his power to advance the interest and promote the general welfare of the organization. Let us join hands and all work together for a common end. It is our heritage to carry forward the patriotic spirit of the country. There is work for each and every one of us. All must lend a hand to make the great success and reach the goal for which we are striving.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

XVI. Of the National Secretary, to the report to the 30th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Rochester, N. Y., August 25th, 1911.

#### RECEIPTS.

August 25, 1911, to balance.....		\$5446.25
Received from National Treasurer, Interest on Deposit of Funds.....	\$ 80.41	
For per capita tax.....	21.72	
Total receipts .....		<u>\$ 102.13</u>
		<u>\$5548.33</u>

#### EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses.....	\$3475.08	
		<u>\$3475.08</u>
Balance, August 25, 1911.....		<u>\$2073.30</u>

#### ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

##### GENERAL EXPENSES.

For Memorial University through Rev. Dr. W. J. Patton, President.....	\$ 800.00
Salary National Patriotic Instructor, 1 month	125.00
Reserves .....	75.59
John E. Gilman, Commander-in-Chief, G. A. R., for Permanent Fund of the Grand Army of the Republic .....	500.00
Division Organization Fund—To the Divisions of:	
Connecticut .....	\$175.00
Illinois .....	139.50
Kansas .....	42.67
Missouri .....	72.08
New Jersey .....	25.00
New York .....	250.00

Pennsylvania .....	60.25	
Vermont .....	65.00	
		829.50
Encampment .....		1144.99
Total expenditures .....		\$3475.08
By order of		

NEWTON J. McGUIRE,  
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,  
National Secretary.

### GENERAL ORDERS NO. X.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,  
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Department of Commander-in-Chief,  
Rooms 1001-4 Law Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

I. The Committee to provide new rosette buttonhole decoration is at work on designs. As soon as same is decided upon and adopted due notice will be given in General Orders. This will answer all communications on this subject.

II. As promptly as possible notice will be given when the new Constitution, Rules and Regulations will be ready for promulgation. This becomes effective January 1st, 1912. The National Secretary will fill requisitions for the new Constitution as soon as possible and unnecessary correspondence with Headquarters on this subject can be avoided by noting this paragraph.

III. Division Commanders are hereby authorized and empowered to grant dispensations to Camp Commanders to have public installations, or joint installations with the Grand Army of the Republic Posts, Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, Ladies of the G. A. R. and Woman's Relief Corps where desirable, without further authority, or personal correspondence with these Headquarters on this subject.

IV. Division Commanders will be prompt in forwarding their Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers' Reports with per capita tax, for the quarter ending September 30th, 1911, to the National Secretary. All remittances must be made payable to the National Secretary and NOT to the Commander-in-Chief.

V. Only Divisions forwarding reports and tax will be supplied with the new password and countersign, to be promulgated to all Camps in good standing on December 31st, 1911.

VI. Your Commander-in-Chief has been advised of the death of Mrs. Vesceilius, wife of Arthur I. Vesceilius, of Paterson, New Jersey, member of the present Council-in-Chief. Advices have also been received of the death of Brother Sidney Conger, of Shelbyville, Indiana, a Past Division Commander of Indiana. We take this opportunity of expressing our profound sympathy to the loved ones of both of the deceased in their hours of great bereavement. Such things though hard to bear are bound to come to all of us sooner or later and your Commander-in-Chief and the brethren at large are anxious to do all in our power to make the burden as light as possible.

VII. All Special Aides appointed by my predecessor in office are hereby relieved from duty, will cease to wear the Com-

mandery ribbon, and will report to their respective Commands for duty.

VIII. Your Commander-in-Chief has decided upon the following plan for the appointment of Aides and Special Aides. The term "Aide" shall be used to designate all appointments made on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief at the request of Division Commanders or upon your Commander's own initiative. The term "Special Aide" shall cover all appointments made on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief of brothers who have earned their appointments by securing five or more new members for their Camp, during the September and December quarters of 1911 and March and June quarters of 1912. Each brother must apply to the Commander-in-Chief for the appointment giving the names of the five new members obtained and sign the application giving his Camp number and address. This application must have the written approval of his Camp Commander and Division Commander or Secretary. In addition to the commission and the yellow ribbon furnished to each Aide your Commander proposes giving as a special inducement to each Special Aide one of the new rosette membership buttons.

IX. The work of organization has been a nightmare to every Commander-in-Chief from time immemorial. We assure you it has given the present incumbent no end of worry and anxiety. Remembering the fact that the current year is the half-century anniversary of the first year of the War of the Rebellion, your Commander has named the time covered by his term of office the "Semi-Centennial Year" and asks for an increase in membership to 50,000 members during this period of time. He does not believe this is asking too much. We are now approaching the threshold of the fiftieth anniversary of such incidents in our National History as the Battle of Shiloh, Bull Run, Stone River, Gettysburg, Chickamauga, The Wilderness and Appomattox, as well as many lesser battles, and we certainly ought to double our efforts and present to our fathers as an offering on the altar of patriotism, fifty years after their first years service in the war, a membership of 50,000 Sons, representing 1,000 members for each year's lapse of time in an organization founded in memoriam of their valiant acts and deeds. Well, brethren, if we do not show our mettle now, when will we show it? Let us pull together in one grand effort to put our membership back where it once was, that we may have 50,000 members upon the occasion of the "Semi-Centennial" of the first year of war. We ought to do it! We can do it! Let every member of the organization do his share. Live for it! Talk for it! Work for it! The aggregate result will astonish us all. Come, brethren, let us do something of which we will *all be proud*. Let every man pull up in the harness. Do not depend upon the wheel-horses to drag you along. Let every Division Commander communicate the word down the line and let him be assisted by his subordinate officers in a way that produces results. Let the same spirit be communicated to the Camp Commanders and the Camp Officials and by them to the membership at large. Let every officer and member of this grand organization respond to the call for 50,000 members during the "Semi-Centennial Year," as our fathers responded to Lincoln's call for volunteers. The battles of peace require as many soldiers and as much generalship as the battles of war. Remember that the bravest soldier

of today is not he who carries a musket on the field of battle, but he who serves in the Army of Righteousness and Patriotism in the warfare of civil strife. Many of our fathers died for their country. It seems that it is as little as we can do if we live for it.

## STATEMENT No. 1.

X. Report of the National Secretary for month of September, 1911, (including period from August 25th, 1911).

## RECEIPTS.

August 25, 1911, to balance.....		\$2035.68
Received for per capita tax.....	\$ 8.82	
Charter fees .....	35.00	
Supplies .....	273.70	
Total receipts .....		<u>\$ 317.52</u>
		<u>\$2353.20</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses.....	\$1761.42	
Office expenses .....	81.40	
Commander-in-Chief's expenses .....	158.02	
Total expenditures .....		<u>\$2000.84</u>
Balance, September 30, 1911 .....		<u>\$ 352.36</u>

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

## GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$ 12.00	
THE BANNER, September, 1911, subscription...	592.53	
Encampment .....	1.00	
Printing .....	73.50	
Shipping supplies .....	15.72	
Bonds, National Officers .....	35.00	
Permanent Reserve Fund—6 per cent gold note .....	1031.67	
		<u>\$1761.42</u>

## OFFICE EXPENSES.

For light, postage, express, stationery.....	\$ 34.06	
Stationery National Officers.....	47.34	
		<u>\$ 81.40</u>

## COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For rent, postage, telegrams, traveling, office, stenographer, express .....	\$ 158.02	
		<u>\$ 158.02</u>
Total expenditures .....		<u>\$2000.84</u>

Balance, September 30, 1911 .....

\$ 352.36

XI. Applications for new Camps have been approved since last announcement as follows, viz.:

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
Aug. 25		Hilton Head, S. C. (Ala. & Tenn.)	20

Sept. 2	71	Butler, Ohio	17
Sept. 9		Cabot, Vermont	22
Sept. 27	72	Dexter, Ohio	21

Camps mustered since last announcement were as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mus.
Aug. 5	6	Garrison, Missouri	15
Aug. 12	155	Fair Haven, New York	30
Aug. 12	68	Berlin, New York	18
Aug. 12	14	Belleville, Wisconsin	27
July 15	157	Scipio, Indiana	24

By order of

NEWTON J. McGUIRE,  
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,  
National Secretary.

### GENERAL ORDERS NO. XI.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,  
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Department of Commander-in-Chief,  
Rooms 1001-4 Law Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

I. The regular election of Camp Officers will occur on the first meeting night in December. Brothers beginning with the first of January, we will be governed by a new Constitution which we think is the best Constitution that has ever been enacted, and we should have a good set of Camp Officers as well. Young men for action, old men for counsel but above all elect Officers that will do something.

Remember that outside of your Camp Commander, the financial Officer is the next most important position. Show me a good, strong Camp and a live business man will be found handling the finances. The sooner we learn that we have to build our Camps along sound business lines, the quicker we will be able to reach the goal of success.

The Patriotic Instructor also occupies a very important position in the Camp. Be sure to get a Brother who is able, active and energetic, to fill this position and who will devote much time to the work. The Patriotic Instructor of each Camp of Sons of Veterans should be the man who plans for Patriotic Entertainments in the Camp Room and keeps Patriotism constantly before the entire community in which the Camp is located. His interest should not only be in Memorial Day exercises. In fact he should be learning to take the lead on all Patriotic occasions. Flag Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, and all such occasions should receive his careful attention. He can be useful to his community and aided by the Division Patriotic Instructors, all under the supervision and direction of the National Patriotic Instructor, our Order can, through the instrumentality of patriotic education, gradually become the leader of the Patriotic Spirit of the Country.

II. Charter fees remain \$5.00 until January 1st, 1912. After that date the amount will be \$2.50—effective with the new Constitution. The Charter fee must in all instances accompany applications for Charter and be made payable to the National Secretary.

III. Dates of Division Encampments will be promptly reported to the National Secretary, so that record thereof can be made and announcement made thereof in due course.

IV. Per Capita Tax and reports of the Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers, will be forwarded by Division Commanders, for quarter ending September 30th, 1911, to the National Secretary at once. The books and accounts for the quarter named will be closed November 25th, when it is hoped all reports will be forwarded and the tax of all Divisions, in the hands of the National Secretary, so that no Division need be reported suspended for the quarter designated. Division Commanders will give this their prompt attention.

V. Requests for records of service of Ancestors in the Army or Navy must be forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief, No. 1001 Law Building, Indianapolis, Indiana, on Form No. 16. This form must be filled out in detail and give the information thereon designated. If attention is paid to this, unnecessary delay in procuring the records of service can be avoided. Use Form No. 16 and forward same to the Commander-in-Chief.

VI. Camps and Divisions will do everything in their power to get in closer relationship with the G. A. R. The letter of Commander-in-Chief Trimble is a Patriotic Classic from the pen of the highest authority in that organization, and should inspire us to greater and better things. In that letter he asks us to "build up our Organization and make it mighty," "that now is the time when we ought to do it," etc. Boys, let's do what he asks. Let's do the things that are asked by the G. A. R., of us. Let us show that our Organization means something.

Your Commander-in-Chief calls upon you to make our membership 50,000 during this administration. 50,000 during the "Semi-Centennial Year." Our fathers ask it. The time and the conditions warrant it. Our success demands it. Especially is this true when at this very time the money changers in the "Temple of Prosperity" of this Republic are busily engaged in robbing our Fathers of the right to worship in peace at the shrine of Patriotism on the day set apart to them by law, "Memorial Day."

VII. The following members of the Committee on Military Affairs are hereby appointed Officers of said Committee as follows, to-wit:

Chairman of the Committee, Past Commander-in-Chief Edward R. Campbell, No. 28 T Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Secretary of the Committee, Past Commander-in-Chief Arthur B. Spink, Providence, Rhode Island.

#### STATEMENT No. 2.

VIII. Report of the National Secretary for month of October, 1911.

RECEIPTS.	
To balance, September 30, 1911.....	\$352.36
Received for per capita tax.....	\$214.22
Charter fees .....	50.00
Supplies .....	376.17
Total receipts .....	<u>\$640.39</u>
	\$992.75

## EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses .....	\$684.95	
Office expenses .....	.30	
Commander-in-Chief's expenses .....	180.30	
		<u>\$865.55</u>
Total expenditures .....		
Balance, October 31, 1911.....		\$127.20

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

## GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$ 35.00	
THE BANNER, October, 1911, subscription.....	592.62	
Reserves .....	49.02	
Shipping supplies .....	8.31	
		<u>\$684.95</u>

## OFFICE EXPENSES.

For express .....	\$ .30	
		<u>\$ .30</u>

## COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For rent, postage, telegrams, office supplies, stenographer, traveling .....	\$180.30	
		<u>\$180.30</u>

Total expenditures .....		<u>\$865.55</u>
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Balance, October 31, 1911.....		\$127.20
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IX. Since last announcement the following applications for charters have been approved, for new Camps:

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
Oct. 3	6	Elyria, Ohio	36
Oct. 9		Gandy, Nebraska	30
Oct. 13		Ladysmith, Wisconsin	40
Oct. 13		Beloit, Wisconsin	29
Oct. 16	113	Greenfield, Massachusetts	36
Oct. 25		Warsaw, New York	22
Oct. 31		Keyport, New Jersey	26

Applications have been approved for charters for new Camps and same have been mustered, since last announcement, as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mus.
Sept. 27	12	Hilton Head, S. C. (Ala. & Tenn.)	15
Oct. 14	72	Dexter, Ohio	20
Aug. 30	7	Rich Hill, Missouri	20
Oct. 25	50	Newtown, Pennsylvania	27
Aug. 14	133	Toledo, Ohio	35
Sept. 12	263	Sullivan, Indiana	38

By order of

NEWTON J. McGUIRE,  
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,  
National Secretary.

## GENERAL ORDERS NO. XII.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,  
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Department of Commander-in-Chief,  
Rooms 1001-4 Law Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

I. On and after January 1st, 1912, all charter fees will be \$2.50. In forwarding charter applications for new Camps for approval, the fee must in all instances accompany the application, in amount \$2.50 and be made payable to H. H. Hammer, National Secretary. Division Commanders will give this their personal attention.

II. The new password and countersign for January term has been promulgated to the Divisions forwarding reports, and per capita tax for quarter ending September 30th, 1911. Camps forwarding tax and reports for December quarter, and Installing Officers' reports, will be furnished with this new password and countersign. Members of Camps in good standing December 31st, 1911, will only receive the password and countersign. Division and Camp Commanders will be governed accordingly.

III. As previously announced in General Orders, public installations with Grand Army Posts, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic Circles, Woman's Relief Corps and Sons of Veterans Auxiliaries, may be held, without dispensations and without further authority: Provided, that all reports are forwarded and tax paid, or delivered to Installing Officers prior to the ceremony of installation.

IV. Members of the Sons of Veterans are privileged to visit the meetings of the Circles of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and it is hoped Brothers will avail themselves of this privilege where Circles exist.

V. It is suggested that Camps have public gatherings during the winter months, keep the interest in the Order aroused and incite the members of the Camps to perform such service as will keep matters in Camps alive during this period and induce those eligible to our ranks to connect themselves with our Order. Recruiting should be pushed vigorously, but with this vigor, always it should be the aim only to muster desirable and worthy sons of Soldiers and Sailors and Marines. With quantity, be sure of your quality.

VI. Preparations should be started for the observance of Union Defenders' Day—Lincoln's Birthday. All Camps are urged and directed to observe this day. It is hoped that every Camp will celebrate this day in some manner, and arrangements should be started promptly.

VII. An error in transcribing the official proceedings of the Thirtieth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Rochester, N. Y., 1911, omits therefrom, in the references and orders heretofore announced, as applying thereto, the restoration of Past Rank as Past Division Commander to Brother Lucien P. Burpee, of Camp No. 49, Division of Connecticut, and the Division, in its records will make due note thereof, and be governed accordingly, placing Brother Lucien P. Burpee upon the roll as Past Division Commander.

VIII. Following Camps have been chartered, since last announcement:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mus.
Oct. 27	17	Ladysmith, Wisconsin	24
Nov. 3	32	Chatham, New York	31
Nov. 8	86	Eastport, Maine	21
Nov. 20	61	Union City, Indiana	22

IX. Applications for charter have been approved as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
Nov. 1	17	Beallsville, Ohio	39
Nov. 14		Wenatchee, Washington	20
Nov. 17		Quarryville, Pennsylvania	37
Nov. 22	18	Wadsworth, Ohio	45
Nov. 24		Beallsville, R. F. D. No. 2, Ohio	22

X. The Council-in-Chief and Commander-in-Chief have selected the time and place for holding our next National Encampment, and as a result of their action the Thirty-first Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, during the week beginning August 25th, 1912. This selection was made in accordance with the action of the Rochester Encampment authorizing the Commander-in-Chief and the Council-in-Chief to select the time and place for our next National Encampment in case the G. A. R. went West of the Missouri River. Since the G. A. R. selected Los Angeles, California, as their next meeting place, it became the duty of the aforesaid officials to settle the matter and they have done so. We regret exceedingly the necessity of parting company with the Parent Organization, especially at this time, but that matter was settled and determined by the action of the Rochester Encampment. However, the present selection is a compromise upon distance and is a central location for everybody and we hope to have a very large and successful Encampment.

Your Commander-in-Chief desires to say to the boys in the West and Middle West as well as to the boys of the East that now is the time to build up our Camps and Divisions and let us hold our meeting in St. Louis, 50,000 strong, and make ourselves felt all over this broad land of ours. Let us have every Division in the Order represented with a good strong Delegation. We are satisfied the Missouri boys will do their part to entertain us.

XI. This is the closing month of an old year. It is time to elect officers and plan for the new year's work. All Camps are again admonished to profit by our experience of thirty odd years and select good, competent and energetic officials. While the position of Commander is an important one and every position is of more or less importance, yet no position is of such grave importance as that of the official who collects the dues and tends to the clerical work. A good official in that position can keep a Camp alive and progressive and bridge over the bad effects of an incompetent or negligent official in any other position. Wherever a good, strong, live Camp exists it is always easy to pick out the one man, who more than any one else has contributed to the vital things in the life of that Camp.

Camps whose Secretary collects the dues and whose Treasurer acts as a banker or who combine the two positions of Sec-

retary-Treasurer into one office and keep an efficient man in that position, seem to enjoy the most prosperity.

XII. Your Commander-in-Chief again urges each and every Camp in the Order to become as fast as possible the leaders in carrying forward the Patriotic Spirit in its respective community. No matter whether we begin an old work under a new name or a new work under the old name, so we become the progressive leaders along Patriotic lines. By all means let us inaugurate a forward movement for the New Year and for the want of a better name let us call it, "*The Patriotic Observance Movement*." Let each and every Camp become the leaders in this movement and invite all other Patriotic Societies to join them and let us center our efforts upon securing a more Patriotic Observance of Memorial Day. Of course the work will also cover a more Patriotic Observance of Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday and the Fourth of July, but let us train our big guns upon the desecraters of Memorial Day. We should not surrender principle and hide behind the sacredness of Religion by changing Memorial Day to Sunday. Let us re-establish the day as it was originally. The doing of such acts as this is the real work that is before us. For years we have wanted something to do to keep our Organization alive, now we have the work at hand. Let us not shirk the responsibility and in doing it we will convince the many hundreds of thousands of eligibles now outside of our ranks of our usefulness and draw them to our Organization. In other words our growth and prosperity depends more upon our actual progress in the doing of such things than upon anything else.

Let us drive the Money Changers out of the Temple of Patriotism of our Country as Christ drove the Money Changers out of the Temple at Jerusalem. Let the *Patriotic Observance Movement* go forward in every Camp of the Sons of Veterans and see how quick and fast outsiders will become interested and enlist with us in the movement. Besides our association and acquaintance with the members of other Patriotic Associations in a joint work which we all can engage in and in which we should naturally become the leaders, will in many ways be beneficial to our local Organizations. If you can make the work broad enough to cover all the Patriotic Days then so much the better.

#### STATEMENT No. 3.

XIII. Report of the National Secretary for month of November, 1911.

RECEIPTS.	
To balance, October 31, 1911.....	\$ 127.20
Received for per capita tax.....	\$2198.33
Supplies .....	157.25
Charter fees .....	40.00
Total receipts .....	<u>\$2395.58</u>
	\$2522.78
EXPENDITURES.	
By general expenses .....	\$ 929.59
Office expenses (October and November) ..	21.79
Commander-in-Chief's expenses .....	120.85

Total expenditures .....	<u>\$1072.23</u>
Balance, November 30, 1911.....	<u>\$1450.55</u>

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

## GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$ 217.63
THE BANNER, November, 1911, subscription and to Grand Army of the Republic Posts, etc.	693.04
Printing .....	11.50
Shipping supplies .....	7.42
	<u>\$ 929.59</u>

## OFFICE EXPENSES.

(October and November.)	
For postage, light, etc.....	\$ 21.79
	<u>\$ 21.79</u>

## COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For rent, postage, stenographer, traveling, tele- grams, office supplies .....	\$ 120.85
	<u>\$ 120.85</u>

Total expenditures .....	<u>\$1072.23</u>
Balance, November 30, 1911.....	<u>\$1450.55</u>

## XIV.

## STANDING OF DIVISIONS.

Divisions	Camps	Members	Camps	Members
Alabama and Tennessee..	10	175	10	175
California and Oregon...	17	491	16	480
Colorado and Wyoming..	8	198	9	212
Connecticut .....	39	1673	37	1615
Illinois .....	53	1700	50	1619
Indiana .....	31	1052	26	939
Iowa .....	19	667	16	578
Kansas .....	26	716	25	678
Kentucky .....	9	182	9	189
Maine .....	36	1404	36	1331
Maryland .....	13	490	14	510
Massachusetts .....	134	5780	135	5781
Michigan .....	6	117	6	109
Minnesota .....	9	291	9	267
Missouri .....	12	544	14	589
Nebraska .....	8	139	8	151
New Hampshire .....	37	1314	36	1289
New Jersey .....	33	1310	32	1793
New York .....	147	5400	154	5486
Ohio .....	70	3176	70	3112
Pennsylvania .....	186	12206	161	11211
Rhode Island .....	13	452	14	486
Vermont .....	23	707	23	713
Washington .....	1	50	4	106
Wisconsin .....	19	616	19	658
Total .....	962	41250	932	40059

## RECAPITULATION OF CONSOLIDATED RETURNS.

Gain—	Camps	Members
Number in good standing at date of last report, June 30, 1911.....	962	41,350
Gained by organization and muster-in.....	22	1,327
Gained by transfer.....		59
Gained by reinstatement.....	9	311
	993	43,047
Aggregate .....		
Loss—	Camps	Members
By camps disbanded.....	4	78
By death .....		66
By honorable discharge.....		36
By transfer .....		37
By suspension .....	56	2,771
	60	2,988
Total loss .....		
Number in good standing Sept. 30, 1911.	933	40,059
Amount received for per capita tax.....		\$ 2,743.60
Cash on hand at Division headquarters.....		3,515.72
Cash on hand in Camps.....		25,195.43
Expended for relief.....		6,089.10

By order of

NEWTON J. MCGUIRE,  
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,  
National Secretary.

## GENERAL ORDERS NO. I.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,  
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Department of Commander-in-Chief,  
Rooms 1001-4 Law Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

General Orders No. 1—Series 1912.

I. In accordance with the provision of the new Constitution adopted at the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment at Rochester, N. Y., Division Commanders will be required to issue Commissions ONLY to Camp Commanders. Immediately upon receipt of Installing Officers' Reports, per capita tax and reports of the Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers, Division Commanders and Division Secretaries will issue to Camp Commanders a commission. No other commissions for Camp officers are required.

II. The proceedings of the 30th Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held at Rochester, N. Y., August 22, 23, 24, 25, 1911, have been published and distributed through the regular channels.

III. The Committee having in charge the printing and publishing of the new Constitution and By-Laws, which went into effect the 1st day of January, 1912, expect to have copies of the Constitution ready for distribution in a very few days. We hope the membership will be patient and overlook the short delay.

IV. The Committee appointed to design and have made the new Rosette Membership Buttons expect to have them out in a short time. As soon as they are obtainable your Commander-in-Chief will send to each Brother who has procured five new members, a yellow ribbon and one of the new Rosette Buttons, in accordance with paragraph Eight (8) of General Orders No. 10, of 1911.

V. The following Special Aides have been appointed for services rendered in securing five or more members, in accordance with paragraph Eight (8) of General Orders No. 10, of 1911:

- W. Leo Friend, John Mueller Camp No. 36, Collinsville, Ill.  
 J. G. Gerstenecker, John Mueller Camp No. 36, Collinsville, Ill.  
 Henry M. Davis, Lafayette Camp No. 140, New York City, N. Y.  
 John J. Juckett, Camp No. 76, Amherst, Mass.  
 Karl Steward, Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp No. 15, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.  
 D. D. Hammelbaugh, Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp No. 15, Harrisburg, Pa.  
 D. W. Cotterel, Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp No. 15, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.  
 Charles T. Charters, Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp No. 15, Harrisburg, Pa.  
 C. Day Rudy, Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp No. 15, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.  
 Jacob A. Gramm, Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp No. 15, Harrisburg, Pa.  
 William F. Moore, Charles R. Lowell Camp No. 9, Boston, Mass.  
 Arthur L. Ripley, Gen. George G. Meade Camp No. 67, Abington, Mass.  
 Charles H. Smith, Wm. McKinley Camp No. 92, East Bridgewater, Mass.  
 Romaine J. LaLone, Col. Wm. B. Goodrich Camp No. 109, Potsdam, N. Y.  
 W. A. Hardinger, Austin Camp No. 12, Austin, Ill.  
 John Wolf, Camp No. 32, Weehawken, N. J.

VI. Your Commander-in-Chief urges the brethren throughout the Order to begin now to make preparations to attend the next National Encampment to be held in St. Louis, Missouri, the week beginning August 25th, 1912. Let us all do what we can to make this a successful and enjoyable Encampment. The boys of the Missouri Division are making elaborate preparations for our entertainment and welfare.

Let us respond to the call of Commander-in-Chief Trimble and make this Order mighty by going to St. Louis with 50,000 members.

VII. Your Commander-in-Chief desires to extend greetings to the officers for the year of 1912 of the various Camps throughout the organization. Let every officer help to organize his Camp in a way that will get results and encourage every member to individual work. Begin early and keep it up the entire year and the aggregate result will be well worth the effort.

Impress on each member the importance of Patriotic Living, the giving of a little time and attention to Patriotism each day. Brethren, just put your Patriotism above your joys and your pleasures in the little things of every day life and keep it up for a few years and in a short time we will all be ashamed of

ourselves that we ever dealt with such small numbers as 50,000 members.

VIII. To the new Patriotic Instructors in the various Camps and Divisions, your Commander-in-Chief has a personal message. Your office is of grave importance. You can make it the most important position in the Camp or you can make it a position of the least importance. Begin at once and plan for an eventful New Year. The time has arrived for your greatest usefulness to the Camp. Plan a series of Patriotic exercises, programs and meetings and make several of them open to the general public. Announce the same in the papers. Ascertain the names of the various eligibles in your locality and give them a special invitation. Draw in the whole Patriotic public, put on your best talent and make your Camp the leader in the Patriotic spirit of the community in which you are located. Seek to co-operate in all Patriotic work with the Ladies Organizations, such as the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G. A. R., and our own Ladies Auxiliary in all work that will be of assistance to the parent organization, the G. A. R., and that will help keep alive the Patriotic Spirit.

Each Camp should be the leader in carrying forward this Patriotic Spirit in its respective locality and the Patriotic Instructor of that Camp should be the leader in that work inside and outside the Camp room. Therefore the work of the various Patriotic Instructors is just what they make it. These meetings afford the best opportunity to bring in eligibles and interest them in the work, thereby securing their applications. If every Patriotic Instructor for the year of 1912 will just do his full duty as prescribed by the ritual, we can soon arouse the Patriotic Spirit of the people to a sense of duty that will lead to the realization of our fondest hopes. Brothers, if our country is good enough to fight for, it is good enough to live for, at least let us not by our careless and indifferent living lose all that our fathers fought for and allow a certain prophecy to become true, namely, the declaration of Jefferson Davis when he said, "*My people will yet win back by diplomacy all they have lost by the sword.*"

IX. Your Commander-in-Chief after thoroughly testing out the term "*Patriotic Observance Movement*" has decided upon a better and more comprehensive name under the banner of which we ought to be able to unite with the Patriotic people in a forward movement to observe all the memorials which the soldier has builded and established, more especially Memorial Day. Let us call it the "*Memorial Defense Movement*." It goes a step farther than Observance, it defends the things that our fathers have created and established and does not subject us to the liability of a misguided criticism, that we are trying to set up a better Memorial Day observance than our fathers have had, but that we are defending them in their exclusive observance of the day. Let us centralize our efforts on protecting our fathers' exclusive right to observe the day. Nothing will contribute more to the upbuilding of our Order. If the Union soldier is good enough that a day be set apart by legislation that he may worship in peace at the shrine of Patriotism, he is good enough to have that day preserved to him in all its fullness and completeness. Therefore let us rise up with all our might in a "*Memorial Defense Movement*" that will preserve Memorial Day. After we

have done that and done it effectively we can undertake the defense of other memorials, one by one as needed, but for the present let us unite on one thing and get that accomplished, then we will have done much. There seems to be the greatest pressing need for this particular work just now, therefore our Camps should take it up all along the line and make the most of it.

X. Our next month is Lincoln Month, full of possibilities and opportunities. The Character of Lincoln was nearest to the Divine of any public Character we have ever had. The more we study it the more we like it, the more sublime and Christ-like it seems to us. A study of the life of Lincoln will inspire us to greater things and make us better men and better citizens. Every Son of a Veteran ought to make a special study of the life and deeds of Abraham Lincoln. Every Camp in the Order should patriotically observe Lincoln's Birthday in some way.

XI. Following Camps were mustered and chartered since last announcement, viz.:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mus.
Oct. 20	6	Elyria, Ohio	50
Dec. 9	137	Gamby, Nebraska	23
Oct. 17	16	Beloit, Wisconsin	49
Nov. 24	145	Quarryville, Pennsylvania	38
Nov. 16	10	Beallsville, R. F. D. No. 2, Ohio	17
Oct. 26	87	Bowdoinham, Maine	15
Nov. 16	125	Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania	29
Nov. 24	73	Steelton, Pennsylvania	22
Dec. 1	50	Carlisle, Pennsylvania	34
Dec. 2	179	New Cumberland, Pennsylvania	29
Nov. 8	48	Beattie, Kansas	36
Dec. 14	144	Shippensburg, Pennsylvania	66
Dec. 18	130	Newville, Pennsylvania	21

XII. Applications for charter, in addition to those above were approved as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
Dec. 11		Sharpsburg, Maryland	54
Dec. 20	20	Cardington, Ohio	35

#### STATEMENT No. 4.

XIII. Report of the National Secretary for month of December, 1911.

RECEIPTS.		
To balance, November 30, 1911.....		\$1450.55
Received for per capita tax.....	\$1276.92	
Charter fees .....	50.00	
Supplies .....	501.01	
Total receipts .....		\$1827.93
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		\$3278.48
EXPENDITURES.		
By general expenses .....	\$1338.71	
Office expenses .....	86.43	
Commander-in-Chief's expenses .....	153.67	
Total expenditures .....		\$1578.81
Balance, December 31, 1911.....		\$1699.67

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.	
For stock and supplies.....	\$ 200.75
THE BANNER, December, 1911, subscription....	592.44
Encampment, 1911, Journal of Proceedings, shipping to Divisions, etc.....	472.56
Printing .....	3.00
Reserves .....	46.16
Shipping supplies .....	14.80
	<u>\$1338.71</u>
OFFICE EXPENSES.	
For light, postage, express, telegrams and rent, Oct.-Dec., 1911, inc. ....	\$ 86.43
	<u>\$ 86.43</u>
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.	
For rent, telegraphing, postage, traveling, of- fice, stenographer .....	\$ 153.67
	<u>\$ 153.67</u>
Total expenditures .....	<u>\$1578.81</u>
Balance, December 31, 1911.....	\$1699.67
By order of	

NEWTON J. MCGUIRE.

Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,  
National Secretary.

## GENERAL ORDERS NO. II.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF.

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Department of Commander-in-Chief,  
Rooms 1001-4 Law Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

General Orders No. 2—Series 1912.

I. Division Commanders will see that reports and per capita tax for quarter ending December, 1911, with remittance made payable to the National Secretary, are forwarded at once. Tax and reports are due and it is hoped there will be no unnecessary delay in forwarding same. Division Commanders will give this their personal attention. These reports and tax must be forwarded by February 29th. The December quarter is the last for payment to be made at 9 cents. Quarter ending March 31, 1912, the tax will be 8 cents. See General Orders No. 9, September, 1911.

II. Camp Commanders will have their Camp Patriotic Instructors make prompt report to the Division Patriotic Instructors and Division Patriotic Instructors will make prompt reports to the National Patriotic Instructor, R. J. Williams, No. 163 North Garfield Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

III. Division Commanders will report to the National Sec-

retary as promptly as possible the dates and places of their respective Division Encampments.

IV. Attention is called to the fact that effective January 1st, 1912, the charter fee for new Camps is \$2.50. In every instance the fee (\$2.50) must accompany the application for approval, to be forwarded to the National Secretary.

V. Illness in the family and of the Chairman of the Committee on Constitution—Past Commander-in-Chief Amies—has prevented the completion of the changes, alterations, and amendments to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations as adopted at the Rochester Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief. As soon as the manuscript is received the printing of same will be rushed and orders will be filled promptly by the National Secretary. This will answer all inquiries relative to the new Constitution and correspondence on the subject avoided.

VI. The Committee on new design for buttonhole decoration—Past Commanders-in-Chief Rake and Maccabe, have adopted a decoration (a rosette for buttonhole lapel, as per instructions of the Encampment at Rochester) and same has been approved. Orders have been placed for the rosette and it is expected that same can be supplied by March 1st, or very soon thereafter. The cost of the rosette will be to Divisions 18 cents; to Camps 22 cents; and to members not less than 25 cents.

Camps will order same through Division Headquarters on Requisition (Form 1), and Divisions will order same through National Secretary on Form 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

In order to supply the decoration as promptly as possible a limited supply will be received from the manufacturer, and these will be sent on requisition in proportion to the orders received, until the manufacturer is able to supply the full order.

Correction on Form 1 and Form 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  in ordering the new buttonhole decoration or rosette, will be made accordingly and note thereof made of the prices.

The bronze buttonhole decoration is now obsolete, no longer the official buttonhole decoration, and cannot be supplied hereafter. In future only the rosette will be furnished at the prices quoted, and will be worn by the membership.

Requisitions may be made and are requested, for the rosette and they will be filled in rotation, as promptly as possible, as received. Remittance covering same must in all instances accompany requisitions.

VII. An error in the transcribing of the official proceedings of the Thirtieth Annual Encampment held at Rochester, 1911, by the official stenographer, omitted therefrom the name of Brother A. P. Veach, Camp No. 11, Atlantic City, Division of New Jersey, as having been restored to Past Honors and Past Rank as Past Camp Commander of said Camp. The Division Commander is hereby ordered and directed to make record accordingly in the Division records, through Division Secretary and will direct the said Camp to enroll Brother Veach as a Past Camp Commander in accordance with the action of the said Encampment.

VIII. Attention of Corps and Corps Patriotic Instructors is called to the "Lincoln Brochure," a well bound volume of one hundred sixty-four pages, historically illustrated, created under

inspiration of the Grand Army of the Republic and printed under direction of their National Committee.

After a thorough examination the Commander-in-Chief gladly gives his personal indorsement to this book, which is a song of the American heart and which is a lasting tribute to every Union Veteran, as well as an enduring monument to the memory of our great and loved Lincoln. Being a high type of the printer's art, this makes a handsome gift book. The proceeds from its sale are for the exclusive benefit of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander-in-Chief Trimble writes: "I shall be greatly pleased if, through the Sons of Veterans, a very large number of these books can be placed in the public libraries of the country and in every school."

Department Presidents are hereby requested, for the benefit of the Grand Army of the Republic, and in the interests of American patriotism, to urge the sale of this book to individuals, and its purchase by Corps for the schools and public libraries. Send orders to Wilbur F. Brown, Secretary National Committee, G. A. R., 149 Broadway, New York City. Price \$1.64, postpaid.

IX. The following "Aides" on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief have been appointed on recommendation or on your Commander's own initiative:

Daniel M. Hall, Columbus, Ohio.  
 Charles A. Sidman, Morganza, La.  
 William B. Scharr, Camp No. 4, Maplewood, Mo.  
 Jacob J. Nack, Camp No. 5, 3108 Jefferson, Ave., St. Louis, Mo.  
 Charles P. Riechers, Camp No. 35, 2815 St. Louis Ave., St. Louis, Mo.  
 William Agne, Camp No. 47, 3026 Cherokee St., St. Louis, Mo.  
 Fred J. Wenz, Camp No. 17, 423 Edmond St., St. Joseph, Mo.  
 A. V. Cashion, Camp No. 42, Perryville, Mo.  
 Sheridan Chamblin, U. S. Grant Camp No. 37, San Diego, Cal.  
 John A. Medlar, Rosecrans Camp No. 2, Los Angeles, Cal.  
 C. B. Zeek, Bandon Camp No. 40, Bandon, Oregon.  
 John Huntington, J. W. Brock Camp No. 40, Lents, Oregon.  
 Emerson W. Reed, W. T. Sherman Camp No. 3, San Francisco, Cal.  
 J. Frank Leffler, Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4, San Jose, Cal.  
 C. A. McCurdy, Col. E. D. Baker Camp No. 1, Oakland, Cal.

X. Since the last announcement the following Special Aides have been appointed for services rendered in securing five or more members, in accordance with paragraph Eight (S) of General Orders No. 10, of 1911:

Walter L. Bobe, Camp No. 5, 5021 Alabama Ave., St. Louis, Mo.  
 Jacob J. Couch, Camp No. 2, King City, Mo.  
 Walter H. Voss, Camp No. 35, 2281 Clarence Ave., St. Louis, Mo.  
 M. F. Loventhal, Gen. Wm. Tecumseh Sherman Camp No. 3, San Francisco, Cal.  
 J. A. States, Capt. H. C. Randolph Camp No. 138, 12 Archibald St., Carbondale, Pa.  
 Samuel Landis, Camp Anthony Goldsmith No. 81, Quakertown, Pa.  
 Charles R. Hale, Griffin A. Stedman Camp No. 6, Room 81, No. 902 Main St., Hartford, Conn.  
 Phil Malloy, Camp No. 52, Augusta, Me.

G. M. L. Goshorn, Commander Old Abe Camp No. 16, S16 Kansas Ave., Topeka, Kansas.

Edward F. Perry, M. D., Geo. W. Child Camp No. 21, Putnam, Conn.

D. F. Smith, Camp No. 137, Greensburg, Pa.

Dr. George W. Miller, Camp No. 137, Greensburg, Pa.

XI. It becomes the painful duty of the Commander-in-Chief to announce the death of Past Commander-in-Chief Frank Martin. Brother Martin's death was quite sudden and caused by a nervous breakdown. He died February 7th at 12:45 a. m. at the Methodist Hospital where a few hours before he underwent an operation. While he had been ailing for two months his closest friends had no idea that it was serious until a day or two before. He had recently returned from the Bankers National Convention at New Orleans and an excursion with the Bankers to Panama and while he seemed to be much fatigued no one dreamed of him being seriously ill.

Brother Martin was one of the best and most favorably known young business men of Indianapolis and had a wide acquaintance over the state. He was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans at the 21st Annual Encampment held at Washington, D. C., October 6th to 9th, 1902. He had been Commander of his Division for two terms from 1894 to 1896. He was ever a true and loyal friend to our Order and devoted to its principles and objects. He was kind, gentle, honest in all dealings, clean cut, noble in sentiment and act and had a bright future and was calculated to perform a valuable service to his fellowmen. He was cut down in the prime of life, being about forty-one years old and this information will doubtless cause heart aches to his many friends throughout the Order of the Sons of Veterans. Brother Martin's death is a great loss to our Order. He was a man of affairs, having his first experience in public life as Deputy Auditor of Johnson County. He was later settlement clerk in the State Auditors office and afterwards Chief Deputy and served six years in that office and later made the race for nomination for State Auditor on the Republican ticket, being defeated by a few votes. He left the State Auditors office and accepted a position as Treasurer of the Indiana Trust Company and had served in that capacity for nine years. He was prominent in the affairs of the Indiana Bankers Association and at the last meeting of that Association was elected Vice President thereof. Besides being a Son of a Veteran, he was a Scottish Rite Mason, a Shriner, a Modern Woodman and a member of the Board of Trade, the Columbia Club and the Marion Club, was identified with the Methodist Church and was a man of broad character and lofty ideas.

As an expression of our sorrow it is ordered that all Camp charters and colors be draped with the emblem of mourning for thirty days and that each Camp take such action as to his death as may be deemed wise and expedient.

XII. Your Commander-in-Chief announces the death of Mrs. A. P. Davis on January 13, 1912, at Sharpsburg, Pa. She was the widow of Major A. P. Davis who was prominently identified with the early history of the Sons of Veterans and who has gone before. We extend to the relatives and friends of Mrs. Davis our profoundest sympathy and we shall always remember Major A. P. Davis and his beloved wife with tenderness and respect.

XIII. The attention of all the Patriotic Instructors of the Divisions and Camps is hereby called to the pamphlet recently issued by the G. A. R. entitled "Information for and Duties of Post Patriotic Instructors of the G. A. R." by John B. Lewis, National Patriotic Instructor of that organization, No. 101 Tremont street, Boston, Mass. Brothers, if you will send to Brother Lewis for a copy of this pamphlet I think he will gladly supply you and you will find it a very valuable production. It is the first of the kind that has ever been issued and is the beginning of a splendid work. The position of Patriotic Instructor is growing more day by day. I hope the new Patriotic Instructors, by co-operation with the Division and National Patriotic Instructors, will make themselves felt in the upbuilding of the Order.

XIV. Your Commander-in-Chief is thoroughly in earnest about this 50,000 membership business. It is time for us to quit doing small things and begin doing larger things. Duty calls us, our Country calls us and our Fathers are now calling upon us to build this Organization and make it mighty. Commander-in-Chief Trimble of the G. A. R. has sounded the call for the first 50,000 members. We can do it boys if we will work, but we can't do it without working. The middle West ought to take on some activity and receive some impetus from the St. Louis National Encampment next August. The Encampment can be depended on to do its full duty and the far West ought to be able to get some good out of the National Encampment of the G. A. R. at Los Angeles, Cal. Your Commander-in-Chief urges the membership on the Pacific Coast, as many as possible, to meet with the G. A. R. at Los Angeles and hopes that sufficient members will respond to organize a small corps so that the Sons of Veterans might be designated as escort in the parade at this National Encampment. It is the sincere wish and desire of the Commander-in-Chief, that the officers of the California Division take this matter in hand and make the proper showing.

XV. Your Commander-in-Chief believes that each Division Commander could by appointing a strong committee on Organization, that will actually do something, secure the membership of many prominent men of their respective Divisions, who have heretofore either ceased to belong or have never been identified with the Organization. We want the strong, full grown men of affairs to become interested and the right kind of an organization committee proceeding along the right kind of lines, can do splendid work in a general way toward securing membership of prominent men who really ought to belong to our Organization.

XVI. Following Camps have been mustered and charters issued therefor, since last announcement:

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
Oct. 27	113	Greenfield, Massachusetts	21
Nov. 3	141	Warsaw, New York	20
Nov. 13	6	Keyport, New Jersey	20
Jan. 3	20	Cardington, Ohio	32

XVII. Applications were approved for Camps and same were mustered in January, 1912, as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mus.
Jan. 29	5	Jefferson, Vermont	21

Dec. 19	9	Webb City, Missouri	22
Dec. 20	10	Carthage, Missouri	25
Dec. 13	3	Boulder, Col. (Col & Wyo.)	25
Dec. 18		Laramie, Wyo. (Col. & Wyo.)	53

## STATEMENT No. 5.

XVIII. Report of the National Secretary for month of January, 1912.

## RECEIPTS.

To balance, December 31, 1911.....		\$1699.67
Received for per capita tax.....	\$ 89.30	
Charter fees .....	22.50	
Supplies .....	285.64	
Total receipts .....	\$ 397.44	
		<u>\$2097.11</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses.....	\$751.84	
Office expenses .....	21.25	
Commander-in-Chief's expenses .....	146.30	
Total expenditures .....	\$ 919.39	
Balance, January 31, 1912.....		<u>\$1177.72</u>

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

## GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$131.00	
THE BANNER, subscription, January, 1912.....	602.14	
Shipping supplies .....	18.70	
		<u>\$ 751.84</u>

## OFFICE EXPENSES.

For light, postage, telegrams, etc.....	\$ 21.25	
		<u>\$ 21.25</u>

## COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For rent, postage, telegrams, office, stenographer .....	\$146.30	
		<u>\$ 146.30</u>
Total expenditures .....	\$ 919.39	
Balance, January 31, 1912.....		<u>\$1177.72</u>

By order of

NEWTON J. McGUIRE,  
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,  
National Secretary.

## GENERAL ORDERS NO. III.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,  
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Department of Commander-in-Chief,  
Rooms 1001-4 Law Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

General Orders No. 3—Series 1912.

I. Since the last announcement the following Special Aides have been appointed for services rendered in securing five or more members, in accordance with paragraph Eight (8) of General Orders No. 10, of 1911:

- W. E. Lawrence, Fair Oaks Camp No. 15, 112 Kearney St., San Francisco, Cal.
- C. E. Vaupel, Fair Oaks Camp No. 15, 452 Brandon St., San Francisco, Cal.
- Dr. D. B. Plymire, Fair Oaks Camp No. 15, 948 Market St., San Francisco, Cal.
- B. P. Oakford, Fair Oaks Camp No. 15, 415 Union Trust Bldg., San Francisco, Cal.
- A. J. Cloud, Fair Oaks Camp No. 15, Care of Manx Hotel, San Francisco, Cal.
- H. S. Siggelko, Henry Harnden Camp No. 2, Suite No. 18 Marston Blk, No. 15 W. Main St., Madison, Wis.
- William P. Allen, O'Rorke Camp No. 20, Care of Henry S. Smith, 38 Fitzhugh St., North, Rochester, N. Y.
- E. A. Lovewell, Cyrus K. Miller Camp No. 101, Westminster, Mass.
- Dr. H. Freudenberger, Phil Sheridan Camp No. 9, Grand Junction, Colo.
- Orin D. Steele, Gen. A. W. Greeley Camp No. 75, Byfield, Mass.
- L. C. Moore, State Camp No. 1, Detroit, Mich.

Brothers, now is the Cream of the Harvest time in Organization Work, from now until next July, make yourself a Special Aide by getting five new members. Let every Camp and every Brother in every Camp assist in building up the Order. Individual work boys, individual work is what makes the great aggregate result. You do not have to quit your work to do it, carry it along with your work. Always carry application cards with you and make good use of them. Patriotism is like Religion, you should always have it with you.

We should let Patriotism shine forth in our characters and not keep it concealed in our pockets or put away for safe keeping. Let us give to our Country the best we have and the best will come back to us.

II. Division Encampments have been announced and will be held as follows:

- Connecticut at Norwich, April 25-26.
- Kansas at Wichita, May 21-23.
- Maine at Gardiner, June 5-6.
- Massachusetts at Boston, April 2-3.
- Nebraska, February 20-21.
- New Jersey at Paterson, May 8-9.
- Ohio at Springfield, June 17-20.
- Pennsylvania at Reading, June 15-22 (Brigade Encampment S. V. Reserves) Division, June 19-20.
- Rhode Island at Providence, April 16.
- Missouri at Macon, May 14-16.

Indiana at South Bend, May 21-23.

Illinois at Peoria, May 22-24.

III. Reference or Memoranda slips have been sent to all Divisions for Divisions and for Camps, applying to the change in the official buttonhole decorations, whereby it is announced that the bronze buttonhole decoration is obsolete and will no longer be furnished, but in place thereof the new Rosette will be supplied. These memorandas will be promulgated to Camps as soon as possible by the Division Headquarters, so that, in ordering the new Rosette the prices will be known and Camp and Division Officers will be governed accordingly.

Almost daily, it is expected the first consignment of Rosettes will be received from the manufacturer, and, as promptly as possible, requisitions therefor will be filled.

IV. The Division of Nebraska, in annual Division Encampment assembled, elected H. W. Rogers, of Fremont, Neb., Division Commander. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

V. Camp Commanders please see to it that your Camp Patriotic Instructors reports are in the hand of the Division Patriotic Instructor by July 1st.

VI. Newly elected Division Commanders will promptly file the required bond payable to Newton J. McGuire, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and in the amount prescribed by the by-laws of their respective Divisions.

The constitution provides that such bonds shall be filed within thirty (30) days else the next ranking officer takes office.

VII. "Lincoln Month" has come and gone. While the Order at large has made a fair gain in membership for the December quarter just closed we have not accomplished near what we ought to. Your Commander hopes that more substantial gains will be shown at the close of the March quarter.

It should be the ambition of the officers and members of each and every Camp to report substantial gains from now on. The weather is opening up and all ought to assist in the good work. Your officers cannot do it all. All members should assist. Your Commander-in-Chief desires to express his kindest appreciation of the work done by the few faithful ones, but he urges the membership in general to respond to the call for 50,000 members.

VIII. The time of the observance of "Mother's Day" has become generally known as the second Sunday of May—a fixed time rather than a fixed date. An organized tribute to the Mother's love resolves itself into an organized tribute to the Mother's Law and recognition of the Mother's Law means love for Country, for Comrades and for God. It is fitting that the Sons of Veterans make the second Sunday of May, 1912, a great Home Day and day of family reunions and observance by all Organizations of every class and of personal uplift. Wear a white carnation or your mother's favorite flower on "Mother's Day" as a filial honor badge.

IX. Your Commander-in-Chief announces the following committee on transportation for the next National Encampment at St. Louis, Mo., the week beginning August 25, 1912:

H. H. Hammer, Chairman, Reading, Pa.

Past Commander-in-Chief Edward R. Campbell, 28 T St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Past Division Commander S. S. Horn, Easton, Pa.  
 Past Division Commander F. E. Munger, Detroit, Mich.  
 Past Division Commander H. A. Wing, Duluth, Minn.

The Missouri boys are making elaborate preparations for our entertainment and enjoyment, the details of which will be announced later.

X. Your Commander-in-Chief urges the entire membership of the Order to interest itself in pension legislation now pending before the congress of the United States. Ask your congressmen and your senators to work for the passage of the best pension law that can be obtained. Now is the time to strike and you should act quickly. Our fathers have never been sufficiently compensated for services rendered and we, their sons, should do all in our power to help get a better pension bill enacted into law.

XI. Remember, Brethren, that the last National Encampment of the G. A. R. made the Sons of Veterans their permanent official escort on all occasions and Commander-in-Chief Trimble has issued a General Order asking that all Departments and Posts of the G. A. R. invite our local Organizations to act in a similar capacity to the local Organizations of the G. A. R. Now, Brethren, that the various State Encampments are now coming on and the National Encampment will soon be here again, let us organize and build up our Camps, organize Companies of Reserves. Let us by all means do the things that our fathers are asking us to do. Let us "*build this Organization and make it mighty.*"

XII. Camps have been instituted and charters issued, since last announcement, as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mus.
Feb. 24	73	Marengo, Ohio	23
Jan. 10	45	Woodward, Okla. (Kansas)	20
Jan. 13	1	Payette, Idaho (Cal. & Ore.)	15
Jan. 3	88	Winthrop, Maine	27
Feb. 3	89	Waldoboro, Maine	22
Feb. 16	141	Dillsburg, Pennsylvania	15
Feb. 21	143	Marysville, Pennsylvania	23
Jan. 23	146	Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania	18
Feb. 8	151	Howard, Pennsylvania	25
Feb. 12	153	Philipsburg, Pennsylvania	21
July 29	23	Baltimore, Maryland	30

XIII. Applications have been approved in addition to the foregoing, for Camps as follows, viz.:

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
Feb. 9	267	Fredericktown, Ohio	36
Feb. 12	200	Albany, New York	68
Feb. 15		Sidney, New York	28
Feb. 15	16	Pulteny, New York	17

Fee for Camps Nos. 73 and 267, Division of Ohio, applied and credited from approval of proposed Camp at Butler, Ohio, revoked, no Camp being organized.

#### STATEMENT No. 6.

XIV. Report of the National Secretary for month of February, 1912.

## RECEIPTS.

To balance, January 31, 1912.....		\$1177.72
Received for per capita tax.....	\$2194.88	
Charter fees .....	30.00	
Supplies .....	466.19	
Total receipts .....		<u>\$2691.07</u>
		\$3868.79

## EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses .....	\$1079.03	
Office expenses .....	58.68	
Commander-in-Chief's expenses .....	229.72	
Total expenditures .....		<u>\$1367.43</u>
Balance, February 29, 1912 .....		\$2501.36

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

## GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$ 343.13	
THE BANNER, subscription, February, 1912....	601.53	
Printing .....	3.75	
Reserves .....	117.86	
Shipping supplies .....	12.76	
		<u>\$1079.03</u>

## OFFICE EXPENSES.

For light, postage, express, telegrams, stationery, miscellaneous (janitor).....	\$ 58.68	
		<u>\$ 58.68</u>

## COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For rent, postage, telegrams, traveling, stenographer .....	\$ 229.72	
		<u>\$ 229.72</u>
Total expenditures .....		<u>\$1367.43</u>
Balance, February 29, 1912 .....		\$2501.36

## XV.

## STANDING OF DIVISIONS.

Division	Sept. 30, 1911.		Dec. 31, 1911.	
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members
Alabama and Tennessee..	10	175	No	Reports
California and Oregon...	16	480	18	516
Colorado and Wyoming..	9	212	11	290
Connecticut .....	37	1615	37	1601
Illinois .....	50	1619	49	1455
Indiana .....	26	939	30	1004
Iowa .....	16	578	15	445
Kansas .....	25	678	27	720
Kentucky .....	9	189	8	166
Maine .....	36	1331	40	1466
Maryland .....	14	510	15	570

Massachusetts .....	135	5781	136	5782
Michigan .....	6	109	6	112
Minnesota .....	9	267	8	258
Missouri .....	14	589	16	679
Nebraska .....	8	151	8	161
New Hampshire .....	36	1289	37	1295
New Jersey .....	32	1793	31	1797
New York .....	154	5486	149	5397
Ohio .....	70	3112	72	2992
Pennsylvania .....	161	11211	187	12092
Rhode Island .....	14	468	14	471
Vermont .....	23	713	23	723
Washington .....	4	106	No	Reports
Wisconsin .....	19	658	21	718
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>40059</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>40710</b>

Amount received for per capita tax.....	\$ 3,854.82
Amount cash on hand at Division Headquarters.....	4,310.44
Amount cash on hand in Camps.....	26,531.16
Amount expended for relief.....	1,616.72

\*Number members or their families relieved—16.

\*Number veterans or their families relieved—8.

\*Reported.

#### RECAPITULATION OF CONSOLIDATED RETURNS.

Gains—	Camps	Members
Number in good standing at date of last report, Sept. 30, 1911.....	933	40,059
Gained by organization and muster-in.....	30	2,077
Gained by transfer .....		48
Gained by reinstatement .....	30	1,048

Aggregate .....

Loss—	Camps	Members
By camps disbanded.....	3	60
By death .....		60
By honorable discharge.....		81
By transfer .....		58
By suspension .....	32	2,263

Total loss .....

Number in good standing Dec. 31, 1911..

By order of

NEWTON J. McGUIRE,  
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,  
National Secretary.

#### GENERAL ORDERS NO. IV.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Department of Commander-in-Chief,  
Rooms 1001-4 Law Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

General Orders No. 4—Series 1912.

I. The Division of Alabama and Tennessee reporting for

December, 1911, quarter, with 9 Camps and 175 members; the Division of Washington for the same quarter, with 4 Camps and 86 members and corrected returns from the Division of Wisconsin, 7 Camp and 9 members, make the membership for quarter ending December 31st, 1911, the total of 972 Camps and 40,980 members. Gain over quarter ending September 30th, 1911, of 39 Camps and 821 members.

II. It is expected by the time of the issue of these orders it will be possible, if not before, to fill at least partially, if not completely, the requisitions for the Rosettes, which supersede the bronze buttonhole decorations. As soon as same are received these will be issued as ordered and requisition on file filled.

III. At the time of the preparation of these General Orders the manuscript or copy of the alterations and amendments to the Constitution, as adopted at Rochester, had not been turned over to the National officers. As soon as possible when the Constitution is received, it will be printed and promulgated as per requisitions. The delay has been a source of considerable embarrassment to this administration and it is hoped that it will not continue much longer.

IV. A less number than usual having been authorized to be printed, and the supply nearly exhausted, in order to have proper quota on hand, Proceedings of the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment held at Niagara Falls, N. Y., are desired at Headquarters by the National Secretary. Members having any and that can furnish copies to the National Secretary are requested to send same to him.

V. Division Commanders elected by the respective Division Encampments will furnish a surety company bond in accordance with the Constitution, within thirty days after their election. This bond to be made to "Newton J. McGuire, Indianapolis, Ind., Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A." Attention to this and compliance therewith, will avoid much unnecessary correspondence and delay in observing the laws of the Order. Commissions for elective Division Officers will be forwarded upon receipt and approval of the bond of the Division Commander.

VI. All Division Commanders and Division Secretaries will forward to the National Secretary, promptly at the close of Division Encampments, Certificates of Election, Form 49, in duplicate. This must be observed. Form 49 can be obtained only on Form 1—Division Requisitions form.

VII. Since the last announcement the following Special Aides have been appointed for services rendered in securing five or more members, in accordance with paragraph Eight (8) of General Orders No. 10, of 1911:

- John J. Ramsey, Wm. F. Barry Camp No. 79, Melrose, Mass.  
 Wm. H. Montrose, DeLancy Cole Camp No. 78, 408 Dyckman St., Peekskill, N. Y.  
 J. W. Balluffi, DeLancy Cole Camp No. 78, 908 South St., Peekskill, N. Y.  
 R. W. A. Stevens, DeLancy Cole Camp No. 78, 219 Walnut, St., Peekskill, N. Y.  
 C. O. Howard, Wm. B. Cushing Camp No. 30, 400 Seventh St., Room 418, N. W., Washington, D. C.

- Gurnon R. Scott, Wm. B. Cushing Camp No. 30, 1326 A St., S. E., Washington, D. C.
- Wilfred E. Garlick, Wm. B. Cushing Camp No. 30, 301 F St., N. W., Washington, D. C.
- E. W. Breece, Gen. Henry B. Banning Camp No. 207, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.
- D. L. Garber, Gen. Henry B. Banning Camp No. 207, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.
- John D. Weaver, Gen. Henry B. Banning Camp No. 207, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.
- E. J. Breece, Gen. Henry B. Banning Camp No. 207, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.
- S. M. Woolson, Gen. Henry B. Banning Camp No. 207, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.
- Shannon Suitt, Gen. Henry B. Banning Camp No. 207, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.
- C. E. Reese, Gen. Henry B. Banning Camp No. 207, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.
- Robert J. Bell, Jr., Nelson R. Stevens Camp No. 47, E. Walpole, Mass.
- T. A. Leonard, Frank Talbert Camp No. 85, Shelbyville, Ind.
- John Oldfield, Frank Talbert Camp No. 85, Shelbyville, Ind.
- George W. Turner, Minneapolis Camp No. 8, 618 Third Ave., South, Minneapolis, Minn.
- W. E. Fagel, Frank Talbert Camp No. 85, Shelbyville, Ind.
- Frank W. Fagel, Frank Talbert Camp No. 85, Shelbyville, Ind.
- F. J. Marshall, Camp No. 55, East Aurora, New York.

VIII. Each member, Camp and Division is urged to begin preparation for the proper observance of Memorial Day. Organize a "*Memorial Defense Movement*" and make it mean something.

Let us contribute to the comfort of the Union Soldiers in the proper observance of the day. Let us defend them in their rights to a peaceful and undisturbed worship at the Shrine of Patriotism. Brothers, let us serve them as long as they are with us. Let us not intrude or monopolize the day, but always remember that this is their day and defend them in the quiet enjoyment thereof. Oppose the desecration of the day and try to preserve it in all its fullness and completeness. If the Union Soldier is good enough to have this day made a holiday for him in forty odd states of this Union, he and his posterity are good enough to have it preserved to them in all its fullness and completeness, undisturbed by commercialism or any other "ism." Brethren, here is a real work to perform. It is the first great work that demands our attention. The defense of the Memorials which our fathers have builded against the power of mammon in the *War of Peace* ever present in our every day life.

IX. Remember the National Encampment at St. Louis the week beginning August 25th, 1912, and let this be the greatest Encampment we have ever had. East and West, North and South, let us join together and make it a record breaker. As we grow older and wiser let us make every meeting better. Let the old time faces and the new faces mingle together in one great meeting centrally located for our common good, our father's memory and our country's welfare. Commander Behnke and his co-workers are making every effort for our comfort and enjoyment.

X. We are now in the midst of the June Quarter and your Commander-in-Chief urges the membership at large to make an extraordinary campaign for new members. We have just passed through a long, hard winter, but now just before Memorial Day and in the brightness of springtime we should make the most of our opportunities. This Quarter ought to be the "Banner" Quarter of the entire year. Brothers, let me suggest that you try a new plan, always carry half a dozen application cards in your pocket and do not labor under the misapprehension that you have to lose a day's time or wages in order to get a new member. There are thousands of them that will come for the asking if you know how to take advantage of the right opportunity. You need not lose a minute's time if you have your Patriotism always with you. Speak to your friends with whom you come in contact and do not try to make a hard job out of it because it is the easiest thing in the world. The members of this Order by keeping the interest of the Order in mind and always carrying application cards with them will wear out more cards in a year's time than the amount of cards now used by the entire organization. Give us the number of application cards ordered by a Camp or Division in a given time and nine cases out of ten we can tell how active they are. Boys, get the habit, carry cards and take your Patriotism with you into all the walks of life in the highways and byways. Try this once and you will find that 50,000 members will not be a start.

XI. Additional Division Encampments are announced as follows:

- California and Oregon at Stockton, April 8-13.
- Colorado and Wyoming at Boulder, May 14-15.
- New Hampshire at Concord, April 17-18.
- Vermont at Burlington, June 4-6.
- Connecticut at Norwich, April 25-26.
- Kansas at Wichita, May 21-23.
- Maine at Gardiner, June 5-6.
- New Jersey at Paterson, May 8-9.
- Ohio at Springfield, June 17-20.
- Pennsylvania at Reading, June 15-22 (Brigade Encampment S. V. Reserves) Division, June 19-20.
- Rhode Island at Providence, April 16.
- Missouri at Macon, May 14-16.
- Indiana at South Bend, May 21-23.
- Illinois at Peoria, May 22-24.

#### STATEMENT No. 7.

XII. Report of the National Secretary for month of March, 1912.

RECEIPTS.	
To balance, February 29, 1912.....	\$2501.36
Received for per capita tax.....	\$1189.52
Charter fees .....	27.50
Supplies .....	509.92
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Total receipts .....	\$1726.94
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	\$4228.30
EXPENDITURES.	
By general expenses .....	\$ 880.70

Office expenses .....	120.42
Total expenditures .....	<u>\$1001.12</u>
Balance, March 31, 1912.....	\$3227.18

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

## GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$ 226.65
THE BANNER, March, 1912 subscription.....	602.28
Reserve .....	35.09
Shipping supplies .....	16.68
	<u>\$ 880.70</u>

## OFFICE EXPENSES.

For light, postage, express, telegrams, stationery, rent (Jan.-Mar., inc.).....	\$ 120.42
	<u>\$ 120.42</u>
Total expenditures .....	<u>\$1001.12</u>
Balance, March 31, 1912.....	\$3227.18

XIII. Following Camps have been mustered since last announcement:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mus.
Dec. 13	18	Wadsworth, Ohio	33
Dec. 16	17	Sharpsburg, Maryland	59
Feb. 26	267	Fredericktown, Ohio	30
Feb. 12	200	Albany, New York	122
Feb. 15	36	Sidney, New York	38
Feb. 29	16	Pulteney, New York	21
Feb. 14	152	Bellefonte, Pennsylvania	20
Feb. 8	1	Hot Springs, Ark. (Cal. & Ore.)	43
Mar. 2	2	Boise, Idaho (Cal. & Ore.)	29
Feb. 22	9	Stockton, (Cal. & Ore.)	47
Mar. 1	18	Baraboo, Wisconsin	118
Dec. 9	44	Oregon City, Ore.	
Mar. 14	3	Twin Falls, Idaho (Cal. & Ore.)	15
Mar. 16	5	Blackfoot, Idaho (Cal. & Ore.)	16

XVI. In addition to the foregoing, applications for approval of charters for new Camps were approved as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
Mar. 22	22	London, Ohio	50
Mar. 27		Smithburg, Maryland	20
Mar. 30		Lyndonville, New York	57

By order of

NEWTON J. McGUIRE,  
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

II. H. HAMMER,  
National Secretary.

## GENERAL ORDERS NO. V.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,  
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Department of Commander-in-Chief,  
Rooms 1001-4 Law Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

General Orders No.5—Series 1912.

I. In paragraph No. 12, General Orders No. 9, Series 1911, your Commander-in-Chief announced that the per capita tax had been reduced by the Rochester Encampment to eight (8c) cents a Quarter, but that this reduction was not to take effect until the first Quarter of 1912. At the time the order was issued it was thought that the Rochester Encampment had fixed January 1st as the date upon which all changes by legislation were to take effect. The attention of your Commander-in-Chief was never called to the matter again until the Divisions had all made their reports and paid in their money for the Quarter ending December 31, 1911. All the Divisions but one paid their December per capita tax at the rate of nine (9c) cents; this one Division refused to pay at the nine (9c) cent rate and sent in their per capita tax at the eight (8c) cent rate. Then it was that your Commander-in-Chief's attention was first called to the claim that the change in per capita tax took effect immediately upon the adjournment of the Rochester Encampment and not on January 1, 1912. The question was thereupon submitted to the National Counselor for an official opinion and he has decided that the December tax should have been paid at the rate of eight (8c) cents and thereby sustained the claim of the Massachusetts Division in the matter. Your Commander-in-Chief has approved the decision of the National Counselor and the National Secretary will in accordance with this decision credit each Division on its June per capita tax with the amount over-paid on December tax, and thereby correct the error. Your Commander-in-Chief is sorry that this has happened and had the matter been called to his attention before the December tax was paid the mistake would not have been made.

II. Since the last announcement the following "Aides" on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief have been appointed on recommendation and on your Commander's own initiative:

C. A. Clark, Madera Camp No. 6, Madera, Cal.  
Clinton J. Smith, Gen. McCook Camp No. 33, Santa Barbara, Cal.  
P. C. Hilgard, Orange Camp No. 8, Orange, Cal.  
W. A. Shaw, Stockton Camp No. 9, Stockton, Cal.  
P. E. Newman, Santa Ana Camp No. 12, Santa Ana, Cal.  
W. E. Darracott, Phil Kearney Camp No. 7, Pasadena, Cal.

III. Since the last announcement the following Special Aides have been appointed for services rendered in securing five or more members, in accordance with paragraph Eight (8) of General Orders No. 10, 1911:

Fred E. Bolton, Camp No. 46, c/o City Hall, Boston, Mass.  
Jean Whitehead, Lieut. John T. Greble Camp No. 10, 123 Wilder St., Philadelphia, Pa.  
Edward Kepler, Lieut. John T. Greble Camp No. 10, 1905 S. 11th St., Philadelphia, Pa.  
John Liesee, Lieut. John T. Greble Camp No. 10, 820 W. Moyamensing Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

- Walter C. Mabie, Lieut. John T. Greble Camp No. 10, 2227 South 9th St., Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Joseph T. Wood, Lieut. John T. Greble Camp No. 10, 2804 Jasper St., Philadelphia, Pa.  
 John Vleit, Camp No. 1, Reynolds, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Wm. Masterson, Camp No. 273, Bangor, Pa.  
 P. E. Diehl, Camp No. 87, Middleton, Pa.  
 Thomas W. Boyer, Camp No. 273, Bangor, Pa.  
 Edward E. Wherley, Camp No. 87, Middleton, Pa.  
 Michael Rohl, Camp No. 137, Greensburg, Pa.  
 James Karner, Camp No. 137, Greensburg, Pa.  
 Homer J. Keefer, Camp No. 137, Greensburg, Pa.  
 Clyde O. Boyle, Camp No. 137, Greensburg, Pa.  
 Homer Princler, Camp No. 137, Greensburg, Pa.  
 F. S. Treadway, Camp No. 111, Jamestown, N. Y.  
 Jas. S. McNeight, Camp 111, Jamestown, N. Y.  
 Oswald Kramer, Camp No. 72.  
 John Greager, Camp No. 72.  
 E. C. Brown, Camp No. 113, Greenfield, Mass.  
 N. H. Brown, Camp No. 113, Greenfield, Mass.

IV. Pursuant to General Orders No. 3, March, 1912, the Committee on Transportation for the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment at St. Louis, Mo., week of August 25th, 1912, is negotiating and has applied for reduced rates and such concessions incident to National Encampments. Same are pending.

Upon advice, due announcement will be made and information relating thereto given.

The Committee has divided its work as follows:

Major E. R. Campbell, Past Commander-in-Chief, No. 28 T St., N. W., Washington, D. C., to arrange for the assembling of those attending the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment from the New England States, New York, New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, and such other Divisions as may desire, and adjacent thereto.

Past Division Commander Samuel S. Horn, Easton, Pa., will assist Major Campbell, and have charge of the Eastern section or territory of the Commandery not covered by Major Campbell, Pennsylvania, and points not otherwise provided or designated, working in conjunction with Major Campbell.

Past Division Commander F. E. Munger, No. 139 Bates St., Detroit, Mich., will arrange for the territory east of Chicago, and in that territory not otherwise provided, if desirable and possible to assemble such as arrange to travel together.

Past Division Commander H. A. Wing, Duluth, Minn., will have charge of the assembling of the representatives or parties desiring to make the trip together, in that territory west of Chicago.

Such points as are not provided or designated will be covered by the member of the Committee nearest thereto.

If not desired to travel together the members of the Committee from the sections referred to respectively will be governed accordingly.

Major Campbell has arrangements under way for special through sleeping cars, and observation car, from New York City, via Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. If a sufficient number respond the personal comfort of all may be made most perfect.

Members going to St. Louis, are requested to communicate

with their Division Commanders, and the Division Commanders are in turn requested to correspond with Major Campbell, relative to the subject, stating number of members attending, and making reservations, stating date desirable and time—morning or evening—for leaving New York, so that preparations can be completed and an enjoyable trip made possible.

V. Brothers, Memorial Day is almost at hand. It is time for us to give our full measure of devotion to the memory of both the living and the dead, their acts and achievements. This day ought to appeal to the Son of a Soldier, and every member of the Order ought to begin days and weeks before to make a systematic effort to make it the greatest Patriotic Day in the year. By their activity and deeds the Soldier Family should set the example and help make it a day of worship at the Shrine of Patriotism.

Let us on this day and this year start a "*Memorial Defense Movement*" and make it mean something. It is our duty as American citizens and as loyal Sons to defend our fathers in the observance of the day. Let no Son of a Veteran falter in this duty. Go out in the highways and the byways and interest every son of a Soldier in the work and by interesting him in this work he must naturally become interested in the Association of the Sons of Veterans. This is our heritage, let us make the most of it. Build this Organization and make it mighty.

Let us make this day of 1912 a record breaker that we may be able to report a greater attendance and a better observance than ever before. Naturally each year we ought to do a little better. We will all have a clear conscience and be better men by observing the day in all its fullness and completeness.

VI. The books for quarter ending March 31st, 1912, will be closed May 20th. All reports of Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers, with per capita tax must be in the hands of the National Secretary by that date. All remittances must be made payable to the National Secretary.

Tax is now payable at the rate of eight (8) cents. Reinstatements must be paid at the rate of nine (9) cents for all reinstatements back of the December Quarter, 1911.

The membership fee—twenty-five (25) cents on newly mustered members, is still payable, the new Constitution providing for same. On every new member 25 cents is payable with the tax.

No tax is due or required to be paid however, on members mustered in the quarter in which they are reported, as mustered.

VII. Form 49 in duplicate—Certificates of Election—of Division Officers must be made out and forwarded to the National Secretary.

Newly elected Division Commanders have thirty days in which to file bond—surety company bond—made to "Newton J. McGuire, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Indianapolis, Ind." This matter must be given prompt attention.

VIII. Information relative to the Constitution adopted at the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment at Rochester as to when same can be promulgated, cannot be furnished. The matter is the same as referred to in General Orders No. 4—the April BANNER. As soon as the copy or manuscript is forthcoming from Past Commander-in-Chief Edwin M. Amies, of Altoona, Pa., it will be printed and requisitions filled promptly. The Rochester

Encampment last August left the matter of preparing the Constitution for publication entirely in the hands of Brother Amies by the following Resolution: (See page 222 Rochester Proceedings).

"Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Constitution and Laws be and it is hereby approved in its entirety, and the chairman of the committee be instructed to prepare the same for publication, with the right to make such changes as grammatical construction or logical sequence require, but that the substance of the committee's report shall not be altered or changed.

And that the same be published promptly, and to go into full force and effect January 1, 1912."

## STATEMENT No. 8.

## VIII. Report of the National Secretary for month of April, 1912.

## RECEIPTS.

To balance, March 31, 1912.....		\$3227.18
Received for per capita tax.....	\$ 766.28	
Charter fees .....	47.50	
Supplies .....	582.64	
Total receipts .....		<u>\$1396.42</u>
		\$4623.60

## EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses.....	\$1152.93	
Office expenses .....	58.01	
Total expenditures .....		<u>\$1210.94</u>
Balance, April 30, 1912.....		\$3412.66

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

## GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$ 522.20	
THE BANNER, April, 1912, subscription.....	609.30	
Shipping supplies .....	21.43	
		<u>\$1152.93</u>

## OFFICE EXPENSES.

For light, postage, express, telegrams, stationery (National Officers), mailing tubes, insurance on stock and supplies.....	\$ 58.01	
		<u>\$ 58.01</u>
Total expenditures .....		<u>\$1210.94</u>
Balance, April 30, 1912.....		\$3412.66

IX. Following new Camps have been instituted and charters issued thereto:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mus.
Nov. 26	36	Wenatchee, Washington	29
Apr. 3	123	Lyndonville, New York	70

Feb. 10	8	Orange, Cal. (Cal. & Ore.)	15
Feb. 8	33	Santa Barbara, Cal. (Cal. & Ore.)	35
Mar. 22	6	Salmon, Idaho (Cal. & Ore.)	18
Mar. 16	12	Santa Ana, Cal. (Cal. & Ore.)	31
Nov. 9	6	Madera, Cal. (Cal. & Ore.)	15
Mar. 30	2	Brookings, So. Dak. (Cal. & Ore.)	15
Mar. 30	1	Red Lodge, Mont. (Col. & Wyo.)	15
Mar. 30	11	Farmington, Missouri	39
Mar. 23	12	Kidder, Missouri	52
Mar. 25	15	Hamilton, Missouri	21
Apr. 23	157	Sag Harbor, New York	20

X. Applications have been approved to the foregoing for new Camps as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
Apr. 4	157	Sag Harbor, New York	19
Apr. 5		Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin	15
Apr. 17		La Crosse, Wisconsin	26
Apr. 17		River Falls, Wisconsin	21
Apr. 22	84	Pittston, Pennsylvania	32
Apr. 22	27	Kingston, Massachusetts	20
Apr. 25		South Milwaukee, Wisconsin	21

By order of

NEWTON J. McGUIRE,  
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,  
National Secretary.

### GENERAL ORDERS NO VI.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,  
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Department of Commander-in-Chief,  
Rooms 1001-4 Law Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

General Orders No. 6—Series 1912.

I. Bids will be received by the Council-in-Chief for the publication of an official organ of our Order for five years from January 1, 1913, to January 1, 1918. These bids will be received up to and including August 26, 1912, and should be securely sealed and endorsed on the face thereof, "Propositions for Printing Official Organ." The specifications are to be similar to "THE BANNER," the present Official Organ and the bids are open to all who desire to bid. The lowest responsible bid, considering all features, will be recommended to the Encampment at St. Louis for adoption. Address the bids to Fred J. Phillips, 5945 Cedar Street, Chicago, Illinois, Chairman of the Council-in-Chief.

II. Since the last announcement the following Special Aides have been appointed for services rendered in securing five or more members, in accordance with paragraph eight (8) of General Orders No. 10:

Harry B. Spear, Frank Ray Camp No. 9, Bennington, Vermont.  
Jesse B. Comar, Frank Ray Camp No. 9, Bennington, Vermont.  
M. V. Poole, Camp No. 80, 1740 Webster St., Philadelphia, Pa.  
Milton E. Gibbs, Camp No. 100, Wilder Bldg., Rochester, N. Y.  
John S. Briggs, Camp No. 100, 1219 Granite Bldg., Rochester, N. Y.

- George Coyner, Henry B. Banning Camp No. 207, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.
- Samuel R. Barton, Henry B. Banning Camp No. 207, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.
- Wm. Speelman, Henry B. Banning Camp No. 207, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.
- Ralph Headington, Henry B. Banning Camp No. 207, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.
- H. H. Hildebrand, Henry B. Banning Camp No. 207, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.
- F. J. VanVoorhis, Henry B. Banning Camp No. 207, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.
- E. M. Carter, James L. Bates Camp No. 36, East Weymouth, Mass.
- Alfred H. Woodman, Phil Sheridan Camp No. 23, Freeport, Maine.
- Edward S. Emerson, 44 Spring St., Merrick, Mass.
- W. C. Robbins, Wm. B. Cushing Camp No. 30, Pension Office, Washington, D. C.
- Edward P. Hunt, J. Wiley Edmands Camp No. 31, Newtonville, Mass.
- Frank C. Potter, Camp No. 10, Keene, N. H.
- Linn E. Drummer, 61 Howard St., Keene, N. H.
- Lewis C. Hazlett, Bradbury Camp No. 149, Media, Pa.
- Frederick J. McMurtrie, State Camp No. 1, Ford Bldg., Detroit, Mich.
- T. W. Bibighaus, Sedgwick Camp No. 42, Lebanon, Pa.
- C. A. Goodwin, Camp No. 78, Mechanic Falls, Maine.
- F. I. Dwinial, Camp No. 78, Mechanic Falls, Maine.
- George Kramer, Camp No. 72, Shamokin, Pa.
- R. C. Brown, Waterloo Camp No. 33, Waterloo, Iowa.
- A. H. Cargo, Camp No. 218, Braddock, Pa.
- R. E. Bruner, Waterloo Camp No. 33, Black Hawk Bldg., Waterloo, Iowa.
- A. F. Derk, Camp No. 72, Shamokin, Pa.

III. The following brethren have earned their appointment as Special Aides and are entitled to wear the yellow ribbon of the Commandery-in-Chief until the end of the term of office of the present Commander-in-Chief and the new Rosette Button has been mailed to them as a special recognition of work actually done to help "Build up this Order and make it mighty." They have each secured five members or more and are entitled to the following special mention under the head of "Workers Roll." (The complete list of which will appear in the August General Orders).

IV. The Loyal Ladies of Frederick, Maryland, are organizing and incorporating a Barbara Fritchie Memorial Association to erect a monument over the grave of Barbara Fritchie, the heroine of Whittier's poem, and are meeting with much opposition from the Daughters of the Confederacy, and have appealed to the Commander-in-Chief for assistance. Any brothers who desire to aid this worthy cause may correspond with Miss May Hagan, Corresponding Secretary Barbara Fritchie Memorial Association, Frederick, Maryland.

V. The Thirtieth (30) Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., is hereby ordered to convene in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, in the assembly room of the Planters Hotel, at 10 o'clock a. m. of Tuesday, August 27, 1912.

The Division Commander of the Division of Missouri will order the proper details and inner and outer guards for duty during the periods of the Encampment.

Representation is as follows, viz.: All Past Commanders-in-Chief, Constitutional Life Members, Past Grand Division Commanders, Past Division Commanders, Division Commanders, Officers and Staff of the Commandery-in-Chief and delegates or alternates from the respective Divisions—one delegate no matter what the membership of a Division is; and one additional delegate for every 500 members of each Division, and one delegate for a major portion thereof (major portion of 500); Provided—each and every member or brother as designated, is in good standing in his Camp and Division; and provided further: that all per capita tax is paid (including quarter ending June 30th, 1912) and all reports are in the hands respectively of the National Chaplain, National Patriotic Instructor, National Secretary and National Treasurer; and provided also that: all indebtedness of each and every Division is paid; also that the bond of the Division Commander has been received, approved by the Commander-in-Chief, and filed as required by law.

VI. The Council-in-Chief is hereby ordered to convene at the Planters Hotel, St. Louis, Mo., at 4 o'clock p. m. of Monday, August 25th, 1912, for the transaction of such business as may be presented, auditing the books and accounts of the National Secretary and National Treasurer, and formulating report accordingly.

VII. The books of the National Secretary and the National Treasurer will be closed for this Administration on July 31st, 1912. This will of necessity require promptness on the part of Division Headquarters officers in getting their per capita tax and Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers reports to the National Secretary and National Treasurer for the quarter ending June, so that due account can be made and report given of the Order for the end of the year and the work of the Administration.

VIII. No requisitions will be filled and no supplies shipped by the National Secretary after July 31st, 1912, until after the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment at St. Louis.

This timely notice is given Divisions and Camps, so that they may be governed accordingly and order supplies in ample time prior to July 31st—after which date no requisitions will be filled until after the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment.

IX. The arrangements for the Encampment at St. Louis, thus far are:

Opening session of the Encampment and affiliated Orders of the Sons of Veterans present.

Tuesday, August 27, afternoon—Memorial ceremonies at the National Cemetery, Jefferson Barracks, preceded by river trip.

Tuesday evening—Outing Summer Garden.

Wednesday, August 28—10 a. m. Session. Afternoon—Seeing St. Louis by trolley. Evening—Sons of Veterans Auxiliary reception to Commander-in-Chief and members of the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment, at Planters Hotel.

Thursday—Sessions.

X. Division Commanders will see that their Patriotic Instructors and Division Chaplains have their reports to the re-

spective National Officers promptly; and that tax and reports of the Secretaries and Treasurers are forwarded to the National Secretary prior to July 31st. All remittances must be made payable to H. H. Hammer, National Secretary and not to the Commander-in-Chief.

Division Commanders will see that all reports of Camps mustered are promptly forwarded so that charters can be issued and due account and report made of the Camps mustered at the National Encampment.

Let there be no delay of any kind.

XI. The Report of the Committee on Transportation to the St. Louis Encampment will be found printed in full in another place in this month's BANNER. Brothers, give special attention to this report.

XII. The following Camps have been mustered and charters issued thereto since last announcement:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mus.
Mar. 30	21	Smithburg, Maryland	33
Apr. 25	84	Pittston, Pennsylvania	35
May 18	15	Magnolia, Iowa	24
May 6	25	Greenwich, New York	46
May 23	71	Amityville, New York	16
Mar. 19	4	Coeur de Alene, Idaho (Cal. & Pac.)	24
Mar. 27	1	Pierre, So. Dak. (Cal. & Pac.)	36
Mar. 28	14	Tulare, Cal. (Cal. & Pac.)	27
Apr. 12	147	Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania	25
Apr. 9	154	Anville, Pennsylvania	15
May 9	296	Rockport, Indiana	76
Mar. 9	48	Grant City, Missouri	23
May 10	170	Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania	30
Apr. 25	16	Green City, Missouri	27
May 23	37	Anacortes, Washington	46

XIII. Applications approved in addition to the foregoing for charters for Camps were:

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
May 8		Spencerport, New York	30
May 8	50	Wooster, Ohio	38
May 27		Spalding, Nebraska	15
May 28	65	Marion, Ohio	28

#### STATEMENT No. 9.

XIV. Report of the National Secretary for the month of May, 1912:

RECEIPTS.		
To balance, April 30, 1912.....		\$3412.66
Received for per capita tax.....	\$2157.27	
Charter fees .....	45.00	
Supplies .....	716.31	
Total receipts .....		\$2918.58
		\$6331.24

EXPENDITURES.		
By general expenses .....	\$1555.35	

Office expenses .....	19.14
Total expenditures .....	<u>\$1574.49</u>
Balance, May 31, 1912.....	<u>\$4756.75</u>

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

## GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$ 922.13
THE BANNER, May, 1912, subscription.....	609.31
Shipping supplies .....	23.91
	<u>\$1555.35</u>

## OFFICE EXPENSES.

For light, postage, stationery.....	\$ 19.14
	<u>\$ 19.14</u>

Total expenditures .....	<u>\$1574.49</u>
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Balance, May 31, 1912.....	<u>\$4756.75</u>
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## XV.

## STANDING OF DIVISIONS.

Division	Dec. 31, 1911		Mar. 31, 1912	
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members
Alabama and Tennessee..	9	175	9	170
California and Pacific...	18	516	34	1048
Colorado and Wyoming..	11	290	12	282
Connecticut .....	37	1601	36	1619
Illinois .....	49	1455	49	1418
Indiana .....	30	1004	32	1058
Iowa .....	15	445	17	468
Kansas .....	27	720	27	732
Kentucky .....	8	166	9	186
Maine .....	40	1466	46	1628
Maryland .....	15.	570	16	611
Massachusetts .....	136	5782	136	5814
Michigan .....	6	112	6	122
Minnesota .....	8	258	9	335
Missouri .....	16	679	20	800
Nebraska .....	8	161	8	161
New Hampshire .....	37	1295	37	1298
New Jersey .....	31	1797	31	1752
New York .....	149	5397	153	5804
Ohio .....	72	2992	73	3183
Pennsylvania .....	187	12092	194	12365
Rhode Island .....	14	471	14	463
Vermont .....	23	723	24	777
Washington .....	4	86	5	115
Wisconsin .....	22	727	23	845
Total .....	972	40980	1020	43054

## RECAPITULATION OF CONSOLIDATED RETURNS.

Gain—	Camps	Members
Number in good standing at date of last report, March 31, 1912 .....	972	40,980

Gained by organization and muster-in.....	43	2,951
Gained by transfer.....		65
Gained by reinstatement.....	14	535
Aggregate .....	1,029	44,531

Loss—	Camps	Members
By camps disbanded .....	2	20
By death .....		101
By honorable discharge.....		97
By transfer .....		51
By suspension .....	7	1,222

Total loss .....	9	1,477
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Number in good standing.....	1,020	43,054
Cash on hand at Division Headquarters.....		\$ 5,421.09
*Cash on hand in Camps.....		29,980.88
⊕Expended for relief .....		1,383.88

Number members or their families relieved—35.

Number veterans or their families relieved—33.

\*Eleven Divisions failed to report this item.

⊕Not reported by several Divisions.

By order of

NEWTON J. MCGUIRE,  
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,  
National Secretary.

### GENERAL ORDERS NO. VII.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,  
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Department of Commander-in-Chief,  
Rooms 1001-4 Law Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

General Orders No. 7—Series 1912.

I. Since the last announcement the following Special Aides have been appointed for service rendered in securing five or more members, in accordance with paragraph eight (8) of General Orders No. 10: (List will appear in full in August General Orders).

II. Temporary Headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief will be established at the Planters Hotel, St. Louis, Mo., in connection with the 31st Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, in accordance with General Orders No. 6, on Monday, August 26th, 1912.

III. Newly elected Division Commanders are reminded that they must file surety company bonds within thirty (30) days after their election, to be approved by the Commander-in-Chief. The bond is to run to "Newton J. McGuire, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Indianapolis, Indiana." Be prompt with this matter.

IV. Since the issuing of the last General Orders your Commander-in-Chief has visited the Encampments of Missouri, Illinois, Ohio and Indiana. At each one of these Encampments.

your Commander-in-Chief made visits to the allied organizations and on all occasions was given a cordial reception. The interest is increasing and the Order is growing. We have really cause to be encouraged. Brothers, if we will all join the "Workers Roll" we can soon have the largest membership of any Patriotic Order in the world.

V. Brothers, your Commander-in-Chief has been an awfully busy man for the last four months owing to abnormal conditions in business lines. Any mistakes or omissions that have been made you may rest assured were not intended to slight or offend any one and now that this administration is drawing near to a close every effort is being made to make a showing of a substantial increase at the St. Louis Encampment in August. Division Officers are urged to look after the laggard and delinquent and get them all in for their June report. Unless we are bad guessers we will report to the St. Louis Encampment over 45,000 members. You will remember that your Commander-in-Chief at Rochester expressed a desire to be able to report that many members and hoped to make it 50,000. We could easily reach the latter mark and even do greater things if we could get enough individual work. However, our "Workers Roll" shows that more of the brethren are getting the habit and reports are coming in from all over indicating that greater interest is being taken in the work. The vast expanse of territory in the West and Middle West that heretofore has been practically unworked is now showing an interest and a desire to become a component part of our organization.

I cannot refrain from giving special mention in this connection to Division Commander C. S. Scott, of the California and Oregon Division. Brother Scott was elected Commander of that Division last April, but largely through his eternal vigilance and tireless energy the California Division doubled its membership in the quarter preceding his election. In the December quarter, 1911, the California Division reported 18 camps and 516 members. Their March quarter showed a membership of 34 camps and 1048 members. Boys, here is an example of push, pluck and persistence and what can be accomplished. Has any one ever beaten this record in one quarter's time? We will have to take off our hat to Commander Scott. I wish we had more Scotts in the Order. He is still at it and if he can keep up such a record as that and hold the membership, there ought to be nothing too good for Brother Scott. Heretofore our Divisions west of the Mississippi have been few and far between and each has been composed of several states. Three different Divisions have recently complained to your Commander-in-Chief about Brother Scott coming over into their territory and organizing Camps and through his efforts we expect soon to organize the Division of Idaho. There are a number of other Divisions that have made good gains, for instance, Maine, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, but nothing equals the results from California, and it is certainly encouraging for more than one brother to claim the same territory, whereas heretofore no one seemed anxious for the same.

VI. Attention is called to the fact that a great movement has been started in the G. A. R. during the last year among the Patriotic Instructors of that organization. These officials together with like officers from the allied organizations, are to

have a great Patriotic Rally at the next National Encampment of the G. A. R. on Tuesday, September 10, at 9 a. m. in Armory Hall at 8th and Spring Streets, Los Angeles, California. In the afternoon the Patriotic Instructors are to visit and speak in the schools of Los Angeles. At the morning meeting the assignment of schools will be made. On Thursday evening, September 12th, will occur a great campfire at Shrine Auditorium which holds 10,000 people. It is expected that fully that number will be present. It will be a great Patriotic Love Feast and good addresses will be given by the representatives of all the Organizations. Your Commander-in-Chief urges the presence of all the Patriotic Instructors of the Sons of Veterans from the National Organization down to the Camps. The inspiration of that meeting will be worth much to our organization. Let every Patriotic Instructor go who can possibly arrange it.

VII. Brothers, I want to again urge you to attend the next National Encampment the week beginning August 25th. I hope there will be a large number of the voting members present, also many of the rank and file of the organization. It will be an important Encampment and Past Commander C. C. Behnke, who is Chairman of the Committee on arrangements, together with his able corps of assistants, are doing everything in their power to make it one of the best Encampments we have ever had. The Council will meet on Monday afternoon and the first session of the Encampment will be held Tuesday morning. Tuesday afternoon we will have Memorial ceremonies at the National Cemetery, Jefferson Barracks, several miles below St. Louis. Tuesday evening outing, Summer Garden. Wednesday and Thursday, sessions of the Encampment.

VII. Commissions have been issued to all Division Commanders who have filed their bonds and which have been approved. Failure to receive same should be reported promptly to the National Secretary.

VIII. The new password and countersign, current beginning July 1st, 1912, has been promulgated to all Divisions. This password and countersign, will only be given by Division Commanders to Camps in good standing and to all Camp members by Camp Commanders to such in good standing June 30th, 1912.

IX. Roster (partial) of Division Officers, 1912-1913:

Alabama and Tennessee—Commander, John Tinker, 18 Tinker St., Chattanooga, Tenn.; Secretary, M. D. Friedman, 1237 So. 21st St., Birmingham, Ala.; Treasurer, Valentine Gilb, Jr., Box 146, Birmingham, Ala.

California and Oregon—Commander, C. S. Scott, 2117 Hyde St., San Francisco; Secretary, A. J. Cloud, Hotel Manx, San Francisco; Treasurer, J. Frank Leffler, First and William Sts., San Jose, Cal.

Colorado and Wyoming—Commander, Charles Ankele, Salida, Col.; Secretary and Treasurer, R. B. Rubin, Salida, Col.

Connecticut—Commander, Frank H. McGar, 86 N. First St., Meriden; Secretary and Treasurer, Allen T. Pratt, 36 Westland St., Hartford.

Illinois—Commander, A. L. VanNess, Bloomington; Secretary and Treasurer, Wm. G. Dustin, Dwight.

Indiana—Commander, W. F. Geller, 1002 Broadway, Fort

Wayne: Secretary and Treasurer, Herbert A. Luckey, 1001 Law Bldg., Indianapolis.

Iowa—Commander, R. C. Brown, Waterloo; Secretary and Treasurer, G. F. Taylor, Room 6, Union Block, Cedar Rapids.

Kansas—Commander, Rev. J. W. Anderson, 1531 Maple Ave., Wichita; Secretary and Treasurer, Chas. D. Fazel, Wichita.

Kentucky—Commander, Wm. M. P. Ramsey, 424 East Gray St., Louisville; Secretary, V. I. Cartwright, 1708 Bradstown Road, Louisville; Treasurer, Chas. E. Stebbins, 159 West 4th St., Covington.

Maine—Commander, Fred H. Leach, Oakland; Secretary and Treasurer, Edward K. Gould, 362 Main St., Rockland.

Maryland—Commander, Silas E. Robb, 400 7th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.; Secretary and Treasurer, Edwin D. Turnure, 215 Jenifer Bldg., Washington, D. C.

Massachusetts—Commander, Frank E. Kirchgassner, 15 Beacon St., Room 38, Boston; Secretary, Henry F. Weiler, 15 Beacon St., Room 38, Boston; Treasurer, Wm. T. Tisdale, 15 Beacon St., Room 38, Boston.

Michigan—Commander, L. C. Moore, 103 Broadway, Detroit; Secretary and Treasurer, F. J. McMurtrie, 424 Ford Bldg., Detroit.

Minnesota—Commander, G. D. Bentley, 524 12th Ave., S. E., Minneapolis; Secretary and Treasurer, Geo. W. Turner, 618 3rd Ave., South, Minneapolis.

Missouri—Commander, Chas. E. Wippo, 2268 Red Bud Ave., St. Louis; Secretary and Treasurer, Walter L. Bobe, 5021 Alabama Ave., St. Louis.

Nebraska—Commander, H. W. Rogers, Fremont; Secretary and Treasurer, Geo. F. Wolz, Fremont.

New Hampshire—Commander, Linn E. Drummer, Keene; Secretary and Treasurer, A. W. Elliott, 41 Pine St., Concord.

New Jersey—Commander, John D. Hopper, 145 Broadway, Paterson; Secretary, J. Wm. Hopper, 145 Broadway, Paterson; Treasurer, W. Geo. Dunkerly, 145 Broadway, Paterson.

New York—Commander, Wm. H. Klein, Postoffice, Syracuse; Secretary, Walter S. Beilby, 33 Oakman St., Rochester; Treasurer, Herman L. Lange, 224 Church St., New York.

Ohio—Commander, F. W. Combs, Marietta; Secretary, J. Edgar Shiery, Box 404, Springfield; Treasurer, Robt. A. Young, Marietta.

Pennsylvania—Commander, Francis Callahan, 215 Parkway Bldg., Philadelphia; Secretary, Wm. B. McNulty, 215 Parkway Bldg., Philadelphia; Treasurer, John E. Wightman, Mt. Carmel.

Rhode Island—Commander, John P. Davis, 47 Wash. St., Room 5, Providence; Secretary and Treasurer, Alton L. Pierce, 47 Wash. St., Room 5, Providence.

Vermont—Commander, Harry S. Howard, Burlington; Secretary and Treasurer, Edmund H. Shepard, Burlington.

Washington—Commander, Edgar M. Swan, Vancouver; Secretary, G. A. Truesdell, Vancouver; Treasurer, O. W. Weeks, Vancouver.

Wisconsin—Commander, H. S. Siggelko, Madison; Secretary and Treasurer, C. H. Hudson, 221 N. Pinckney St., Madison.

X. No requisitions will be filled and no supplies will be shipped after July 31st. Stock account and closing of the books

and preparation of reports and finances, etc., must of necessity prevent filing of requisitions after July 31st.

XI. All reports of Division Secretaries, Division Treasurers and per capita tax (at the rate of eight cents) must be in the hands of the National Secretary not later than July 31st, for quarter ending June 30th, in order to make report and complete returns for the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment at St. Louis. Promptness and attention to this is essential. All remittances must be made payable to H. H. Hammer, National Secretary.

XII. New Camps have been instituted and charters issued thereto, since last announcement as follows, viz.:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mus.
April 5	22	Glenwood City, Wisconsin	24
April 19	19	LaCrosse, Wisconsin	27
April 26	20	River Falls, Wisconsin	31
May 4	21	So. Milwaukee, Wisconsin	19
May 15	59	Spencerport, New York	35
June 13	138	Spalding, Nebraska	29
April 4	8	St. Cloud, Florida (Ala. & Tenn.)	21
April 16	104	Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania	63
June 18	28	Pullman, Washington	63
May 3	113	Columbia, Pennsylvania	19
May 5	157	Palmyra, Pennsylvania	20
June 4	54	Geneseo, Illinois	30
May 11	5	LaJunta, Col. (Col & Wyo.)	43
June 3	2	Sheridan, Wyo. (Col. & Wyo.)	18

XIII. Applications for Camps have been approved in addition to the foregoing, as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
June 13		Clarion, Pennsylvania	15
June 24		Port Angeles, Washington	29
June 29	54	Bergholz, Ohio	18

#### STATEMENT No. 10.

XIV. Report of the National Secretary for the month of June, 1912:

RECEIPTS.		
To	balance, May 31, 1912.....	\$4756.75
	Received for per capita tax.....	\$1066.78
	Charter fees .....	27.50
	Supplies .....	599.42
	<b>Total receipts .....</b>	<b>\$1693.70</b>
		<b>\$6450.45</b>
EXPENDITURES.		
By	general expenses.....	\$ 970.03
	Office expenses .....	105.13
	<b>Total expenditures .....</b>	<b>\$1075.16</b>
	Balance, June 30, 1912.....	\$5375.29

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

## GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies .....	\$ 221.55
THE BANNER, June, 1912, subscription.....	635.35
Printing .....	3.00
Reserve .....	92.22
Shipping supplies .....	17.91
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	\$ 970.03
OFFICE EXPENSES.	
For light, postage, stationery, telegrams, ex- press, rent (April-June, 1912, inc).....	\$ 105.13
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	\$ 105.13
Total expenditures .....	<hr/>
	\$1075.16
Balance, June 30, 1912.....	\$5375.29

## CHANGES ADVOCATED.

This is to certify that at the 30th Annual Encampment of the Maine Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held at Gardiner, Maine, June 6, 1912, the following was unanimously adopted and referred to the Commandery-in-Chief for action, and I certify that the subjoined is a true copy from the records of said encampment.

Attest: EDWARD K. GOULD,  
Division Secretary-Treasurer.

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Applications for membership shall be made to any Camp in duplicate upon blank forms prescribed by the National Secretary, and shall in each case set forth the name, occupation, age, residence and post office address of the applicant, line of descent, and the name, dates of enlistment and discharge, or death in service of company, regiment and ship of his ancestor or ancestors in the Civil War, from whom he derives eligibility. This application shall be signed by at least one member of the Camp nominating and recommending the applicant. Before being balloted upon these applications shall be submitted to at least one member of the Membership Committee of the Division, who shall examine the eligibility of the applicant and report his opinion thereon to the Camp. Imperfect and incomplete applications may be returned to the applicant for correction or completion. The Investigating Committee of the Camp shall report on the candidates' fitness for membership, and if the report of the member of the Division Membership Committee is favorable, a ball ballot shall be had, and if no more than two black balls are cast the candidate shall be declared elected. Signers of applications for charters of new Camps must prepare applications for membership to be sent to the Division Commander with the charter application.

## DIVISION MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

The Division Commander as soon after installation as convenient shall appoint a Membership Committee of three or more members whose duty it shall be to receive all applications and

proofs of membership from Camps, including the applications and of charter members of new Camps. These applications shall be examined by at least one member of the Committee who shall endorse his opinion thereon as to the candidates' eligibility and return the same to the Camp, or in case of charter applicants of a proposed new Camp to the Division Commander. If the report of the member of the Committee be that the candidate is not eligible it is final, subject to an appeal to the full committee, and the candidate cannot be admitted to any Camp. His case can be reconsidered by any member of the committee on additional evidence of eligibility being presented.

By order of

NEWTON J. MCGUIRE,  
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,  
National Secretary.

### GENERAL ORDERS NO. VIII.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Department of Commander-in-Chief,

Rooms 1001-4 Law Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

General Orders No. 8—Series 1912.

I. Since the last announcement the following Special Aides have been appointed for service rendered in securing five or more members, in accordance with paragraph eight (8) of General Orders No. 10, series 1911:

- C. C. Wright, Col. E. V. Mitchell Camp No. 131, Medfield, Mass.
- W. J. Hayward, Col. E. V. Mitchell Camp No. 131, Millis, Mass.
- O. E. Taylor, Camp No. 6, 76 West Monroe St., Chicago, Ill.
- Riley L. Jones, 1741 N. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, Mich.
- George W. Dickel, Lieut. Edward H. Green Camp No. 33, Penn's Grove, N. J.
- Ernest Blackinton, Thomas Sanborn Camp No. 5, Newport, N. H.
- H. E. Crouk, Camp No. 31, Torrington, Conn.
- R. H. Gingell, Camp No. 34, Torrington, Conn.
- L. B. Battles, Ellsworth Camp No. 3, Boulder, Colo.
- A. C. Thompson, Camp No. 34, Torrington, Conn.
- C. B. Martin, Parsons Camp No. 23, Parsons, Kansas.
- A. H. Rogers, Sedgewick Camp No. 18, Ellsworth, Kansas.
- Paul Callen, Parsons Camp No. 23, Parsons, Kansas.
- Charles Duffy, Fair Oaks Camp No. 15, Market and East St., San Francisco, Cal.

#### WORKERS ROLL.

(Previously Reported.)

- W. Leo Friend, John Mueller Camp No. 36, Collinsville, Ill.
- J. G. Gerstenecker, John Mueller Camp No. 36, Collinsville, Ill.
- Henry M. Davis, Lafayette Camp No. 140, New York City, N. Y.
- John J. Juckett, Camp No. 76, Amherst, Mass.
- Karl Steward, Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp No. 15, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.
- D. D. Hammelbaugh, Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp No. 15, Harrisburg, Pa.

- D. W. Cotterel, Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp No. 15, Harrisburg, Pa.
- Charles T. Charters, Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp No. 15, Harrisburg, Pa.
- C. Day Rudy, Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp No. 15, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.
- Jacob A. Gramm, Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp No. 15, Harrisburg, Pa.
- William F. Moore, Charles R. Lowell Camp No. 9, Boston, Mass.
- Arthur L. Ripley, Gen. George G. Meade Camp No. 67, Abington, Mass.
- Charles H. Smith, Wm. McKinley Camp No. 92, East Bridgewater, Mass.
- Romaine J. Lalone, Col. Wm. B. Goodrich Camp No. 109, Potsdam, N. Y.
- W. A. Hardinger, Austin Camp No. 12, Austin, Ill.
- John Wolf, Camp No. 32, Weehawken, N. J.
- Walter L. Bobe, Camp No. 5, 5021 Alabama Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
- Jacob J. Couch, Camp No. 2, King City, Mo.
- Walter H. Voss, Camp No. 35, 2281 Clarence Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
- M. F. Loventhal, Gen. Wm. Tecumseh Sherman Camp No. 3, San Francisco, Cal.
- J. A. States, Capt. H. C. Randolph Camp No. 138, 12 Archibald St., Carbondale, Pa.
- Samuel Landis, Camp Anthony Goldsmith No. 81, Quakertown, Pa.
- Charles R. Hale, Wm. G. Mitchell Camp No. 133, New York, N. Y.
- Phil Malloy, Camp No. 52, Augusta, Me.
- G. M. L. Goshorn, Commander Old Abe Camp No. 16, 816 Kansas Ave., Topeka, Kansas.
- Edward F. Perry, M. D., Geo. W. Child Camp No. 21, Putnam, Conn.
- D. F. Smith, Camp No. 137, Greensburg, Pa.
- Dr. George W. Miller, Camp No. 137, Greensburg, Pa.
- W. E. Lawrence, Fair Oaks Camp No. 15, 112 Kearney St., San Francisco, Cal.
- C. E. Vaupel, Fair Oaks Camp No. 15, 452 Brandon St., San Francisco, Cal.
- Dr. D. B. Plymire, Fair Oaks Camp No. 15, 948 Market St., San Francisco, Cal.
- B. P. Oakford, Fair Oaks Camp No. 15, 415 Union Trust Bldg., San Francisco, Cal.
- A. J. Cloud, Fair Oaks Camp No. 15, Care of Manx Hotel, San Francisco, Cal.
- H. S. Siggelko, Henry Harnden Camp No. 2, Suite No. 18 Marston Blk., No. 15 W. Main St., Madison, Wis.
- William P. Allen, O'Rourke Camp No. 20, Care of Henry S. Smith, 38 Fitzhugh St., North, Rochester, N. Y.
- E. A. Lovewell, Cyrus K. Miller Camp No. 101, Westminster, Mass.
- Dr. H. Freudenberger, Phil Sheridan Camp No. 9, Grand Junction, Colo.
- Orin D. Steele, Gen. A. W. Greeley Camp No. 75, Byfield, Mass.
- L. C. Moore, State Camp No. 1, Detroit, Mich.
- John J. Ramsey, Wm. F. Barry Camp No. 79, Melrose, Mass.
- Wm. H. Montrose, DeLancy Cole Camp No. 78, 408 Dyckman St., Peekskill, N. Y.
- J. W. Balluffi, DeLancy Cole Camp No. 78, 908 South St., Peekskill, N. Y.

- R. W. A. Stevens, DeLancy Cole Camp No. 78, 219 Walnut, St., Peekskill, N. Y.
- C. O. Howard, Wm. B. Cushing Camp No. 30, 400 Seventh St., Room 418, N. W., Washington, D. C.
- Gurnon R. Scott, Wm. B. Cushing Camp No. 30, 1326 A St., S. E., Washington, D. C.
- Wilfred E. Garlick, Wm. B. Cushing Camp No. 30, 301 F St., N. W., Washington, D. C.
- E. W. Breece, Gen. Henry B. Banning Camp No. 207, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.
- D. L. Garber, Gen. Henry B. Banning Camp No. 207, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.
- John D. Weaver, Gen. Henry B. Banning Camp No. 207, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.
- E. J. Breece, Gen. Henry B. Banning Camp No. 207, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.
- S. M. Woolson, Gen. Henry B. Banning Camp No. 207, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.
- Shannon Suitt, Gen. Henry B. Banning Camp No. 207, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.
- C. E. Reese, Gen. Henry B. Banning Camp No. 207, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.
- Robert J. Bell, Jr., Nelson R. Stevens Camp No. 47, E. Walpole, Mass.
- T. A. Leonard, Frank Talbert Camp No. 85, Shelbyville, Ind.
- John Oldfield, Frank Talbert Camp No. 85, Shelbyville, Ind.
- George W. Turner, Minneapolis Camp No. 8, 618 Third Ave., South, Minneapolis, Minn.
- W. E. Fagel, Frank Talbert Camp No. 85, Shelbyville, Ind.
- Frank W. Fagel, Frank Talbert Camp No. 85, Shelbyville, Ind.
- F. J. Marshall, Camp No. 55, East Aurora, New York.
- Fred E. Bolton, Camp No. 46, c/o City Hall, Boston, Mass.
- Jean Whitehead, Lieut. John T. Greble Camp No. 10, 123 Wilder St., Philadelphia, Pa.
- Edward Kepler, Lieut. John T. Greble Camp No. 10, 1905 S. 11th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
- John Liesee, Lieut. John T. Greble Camp No. 10, 820 W. Moyamensing Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
- Walter C. Mabie, Lieut. John T. Greble Camp No. 10, 2227 South 9th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
- John Vleit, Ezra S. Griffin Camp No. 8, Scranton, Pa.
- Joseph T. Wood, Lieut. John T. Greble Camp No. 10, 2804 Jasper St., Philadelphia, Pa.
- Wm. Masterson, Camp No. 4, Reynolds, Philadelphia, Pa.
- P. E. Diehl, Camp No. 87, Middleton, Pa.
- Thomas W. Boyer, Camp No. 273, Bangor, Pa.
- Edward E. Wherley, Camp No. 87, Middleton, Pa.
- Michael Rohl, Camp No. 137, Greensburg, Pa.
- James Karner, Camp No. 137, Greensburg, Pa.
- Homer J. Keefer, Camp No. 137, Greensburg, Pa.
- Clyde O. Boyle, Camp No. 137, Greensburg, Pa.
- Homer Princler, Camp No. 137, Greensburg, Pa.
- F. S. Treadway, Camp No. 111, Jamestown, N. Y.
- Jas. S. McNeight, Camp 111, Jamestown, N. Y.
- Oswald Kramer, Camp No. 72, Shamokin, Pa.
- John Greager, Camp No. 72, Shamokin, Pa.
- E. C. Brown, Camp No. 113, Greenfield, Mass.
- N. H. Brown, Camp No. 113, Greenfield, Mass.

- Harry B. Spear, Frank Ray Camp No. 9, Bennington, Vermont.  
 Jesse B. Comar, Frank Ray Camp No. 9, Bennington, Vermont.  
 M. V. Poole, Camp No. 80, 1740 Webster St., Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Milton E. Gibbs, Camp No. 100, Wilder Bldg., Rochester, N. Y.  
 John S. Briggs, Camp No. 100, 1219 Granite Bldg., Rochester, N. Y.  
 George Coyner, Henry B. Banning Camp No. 207, Mt. Vernon,  
 Ohio.  
 Samuel R. Barton, Henry B. Banning Camp No. 207, Mt. Vernon,  
 Ohio.  
 Wm. Speelman, Henry B. Banning Camp No. 207, Mt. Vernon,  
 Ohio.  
 Ralph Headington, Henry B. Banning Camp No. 207, Mt. Vernon,  
 Ohio.  
 H. H. Hildebrand, Henry B. Banning Camp No. 207, Mt. Vernon,  
 Ohio.  
 F. J. VanVoorhis, Henry B. Banning Camp No. 207, Mt. Vernon,  
 Ohio.  
 E. M. Carter, James L. Bates Camp No. 36, East Weymouth, Mass.  
 Alfred H. Woodman, Phil Sheridan Camp No. 23, Freeport, Maine.  
 Edward S. Emerson, 44 Spring St., Merrick, Mass.  
 W. C. Robbins, Wm. B. Cushing Camp No. 30, Pension Office,  
 Washington, D. C.  
 Edward P. Hunt, J. Wiley Edmands Camp No. 31, Newtonville,  
 Mass.  
 Frank C. Potter, Camp No. 10, Keene, N. H.  
 Linn E. Drummer, 61 Howard St., Keene, N. H.  
 Lewis C. Hazlett, Bradbury Camp No. 149, Media, Pa.  
 Frederick J. McMurtrie, State Camp No. 1, Ford Bldg., Detroit,  
 Mich.  
 T. W. Bibighaus, Sedgwick Camp No. 42, Lebanon, Pa.  
 C. A. Goodwin, Camp No. 78, Mechanic Falls, Maine.  
 F. I. Dwinal, Camp No. 78, Mechanic Falls, Maine.  
 George Kramer, Camp No. 72, Shamokin, Pa.  
 R. C. Brown, Waterloo Camp No. 33, Waterloo, Iowa.  
 A. H. Cargo, Camp No. 218, Braddock, Pa.  
 R. E. Bruner, Waterloo Camp No. 33, Black Hawk Bldg., Wa-  
 terloo, Iowa.  
 A. F. Derk, Camp No. 72, Shamokin, Pa.  
 George W. Swift, State Camp No. 1, 103 Broadway, Detroit, Mich.  
 Wm. Dros, 1st Street, Carlstadt, N. J.  
 C. F. Borneman, Carlstadt, N. J.  
 Samuel A. Combs, 29 Thaxter Ave., Abington, Mass.  
 George L. Bray, Lieut.-Col. Charles E. Mudge Camp No. 1, Box  
 180, Lynn, Mass.  
 Ernest B. Heald, T. W. Hyde Camp No. 46, Bath, Maine.  
 E. S. Greenleaf, T. W. Hyde Camp No. 46, Bath, Maine.  
 L. E. Lemont, T. W. Hyde Camp No. 46, Bath, Maine.  
 Charles W. Pratt, T. W. Hyde Camp No. 46, Bath, Maine.  
 Vernon W. Miller, T. W. Hyde Camp No. 46, Bath, Maine.  
 Delmer D. Miller, T. W. Hyde Camp No. 46, Bath, Maine.  
 Winfield L. Miller, T. W. Hyde Camp No. 46, Bath, Maine.  
 Frank R. Jones, T. W. Hyde Camp No. 46, Bath, Maine.  
 Lloyd L. Hooker, T. W. Hyde Camp No. 46, Bath, Maine.  
 Joseph Larrabee, T. W. Hyde Camp No. 46, Bath, Maine.  
 Everett L. Lewis, T. W. Hyde Camp No. 46, Bath, Maine.  
 James McDougal, T. W. Hyde Camp No. 46, Bath, Maine.  
 Fred Kesler, Sedgwick Camp No. 18, Ellsworth, Kansas.  
 Charles H. Scott, Sedgwick Camp No. 18, Ellsworth, Kansas.

Gus Rodgers, Sedgewick Camp No. 18, Ellsworth, Kansas.

II. The following "Aides" on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief have been appointed on recommendation or on your Commander's own initiative:

Dr. Charles E. Case, Rosecrans Camp No. 2, 245½ S. Spring St., Los Angeles, Cal.

S. W. Westfall, Madera Camp No. 6, Madera, Cal.

S. E. Gordon, Stockton Camp No. 9, Corner Hunter and Channel Sts., Stockton, Cal.

H. C. Heitzey, Tulare Camp No. 14, Tulare, Cal.

A. M. Ashenfeldter, Fair Oaks Camp No. 15, Pinole, Cal.

F. E. Carr, Fair Oaks Camp No. 15, Pinole, Cal.

George P. Thomas, Gen. Upton Camp No. 118, 46 Main St., Batavia, N. Y.

A. L. Leam, Fair Oaks Camp No. 15, 430 10th St., Oakland, Cal.

III. The activities in the Divisions west of the Mississippi river have been such that during the past year there has been much annoyance and confusion occasioned by disputes and contention as to jurisdiction and boundary lines of these Divisions; so much so that your Commander-in-Chief has decided to issue an order making some changes more definitely fixing their boundary lines and attach all Camps, that are now organized and existing in States where no Division exists, to the Division most contiguous and accessible thereto as follows, to wit:

The Division of Minnesota shall consist of the States of Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota, and all Camps organized in these three States are hereby attached to and made a part of the Division of Minnesota.

The Division of Missouri shall consist of the States of Missouri and Arkansas and all Camps organized in these two states are hereby attached to and made a part of the Division of Missouri.

The Division of Kansas shall consist of the States of Kansas and Oklahoma and all Camps organized in these two States are hereby attached to and made a part of the Division of Kansas.

The Division of Colorado and Wyoming shall consist of the States of Colorado, Wyoming and Utah and all Camps organized in these three States are hereby attached to and made a part of the Division of Colorado and Wyoming.

The Division of Washington shall consist of the State of Washington and the Territory of Alaska and all Camps organized therein are hereby attached to and made a part of the Division of Washington.

The name of the Division of California and Oregon is hereby changed by request of this Division, to "*California and Pacific*" and shall consist of the States of California, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and the Islands of the Pacific, and all Camps organized in these States are hereby attached to and made a part of the Division "*California and Pacific*."

The Divisions of Nebraska and Iowa are each coextensive and identical with the respective boundary lines of said states.

The members of the Camps effected as well as the Camp, Division and Commandery-in-Chief officers interested therein will govern themselves accordingly.

IV. In accordance with the request of the Division, of California and Pacific your Commander-in-Chief hereby changes the numbers of the five Camps now organized in the State of Oregon

and belonging to the said Division of California and Pacific, as follows. to wit: Brandon Camp No. 38, of Brandon, Oregon, is changed to No. 1; John Wesley Brook Camp No. 40, of Lents, Oregon, is changed to No. 2; J. B. Huntington Camp No. 44, of Oregon City, Oregon, is changed to No. 3; Owen Summers Camp No. 46, of Portland, Oregon, is changed to No. 4; Anteitam Camp No. 47, of St. Johns, Oregon, is changed to No. 5.

V. Your Commander-in-Chief announces the fact that the Central Passenger Association refused to give us any rates to the St. Louis Encampment "by reason of the enactment by the States in which the roads of the Central Passenger Association operated of two cents per mile maximum passenger fare laws."

VI. Several Division Commanders have thus far failed to file their bonds, notwithstanding the Constitution requirement that the bond of a Division Commander shall be filed within thirty (30) days after election. It is hoped no further attention need be called to this matter, as the delinquents have been repeatedly advised of their omission in this respect.

VII. It is with the greatest of pleasure that announcement is hereby made of the formation of the new Division of Idaho. On June 26, 1912, this Division was organized with ten (10) Camps and two hundred and ten (210) members through the efforts of Commander C. S. Scott of the Division of California and Pacific. Your Commander feels that the thanks of the National Organization is due to Commander Scott and to Lieut.-Col. M. H. Wood of the United States Army, now retired, Commander of the Department of Idaho, G. A. R., for their valuable assistance in organizing this Division and for the splendid personnel of the membership. The officers installed are: Commander, J. G. Eldridge, Moscow, Idaho; Senior Vice Commander, Hon. James F. Ailshie, Boise, Idaho; Junior Vice Commander, W. D. Shoup, Salmon, Idaho; Division Council, H. T. Irion, Sandpoint, Idaho, H. H. Barton, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, C. T. Hawkes, Caldwell, Idaho; Division Secretary, Martin O. Luther, Payette, Idaho; Division Treasurer, F. C. Henry, Boise, Idaho. All welcome the new Division. Welcome in Fraternity, welcome in Charity and welcome in Loyalty.

VIII. Brothers, Past Division Commander C. C. Behnke and his committee on arrangements are preparing for one of the best encampments we have ever had. Let every brother attend who can possibly arrange to do so. It will be an important encampment, one that you cannot afford to miss.

Monday afternoon, Council meets.

Tuesday morning, first session of the encampment.

Tuesday afternoon, Memorial Services at the National Cemetery, Jefferson Barracks.

Tuesday evening, Outing, Summer Garden.

Wednesday and Thursday, Sessions of the Encampment and a trolley ride about the city.

IX. There have been appointed during the year one hundred and forty-five (145) Special Aides who have each obtained five or more new members. I want to express to these brethren my grateful appreciation for their valuable assistance. A number of Aides have been appointed by your Commander who have also done good work and have likewise received the yellow ribbon. My only regret is that instead of numbering these men by

the hundred we should number them by the thousand, however, I have the faith that this little band of workers will by their vigilance and untiring energy keep up the work until their ranks will grow stronger, the results greater and we will have built this Organization and made it mighty.

X. Following Camps have been instituted and charters issued thereto:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mus.
Apr. 1	22	London, Ohio	36
Apr. 17	27	Kingston, Massachusetts	25
May 14	50	Wooster, Ohio	51
June 1	65	Marion, Ohio	40
May 28	101	Clarion, Pennsylvania	42
June 25	127	Westboro, Massachusetts	20
May 17	77	Dexter City, Ohio	27
May 23	91	Alliance, Ohio	38
Apr. 5	101	Urbana, Ohio	40
Apr. 14	219	Logan, Ohio	27
July 25	158	Princeton, Pennsylvania	50
June 22	90	Danforth, Maine	31
June 6	140	Peru, Indiana	25
May 4	17	Napa, Cal. (Cal. & Ore.)	24
May 6	18	Modesto, Cal. (Cal. & Ore.)	16
Jan. 10	4	Portland, Ore. (Cal. & Ore.)	53
Feb. 1	5	St. Johns, Ore. (Cal. & Ore.)	15
June 8	6	Salem, Ore. (Cal. & Ore.)	28
May 17	1	Alva, Okla. (Cal. & Ore.)	19
May 18	3	Onida, So. Dak. (Cal. & Ore.)	35
May 17	4	Aberdeen, So. Dak. (Cal. & Ore.)	27
May 27	5	Vermillion, So. Dak. (Cal. & Ore.)	15
May 14	7	Moscow, Idaho (Cal. & Ore.)	23
June 11	8	Sandpoint, Idaho (Cal. & Ore.)	16
June 4	9	Lewiston, Idaho (Cal. & Ore.)	35
June 18	10	Caldwell, Idaho (Cal. & Ore.)	15
July 24	55	Momence, Illinois	17

XI. Applications for charters for new Camps have also been approved as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
July 13		Hollis, New Hampshire	21
July 22	9	Lynn Haven, Fla. (Ala. & Tenn.)	25
July 12	2	Salyersville, Kentucky	33
July 26	159	Warren, Pennsylvania	29

XII. Report of the National Secretary for the month of July, 1912:

## STATEMENT No. 11.

## RECEIPTS.

To balance, June 30, 1912.....		\$5375.29
Received for per capita tax.....	\$ 887.65	
Charter fees .....	65.00	
Supplies .....	323.68	
Total receipts .....		<u>\$1276.33</u>
		<u>\$6651.62.</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses.....	\$1349.24
Office expenses .....	24.39
Commander-in-Chief's expenses (March-July, inc.) .....	410.54
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Total expenditures .....	\$1784.17
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Balance, July 31, 1912.....	\$4867.45

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

## GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$ 352.00
THE BANNER, July, 1912, subscription.....	635.76
Reserves .....	44.79
Shipping supplies .....	16.69
Miscellaneous (Commandery-in-Chief appropriation for badge for Past Commander-in-Chief) .....	300.00
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	\$1349.24
OFFICE EXPENSES.	
For light, postage, telegrams, express.....	\$ 24.39
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	\$ 24.39
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES. (March-July, inc.)	
For rent, postage, telegrams, traveling, office, stenographer, miscellaneous .....	\$ 410.54
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	\$ 410.54
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Total expenditures .....	\$1784.17
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Balance, July 31, 1912.....	\$4867.15

XIII. This is the last General Orders of this administration and the Commander-in-Chief desires to thank the officers and members of the association for their uniform courtesies and kindnesses and he hopes that his successor will receive the same kind and generous support, get more encouragement out of and accomplish greater results.

Next year is the Fiftieth Anniversary of the highwater mark of the Rebellion and we ought to do greater things and it is hoped that we will. Let us keep the fires of Patriotism always burning, keep an application card always in our pockets, live up to the principles and objects of the order, be the preachers and teachers of Patriotism, stand for what the flag represents, defend all the Memorials which our fathers have builded, consecrate ourselves anew to the work, do what our fathers are now asking us to do—help make this Association the greatest Patriotic Organization of the future.

With this I bid you an affectionate farewell and now feel myself slipping into the ranks of the "Has Beens," only to be consecrated anew to the work of Patriotism.

By order of

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,  
National Secretary.

NEWTON J. McGUIRE,  
Commander-in-Chief.

## SPECIAL ORDERS

### SPECIAL ORDERS NO. I.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,  
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Department of Commander-in-Chief,  
Rooms 1001-4 Law Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

November 4, 1911.

Special Orders No. 1—Series 1911.

The following members of the Committee on Military Affairs are hereby appointed Officers of said Committee as follows, to-wit:

Chairman of the Committee, Past Commander-in-Chief, Edward R. Campbell, No. 28 T Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Secretary of the Committee, Past Commander-in-Chief, Arthur B. Spink, Providence, Rhode Island.

By order of

NEWTON J. McGUIRE,  
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,  
National Secretary.

### SPECIAL ORDERS NO. II.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,  
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Department of Commander-in-Chief,  
Rooms 1001-4 Law Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

December 10, 1911.

Special Orders No. 2—Series 1911.

In accordance with Recommendation No. 3, of Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Bolton to the 30th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, held at Rochester, New York, August 21 to 25, 1911, which recommendation was approved and adopted by vote of said Encampment, your Commander-in-Chief, the National Secretary, the National Treasurer and the three members of the Council-in-Chief, being the incoming officials referred to in that recommendation, and charged therein with the responsibility of preparing a signed statement to be published in THE BANNER, setting forth the reasons why the Order, in Encampment assembled by vote of Thirty-seven (37) to One hundred and two (102) decided to make no further offering or donation to Memorial University, and also setting forth an itemized statement of the contributions heretofore made by the whole Order,

including the Commandery, Divisions, Camps and the members, therefore we do hereby issue and promulgate said statement as Special Orders No. 2, and make it as full and complete as it is possible to do so from the facts and figures furnished from the records of the Commandery and the reports of Dr. W. J. Patton, President of said University, as follows, to wit:

First: The main reasons, for the action taken, as assigned upon the floor of the Encampment in the half day's debate upon the subject, were as follows, to wit:

"A" The University in its nine years of existence has not been able to draw to it the support of the Patriotic people of the Country enough to secure substantial, financial aid or endowments.

"B" The Order as an organization never at any time seemed to be united in favoring and giving financial assistance to the Institution.

"C" The principles and objects of our Order as enunciated in our Constitution and Laws does not provide for the giving of financial aid to Universities or Colleges.

"D" We ought to confine our work more to the principles and objects for which we were organized and get away from the idea that success is going to come through any other lines.

"E" It was thought that the time had arrived when by the conservation of our finances and the redoubling of our energies we could build up the membership of this Order and make it mighty, as Commander-in-Chief Trimble has since asked us to do and it was thought we ought to centralize our efforts upon that.

Second: The detailed statement of the contributions as furnished by the National Secretary and Treasurer and by President Patton (including his salary and expenses as National Patriotic Instructor) are as follows:

#### PAYMENTS OF COMMANDERY.

Paid from collections from membership fees.....	\$ 665.00
Paid from collections from charter fees.....	2480.00
Encampment appropriations .....	3800.00
Printing and traveling expenses of Dept. of National Patriotic Instructor (President of the University) .....	1000.00
Salary of National Patriotic Instructor (President of the University) .....	3000.00
Total received from the Commandery.....	\$10925.00
Personal donations from members of the Order.....	\$ 9012.67
Donations from Camps and Divisions.....	14271.10
Total received from all Sons of Veterans sources..	\$34208.77
Cash donations from the Ladies Auxilliary.....	\$ 3894.94
Grand total of cash from all sources.....	\$38103.71

In addition to this aggregate amount President Patton says perhaps \$500.00 has been received from the Order in the way of gifts in the line of pictures and relics of various kinds, and John Bower, Jr., Past Commander, Pennsylvania Division, secured for

the Library of the University books to the value of several thousand dollars.

Fraternally submitted,  
**NEWTON J. McGUIRE,**  
 Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

**H. H. HAMMER,**  
 National Secretary.

**JAMES L. RAKE,**  
 National Treasurer.

**FRED J. PHILLIPS,**  
**ARTHUR I. VESCELIUS,**  
**EDWIN C. IRELAN,**  
 Members of Council-in-Chief.

### SPECIAL ORDERS NO. 1.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,  
 SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Department of Commander-in-Chief,  
 Rooms 1001-4 Law Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

June 22, 1912.

Special Orders No. 1—Series 1912.

Ten Camps having been organized in the State of Idaho by Mr. C. S. Scott, Commander of the Division of California and Oregon, to which Division the State of Idaho now belongs, therefore said Camps are hereby transferred and assigned to a separate Division to be known as the Division of Idaho under the Constitution and Laws of the Order. The Camps which constitute the new Division are as follows, towit:

No., Name of Camp and Location	When Mustered
J. H. Shawhan Camp No. 1, Payette, Idaho.....	January 13, 1912
Phil Sheridan Camp No. 2, Boise, Idaho.....	March 2, 1912
Dan McCook Camp No. 3, Twin Falls, Idaho.....	March 14, 1912
Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 4, Coeur d'Alene, Id....	March 19, 1912
Major Danielson Camp No. 5, Blackfoot, Idaho....	March 16, 1912
Colonel Shoup Camp No. 6, Salmon, Idaho.....	March 22, 1912
Major Anderson Camp No. 7, Moscow, Idaho.....	May 14, 1912
U. S. Grant Camp No. 8, Sandpoint, Idaho.....	June 14, 1912
George A. Mannin Camp No. 9, Lewiston, Idaho....	June 4, 1912
Hugh Wilson Camp No. 10, Caldwell, Idaho.....	June 18, 1912

The officers and members of the Camps aforesaid and the Division of California and Oregon and the Division of Idaho and all Commandery-in-Chief officers will govern themselves accordingly.

By order of

**NEWTON J. McGUIRE,**  
 Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

**H. H. HAMMER,**  
 National Secretary.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: Commander, I move that the report of the Commander-in-Chief be referred to the Committee on Officers Reports, when appointed.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

C. C. Behnke, of Missouri: Commander, I have the honor

and the pleasure of announcing to you that there is in waiting a Committee of Greeting from the ladies of the Daughters of Veterans. Mrs. Fred. S. Phillips and Mrs. Florence Vowra; and while on the subject of greetings, I would like to read this letter from the Governor of our State: The letter was read by Brother Behnke.

I move you, Mr. Commander, that that letter be made a part of the records of this Encampment, under the regular head of communications received.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

The Commander-in-Chief: I will appoint Brother Past Commander-in-Chief Abbott Chairman of the Loving Committee, and Brother Behnke the other member, to escort the ladies in.

The Committee retired, and returned escorting Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Vowra.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: Commander-in-Chief, I have the pleasure of presenting to you a Committee of Greeting from the auxiliary, the National Daughters of Veterans—they are members of the Auxiliary as well—Past National President, Mrs. Phillips, wife of our member of the Council-in-Chief, and Mrs. Vowra.

The Commander-in-Chief: Ladies, we are delighted to receive you. Brothers, I have the pleasure of presenting to the Encampment Mrs. Phillips, Chairman of the Committee of Daughters of Veterans, who will speak to you.

Mrs. Phillips: Brother Commander-in-Chief, brothers of the Sons of Veterans, I have been appointed and directed to come to you, with my sister who accompanies me, with the greeting from our order. Brothers, we are asking ourselves, we are asking everybody else, and everybody is asking us the question, are we prepared to take care of the work of the Grand Army when they shall lay it down? We sincerely hope both of our orders will soon be able to do it. Every day there are hundreds that ask that question.

We have brought you some flowers, the red for love, the white for purity, the blue for loyalty—the red, white and blue.

Comrades and Commander-in-Chief, with your permission, we would like to extend the greeting of every daughter to every Son of a Veteran here. (Applause).

The Commander-in-Chief: Brothers will please rise and receive the flowers. A carnation was given to each delegate present, whereupon the Commander-in-Chief called on Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Brother Cary, of New York, to reply to the greetings of the ladies.

Darwin E. Cary, of New York: Commander, our friends from the Daughters of Veterans have given us a very graceful greeting. It is nice for them to tell us how much they love us, and it may make us feel a little puffed up, especially if they love McGuire in proportion to the amount of flowers they have given him.

Ladies, we appreciate at this time and at all times the hearty, sincere encouragement which we receive from your and kindred organizations which are associated with us in this great patriotic work. It is dear to our heart. We thank you, and

present you our cordial sympathy and co-operation in the work you are doing, and have done. (Applause).

Ben F. Jones, of Missouri: Commander, have we as yet appointed a committee on greetings, to return such favors as we have just received?

The Commander-in-Chief: Not yet.

Ben, F. Jones, of Missouri: Then, Commander, I move that the Committee when appointed be instructed to secure a floral token in return, and that if possible it be American Beauty roses, and that we provide for the expense here among us.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

The Commander-in-Chief: Next in order is the report of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brother Cram.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Cram submitted the following report:

#### REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-first Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

Brothers:—

I have the honor to submit herewith my report, as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, for the year just closing.

I was unanimously elected to this high office at the Thirtieth Annual Encampment, held in Rochester, N. Y., and accepted the trust with a full appreciation of the honor conferred, not only upon me personally, but on my own Division and Camp.

Tendering my services to our Commander-in-Chief, co-operative of making his administration a success, I immediately began an active campaign, both in person and by correspondence, in an endeavor to arouse more enthusiasm and new life throughout the eastern section of our Country.

I wrote many letters and traveled from one end of the Division to the other, mailing personal solicitations to every Post Commander of the Grand Army, in cities and towns where no Camp of Sons of Veterans existed, requesting their support and assistance, and received a great number of replies, asking for information and instruction regarding the organization of Camps. These were promptly answered, and turned over to our Division Commander Ernest G. Waldron, who lost no time in looking after every prospective opening for a new Camp. Thus an active and strenuous canvass was begun towards increasing our membership in this Division, resulting in the addition of five new Camps, (and prospects of many more in the future) new enthusiasm imbued into the older Camps, less loss from suspension, and the largest membership this Division has ever reported.

My efforts, have not however been confined to correspondence, for by visiting the several Camps in my Division, and on numerous public occasions, I have endeavored to offer the brothers, words of encouragement, and to give the public a correct understanding of what our beloved Order is really doing in the world of fraternities.

Much time has been devoted to personal inspections and visitations throughout Maine, but omitting details, will simply mention those of most importance. November 27th, 1911, I assisted

in the organization of a new Camp in the town of Bowdoinham, where today exists a good live body of patriotic Sons. On the evening of January 3rd, 1912, I mustered a new Camp with 37 charter members in the town of Winthrop. This Camp has a brilliant future before them. January 19th, 1912, I represented the Commandery-in-Chief at the funeral of Past Division Commander Charles H. Rice, of Bangor. Brother Rice was Division Commander in 1883-4, a charter member of his Camp and the Division. A tireless and energetic worker in the early days, always an enthusiastic advocate of our Order, and whose far seeing judgment and wise counsel has much to do with the successes of the Maine Division. He was much beloved by all who knew him, and in his death our Order loses a most loyal and patriotic member, and the community an upright, sterling and home loving citizen.

My trips, however, were not confined to Maine alone, and I would be devoid of gratitude, should I omit to mention the cordial reception given me, upon my visit April 2nd and 3rd to the Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Division, in Boston, where it was my pleasant duty and privilege to represent the Commandery-in-Chief upon that occasion. My reception by the Bay State brethren was a most hospitable one, and it is a pleasure to report that the brothers of this Division transact business in a prompt, thorough and systematic manner, characteristic of up-to-date methods, and I had the further honor of installing the officers-elect, for the ensuing year.

In all my travels, the members of the Order have always been most courteous and considerate of my every welfare, and as a whole prompt in their correspondence, and I have been gratified by the careful consideration shown in dealing with the problems, that we face from time to time as an Order, particularly Camps in the Maine Division.

I make no special claim as to the manner in which the work has been conducted, as it has been enough for me to know that on all occasions, I have done the best that I could, and I have been satisfied in the realization of one truth above all others, and that is, that all has been done with an eye, single to the best interests of our noble and glorious Order.

In June last, I extended the greetings of the Commandery-in-Chief to the 30th Annual Encampment of the Maine Division, held in Gardiner, the largest and most interesting on record, where the spirit of enthusiasm and good fellowship prevailed, and harmony reigned supreme. With the impetus given our membership by the retiring administration, and the excellent set of new officers holding down the chairs in the Maine Division, a further increase of at least 25 or 30 per cent is assured.

As it goes in the East, so I believe it will go throughout our entire Country, and I hope to see the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., the largest and most influential patriotic organization in the world.

At this convention of the Maine Division, beautiful and appropriate memorial services were held in memory of Past Division Commanders Charles H. Rice, Darling S. Hayes and Past Commander-in-Chief Frank P. Merrill. As yet no stone marks the grave of our beloved Brother Merrill, and believing some permanent marker should be erected to the memory of this sincere and loyal Son of a Veteran, the Division unanimously voted to raise one hundred dollars, while private subscriptions among

the brothers, should bring the amount up to two or three hundred and I believe this body should be represented in this movement, and willing and anxious to do something for this worthy cause, so recommend:

That the Commandery-in-Chief appropriate a sum of not less than one hundred dollars to be used for the purpose of assisting the Maine Division Committee in securing a suitable memorial to mark the final resting place of Past Commander-in-Chief Frank P. Merrill.

To the Commander-in-Chief, our genial Secretary Hammer, and all the National Officers and Brothers, I wish to extend my heartfelt and sincere thanks for the many favors granted, believing me, now and forever,

Yours in Friendship, in Charity and Loyalty,  
CLARENCE H. CRAM,  
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The Commander-in-Chief: The report will go to the Committee on Officers Reports. Next in order is the report of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brother Cary.

The Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief submitted the following report:

#### REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

31 Grand Ave., Rochester, N. Y., August 22, 1912.

To the Officers and Delegates, Thirty-first Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans.

Brothers:—

One year ago at the Thirtieth Annual Encampment held at Rochester, N. Y., I was selected to receive the complimentary honors given by the Commandery-in-Chief to the City and Division, having the privilege of acting as "host" for the occasion.

The election to the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief came to me as a complete surprise, but the honor conferred by my Brothers of New York, in the selection, and by this body in the election, is none the less highly appreciated.

Because of imperative demands upon my time in work for the Grand Army Encampment, also in session at the same time and place, I was deprived of the pleasures and privileges of our own Encampment and the opportunities to become better acquainted with officers and delegates. However, I believe every Son of Veteran places his duty to the "Grand Army" ahead of every other consideration.

Custom, I am led to believe, expects the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief to make as little noise as is possible and still remain alive. This custom I have honored more in the breach than in the observance.

A firm conviction that it is not only our duty, but our privilege to show to the "Grand Army" our willingness to be of service, has led me to seek at all times opportunity to do even the smallest work. This I have done, not officiously nor offensively, but as one who is willing to serve as they "who only stand and wait." And this leads me to say: The invitation to serve must come from the "Grand Army" but we must not demand it, nor must we even ask it. Above all, we must not wait to be "hunted

up" when they want us. An incredibly short time will see the accomplishment of that which we all hesitate to name, and consider with feelings of sorrow far beyond the power of words to express: The last Grand Army Encampment! After that—What?

They look to us to "carry on the work," but unless public sentiment is educated to receive us, the people will say: The "Grand Army" is a sacred memory—Who and what are you?

In view of this fact, it behooves us to cultivate the closest possible relations with the Grand Army. To be sure, the burden of responsibility does not rest entirely upon us. Witness Gilman at Rochester when first a Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army paid an official visit to a National Encampment and mark his ringing words of counsel and good will; witness the marked favors and courtesies of Harvey M. Trimble, present Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army. And all down the line the same spirit of good will to Sons of Veterans is becoming more marked.

Forget that there ever was "a past." Fall in line and be ready, but do not forget to work while you wait.

To give a brief summary of events: A joint reception by Camps and Auxiliaries of Rochester to your Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and Sister Frances Fox, National Treasurer of our Auxiliary, was a most pleasing event. Division Commander Sanford came from Albany for the occasion and Department President Horton from Penn Yan. Grand Army Posts and Woman's Relief Corps were enthusiastic in honoring our organization. During the installation season, I accompanied Col. H. S. Redman upon several occasions, notably to Newark, N. Y., and to Buffalo, N. Y., where Chapin Post, the largest in the "Grand Army," gave us a most cordial reception.

In visitations among Camps; in looking after luke-warm organizations; in Washington's Birthday exercises; in Union Defenders' Day observances, all of time and heart at my command has been gladly given; while Flag Day and Memorial Day are special events upon our calendar.

Union Defenders' Day in Rochester, N. Y., was especially marked because of the presence of Commander-in-Chief Newton J. McGuire at the annual "Lincoln Banquet" of C. A. Glidden Camp No. 6. Grand Army, Woman's Relief Corps, all Camps and Auxiliaries united in a tribute of honor to Commander McGuire, and in honoring him and the occasion, we gained new zeal for our Order. Personal Aide Frank Shellhouse accompanied his Chief and was a real "Aide" to the occasion.

This year was the third annual Patriotic Mass Meeting conducted by the Sons of Veterans in Convention Hall on the evening of Memorial Day and the marked spirit of respect for the Grand Army exhibited by the thousands who assemble upon these occasions is both gratifying and inspiring.

The Division Encampment at Ithaca, N. Y., June 18-20th, inclusive, was an occasion full of zeal for the welfare of our Order. Division Commander Sanford gave us a wise and conservative administration under which we made substantial gains in numbers and prestige, and Commander Klein is bound to make a good record.

The National Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic, has, most courteously, favored me by mailing copies of all "General Orders" issued by Commander-in-Chief Trimble. The Division Officers of our Order have favored me in like manner.

Commander-in-Chief McGuire, Senior Vice Commander-in-

Chief Cram and National Secretary Hammer have placed me under many obligations by kindly acts. Our Auxillary is always good and kind, individually and collectively.

To all, I owe thanks and for the honors and courtesies received, I am sincerely grateful.

DARWIN E. CARY.  
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The Commander-in-Chief: The report of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief will be referred to the Committee on Officers Reports under the rule, if there is no objection. The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

C. C. Behnke, of Missouri: Commander, I have the pleasure to announce the presence of a Committee of Greeting consisting of Mrs. Frances Dodsworth, Department President, Mrs. Christine A. Albeitz, Department Secretary, Mrs. Rosaline Gandolfo, Department Press Correspondent, and Mrs. Josephine Mahar, representing the Department of Missouri, Ladies of the G. A. R.

The Commander-in-Chief: I will appoint Brothers Moynihan, of New York, Stadden of Illinois, Jones of Missouri, and Harvey of Indiana, a committee to receive and escort the ladies into the Encampment.

The Committee retired and returned escorting the ladies, who were presented to the Encampment.

The Commander-in-Chief: Ladies, representatives of the G. A. R., we are grateful to you for this remembrance. I will call upon the Chairman of the Committee, Mrs. Dodsworth, to make a few remarks to the Encampment.

Mrs. Frances Dodsworth: National Commander, Brothers, It is my pleasant and proud privilege, on behalf of the Department of Missouri, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, to extend a fraternal greeting and affectionate welcome to you who have come from far and near to attend this meeting. We give you the welcome which speaks in the lighting of the eye and the smiling of the lip, a welcome only given to those allied by ties of blood, for are we not the mothers, wives and daughters of the heroes of 1861-65?—near and dear to the Sons of Veterans, the sons of those heroes? So, I bring you a welcome, a welcome tender and true. Yea, Sons of Veterans, your heritage is a noble one. Gold cannot purchase it, neither can fraud procure it. It is God-given, your birthright, handed down by the Boys in Blue who saved our grand old flag, the Star Spangled Banner, and preserved our nation in its entirety. One by one our comrades are leaving us. Soon the last one will have answered the final roll-call, and you, their sons, will be left to keep their memory fresh, and keep alive their love of country and of the flag. We hope that this Encampment will be a pleasant one, and as long as the Ladies of the Grand Army exist we will watch your career with loving hearts, and be ever ready to assist you with kindly words and kindly deeds. I thank you. (Applause).

The Commander-in-Chief: We will now have a word from Mrs. Christine A. Albeitz.

Mrs. Christine A. Albeitz: Commander and Brothers, it gives us great pleasure to visit you today. We bring you a loyal welcome from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and

the love and greetings of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic of the Department of Missouri.

As I look upon the many gallant and bright faces here today it takes me back to the memory of other days, of days long since gone by, the dark days of '61 to '65, when the red tocsin of war was heard to resound throughout the land. It takes me back to those young faces, those brave young boys in blue who with flashing eye and bounding step nobly answered the call "for three hundred thousand more;" who served so nobly and so faithfully in maintaining the integrity and supremacy of our Federal Government, in that greatest of all wars, saddest of all wars, the war of the Rebellion. Ah, we were proud of those boys in those days, and we are still proud of those same boys in these days, those boys now known throughout the civilized world as the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic, and about which has grown this splendid national patriotic organization, the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. It is a proud and noble heritage your fathers have bequeathed you, and I know you feel proud of it today. We thank those brave men for the unexampled peace we now enjoy, those brave defenders of our grand old flag, all hail, our glorious and beloved stars and stripes. Courage to the heart and strength to the hand to which it may be entrusted. May it ever wave first in honor, in unsullied glory and patriotic hope from the dome of the capitol in the nation's stronghold, on the tented plain and on the wave tossed ocean; wherever on the earth's surface the eye of an American shall behold it, may he have reason to bless it; on whatsoever spot it is planted, there may freedom find a foothold, humanity a brave champion and religion a leader; though stained in blood, in a righteous cause, may it never in any case be stained by shame, but may it be a joy and pride to every American heart as raised in the cause of right and liberty. In that cause may it forever spread out inspiring the civilized world to battle for freedom and right. Having been borne victoriously across the mighty Continent, may it float in triumph in every sun; may virtue and freedom and peace forever follow where its beautiful colors lead.

We wish you all success, and that you may have a peaceful and harmonious convention; and if at any time you feel the need of the support of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, we are yours to command, and are ready and willing to help you at any time you may call upon us. May the Lord's blessing be showered upon you, one and all, in this convention; and may Fraternity, Loyalty and Charity be not merely idle words with you. (Applause).

The Commander-in-Chief: We will now hear a word from Mrs. Gandolfo.

Mrs. Rosaline Gandolfo: Commander, and Brothers, I cannot make a speech, but I coincide with the two ladies who have spoken in everything they have said. But I want to say that I love you all, and when you call on the Ladies of the Grand Army to do anything for you we will be glad to do it. We hope you will have a grand Encampment, and that you will grow in numbers every day. (Applause).

The Commander-in-Chief: I will call on Past Commander Sherman, of New York, to respond to the greeting of the Ladies of the G. A. R.

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: Commander-in-Chief, and representatives of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic: After these representatives of that noble organization have offered themselves to us in this unselfish manner, words are inadequate to the occasion, and therefore I am entirely incompetent to respond to the remarks that have been addressed to this Encampment by these ladies. One of the speakers referred to the loyal conduct of the men in blue, and the thought came to me that if we are but worthy sons of worthy sires we shall not have labored in vain. They offer to us themselves, their organization, and express their willingness to do any and all things for us. There may not be much they can do, but we glory in the fact of this unanimity of purpose, of this oneness of spirit, that we together may work to a common end, all actuated by the noble spirit of patriotism; and though this city is some warm, yet it is not comparable to the warmth of patriotism which sweeps across our land today; and it is the desire of those in attendance here that when we go back we shall be strengthened for the work that we have undertaken. We appreciate the greetings that have come to us from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; and I am sure I but voice the sentiment of all those here when I say to those ladies: Go to your organization and say to them that we accept the affectionate greeting which you have tendered to us, and we reciprocate ten-fold; we wish for your organization all that you have expressed for the Sons of Veterans; and we pray that your star may ever rise higher and higher, and that you may rise to the greatest heights that you have ever aspired to; and, Commander, without further remarks at this time, I simply say that it is a pleasure to have the ladies here, to know that they are with us in the noble work that we are endeavoring to accomplish; and may they have that same kindly spirit for us in the future, and may we be careful that our escutcheon may never be sullied in the years that are to come. (Applause).

The ladies retired, escorted by the committee.

The Commander-in-Chief: Brothers, it is reported to the Chair that a Committee of Greeting from the Woman's Relief Corps of the Department of Missouri is in waiting. I will appoint Brothers Moynihan of New York, Johnson of Maryland, Springston of Illinois, Coffin of Ohio, Klein of New York, Geller of Indiana, Williams of Ohio and Jones of Missouri, a committee to escort the ladies into the Encampment.

The Committee retired and returned escorting Mrs. Peraut, Past Department President, W. R. C., of Missouri; Mrs. Clem, Secretary, and Mrs. Ehlers, Mrs. Lena Wagoner, Mrs. Hattie A. Cummings, Mrs. Stark and Mrs. Geminter, who were presented to the Encampment.

The Commander-in-Chief: Brothers, I have the pleasure of introducing to you Mrs. Mary Peraut, Past Department President W. R. C., of Missouri.

Mrs. Mary A. Peraut: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, we come to you representing the Department of Missouri, W. R. C., and bring to you our earnest, heartfelt greeting. You are very near to us, for nearly every one of you—with a few exceptions, of course—have mothers in the Relief Corps; and if you haven't mothers in the Relief Corps, you have sires in the Grand Army

of the Republic, of which it is our glorious privilege to be the only auxiliary. You may rest assured it is something we are very proud of. I know you are proud of your heritage. May you always be true to it. Remember it is not only what a party inherits that counts. You must be something yourselves; and you can be heroes when there is no war as well as when there is. You have a right to keep the ballot clean, and to keep our country pure.

We are very glad indeed that you are here with us now, and we feel that we have a right to welcome you and encourage you. Our Relief Corps is composed mainly of relatives of those who served in the dark days of the Rebellion, when the pall of secession settled over the country, which through their glorious efforts was driven away, and the sunshine of peace allowed to come again.

When the war broke out I was a married woman. When my husband came to me and told me he was going to the war, there was a choking sensation in my throat, but I answered him as soon as I could, "If you didn't go I would be ashamed of you." (Applause). His grandfather had served in the war of 1812, and his great grandfather in the Revolutionary war, and it was only right and proper that he should follow in the footsteps of his illustrious ancestors; and I felt that I would rather be the widow of a brave man than the wife of a coward. (Applause).

The Commander-in-Chief: I will call on Brother Moynihan, of New York, to respond to the greeting of the W. R. C., Department of Missouri.

W. B. Moynihan, of New York: Commander-in-Chief, Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps and comrades; I am sure that I voice the sentiments of every member of this Encampment when I say that we fully appreciate your inspiring words. I know that the representatives of our Division in this Commandery-in-Chief can testify to the good work that is being done along the line of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons of Veterans by the Woman's Relief Corps. We in New York know how much the Woman's Relief Corps has done, and I can safely say that is true of every Division; so, ladies, let your good work go on. I assure you that every Son of a Veteran appreciates the good work and the noble women of the Woman's Relief Corps. (Applause).

The ladies constituting the Committee from the W. R. C., Department of Missouri, retired, escorted by the Committee appointed by the Commander.

The Commander-in-Chief: The next business in order is the report of the Chief-of-Staff. Is Brother Amies ready to report?

Edwin M. Amies, Chief-of-Staff, submitted the following report:

#### REPORT OF CHIEF-OF-STAFF, S. V., U. S. A.

Altoona, Pa., August 26, 1912.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-first Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.

Brothers:—

In pursuance to the rules and regulations, the report of the Chief-of-Staff for the past year is herewith submitted, in which

report it is endeavored to bring the fullest and best information to this body.

The past year has been one of success and gradual gain and had it not been for unusual circumstances which arose in one of the Departments, the growth and numerical strength of the Reserve would have been unprecedented, but, notwithstanding this unfortunate occurrence, a most substantial gain is shown in membership and it is best at this time to give a summary of the said numerical strength, which herewith follows:

	Officers	Men
Pennsylvania Brigade .....	205	2815
Department of Ohio .....	34	363
Department of New York.....	43	573
Department of Rhode Island.....	10	121
Department of New Jersey.....	7	127
California .....	10	178
Massachusetts .....	5	66
Minnesota .....	5	75
Wisconsin .....	3	34
Total .....	322	4351

As will be observed from the above recapitulation, a combined strength of 322 officers and 4351 men is shown, or a net gain of 373 enlisted men. A most noteworthy growth.

We also have reports from different sections of the Order with reference to intended formations of units of the Reserve and it is sincerely hoped that these reports will grow into realities.

Last year comment was favorably made upon some of the different departments with reference to their efficiency. It is not the intention this year to again repeat such praise but to render to all that to which they are justly entitled. The same standard of excellence prevails in most of the Departments and with the exception of the one above referred to, all are doing well and are entitled to all and every praise.

While upon the subject of praise, it may be well at this moment to call attention to the Department which has given us the most concern, namely, that of New York. It had been hoped that after the Rochester encampment, with the assistance of the respective officers of that Department, that a full understanding had been had with reference to the conduct of that Department, but unfortunately, during the year matters have arisen which have caused the resignation of Colonel Snyder of that Department which renders it at this moment without a Commandant, and therefore under the direct command at present of the Chief-of-Staff. A more full reference to this aspect is made in the report of the Acting Adjutant General herewith attached and made part hereof. We hope, however, within the next year that the proper officer may arise who will be able to solve the question in New York and present us with such a body of Reserve as that great state merits and should have.

At this point I cannot refrain from reference to the admirable manner in which the various questions concerning the government of the Reserve have been managed and handled by the Acting Adjutant General. Numerous unpleasant questions have arisen, and in all instances have we been constrained to be gov-

erned by the same line of conduct that was used to whip into line and frame and organize the Department of Pennsylvania, which now has, as you all know, the best record, and in order to attain the same grade of efficiency that prevails in that Department, we must insist that the same degree of military efficiency prevails in other Departments, and we are led to the belief that when the different Departments realize that the basis of all military system is founded upon absolute conformity with orders and routine, then, and then only, will each Department attain that efficiency which is so much desired.

#### COMMENT.

Will you allow me to say once more, what I have so often told you in both written reports and verbal addresses, that the Sons of Veterans Reserve is of most inestimable value to the organization at large, binding together that element of the organization which is imbued with the military spirit. That spirit of patriotism which so delights the heart of each and everyone of us is so materially assisted by the establishment and maintenance of this Reserve, and there is some incentive for the camps to organize companies while this Department receives the proper encouragement, thus giving proof that its value is recognized and that we have a full realization of the fact that the camp with the company of Reserve attached is the best and the big camp. The stability so requisite to a camp's existence is more certain with the Reserve Department in evidence, and I feel sure that the organization of a Reserve to be attached to the different weak camps would show a material improvement in the numerical strength of our Order. Favorable comment has often been made regarding the appearance of the Reserve when on public parade, several instances having come within my personal observation, which only tends to strengthen my belief that the proficiency anticipated a few years ago is nearing attainment. Much comment has been made upon the growth of our Order at large. There are probably other reports received which cover this subject, but I cannot here refrain from the suggestion that we each give a little more of our time to our own camp, with the organization of Reserve companies in view where these companies are not already in existence, which I firmly believe will help to clear away many difficulties as to membership which present themselves.

#### FINANCES.

The Council-in-Chief last year at its annual session appropriated for the use of this Department the sum of \$300.00, with the understanding that, should the expenses of the Department exceed this in a small degree, allowance be made therefor. Your Chief-of-Staff for the ensuing year has expended the sum of \$387.14 in the administration of his office, thereby exceeding the annual appropriation by a small margin. Nearly all of this expenditure has been for postage, telegrams and expenses for the conduct of the office of the Acting Adjutant General in the purchase of material for his use in publishing and printing circulars, pamphlets, etc., thereby saving much expense to the Commandery-in-Chief.

Last year I called the attention of your body to the fact that very little of this expense item consisted of expenditures for traveling, saying at that time that your Chief-of-Staff had devoted no time to the visitation of the different Departments

other than the Pennsylvania Department, and I reiterate now here, as I did then, that if the Reserve continues to grow and our time is called upon to make visitations to the different Departments as has been suggested by the Commandants thereof, this office will of course require an additional appropriation. This time has not yet arrived, but it is evident that at almost any time demands will be made. The Department of Ohio, which is doing unusually good work, would have been visited the past year had it not been that the Division of Pennsylvania was in session at the same time and therefore it was impossible to comply with their request. This suggestion is made at this time so that this body may have ample notice and knowledge that such appropriation may be made at some time in the future. So long as we continue the management of our office upon the plan as at present pursued, no additional appropriation will be asked. The suggestion, however, is made at this time so that the Commandery-in-Chief may have full knowledge of the needs of the office.

Your attention is particularly called to the full and complete report of the Acting Adjutant General to this office on the administration of his Department during the year, in which is set forth in detail the strength of the Reserve, as well as the expenses thereof.

#### CONCLUSION.

I am constrained to again call the attention of the Commandery-in-Chief to the Department of the Reserve, in so far as it relates to the Civic Department. Time and time again has your attention been called to the worth of this Department, but where complete harmony exists between the company of Reserve and the Camp to which it is attached, there you find a large and growing camp and there you will find a strong body of Reserve, and from this fact alone we are drawn to the evident conclusion that the Reserve largely contributes to the success of the Civic body. It is useless to cite particular instances, but every camp in the State of Pennsylvania which is large and growing has a strong, fully equipped body of Reserve. We therefore come to the conclusion that this, namely, the Reserve, is the one great incentive which helps materially to continue the growth of the Order. Complete harmony exists between this office and all of the different Departments with the exception of the one above noted. We expect this to continue, and with a little forbearance and acquiescence in the requirements desired by the commanding officer with orders we expect soon to have all of the Departments working harmoniously.

I want to again, as I have heretofore, comment upon the work of Colonel Henry Stewart, Acting Adjutant General. His work during the past year has only been a repetition of his former good work, and while I do not desire to fill my report with encomiums and praise for any particular officer, yet I must again render him that to which he is entitled. My connection with the various officers of the Commandery-in-Chief has been most pleasant and cordial, and each and all of them have at all times rendered me such service as I chose to request.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

EDWIN M. AMIES,  
Chief-of-Staff, S. V., U. S. A.

## ACTING ADJUTANT GENERAL'S REPORT.

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE  
Adjutant General's Office

Gettysburg, Pa., Aug. 1, 1912.

The Commanding Officer,

Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Sir:—

I have the honor to submit the following report of the Reserve, as of date June 1st, numerically, based upon the reports of May 1st; corrected to July 1st for Commanding Officers and the Register; and the transactions of this office to August 1st.

Very respectfully,

HENRY STEWART,  
Col. and Acting Adjt.-Gen.

## PENNSYLVANIA BRIGADE.

Colonel Henry Stewart, Commanding, Gettysburg, Pa.

	Officers	Men
Brigade Staff .....	8	11
Hospital Corps, Philadelphia.....		14

## SECOND REGIMENT.

Colonel Wm. P. Baker, Northampton Heights, So. Bethlehem  
Surgeon, Major E. W. Richards, Berwick & Center Sts., Easton  
Adjutant, Capt. H. L. Mack, 313 N. High St., Bethlehem

Field & Staff .....	5	6
Hospital Corps, Easton.....		14
Band, Allentown, Lieut. C. W. Kehm, R. D. No. 2....	1	36
A Co., Easton, Capt. S. S. Horn, 339 Bushkill St.....	3	44
B Co., S. Bethlehem, Capt. E. W. Ruth, 465 New St....	3	47
C Co., Mauch Chunk, Capt. A. H. Luckenbach, 49 Broadway .....	2	48
D Co., Bangor, Capt. T. W. Boyer, 60 Broadway.....	3	41
E Co., Allentown, Capt. Wm. Carl, 515½ N. 8th St....	3	45
F Co., Lehighton, Lieut. J. A. Ziegenfuss (Weissport)	1	26
G Co., Summit Hill, Capt. J. M. Moser, White St.....	3	39
I Co., Scranton, Lieut. Jno. L. Vliet, 426 Larch St....	1	40
K Co., Bethlehem, Capt. F. Cole, 313 N. 7th Ave.....	3	39
L Co., Montrose, Lieut. D. O. Baxter, 26 Cliff St.....	2	25
M Co., Siegfrieds, Capt. W. C. Myers (Northampton)	3	35
Total .....	33	485

## FOURTH REGIMENT.

Colonel F. A. McKelvey, 137 Zara St., S. S. Pittsburg  
Surgeon, Major G. W. Miller, 222 W. Newton Ave., Greensburg  
Adjutant, Capt. B. W. Williams, 4731 Chatsworth Ave., Pittsburg

Field & Staff.....	12	10
Hospital Corps, Greensburg.....		27
Band, Braddock, Lieut. H. L. Wagner, 117 Kirkpatrick St. ....	1	27
First Battalion. Major Gustav Schaaf, 645 Thompson Ave., Donora.		
D Co., Donora, Lieut. Gustave D. Schaaf.....	3	25
G Co., Sharpsburg, Capt. H. C. Lea, Aspinwall.....	3	56
H Co., Carnegie, Capt. E. J. Sexton, Ewingsville.....	3	35
K Co., New Castle, Capt. J. F. Fulkerson, 132 Riche- lieu St. ....	3	37

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M Co., Belle Vernon, Capt. J. E. Coughenour, Box 401 Second Battalion. Major S. E. Ferry, 710 Linden Ave., E. Pittsburg.	2	39
A Co., Greensburg, Capt. L. P. Wentzel, 139 Alex- ander Ave. ....	3	60
B Co., Braddock, Capt. O. P. Benson (Wilkinsburg) ..	3	59
C Co., Turtle Creek, Capt. Davis, 137 Marguerette St. (Wilmerding) .....	3	51
F Co., Irwin, Capt. W. C. Jenkins, 310 3rd St. ....	3	62
I Co., McKeesport, Capt. E. K. Collingwood, 554 5th Avenue .....	3	57
L Co., Freeport, Capt. W. F. Kerr .....	3	34
Total .....	44	579

## THIRD REGIMENT.

Colonel Thos. M. Morgan, 3rd & Court Sts., Williamsport Surgeon, Major B. A. Bealor, 51 N. 2nd St., Shamokin Adjutant, Capt. W. L. Bird, 419 Stevens St., Williamsport		
Field & Staff .....	7	4
Hospital Corps, Williamsport .....		12
Band, Watsonstown, Lieut. C. E. Trate .....	1	29
A Co., Shamokin, Capt. Oswald Kramer, 926 Wal- nut St. ....	3	49
D Co., Shamokin, Capt. C. H. Linderman, 319 S. Market St. ....	3	40
E Co., Williamsport, Capt. G. W. Strauss, 1541 Scott St. ....	3	38
F Co., Minersville, Capt. W. E. Levan, P. O. Box 297	3	36
G Co., Milton, Lieut. E. S. Hunsinger, 142 E. Broad- way .....	1	15
H Co., Watsonstown, Capt. W. H. Diehl .....	3	37
I Co., Mahony City, Capt. Geo. Yarnall, 15 7th St. ....	3	34
K Co., Middleburg, Lieut. H. J. Hughes, McClure .....	1	31
L Co., Shenandoah, Lieut. J. F. Eisenhower, 6 N. Jar- din St. ....	1	24
M Co., Sunbury, Capt. C. W. Bobb, 448 Race St. ....	3	37
N Co., Montgomery, Capt. J. P. Jamison .....	3	36
Total .....	35	432

## EIGHTH REGIMENT.

Lieut. Col. Geo. G. Palmer, Rear 722 Sherman St., Johnstown Adjutant, Lieut. Ross M. Ashcom, 40 Cooper Ave., Johnstown		
Field & Staff .....	4	2
Field Music, Altoona .....		11
First Battalion.		
C Co., South Fork, Capt. W. C. Crawford .....	3	59
E Co., Bellwood, Lieut. W. E. Shaner, Box 136 .....	1	35
H Co., Altoona, Capt. W. H. Stambaugh, 1521 4th Ave.	2	36
I Co., Johnstown, Capt. Abram Lee, 638 Sherman St.	3	51
K Co., Portage, Lieut. Harry Chappell .....	1	19
Second Battalion. Major Bruce Ebersole, 1010 Howard St., Altoona.		
B Co., Gallitzin, Lieut. J. W. Coons .....	2	47
D Co., Somerset, Capt. D. W. Saylor, Commercial Hotel .....	3	45

F Co., Punxsutawney, Capt. E. M. Neill.....	2	29
Total .....	21	334

## PHILADELPHIA BATTALION.

Major G. W. Klosterman, 122 N. 10th St., Philadelphia		
Field & Staff .....	1	1
A Co., Philadelphia, Capt. W. H. Dougherty, 2300 N. 11th St. ....	3	37
B Co., Philadelphia, Capt. Jos. Seely, 1105 Mifflin St. ....	3	37
C Co., Philadelphia, Capt. G. L. Martin, Audubon, N. J. ....	3	33
D Co., Philadelphia, Capt. R. M. Green, 1415 Vine St. ....	3	32
E Co., Philadelphia, Capt. G. H. Gretz, 1224 W. Cambria St. ....	3	39
F Co., Philadelphia, Capt. E. Goodwin, Nedro and Camac Sts. ....	3	43
Total .....	19	222

## SIXTH BATTALION.

Major Paul Smyser, York		
Adjutant, Lieut. J. C. Hoffman, 1383 W. Poplar St., York		
Field & Staff.....	2	1
Band, Reading, Lieut. J. F. Wacha, 826 Penn St.....	1	26
A Co., York, Lieut. H. T. Nickel, 225 S. Penn St.....	1	33
B Co., Gettysburg, Capt. Wm. McG. Tawney.....	1	28
C Co., Middletown, Capt. H. E. Moore, 117 Ann St....	3	39
D Co., Reading, Capt. Wm. Jones, Jr., 1500 N. 10th St. ....	3	56
F Co., New Oxford, Lieut. Mark L. Staub.....	1	34
I Co., Newmanstown, Lieut. D. L. Christ.....	2	26
Total .....	14	243

## FIRST BATTALION.

F Co., Wayne, Capt. Chas. P. Baldwin.....	2	24
G Co., Philadelphia, Capt. Jacob Myers, 739 Clinton St., Camden, N. J.....	3	34
H Co., Chester, Lieut. H. B. Blackburn, 228 Essex St. ....	1	23
K Co., Manayunk, Lieut. C. S. Aldinger, 4653 Smick St. ....	1	21
L Co., Philadelphia, Lieut. Allen Henry, 2831 Coral St. ....	1	23
M Co., Lansdale, Capt. J. H. Brown, 207 Chestnut St., Ambler .....	2	30
Total .....	10	155

## FIFTH BATTALION.

Capt. J. H. Hilton, 2329 N. Fawn St., Philadelphia		
C Co., Wilmington, Del., Capt. J. L. Hubert, 1208 Lombard St. ....	2	40
F Co., Philadelphia, Lieut. Jno. A. Henry, 1742 Beechwood St. ....	2	30
G Co., Allegheny, Capt. Edw. Gross, 719 Monitor St., N. S., (Pittsburg).....	2	37
Total .....	6	107

## ACTING CHIEF OF CAVALRY AND ARTILLERY.

Capt. Henry Beyerle, 2153 E. York St., Philadelphia

## ARTILLERY.

A Bat., Philadelphia, Lieut. DeFrehn, 3121 Frankford Ave. ....	1	19
B Bat., Philadelphia, Lieut. Edw. Young, 318 N. Creighton St. ....	1	14
C Bat., Greensburg, Lieut. D. F. Smith, 619 George St. ....	1	24
Total .....	3	57

## CAVALRY.

A Troop, Philadelphia, Capt. R. M. Wright, 2537 N. 5th St. ....	3	39
B Troop, Philadelphia, Capt. G. W. Fritz, Kennett Sq. ....	3	32
C Troop, Wilkes-Barre, Lieut. F. F. Moon, 73 Davis Place .....	1	31
D Troop, Carbondale, Capt. L. H. Becker, 7 Porter Ave. ....	3	45
E Troop, Philadelphia, Capt. W. O. Marrin, 825 Livingston St. ....	2	29
Total .....	12	176

## SUMMARY.

	Officers	Men	Enlisted	Men
			Gain	Loss
Brigade Headquarters .....	8	25	2	
Second Regiment .....	33	485		25
Fourth Regiment .....	44	579	55	
Third Regiment .....	35	432	10	
Eighth Regiment .....	21	334		17
Philadelphia Battalion ....	19	222	41	
Sixth Battalion .....	14	243	46	
First Battalion .....	10	155		6
Fifth Battalion .....	6	107		72
Artillery .....	3	57	25	
Cavalry .....	12	176	1	
	205	2815	180	120

A net gain of 60 enlisted men.

## DEPARTMENT OF OHIO.

Lieut. Col. Park F. Yengling, Salem

Field & Staff.....	3
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## FIRST REGIMENT.

Lieut. Col. Chas. A. Lentz, East Palestine

Field & Staff.....	9	8
Hospital Corps, Youngstown.....		25
First Battalion. Major S. J. Witherow, 113 Thompson St., E. Liverpool.		
A Co., E. Palestine, Capt. Wm. A. Ward.....	2	37
B Co., Salem, Capt. J. E. Bentley, McKinley Ave....	3	39
F Co., E. Liverpool, Capt. W. B. White, 833 Laura Ave.	1	41
G Co., Mogadore, Capt. M. C. Martin, E. Akron.....	3	33
Second Battalion. Major N. H. Bennett, 34 N. William St., Dayton.		
C Co., Roscoe, Lieut. Chas. Starkey.....	1	14
D Co., Lisbon, Capt. W. W. Sexton.....	2	27

E Co., Mechanicsburg, Capt. F. W. Hendrix.....	2	32
H Co., Dayton, Capt. H. W. Frederick, 110 Sprague St.	3	29
I Co., Shelby, Capt. A. W. Myers, R. D. No. 6.....	2	30
Total .....	28	315

## SEPARATE COMPANIES.

A Co., Lima, Capt. Chas. M. Leech, 521 N. Charles St.	3	48
Department total .....	34	363

## DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

Field & Staff .....	3	
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## FIRST REGIMENT.

Lieut. Col. J. G. Wright, Wilson

Field & Staff.....	3	
First Battalion. Major Julius A. Weaver, Wilson.		
A Co., Rochester, Lieut. A. J. McIntyre, 49 Griffith St.	2	31
C Co., Watertown, Lieut. E. N. Felt, 311 W. Lynde St.	2	21
D Co., Batavia, Lieut. F. A. Peck, 1 N. Spruce St....	1	20
G Co., Wilson, Lieut. E. B. Litchard.....	2	44
H Co., Brockport, Capt. E. O. Fitzgerald, 106 Main St.	1	34
L Co., Franklinville, Capt. John A. Beebe.....	3	40
Second Battalion. Major Harry B. Jones, Pine Valley.		
B Co., Dalton, Capt. L. C. Havens.....	1	16
E Co., Pine Valley, Lieut. F. L. Murphy.....	1	28
F Co., Pike, Capt. G. H. Bemis.....	1	31
I Co., Adams, Capt. F. A. Tice.....	3	37
K Co., Arcade, Lieut. Guy A. Bump.....	1	22
M Co., Wellsville, Capt. J. A. Leonard, 11 S. Main St.	3	42
N Co., East Aurora, Capt. F. J. Marshall, 228 Pine St.	3	42
Total .....	27	397

## SECOND BATTALION.

Major Wm. G. Bowen, Clinton

Field & Staff.....	2	
A Co., Brooklyn, Lieut. J. B. Knappman, 1047 Jefferson St. ....	1	25
B Co., Poughkeepsie, Capt. Wm. E. Beattie, 85 Jefferson St. ....	3	36
C Co., Glens Falls, Capt. J. H. Davis, 26 4th St.....	2	31
D Co., Utica, Lieut. G. J. Osborn, 163 West St.....	1	19
E Co., Stoatsburg, Lieut. Chas. T. Allen.....	1	25
Total .....	10	136

## COAST ARTILLERY.

1st Co., New York, Capt. H. W. McNally, 611 E. 137th St. ....	3	40
Department total .....	43	573

## DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND.

Major Chas. H. Young, 248 Harrison St., Providence

Field & Staff .....	3	2
A Co., Woonsocket, Lieut. H. C. Penhallow, 73 Union St. ....	1	29

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B Co., Providence, Capt. G. L. Lewis, N. Postal Stn.	2	29
C Co., E. Providence, Lieut. C. W. Condon.....	1	19
D Co., Pascoag, Capt. J. P. Davis, Mfg. Hotel.....	2	27
E Co., Phoenix, Lieut. Wm. F. Potter, Hope.....	1	15
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>10</b>	<b>121</b>

## DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY.

Capt. J. L. Reeger, 1437 S. Broad St., Trenton

A Co., Hoboken, Lieut. Wm. Funk, 9 Zabriskie Ave.	1	29
B Co., Trenton, Capt. Ezra T. Beers, 128 Locust St....	2	27
C Co., Camden, Lieut. Geo. B. Myers, 1048 S. 4th St.	1	34
A Batt'y, Trenton, Lieut. H. D. Williams, 414 Market St. ....	3	37
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>7</b>	<b>127</b>

## CALIFORNIA.

A. Co., San Francisco, Capt. J. B. Outland, 3579 17th St. ....	2	31
B Co., San Francisco, Lieut. C. E. Vaupel, 1525 Clay St.	1	26
C Co., Stockton, 934 San Joaquin St., Capt. R. W. Bonney .....	2	34
D Co., Hansford, Capt. Francis Kimes, Route 6.....	2	33
E Co., San Jose, Lieut. M. W. Overhulse, 229 Sheehan Ave. ....	1	21
F Co., Tulare, Capt. E. H. Haydock, 235 S. I St.....	2	33
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>10</b>	<b>178</b>

## MASSACHUSETTS.

A Co., Quincy, Capt. F. M. Chubbuck, Elm Place.....	2	32
B Co., Boston, Capt. W. F. Moore, 40 Joy St.....	3	34
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>5</b>	<b>66</b>

## MINNESOTA.

A Co., St. Paul, Capt. F. J. Devore, 972 S. Robert St.	2	36
B Co., Minneapolis, Capt. C. W. Fletcher, 3419 Colfax Ave., S. ....	3	39
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>5</b>	<b>75</b>

## WISCONSIN.

A Co., Madison, Capt. J. L. Hensey, Poynette.....	3	34
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## RECAPITULATION.

	Officers	Men	Enlisted Men Gain	Loss
Pennsylvania Brigade .....	205	2815	60	
Department of Ohio .....	34	363	21	
Department of New York...	43	573	76	
Dept. of Rhode Island.....	10	121	2	
Department of New Jersey..	7	127		2
California .....	10	178	178	
Illinois .....				35
Massachusetts .....	5	66		3
Minnesota .....	5	75	75	
Wisconsin .....	3	34	1	
	<b>322</b>	<b>4351</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>40</b>

Officers ..... 322  
Men ..... 4351

Total ..... 4673

A net gain of 373 enlisted men (referred to '11 report).

Gain in per cent of enlisted men, 9.37.

Proportion of officers to men, 1 to 13.51. A rise of 1.31 compared with last report.

REGISTER—SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE.

Brigadier General Edwin M. Amies, Commanding.

July 1, 1912.

No. Commissioned		Staff, Dep't or Reg't
COLONELS.		
1	Apr. 1, '09	Henry Stewart ..... Pa.
2	Jan. 1, '00	William P. Baker..... 2nd Pa.
3	Mar. 26, '01	Frank A. McKelvey..... 4th Pa.
4	Sept. 18, '11	Thos. M. Morgan..... 3rd Pa.
LIEUT. COLONELS.		
1	Mar. 26, '04	W. S. Harvey..... 4th Pa.
2	Jan. 8, '09	Park F. Yengling..... Ohio
3	Feb. 10, '09	W. T. MacDonnell..... Asst. Surg. Gen., Pa.
4	Sept. 21, '09	George J. Palmer..... 8th Pa.
5	Dec. 24, '10	Chas. A. Lentz..... 1st Ohio
6	Feb. 24, '11	J. G. Wright..... 1st N. Y.
MAJORS.		
1	Jan. 2, '05	E. W. Richards..... Surgeon, 2nd Pa.
2	Jan. 26, '06	Geo. W. Klosterman.... Phila. Battalion, Pa.
3	Oct. 10, '08	G. W. Miller..... Surgeon, 4th Pa.
4	Sept. 21, '09	Bruce Ebersole..... 8th Pa.
5	Oct. 28, '09	Frank P. Stone..... Surgeon, Pa.
6	Feb. 27, '10	John Miller..... A. Q. M. Gen., Pa.
7	July 18, '10	S. E. Ferry..... 4th Pa.
8	Nov. 1, '10	Chas. H. Young..... R. I.
9	Feb. 3, '11	Sam'l J. Witherow..... 1st Ohio
10	Mar. 1, '11	Harry B. Jones..... 1st N. Y.
11	Apr. 24, '11	Wm. G. DOWEN..... 2nd N. Y.
12	July 5, '11	Julius A. Weaver..... 1st N. Y.
13	July 10, '11	Eugene G. Ritter..... Asst. Adjt. Gen., Pa.
14	July 18, '11	Paul Smyser..... 6th Pa.
15	Feb. 27, '12	Benj. A. Bealor..... Surgeon, 3rd Pa.
16	June 7, '12	Gustav Schaaf..... 4th Pa.
17	June 20, '12	M. H. Bennett..... 1st Ohio
CAPTAINS.		
Co. or Staff Dep't, Reg't		
1	Jan. 1, '00	Sam'l S. Horn..... A. 2nd Pa.
2	Aug. 7, '01	Thos. W. Boyer..... D, 2nd Pa.
3	Apr. 2, '03	Richard M. Wright..... A Troop, Pa.
4	May 17, '04	George W. Strauss..... E, 3rd Pa.
5	June 1, '04	L. C. Havens..... B, 1st N. Y.
6	Aug. 13, '04	George L. Martin.... C, Phila. Battalion, Pa.
7	Oct. 3, '04	G. H. Gretz..... E, Phila. Battalion, Pa.
8	Mar. 19, '05	Willard E. Le Van..... F, 3rd Pa.
9	Mar. 20, '05	E. M. Neill..... F, 8th Pa.
10	June 1, '05	William Carl..... E, 2nd Pa.
11	June 15, '05	Thaddeus Weaver..... Q. M., 2nd Pa.

12	Oct. 30, '05	William H. Diehl.....	H, 3rd Pa.
13	Nov. 13, '05	Abram Lee.....	I, 8th Pa.
14	Nov. 15, '05	Jacob Myers.....	G, 1st Pa.
15	Mar. 28, '06	O. P. Benson.....	B, 4th Pa.
16	Apr. 12, '06	Clarence H. Linderman.....	D, 3rd Pa.
17	May 1, '06	John H. Brown.....	M, 1st Pa.
18	Oct. 6, '06	A. H. Luckenbach.....	C, 2nd Pa.
19	Jan. 3, '07	W. L. Bird.....	Adj't. 3rd Pa.
20	Apr. 9, '07	John L. Reeger.....	A Battery, N. J.
21	June 8, '07	Chas. W. Bobb.....	M, 3rd Pa.
22	June 14, '07	W. H. Stambaugh.....	H, 8th Pa.
23	Jan. 1, '08	Wm. E. Rooker.....	Inspector, 2nd Pa.
24	Jan. 16, '08	Geo. W. Fritz.....	B Troop, Pa.
25	Apr. 29, '08	William C. Jenkins.....	F, 4th Pa.
26	Oct. 10, '08	L. P. Wentzel.....	A, 4th Pa.
27	Oct. 15, '08	Henry Beyerle.....	Aide-de-Camp, Pa.
28	Jan. 1, '09	Wm. R. Harvey.....	Inspector, 4th Pa.
29	Feb. 25, '09	John L. Hubert.....	C, 5th Pa.
30	June 1, '09	F. W. Hendrix.....	E, 1st Ohio
31	June 8, '09	W. C. Crawford.....	C, 8th Pa.
32	June 17, '09	Phaon H. Snyder.....	Q. M., 3rd Pa.
33	July 15, '09	H. W. Frederick.....	H, 1st Ohio
34	July 25, '09	A. W. Myers.....	I, 1st Ohio
35	Oct. 8, '09	H. M. Zundel.....	Q. M., 4th Pa.
36	Nov. 2, '09	Jno. L. Henesy.....	A, Wis.
37	Nov. 19, '09	Wm. A. Ward.....	A, 1st Ohio
38	Dec. 6, '09	Franklin Cole.....	K, 2nd Pa.
39	Dec. 26, '09	Edw. O. Fitzgerald.....	H, 1st N. Y.
40	Jan. 28, '10	Earl W. Ruth.....	B, 2nd Pa.
41	Feb. 2, '10	D. W. Saylor.....	D, 8th Pa.
42	Apr. 20, '10	G. H. Bemis.....	F, 1st N. Y.
43	May 5, '10	Ezra T. Beers.....	B. N. J.
44	May 19, '10	M. C. Martin.....	G, 1st Ohio
45	May 21, '10	John P. Jamison.....	N, 3rd Pa.
46	May 27, '10	John H. Hilton.....	F, 5th Pa.
47	Aug. 9, '10	John Q. Davis.....	C, 4th Pa.
48	Sept. 3, '10	L. H. Becker.....	D Troop, Pa.
49	Sept. 8, '10	Robt. M. Green.....	D, P.B., Pa.
50	Sept. 13, '10	Chas. P. Baldwin.....	F, 1st Pa.
51	Sept. 16, '10	Edwin Goodwin.....	F. P. B., Pa.
52	Oct. 4, '10	Fred A. Tice.....	I, 1st N. Y.
53	Oct. 24, '10	Oswald Kramer.....	A, 3rd Pa.
54	Nov. 3, '10	J. A. Leonard.....	M, 1st N. Y.
55	Dec. 5, '10	Wm. Jones, Jr.....	D, 6th Pa.
56	Jan. 12, '11	Wm. McG. Tawney.....	B, 6th Pa.
57	Jan. 20, '11	Harrie J. Guy.....	Surgeon, 1st Ohio
58	Feb. 4, '11	W. C. Myers.....	M, 2nd Pa.
59	Feb. 28, '11	John H. Davis.....	C, 2nd N. Y.
60	Mar. 1, '11	Herman L. Mack.....	Adj't., 2nd Pa.
61	Mar. 15, '11	Wm. O. Marrin.....	E Troop, Pa.
62	Mar. 17, '11	John M. Moser.....	G, 2nd Pa.
63	Mar. 23, '11	Geo. H. Yarnall.....	I, 3rd Pa.
64	Mar. 30, '11	Jno. P. Davis.....	D, R. I.
65	Mar. 31, '11	Harry W. McNally.....	1st Co. Coast Art., N. Y.
66	Mar. 31, '11	J. Ford Fulkerson.....	K, 4th Pa.
67	Apr. 1, '11	Wm. F. Moore.....	B, Mass.
68	Apr. 7, '11	Chas. M. Leech.....	A, 2nd Ohio
69	Apr. 21, '11	J. E. Bentley.....	B, 1st Ohio

70	May 13, '11	Jno. E. Coughenour.....M, 4th Pa.
71	May 22, '11	F. M. Chubbuck.....A, Mass.
72	May 23, '11	W. W. Sexton.....D, 1st Ohio
73	May 24, '11	G. Leon Lewis.....B, R. I.
74	June 12, '11	E. J. Sexton.....H, 4th Pa.
75	June 23, '11	Theodore Rose.....Commissary, 4th Pa.
76	July 14, '11	Frank J. Devore.....A, Minn.
77	July 24, '11	W. F. Kerr.....L, 4th Pa.
78	Sept. 30, '11	C. W. Fletcher.....B, Minn.
79	Oct. 17, '11	Wm. E. Beattie.....B, 2nd N. Y.
80	Oct. 21, '11	William H. Daugherty.....A, Phila. Bat., Pa.
81	Oct. 26, '11	Roy F. Witman.....Inspector, 3rd Pa.
82	Dec. 12, '11	J. B. Outland.....A, Cal.
83	Jan. 2, '12	Edward Gross.....G, 5th Pa.
84	Jan. 15, '12	J. W. A. Kelly.....Chaplain, 3rd Pa.
85	Feb. 1, '12	B. W. Williams.....Adj't, 4th Pa.
86	Feb. 5, '12	John U. Shroyer.....Commissary, 3rd Pa.
87	Feb. 9, '12	Theodore W. Darnell.....Chaplain, 4th Pa.
88	Feb. 29, '12	R. W. Bonney.....C, Cal.
89	Mar. 1, '12	W. B. White.....F, 1st Ohio
90	Mar. 17, '12	Francis Kimes.....D, Cal.
91	Apr. 18, '12	Joseph Seely.....B, P. B., Pa.
92	Apr. 19, '12	F. J. Marshall.....N, 1st N. Y.
93	Apr. 30, '12	John A. Beebe.....L, 1st N. Y.
94	May 14, '12	Earl H. Haydock.....F, Cal.
95	May 14, '12	Harry E. Moore.....C, 6th Pa.
96	May 14, '12	John L. Vliet.....I, 2nd Pa.
97	May 27, '12	E. K. Collingwood.....I, 4th Pa.
98	June 30, '12	Harry C. Lea.....G, 4th Pa.

## FIRST LIEUTENANTS.

1	Apr. 2, '03	J. E. Fisher.....A Troop, Pa.
2	Jan. 1, '04	Hiram T. Nickel.....A, 6th Pa.
3	Mar. 15, '04	W. E. Shaner.....E, 8th Pa.
4	Aug. 13, '04	David Williams.....C, Phila. Bat., Pa.
5	Mar. 19, '05	Allen F. Kellar.....F, 3rd Pa.
6	June 1, '05	Charles S. Adams.....E, 2nd Pa.
7	Apr. 1, '06	Joel Reber.....E, Phila. Bat., Pa.
8	Jan. 8, '07	Dalley Krise.....B, 2nd Pa.
9	May 14, '07	J. F. Eisenhower.....L, 3rd Pa.
10	June 8, '07	Jesse E. Wray.....M, 3rd Pa.
11	Mar. 4, '08	Harry Sisco.....B, 4th Pa.
12	Mar. 20, '08	L. G. Murray.....F, 8th Pa.
13	Apr. 1, '08	Frederick H. Roll.....G, 1st Pa.
14	Apr. 30, '08	W. P. Horn.....A, 2nd Pa.
15	May 11, '08	Chas. S. Aldinger.....K, 1st Pa.
16	Oct. 10, '08	John M. Baker.....A, 4th Pa.
17	Jan. 1, '09	Rue J. Arnts.....D, 2nd Pa.
18	Feb. 25, '09	Charles Hollis.....C, 5th Pa.
19	Mar. 17, '09	J. H. Wentzel.....Bat. Adj't., 4th Pa.
20	Apr. 22, '09	E. E. Startzel.....D, 3rd Pa.
21	May 1, '09	Paul M. Sutherin.....Adj't., Ohio
22	May 4, '09	Fred. L. Murphy.....E, 1st N. Y.
23	May 11, '09	J. C. McCutcheon.....C, 4th Pa.
24	June 30, '09	Minor H. Day.....Asst. Surg., 4th Pa.
25	Aug. 7, '09	John A. Ziegenfuss.....F, 2nd Pa.
26	Sept. 3, '09	Wilbur F. Sine.....H, 1st Ohio
27	Sept. 9, '09	Harry J. Hughes.....E, 3rd Pa.

28	Sept. 18, '09	E. B. Litchard.....	G, 1st N. Y.
29	Oct. 18, '09	B. H. Darrow.....	Quartermaster, Ohio
30	Nov. 2, '09	R. L. Estes.....	A, Wis.
31	Nov. 19, '09	F. W. Smith.....	A, 1st Ohio
32	Jan. 2, '10	A. J. McIntyre.....	A, 1st N. Y.
33	Feb. 3, '10	Herman Schrecongost.....	F, 4th Pa.
34	Mar. 11, '10	Chas. L. Buck.....	Aide-de-Camp, Pa.
35	Apr. 2, '10	Ernest N. Felt.....	C, 1st N. Y.
36	Apr. 26, '10	Chas. E. Trate.....	Band, 3rd Pa.
37	Apr. 30, '10	D. O. Baxter.....	L, 2nd Pa.
38	Apr. 30, '10	Edw. W. Young.....	B Battery, Pa.
39	May 19, '10	E. W. Weckerly.....	G, 1st Ohio
40	May 23, '10	Jos. Mcconnahey.....	B Troop, Pa.
41	May 24, '10	Lodge Riddle.....	Bat. Adjnt., 1st Ohio
42	May 27, '10	Jno. A. Henry.....	F, 5th Pa.
43	June 6, '10	Sam'l Mucher.....	A, 3rd Pa.
44	July 8, '10	John F. Wacha.....	Band, 6th Pa.
45	Aug. 14, '10	John Vertz.....	N, 3rd Pa.
46	Aug. 26, '10	F. V. Fowler.....	H, 8th Pa.
47	Sept. 3, '10	R. S. Mills.....	D Troop, Pa.
48	Sept. 3, '10	Geo. J. Osborn.....	D, 2nd N. Y.
49	Sept. 8, '10	Wm. N. Flemming.....	D, P. B., Pa.
50	Sept. 16, '10	Wm. Goodwin.....	F, P. B., Pa.
51	Sept. 26, '10	Ira B. Lafferty.....	Q. M., 3rd Pa.
52	Oct. 4, '10	W. J. Service.....	I, 1st N. Y.
53	Oct. 11, '10	M. Wm. Bradley.....	F, 1st Pa.
54	Nov. 3, '10	Chas. Gardner.....	M, 1st N. Y.
55	Nov. 24, '10	F. P. Saylor, Jr.....	D, 8th Pa.
56	Dec. 5, '10	Clinton G. Addams.....	D, 6th Pa.
57	Feb. 4, '11	H. F. Schreiber.....	M, 2nd Pa.
58	Feb. 28, '11	B. E. Hall.....	C, 2nd N. Y.
59	Mar. 1, '11	Howard F. Boorse.....	M, 1st Pa.
60	Mar. 6, '11	Edwin U. Daily.....	K, 2nd Pa.
61	Mar. 10, '11	Geo. B. Myers.....	C, N. J.
62	Mar. 15, '11	H. C. Penhallow.....	A, R. I.
63	Mar. 15, '11	Sylvanus Van Horn.....	E Troop, Pa.
64	Mar. 17, '11	Robt. L. Sinyard.....	G, 2nd Pa.
65	Mar. 23, '11	Wm. L. Walker.....	I, 3rd Pa.
66	Mar. 27, '11	Clyde H. Harrison.....	H, 3rd Pa.
67	Mar. 30, '11	Henry H. Smith.....	D, R. I.
68	Mar. 31, '11	Harry J. Dearolph.....	K, 4th Pa.
69	Apr. 4, '11	Frank H. White.....	B, Mass.
70	Apr. 7, '11	W. O. McClure.....	A, 2nd Ohio
71	Apr. 8, '11	G. C. Parker.....	Adjnt., R. I.
72	Apr. 12, '11	Gustave D. Schaaf.....	D, 4th Pa.
73	Apr. 21, '11	J. F. Votaw.....	B, 1st Ohio
74	May 2, '11	L. M. Capehart.....	Bat. Adjnt., 1st Ohio
75	May 13, '11	Chas. M. Harvey.....	M, 4th Pa.
76	May 24, '11	A. E. Gleason.....	B, R. I.
77	June 4, '11	J. W. Beadling.....	Bat. Adjnt., 4th Pa.
78	June 9, '11	H. D. Williams.....	A Battery, N. J.
79	June 12, '11	Wm. H. Craig.....	H, 4th Pa.
80	June 19, '11	W. J. Bunton.....	C, 8th Pa.
81	June 20, '11	Wm. H. Jackson.....	G, 5th Pa.
82	June 22, '11	E. W. Breece.....	Commissary, 1st Ohio
83	June 24, '11	J. H. McElhinney.....	Asst. Surg., 1st Ohio
84	June 28, '11	Frank W. Coombs.....	Inspector, 1st Ohio
85	July 14, '11	Charles G. Paul.....	1st Co. C. Art., N. Y.

86	July 14, '11	E. H. Corniea.....	A, Minn.
87	July 24, '11	J. Clifford Hoffman.....	Adj't., 6th Pa.
88	July 24, '11	T. A. McCanna.....	L, 4th Pa.
89	Sept. 30, '11	C. M. Locke.....	B, Minn.
90	Oct. 2, '11	Chas. W. Kehm.....	Band, 2nd Pa.
91	Oct. 17, '11	George Roberts.....	B, 2nd N. Y.
92	Oct. 21, '11	Sam'l F. Tomkins.....	A, Phila. Bat., Pa.
93	Oct. 31, '11	Fred F. Moon.....	C Troop, Pa.
94	Nov. 14, '11	Arthur S. Murray.....	Inspector, N. Y.
95	Dec. 12, '11	Clarence E. Vaupel.....	B, Cal.
96	Feb. 4, '12	J. W. Coons.....	B, 8th Pa.
97	Apr. 1, '12	J. C. Schreffler.....	E, 3rd Pa.
98	Apr. 13, '12	Dawson L. Christ.....	I, 6th Pa.
99	Apr. 16, '12	Ross M. Ashcom.....	Adj't., 8th Pa.
100	Apr. 18, '12	Fred F. Drumel.....	B, P. B., Pa.
101	Apr. 23, '12	Thos. R. Parfitt.....	I, 8th Pa.
102	Apr. 30, '12	E. W. Demery.....	L, 1st N. Y.
103	May 14, '12	P. E. Diehl.....	C, 6th Pa.
104	May 14, '12	Rob't F. Jenkins.....	I, 2nd Pa.
105	May 16, '12	W. G. Sibbach.....	C, 2nd Pa.
106	May 24, '12	C. J. Van Zile.....	Bat. Adj't., 2nd N. Y.
107	May 24, '12	Harry E. Fay.....	N, 1st N. Y.
108	May 27, '12	J. P. Heckman.....	L, 4th Pa.
109	June 9, '12	D. Bunn Rea.....	D, Cal.
110	June 30, '12	A. H. Slater, Jr.....	G, 4th Pa.

## SECOND LIEUTENANTS.

1	Apr. 2, '03	T. O. Dest.....	A Troop, Pa.
2	Aug. 13, '04	William Swartz.....	C, Phila. Bat., Pa.
3	Mar. 19, '05	Wm. E. Roberts.....	F, 3rd Pa.
4	June 1, '05	Herbert J. Kramer.....	E, 2nd Pa.
5	Oct. 30, '05	Harry Fordesman.....	H, 3rd Pa.
6	Apr. 1, '06	George Seipp.....	E, Phila. Bat., Pa.
7	May 31, '07	Wm. H. Sauerwine.....	B, 2nd Pa.
8	June 8, '07	Edw. B. Zerbe.....	M, 3rd Pa.
9	Jan. 23, '08	John H. Folk.....	A, 2nd Pa.
10	Sept. 30, '08	Harry R. Fowler.....	N, 3rd Pa.
11	Jan. 1, '09	O. W. Stackhouse.....	D, 2nd Pa.
12	Aug. 31, '09	Ralph DeFrehn.....	A Battery, Pa.
13	Oct. 8, '09	Bert Ammon.....	D, 4th Pa.
14	Nov. 2, '09	W. L. Gillette.....	A, Wis.
15	Dec. 7, '09	William Funk.....	A, N. J.
16	Jan. 2, '10	Alfred Avery.....	A, 1st N. Y.
17	Feb. 3, '10	W. H. Byerly.....	F, 4th Pa.
18	Mar. 8, '10	Chas. Starkey.....	C, 1st Ohio
19	Apr. 14, '10	Russel Williamson.....	A Battery, N. J.
20	Apr. 30, '10	Chas. L. Van Scoten.....	L, 2nd Pa.
21	May 5, '10	Wm. Crumbly.....	B, N. J.
22	May 6, '10	Phillip D. Hawk.....	H, 1st Ohio
23	May 16, '10	Jno. B. Knappman.....	A, 2nd N. Y.
24	May 23, '10	Jacob V. Knause.....	B Troop, Pa.
25	June 6, '10	Wm. Thomas.....	A, 3rd Pa.
26	Sept. 3, '10	Wm. Hudson.....	D Troop, Pa.
27	Sept. 8, '10	Edgar Forrest.....	D, P. B., Pa.
28	Sept. 12, '10	Guy A. Bump.....	K, 1st N. Y.
29	Oct. 4, '10	Wm. C. Blackstone.....	I, 1st N. Y.
30	Oct. 25, '10	R. L. Atchison.....	G, 1st Ohio
31	Nov. 11, '10	Harry S. Coggins.....	F, P. B., Pa.

32	Nov. 24, '10	C. J. Harrison, Jr.....	D, 8th Pa.
33	Dec. 5, '10	J. W. Reiff.....	D, 6th Pa.
34	Dec. 20, '10	Eugene Hamilton.....	M, 1st N. Y.
35	Jan. 24, '11	Harrle Chappell.....	K, 8th Pa.
36	Jan. 30, '11	Harry B. Blackburn.....	H, 1st Pa.
37	Feb. 4, '11	C. P. Wuchter.....	M, 2nd Pa.
38	Mar. 6, '11	H. S. Beidelman.....	K, 2nd Pa.
39	Mar. 14, '11	Harvey L. Wagner.....	Band, 4th Pa.
40	Mar. 17, '11	Oliver W. Scott.....	G, 2nd Pa.
41	Mar. 23, '11	E. C. Fenstermacher.....	I, 3rd Pa.
42	Mar. 25, '11	G. W. McCormick.....	G, 1st N. Y.
43	Mar. 27, '11	Chas. W. Condon.....	C, R. I.
44	Mar. 27, '11	Silas S. Simmons.....	L, 4th Pa.
45	Mar. 31, '11	Clyde D. Thomas.....	K, 4th Pa.
46	Apr. 4, '11	Geo. W. Allison.....	B, Mass.
47	Apr. 7, '11	Geo. W. Shockey.....	A, 2nd Ohio
48	Apr. 11, '11	W. A. Chappell.....	C, 8th Pa.
49	Apr. 21, '11	F. J. Probert.....	B, 1st Ohio
50	Apr. 25, '11	Chas. A. Davenport.....	Q. M., R. I.
51	May 22, '11	L. A. Porter.....	A, Mass.
52	May 23, '11	Allen M. Henry.....	L, 1st Pa.
53	May 23, '11	Gail W. Huston.....	D, 1st Ohio
54	June 12, '11	Chas. H. Sage.....	H, 4th Pa.
55	July 6, '11	Wm. F. Potter.....	E, R. I.
56	July 13, '11	Frank A. Peck.....	D, 1st N. Y.
57	July 14, '11	Edw. Bissinger.....	1st Co. Co. Art., N. Y.
58	Aug. 8, '11	W. H. Sherman.....	C, 4th Pa.
59	Sept. 30, '11	John C. Gates.....	B, Minn.
60	Oct. 5, '11	Mark L. Staub.....	F, 6th Pa.
61	Oct. 17, '11	William Weddle.....	B, 2nd N. Y.
62	Oct. 21, '11	Henry S. Weaber.....	A, Phila. Bat., Pa.
63	Oct. 28, '11	Chas. T. Allen.....	E, 2nd N. Y.
64	Oct. 31, '11	John W. Riehl.....	G, 1st Pa.
65	Nov. 3, '11	H. C. Errett.....	A, 4th Pa.
66	Nov. 13, '11	John Herdman.....	I, 8th Pa.
67	Dec. 12, '11	Geo. G. Watson.....	A, Cal.
68	Jan. 11, '12	Elmer E. Hunsinger.....	G, 3rd Pa.
69	Jan. 26, '12	D. F. Smith.....	C Battery, Pa.
70	Feb. 4, '12	C. E. Nagle.....	B, 8th Pa.
71	Feb. 29, '12	Dill G. Smith.....	C, Cal.
72	Mar. 27, '12	M. W. Overhulse.....	E, Cal.
73	Mar. 27, '12	J. H. Bumgardner.....	B, 4th Pa.
74	Apr. 1, '12	R. R. McMurray.....	E, 3rd Pa.
75	Apr. 18, '12	James Masterson.....	B, P. B., Pa.
76	Apr. 19, '12	L. N. Rumsey.....	N, 1st N. Y.
77	Apr. 20, '12	R. L. Ibach.....	I, 6th Pa.
78	Apr. 24, '12	E. F. Startzel.....	D, 3rd Pa.
79	Apr. 30, '12	C. D. Constantine.....	L, 1st N. Y.
80	May 14, '12	V. C. Brown.....	F, Cal.
81	May 14, '12	Thcs. E. Donley.....	C, 6th Pa.
82	May 14, '12	Chester Canmer.....	I, 2nd Pa.
83	May 16, '12	James Kissner.....	C, 2nd Pa.
84	May 21, '12	Geo. I. Miller.....	I, 1st Ohio
85	May 27, '12	W. V. Speakman.....	I, 4th Pa.
86	May 28, '12	Jas. H. Adkins.....	C, 5th Pa.
87	June 1, '12	R. A. Venrick.....	E, 1st Ohio
88	June 9, '12	Ray Goodwin.....	D, Cal.
89	June 30, '12	R. S. Beatty.....	G, 4th Pa.

## RECAPITULATION.

Colonels .....	4
Lieut. Colonels .....	6
Majors .....	17
Captains .....	98
First Lieutenants .....	110
Second Lieutenants .....	89
Total .....	324

## RATINGS OF COMMANDS.

Ratings on Semi-annual Reports are based upon neatness, accuracy and promptness of receipt.

Ratings on Equipment Reports are based upon the same considerations, together with the manner in which the idea of giving a correct record of the equipment of the command is carried out. This report does not relate in any way to property rights, but serves only as a basis for rating the command.

Rating on equipment is apportioned as follows:—Ordnance, 50 points; Canvas, 25 points; Uniform according to Regulations, 15 points; additional Quartermasters stores, (blankets, ponchos, haversacks and overcoats), 10 points. To secure the full rating in any of these counts, the number must equal the number of enlisted men shown on the May report.

## PENNSYLVANIA BRIGADE.

	May Report .....	November Report .....	Equipment Report .....	Equipment .....	Mean Rating .....
Headquarters .....	100	100	100	96	99
Hospital Corps .....	90	75	100	82	89.2
Mean Rating .....					94.1

## SECOND REGIMENT.

Headquarters .....	90	100	100	95	96.2
Hospital Corps .....	100	100	100	55	88.7
Band .....	95	100	100	50	86.2
A Co. ....	100	100	100	98	99.5
B Co. ....	90	85	95	87	89.2
C Co. ....	100	95	98	88	95.2
D Co. ....	100	100	90	95	96.2
E Co. ....	95	100	100	99	98.5
F Co. ....	95	100	100	60	88.7
G Co. ....	100	95	100	65	90
I Co. ....	100	100	100	62	90.5
K Co. ....	90	70	100	88	87
L Co. ....	100	100	100	55	88.7
M Co. ....	100	100	90	70	90
Mean Regimental Rating .....					91.7

## CAVALRY.

A Troop .....	100	100	100	90	97.5
B Troop .....	95	25	95	60	68.7
C Troop .....	90	70	80	40	70
D Troop .....	99	95	95	30	79.7
E Troop .....	95	100	100	30	81.2
Mean Rating .....					79.4

## FOURTH REGIMENT.

Headquarters .....	100	75	100	48	83.2
Hospital Corps .....	90	90	100	75	88.7
Band .....	75	85	100	78	62
A Co. ....	90	90	95	65	85
B Co. ....	80	60	100	66	76.5
C Co. ....	100	100	95	45	85
D Co. ....	100	100	100	86	96.5
F Co. ....	50	60	75	58	60.7
G Co. ....	100	100	100	57	89.2
H Co. ....	95	70	100	65	82.5
I Co. ....	40	50	100	50	60
K Co. ....	70	85	100	78	83.2
L Co. ....	80	100	100	53	83.2
M Co. ....	70	75	100	63	77
Mean Regimental Rating.....					79.4

## SIXTH BATTALION.

Headquarters .....	100	100	100	65	91.2
Band .....	85	90	90	50	78.7
A Co. ....	100	90	100	90	95
B Co. ....	50	80	90	62	70.5
C Co. ....			75	40	57.5
D Co. ....	50	75	75	85	71.2
F Co. ....	90	100	90	44	81
I Co. ....	50	75	100	67	73
Mean Battalion Rating.....					77.2

## FIRST BATTALION.

F Co. ....	100	100	90	68	89.5
G Co. ....	50	35	80	55	55
H Co. ....	85	5	100	88	69.5
K Co. ....	90	75	90	72	81.7
L Co. ....	80	80	85	40	71.2
M Co. ....	80	90	90	60	80
Mean Battalion Rating.....					74.4

## THIRD REGIMENT.

Headquarters .....	100	90	50	50	72.2
Hospital Corps .....	50	100	50	50	62.2
Band .....	50	100	0	50	50
A Co. ....	50	40	90	75	63.7
D Co. ....	89	80	90	74	83.7
E Co. ....	98	97	100	88	95.7
F Co. ....	100	90	100	60	87.5
G Co. ....	90	0	90	75	63.7
H Co. ....	80	90	90	60	80
I Co. ....	30	45	90	46	52.7

K Co. ....	75	0	100	62	59.2
L Co. ....	50	75	0	20	38.2
M Co. ....	100	95	100	64	89.7
N Co. ....	65	35	90	60	62.2
Mean Regimental Rating .....					68.7

## EIGHTH REGIMENT.

Headquarters .....	95	100	50	53	74.5
Field Music .....	80	90	0	30	50
B Co. ....	91	100	50	50	72.7
C Co. ....	40	65	90	60	63.7
D Co. ....	35	25	0	45	26.2
E Co. ....	80	100	90	62	83
F Co. ....	95	85	90	75	86.2
H Co. ....	100	95	90	68	88.2
I Co. ....	85	100	95	95	93.7
K Co. ....	10	25	75	65	43.7
Mean Regimental Rating .....					68.2

## PHILADELPHIA BATTALION.

Headquarters .....	100	100	0	50	62.5
A Co. ....	100	95	90	65	87.5
B Co. ....			90	39	62.2
C Co. ....	100	60	100	70	82.5
D Co. ....	55	80	75	70	70
E Co. ....	90	90	0	38	54.5
F Co. ....	10	40	90	65	51.2
Mean Battalion Rating .....					67.2

## ARTILLERY.

A Battery .....	0	100	0	50	37.5
B Battery .....	95	100	75	69	84.7
C Battery .....	90		75	38	50.7
Mean Rating .....					57.6

## FIFTH BATTALION.

Headquarters .....	0		0	15	5
C Co. ....	90	80	100	60	82.5
F Co. ....	20	50	0	25	23.7
G Co. ....	75	50	75	32	58
Mean Battalion Rating .....					42.3
Mean Brigade Rating .....					72.2

## DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY.

A Co. ....	80	75	0	50	51.2
B Co. ....	90	100	75	50	78.7
C Co. ....	80	90	90	45	76.2
A Battery .....	99	100	100	85	98
Mean Department Rating .....					76

## DEPARTMENT OF OHIO.

Headquarters .....	50	50	0	15	28.7
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## FIRST REGIMENT.

Headquarters .....	50	55	100	25	57.5
Hospital Corps .....	100	40	100	30	67.5

A Co. ....	100	90	100	75	91.2
B Co. ....	100	98	100	55	84.2
C Co. ....	90	99	75	60	81
D Co. ....	85	60	90	40	68.7
E Co. ....	95	99	100	65	89.7
F Co. ....	90	50	0	50	47.5
G Co. ....	0	10	0	35	11.2
H Co. ....	100	90	100	65	88.7
I Co. ....	95	85	95	59	83.5
Mean Regimental Rating .....					70.6

## SEPARATE COMPANIES.

A Co. ....	90	25	100	50	66.2
Mean Department Rating.....					55.1

## DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

Headquarters .....	50	50	0	15	28.7
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## FIRST REGIMENT.

Headquarters .....	0	0	0	0	0
A Co. ....	10	50	75	65	50
B Co. ....	10	30	0	50	22.5
C Co. ....	0	0	0	40	10
D Co. ....	50	25	50	50	43.7
E Co. ....	75	50	90	63	69.5
F Co. ....	75	75	95	58	75.7
G Co. ....	0	25	95	65	46.2
H Co. ....	50	10	90	55	51.2
I Co. ....	90	90	100	65	86.2
K Co. ....	90	0	75	0	41.2
L Co. ....	75		90	34	66.3
M Co. ....	10	0	90	26	31.5
N Co. ....			90	67	78.2
Mean Regimental Rating.....					48.1

## SECOND BATTALION.

Headquarters .....	0	0	0	0	0
A Co. ....	0	100	0	45	38.2
B Co. ....	90		50	33	57.6
C Co. ....	0	0	90	65	38.7
D Co. ....	75	25	0	40	35
E Co. ....	100		100	65	88.3
Mean Battalion Rating.....					42.9

## COAST ARTILLERY.

1st Co. ....	95	35	100	95	81.2
Mean Department Rating.....					50.2

## DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND.

Headquarters .....	60	80	0	50	47.5
A Co. ....	0	50	0	50	25
B Co. ....	50	30	0	50	37.5
C Co. ....	55	30	0	50	38.7
D Co. ....	70	80	0	50	50
E Co. ....	70	50	100	65	71.2
Mean Department Rating .....					44.9

## CALIFORNIA.

Not rated this year, owing to recent organization.

## MASSACHUSETTS.

A Co. ....	90	75	100	35	75
B Co. ....	90	50	100	10	62.5

## MINNESOTA.

A Co. ....	50	30	100	65	81.2
B Co. ....	50	100	0	40	47.5

## WISCONSIN.

A Co. ....	97	90	100	62	87.2
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## SUMMARY.

	Per cent.
Pennsylvania Brigade .....	72.2
Department of New Jersey.....	76
Department of Ohio.....	55.1
Department of New York.....	50.2
Department of Rhode Island.....	44.9

## EQUIPMENT.

## RIFLES.

Pennsylvania Brigade.		
.45-70 Springfield .....	1910	
.50 Springfield .....	215	
.30 Springfield .....	26	
.45 Winchester .....	24	
.50 Remington .....	65	
Springfield (cal. not stated).....	53	
.45-70 Springfield Carbines.....	25	
.50 Sharps Carbines.....	118	
		2436
Department of Ohio.		
.45-70 Springfield .....	324	
.50 Springfield .....	18	
		342
Department of New York.		
.45-70 Springfield .....	512	
.50 Springfield .....	50	
.50 Remington .....	40	
		602
Department of Rhode Island.		
.45-70 Springfield .....		220
Department of New Jersey.		
.45-70 Springfield .....	93	
.45-70 Springfield Carbines.....	16	
		109
California.		
.45-70 Springfield .....		44
Massachusetts.		
.45-70 Springfield .....		30

Minnesota.		
.45-70 Springfield .....	74	
.50 Springfield .....	15	
Wisconsin.		
.45-70 Springfield .....		33
Total .....		4005

## RECAPITULATION.

.45-70 Springfield .....	3240
.50 Springfield .....	298
.30 Springfield .....	26
Springfield (cal. not stated).....	53
.50 Remington .....	105
.45 Winchester .....	24
.45-70 Springfield Carbines .....	41
.50 Sharps Carbines .....	118
Total .....	4005

## ARTILLERY.

Pennsylvania Brigade.  
 Two 3-inch muzzle loading pieces.  
 One 1½-inch muzzle loading piece.  
 Two 1½-inch breech loading pieces.

Department of New Jersey.  
 Two 3-inch breech loading pieces.

## CANVAS.

	Hospital Tents..	Officers' Tents ..	Enlisted Men ...	Mess .....
Pennsylvania Brigade.				
Headquarters .....		2	5	1
Hospital Corps .....	1		3	1
Second Regiment				
Headquarters .....		5		
Hospital Corps .....	1		5	
A Co., Easton .....		2	18	1
B Co., South Bethlehem.....		2	14	
C Co., Mauch Chunk.....		3	10	1
D Co., Bangor.....		2	10	
E Co., Allentown.....		2	16	1
K Co., Bethlehem.....		2	10	
Third Regiment				
Headquarters .....		1		
Hospital Corps .....	1		4	
A Co., Shamokin.....		1	7	1
D Co., Shamokin.....		1	8	1
E Co., Williamsport.....		2	12	1
G Co., Milton.....			12	

Fourth Regiment .....	1	11	81	1
Sixth Battalion				
D Co., Reading.....			12	1
Eighth Regiment				
Headquarters .....		1		
F Co., Punxsutawney .....			10	
I Co., Johnstown.....		2	16	
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Pennsylvania Brigade Totals.....	4	52	253	10
Department of New York.				
C Co., 1st Regiment, Watertown....		3	15	
Department of Ohio			15	
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Totals .....	4	55	283	10

Those companies owning mess tents are ready to take care of themselves in the field.

The following companies of the Pennsylvania Brigade are especially notable in that their equipment, as shown by their rating on that count, includes practically every essential of the equipment of the soldier for field service.

A and E Companies, 2nd Reg't; I Co., 8th Reg't; and D Co., 6th Battalion.

Three of the four Hospital Corps of the Penna. Brigade are equipped with every essential for the care of the sick, and the 2nd Reg't own their ambulance. The other Corps recently sustained heavy loss by fire and has not yet completed the replacement of its equipment.

#### FIELD SERVICE.

Penna. Brigade, at Reading, June 15th to 22nd, 794 officers and men.

Dept. of Ohio, at Springfield, June 17th to 21st, 125 officers and men.

#### BRIGADE AND DEPARTMENT QUARTERMASTER'S REPORTS.

(Year ending June 1, 1912.)

#### Receipts.

	Pa.	N. Y.	Ohio	R. I.
Balance, Dr. ....	\$ 24.28	6.68		2.08
Commissions and warrants.....	90.25	21.75	7.00	2.50
Supplies .....	28.97		2.15	
Collar insignia (net) .....	47.50			
Per capita tax.....		5.40		
Contributions .....			7.00	
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Totals .....	\$191.00	33.83	16.15	4.58

#### Expenditures.

Balance, Cr. ....			10.21	
Postage and express.....	30.71	20.00	12.49	2.45
Supplies .....	6.85	5.85	10.90	
Printing .....	46.86	5.50		
Traveling expenses .....	25.91			
Bonds .....	7.00			
Stenographer .....	44.00			
A. Q. M. Gen's default.....	7.79			
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Totals .....	\$169.12	31.35	33.60	2.45

Balance, Dr. ....	\$ 21.88	2.48	2.13
Balance, Cr. ....			17.45

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES—ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

August 1, 1911—July 31, 1912.

Dr.

## Received for commissions and warrants:

Capt. Devore, Minn.....	\$ 1.00
Lieut. Corneia, Minn.....	1.00
Capt. Fletcher, Minn.....	1.00
Lieut. Locke, Minn.....	1.00
Lieut. Gates, Minn.....	1.00
Capt. Devore, Minn., 3 warrants.....	.75
Capt. Outland, Cal.....	1.00
Lieut. Vaupel, Cal.....	1.00
Lieut. Watson, Cal.....	1.00
Capt. Bonney, Cal.....	1.00
Lieut. Smith, Cal.....	1.00
Capt. Kimes, Cal.....	1.00
Capt. Kimes, Cal., 3 warrants.....	1.50
Lieut. Rea, Cal.....	2.00
Lieut. Overhulse, Cal.....	1.00
Lieut. Brown, Cal.....	1.00
Capt. Haylock, Cal.....	1.00
Capt. Haydock, Cal., 4 warrants.....	1.00
Lieut. Goodwin, Cal.....	1.00
Lieut. Foster, Cal.....	1.00

\$ 21.25

## Received for supplies:

Sergt. Milne, New Jersey.....	2.20
Lieut. Col. Yengling, Ohio.....	2.20
Howard, Pennsylvania.....	.10
Ketchum, Pennsylvania.....	.10
Q. Jones, Pennsylvania.....	.20
L. Klotz, Pennsylvania.....	.06
Sergt. Wilfong, Pennsylvania.....	.10
Lieut. Col. Snyder, New York.....	3.05
Lieut. Davenport, Rhode Island.....	.20
Major Bowen, New York.....	.20

\$ 8.41

## Received from the Chief-of-Staff.....

250.70

\$280.36

Cr.

## Postage and express:

Correspondence and supplies.....	\$25.20
Commissions .....	7.96

\$ 33.16

## Printing:

Press Work .....	59.10
Linotype composition and metal.....	16.05
Printing supplies .....	8.06
Paper stock .....	3.20

86.41

Stenographer .....	117.00
Traveling expenses.....	34.94
Sundries:	
Typewriter supplies .....	2.00
Photo of Regt. colors.....	1.00
Mailing tubes .....	3.40
Freight .....	1.57
Seals .....	.35
Muclage .....	.10
Twine .....	.10
Ink .....	.10
Pencils .....	.10
Rubber bands .....	.13
	8.85
	\$280.36

## ASSETS.

Filing cabinet (cost).....	\$53.46
Commissions plate (cost).....	15.00
Typewriter (cost) .....	27.50
Stock of envelopes, stationery, paper and blanks.	

## IN GENERAL.

Conditions throughout the organization are eminently satisfactory—with one exception, as later detailed.

The Pennsylvania Brigade continues its satisfactory condition, both as to continued steady growth and the character of the work.

The Department of Ohio, under Lieut. Colonel Yengling's able leadership, shows a small gain, numerically, but a very decided improvement in all the work of the officers. This does not show so markedly in this year's ratings, but it will in the next.

The Department of Rhode Island has held its own. The work in this Department is really better than the ratings show, but was unfortunately penalized rather heavily for tardiness, which we hope will not happen again.

The Department of New York is the bone of contention. We frankly confess that we are unable to understand the situation. We have asked of the gentlemen of this State nothing that we have not asked, and gotten elsewhere. The chaos was not one bit worse there than elsewhere. Yet, after working with them for two years, as indicated in my last report, we met a majority of the officers of the Department at Rochester, and after personally explaining the requirements to them for several hours, gave them the ensuing year, (just closed) to comply with the Regulations.

When the reports for May 1st of this year came in, they were, with few exceptions, as rotten as ever, and when we asked Lieut. Col. Snyder what was wrong with the machinery of the Department, he took umbrage and resigned.

His successor has not yet been designated, and before it is done, we are taking up the matters at issue with the Company Commandants directly, and propose to thrash the matter out on these lines, to the finish, no matter what it costs in numbers.

Every man shown in the detailed report is properly enlisted, for on the 1st of July, every man previously reported, whose en-

listment had not been received, was, in accordance with our promise, expunged from the records, and will, in future be received as a new man only. This is, of course, hard on the service records of some of the men, but we cannot help it, having done every thing in our power to save them.

The foregoing conditions are responsible for the very disreputable numerical condition of some of the commands. This is temporarily unavoidable, but will soon be rectified by the annulment of superfluous commissions, if the men are not very promptly supplied.

The Department of New Jersey has been added to the list of organized Departments, under the capable temporary leadership of Capt. John L. Reeger, one of the best officers in the service. It is our hope that he can be persuaded to retain the command permanently.

We are indebted to Division Commander Scott, of San Francisco, for very active recruiting in the state of California, and the Department of the Pacific will doubtless soon be added to our list.

Official:

HENRY STEWART,  
Col. and Acting Adjt. Gen.

The Commander-in-Chief: The report of the Chief-of-Staff will go to the Committee on Officers Reports, under the rule, if there is no objection.

C. S. Scott, of California: Commander, for the benefit of the Chief-of-Staff, I will say that California has two more companies at Headquarters to complete the Department and furnish the escort for the Grand Army at Los Angeles. We expect to furnish a battalion there. We have eight companies, in round numbers three hundred men and officers.

The Commander-in-Chief: Next is the report of the National Secretary.

The National Secretary submitted the following report:

#### REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF.  
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Department of National Secretary,  
Reading, Pa., Aug. 21, 1912.

To Newton J. McGuire, Esq.,

Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

I have the honor to present the following report for the past year:

#### FINANCES.

DR.

#### RECEIPTS.

August 25, 1911, to balance.....\$2035.68

To amount received for per capita tax.....	\$14758.09	
Charter fees .....	450.00	
Supplies .....	4824.09	
Total receipts .....		\$20032.18
		<u>\$22067.86</u>

## CR.

## EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses.....	\$15425.98	
Office expenses .....	701.90	
Commander-in-Chief's expenses .....	1399.40	
By total expenses .....		\$17527.28
By balance .....		\$ 4540.58
		<u>\$22067.86</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

## GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$ 3184.01	
THE BANNER, subscription, 1911-'12.....	7416.99	
Encampment (Proceedings, 1911—\$473.56; 1912, \$28.50) .....	502.06	
Printing .....	94.75	
Reserve .....	387.14	
Shipping supplies (express, \$155.53; postage, \$18.80) .....	171.33	
Salaries—Nat'l Treasurer, Nat'l Secretary...	2300.00	
Bonds National Officers.....	35.00	
Permanent Reserve Fund Bond.....	1031.67	
Miscellaneous—Encampment appropriation for (Past) Commander-in-Chief's badge.	300.00	
Total general expenses .....		\$15425.98

## OFFICE EXPENSES.

For light .....	\$ 2.38	
Postage .....	228.93	
Express .....	9.25	
Telegrams .....	6.05	
Stationery .....	112.50	
Rent .....	276.00	
Miscellaneous—Janitor, etc. ....	66.79	
Total office expenses.....		\$ 701.90

## COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For rent .....	\$ 120.00	
Postage .....	96.00	
Telegrams and telephoning.....	67.08	
Traveling .....	623.00	
Office .....	80.87	
Stenographer .....	356.25	
Express .....	6.20	
Miscellaneous .....	50.00	
Total Commander-in-Chief's expenses...		\$ 1339.40
Total expenditures .....		<u>\$17527.28</u>

## PAYMENTS MADE BY DIVISIONS.

Division:	P. C. Tax	Charter Fees	Supplies	Total
Alabama & Tennessee..\$	56.54	\$ 10.00	\$ 45.03	\$ 111.57
California & Pacific....	215.01	77.50	449.64	742.15
Colorado & Wyoming...	59.25	17.50	37.04	113.79
Connecticut .....	560.85		134.33	695.18
Idaho .....	10.19			10.19
Illinois .....	510.05	7.50	126.25	643.80
Indiana .....	356.15	20.00	104.71	480.86
Iowa .....	187.34	2.50	32.17	222.01
Kansas .....	250.59	7.50	72.46	330.55
Kentucky .....	65.38	2.50	15.70	83.64
Maine .....	571.38	17.50	253.50	842.38
Maryland .....	192.25	7.50	84.52	284.27
Massachusetts .....	2038.92	10.00	559.42	2608.34
Michigan .....	42.35	5.00	59.93	107.28
Minnesota .....	117.62		20.84	138.46
Missouri .....	225.98	35.00	159.49	420.47
Nebraska .....	41.05	7.50	21.42	69.97
New Hampshire .....	465.05	2.50	109.90	577.45
New Jersey .....	616.01	5.00	173.65	794.66
New York .....	1986.85	35.00	649.08	2670.93
Ohio .....	1089.83	57.50	351.38	1498.71
Pennsylvania .....	4364.54	80.00	912.99	5357.53
Rhode Island .....	169.63		36.84	206.47
Vermont .....	268.36	7.50	78.42	354.28
Washington & Alaska..	40.18	12.50	14.03	66.71
Wisconsin .....	256.74	22.50	280.47	559.71
S. V. Auxiliary, etc....			40.82	40.82
Total .....	\$14758.09	\$450.00	\$4824.09	\$20032.18
Sup. ....	12.32			12.32

## NEW CAMPS IN DIVISIONS.

Applications were approved for charters for 144 Camps with 4,537 applicants for membership therein. Of that number 137 new Camps were mustered with 4117 charter members, as follows:

Division	No. Applications		Camps Instituted	
	Camps	Applicants	Camps	Members
Alabama & Tennessee.	3	66	3	65
California & Pacific...	29	913	29	723
Colorado & Wyoming.	5	197	5	155
Connecticut .....	...	...	...	...
Illinois .....	2	47	2	47
Indiana .....	5	250	5	185
Iowa .....	1	27	1	24
Kansas .....	2	56	2	56
Kentucky .....	1	33		
Maine .....	5	164	5	116
Maryland .....	2	74	3	122*
Massachusetts .....	3	76	3	66
Michigan .....	2	41	2	41
Minnesota .....	...	...	...	...
Missouri .....	10	303	10	260

Nebraska .....	2	45	2	52
New Hampshire .....	1	21	1	21
New Jersey .....	1	26	1	20
New York .....	12	345	12	467
Ohio .....	16	483	15	499
Pennsylvania .....	29	913	23	683
Rhode Island .....	....	....	....	....
Vermont .....	1	19	1	21
Washington & Alaska .....	4	142	4	169
Wisconsin .....	8	296	8	319
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	144	4537	137	4117

\*Camp instituted in previous administration and not reported.

No new Camps were instituted in the Divisions of Connecticut, Minnesota and Rhode Island. The Division of Kentucky has one new Camp to institute.

## STANDING OF DIVISIONS.

Division	June 30, 1911		June 30, 1912	
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members
Alabama and Tennessee..	10	175	9	171
California and Pacific...	17	491	36	1111
Colorado and Wyoming..	8	198	8	211
Connecticut .....	39	1673	35	1621
Idaho .....			10	219
Illinois .....	53	1700	52	1517
Indiana .....	34	1052	31	1082
Iowa .....	19	667	19	516
Kansas .....	26	716	27	741
Kentucky .....	9	182	9	176
Maine .....	36	1404	41	1705
Maryland .....	13	490	13	527
Massachusetts .....	134	5780	137	5954
Michigan .....	6	117	8	168
Minnesota .....	9	291	9	345
Missouri .....	12	544	20	775
Nebraska .....	8	139	9	188
New Hampshire .....	37	1314	35	1218
New Jersey .....	33	1810	31	1772
New York .....	147	5400	153	5862
Ohio .....	70	3176	81	3516
Pennsylvania .....	186	12206	192	12373
Rhode Island .....	13	452	14	471
Vermont .....	23	707	24	780
Washington .....	1	50	6	212
Wisconsin .....	19	616	27	1030
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Total .....	962	41350	1036	44252
Gain over June 30, 1911.....			74	2903
Instituted since June 30, 1912.....			6	170
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Membership August 20, 1912.....			1042	44423

## RECAPITULATION OF CONSOLIDATED RETURNS.

	Camps	Members		
Number in good standing June 30, 1911.....	962			41,350
Gained—	Camps	Members		
By organization .....	158	9,840		
By transfer .....		222		
By reinstatement.....	57	2,164		
Total gain .....	215	12,226		
Loss—	Camps	Members		
By disbanded .....	12	195		
By death .....		258		
By honorable discharge....		258		
By transfer .....	10	406		
By suspension .....	119	8,206		
Total loss .....	141	9,323		
Gain .....			74	2,903
Number in good standing June 30, 1912..	1036			44,253
Amount of cash on hand at Headquarters of Divisions.			\$	4,159.21
Cash on hand in Camps (One half of the Divisions failed to report this item).....				59,883.55
Expended for relief (Reported by less than half of the Divisions) .....				37,138.44
*Number members or their families relieved—103.				
*Number Veterans or their families relieved—63.				
*These statistics are not fully reported by all Divisions.				
One Division has a deficit.				

## GAINS AND LOSSES.

Compared with June 30, 1911, June 30, 1912, shows: Eighteen (18) Divisions made gains; seven (7) show losses.

The Division of California & Pacific made the greatest gain—19 Camps and 620 members. With the ten (10) Camps and 210 members in the Division of Idaho included, California & Pacific's actual gain was 29 Camps and 830 members.

The Division of New York is second in gain of members. Ohio is second in the number of Camps. Missouri and Wisconsin are each third in new Camps, and Wisconsin is also third in rank in gain in new members.

For the year in new Camps California & Pacific leads with 29; Pennsylvania is second with 23; Ohio follows with 15, New York next with 12; Missouri following with 10 and others with 5 and less.

Division	GAIN		LOSS	
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members
Alabama & Tennessee.....			1	4
California & Pacific.....	19	620		
Colorado & Wyoming.....		13		
Connecticut .....			4	52
Illinois .....			1	183
Indiana .....		31	3	
Iowa .....				151

Kansas .....	1	25		
Kentucky .....				6
Maine .....	5	301		
Maryland .....		37		
Massachusetts .....	3	174		
Michigan .....	2	51		
Minnesota .....		54		
Missouri .....	8	231		
Nebraska .....	1	49		
New Hampshire .....			2	96
New Jersey .....			2	38
New York .....	6	462		
Ohio .....	11	340		
Pennsylvania .....	6	167		
Rhode Island .....	1	19		
Vermont .....	1	73		
Washington & Alaska.....	5	162		
Wisconsin .....	8	414		

#### A NEW—THE 26TH DIVISION.

We have the pleasure of presenting at this Encampment the twenty-sixth (26th) Division on our roll—the Division of Idaho. This is one of the achievements of Division Commander C. S. Scott of the Division of California & Pacific. He first organized the Camps in Idaho in connection with his own Division. Then with the required ten (10) Camps he magnanimously transferred them from the Division of California & Pacific, and they were duly constituted the Division of Idaho—June 26th, 1912. He was splendidly represented in the active work of forming these Camps and the Division by Department Commander M. H. Wood of the Department of Idaho, Grand Army of the Republic. The Division of Idaho is splendidly officered and there is every promise that it will be an ornament to and do much good for the Order.

#### CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The condition of the Order is good—generally. Patriotism and the principles of the Order are kept alive. Division Encampments—with very few exceptions—were splendid gatherings with satisfactory results. From prospects reported the general state is satisfactory. Contrasted with this and last year this is particularly applicable to the Divisions of Michigan and Washington, wherein renewed interest is manifested and results already obtained.

Some of the Divisions made splendid gains since last year's report—June, 1911, viz.:

California & Pacific—nearly triple.

Maine, over 300.

Massachusetts, nearly 200.

Missouri, over 200.

New York, nearly 500.

Ohio, over 300.

Pennsylvania, nearly 200.

Washington, nearly 200.

Wisconsin, over 400.

In one quarter the Division of California & Pacific under Division Commander C. S. Scott doubled its membership. This was the greatest record for recruiting in years.

## SUSPENSIONS.

This subject has had considerable attention. The suspension of Camps is an evil that probably will always exist. The law is, that Camps that fail to pay tax or neglect to report "shall be suspended." The same penalty applies to the member delinquent in the payment of dues in his Camp.

There is nothing more exasperating to Headquarter's officers than suspensions. These are always the cause of delays and the reasons Divisions have for not having reports and tax in by the time lawfully designated.

Delinquent Camps failing to report know the penalty is "suspension." It has no effect upon nor terrors for them. It is already 'inflicted' by reason of their own 'action' or more properly speaking their 'inaction,'—in not reporting and transmitting tax. Rather than ultimately lose such Camps interested Division Officers write and plead, beg and urge the officers and members of these Camps to "please forward their tax and reports, etc, etc."

This Encampment should consider this subject and legislate to meet it. We have here as a matter of record the Camp of a Division Commander presiding at his Encampment—suspended for the quarter ending his term as Division Commander—and, at which he obtained his Past Honors as a Past Division Commander. Out of the office of Division Commander comparatively a few days—and his Camp failing to report and pay tax for the very quarter in which he ended his term as Division Commander.

Need more argument be advanced for some provision in law better than that which we have to meet a condition of this kind?

Several Division officers have advanced the suggestion that a penalty in the nature of a fine be provided and imposed upon Camps and Divisions delinquent after a period fixed for receipt of tax and reports. Whether or not such action would overcome the suspensions and the delays, is submitted for your consideration.

The subject recalls the attention directed to your honorable body in my report a few years ago. Therein this matter was treated as largely due to the small membership of newly instituted Camps and the small fee charged for membership. Camps should be organized with a membership sufficiently large to properly meet financial obligations and have a treasury from their inception. At the same time there should be a membership to start with to enthuse and interest all and give it the means to exist. Camps with a treasury and a fair membership never disband. Suspensions of such are not usual.

Too often are these in authority anxious to organize a Camp without regard for the finances and necessities of a Camp. No Camp should be organized merely for a record, but only with the view of having that Camp be able to meet its obligations and carry out the work of the Order.

Of the new Camps instituted the past year thirteen (13) were organized with but fifteen (15) members.

## STOCK AND SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

The business transactions were:

Aug. 21, 1911, to cost of stock and supplies on hand....	\$3002.86
To cost of stock and supplies purchased.....	3184.04
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To cost of stock to account for.....	\$6186.90

Aug. 21, 1912, to cost of stock and supplies on hand.....	\$3560.03
To cost of supplies sold during the term.....	\$2626.87
To amount expended for shipping supplies.....	174.33
To amount expended for supplies purchased.....	.75
To total cost of supplies sold.....	\$2801.95
To amount received for supplies on requisitions....	\$4824.03
To cost of supplies sold.....	\$2801.95
To cost of supplies charged off, obsolete....	81.32
To cost of supplies furnished Commander-in-Chief .....	34.50
To total cost of supplies disposed of.....	\$2917.77
Profit .....	\$1906.32
No. requisitions received and filled—301.	
Cost of supplies at inventory, Aug. 21, 1912.....	\$3560.03
Cost of supplies charged off, obsolete.....	81.32

Aug. 21, 1912, actual cost of stock and supplies on hand..\$3478.71

Unfortunately few Divisions carry anything like a stock of supplies at their respective Headquarters. In nearly all cases a requisition from a Camp cannot be filled from a Division Headquarters of the stock on hand; and must first be secured from the Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters before said requisition can be supplied to the Camp or Camps ordering supplies. All Divisions ought to have a stock of supplies on hand, even though it be small.

Such provision would necessarily reduce the number of shipments and at the same time the cost of shipping from Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters.

#### PER CAPITA TAX.

This is the vital subject in the Order. The Sons of Veterans as an organization is not the exception in this respect. It is the principal feature in societies or Orders which are governed like ours—by the membership—by popular government. The reduction in the tax and charter fees the past year was pleasing and appreciated.

If the appropriations here made are within the limit the per capita tax can again be reduced and made seven (7) cents per quarter or twenty-eight (28) cents per annum for the next year.

This is based on a calculation of 45,000 membership; the institution of 150 new Camps; the receipts from supplies continuing in the amount of business transacted in the past; and no unusual expenditures over or above the past year.

A reduction in the per capita tax to the sum of twenty-eight (28) cents for 1912-'13, payable quarterly at the rate of seven (7) cents, is recommended.

#### A. P. DAVIS' MILITARY EFFECTS.

The military effects of the late Major A. P. Davis, honored as the founder of the Order as now constituted, and whose memory we cherish, were received from his executors for the Commandery-in-Chief. They comprise his commissions, sword, belts,

sashes, as an officer in the Union Army of the War of the Rebellion. The death of his widow—Mrs. Nancy Davis—having occurred during the year—by the will of Major Davis—these articles became the property of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Davis Star Camp, Pittsburg, Pa., Division of Pennsylvania, named in honor of Major Davis and in which Camp the charter of the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., is vested (this Camp having been the first to be organized by Major Davis) meets in Memorial Hall—in that city. The building is dedicated to the honor and memory of the Union Soldiers and Sailors of the War of the Rebellion. It is a magnificent structure having cost several millions of dollars. There, Veteran and Sons of Veterans organizations meet permanently.

In order to preserve these effects and articles of the late Major Davis, recommendation is herewith made that, for reasons sentimental as well as precautionary for preservation, they be loaned on behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief to Davis Camp, Division of Pennsylvania, Pittsburg, Pa., and that authorization be given for shipment of same to the Commander of Davis Camp.

#### CONCLUSION.

I express my regret at the severance of our official relations, but this is one of the inevitable experiences, Commander-in-Chief McGuire. Our association as it was, ends with the best of feeling and most cordial relations and it will be with pleasant recollections always that you will be remembered. To the Officers and Staff with whom it has been my pleasure to be associated with, as well as yourself, expression of appreciation of their kindness and courtesy to me is herewith recorded, and it is with Godspeed, best wishes and sincerity, that everything is hoped for to each and all of you.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. & L.,

H. H. HAMMER,  
National Secretary.

#### STATEMENT No. 1.

Report of the National Secretary for month of September, 1911 (including period from August 25th, 1911).

RECEIPTS.	
August 25, 1911, to balance.....	\$2035.68
Received for per capita tax.....	\$ 8.82
Charter fees .....	35.00
Supplies .....	273.70
Total receipts .....	<u>\$ 317.52</u>
	\$2353.20
EXPENDITURES.	
By general expenses.....	\$1761.42
Office expenses .....	81.40
Commander-in-Chief's expenses .....	158.02
Total expenditures .....	<u>\$2000.84</u>
Balance, September 30, 1911 .....	\$ 352.36

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

## GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$ 12.00
THE BANNER, September, 1911, subscription...	592.53
Encampment .....	1.00
Printing .....	73.50
Shipping supplies .....	15.72
Bonds, National Officers .....	35.00
Permanent Reserve Fund—6 per cent gold note .....	1031.67
	<u>\$1761.42</u>

## OFFICE EXPENSES.

For light, postage, express, stationery.....	\$ 34.06
Stationery National Officers.....	47.34
	<u>\$ 81.40</u>

## COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For rent, postage, telegrams, traveling, office, stenographer, express .....	\$ 158.02
	<u>\$ 158.02</u>

Total expenditures .....	<u>\$2000.84</u>
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Balance, September 30, 1911 .....	\$ 352.36
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## STATEMENT No. 2.

Report of the National Secretary for month of October, 1911.

## RECEIPTS.

To balance, September 30, 1911.....	\$352.36
Received for per capita tax.....	\$214.22
Charter fees .....	50.00
Supplies .....	376.17
Total receipts .....	<u>\$640.39</u>
	<u>\$992.75</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses .....	\$684.95
Office expenses .....	.30
Commander-in-Chief's expenses .....	180.30
Total expenditures .....	<u>\$865.55</u>
Balance, October 31, 1911.....	\$127.20

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

## GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$ 35.00
THE BANNER, October, 1911, subscription.....	592.62
Reserves .....	49.02
Shipping supplies .....	8.31
	<u>\$684.95</u>

<b>OFFICE EXPENSES.</b>	
For express .....	\$ .30
	<u>\$ .30</u>
<b>COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.</b>	
For rent, postage, telegrams, office supplies, stenographer, traveling .....	\$180.30
	<u>\$180.30</u>
Total expenditures .....	<u>\$865.55</u>
Balance, October 31, 1911.....	<u>\$127.20</u>

## STATEMENT No. 3.

Report of the National Secretary for month of November, 1911.

<b>RECEIPTS.</b>	
To balance, October 31, 1911.....	\$ 127.20
Received for per capita tax.....	\$2198.33
Supplies .....	157.25
Charter fees .....	40.00
	<u>\$2395.68</u>
Total receipts .....	<u>\$2522.78</u>

<b>EXPENDITURES.</b>	
By general expenses .....	\$ 929.59
Office expenses (October and November) ..	21.79
Commander-in-Chief's expenses .....	120.85
	<u>\$1072.23</u>
Total expenditures .....	<u>\$1450.55</u>
Balance, November 30, 1911.....	<u>\$1450.55</u>

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

<b>GENERAL EXPENSES.</b>	
For stock and supplies.....	\$ 217.63
THE BANNER, November, 1911, subscription and to Grand Army of the Republic Posts, etc.	693.04
Printing .....	11.50
Shipping supplies .....	7.42
	<u>\$ 929.59</u>

<b>OFFICE EXPENSES.</b> (October and November.)	
For postage, light, etc.....	\$ 21.79
	<u>\$ 21.79</u>

<b>COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.</b>	
For rent, postage, stenographer, travelling, tele- grams, office supplies .....	\$ 120.85
	<u>\$ 120.85</u>
Total expenditures .....	<u>\$1072.23</u>
Balance, November 30, 1911.....	<u>\$1450.55</u>

## STATEMENT No. 4.

Report of the National Secretary for month of December, 1911.

RECEIPTS.	
To balance, November 30, 1911.....	\$1450.55
Received for per capita tax.....	\$1276.92
Charter fees .....	50.00
Supplies .....	501.01
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Total receipts .....	\$1827.93
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	\$3278.48
EXPENDITURES.	
By general expenses .....	\$1338.71
Office expenses .....	86.43
Commander-in-Chief's expenses .....	153.67
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Total expenditures .....	\$1578.81
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Balance, December 31, 1911.....	\$1699.67

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.	
For stock and supplies.....	\$ 200.75
THE BANNER, December, 1911, subscription....	592.44
Encampment, 1911, Journal of Proceedings, shipping to Divisions, etc.....	472.56
Printing .....	3.00
Reserves .....	46.16
Shipping supplies .....	14.80
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	\$1338.71
OFFICE EXPENSES.	
For light, postage, express, telegrams and rent, Oct.-Dec., 1911, inc. ....	\$ 86.43
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	\$ 86.43
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.	
For rent, telegraphing, postage, traveling, of- fice, stenographer .....	\$ 153.67
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	\$ 153.67

Total expenditures .....	\$1578.81
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Balance, December 31, 1911.....	\$1699.67

## STATEMENT No. 5.

Report of the National Secretary for month of January, 1912.

RECEIPTS.	
To balance, December 31, 1911.....	\$1699.67
Received for per capita tax.....	\$ 89.30
Charter fees .....	22.50
Supplies .....	285.64
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Total receipts .....	\$ 397.44
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	\$2097.11

## EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses.....	\$751.84
Office expenses .....	21.25
Commander-in-Chief's expenses .....	146.30
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Total expenditures .....	\$ 919.39
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Balance, January 31, 1912.....	\$1177.72

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

## GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$131.00
THE BANNER, subscription, January, 1912.....	602.14
Shipping supplies .....	18.70
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	\$ 751.84

## OFFICE EXPENSES.

For light, postage, telegrams, etc.....	\$ 21.25
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	\$ 21.25

## COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For rent, postage, telegrams, office, stenographer .....	\$146.30
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	\$ 146.30
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Total expenditures .....	\$ 919.39
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Balance, January 31, 1912.....	\$1177.72

## STATEMENT No. 6.

Report of the National Secretary for month of February, 1912.

## RECEIPTS.

To balance, January 31, 1912.....	\$1177.72
Received for per capita tax.....	\$2194.88
Charter fees .....	30.00
Supplies .....	466.19
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Total receipts .....	\$2691.07
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	\$3368.79

## EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses .....	\$1079.03
Office expenses .....	58.68
Commander-in-Chief's expenses .....	229.72
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Total expenditures .....	\$1367.43
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Balance, February 29, 1912 .....	\$2501.36

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

## GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$ 343.13
THE BANNER, subscription, February, 1912....	601.53

Printing .....	3.75	
Reserves .....	117.86	
Shipping supplies .....	12.76	
		<u>\$1079.03</u>
OFFICE EXPENSES.		
For light, postage, express, telegrams, stationery, miscellaneous (janitor).....	\$ 58.68	
		<u>\$ 58.68</u>
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.		
For rent, postage, telegrams, traveling, stenographer .....	\$ 229.72	
		<u>\$ 229.72</u>
Total expenditures .....		<u>\$1367.43</u>
Balance, February 29, 1912 .....		<u>\$2501.36</u>

## STATEMENT No. 7.

Report of the National Secretary for month of March, 1912.

RECEIPTS.		
To balance, February 29, 1912.....		\$2501.36
Received for per capita tax.....	\$1189.52	
Charter fees .....	27.50	
Supplies .....	509.92	
Total receipts .....		<u>\$1726.94</u>
		<u>\$4228.30</u>
EXPENDITURES.		
By general expenses .....	\$ 880.70	
Office expenses .....	120.42	
Total expenditures .....		<u>\$1001.12</u>
Balance, March 31, 1912.....		<u>\$3227.18</u>

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.		
For stock and supplies.....	\$ 226.65	
THE BANNER, March, 1912 subscription.....	602.28	
Reserve .....	35.09	
Shipping supplies .....	16.68	
		<u>\$ 880.70</u>
OFFICE EXPENSES.		
For light, postage, express, telegrams, stationery, rent (Jan.-Mar., inc.).....	\$ 120.42	
		<u>\$ 120.42</u>
Total expenditures .....		<u>\$1001.12</u>
Balance, March 31, 1912.....		<u>\$3227.18</u>

## STATEMENT No. 8.

Report of the National Secretary for month of April, 1912.

## RECEIPTS.

To balance, March 31, 1912.....		\$3227.18
Received for per capita tax.....	\$ 766.28	
Charter fees .....	47.50	
Supplies .....	582.64	
Total receipts .....		<u>\$1396.42</u>
		\$4623.60

## EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses.....	\$1152.93	
Office expenses .....	58.01	
Total expenditures .....		<u>\$1210.94</u>
Balance, April 30, 1912.....		\$3412.66

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

## GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$ 522.20	
THE BANNER, April, 1912, subscription.....	609.30	
Shipping supplies .....	21.43	
		<u>\$1152.93</u>

## OFFICE EXPENSES.

For light, postage, express, telegrams, stationery (National Officers), mailing tubes, insurance on stock and supplies.....	\$ 58.01	
		<u>\$ 58.01</u>
Total expenditures .....		<u>\$1210.94</u>
Balance, April 30, 1912.....		\$3412.66

## STATEMENT No. 9.

Report of the National Secretary for the month of May, 1912.

## RECEIPTS.

To balance, April 30, 1912.....		\$3412.66
Received for per capita tax.....	\$2157.27	
Charter fees .....	45.00	
Supplies .....	716.31	
Total receipts .....		<u>\$2918.58</u>
		\$6331.24

## EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses .....	\$1555.35	
Office expenses .....	19.14	
Total expenditures .....		<u>\$1574.49</u>
Balance, May 31, 1912.....		\$4756.75

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.	
For stock and supplies .....	\$ 922.13
THE BANNER, May, 1912, subscription.....	609.31
Shipping supplies .....	23.91
	<u>\$1555.35</u>
OFFICE EXPENSES.	
For light, postage, stationery.....	\$ 19.14
	<u>\$ 19.14</u>
Total expenditures .....	<u>\$1574.49</u>
Balance, May 31, 1912.....	\$4756.75

## STATEMENT No. 10.

Report of the National Secretary for the month of June, 1912.

## RECEIPTS.

To balance, May 31, 1912.....	\$4756.75
Received for per capita tax.....	\$1066.78
Charter fees .....	27.50
Supplies .....	599.42
Total receipts .....	<u>\$1693.70</u>
	<u>\$6450.45</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses.....	\$ 970.03
Office expenses .....	105.13
Total expenditures .....	<u>\$1075.16</u>
Balance, June 30, 1912.....	\$5375.29

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

## GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies .....	\$ 221.55
THE BANNER, June, 1912, subscription.....	635.35
Printing .....	3.00
Reserve .....	92.22
Shipping supplies .....	17.91
	<u>\$ 970.03</u>
OFFICE EXPENSES.	
For light, postage, stationery, telegrams, ex- press, rent (April-June, 1912, inc).....	\$ 105.13
	<u>\$ 105.13</u>
Total expenditures .....	<u>\$1075.16</u>
Balance, June 30, 1912.....	\$5375.29

## STATEMENT No. 11.

Report of the National Secretary for the month of July, 1912.

## RECEIPTS.

To balance, June 30, 1912.....		\$5375.29
Received for per capita tax.....	\$ 887.65	
Charter fees .....	65.00	
Supplies .....	323.68	
Total receipts .....		<u>\$1276.33</u>
		\$6651.62

## EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses.....	\$1349.24	
Office expenses .....	24.39	
Commander-in-Chief's expenses (March- July, inc.) .....	410.54	
Total expenditures .....		<u>\$1784.17</u>
Balance, July 31, 1912.....		\$4867.45

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

## GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$ 352.00	
THE BANNER, July, 1912, subscription.....	635.76	
Reserves .....	44.79	
Shipping supplies .....	16.69	
Miscellaneous (Commandery-in-Chief appro- priation for badge for Past Commander- in-Chief) .....	300.00	
		<u>\$1349.24</u>

## OFFICE EXPENSES.

For light, postage, telegrams, express.....	\$ 24.39	
		<u>\$ 24.39</u>

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.  
(March-July, inc.)

For rent, postage, telegrams, traveling, office, stenographer, miscellaneous .....	\$ 410.54	
		<u>\$ 410.54</u>

Total expenditures .....

Balance, July 31, 1912.....

## SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Of the National Secretary, supplemental to report to 31st Annual Encampment, St. Louis, Mo., August 30th, 1912.

August 26, to balance.....		\$4540.58
Received for per capita tax:		
Division of Colorado & Wyoming.....	\$ 5.61	
Division of Nebraska.....	12.32	
From Nat'l Treasurer, interest on deposit of funds .....		71.05

Total receipts .....	\$ 88.98
	<u>\$4629.56</u>
August 30, 1912:	
By EXPENDITURES:	
GENERAL EXPENSES.	
Encampment .....	\$1157.80
Reserves .....	101.53
G. A. R. Permanent Fund.....	500.00
Miscellaneous—Expenses of Nat'l Patriotic In-	
Instructor, Senior Vice Commander-in-	
Chief, (office) etc. ....	<u>148.42</u>
	1907.75
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES—AUGUST.	
Postage, telegrams, stenographer, express.....	\$ 74.80
	<u>\$ 74.80</u>
Total expenditures .....	\$1982.55
August 30th, 1912, balance.....	<u>\$2647.01</u>
Respectfully submitted, in F., C. & L.,	
H. H. HAMMER,	
National Secretary.	

The Commander-in-Chief: The report of the National Secretary will go to the Committee on Officers Reports, the same as those preceding it.

Next in order is the report of the National Treasurer, Brother J. Lewis Rake.

National Secretary Hammer: Commander. Brother Rake is not able to be present at this Encampment, but he has given me his report to be presented.

National Secretary Hammer submitted the following report of J. Lewis Rake, National Treasurer.

#### REPORT OF NATIONAL TREASURER.

Reading, Pa., August 20, 1912.

Hon. Newton J. McGuire,  
Commander-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:—

I have the honor to submit the following report covering the financial transactions of the Commandery-in-Chief for the current year.

The following is a statement of the balance merging from the former administration, and the receipts through the National Secretary from all sources, with which this department stands charged:

Balance, August 25th, 1911.....\$ 2,035.68

RECEIPTS, 1911.

September 6th .....	107.61
September 16th .....	106.24
September 30th .....	103.67
October 9th .....	101.99
October 21st .....	176.94
October 31st .....	361.46
November 11th .....	177.76
November 20th .....	573.94
November 25th .....	981.87
November 27th .....	356.70
November 29th .....	305.31
December 2nd .....	282.67
December 7th .....	1,175.99
December 13th .....	127.58
December 19th .....	108.63
December 30th .....	133.06

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January 13th .....	110.85
January 23rd .....	124.27
January 31st .....	162.32
February 9th .....	139.95
February 17th .....	931.08
February 29th .....	1,620.04
March 2nd .....	373.15
March 9th .....	154.99
March 16th .....	163.24
March 22nd .....	879.30
March 30th .....	156.26
April 6th .....	139.07
April 13th .....	107.59
April 15th .....	455.72
April 20th .....	194.19
April 21th .....	361.03
April 30th .....	138.82
May 2nd .....	119.80
May 8th .....	195.80
May 15th .....	937.33
May 18th .....	623.17
May 21st .....	426.70
May 24th .....	325.34
May 31st .....	260.44
June 3rd .....	1,271.78
June 8th .....	110.32
June 14th .....	180.59
June 22nd .....	191.91
June 29th .....	29.10
July 6th .....	101.14
July 22nd .....	254.21
July 31st .....	920.98
August 2nd .....	1,093.55
August 15th .....	1,556.73
August 17th .....	100.00

Total receipts .....\$22,067.86

Disbursements have been made against vouchers certified by the National Secretary, and approved by the Commander-in-Chief, as follows:

Voucher 690	\$ 1,031.67
Voucher 691	12.00
Voucher 692	592.53
Voucher 693	50.00
Voucher 694	39.62
Voucher 695	70.84
Voucher 696	11.16
Voucher 697	35.00
Voucher 698	158.02
Voucher 699	6.00
Voucher 700	29.00
Voucher 701	592.62
Voucher 702	49.02
Voucher 703	8.61
Voucher 704	160.30
Voucher 705	20.00
Voucher 706	162.50
Voucher 707	55.13
Voucher 708	693.04
Voucher 709	11.50
Voucher 710	6.17
Voucher 711	23.04
Voucher 712	120.85
Voucher 713	15.00
Voucher 714	188.75
Voucher 715	1,072.00
Voucher 716	43.15
Voucher 717	13.05
Voucher 718	19.17
Voucher 719	69.00
Voucher 720	153.67
Voucher 721	125.00
Voucher 722	6.00
Voucher 723	602.14
Voucher 724	13.65
Voucher 725	26.30
Voucher 726	146.30
Voucher 727	143.00
Voucher 728	23.80
Voucher 729	162.58
Voucher 730	21.75
Voucher 731	601.53
Voucher 732	117.86
Voucher 733	11.00
Voucher 734	31.19
Voucher 735	25.00
Voucher 736	229.72
Voucher 737	42.00
Voucher 738	19.50
Voucher 739	137.15
Voucher 740	3.00
Voucher 741	627.28
Voucher 742	35.09
Voucher 743	13.21

Voucher 744	35.89
Voucher 745	19.00
Voucher 746	69.00
Voucher 747	125.00
Voucher 748	202.20
Voucher 749	70.00
Voucher 750	142.81
Voucher 751	609.30
Voucher 752	11.25
Voucher 753	16.45
Voucher 754	24.43
Voucher 755	9.50
Voucher 756	131.00
Voucher 757	348.63
Voucher 758	420.00
Voucher 759	24.00
Voucher 760	609.31
Voucher 761	15.30
Voucher 762	26.25
Voucher 763	8.80
Voucher 764	12.75
Voucher 765	6.00
Voucher 766	182.00
Voucher 767	15.00
Voucher 768	635.35
Voucher 769	92.22
Voucher 770	16.05
Voucher 771	29.99
Voucher 772	8.00
Voucher 773	69.00
Voucher 774	3.00
Voucher 775	125.00
Voucher 776	224.00
Voucher 777	635.76
Voucher 778	44.79
Voucher 779	16.64
Voucher 780	300.00
Voucher 781	24.44
Voucher 782	410.54
Voucher 783	672.19
Voucher 784	300.00
Voucher 785	2,010.96
Voucher 786	69.00
Voucher 787	25.00

Total disbursements .....\$17,527.28

## BALANCE ACCOUNT.

Total receipts .....\$22,067.86  
 Total disbursements ..... 17,527.28

Cash balance, on hand this date.....\$ 4,540.58

## PERMANENT RESERVE FUND.

In addition to the before mentioned balance to the credit of the General Account, the Permanent Relief Fund was, by the action of the Rochester Encampment increased to the extent of One Thousand Dollars, for which an additional note of the Tide-water Company was purchased.

These notes of par value \$2,000.00 were called for redemption as of May 1st, 1912, at 101, and were sold April 15th, 1912, at 101 $\frac{1}{8}$  and accrued interest, netting a return of \$2,067.16. With the concurrence of the Council-in-Chief, the proceeds were re-invested in two 5 per cent notes of \$1,000.00 each of the International and Great Northern Ry., at 98 $\frac{1}{2}$  and accrued interest, for the sum of \$1,990.56, leaving a balance of \$76.60 for the transaction.

The present value of this fund is \$2,246.60 made up, as follows:

2 notes of I. & G. N. Ry., 5 per cent, par.....	\$2,000.00
December 1, 1910, interest.....	30.00
June 1, 1911, interest.....	30.00
December 1, 1911, interest .....	60.00
April 15, 1912, profit on sale of Tidewater and purchase of I. & G. N. notes.....	76.60
August 2, 1912, interest .....	50.00
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	\$2,246.60

I recommend that an additional sum of One Thousand Dollars be set apart as a final direct appropriation for investment for the Permanent Reserve Fund, that the interest earned by the investment be allowed to compound and accumulate until the original investments with the accretions from interest earned shall aggregate the total sum of Four Thousand Dollars, which shall be held for the purposes for which the Fund was originally intended and established, but that all interest earned after the Fund shall have reached the sum of Four Thousand Dollars shall be credited to the General Account of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The present financial condition of the body is such that with a careful regard for the expenditures authorized by this Encampment a further reduction in per capita tax may safely be undertaken. The National Secretary will cover this question with a recommendation in which I heartily concur.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. RAKE,

National Treasurer.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

Of the National Treasurer—supplemental to report to 31st Annual Encampment, St. Louis, Mo., August 26-30th, 1912.

August 26, 1912, cash balance.....	\$4540.58
August 30, 1912, receipts from all sources through Na- tional Secretary .....	88.98

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\$4629.56

Against which is charged the following disbursements  
as per action of the said 31st Annual Encampment:

Voucher 788 .....	\$ 75.86
Voucher 789 .....	87.10
Voucher 790 .....	26.85
Voucher 791 .....	29.10
Voucher 792 .....	163.32
Voucher 793 .....	27.65
Voucher 794 .....	63.10
Voucher 795 .....	99.45
Voucher 796-7 .....	500.00

Voucher 798 .....	12.05
Voucher 799 .....	143.70
Voucher 800 .....	268.19
Voucher 801 .....	139.15
Voucher 802-3 .....	222.03
Voucher 804 .....	125.00
Vouchers total .....	<u>\$1982.55</u>
August 30, 1912, final cash balance.....	<u>\$2647.01</u>
Respectfully submitted,	
J. L. RAKE,	
National Treasurer.	

The Commander-in-Chief: The Report of the National Treasurer will go to the Committee on Officers Reports.

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: Commander, I desire to make a motion that when this session of the Encampment adjourn, it be to re-convene at eight o'clock this evening.

Henry Stewart, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I second the motion.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question on the motion, and declared the motion not agreed to.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: Commander, I appeal from the decision of the Chair.

The appeal from the decision of the Chair was seconded.

The Commander-in-Chief: The decision of the Chair is appealed from. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Cram will put the question on the appeal.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Cram put the question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" and declared the ayes to have it, and the decision of the Chair was sustained.

The Commander-in-Chief: The next business in order is the report of the National Counselor, Brother Harvey, of Indiana.

Edwin C. Amies, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I would call attention to the fact that the Committees have not been appointed, and ask the Chair if it cannot at this time appoint the Committees. It strikes me it is the first duty of the Chair to appoint the committees.

The Commander-in-Chief: The Chair can appoint the Committees, but the Encampment voted to transpose the order of business and proceed to the hearing of officers reports, and we are following that order. That is the reason the Committees have not been appointed.

However, the Chair will appoint the Committee on Officers Reports now, in order to make progress. I will appoint:

T. W. Allen of Indiana, Chairman.  
 John D. Hopper, of New Jersey.  
 Charles B. Martin, of Kansas.  
 W. B. Moynihan, of New York.  
 Herman Rabich, of Missouri.

Those Brothers will constitute the Committee on Officers Reports, and will take charge of the reports which have already been read, as well as those which are to follow.

We will now hear the report of National Counselor Harvey. National Counselor Harvey submitted the following report:

### REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,  
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

St. Louis, Mo., August 28, 1912.

To Newton J. McGuire, Commander-in-Chief, and to the Officers and Members of the Thirty-first National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, of U. S. A.:

Upon the election and installation of Commander-in-Chief McGuire, I had the honor to receive the appointment of National Counselor, at his hands and immediately engaged upon the duties of that position.

It will be remembered that at the Thirtieth Annual Encampment, held in Rochester, New York, a new constitution was adopted, to take effect January first, 1912. I did not receive any copy of the new constitution except in the form of proof sheets, which I bound together in consecutive order, and it will be observed that some of the later opinions embodied in this report have been based solely upon the new constitution. These proof sheets were submitted to me on the 27th day of July, 1912, but I had copies of THE BANNER, containing substantially the new constitution as revised and passed at the Rochester Encampment.

Thorough examination of the new constitution reveals the fact that it is far short of what it should be and I think that the provisions adopted at the Rochester Encampment providing for amendments raise some doubt as to when needed amendments or revisions can become effective, unless we resort to the several old constitutions, rules and regulations of the order, providing for suspension of the rules and legislation on the subject by a two-thirds majority of the National Encampment.

During the progress of the encampment no doubt inaccuracies and omissions in the new Constitution will become apparent, and I do not feel that it is my province to suggest them at this time, except as they may appear from the opinions I have rendered and which are submitted with this report.

Having been in close proximity to the Commander-in-Chief, I have rendered to him both verbally and in writing several opinions which I do not deem necessary to be embodied in this report. However, I have the more important opinions in writing, which can be submitted should there arise any controversy over the same between the Commander-in-Chief and members of the order wherein my opinion prevails.

I herewith submit the various opinions rendered by me and in order that the full question presented for official decision may be understood I have embodied in this report the communications upon which the several opinions are based.

Various brothers of the order have written me for my views upon matters of importance arising in their own Divisions and Camps and in such cases answers were made which were deemed not official, and therefore are not embodied in this report.

The following comprise the various questions submitted to me, and my opinions thereon:

Indianapolis, Ind., January 6, 1912.

Mr. George C. Harvey,  
National Counselor, S. of V., U. S. A.,  
Danville, Ind.

My dear Harvey:—

I submit for your official opinion the enclosed inquiry from  
C. C. Behnke, Commander of the Missouri Division.

Kindly furnish me with an opinion at your earliest conven-  
ience and greatly oblige.

Fraternally yours,

NEWTON J. MCGUIRE.

Commander-in-Chief.

Danville, Indiana, January 29, 1912.

Newton J. McGuire, Commander-in-Chief,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Sir:—

Referring to the letter dated January 1, 1912, to you from  
C. C. Behnke, Division Commander of Missouri, which letter is  
as follows:

St. Louis, Mo., New Year's Day, 1912.

Newton J. McGuire,  
Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,  
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

The question has been asked me what disposition I would  
make of a request to revive the Charter of Admiral Porter Camp  
No. 47 that some years ago was merged with Gen. John W. Noble  
Camp No. 51.

The question is held that I should allow the reorganization  
of Porter Camp inasmuch as at the time of merger it was mu-  
tually agreed between the two Camps that should Porter Camp  
see fit to withdraw it should be so privileged, their property re-  
turned to them and until such a time Camp 51 was to be the  
custodian of both Charters (which they have) and it was fur-  
ther agreed that the merged Camp should be known as Noble  
Camp No. 47, they taking the number of the absorbed Camp.

I am unable to find a parallel case either in this or any other  
Order and not wishing to do any injustice to anyone have decided  
to ask for a ruling, together with such other information as re-  
gards the number of members required to reorganized Camp, also  
the fees and the status of those members that may have been  
dropped or suspended since the merger.

Fraternally submitted in F., C. & L.,

C. C. BEHNKE.

Division Commander.

I beg to submit the following opinion: The Constitution,  
Rules and Regulations of the Order, at Section 3, Article 5, (old  
Constitution) provides the only way by which the charter of a  
camp may be surrendered and that is the charter and property  
shall be turned over to the Division Commander. Under the  
situation of the Admiral Porter Camp No. 47, General John W.  
Noble Camp No. 51, as stated in the letter there has been no  
abandonment which has been consummated of either of the char-  
ters, and the two camps have been acting under the arrange-  
ments satisfactory to themselves, and unless one or the other of

the camp charters has been revoked by the Division Commander are exactly in the same situation as they were at the time they entered into the arrangements. And the members of each camp have a right to demand a reinstatement or transfer from their original camps.

New members who have been taken in to be subject to the orders of the consolidated camp, known as Noble Camp No. 47.

I think there is no doubt but that the two camps can each dissolve the arrangements under which they have been working and renew their old numbers and property. Of course taking it for granted that the consolidated arrangements are correctly stated in the Division Commander's letter.

In regard to the status of the members that may be dropped or suspended since the merger they would stand in a situation of members so dropped or suspended from any other camp, and would have to make application in the regular way of reinstatement.

The recognition by the Division Commander of the regularly elected officers for these two camps and a dissolution of the merger would fix the status of the two camps as regular until appealed to the Commander-in-Chief.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,  
 GEORGE C. HARVEY,  
 National Counselor.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,  
 SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.  
 Rooms 1001-4 Law Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.  
 March 4, 1912.

The above and foregoing opinion as to the right of two camps that have been consolidated and merged into one camp to later separate and become two camps as before, is hereby approved.

NEWTON J. MCGUIRE,  
 Commander-in-Chief.

HEADQUARTERS BUCKEYE CAMP No. 9,  
 OHIO DIVISION, S. OF V., U. S. A.  
 Mechanicsburg, Ohio, January 29, 1912.

Newton J. McGuire,  
 Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A.,  
 Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

In accordance with your suggestion, we again submit herewith through official channels, the following questions:

First.—On October 3rd, 1911, the application of Clark Applegate was received and referred to a committee. The committee reported favorably, a ballot was ordered and that was clear. The Commander of the Camp declared him elected to membership, and Brother Applegate being in waiting, was duly mustered in long form; This Camp having been granted a dispensation to receive an application, refer to a committee, and if elected, muster all the same evening, which was done. Now it afterward developed that his Grandfather was his Step-Grandfather, but at the time, the Brothers who were appointed on the application, never thought or knew of the relationship. Now this young man is one of the most exemplary and his character is above re-

proach. He has been present at every meeting since his muster and is now serving as O. G.

Now Commander if there is any possible way whereby this Brother can be retained, please so direct. At time of muster, he paid a year's dues in advance.

Second.—Two vacancies having occurred in the Camp Council of this camp, the following brothers were nominated to fill same: C. A. Stoddard, F. W. Hendrix, C. L. Blew, J. A. Farrington, W. F. Hupp.

Brother Hupp having declined the nomination, the election was proceeded with in the following manner. There being two to elect, the thirteen members present were each directed to place the names of two of the nominees on his ballot and the two members receiving the two highest votes were to be considered elected.

Following is the result of the ballot:

Stoddard 6, Hendrix 8, Blew 6, Farrington 6.

The Commander declared this no election and ordered that another ballot be taken and vote only one name on the ballot, to elect one member at a time. Following is the result of the 2nd ballot: Stoddard 2, Hendrix 5, Blew 9, Farrington 0.

The Commander declared Blew elected.

3rd ballot: Stoddard 0, Hendrix 7, Farrington 8. Farrington, declared elected.

There were thirteen members present, and each voted for two members, the first time the ballot was taken, three others came in and voted on the second ballot, and one member failed to vote on the third ballot, which explains the difference in the total number of votes cast on each ballot.

The three members who voted on the second ballot were present when the first ballot was taken but were not allowed to vote on the first ballot on account of being in arrears with their dues. They paid up and voted on the second ballot. One of these member's money was lying on the desk when the election commenced but the Treasurer had received instructions not to receive same until a question concerning court martial proceedings against this member should have been settled. The Camp voted to accept his dues after the first ballot was taken, and he with the other two members voted on the second ballot.

Now what we want to know is, if Hendrix was not legally elected on the first ballot, having received the majority of the votes cast, and if the proper procedure would have been to have voted off the tie between the other three members for the other member of Camp Council, instead of the method employed.

An immediate decision, would be greatly appreciated.

Fraternally submitted,

C. M. JACK.

Commanding Buckeye Camp No. 9, Ohio Div., S. V.

Attest:

W. R. MORRIS, Secretary.  
(Camp Seal)

Danville, Ind., March 21, 1912.

Newton J. McGuire,  
Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A.,  
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Commander:—

In answer to your communication to Newton J. McGuire,

Commander-in-Chief, of January 1, 1912, beg leave to submit the following in relation to the election and installation of Clark Applegate.

I am compelled to advise you, and under the facts stated, he is not eligible to membership. However, having been elected and installed, and having been so declared by the Camp Commander, until some brother should raise the question or objection to him sitting in the camp room, and so long as the Camp Commander issued to him the countersign, and password without objection, he would then receive the benefit of his muster fees, and dues. However, if there is objection to his participation in the camp work, the Camp Commander should declare him ineligible.

Second, in regard to the election of two members of the Camp Council, as stated by you in your letter above referred to and as certified by you and your Secretary, of date of January 29, 1912, I would advise that Brother F. W. Hendrix was elected on the first ballot, and should have been so declared by the Commander. However, as the matter stands there would have to be a contest over this election, and the matter referred to the Division Commander. The Division having original jurisdiction over the officers of the Division.

For some reason there has been considerable delay in this matter, this office having only received the papers on yesterday.

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE C. HARVEY,  
National Counselor.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,  
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Rooms 1001-4 Law Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.  
March 25, 1912.

The above and foregoing opinion as to the eligibility of Clark Applegate and the election of F. W. Hendrix, is hereby approved.

NEWTON J. MCGUIRE,  
Commander-in-Chief.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 26, 1912.

Mr. George C. Harvey,  
National Counselor, S. of V.,  
Danville, Ind.

My dear Harvey:—

Enclosed please find request from Commander Wellington of the Massachusetts Division for an official opinion upon the right of a certain Brother by the name of Ray to remain a member of the Sons of Veterans in good standing upon the record of his father, George R. Ray, as furnished from the official records of the Adjutant General's office of the State of Maine.

Hoping to have an early reply, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

NEWTON J. MCGUIRE,  
Commander-in-Chief.

HEADQUARTERS MASSACHUSETTS DIVISION,  
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Room 38, 15 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

March 7, 1912.

Mr. Newton J. McGuire,  
Commander-in-Chief, S. of V.,  
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

Enclosed find a record received from the State Records of Maine. The son of this veteran is a member of our Order and his right to remain in the same has been questioned. Will you please render a ruling as to his right to membership, in order that we may do likewise. I think that possibly the War Department may be able to give some information as to the circumstances surrounding his re-enlistment. It is reported the veteran belonged to a G. A. R. Post a number of years ago but severed his connection on account of personal grievances with some of the members. He does not at present belong to the G. A. R. and does not draw any pension, not having tried to secure the same, so far as we know.

Fraternally yours,

JAMES T. WELLINGTON.

Division Commander.

FORM 5.

No. C. I.

STATE OF MAINE.

Adjutant General's Office.

Augusta, February 10, 1912.

*It is hereby Certified,* That it appears from the records of this office, that George R. Ray, a Private in Company D, Fifteenth Regiment of Infantry Maine VOLUNTEERS, was enlisted on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ one thousand eight hundred and sixty \_\_\_\_\_ and was mustered into the United States service as a Private on the Sixth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, for three years unless sooner discharged. Mustered-out and honorably DISCHARGED from the service of the United States, a Private, the 25th day of January, 1864. in the field by reason of re-enlistment.

Re-enlisted as a VETERAN VOLUNTEER. in Company D, Fifteenth Regiment of Infantry Maine VOLUNTEERS, on the Twenty-fifth day of January, 1864, and Mustered into the United States Service as a Private in the field on the 25th day of January, 1864, for three years, unless sooner discharged. Deserted the service of the United States, as a Private, the Ninth day of July, 1865, at Georgetown, S. C.

Said George R. Ray was born in Portland, County of Cumberland, State of Maine, a resident of Portland, Maine, age 19, height 5 feet 4 inches, complexion dark, eyes black, hair black, occupation, when enlisted, a teamster. Single.

Remarks: Deserted September 27, 1864, at Augusta, Maine. Returned to duty by sentence General Court Martial January 28, 1865.

(Seal)

ELLIOTT T. DILL  
Adjutant General of Maine.

Danville, Indiana, May 23, 1912.

Newton J. McGuire,

Commander-in-Chief, of S. of V.,  
Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. Commander:—

In reference to the request through James T. Wellington, Division Commander, of the Order, of Massachusetts, concerning the eligibility of a son of George R. Ray to membership in our Order, I beg to submit the following opinion:

It appears in this case that a son of George R. Ray has been elected as a member of a Camp of the Sons of Veterans, in the State of Massachusetts. The name of the son, nor of the camp of which he is a member not having been stated in the inquiry. The record of George R. Ray, under the seal of the Adjutant General of Maine is appended to the letter and the question presented is the eligibility of the son, and of course that depends entirely upon his father's record. The certified copy from the Adjutant General's office in Maine, discloses the following as a record of George R. Ray, through whom the aforementioned son claims right to membership and in substance is as follows: George R. Ray, private in Company B, 15th Regiment of Infantry, Maine Volunteers, was enlisted on the . . . . . day of . . . . ., 1861, and was mustered into the service of the United States on the 6th day of April, 1862, and was honorably discharged as a private on the 25th day of January, 1864, in the field, by reason of re-enlistment. On the 25th day of January, 1864, he was again mustered in as a private in Company D, 15th Regiment, of Infantry, Maine Volunteers, and he deserted from the service of the United States as a private, the 9th day of July, 1865, at Charleston, South Carolina. The certificate also shows that the said George R. Ray deserted September 27, 1864, in Augusta, Maine, and returned to duty by a sentence of general Court Martial, January 28, 1865.

The above is all the information given of the record of George R. Ray, as a soldier in the war of the Rebellion and it will be observed does not show a final discharge from his re-enlistment of service. I take it for granted that the son having been elected and mustered in as a son of a veteran is eligible otherwise, and that the only question for official decision is whether or not the father's record as here disclosed entitled him to membership.

Article Four of the old Constitution and Laws governing the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America reads as follows: "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 of America, during the War of the Rebellion of 1861-'65; and who have never been convicted of any infamous or heinous crime, or who have or whose ancestors, through whom membership is claimed, have never voluntarily borne arms against the Government of the United States of America."

It will be observed that the eligibility of the son requires that his father, (or mother) was regularly mustered and served honorably in, or who were *honorably discharged* from the army, or navy of the United States, etc., and the records of this father

shows conclusively that he was regularly mustered on the 6th day of April, 1862, and that he was mustered out and *honorably discharged* from the service of the United States on the 25th day of January, 1864.

This is a matter I deem of considerable importance, and after having given the matter much thought and investigation I have come to the conclusion that the first period of service of George R. Ray would entitle his sons to membership in the Order. However, I arrive at this conclusion with some degree of doubt, inasmuch as the Adjutant General's report shows that the honorable discharge *in the field* might be the reason and controlling cause of re-enlistment. It might be argued that the discharge in the field, and the re-enlistment in the field, being contemporaneous, that the services required of him would be from the date of his original muster, on the 6th day of April, 1862, until the end of his re-enlistment. The Hon. Secretary of the Interior in the case of Hugh J. Jones held that, "The muster out of a Soldier by reason of re-enlistment, \* \* \* will be regarded as an actual discharge from such prior enlistment." This opinion, however, is giving the son whom your letter states is now "a member of the Order in good standing" the benefit of the doubt, and bases his right to membership upon his father's record from April 6, 1862, to his honorable discharge on the 25th day of January, 1864. The subsequent re-enlistment and desertion of the father, while it reflects discredit upon him, or his memory, could not under the Constitution and Laws of our Order deprive the son of membership in the Order, there being no other impediment. The father served from April, '62, to January, '64, and was *honorably discharged*, and that period of service, established the son's right to membership under the clause of the constitution above set out. If there had been a desire on the part of the framers of the old and the new constitution to curtail the son's right by reason of desertion it could easily have been embodied within the eligibility clause. I therefore conclude that the son of George R. Ray under this inquiry is eligible to membership in our Order.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE C. HARVEY,

National Counselor.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF.

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Rooms 1001-4 Law Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

May 27, 1912.

The above and foregoing opinion as to the right of the son of George R. Ray to belong to the Sons of Veterans is hereby approved.

NEWTON J. MCGUIRE,

Commander-in-Chief.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 5, 1912.

George C. Harvey,  
National Counselor, S. of V.,  
Danville, Ind.

Dear Harvey:—

The Division of Massachusetts has raised the question as

to the legality of my statement in Article XII, of General Orders No. 9, Series 1911. The article reads as follows:

"XII. The Per Capita Tax has been reduced from 9c a quarter to 8c a quarter. Each Division will now pay Commandery-in-Chief the sum of 32c a year as heretofore charged, but this reduction is not to take effect until the first quarter of 1912."

I wish you would give me your official opinion as to the aforesaid reduction in Per Capita Tax made by the Rochester Encampment, when it took effect, and what should be the first Quarter upon which collection shall be made at the new rate of eight cents per quarter, per capita, or thirty-two cents a year.

Fraternally yours,

NEWTON J. MCGUIRE.

Commander-in-Chief.

Danville, Ind., April 17, 1912.

Newton J. McGuire,

Commander-in-Chief, S. of V.,  
Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. Commander:—

In answer to your letter of April 5, 1912, as set out above, I beg to submit to you the following opinion.

At the National Encampment, held at Rochester, New York, on August 22 to 25, 1911, it was unanimously voted to adopt the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief, which recommendation reads as follows: "That the Per Capita Tax be reduced from thirty-six cents to thirty-two cents."

At the time of the voting upon that recommendation no time was stated when the reduced tax should become operative. The constitution of our order does not fix the amount of a National Per Capita Tax, but does provide that from time to time the amount shall be fixed by the Commandery-in-Chief. This amount being properly fixed by the adoption of the recommendation aforesaid, in my opinion would be in force and effect from and after its passage, and we should begin collecting at the reduced rate of eight cents with the December Quarter, 1911.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE C. HARVEY.

National Counselor.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF.

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Rooms 1001-4 Law Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

April 20, 1912.

The above and foregoing opinion fixing the time when the reduction in per capita tax took effect, is hereby approved.

NEWTON J. MCGUIRE.

Commander-in-Chief.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 6, 1912.

Mr. George C. Harvey,

National Counselor, S. of V., U. S. A.,  
Danville, Ind.

My dear Harvey:—

I desire to submit to you for your official opinion some questions relative to the disbursement of the funds of the Command-

ery-in-Chief, over which the present National Officers seem to have some differences of opinion.

Note that the Council-in-Chief elected at Rochester appropriated the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars for the use of the Commander-in-Chief, see enclosed minutes of meeting of the Council-in-Chief held at Rochester, New York, August 25, 1911, as certified to by A. I. Vescelius, Secretary of the Council.

Also find enclosed letter of April 6, 1912, of the National Secretary to the Commander-in-Chief stating that the Council-in-Chief had directed the National Secretary and National Treasurer not to approve or to pay any further vouchers exceeding the aforesaid appropriation of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars, and returning the Commander-in-Chief's March voucher saying that the National Treasurer will not pay any more vouchers in excess of the One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollar appropriation.

Also find enclosed letter of March 14, 1912, of National Treasurer to the Commander-in-Chief, making practically the same statement.

Also find enclosed itemized voucher of expense of Commander-in-Chief Headquarters for the month of March, upon which payment has been refused as aforesaid. Your attention is especially called to the printed items of expense on back of said vouchers and the printed words preceding the lines for the signatures of the Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary.

I therefore under the light of the foregoing communications hereby submit to you the following questions for your official opinion:

First: Is the One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollar appropriation, for the use of the Commander-in-Chief, an appropriation in your opinion for traveling expenses alone or was this appropriation intended to cover all the expenses of the Commander-in-Chief, in the discharge of his official duties and in establishing, maintaining and running the Commander-in-Chief Headquarters?

Second: Is it necessary for a special appropriation to be made, by the Council-in-Chief, of the funds of the Commandery-in-Chief, for the office expense of the Commander-in-Chief, before that official can spend any money, or before the present incumbent can spend any more money, for postage, telegrams, telephone messages, stenographer, express, rent and other office expense, incident and necessary to the proper discharge of his official duties, as Commander-in-Chief of the Organization, or for the running expenses of Commander-in-Chief Headquarters, and if so, should not such an appropriation be made before anything should be paid out for similar expenses of permanent Headquarters, now at Reading, Pennsylvania, the printing of proceedings and new Constitutions and the purchase of supplies, Rosette buttons, etc.?

Third: No specific appropriation having been made by the Council-in-Chief, for office expenses of the Commander-in-Chief, and the Commander-in-Chief having established his Headquarters and having maintained said Headquarters, so established, for part of the month of August and for the months of September, October, November and December of 1911, and January and February, 1912, and the expenses of running the Headquarters for more than six months, aforesaid, having been paid in the regular way, upon the presentation of vouchers, such as the

one hereto attached, signed by the National Secretary and Commander-in-Chief, I ask you, if in your opinion, the Council-in-Chief, the National Secretary, and the National Treasurer, or either of them are warranted by any authority of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the *Association of the Sons of Veterans*, or established custom of the Organization, in stopping payment or refusing to pay, or refusing to sign and certify for payment, the bills for the legitimate running expenses of the office of the Commander-in-Chief, and especially the March bills aforesaid, until there is a definite and specific appropriation, by the Council-in-Chief, to the Commander-in-Chief, for use as Office Expenses?

The March bills aforesaid are itemized in the March Voucher hereto attached, and are as follows, to-wit:

Stenographer .....	\$10.00
Rent .....	15.00
Floral design of Badge of the Order for Past Commander-in-Chief Martin's funeral .....	50.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>

Respectfully submitted,

NEWTON J. McGRIMM,

Commander-in-Chief.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF HELD AT ROCHESTER,  
NEW YORK, AUGUST 25, 1911.

Following the adjournment of the Thirtieth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., the Council-in-Chief met at the Hotel Rochester, Rochester, N. Y., August 25th, 1911, with all members present as follows:

Fred J. Phillips, Chicago, Ill.

A. I. Vescecius, Paterson, N. J.

Ed. C. Irelan, Baltimore, Md.

Fred J. Phillips elected president, A. I. Vescecius secretary.

The bonds of the Commandery-in-Chief officers were fixed as follows:

Commander-in-Chief .....	\$1000.00
National Secretary .....	\$5000.00
National Treasurer .....	\$5000.00

The sum of One Thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars was appropriated for the use of the Commander-in-Chief as traveling expenses. The sum of Three Hundred and Fifty (\$350.00) Dollars was appropriated for the expenses of the Department of the Chief-of-Staff.

Bills covering the expenses of the Thirtieth Encampment were audited, approved and paid.

In event of the G. A. R. Encampment going West of the Mississippi River it was resolved that after election of our holding place for next Encampment be determined on, that we extend an invitation to the Ladies Auxiliary and Daughters of Veterans to meet with us.

After a general conference with the Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary adjournment was taken.

A. I. VESCECIUS, Secretary.

Reading, Pa., April 6, 1912.

Mr. Newton J. McGuire, Esq.,  
Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,  
Indianapolis, Ind.

My dear Commander:—

Your Voucher charged to March, 1912, account—stenographer, \$10.00; rent, \$15.00; and floral design of Badge of the Order at Past Commander-in-Chief Martin's funeral, \$50.00; total, \$75.00 received. The National Treasurer and myself, in view of the action of the Council-in-Chief directing each of us not to approve or pay any further vouchers exceeding your appropriation of \$1,000, considered it proper to return this voucher to you with request that you take up same with the Council-in-Chief, have their approval thereof, and, upon their notice to us we will be prompt in approving and paying same.

We are in duty bound to obey the notice and action of the Council-in-Chief and feel that you will be disposed to appreciate our position as applying to our bonds, in this matter.

It is further suggested that in connection herewith you take up the matter of an appropriation additional, with the Council-in-Chief, as applying to contingent expenses of your department covering postage, etc., so that we may be governed accordingly and comply in future in approving your vouchers.

Until the Council-in-Chief advises and authorizes same the National Treasurer will not pay any more vouchers in excess of the \$1,000 appropriation to the Commander-in-Chief.

The balance to your credit in your account is \$11.14. Vouchers to this amount will be recognized without action by the Council-in-Chief.

Yours very truly, in F., C. & L.,

H. H. HAMMER,  
National Secretary.

Copy to

Council-in-Chief: Phillips,  
Veseelius,  
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Reading, Pa., March 14, 1912.

Newton J. McGuire, Esq.,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
1001 Law Building, Indianapolis, Ind.

My dear Commander:—

In the matter of the appropriation voted to you for expenses by the Council-in-Chief, and following the precedent heretofore established, in view of the fact that your appropriation has been practically exhausted, the writer does not feel that he can pay any further expense bills until you have definitely arranged with the Council-in-Chief for a further appropriation; in fact the National Secretary has been requested by the Council not to certify to any further expenditures until additional appropriation has been made.

In the circumstances, as it is running well into the middle of the month, and with no desire to embarrass you, I now write to inquire whether you have made request of the Council-in-Chief for an additional appropriation and in what amount. I will thank you very much to advise me of the resulting action following any request which you may make, so that we may act intelligently in the matter.

Trusting that you continue in the enjoyment of good health, believe me,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

J. L. RAKE,  
National Treasurer.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

To NEWTON J. McGUIRE, Dr.  
Commander-in-Chief.

1912		
March	Stenographer .....	\$10.00
	Rent .....	15.00
	Floral design of Badge of the Order at Past Commander-in-Chief Martin's Funeral..	50.00
	<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>

Approved and payment authorized  
NEWTON J. McGUIRE,  
Commander-in-Chief.

Approved as to correctness of account

.....  
National Secretary.

PRINTED ITEMS ON BACK OF VOUCHER.

OFFICE EXPENSES—

HEADQUARTERS  
Light  
Paper and Twine  
Postage  
Express  
Telegrams  
Stationery  
Rent  
Furniture  
Miscellaneous  
Total

OFFICE EXPENSE—

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF  
Rent  
Postage  
Telegrams  
Traveling  
Office  
Stenographer  
Express  
Miscellaneous  
Total

GENERAL EXPENSE.

Stock  
Memorial University—  
Printing, Traveling and Exp.  
Salary  
Endowment Fund  
Fees, New Members  
Fees, Reinstated Members  
The Banner  
Encampment  
Printing, etc.  
Moving Headquarters  
Reserves  
Shipping Expense—Express  
Shipping Expense—Postage  
Salaries Nat. Secy. & Nat. Treas.  
Bonds  
Division Organization Fees  
Miscellaneous

Total

Voucher No.....  
Commandery-in-Chief,  
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

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\$.....

Danville, Ind., May 13, 1912.

Mr. Newton J. McGuire,  
Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A.,  
Indianapolis, Ind.

My dear Commander:—

Replying to your letter of May 6, 1912, asking for my official opinions in the matter of disbursement of funds of the Commandery-in-Chief, I beg to submit the following:

My answer to your first question is as follows:

The minutes of the meeting of the Council-in-Chief, held in Rochester, N. Y., August 25th, 1911, at the Hotel Rochester, with all members present shows, according to the transcript of said minutes as certified to by the Secretary of said Council, that: "The sum of \$1,000.00 was appropriated for the use of the Commander-in-Chief as traveling expenses."

The language used is so plain, definite and concise as to admit of no other construction, but that said appropriation was for a specific purpose and that purpose was for "*The use of the Commander-in-Chief as traveling expenses*" exclusively, and for no other purpose. Besides the language is supported by the Custom of the Association. An examination of the Proceedings of the last seven Encampments shows that five out of the last seven Commanders-in-Chief spent more than \$1000.00 for traveling expenses alone, while the average total expense of these seven predecessors was about \$1500.00 and two of them ran over \$2000.00

My answer to your second question is as follows:

Nowhere in the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Sons of Veterans is there any provision requiring an appropriation of the money of the Commandery-in-Chief for any purpose whatsoever, by the Council-in-Chief, previous to the expenditure of the same. If appropriations were necessary at all, they would be necessary in all cases.

The new Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations provide for expenses of Commandery-in-Chief money as follows, to-wit: Article XVI, Chapter VII, Rules and Regulations of the Proof Sheets furnished by Committee on Constitution (Article XII, R. & R., April BANNER, 1911).

"The actual expenses of the Officers of the Commandery-in-Chief shall be borne by that body. All such officers shall render an itemized statement of expenses incurred to the National Secretary, which, after being audited by the Council-in-Chief and approved by the Commander-in-Chief and the National Secretary, shall be paid by warrant drawn by the National Treasurer."

From this provision it is evident that no appropriation is necessary as a condition precedent to the expenditure of money to pay the actual expenses of the officers of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The clause therein, requiring "itemized statement of expenses incurred," clearly points out that, after said expenses are incurred they are to be audited by the Council-in-Chief, then approved by the Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary, after which they shall be paid by warrant on the National Treasurer.

It is true that the new Constitution says, the Council-in-Chief shall "Control the expenditures made beyond the appropriations made by the Commandery," and "shall represent in all

matters the Commandery-in-Chief in the interval between sessions;" but not a word is said about appropriations, Section 5, Article VI, Chapter IV, of the Constitution Proof Sheets furnished by the committee. (Same in April BANNER, 1911). However, the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations provide that the actual expenses of the Commandery Officers *shall be paid* and provide further how payment shall be made, which is undoubtedly intended to govern and does govern as to the actual expenses of Commandery-in-Chief officers. Article XVI, Chapter VII, as aforesaid.

Under the old Constitution, upon the vouchers used, and still in use there is printed just above the line where the Commander-in-Chief is required to sign his name, the words: "Approved and payment authorized," and above the line on which the National Secretary is required to sign his name, are the words: "Approved as to correctness of accounts." The new Constitution, Rules and Regulations declare the Commander-in-Chief to be "the Chief Executive Officer of the Order," and he approves and authorizes the payment of all bills. While the National Secretary is also required to approve bills, the new Constitution, Rules and Regulations evidently intend that he shall "approve as to the correctness of account only, as has been the practice under the old Constitution. The same vouchers are in use and no change has been authorized to be made by them. These different provisions of the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations must be construed together.

Thus the Council, in the interim between Commandery sessions, controls the actual authorized expenses of Commandery Officers only so far as to audit the accounts and certify as to the correct, actual, bona fide expense. Such expenses as mentioned in your inquiry have long since been approved, established, recognized and current running expenses, even to the extent that the items appear printed on the books, blanks and records, in common use by the Association. I find no law authorizing the Council to approve or disapprove of the actual expenses of Executive Officers along authorized lines. That power alone is vested in our Commander-in-Chief and as he is held responsible for the success of his administration, it is intended that he shall not be hampered and embarrassed while in office, nor his record discredited by giving any official or set of officials the power to indirectly manipulate and control the policy of his administration by refusing to allow or by threatening to stop the actual current expenses of a Commander-in-Chief along lines both authorized by law and precedent.

An examination of the proceedings of the Commander-in-Chief for ten years past, shows that every Commander-in-Chief during that time has spent Commandery money for postage, telegrams, traveling expenses, rent, office, stenographer and express. (except two Commanders, who were fortunate enough to have rooms for Headquarters furnished them and did not charge any rent). Furthermore the aforesaid items of expense all appear printed on the blank vouchers now in use by the Commandery officers as recognized and authorized expenses, and, in the old Constitution, Section I, Art. XIV, the Duties of Officers are set out as follows: "Section I. 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." This provision not being inconsistent with the new Constitution is still in force. The new Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations have more clearly enacted these things into law. For instance on expenses of Commandery Officers it says: "The actual expenses of the Officers of the Commandery-in-Chief shall be borne by that body," and clearly defines how payment of such expenses shall be made.

My answer to your third question is as follows:

Having decided that specific appropriations of the Commandery Funds by the Council-in-Chief are not a requirement which should precede disbursements, then I give it as my opinion that neither the Council-in-Chief, the National Secretary, nor National Treasurer, nor any nor all of them, have any legal right, either by authority of the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., or by any long established custom of the Association, to stop payment, refuse to pay, or refuse to approve, sign or certify for payment the actual expenses of the Commander-in-Chief, in maintaining a National Headquarters or in discharging his official duties as such Commander, for the reason that the Council-in-Chief have not made an appropriation to cover said expense, no other question being raised.

If the Council-in-Chief seek to make an appropriation, as they did in the case of the thousand dollars set apart to the Commander-in-Chief for traveling expenses, the effect of it is merely the expression of the desire of the Council that no more than the sum mentioned ought to be expended for that purpose. Evidently upon the theory that the expenses of the Council-in-Chief, if required to travel to the Headquarters to audit each bill or to even come once a month or once a quarter to audit the bills, would be a financial burden upon the Commandery, the Council, through a plan of their own sought to limit the expenses along a certain line by resolving to set aside a certain amount for a certain purpose, thereby declaring in advance their willingness to approve the bills to be presented during the year by the Commander-in-Chief for the actual traveling expenses incurred not exceeding the aforesaid amount, leaving the actual auditing and approving of the bills until the Encampment meets at the end of the year. But failure to indicate by an appropriation, or the insufficiency of the amount indicated by an appropriation, would not and could not prevent the payment of the actual and necessary expenses of the Commander-in-Chief in discharging his official duties and maintaining and running Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters. The Council-in-Chief could just as easily have sought to limit the office expenses of the Commander-in-Chief in the same way that they sought to limit the traveling expenses, but they did not do so. For them now to seek to stop all further disbursements of money to cover the actual expenses of the Commander-in-Chief in discharging his official duties and in maintaining and running Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters because they, the Council-in-Chief, have made no appropriation to cover such expenses is clearly unwarranted and unauthorized, especially in view of the fact that such expense has been incurred for a period of over six months and has been paid regularly each month.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE C. HARVEY,  
National Counselor.

## HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Rooms 1001-4 Law Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

May 20, 1912.

The above and foregoing opinion of the National Counselor on the matter of disbursement of funds of the Commandery-in-Chief is hereby approved.

NEWTON J. MCGUIRE,  
Commander-in-Chief.

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Danville, Ind., July 30, 1912.

Honorable Newton J. McGuire,  
Commander-in-Chief, of S. of V.,  
Indianapolis, Ind.

My dear Commander:—

In answer to your inquiry regarding eligibility to membership as submitted to you by C. S. Scott, Commander and Organizer of the California and Oregon Division of the Sons of Veterans, I would respectfully submit the following opinion:

The first inquiry reads as follows: "Is a man eligible to membership whose father served in the Confederate army and whose grandfather served in the Union army, and the widow draws a pension?"

In Article four, of the new Constitution, Chapter one, page two, which specifies who shall or shall not be eligible to membership we find the following clause, "Or who have, or whose ancestors through whom membership is claimed have never voluntarily borne arms against the government of the United States of America." The question presented then, resolves itself into this, "Is a person who claims membership through a grandfather who served in the Union army and yet whose father in the same line of descent served in the Confederate army, is such a person claiming membership through ancestors who have borne arms against the United States of America?" It will be noted that the Constitution uses the expression, "*ancestors through whom membership is claimed.*" We believe that no eligibility to membership claimed by virtue of the services of a grandfather could be claimed except as through the son of the grandfather and father of the claimant and if the father who must serve as the direct lineal link between the claimant and the grandfather served in the Confederate army, it is a sufficient bar to the eligibility of one claiming rights to membership through services of a grandfather, but through a father serving in the Confederate army.

The second inquiry reads as follows: "Is a man eligible whose father served in the Confederate army and whose grandfather served in the United States army before the war, and whose widow draws a pension?" For the reason set forth in the foregoing opinion it appears at once that membership is claimed again through the father of a claimant which father served in the Confederate army, and is therefore barred by the provision of the Constitution barring to membership those whose ancestors through whom membership is claimed have borne arms against the government of the United States. This inquiry, however, presents a new phase of the question; in this case the fact that the grandfather served in the United States army before the war is set forth as a claim to membership. This claim of itself is insufficient to warrant a right to membership as the Con-

stitution provides, in Chapter one, Article four, that the descendant claiming membership must be descendants "of soldiers, sailors and marines, who were regularly mustered in and served honorably in the war of Rebellion of 1861-1865." This qualification alone would bar to membership those who claim such right by virtue of service rendered in the army or navy outside of the service rendered in the war of the Rebellion between the years 1861-1865.

The fact set forth in each of these inquiries, that the widow draws a pension, is in itself of no direct consequence in determining the eligibility to membership.

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE C. HARVEY,

National Counselor.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Room 1001-4 Law Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

July 31, 1912.

The above and foregoing opinion as to the eligibility of a son whose grandfather was a Union Soldier in the War of the Rebellion and whose father was a Confederate Soldier in the same war, also in case the grandfather served in the Regular Army, before the war, and father served in the Confederate Army during the War of the Rebellion, is hereby in all things approved.

NEWTON J. MCGUIRE,  
Commander-in-Chief.

Danville, Ind., August 14, 1912.

Hon. Newton J. McGuire,  
Commander-in-Chief, of the S. of V.,  
Indianapolis, Ind.

My dear Commander:—

In answer to your letter of the 13th inst., I would respectfully submit the following opinion:

Your letter has stated two questions upon which you wish my official opinion.

First: Does Article 28, Chapter six, of the new Constitution repeal the old one or only the laws or parts of laws in conflict therewith?

Second: Does the new Constitution, Chapter six, prohibit the Commandery-in-Chief, at the next national encampment at St. Louis, which is the thirty-first annual encampment, from amending or changing the Constitution, Rules and Regulations as adopted at the encampment at Rochester, New York?

In answer to the first question I would quote the article about which this question is asked. "All laws, rules and regulations, or parts of laws, rules and regulations, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed." The language of this repealing clause is very plain had there been a desire to repeal all former laws, rules and regulations this clause would, I believe, have read, or in substance read, "All laws, rules and regulations, heretofore in force, are hereby repealed." As it is the intention and also the language seem beyond a doubt to have repealed only

those laws, rules and regulations, inconsistent with the new Constitution.

In answer to the second question presented I would call attention to the fact that both the old and the new Constitutions, —old Constitution Chapter twenty-five, new Constitution Chapter six, provide for amendments by the Commandery-in-Chief; this difference however is noticeable. In the new Constitution no amendment shall become finally effective until acted upon by the Commandery-in-Chief, and approved by two subsequent annual meetings of the Commandery-in-Chief. At the Thirty-first Encampment at St. Louis, the Commander, as provided, shall present proposed amendments, which shall be acted upon by the Commandery-in-Chief, and only upon being adopted and ratified by the Commandery-in-Chief in two subsequent annual encampments, shall become finally effective. This opinion as to amendments to the Constitution, however, should not be construed as affecting Amendments to the "Rules and Regulations."

It will be observed that Chapter six (6) (Amendments) refers to "the above and foregoing laws and the Ritual of the association" and "shall only be altered, amended, etc. etc.," and does not affect the "Rules and Regulations," nor any of the subsequent enactments passed at the Thirtieth Annual Encampment at Rochester, New York, in August, 1911. These latter provisions may be amended by any subsequent Annual Encampment, and the Thirty-first Encampment at St. Louis would have full power to alter or amend the same as to charters, finances, removal of officers, balloting, supplies, consolidation and location of camps, installation of officers, insignia prohibited, restoration of rank, commissions, bonds, dispensations, dues and revenues, expenses Commandery-in-Chief officers, coat of arms, password and countersigns, uniforms, insignia, seals, badges, decorations, flags and colors and discipline.

The article defining how Amendments to the Constitution may be made should be strictly enforced, being the basic, fundamental law, but all other provisions must yield to the wishes of the Thirty-first and subsequent Annual Encampments, of the order. The question of the suspension of the rules, and a two-thirds majority vote is not herein decided; so far as it relates to the Changing or Alteration of the rules and regulations, yet I would suggest that any attempted legislation affecting the present Statutes, would be doubly binding by such action, should any member desire to submit a motion tendered by him, to such a vote.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE C. HARVEY,  
National Counselor.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,  
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Rooms 1001-4 Law Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

August 18, 1912.

The above and foregoing opinion construing the repealing and amending clauses of the new Constitution is hereby approved.

NEWTON J. MCGUIRE,  
Commander-in-Chief.

Danville, Ind., August 17, 1912.

Hon. Newton J. McGuire,  
Commander-in-Chief, S. of V.,  
Indianapolis, Ind.

My dear Sir and Commander:—

In answer to your letter of August 14, 1912, which reads as follows:

“Indianapolis, Ind., August 14, 1912.

Mr. George C. Harvey,  
National Counselor, S. of V., U. S. A.,  
Danville, Ind.

Dear Harvey:

Please examine Article No. 27, of the new Constitution and the following Articles of the old Constitution: Article No. 21, and Article No. 24, beginning at page 27, Sections 1 to 16 inclusive and tell me how is the proper way under the present law to try a member of our Association for misdemeanor or on charges of any kind. Who appoints the trial Board and where do the charges have to be filed? For instance, I have charges preferred against a Past Division Commander of Wisconsin and in that case who appoints the trial board and where do the charges have to be preferred? In other words is the trial board appointed by the Camp Commander, the Division Commander or the Commander-in-Chief and do the members of the trial board have to be from the Camp to which the accused belongs and does he have to be tried by that Board from his own Camp?

Faternally submitted,

NEWTON J. MCGUIRE,  
Commander-in-Chief.”

and beg to submit the following opinion:

I have carefully examined Article 27 of the new Constitution and Articles 21 and 24 of the old Constitution and while there has arisen some doubt in my mind as to what portion of the above referred to sections of the old Constitution are in force since the adoption of the new Constitution, yet I am positive in my own mind that by the enactment of Article 27, of the new Constitution, taking it as a whole, that it practically eliminates the provision of the old Constitution in reference to the trial and Courts Martial of members, unless the old Constitution should still remain in force so far as it applies to the trial of members of the Military Department of the Order. And on this question, not having been requested to do so, I make no suggestions.

The new Constitution provides at the very outset, Article 27, Section 1, under the head of discipline, that “Each Camp shall have original jurisdiction over its members, and shall try such members whenever charges are preferred by any member of the Order in good standing.” The subsequent sections of said Article provides for the manner of preferring charges which shall be subscribed by the member preferring the same; also the same Article provides that the charges shall be filed with the Secretary of the Camp of which the accused is a member; also the Article provides for the appointment of a Committee by the Commander of the Camp of which the accused is a member with *full power to hear and determine the truth or falsity of said charges, etc;* there is also a provision for representation by counsel for the accused and for the Camp and provides for a full and complete trial and finding in the matter. It is further evidence to me that

the framers of the new Constitution had in mind by the enactment of Article 27, of the new Constitution with its various sections to do away with the old Courts Martial proceedings, at least so far as the old Constitution refers to the Civic Member of the Order. This is apparent from the further fact that the Article in question provides for an appeal not only from the Camp to the Division, but from the Division to the Commander-in-Chief, thus insuring a final determination of the matter by the highest tribunal of the Order.

Following this line of reasoning it is apparent, and I so decide, that the charges against a Brother should originate in his own Camp and be there filed and his triers be appointed by his Camp Commander, and in case his trial should result adversely to his notion or those of his Camp, then he may appeal as provided for in Article 27.

I further decline to give any opinion upon the effect of Article 7 upon the Military branch of the Order for in so doing such opinion would not be within the pervuew of the question submitted by your letter.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

GEORGE C. HARVEY,  
National Counselor.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,  
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Rooms 1001-4 Law Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.  
August 22, 1912.

The above and foregoing opinion, as to the manner in which members of our Association shall be tried for misdemeanors or on charges of any kind, is hereby approved.

NEWTON J. MCGUIRE,  
Commander-in-Chief.

Danville, Ind., August 19, 1912.

Honorable Newton J. McGuire,  
Commander-in-Chief, of the S. of V.,  
Indianapolis, Ind.

My dear Commander:—

Henry F. Weiler, Division Secretary of the Massachusetts Division, writes to you as follows:

Boston, Mass., June 25, 1912.

Mr. Newton J. McGuire,  
Commander-in-Chief, S. of V.,  
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

A member applies for re-instatement in a Camp, under the present laws. He was suspended in the December Quarter, 1909, and dropped six months later.

Kindly advise me just how the new law operated and what fees he pays to the Camp which dropped him (and which he wishes to become re-instated in) and what fees are payable to this office.

Your decision in this case will enable us to rule in the many similar cases that are coming up and which we cannot handle on account of the missing Constitution.

Fraternally yours,

HENRY F. WEILER,  
Division Secretary."

and in response to your request I respectfully submit the following opinion:

There are here presented two questions demanding official answer, first: What in its primary essentials shall be the method, if any, by which a suspended or dropped member of the Order may be re-instated? Second: Upon the re-instatement of such suspended or dropped member, what fees shall the Camp which dropped him be entitled to and what fees shall be payable to the headquarters of the State Division of which he is a member? In answering these questions we cite the new Constitution, under the head of "Discipline," Article 28, Section 1, as follows: "Section 1. Each Camp shall have original jurisdiction over its members and shall try such members whenever charges are presented by any member of the Order in good standing. For purposes of discipline a member on transfer shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Camp which issued the transfer during the life of such transfer or until it is placed in another Camp." The same article provides in subsequent sections, the manner of preferring charges, the filing of the same with the Secretary of the Camp of which he is a member, the appointment of a Committee by the Camp Commandery and the trial of the accused, etc. By referring to the old Constitution under the head of Courts Martial, Section 13, we find this language, "Brothers losing rank by a Courts Martial proceeding, or through being dropped for non-payment of dues can only have rank restored by action of the Commandery-in-Chief. As I have heretofore decided, the new Constitution giving original jurisdiction in all trials of a member to the Camp to which he belongs evidently repeals the last above reference to the old Constitution as far as it applies to trials of Brothers and the Camp to which such member belongs must take the initiative.

In Chapter 2, Article 7, Section 1, of the new Constitution we find this terse language: "The Division shall regulate its dues and revenues," also in Chapter 7, Article 2, Section 1, "Every Camp shall regulate its fees and revenues," and also in Chapter 7, Article 15, "The Commandery-in-Chief shall assess a per capita tax not exceeding forty cents per annum on each member reported in good standing at the end of each quarter. Such tax shall be payable in four equal installments, and forwarded by the Division Treasurer to the National Secretary on or before the last day of January, April, July and October, provided neither Camps nor Division shall be required to pay a per capita tax on any member for the quarter in which he is initiated." By referring to Chapter 2, Article 3, Section 1, of the new Constitution, a member "honorably discharged cannot be admitted to membership again only in the same manner as an applicant for original membership." It will thus be seen that the new Constitution will have to be construed in this opinion from the several provisions above quoted inasmuch as we find no provisions for the re-admittance of a suspended or dropped member, and the provision governing the re-admittance of honorably discharged members will have to prevail. I would therefore hold that all the admission requirements so far as fees are concerned should be insisted upon in the re-admission of a suspended or dropped member. This admission, its fees, etc., are provided for though not subject to the per capita

tax which is not assessed upon members for the quarter in which he was initiated.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

GEORGE C. HARVEY,  
National Counselor.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,  
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Rooms 1001-4 Law Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

August 21, 1912.

The above and foregoing opinion on re-instatement of dropped members under new Constitution is hereby approved.

NEWTON J. MCGUIRE,  
Commander-in-Chief.

The Commander-in-Chief: The report of the National Counselor will go to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

S. M. Aulds, of New York: Commander, I move that the further reading of the officers' reports be dispensed with, and the reports sent direct to the Committee on Officers' Reports without reading. I make this motion on account of the acoustic properties of the hall. We cannot hear them when they are read, and it is useless for us to spend our time sitting here while they are being read when we cannot hear them.

W. F. Geller, of Indiana: Commander, I second the motion.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: Commander, I move to amend that motion so that it will read, excepting the report of the Council-in-Chief. I think that ought to come before the Encampment.

S. M. Aulds, of New York: Commander, I will accept the amendment offered by Brother Speelman.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question on the motion as amended, and the motion was agreed to.

The report of National Chaplain Rev. Clay H. Newton was presented to the Encampment, Brother Newton being absent, and, under the action just taken, referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports without reading, the same being as follows, to-wit:

#### REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN.

Parsons, Kansas, August 24, 1912.

Newton J. McGuire,  
Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A.,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Commander:—

I beg leave to submit my report for my term of office, while it is only the usual form filled out such as I happened to have yet I assure you my heart was in the work, and I wish it could have been so I could grasp each of you by the hand and thank you for your kindness and help which each of you have been in the compilation of my report. I want to thank all the National and State Officers for their assistance, and also each brother in the Order for the help he has given.

## RECAPITULATION OF REPORT.

Number of Camps reporting.....	616
Number of Camps not reporting.....	219
Per cent of Camps reporting.....	72
Number of brothers belonging to Camps.....	33375
Number of brothers in line Memorial Day.....	17017
Number of brothers armed and in line Memorial Day...	3697
Number of brothers uniformed and in line Memorial Day...	8812
Number of firing squads furnished.....	268
Number of addresses given by members Sons of Veterans..	489
Number attending Sunday Memorial Services.....	12596
Camps observing Union Defenders' Day.....	322
Deaths in Division past 12 months.....	209
Number funerals attended by Camps in body	
G. A. R.....	657
S. V.....	167
Number of Burial Services conducted by Camps	
G. A. R....	165
S. V.....	108
Number Camps using Memorial Service	
A.....	103
B .....	109

Fraternally yours in F., C. & L.,

CLAY H. NEWTON,

National Chaplain.



The report of National Patriotic Instructor Williams was presented to the Encampment, and, under the action just taken, referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports without reading, the same being as follows, to-wit:

### REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Columbus, Ohio, August, 1912.

Hon. Newton J. McGuire,

Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Sir and Brother:—

I have the honor to make the following report as National Patriotic Instructor for the term ending with this, the Thirty-first Annual Encampment.

It is indeed gratifying to know that the high water mark was reached this year in the number of Camps celebrating Union Defenders' Day and observing Memorial Day. In many localities, upon invitation of the Grand Army Posts, the active work of arranging for Memorial services, was taken over entirely by the Camps. We must soon realize that the time is not far distant when this tribute of love and respect for the honored comrades, who have passed beyond, must be done altogether under our direction. We must be prepared to perform this duty and must not be found wanting.

The day must be kept sacred as originally established. The "Memorial Defense Movement" inaugurated by our Commander-in-Chief should be encouraged throughout the land. It is for our Organization to teach the present and coming generations that this sacred day is not to be desecrated and used for sports and festivities. Our fathers sacrificed too much and achieved such a great victory for humanity, for their descendants to permit the day to be taken over by the mob.

Washington's birthday, February 22, and Flag Day, June 14, received more than passing notice this year. The action of the Camps in respecting these historic days is to be commended and a more general celebration in the future encouraged.

I have endeavored to reach the entire membership in month-long communications through the columns of our official organ, **THE BANNER**.

These letters contained such suggestions as occurred to me, which I thought practical and the means of increasing the membership, thus adding to the growth of the Department of Patriotic Instruction. Ours being a patriotic and more or less an historical organization, publishing the events notable in our history as they occurred by months, proved of interest to many of our members. Suggestions, especially directed to the Camp Patriotic Instructors were made with the view of causing them to become active and enthusiastic, for much of the usefulness and prosperity of a Camp depends upon this officer. Many of the important engagements of the War of the Rebellion occurred in 1862, fifty years ago. These Semi-Centennial events were referred to with the request that they be made a feature of the camp meetings. My efforts along this line do not seem to have been made entirely in vain, judging from the letters received from brothers of different Divisions who state that they have received encouragement and inspiration and that they have been

a means of profit and interest. I heartily approve of the practice and commend it to my successor.

The attached table of statistics is made a part of this Report and marked "Exhibit A." It shows the answers of the Division Patriotic Instructors to 23 important questions of the 36 on Form 51, the form number for the annual report of that officer.

Question 1. "Number of Camps in the Division," are given accurately in the report of the National Secretary and therefore are not made a part of this Consolidated Report.

Questions 3 and 4. "Number of schools in this Division," and "number of pupils," are also omitted because the replies thereto in most instances are inaccurate and of no benefit as a permanent record.

Question 2. "Have Patriotic Instructors been appointed in the Camps of this Division in accordance with the new rules." has been answered in the affirmative by all except New Jersey. I believe this to be an error, however, as this officer is one of the regular Camp Officers and no doubt was named with the other members of the staff.

All Divisions report the co-operation of the Grand Army of the Republic, Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Sons of Veterans Auxiliary and Daughters of Veterans with our Order in teaching patriotism. In addition to the above, the Daughters of the American Revolution, American Flag Day Association and Patriotic Order Sons of America co-operate with some of the Camps in Illinois; the Junior Order United American Mechanics and Patriotic Order Sons of America with some of those in Maryland; the Junior Order United American Mechanics with some of those in Ohio and the Junior Order United American Mechanics, Patriotic Order Sons of America, Order of Independent Americans and American Veterans of Foreign Service with some of the Camps in Pennsylvania.

The Interests of Memorial University are reported by one-half of the Divisions as having been presented by or before the Camps during the year. Amounts are reported to have been received for the support of Memorial University from various sources as follows: New Hampshire, \$112.00; New Jersey, \$375.00; Ohio, \$15.00; Pennsylvania, \$359.70; Vermont, \$100.00; Wisconsin, \$50.00.

Taking the statistical report as a whole it must be regretfully admitted that it contains but little information of great value, inasmuch as more than one half of the Camp Patriotic Instructors have shown by their apparent neglect that their work the past year for Patriotic Instruction was not deemed of such importance that it was worthy of a place in a permanent record. The same criticism may also apply to some of the Division Patriotic Instructors. The office of Patriotic Instructor is such an important, useful and honorable one that it must be occupied by a member who is in position to devote some time and attention to the work, and who is inclined to at least extend the courtesy of a reply to a business communication. Perhaps some of the criticism is, in a way, unjustly directed to those officers who have apparently neglected their duties. It is possible that they are not familiar with their duties, since the Constitution and Laws does not prescribe them, and they have had no other means of learning them.

I am so firmly of the opinion that an energetic Camp Patriotic Instructor can bring the Order before the public so favorably that I believe it wisdom on the part of the Commandery to publish in circular or other form, the duties of this officer, embodying them in a letter of instruction and promulgating them without delay through the proper channels. The instructions to be the same, with such changes as may be necessary, as those published in the March BANNER, which accompany this report.

Sample copies of the forms for Patriotic Instructors report should also reach this officer at an early date that he may familiarize himself with the questions to be answered. It is too frequently the case that these forms reach the proper officer after the eleventh hour.

The present blanks should be revised, some questions eliminated and others added, under direction of the proper officer or officers.

The National Patriotic Instructor should be the agent under whose direction such letters and sayings as those contributed by Comrades Trimble and Gilman, should be distributed through the Camps to newspapers and those eligible to membership in our Order.

He should be authorized, not in conflict with the duties of the National Chaplain, to prepare and publish programs for uses of Camps, schools and other organizations, on all patriotic occasions.

These programs to be promulgated through the regular channel, used by the Camps, and presented by the Camp Patriotic Instructor to the other bodies with the request that they be followed where practicable.

I appreciate the fact that if these suggestions are accepted it will entail some expense upon the Commandery, but believe it will be returned to us ten fold in the form of initiation fees and tax.

Reference to the report shows that there is located the Anarchistic element in the larger cities of the Divisions of Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania. The brothers of those Divisions know their duty with respect to this evil which should be suppressed or driven from our fair land.

The insults to the flag in California and New York during the past year should not go unnoticed. These treasonable acts should be condemned in a no uncertain manner. The red rag of Anarchy has no place in the air of our great country and all those who do not respect Old Glory should return or be deported to their native lands.

The fact that there are objectionable school Histories used in the schools in the Divisions of Alabama and Tennessee, Illinois and Kansas (Oklahoma) should also have our careful consideration. The practice of teaching the youth false history should be corrected. The youth of the South as well as the North should be brought up in the true belief that it was Lee, instead of Gen. Grant, who surrendered at Appomattox, and that Jefferson Davis was the traitor and not the immortal Lincoln.

With reference to the forwarding of the annual reports of the Division and Camp Patriotic Instructors, I see no valid reason why these should not be made completely and returns

promptly mailed. The Division Patriotic Instructor should make an annual report to his Division Encampment. His report should include every Camp within his jurisdiction, but should any of these be omitted for any reason, it should be made obligatory upon the part of Camp officer to make report on or before July 1 of each year. This will provide ample time for the Division officer to compile and forward a report to the National Patriotic Instructor which will be of great value for future reference.

I beg to make the following recommendations:

1. The encouragement of the "Memorial Defense Movement."
2. Authorizing the publication of the duties of Patriotic Instructors, also publication of instructions to them. The duties to be in pamphlet or other form, as hereto attached and marked "Exhibit B."
3. Directing the Division officers to immediately promulgate Forms 50 and 51 to the proper officers.
4. The revision of blanks used for the annual reports of the Division and Camp Patriotic Instructors.
5. Making the National Patriotic Instructor the publicity agent, and authorizing him to prepare and distribute programs for patriotic occasions. See "Union Defenders' Day Program" hereto attached and marked "Exhibit C."
6. The condemnation of all insults to the flag by anarchists and others.
7. Making it obligatory upon Camp Patriotic Instructors to make their final reports to the Division Patriotic Instructor by July 1st each year and upon Division Patriotic Instructors to forward reports to National Patriotic Instructor by August 1st.
8. An appropriation of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) by the Commandery to assist the G. A. R. in the purchase of flags for the Camps of United Confederate Veterans. See correspondence, with Hon. John B. Lewis, National Patriotic Instructor of the G. A. R., relative thereto, hereto attached and marked "Exhibit D."

This closes the sixth annual report of this department. We must admit that something along the line of Patriotic Instruction has been accomplished, but realize that there is yet much to do. The Grand Army of the Republic, the grandest patriotic organization of all time, has set the pace. They have performed great deeds, and are still leaders in patriotic work. Let us not fail when this leadership falls to our hands.

I am not insensible of the high honor conferred upon me when placed upon your official staff. The appointment came unsolicited which makes it doubly appreciated. I have found the work a pleasure, though by no means an easy task.

I thank you for the many courtesies extended and am also grateful to the many officers and members who have rendered assistance during the term.

Faternally submitted in F., C. & L.,

R. J. WILLIAMS,  
National Patriotic Instructor.

("Exhibit B")

#### DUTIES OF PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS.

1. To see that the United States flag of suitable official size, waves over or at every school house during the school session, weather permitting.

**"EXHIBIT A."**

**DIVISIONS  
—and—  
PATRIOTIC  
INSTRUCTORS**

	Number of schools flying the flag while in session.	Is there a state law rendering it obligatory to fly the flag on schools while in session?	Number of school rooms having a flag.	Number of school rooms in which the flag salute is given daily.	Number of school rooms in which the flag salute is given on special occasions only.	How many flags have been donated to schools during the year?	Number of schools having flag drill.	Number of schools giving military instruction.	Number of schools having retired army officers as instructors.	Were national holidays recognized by appropriate exercises in schools?	Does the State Superintendent of Public Instruction issue manuals of patriotism to the schools?	Has the State Superintendent of Public Instruction been requested to furnish flags or manuals of patriotism to schools?	Are there any objectionable school histories used in the schools of your state?	Are prizes given to pupils for patriotic essays?	Were the children generally invited to take part in Memorial Day exercises?	Were Sunday schools invited to have special services on Sunday preceding Memorial Day, and other national holidays?	Was Memorial Sunday generally observed by the churches with patriotic service?	Were churches and Sunday schools decorated with the flag on Memorial Sunday?	Was Flag Day, June 14, generally observed by the people?	Did the Governor of the state recognize Flag Day by proclamation?	Is there a state law prohibiting any desecration of the flag by advertisement or otherwise?	What is the approximate amount that has been expended in your Division for patriotic instruction from July 1, 1911, to June 30, 1912?	Is there any anarchistic element in your Division?
Alabama and Tennessee E. E. Carter .....	no rec'd	no rec'd	no rec'd	no rec'd	no rec'd	many	no rec'd	no rec'd	no rec'd	yes	no rec'd	no rec'd	yes	no rec'd	no	no rec'd	no rec'd	some	yes	no rec'd	no rec'd	nothing	no rec'd
California and Pacific M. B. Washburn.....	state law	yes	state law	state law	state law	unknown	several	several		state law	state law	local in schools	no	some	yes	some	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	unknown	
Connecticut J. Randall Gleason....	all	yes	nearly all	large pro.	large pro.	20 state law	some	none	none	generally	no	not inf'd	no	some	yes	yes	yes	some	yes	yes	yes	205.00	no
Illinois D. G. Robertson.....	450	no	706	190	745	106	249	182 fire drill	3	generally	yes	no appro.	a few	some	yes	some	un. serv.	yes	yes	yes	yes	176.00	large No. in Chf'go
Indiana T. W. Allen.....		yes				7			3	yes	no		no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		no
Iowa H. C. Ring.....	all Nat. holidays	no				7				flag Feb. 12-22	yes	no			yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	nothing	no
Kansas S. A. Houston.....	all	no	329	242	about all	54	none	165	5	yes	no	no	in Okla.	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	40.00	no
Kentucky J. N. Mayfield.....	all	no	very few	none		12		2		yes	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	nothing	no
Maine C. F. Merriam.....	279	yes	392	121	252	2	55 and all kinter	21	32	yes	not inf'd	yes	no	yes	yes	some	yes	in part	yes	yes	yes	not inf'd	no
Maryland Frank P. Gentieu.....	73	yes	50 per ct	nearly all	all	15	10	3	none	yes	unknown	no	no	few	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1540.00	not pronou'd
Massachusetts Wm. D. Goodwin.....	1211	yes	all	1987	1672	241	659	43	5	yes	no	no	no	by 13 camps	yes	50 per ct	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	3365.00	no
Michigan Fred J. McMurtrie ..	253	no	253	7	13	3	8	none	none	yes	no	not inf'd	no	no	yes	some	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	300.00	no
Minnesota George E. Cliver.....	none	no	great many	all occasionally	all	10	75	none	none	yes	yes	yes	none	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	none	no
Missouri E. Schoening.....	all	yes			all	10				yes		no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	3815.00	no
New Hampshire A. F. Harvey.....	288	yes	900	285	410	7	78	17	8	yes	no	no	no	few	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	50.00	yes
New Jersey Louis E. Boutwell....	all	yes	90 per ct	50 per ct	all	12	32	3	2	yes	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes
New York Julius W. Gogarn.....	1306	yes	1322	98 per ct	3 per ct	28	25 per ct	4 per ct	2 per ct	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	partially	unknown	yes	2635.00	yes
Ohio Elmer E. Boden.....	438	yes	1246	294	1203	50	119	46	8	yes	not inf'd	unknown	unknown	few	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	1863.75	some
Pennsylvania J. B. Hershey.....	most all	yes	most all	1404	1036	136	333	81	4	yes	no	no	no	some	yes	yes	yes	yes	some	yes	yes	nothing	no
Rhode Island Frank P. Ballou.....	338	no	445	445	445	none	45	none	none	yes	no	no	no	not gen'y	yes	generally	yes	yes	not gen'y	no	yes	50.00	no
Vermont W. R. Spaulding.....	all	yes	219	97	160	21	142	none	none	yes	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	475.00	no
Wisconsin R. E. Browne.....	48	no	321	46	138	15	55	2	1	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		

Divisions of Colorado and Wyoming, Nebraska, Washington, no report.

2. To see that the United States flag flies over all Government buildings. To encourage flag flying over private buildings.

3. To strive to have the salute to the flag as part of the curriculum of every grade of every public school.

4. To keep for reference a list of speakers, men believed to be capable and worthy of delivering patriotic addresses which shall be a credit to the Sons of Veterans; only such men being presented to give addresses to schools, churches, clubs, universities, colleges, Sunday schools, and all places where patriotic services are in order.

5. Not alone to encourage Sons of Veteran optimism in the Patriotic Instructor's own Camp, but to visit other Camps, and other Patriotic organizations with words of cheer.

6. To keep in touch by correspondence or otherwise with all patriotic societies. To ask and encourage religious bodies to observe with fitting words our National Patriotic Days, furnishing a speaker if required. To encourage all Patriotic associations and churches to have a memorial service on the anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln, April 14th.

7. To strive in all proper ways to accentuate patriotic loyalty to Nation and Flag, to the end that we shall have one non-sectional country of Glory and Liberty.

8. To encourage the study of American history, that all Americans may know how the privileges they enjoy were obtained.

9. To endeavor to have laws passed favorable to patriotism and for the good of the Grand Army veteran.

10. To see that those outside of the Sons of Veterans who are entitled to membership have a pressing invitation to become members and supporters.

(“Exhibit C”)

UNION DEFENDERS' DAY PROGRAM.

1. Invocation.
2. Song, “America.”
3. Recitation, “O! Why should the Spirit of Mortal be Proud?”
4. Address, “Lincoln, His Early Life,” or “Lincoln as a Lawyer,” or “Lincoln, the Patriot.”
5. Solo.
6. Address, “Our Order,” or “Our Inheritance,” or “Why we observe the day.”
7. Saluting of the Flag.
8. Song, “Tenting on the Old Camp Ground,” or “Battle Hymn of the Republic,” or “The Red, White and Blue.”
9. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.
10. Address, “Lincoln, the President,” or “What made Lincoln Great,” or “Lincoln's Legacy to our Country,” or “Sketch of the Life of Lincoln.”
11. Song, “Star Spangled Banner.”
12. Benediction.

(“Exhibit D”)

The correspondence bearing on the matter of making an appropriation with which to assist the G. A. R. in the purchase of flags for the Camps of the United Confederate Veterans is as follows, to-wit:—

HEADQUARTERS  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Boston, Mass., June 20, 1912.

National Patriotic Instructor,  
Sons of Veterans.

Dear Comrade:—

Early in April I sent out a circular letter to the Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, urging them to see that our glorious emblem, the Stars and Stripes, shall float over every school house and public building in their locality. Realizing that our Flag is the equal heritage of the North and the South, I have lately written every Camp of Confederate veterans, urging them to aid this effort to increase the display of the Flag.

Knowing that many of those Camps had a small membership and limited funds, I offered as an inducement, that if it was not easy for them to furnish the money for the purchase of the Flags, I would try to procure for them a Flag of requisite size if the recipient would furnish a place to float it. The favorable replies have far exceeded my anticipations, and I am expected to furnish Flags in many more instances than I had thought possible. The Grand Army of the Republic has no fund for patriotic work, but I am reminded of the grand work being done by our various allied societies, and therefore appeal to you to assist me in this work.

Next year will occur the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, which will be the occasion of a grand reunion of the Blue and the Gray, in the interest of amity and reconciliation. Can we who stand for patriotic education, find a better work than that of promoting loyalty, and love of our country and Flag, among those who were once our foes, but are now, as before, our countrymen, bound to us by the ties of our most sacred traditions?

That you may know how my proposition has been received, I quote from a letter from an adjutant-general of a Confederate Camp in Texas, which in sentiment is typical of many others. "I have no hesitation in saying we will give the Stars and Stripes a place to float in the air above our heads, with joy. Why should we not? This is our country, and that is her emblem, and whenever seen it portrays the grandest country in the world."

This is our opportunity. May I not count upon your assistance and that of your organization, in this work?

Cordially yours in F., C. & L.,

JOHN B. LEWIS.

National Patriotic Instructor, G. A. R.

Columbus, Ohio, July 19, 1912.

Mr. John B. Lewis,

National Patriotic Instructor, G. A. R.,

No. 101 Tremont St., Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir and Comrade:—

Your favor of recent date, appealing for assistance to purchase Flags for school houses and public buildings, received and has had careful consideration.

Personally the subject has my enthusiastic endorsement and I shall be very glad to render such assistance as is in my power. Unfortunately, our organization, at this time, is without

funds for this purpose and none can be had until an appropriation can be secured. If you will kindly advise, at your early convenience, just what sum you desire from our organization, I will take pleasure in presenting the matter to our National Encampment which convenes in St. Louis the last week in August. Will appreciate any suggestions you have to offer along this line. My intention is to incorporate this subject in my annual report.

You are to be thanked for your noble efforts along the line of Patriotic Instruction. I trust the time is near at hand when "OLD GLORY" will be found floating over every school house and public building where there are now none.

With high personal regards and great respect,

Sincerely yours,

R. J. WILLIAMS,  
National Patriotic Instructor.

HEADQUARTERS

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Boston, Mass., July 22, 1912.

R. J. Williams,

National Patriotic Instructor, S. of V.,  
163 No. Garfield, Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Comrade:—

I thank you for your esteemed favor of the 19th with the kindly sentiment therein expressed, and trust that I may have the pleasure of meeting and greeting you at Los Angeles, September 10th and 12th, at which time the patriotic instructors meet. I enclose you a letter that I am sending out under date of July 20th, and if you issue a general order, will you kindly mention this matter in your letter giving an invitation to the patriotic instructors on the morning of the 10th, and to all your comrades to the campfire at eight o'clock on the 12th. May I ask you to give this all the publicity possible at your National Encampment in St. Louis?

Now about flags. Enclosed is a letter that I sent out to 1500 United Confederate Veterans' Camps. These were the soldiers that opposed the Union Army. These men can love with as much ardor as they hated, and we want their love. It is part of our patriotic duty as much so as it would be to instill patriotism into the children of the rising generation. To this letter sent to the adjutants of these camps I am receiving very many replies all but one breathing the spirit of patriotism.

In many cases they tell me they would have the flag if they had the money, and I have calls for a hundred flags, some 10x15 which cost me \$7.00, and some 5x3 which cost me \$3.00. The Grand Army of the Republic does not furnish any money for this purpose so I am dependent upon auxiliary associations to help me. If your association would appropriate something for this purpose, I am sure the Grand Army of the Republic would appreciate it. Believe me.

Loyally yours in F. C. & I.,

J. B. LEWIS,  
National Patriotic Instructor, G. A. R.

Columbus, Ohio, July 26, 1912.

Honorable John B. Lewis,  
National Patriotic Instructor, G. A. R.,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Comrade Lewis:—

Your kind favor of the 22nd inst. received and carefully noted. The letter of the 20th inst. which you mailed patriotic instructors and the letter to the U. C. V. organizations, copies of both which you intended to mail me were not enclosed. Will you kindly send me copies at your early convenience, that I may take them up in my monthly letter to our official organ, THE BANNER.

I should like very much to be present at your great meeting at Los Angeles, but regret that I will not be in position to avall myself of the pleasure. I shall be glad to give it all publicity possible at our meeting in St. Louis next month.

As to our making an appropriation for the purchase of the Flags, I have that matter up with some of our National officers and will advise you later as to how far they think we can go in the matter. The question is receiving favorable consideration so far as I have heard from them.

Assuring you of my great respect, I am.

Fraternally yours,

R. J. WILLIAMS,  
National Patriotic Instructor, S. V., U. S. A.

HEADQUARTERS  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Boston, Mass., July 31, 1912.

R. J. Williams,  
National Patriotic Instructor, S. of V.,  
163 Garfield Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Comrade:—

Thank you for you esteemed favor of the 26th, and regret not having enclosed the letters spoken of in my letter to you of the 22nd, which I herewith send now.

I sincerely trust that both of them may commend themselves to you, and that in your General Orders you will kindly give notice of the Patriotic Instructors' Day at the Encampment at Los Angeles, the time of their meeting in the morning and the campfire in the evening, to which your people will be very welcome.

I also hope you will bring the flag question before your people.

Cordially and kindly yours in F., C. & L.,

J. B. LEWIS,  
National Patriotic Instructor, G. A. R.

HEADQUARTERS  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Boston, Mass., June 29, 1912.

Dear Adjutant:—

In July, 1913, will occur the fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, and the survivors of both armies who met upon that famous field are planning to round out the half cen-

tury of peace and prosperity which has succeeded that time of bitterness and strife, by a joint reunion. Upon that occasion the veterans who wore the gray and those who wore the blue—whose heroic deeds have stamped them as being the bravest men who ever trod the earth—will meet to clasp loving hands, with truly loyal hearts, members of one great family; and will present to the world an object lesson of friendship and forgiveness such as only Americans, whose valor has been tried as by fire, can afford.

As Cain and Abel—the first brothers upon earth—quarreled, so all down through the ages the brothers of families have occasionally had their differences, usually followed by a return and sometimes a strengthening of friendship,—so we boys who were so divided in the '60s are now members of one great national family, and loyal to our government and our Flag. By our united efforts we have built this country since the war until it is unequalled in wealth and splendor, civilization, power and productiveness. We also present to the world a social and commercial phenomena the equal of which could not be found in all past history.

In all this achievement we have stood together, as we should do were our country assailed by a foe from without its borders. As a pledge of our unity, our glorious emblem, the Stars and Stripes, the equal heritage of the North and the South, should fly over or at every public building and school house. I have written every Post of the Grand Army in the United States, urging them to see that this is done in their locality. May I not hope that your Camp will also aid in this effort to increase the flying of the Flag? If there should be no provision made by your local authorities for furnishing Flags, and it is difficult for you to procure money to purchase them, I think I might be able to assist you to provide a Flag of requisite size, if the recipient will furnish a place to float it. Trusting you will receive my letter in the same kindly spirit as that which prompts the sending of it, and that you will feel free to write me, also thanking you in advance for an early reply, I am,

Cordially yours,

JOHN B. LEWIS,

National Patriotic Instructor, G. A. R.

Columbus, Ohio, August 14, 1912.

Hon. John B. Lewis,  
National Patriotic Instructor, G. A. R.,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Comrade Lewis:—

Since my other replies to your communication in reference to an appropriation for the purpose of Flags, I have had the question up with several of our leading members, and while none of us can anticipate the action of the Commandery-in-Chief, all of them are favorable to the proposition.

The Commander-in-Chief and myself will both present the matter to the National Encampment in St. Louis and ask that favorable action be taken thereon. Your letter to the Adjutants of the U. C. V. will be published in full in the August issue of our organ, THE BANNER. This will inform every member just what is expected of them.

I have also called the attention of the membership to your

great patriotic meeting in Los Angeles, and hope our Order will be largely represented at all the public meetings.

Trusting you will have a safe and pleasant journey to Los Angeles and that success will crown your efforts there, I have the honor to remain,

Loyally and sincerely yours,

R. J. WILLIAMS,  
National Patriotic Instructor, S. V.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: Commander, I want to explain my position in reference to appealing from the decision of the Chair awhile ago. It was not done out of any disrespect, or because I questioned the judgment of the Chair, but I question the legality of any of the business we have transacted here this morning because we haven't had a roll-call of this Encampment, and we don't know who is who, and over one-half of all the delegates here who are voting have not been legally seated; and my reason for appealing was to get a roll-call. I didn't go at it the right way, but all I wanted was a roll-call. I hope we can have a roll-call, and have it now, and then I will have a motion to make.

The Commander-in-Chief: I think, Brother Abbott, that the further report of the Committee on Credentials will fix that matter. The Chair will call on the Committee on Credentials for further report, if it is prepared.

F. T. F. Johnson, of Washington, D. C.; Commander, for the purpose of saving time, I move you that the report of the Committee on Credentials be considered a first roll-call, and each man answer to his name as it is called.

The Commander-in-Chief: That will be taken by consent, if there is no objection. Is there objection? The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

The Committee on Credentials submitted its supplemental report, which, with the report heretofore submitted, showed present, entitled to a seat and vote in the Encampment and answering to their names, one hundred and twenty-two brothers, as per the list set out at the first report of the Committee on Credentials, which embraces those reported at the first and supplemental reports of the Committee.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: Commander, I move that the report of the Committee on Credentials be received, and that the delegates reported be seated, and that this report with the preceding report be the established roll-call of the Encampment; and that the Committee be continued.

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: Commander, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The Commander-in-Chief: Brothers, the Chair will announce the following Committees:—The Committee on Credentials and the Committee on Officers' Reports have already been appointed.

#### COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

C. S. Scott, of California, Chairman.

H. C. Springston, of Illinois.

F. T. F. Johnson, of Maryland.  
 C. H. Hudson, of Wisconsin.  
 W. T. Church, of Illinois.

COMMITTEE ON PRESS.

Charles C. Wippo, of Missouri, Chairman.  
 E. E. Schoening, of Missouri.  
 G. F. Taylor, of Iowa.  
 Victor I. Cartwright, of Kentucky.  
 Charles R. Hale, of New York.

COMMITTEE ON RITUALS AND CEREMONIES.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois, Chairman.  
 Fred E. Bolton, of Massachusetts.  
 George E. Cox, of Connecticut.  
 H. V. Speelman, of Ohio.  
 Wm. G. Dustin, of Illinois.

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

Ben. F. Jones, of Missouri, Chairman.  
 Henry Stewart, of Pennsylvania.  
 Wm. H. Klein, of New York.  
 H. A. Wing, of Minnesota.  
 E. W. Carr, of Vermont.

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania, Chairman.  
 Frank Shepard, of Illinois.  
 Edwin R. Campbell, of Maryland.  
 W. H. Russel, of Kansas.  
 George C. Harvey, of Indiana.

Edward R. Campbell, of Maryland: Commander, I desire to present the report of the Committee on Military Affairs, and ask leave to print.

The Commander-in-Chief: The report of the Committee on Military Affairs will go to the Committee on Officers' Reports without reading, under the order of the Encampment.

The report of the Committee on Military Affairs submitted by Chairman Campbell, and referred to the Committee on Officers' reports without reading, being as follows, to-wit:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS.

St. Louis, Mo., August 27, 1912.

The Commander-in-Chief, and Members of the Encampment of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Brothers:—

I have the honor to submit this, my report as Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs.

Under the supervision of the Chief-of-Staff and his able Assistant, Col. Stewart, of the Pennsylvania Division, the Reserve has steadily increased in numbers and efficiency and it is a credit to our Order, and should be the pride of every member.

The regulations in force prepared by Col. Stewart, and heretofore approved by competent authority, are so perfect and com-

plete, and enforced with such precision that there is very little for the Committee on Military Affairs to do except to commend the officers of the Reserve and the loyal men of each command for their patriotic duty so well performed.

However, it was the pleasure of the Chairman of your Committee to visit the Pennsylvania Brigade in Camp at Reading, Pa., during the week of June 16, last, and inspect the troops in detail.

It affords me pleasure to report that as a Camp it was a model of military precision, the school of the soldier, company and battalion, and the ceremonies incident to army life in the field compare favorably with any military body authorized by law. The personnel of the rank and file is superior to most organizations of volunteer soldiers.

The sanitary conditions, the medical department and police regulations were perfect,—all honor to the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

The officers with few exceptions should devote more time to the study of military science, and their personal training as officers.

The Reserve as a whole deserves at the hands of this body, the warmest praise, and each and every member of the Sons of Veterans soldier organizations, are entitled to have their names on the roll of honor in their respective Divisions.

The ratings and figure of merit of each unite of the Military Department, will be found in a report from the Adjutant General of the Reserve, a copy of which accompanies this report.

Fraternally,

E. R. CAMPBELL,  
Chairman.

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George B. Abbott, of Illinois: Commander, I think we can reach a compromise between the local committee and the Commandery-in-Chief on the question of our adjournment. I am informed that our trolley ride this afternoon will not occupy the entire afternoon, and that we can get in two hours work here. I therefore move you that when we take a recess at this session it be until four o'clock this afternoon.

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: Commander, I second the motion.

F. L. Shepard, of Illinois: Commander, I move to amend Brother Abbott's motion to the effect that when we take recess it be to reconvene at half after seven o'clock to-night.

Isaac Cutter, of Illinois: Commander, I second the amendment.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: Commander, with the consent of my second, I will accept the amendment.

Isaac Cutter, of Illinois: Commander, I accept the amendment.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question on the motion as amended.

A division being called for, the National Secretary called the roll, and reported fifty-four voting aye; thirty-six, no.

The Commander-in-Chief: Fifty-four voting in the affirmative and thirty-six in the negative, the ayes have it, and the motion

is carried. The Encampment will re-convene this evening at half after seven o'clock.

S. M. Aulds, of New York: Now, Commander, I move that when we meet to-night at seven thirty o'clock, we receive the Report of the Council-in-Chief only, and then adjourn in time to take our pleasure ride this evening to the Highlands.

The motion was seconded.

W. H. Russell, of Kansas: Commander, I rise to a point of order.

The Commander-in-Chief: The Brother will state his point of order.

W. H. Russell, of Kansas: Commander, my point of order is that the motion is not in order at this time, and cannot be at this session. We are a law unto ourselves, when we meet to-night.

The Commander-in-Chief: The Chair will sustain the point of order. That motion may be all right at the meeting to-night, but it is not in order at this time.

William Schneider, of Missouri: Commander, I move that the Encampment do now take recess until the hour set, to go on the trolley ride.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to, and the Commandery-in-Chief took recess until seven thirty p. m. this evening.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION.

Wednesday, August 28, 1912.  
Seven Thirty P. M.

The Commandery-in-Chief met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Commander-in-Chief.

The Acting National Inspector made the rounds and reported all present entitled to remain.

The Commander-in-Chief: Is the Council-in-Chief ready to report?

National Secretary H. H. Hammer: Commander, I have received the following communications, which I desire to read to the Encampment.

The Commander-in-Chief: You may proceed, Brother Hammer.

Brother Hammer read the following communications:

HEADQUARTERS  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Office of Commander-in-Chief.  
Princeton, Ill., August 22, 1912.

Brother Newton J. McGuire,  
Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans,  
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:—

Answering your two letters of the 17th and 21st inst. I received a letter from Los Angeles, and one from Brother Scott, relating to the appointment of Past Division Commander George W. Conart, as Special Aide, for the Sons of Veterans, during our Encampment at Los Angeles. I answered, that while we might not be able to put it just in the form asked for, (on account of our Rules and Regulations), I thought we could invent some form that will do as well.

Thanks for your kind invitation to attend your Encampment at St. Louis. It is impossible to accept the same, on account of the busy hours that must be utilized in preparation for our Encampment at Los Angeles.

Please express my regret, to your Encampment, that I cannot be with you, and extend to all your members my hearty and sincere congratulations upon the great good work of your organization during the past year; and express to them, also, my most earnest wishes and hope that your Encampment may be highly enjoyable and profitable to you all. I am extremely sorry that I cannot be with you.

Fraternally yours,

H. M. TRIMBLE,  
Commander-in-Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

EXECUTIVE OFFICES—STATE OF MISSOURI,  
CITY OF JEFFERSON.

August 26, 1912.

Mr. C. C. Behnke,  
3192 South Grand Avenue,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:—

On my return to the city to-day, after an absence of some-time, I find your letter of August 19th.

I regret very much indeed that important official engagements have been made for me to-morrow that will make it impossible for me to be present in St. Louis to extend a welcome to those attending the National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans. I naturally have a very deep interest in the success of this organization, and regret very much it will not be possible for me to formally express that feeling of interest in extending a welcome to the State of Missouri. I trust your visit here will be a pleasant and profitable one.

Very truly yours,  
HERBERT S. HADLEY,  
Governor.

Albany, N. Y., August 21, 1912.

Newton J. McGuire,  
Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans.  
Care Planters Hotel, St. Louis.

Best wishes for encampment and absence sincerely regretted.  
RALPH SHEDDEN.

Richmond, Va., August 26, 1912.

Hon. Newton J. McGuire,  
Care Sons of Veterans Encampment, St. Louis.

Business conditions and personal illness deprive me of the pleasure of being with you. God grant that the Encampment may be a great success and that the growth and influence of the Order may be materially advanced. Extend my affectionate regards to all the boys.

EDGAR ALLAN, JR.

United States Post Office,  
Paterson, New Jersey, August 24, 1912.

Newton J. McGuire, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,  
Planters Hotel, St. Louis, Mo.

My dear McGuire:—

I regret exceedingly that it will be impossible for me to attend the Thirty-first National Encampment. Please remember me to the brothers and assure them of my continued interest in the Order.

Yours in F., C. & L.,  
GEORGE W. POLLITT.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Parsons, Kansas, August 24, 1912.

Newton J. McGuire,  
Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A.,  
Care Planters Hotel, St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Brother McGuire:—

It is with the deepest kind of regrets that I have to advise

that it will be impossible for me to attend the Encampment at St. Louis, no one realizes this deeper than I, nor feels how delighted I would be to attend. I want you to personally carry to the Encampment my appreciation of the services rendered me by the National officers as well as State, and every individual brother who has in any way contributed to work of the Order in which I have had to do, my only regret, as I have stated above is that I cannot personally meet you all, and carry the message to your every heart.

God moves in mysterious ways, his wonders to perform, and it is best that things this year should be so Providentially arranged that I stay at home. Brother McGuire, believe me when I ask you to accept my appreciation of the high honor you have conferred upon me in appointing to me such noble duties as you have, and upon your retirement from office, I want you to ever remember your National Chaplain for 1912 and, when in this vicinity call me up and I will be delighted to entertain you. My report I am sending to you under a separate cover, which while not on due form, is I think as nearly correct as the information I received could give it.

I would be pleased if you would arrange to send me the official badge of the Encampment and any memoirs which you may receive in the way of remembrances. I hope the Memorial Services will be the best ever, and I know I have something good which I would have liked to have told all the boys. God bless you all and preserve our Free Institutions, Long Live the Sons of Veterans, and may the fires which are seemingly slumbering on the hearth of Patriotism be awakened to the mighty battle which is just assuming proportions, is the wish of your retiring National Chaplain.

Fraternally and personally yours,

CLAY H. NEWTON.

National Chaplain.

HEADQUARTERS DULUTH CAMP No. 5,  
DIVISION OF MINNESOTA.

Newton J. McGuire,  
Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans,  
Planters Hotel, St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Commander:—

Business of importance keeps me from joining you at St. Louis, as Brother Wing will tell you.

I had planned to go, early last winter, and Brother Wing and I had talked it over, but at the last moment I received a large contract that places me in such a position that I cannot leave my work. I hope that your deliberations will be such that the best interest of our noble Order may be maintained.

With my twenty-five years of active membership, in the best Order that I belong to, I look back over the field, and wonder what we can do to build up one of the grandest orders that the world has produced. My kind regards to all of the delegates.

Loyally in F., C. & L.,

E. F. HELLER,

Past Div. Com., Minn. Div.

Allentown, Pa., August 24, 1912.

H. H. Hammer,  
National Secretary, S. V., U. S. A.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Horace:—

I regret very much my inability to be with you next week at the National Encampment. I was all ready to go, but an unexpected business matter compelled me to abandon the trip. You have my best wishes for a successful Encampment and I sincerely trust that whatever legislation may be enacted will be for the good of the entire organization. My congratulations are due Commander-in-Chief Newton J. McGuire, and I hope his successor (whoever he may be) will follow in his path, and like him bring respect and dignity to the Order, I have only one hope personally, as to the deliberations and if I want to be more exact, for goodness sake, keep the "BANNER".

Wishing to be remembered to all the boys, and hoping they will "keep their eyes on the cut" I have the honor of subscribing myself.

Yours in F., C. & L.,  
WALTER E. SMITH,  
P. D. C. Pa. Div., S. of V.,  
Allentown, Pa.

New Orleans, La., August 26, 1912.

Newton J. McGuire,  
Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,  
Planters Hotel, St. Louis, Mo.

Your Special Aide of New Orleans and Central America extends you and his brothers in convention hearty greetings and regrets that he is unable to be present on this joyful occasion. Won't Doc Smith be glad? Best wishes for a most harmonious Encampment.

CHAS. A. SIDMAN.

National Secretary Hammer: I have also some resolutions, Commander-in-Chief, which will be turned over to the committee.

The Commander-in-Chief: The Chair will announce that the resolutions that have been handed in, so far, have been handed over to the Committee on Resolutions, Brother Scott of California, Chairman, and that is the order of business. If anyone has any resolutions to hand in, or offer, they may do so at this time. The National Secretary will call the roll of divisions for resolutions.

The National Secretary called the roll of divisions for additional resolutions.

The Commander-in-Chief: There being no further resolutions from divisions, are there any from individuals? It seems not.

National Secretary Hammer: I had a number, Commander, that I have already presented to the Committee on Resolutions.

The Commander-in-Chief: Is the Council-in-Chief ready to report?

Arthur I. Vescellus, of New Jersey: Commander-in-Chief, we have not a complete report, but we can give you our report on

**THE BANNER.** We can read that much of it, if you desire to hear it.

The Commander-in-Chief: We will hear what report the Council-in-Chief has to offer and dispose of that.

Chairman Veselius submitted the partial report of the Council-in-Chief, as follows, to-wit:

#### REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF ON OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE ORDER.

The Council-in-Chief has considered very carefully throughout the year and particularly at this Encampment, the question of an official organ of the Order, and of the publication, editing and circulation of the same.

The Council-in-Chief is of the opinion that an official organ of the Order is desirable for and beneficial to the Order,—that it maintains an active and correct interest in its affairs and purposes and thus advances its objects and at the same time tends to retain upon the rolls its membership. It also promotes publicity for and aids in securing recruits to the Order.

We, therefore, recommend first, that the Order of Sons of Veterans have an official organ and that such organ be and remain the organ and property of the Order.

The Council-in-Chief thereupon, proceeded to the consideration of securing some one to publish, edit and circulate such official organ for and on behalf of the Order, and to that end the Council advertised for and in response thereto, received various bids for such publication, editing and circulation.

The Council has carefully considered all bids submitted and proposals made and has reached the conclusion that the bids submitted by Brothers William G. Dustin and Allan S. Holbrook, of Dwight, Illinois, tender to the Order the best values and inducement, taking into consideration membership in the Order, experience in its affairs, objects and growth, ability and facilities for the publication, editing and circulation, responsibility for the carrying out of a contract to perform and the price or cost charged therefor.

This conclusion was reached after a hearing accorded to all bidders willing to appear before the Council.

The Council-in-Chief therefore, recommends second, that the bid of said William G. Dustin and Allan S. Holbrook, be accepted, and that a contract be entered into by the Commandery-in-Chief to be executed by its Commander-in-Chief, and attested to by its National Secretary, on its behalf, with the said William G. Dustin and Allan S. Holbrook, to publish, edit and circulate, monthly, for and on behalf of the Order, an official organ, to be designated as "THE BANNER" for a term of five years, commencing January 1, 1913, for and in consideration of the sum of eighteen cents (18c) per member, per year, upon the Publishers filing a bond in the sum of \$2500 with and to be approved by the National Secretary, and that such contract contain in substance the following stipulations:

That, the said William G. Dustin and Allan S. Holbrook, designated as the publishers, shall edit, publish and circulate, monthly, an official paper or organ, named "THE BANNER," of and for the Order of the Sons of Veterans, United States of America, for the term of five years, commencing January 1st, 1913; said

paper shall be devoted to the interests of said Order of Sons of Veterans; it shall consist of sixteen pages printed on good book paper; the paper pages shall be  $10\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{3}{4}$  inches, and the type pages shall be  $9\frac{1}{8} \times 12\frac{3}{4}$  inches; six pages of said paper, as near as practical in the make-up thereof, shall be set in what is known as eight point type and devoted to general orders, official circulars, reserve news, communications, editorials, war stories and general news applicable to the Order; the Commander-in-Chief shall have control of the space apportioned for general orders and official circulars; eight pages of said paper, as near as practical in the make-up thereof, shall be set in what is known as six point type and devoted to news from the several Camps and Divisions; all copy from Camps and Divisions to pass through the hands of the Division Commander thereof, or through the hands of some one designated by him or by such Division as a Division correspondent or otherwise; the space contained in such eight pages shall be divided between and apportioned to the several Divisions as equitably as practical; if the space apportioned to any Division is not filled by such Division, the Publishers are authorized to fill the same with general miscellany for the good of the Order; all copy for publication in said paper shall be at the office of said Publishers not later than the first day of the month of publication; said paper shall be published and mailed as near the middle of each month as practical; the paper shall contain a roster of the general officers of the Commandery and of the Reserve; the names and addresses of the several Division Commanders and Division Correspondents when certified by the respective Division Commanders shall be printed under the respective Division head and above the Division and Camp news of such Division; if in the judgment of the Publishers the publication of any communication or advertisement sent to them for publication appears to be not for the best interests of the Order, such communication or advertisement shall be referred to the Commander-in-Chief and his decision on the question of publication shall be final; the Publishers shall have the right to use the other two pages of said paper for advertising or for the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, as they may determine, and the pay, therefor, shall belong to said Publishers; said Publishers shall furnish and deliver in bulk extra copies of said paper to any officer or member of the Order desiring the same for distribution or recruiting purposes, at the rate of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per hundred copies, and orders for such extra copies shall be placed with said Publishers not later than the first day of the month of publication; if in such order for extra copies it is desired that they be mailed direct by the publishers, then the names and addresses of the persons to whom such copies are to be mailed, together with an additional one cent (1c) for each copy for postage, shall accompany the order; each Division shall furnish to said Publisher a list of the Camps and the members in good standing in such Division, together with their postoffice addresses, and the several Division Commanders shall be responsible for correct mailing lists of the same; the several Division Commanders shall report to said Publishers such changes and additions in such mailing lists of their respective Divisions as occur during such month, and the Publishers shall report to each Division Commander such changes and additions in the mailing list of his Division as are received direct by said Publishers from the several Camps and members thereof or from

the Postmasters, to the end that identical and currently correct mailing lists may be made and kept by such Publishers and such Commander; said Publishers shall address and promptly mail to each Camp and to such member of the Order, in good standing and appearing on such mailing lists, a copy of each issue of said paper, postage prepaid.

IN CONSIDERATION WHEREOF the Commandery-in-Chief shall pay monthly for the preceding month, through its National Treasurer, to said Publishers, upon their certificate that the publication and circulation has been performed agreeably to the terms of this agreement, the sum of one and one-half cents for each copy of the paper to be published and sent to each member of the Order in good standing; provided, however, that if the membership shall reach and while it remains 60,000 or more, and not exceeding 80,000 in good standing, such payments to said Publishers shall be at the rate of one and five-twelfths cents per member per month, and if such membership shall reach and while it remains more than 80,000 in good standing, such payments to said Publishers shall be at the rate of one and one-third cents per member, per month.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED J. PHILLIPS,  
EDWIN C. IRELAN,  
A. I. VESCELIUS,

Council-in-Chief.

Arthur I. Vescelius, of New Jersey: Commander, I move the adoption of the report.

Edwin C. Ireland, of Maryland: Commander, I second the motion.

George C. Harvey, of Indiana: Commander, I move to amend the motion now before the house, by submitting the partial report of the Council-in-Chief to the Committee on Officers' Reports, which is the proper place for it to go.

William Coffin, of Ohio: Commander, I second the amendment.

C. C. Behnke, of Missouri: Commander, it was agreed here this morning that we would meet this evening and hear the report of the Council-in-Chief and immediately adjourn. In view of that agreement I don't think any further business is in order now.

The Commander-in-Chief: It could hardly be said that that was an agreement. There was something of that kind said.

G. M. Rowland, of New York: Commander, in consideration of the understanding we had this morning, I move that we do now take recess until nine o'clock, to-morrow morning; and on that motion, I call for the previous question.

Charles B. Martin, of Kansas: Commander, I second the motion.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question on the motion; the motion was agreed to, and the Commandery-in-Chief took recess until to-morrow, Thursday, August 29th, 1912, at nine o'clock, A. M.

## THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Thursday, August 29, 1912.  
Nine O'clock, A. M.

The Commandery-in-Chief met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Commander-in-Chief.

The Acting National Inspector made the rounds and reported all present entitled to remain.

The Commander-in-Chief: Brothers, when we adjourned last evening, there was a motion pending to adopt the partial report of the Council-in-Chief, and it was moved to amend that motion so as to refer the report to the Committee on Officers' Reports, and the question was on the adoption of the amendment.

George C. Harvey, of Indiana: Commander, in the interest of harmony and expedition, and with the consent of my second, I withdraw the motion to amend the original motion. The point I made yesterday is still in my mind, but we want to get through this Encampment, and I would just as leave fight this proposition out on the floor here as before the Committee on Officers' Reports.

The Commander-in-Chief: Does Brother Coffin who seconded the amendment consent to its withdrawal?

William Coffin, of Ohio: I consent to the withdrawal of the amendment, Commander.

The Commander-in-Chief: If there are no objections, the motion to amend is withdrawn, and the question is upon the motion to adopt the report of the Council-in-Chief on THE BANNER.

S. M. Aulds, of New York: Commander, I desire to move to amend that portion of the report with reference to the two pages of advertisements, in this respect, that those advertisements shall be at all times under the censorship of the Commander-in-Chief, and subject to his approval or disapproval.

F. L. Shepard, of Illinois: Commander, I would say to Brother Aulds that there is no objection to that, that any matter the publication of which is considered undesirable or inadvisable shall be referred to the Commander-in-Chief and his decision shall be final without debate. That is in the report now. Your motion is that the word, "Advertisements" be added to the word communications, so that not only communications but any advertisements considered inadvisable to publish, may be referred, etc. If it is the sense of the Encampment, I would suggest that the word advertisements be added after the word communications. I think that amendment can be adopted by consent of the Encampment.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: Commander, I suggest that the words, "or advertisements" be inserted after the word communications in the Report, so that the sentence will read, that any communications or advertisements the publication of which is

considered undesirable or unadvisable shall be referred to the Commander-in-Chief, etc. (Cries of "Consent," "Consent.")

The Commander-in-Chief: With the consent of the Encampment, that will be added, if there is no objection. Is there objection? The Chair hears none. Are you ready for the question? All those in favor of the motion to adopt the Report of the Council-in-Chief on THE BANNER will signify the same by saying aye. Contrary, no. The motion seems to be carried unanimously. The motion is carried.

Henry Stewart, of Pennsylvania: Commander, without any personal feeling in the matter, but for the reason that the Pennsylvania delegates were instructed to vote against that contract, I ask that my personal vote as a delegate and that the vote of the delegation from the Pennsylvania Division be recorded as against the renewal of the contract with THE BANNER. Our instruction is not to vote against an official organ, but against the renewal of the contract with THE BANNER.

The Commander-in-Chief: The Stenographer will so record the vote of Brother Stewart, of Pennsylvania, against the motion.

National Secretary Hammer: Commander, the Committee on Credentials make a supplemental report this morning reporting the presence and the right to appear on the roll of A. W. McDaniels, of Indiana; E. R. Henderson, of Michigan, and F. A. Kremer, of Wisconsin.

H. V. Speechman, of Ohio: Commander, I move that the report be received, the delegates seated, and the committee continued.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

William G. Dustin, of Illinois: Commander-in-Chief, I wish once more to return my sincere thanks to the representatives of this great Order for the honor and the confidence that they have expressed in me to-day. I want to say that I appreciate more and more each time that this contract has been given to me the responsibility that is up to me. I like the report of this Committee for one reason, and that is that it refers these communications that come to me to the Commander-in-Chief—and I want to say that I have bushels of them, from all parts of the country, from people who have grievances of all kinds and want to attack somebody personally—and I have made it my business not to publish those communications. Now, I can refer them to the Commander-in-Chief, and God help him make a decision. I never could. I think you all know that I am interested in this Order, and that I have kept posted in everything that is going on in every Division. It has enabled me in a good many ways to keep out of trouble, and to keep others out of trouble in the different Divisions. I want also to say here that no matter what has been said against THE BANNER and against me,—a whole lot of people say a good many things against a newspaper man, and I have been in the business forty years and it doesn't bother me any more—I want to say I haven't the slightest feeling against any man in this Order. I don't care what he has said or done; and I will give you my word I will do the best I can do in fulfilling this contract. (Applause).

W. B. Fletcher, of Maine: Commander, I think a great deal of Brother Dustin, but I am instructed to vote against THE

**BANNER proposition.** I want the three delegates from Maine recorded as voting against **THE BANNER** proposition.

**The Commander-in-Chief:** Your statement yesterday will stand in the record. I announced the Press Committee yesterday, but I did not announce the full committee. I want to add to the Press Committee the name of E. E. Schoening, of Missouri.

We are now up to the order of business No. 9, Unfinished Business. The Council-in-Chief reports that they are not yet ready with their report.

**The National Secretary:** Commander, I have some business to bring before the Encampment, an invitation from the President and Directors of the Panama-Pacific Universal Exposition to hold our Encampment in San Francisco in 1915; an invitation from the city of Chicago for 1913; an invitation from the Niagara Falls Bureau of Conventions for 1913, or any time we want to come. The invitations are as follows:

**PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION COMPANY,  
DEPARTMENT OF EXPLOITATION.**

San Francisco, Cal., August 19, 1912.  
Exposition Building,

Dear Sir:—

We are anxious to secure for 1915 the annual Convention of your Association. You will recognize the great importance of making a series of Conventions and World Congresses the feature of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. Under separate cover I am mailing you an official invitation to hold your 1915 Convention in San Francisco. May we ask your co-operation in having the invitation placed before the Convention? I will be very grateful for information as to any action that may be taken.

Awaiting your reply, I am,

Yours very truly,

J. A. BARR,

Assistant to the Director of Congresses.

Mr. Horace H. Hammer,

Secretary, Sons of Veterans National Encampment,  
St. Louis, Mo.

The President and Directors of the Panama-Pacific Universal Exposition, to be held in San Francisco in 1915, have the honor to extend to Sons of Veterans a cordial invitation to hold its 1915 meeting in San Francisco.

This city has been selected by Congress with the approval of the President of the United States, as the official site for celebrating the uniting of the waters of the Pacific and the Atlantic, through the Panama Canal, the greatest physical accomplishment achieved by man. The Exposition will not only attempt to show that which is most advanced in invention, most interesting in Art and of greatest Scientific value embracing all that is most important in the material progress of the world, but it will be the aim of the Directors to make this rank in intellectual interest above all previous Expositions; to bring together so much of Wisdom, so much of Practical Scientific Thought and so much of Broad Grasp of the World's Important Problems, that the progress of mankind shall be advanced a quarter of a century.

To assist in achieving this aim, we invite your presence in the City of San Francisco in the year Nineteen Hundred and Fifteen.

CILAS C. MOORE.

President.

F. J. STIFF.

Director-in-Chief of Foreign and Domestic Participation.

BENJ. I. WHEELER.

President, University of California.

DAVID STARR JORDAN.

President, Leland Stanford, Jr. University.

RUDOLPH J. TAUSSIG.

Chairman, Committee on Exploitation.

ALLEN BRISEEN WALKER.

Director of Congresses.

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THE CHICAGO ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE,  
10 South La Salle Street, Chicago.

August 5, 1912.

Mr. H. H. Hammer,  
Secretary, Sons of Veterans,  
Reading, Pa.

My Dear Sir:—

I enclose herewith the formal invitation of The Chicago Association of Commerce, inviting your organization to convene their next convention in our city. May I ask you to present this invitation to your members at their coming meeting in St. Louis, for their consideration, giving it whatever moral support you will.

I feel sure that you appreciate Chicago's place as a convention city, and in the event of your accepting this organization, I wish you to feel perfectly at liberty to call upon this Department for assistance in arranging the details incident to holding of your convention.

Thanking you in advance for your part in this matter, I am,  
Very truly yours,

THE CHICAGO ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE.

By GEORGE M. SPANGLER, JR.,

Manager, Bureau of Conventions.

The Chicago Association of Commerce cordially invites Sons of Veterans to hold their next convention in the City of Chicago.

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Manager, Bureau of Conventions.

NIAGARA FALLS BUREAU OF CONVENTIONS,

HEADQUARTERS—JEWETT BLOCK.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., August 15, 1912.

Mr. Horace H. Hammer, Secretary,  
Sons of Veterans National Encampment,  
Reading, Pa.

Dear Sir:—

I write to extend an invitation to your Association to hold its next convention at Niagara Falls, N. Y.

On account of recent extensive alterations, enlargements, and improvements in several of our principal hotels; the prospect of having the Falls illuminated by an electrical plant of immense capacity; our new state roads and boulevards; and the going into commission of our new water works system; in connection with our magnificent scenery, central location, cheap railroad fares, delightful climate, enjoyable side trips, and other attractions; we think we have a convention site proposition which cannot be equalled in this country.

Should this invitation be accepted, the "Niagara Falls Bureau of Conventions" will furnish, free of charge, a suitable place for the holding of the sessions of your convention; committee rooms; and a liberal entertainment for your delegates and ladies; the program to be made satisfactory to your Executive Committee.

Very respectfully,

O. W. CUTLER.

Secretary-Gen'l Manager.

P. S.—I would appreciate any suggestions in our interest, that may occur to you.

William Coffin, of Ohio: Commander, I move that the communications be received and filed.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

Michael G. Heintz, of Ohio: Commander, I move you that the regular order of business be suspended, or that the further report of the Council-in-Chief be suspended until they are ready, and we proceed with the next order of business.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

The Commander-in-Chief: The next order of business is No. 9, Unfinished Business.

National Secretary: Commander, at the the last Encampment there was a Committee appointed composed of Past Commanders-in-Chief, Abbott and Maccabe, to look up the record in regard to a sketch of the organization which was then submitted to that committee. That is the only unfinished business that I know of. Brothers Abbott and Maccabe were to report on the Historical Sketch of the organization.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: Commander and Brothers, I give you my word of honor that this is the first time I ever heard of it. I think my reputation is that I do what I am given to do, and do it on time. If I had had an inkling of this job, Brother Joe and I would have been after it.

G. M. Rowland, of New York: Commander, I move that the explanation of Brother Abbott be accepted, and the Committee continued for another year. Now, we know he has got notice.

A. L. Van Ness, of Illinois: Commander, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The Commander-in-Chief: Next business is the reports of Committees.

The National Secretary: Commander, the Report of the Committee on Transportation for this Encampment was all pub-

lished in THE BANNER, in General Orders, so that it is not necessary to come in with it again, except to have it shown as a matter of record that we presented it, in order to get it in the proceedings of the Encampment, and we here submit it as published in THE BANNER. I move that the Report be adopted and the Committee discharged.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

The said report of the Committee on Transportation presented by National Secretary Hammer, being as follows, to-wit:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

To the Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brothers, 31st Annual Encampment Commandery-in-Chief.

Your Committee appointed to arrange for transportation to this Commandery-in-Chief Encampment, offer the following report:

Pursuant to General Orders No. 3, March, 1912, the Committee on Transportation for the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment at St. Louis, Mo., week of August 25th, 1912, is negotiating and has applied for reduced rates and such concessions incident to National Encampments. Same are pending.

Upon advice due announcement will be made and information relating thereto given.

The Committee has divided its work as follows:

Major E. R. Campbell, Past Commander-in-Chief, No. 28 T St., N. W., Washington, D. C., to arrange for the assembling of those attending the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment from the New England States; New York, New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, and such other Divisions as may desire, and adjacent thereto.

Past Division Commander Samuel S. Horn, Easton, Pa., will assist Major Campbell, and have charge of the Eastern section or territory of the Commandery not covered by Major Campbell, Pennsylvania, and points not otherwise provided or designated, working in conjunction with Major Campbell.

Past Division Commander F. E. Munger, No. 139 Bates St., Detroit, Mich., will arrange for the territory East of Chicago, and in that territory not otherwise provided, if desirable and possible to assemble such as arrange to travel together.

Past Division Commander H. A. Wing, Duluth, Minn., will have charge of the assembling of the representatives or parties desiring to make the trip together, in that territory West of Chicago.

Such points as are not provided or designated will be covered by the member of the Committee nearest thereto.

If not desired to travel together the members of the Committee from the sections referred to respectively will be governed accordingly.

Major Campbell has arrangements under way for special through sleeping cars, and observation car, from New York City, via Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. If a sufficient number respond the personal comfort of all may be made most perfect.

Members going to St. Louis, are requested to communicate with their Division Commanders, and the Division Commanders

are in turn requested to correspond with Major Campbell, relative to the subject, stating number of members attending, and making reservations, stating date desirable and time—morning or evening—for leaving—New York, so that preparations can be completed and an enjoyable trip made possible.

Your Committee designated as the Committee on Transportation for the Thirtieth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., to be held in the City of Louis, Mo., August 25-31, 1912, herewith submits the following report:

Pursuant to General Orders No. 3, March, 1912, your Committee on Transportation took up its work and endeavored to meet the requirements.

Application was promptly made to the Trunk Line officials and various associations connected with the said Trunk Lines, for such concessions in rates as are usually granted. This was done in the usual manner and emphasized by personal visit and application as well, by the Chairman of the Committee with the Secretary of the Trunk Line Association. Applications were duly filed and all requirements on our part duly complied with.

We regret to report that no concessions can be secured and no rates other than the regular passenger rates or fares, will be allowed; so that fares will have to be paid to and from St. Louis under ordinary and usual conditions and no special consideration can be secured, nor will be given by the railroads, on account of the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment.

The reasons set forth are:

The Commissioner of the Central Passenger Association—Mr. F. C. Donald, Chicago, Ill., advises:

"By reason of the enactment by the states in which the roads of the Central Passenger Association operate of two cents per mile maximum passenger fare laws, it is perforce the individual attitude of these interests, until such time as the ultimate effect of existing conditions in their bearing on earnings derived from their passenger traffic may be more fully understood and determined, to discontinue the institution of or participation in fares yielding less than two cents per mile traveled."

The Chairman of the Southwestern Passenger Association advised:

"Interested lines have given this matter careful consideration and in view of the very low Summer Tourist fares that will be in effect from practically all the territory of the Southwestern Association, to St. Louis at the time your meeting is held, they deem it inexpedient to authorize any special fares for this occasion; therefore instruct your delegates to take advantage of such fares.

These tickets are sold at practically two (2) cents per mile in each direction and are on sale daily June 1st to September 30th, 1912, inclusive, limited for return up to and including October 31st, 1912. The exact fares may be obtained upon application to the local agent.

(Signed) Respectfully,

J. E. HANNEGAN,  
Chairman."

The Trans-Continental Passenger Association advised:

"Trans-Continental lines have decided upon special fares from California and North Pacific Coast Points, to their Eastern Termini, and to certain destinations east of their eastern termini. These termini points are (tickets from California): Chicago, Duluth, Houston, Memphis, Dallas, Minneapolis, Omaha to Kansas City, inclusive, New Orleans, St. Louis and St. Paul.

Tickets from North Pacific Coast Points: Chicago, Duluth, Fort Williams, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Port Arthur, Omaha to Kansas City, inclusive, St. Louis, St. Paul and Winnepeg.

Eastern Termini and Atlantic Coast Destinations: Colorado Common Points.

The Vice Chairman of the Trunk Line Association has also advised as follows, on the subject:

"We are in receipt of advice from Mr. F. C. Donald, Commissioner, Central Passenger Association, to the effect that Central Passenger lines (in whose territory St. Louis is located) have declined to authorize any concession account above occasion (Commandery-in-Chief Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and Sons of Veterans Auxiliary National Encampment, August 25-31, 1912). This action of Central Passenger lines as you are no doubt aware debars the Trunk Lines from instituting any special fares for meeting in question.

(Signed) Yours truly,

C. L. HUNTER,

Vice Chairman, Trunk Line Ass'n."

Your Committee have under consideration by the Trunk Lines the re-opening of the subject matter, but it is not expected that same will meet with any other disposition than the foregoing decision.

We report to you in detail so that you may make due announcement in General Orders so that all contemplating attending the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment and the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary National Encampment at St. Louis, may be fully advised.

Anticipating that we will not be granted further consideration nor given any concessions by the Trunk Lines or associations, we suggest and recommend that all intending to be at St. Louis, during the Encampments, make their personal arrangements locally, from their starting points, believing that, in traveling in bodies instead of separately, better inducements may be secured, if in no other way, possibly by conveniences or such favors as can be granted by local agents.

Should concessions be granted, we will be glad to make prompt announcement thereof, but we have no inducement to expect in that direction, all of which we very greatly regret.

Respectfully submitted, in F. C. & L.,

(Signed) E. R. CAMPBELL,

F. E. MUNGER,

H. A. WING,

S. S. HORN,

H. H. HAMMER,

Committee on Transportation.

The Commander-in-Chief: Is there anything further in the way of reports of Committees? Is the Committee on Constitution and Laws ready to report?

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: Not yet, Commander.

The Commander-in-Chief: Is the Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies ready to report? That is your committee, Brother Abbott.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: It was not until eight o'clock this morning, Commander, that we got our material. It was not my fault we didn't get our material last night. If I had, my report would have been ready this morning. We are not ready.

The Commander-in-Chief: The Committee on Fraternal Relations are out now, I believe.

W. B. Moynihan, of New York: Commander, the Committee on Officers' Reports has completed its report, and the Chairman of the Committee is now with the stenographer finishing the dictation.

S. M. Aulds, of New York: Commander, I move that we suspend the present order of business and take up the next following order of business.

G. W. Schneider, of Ohio: Commander, I second the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The Commander-in-Chief: Now, we are under the head of new business.

S. M. Aulds, of New York: Commander, I offer the following motion, that the Secretary be instructed upon printing the present proceedings to provide an index, for the same.

G. M. Rowland, of New York: Commander, I second the motion.

The National Secretary: There is only one trouble about that motion, Commander. The Secretary does not edit the proceedings, and has not edited them since I have been Secretary. If I indexed them, I assure you it would be an index that would enable you to find what you want.

George C. Harvey, of Indiana: Commander, I move to amend the motion by striking out the word Secretary and inserting Commander-in-Chief, in lieu thereof.

The amendment was accepted by Brother Aulds, and the motion as amended was agreed to.

George E. Bailey, of Minnesota: Commander, I move you that we print fifteen hundred copies of the proceedings of this Encampment.

Adolph Hoefling, of New York: Commander, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The Commander-in-Chief: We are now proceeding under new business. Do we want to follow the Grand Army next year, or do we want to select our place of meeting? (Cries of "Grand Army," "Grand Army," "Grand Army.")

G. M. Rowland, of New York: Commander, I move that we go with the Grand Army, wherever they go.

George E. Bailey, of Minnesota: Commander, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

Darwin E. Cary, of New York: Commander, I move that the Commander-in-Chief and the National Secretary be instructed to communicate with the Grand Army when in session at Los Angeles and inform them of our action in regard to place of meeting next year, under the seal of the order.

C. S. Scott, of California: Commander, I second the motion.

George C. Harvey, of Indiana: I move to amend that motion so as to direct the Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary to deliver the communication to Brother Scott, who is going right back to the Grand Army Encampment, and let him present it.

George E. Bailey, of Minnesota: Commander, I second the amendment.

Darwin E. Cary, of New York: Commander, I accept the amendment.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: Commander, I move that Brother Scott of the Division of California and Pacific be made the special representative from this body to the Grand Army at its Encampment at Los Angeles as provided for by the action of this Encampment on yesterday.

George C. Harvey, of Indiana: Just include that in your motion, Brother Cary.

Darwin E. Cary, of New York: I will accept that as an amendment to my motion, Commander.

Commander-in-Chief: The motion stands then, that the action of this Encampment be communicated to the Grand Army of the Republic in their Encampment at Los Angeles by Brother Scott, who is to be the special representative of this Commandery-in-Chief.

The Chair put the question on the motion, and the motion as amended was agreed to.

C. S. Scott, of California: Commander-in-Chief, I want to thank this Encampment for this honor, and I assure you there will be no expense incurred to this Encampment. (Applause).

The Commander-in-Chief: We will now hear a partial report from the Committee on Resolutions, C. S. Scott, Chairman.

C. S. Scott, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, submitted the following partial report, and moved its adoption.

William Coffin, of Ohio, seconded the motion, and the motion was agreed to.

The said partial report being as follows, to-wit:

#### PARTIAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

To the Officers and Members of the 31st National Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

Your Committee herewith make the following report:

The several Divisions ask that the Past Rank be restored. We have carefully examined their papers and find them all in regular form according to the Constitution and By-Laws and recommend the follow lists:

OHIO—Harley M. Ray, Camp 1, Columbus; J. M. Walcutt, Camp 1, Columbus; F. M. Moor, Camp 1, Columbus; Frank L.

Johnson, Camp 100, Cincinnati; George W. Corbley, Camp 22, Columbus; H. A. Robey, Camp 22, Columbus; Henry Hayes, Camp 231, Bellefontaine; George Schuszler, Camp 37, Springfield; Julius F. Whitney, Camp 37, Springfield.

All of the above with the Rank of Past Camp Commander.

CONNECTICUT—Wm. B. Whitmore, Camp 21, Putnam; with the Rank of Past Commander.

NEW YORK—John E. Mason, Camp 58, Rome; Joseph J. Kelly, Camp 58, Rome; Chas. E. Clifford, Camp 58, Rome; Herbert D. Ashdown, Camp 86, Troy. All of the above Past Camp Commanders.

RHODE ISLAND—Walter Oakley, Camp 9, Pawtucket; Asa W. Hathaway, Camp 8, Bristol; John M. Lewin, Camp 7, Providence; Geo. V. Nichols, Camp 12, Providence. The above restored Past Camp Commanders.

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC—J. B. Outland, Camp 3, San Francisco; Joe C. Graves, Camp 3, San Francisco; A. E. Gordon, Camp 9, Stockton; John F. Stone, Camp 15, San Francisco; L. E. George, Camp 15, San Francisco; D. S. Cahn, Camp 15, San Francisco; J. D. Gish, Camp 15, San Francisco and C. W. Dunn, Camp 15, San Francisco. All of the above restored Past Camp Commanders.

MARYLAND—C. O. Ward, Camp 2, Hagerstown, Md., restored to Past Camp Commander.

MAINE—T. T. Tabor, Camp 3; Frank M. Dow, Camp 52; Wm. F. Gray, Camp 62. All the above to be restored Past Camp Commanders.

PENNSYLVANIA—John W. Grinnage, Camp 80; J. Lewis Griffith, Camp 72; Chas. H. Carlton, Camp 27; Forrest W. Briggs, Camp 170. All the above to be restored to Past Camp Commanders.

WISCONSIN—J. W. T. Ames, Camp 20, River Falls; W. C. Winter, Camp 19, La Crosse. The above to be restored to Past Division Commanders.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. S. SCOTT, Chairman,  
H. C. SPRINGSTON,  
F. T. F. JOHNSON,  
CHAS. H. HUDSON,  
WILLIAM T. CHURCH.

S. M. Aulds, of New York: Commander, I desire to ask for information why it is that the Constitution has not been printed in proper form, whether it is due to lack of time, or whether it is caused by the lack of some appropriation that this Encampment ought to make.

Darwin E. Cary, of New York: Commander, my strong impression is that the Committee on Constitution and Laws was discharged, and that one member of the Committee was instructed to print the Constitution; but the printing was not left to the Committee as a Committee.

The Commander-in-Chief: I think the Brother is right; the Committee was discharged and the Chairman of the Committee was instructed to have it published.

S. M. Aulds, of New York: Commander, I move you then that a Committee be appointed to properly publish the Constitution, in proper form.

Darwin E. Cary, of New York: Commander, I second the motion.

The Commander-in-Chief: The last Encampment left the printing of it to Brother Amies, and the matter is in his hands, as it stands.

George Van Horn, of Ohio: Commander, I move that Mr. Amies be allowed sixty days to get out this Constitution. He has had a year.

George C. Harvey, of Indiana: Commander, I second the motion.

William Coffin, of Ohio: Commander, I move to amend the motion by requiring the Secretary to take care of the publishing and promulgation of the Constitution. It seems that he is the proper officer to have charge of the publication and promulgation, and that the Chairman of the Committee who now has the copy be required to furnish the copy to the National Secretary within thirty days.

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: Commander, I rise to a point of order. My point of order is that the preceding Commandery ordered that the same be published, to go into full force and effect January 1st, 1912, and to take it away from the person empowered to do it there would have to be a motion to rescind the previous action of the Encampment before such a motion can be effective.

The Commander-in-Chief: The Chair holds the point of order not well taken.

Ben. F. Jones, of Missouri: Commander, there is a committee from the Ladies Auxiliary in waiting, who have been waiting for several minutes.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I have been out of the room on Committee duty. I would like for the stenographer to read what has taken place in regard to the printing of the Constitution.

The stenographer did as requested.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief, I move that all that part of the record read by the stenographer be stricken from the record of the Encampment.

Silas E. Robb, of Maryland: Commander, I second the motion.

The Commander-in-Chief: There is no record of any action as yet, and I do not think your motion has precedence over the motion that is pending.

Darwin E. Cary, of New York: Commander, if there is no explanation offered to this Commandery-in-Chief, and no desire to explain, I renew the motion for the previous question on the motion to appoint a committee to properly publish the Constitution in proper form.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I rise to a point of order. At the Rochester Encampment held on the 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th days of August, 1911, the following motion was made by Brother Sherman, of New York:

"That the report of the Committee on Constitution and Laws be and it is hereby approved in its entirety, and the Chairman of the Committee be instructed to prepare the same for publication, with the right to make such changes as grammatical construction or logical sequence require, but that the substance of the committee's report shall not be altered or changed."

My point of order is that all the records and the action pertaining to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, is still in the hands of that Committee until publication is made.

The Commander-in-Chief: Your point of order has been raised before and decided. The decision was that when a member of this body has been charged with a certain duty, to be performed in a certain time, and that duty has not been performed, and another Encampment convenes, that that Encampment has a right to take the matter in hand and act upon it, and take it away from the committee, or do whatever it pleases. The Chair holds that your point of order is not well taken.

Darwin E. Cary, of New York: Commander, I renew my motion for the previous question.

G. M. Rowland, of New York: Commander, I second the motion.

F. L. Shepard, of Illinois: Commander, the Committee on Constitution is ready to make a report. A motion appointing another committee before you hear from your committee already appointed is throwing away the work of one committee, and not getting anywhere. If the brother will withdraw his motion to have a new committee appointed until he hears from the committee that has been first appointed, and has been working for a year, you can then determine whether you want another committee, or not.

Darwin E. Cary, of New York: Commander, I understand there is no Committee on Constitution and Laws before this Encampment.

The Commander-in-Chief: There is no Committee on Constitution and Laws now.

Darwin E. Cary, of New York: Then, no discourtesy can be shown, and I believe it is time that this Commandery demand that the work be done. The previous question has been moved and seconded. Mr. Amies came in, and he was given an opportunity to make an explanation why he has not done his duty. Instead of doing that, he threw his defiance into the face of the Commandery, and moved that the record be expunged. Now, I ask that the motion of Brother Aulds be put.

F. L. Shepard, of Illinois: Commander, the committee was not discharged. The Brother is in error as to that. The report of the committee was adopted and the committee was directed as follows:

"Resolved. That the report of the Committee on Constitution and Laws be and it is hereby approved in its entirety, and the chairman of the committee be instructed to prepare the same for publication, with the right to make such changes as grammatical construction or logical sequence require, but that the substance of the committee's report shall not be altered or changed."

The committee never was discharged by the Encampment, but was left in existence.

Darwin E. Cary, of New York: The committee ceased to exist when the body which created it accepted its report.

F. L. Shepard, of Illinois: Now, the committee is ready to report. (Cries of, "Question, " "Question.")

The Commander-in-Chief: The question is called for. The question is on the motion that a committee be appointed to properly publish the Constitution in proper form.

Darwin E. Cary, of New York: Commander, before the question is put, may I read a line from these proceedings which follows that which has been read by the gentleman:

"And that the same be published promptly, and go into full force and effect January 1st, 1912."

The Commander-in-Chief: The question is called for.

W. H. Russell, of Kansas: Commander, at the beginning of this session, though not a member of this committee, but by reason of the fact that some of the members of the committee were not present, I was requested by the chairman of the committee to meet with them and help edit this Constitution. I simply want to say that that has been done as Brother Shepard has said. The committee remained together until three o'clock night before last and all yesterday afternoon. However, derelict the committee may have been in the past, the work has been completed. I hold in my hand the copy ready for the printer. What are you going to accomplish by the action you propose now? The copy is ready to turn over to Mr. Dustin right now, and there is no action necessary to take.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: Commander, I have no disposition or desire to delay the proceedings of this Encampment. I think we are anxious to get through. But I can bear out every word that Past Commander-in-Chief Russell has said. I am not a member of this committee, but when I came here the Chairman, Brother Amies, asked me if I would not meet with this committee and assist him in editing this report. We have worked diligently, and attempted to submit a comprehensive report to this Encampment. Now, what can be gained by discharging this committee, or taking it out of the hands of this particular committee, and appointing another committee. The only thing would be that the new committee would have to go over the whole subject again. If the present committee is ready to report, let us hear that report. If we do not want to accept it, we can vote it down, but don't go to the extreme of relieving this committee of this work now, and putting it into the hands of an entirely new committee.

The Commander-in-Chief: The Commander-in-Chief desires some information. Has the old committee, or a majority of the old committee that originally prepared the Constitution been working on editing the Constitution as the old committee, or were they called in by Mr. Amies to consult in reference to editing it for publication?

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: The majority of the committee were present here, but as a matter of convenience, and for the absolute safety of the preparation of this Constitution, in the editing of the proof, the Chairman called in three or four gentlemen well versed in the affairs of this Commandery-in-Chief, who understand it much better than those who have made the

present motions do. To do away with the work on which this committee has consumed three years, and now have it in the hands of the committee for publication, when somebody who knows nothing about the preparation or the work done by this committee, now undertakes to undo it, on the plea of saving time, I think would be very unwise to say the least of it. If it goes to a new committee it will have to be begun *de novo*. If any motions are made before this Encampment, let them be made by somebody or some one who has the good of the Commandery-in-Chief at heart, and knows what he's doing when he makes a motion.

The Commander-in-Chief: I understand from Brother Amies that he has called in some of the members of the old committee to simply edit the Constitution for publication; is that right?

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: Yes, but the whole committee was in session. Brother Shepard, Brother Campbell and I were a majority of the committee. Brothers Sheldon and Spink were not there.

The Commander-in-Chief: You do not consider that the committee was discharged at the Rochester Encampment?

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: Of course not. It could not have been discharged.

E. R. Campbell, of Maryland: Commander, as a member of the committee that worked upon this matter for the last three years I want to say, in justification of the Chairman of the Committee, that after the rules and regulations were adopted at Rochester and placed in the hands of the committee to edit and for printing, the committee were so scattered that they could not possibly get together. Typewritten copies were sent to each member of the committee, and they have been over it carefully and found typographical errors and omissions, but they could not be brought together until this time. A majority of the committee are present, and we have been over the work very carefully. It was utterly impossible for Brother Amies to do this without the assistance of the committee. Past Commanders-in-Chief Russell, Bolton, and Speelman, were invited to be present, and it has been completed and is now in the hands of the printer, and I do not see that there is anything else to be done.

A. T. Bogue, of Connecticut: Commander, if we were to appoint a new committee, we would not get anywhere and would not make any time, I therefore move that this whole matter be laid on the table.

Henry Stewart, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I second the motion.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question on the motion to lay on the table, and the motion was agreed to.

Ben F. Jones, of Missouri: Commander, the Committee of the Ladies Auxilliary is in waiting.

The Commander-in-Chief: The Chair understands the Committee consists of six ladies. I will appoint Brothers Van Ness, of Illinois, Chairman, Russell of Kansas, Scott of California, Johnson of Maryland, Levy of Ohio, and Watson of Indiana, a committee to escort the ladies into the room.

The Committee retired and returned escorting Miss Lenore Rivers, Past President of Vermont Division; Miss Annetta Laux-

man, President Auxiliary No. 4, St. Louis; Mrs. Carrie Wilson, Member National Council, Columbus, Ohio; Miss Margaret W. Carney, Division President, of Massachusetts; Mrs. Whalen, Auxiliary No. 5, Missouri; Mrs. Lida Gilman, Past President and Delegate from Shepley Auxiliary No. 2, Portland, Maine, who were severally presented to the Encampment.

The Commander-in-Chief: Brothers, I have the pleasure of introducing to you Miss Lenore Rivers, Past President of the Vermont Division, and Chairman of the delegation.

Miss Lenore Rivers: Commander and Brothers, I am a messenger bringing you greetings from your auxiliary. We promise you our loyal support in the coming year, and thank you for what you have done for us in the past. We promise to give you every assistance in our power; and I present these flowers to the Commander-in-Chief, and hope that their fragrance will keep our memory with you not only through this Encampment, but for all time. (Applause).

The Commander-in-Chief: I assure the ladies we greatly appreciate their kindly feeling that this bouquet of flowers represents, and we hope it may be a lasting memory to us all in united work, foreshadowing greater doings and better results.

I will now introduce to you the President of one of the St. Louis Auxiliaries, Miss St. Aix.

Miss St. Aix: Commander-in-Chief, and Sons of Veterans. This is an honor that I least expected. You cannot imagine how glad we are that St. Louis has a chance to entertain so many handsome men. (Applause.) We hope we have entertained you well, and that you have enjoyed yourselves, and we hope you will come again—if not to a convention, come and see me personally. (Great applause.) I have never spoken to so many men at once before, and I am awful nervous, so I will close my few words with the statement that our auxiliary will entertain you any time you come to see us, and we hope to see you soon. (Applause).

The Commander-in-Chief: I now have the pleasure of introducing Mrs. Carrie Wilson, member of the National Council Ladies Auxiliary, from Ohio.

Mrs. Carrie Wilson: Brother Commander-in-Chief, and our Brothers, when I first got down here and looked around, I thought, "My land! I believe I am at home; I see so many of our Ohio Brothers." These conventions are among the pleasant incidents of our work. We come here and meet new faces and renew acquaintance with our old friends, and I cannot go out of this convention room without saying a word to you at this time. When our politics are in such a state as they are, I cannot make a political speech, but I do want to say, "How do you do," and "Good-bye." (Applause).

The Commander-in-Chief: I will call upon one of our Past Commanders-in-Chief to respond to the greetings of the Ladies Auxiliary. He may not be able to return to them flowers of the same kind, but he lives in the Sun Flower Division, where that flower is of great importance, and he will return to them the greetings of the Commandery-in-Chief—Past Commander-in-Chief W. H. Russell, of Kansas.

Past Commander-in-Chief W. H. Russell, of Kansas: Commander-in-Chief, Ladies of the Auxiliary and Brothers; This is

indeed an unexpected pleasure to me to be called upon to respond to these gracious words of greeting from our sisters. We are always pleased to have them visit us, both because of the pleasure their presence brings us, and because in the burden of the work of the encampment and in the stress of debate when loyalty to conviction leads to deep insistence, we are glad to be able to rise from our labors and greet our sisters whose glad presence brings a touch of tenderness to voice and heart that some might forget were it not for them. Their presence suggests not alone the sacrifices of our fathers who so valiantly fought for their country in its days of trial, but brings to mind too the sacrifices of our mothers in that time of deep affliction. The tender words of sisterly affection which these sisters have spoken, voice a benediction that touches the deeper sentiments of life and inspires within us anew the thought of the tie that binds us together in the work of the kindred societies, the thought of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, based upon the dual one of Service and Sacrifice. We were all happy to hear too, the kindly, hospitable greeting from our sister of St. Louis. These words touched a responsive chord in the heart of every one of us, for St. Louis has always been known as a hospitable city and she has not been lacking at this time in that gracious hospitality that we have all enjoyed and appreciated so much.

And these flowers the sisters have brought us, beautiful in appearance and sweet in the perfume that fills this hall, fitting token of the tribute their bearer has voiced here, how splendid they are! The white may be said to stand for the purity and grace of sweet womanhood and for the noble qualities of manhood, and the red—if I may call them so—stand for the sacrifices of our fathers and mothers, and thus become symbol of the principle that unites us. We thank you sisters from the bottom of our hearts. Ladies, you have the good wishes of every Son of a Veteran whose heart is in the right place, and we beg to assure you that we will do everything in the future as in the past to further your purposes and your aims. If I would add anything more it would be to repeat the words of Tiny Tim, in Dicken's sweet story of old, "God bless you, God bless you every one." (Applause).

The Commander-in-Chief: Brothers, we will now go back to Reports of Committees. The Chair is informed that Brother Amies, from the Committee on Constitution and Laws, is ready to submit a report. Brother Amies, the Encampment will hear you.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: Commander, before making this report, which I believe this Encampment is entitled to, I want to say that your committee has devoted more time and more money to preparing the draft which we have submitted to the printers than any of you have any idea of. You must take into consideration that this committee is composed of five members situated in widely scattered portions of the United States, and in order to get it in the form in which we now have it, a great deal of correspondence, a great deal of printing and a great deal of work was necessary, before it attained its present shape. In order to bring it to you in a most intelligent manner, and in order to avoid any possibility of mistake in the preparation of it, we had this draft re-corrected and re-printed by the printer, in order that time and attention and study could be given to it,

so that we, your committee, would be sure that it would be correct. The committee, or a majority of them, was here working night before last until three o'clock in the morning. While you were out enjoying yourselves, we were working on it yesterday afternoon, and finally concluded it. This, as it comes to you to-day, is not the last corrected report. On the other hand we discovered some mistakes and corrected them, and re-arranged certain portions, so that it will follow, according to the order of the Rochester Convention, in logical sequence; and grammatical mistakes made therein have been corrected. Now, it is in the hands of the printer. We therefore think that this Convention is entitled to a report, or a communication, at least, to this effect.

"To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-first Annual Encampment, S. V., U. S. A.

Brothers: Your Committee on C., R. & R. appointed to prepare a new Constitution, Rules and Regulations, begs leave to submit the following for the information of the Encampment.

The report of Committee on C., R. & R. at the Thirtieth Annual Encampment at Rochester, N. Y., in 1911, in which the Committee reported a new draft of C., R. & R. was adopted by that Encampment, and that body further directed that said Committee prepare said draft for publication. Making such typographical and grammatical corrections therein and such re-arrangements of provisions thereof as appeared to be necessary for a correct and logically arranged draft of such C., R. & R.

Pursuant to such direction of the Rochester Encampment, the committee caused said draft to be printed and a proof thereof returned to the committee. Such proof has been carefully corrected in accordance with the direction of the Rochester Encampment above referred to and an index thereto prepared and has returned the same to the printer for the publication thereof.

EDWIN M. AMIES,  
FRANK SHEPARD,  
E. R. CAMPBELL,

Committee."

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Commander, I move the adoption of the report.

E. R. Campbell, of Maryland: Commander, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The Commander-in-Chief: Are there any other committees ready to report?

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: Commander, the Committee on Ritual is ready to report.

The Commander-in-Chief: The Encampment will hear the report of the Committee on Ritual.

Past Commander-in-Chief Abbott: Commander, the Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies submits the following report:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND CEREMONIES.

"St. Louis, August 29, 1912.

To the Officers and Brothers of the Thirty-first Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Your Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies begs leave to report as follows:

From the new Constitution your committee understands that any recommendations it may make, if adopted by this Encampment, must be adopted by the next two following Encampments before such recommendations shall become effective.

The Committee concurs in the recommendations from the Division of Maryland, relative to the wording of the instruction in Loyalty on page 25 of the Ritual."

That recommendation is as follows:

"To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-first Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Whereas, The Nation guards and cares for the final resting places of its loyal dead whether they fell on the field of battle or have died from natural causes in times of peace, therefore be it

Resolved, That paragraph 2, line 7, page 25 of that part of the Ritual known as the Loyalty Charge in the initiatory work be changed, striking out the words, "who fell on the field of battle," also the suffix "ed" be dropped from the word "perished" in line 8, so that the whole sentence shall read, "The Nation guards and cares for the final resting places of its loyal dead and remembers those who perish at sea."

Respectfully submitted,

SILAS E. ROBB, Commander,  
Maryland Division, S. of V., U. S. A."

"The Committee concurs in the recommendation from the Division of Massachusetts relative to the observation of the death of a member and that it be added to the instructions on page 7, of the Ritual.

The Committee does not concur in the recommendation from the Division of Wisconsin relative to the elimination of all initiatory forms from the Ritual except the long form, for the reason that many camps use the other forms and that the present Ritual was constructed to please as many of the brothers as possible and the committee believes this spirit should prevail.

The Committee does not concur in the recommendation from the Division of Pennsylvania relative to the restoration of certain parts of the former secret work, for the reason that it is unimportant, unnecessary and not in keeping with an Order of the character of the Sons of Veterans which is a patriotic Order, pure and simple.

Your Committee recommends that the error in the plan of Division Encampment be corrected by changing the Station of the Patriotic Instructor to conform to that of the Camp room.

Your Committee recommends that the Incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint some brother to prepare subject to his approval a form for a Memorial Service at the grave of a deceased member of the Order, and that the same be published and added to

the Ritual in pamphlet form until such time as it can be practically incorporated in the Ritual.

Respectfully submitted,  
 (Signed) H. V. SPEELMAN,  
 WM. G. DUSTIN,  
 GEO. E. COX,  
 FRED E. BOLTON,  
 G. B. ABBOTT."

E. R. Campbell, of Maryland: Commander, I move the adoption of the report and the recommendations contained therein.

Isaac Levy, of Ohio: Commander, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

S. M. Aulds, of New York: Commander, I move that the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations be instructed to have the Constitution printed and placed with the National Secretary, to be distributed in the regular way, within twenty days from this date.

George E. Cox, of Connecticut: Commander, I second the motion.

Fred E. Bolton, of Massachusetts: Commander, I move to amend that motion so as to give the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations until the first day of October. That is a reasonable time, and I am quite confident I can assure the brothers that it can be done by that time. The index has got to be gone over and it will require more than twenty days.

S. M. Aulds, of New York: Commander, I accept the amendment, and make my motion read, giving the committee until the first day of October.

The Commander-in-Chief: Do you mean the committee that has just reported?

S. M. Aulds, of New York: Commander, I mean the committee that has just reported.

The Commander-in-Chief: The motion is that the committee that has just reported on Constitution and Laws be authorized to publish and print the same, and that it shall be done by the first of October, and the printed copies placed in the hands of the National Secretary by that time.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question on the motion and the motion was agreed to.

Isaac Levy, of Ohio: Commander, I move that the Encampment do now take recess until one thirty, p. m.

Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin: Commander, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to and the Encampment took recess until one o'clock and thirty minutes, p. m.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Thursday, August 29, 1912.

One Thirty, P. M.

The Commandery-in-Chief met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Commander-in-Chief.

The Acting National Inspector made the rounds and reported all present entitled to remain.

The Commander-in-Chief: We were proceeding under the head of Reports of Committees, when we took recess. Is the Committee on Constitution and Laws ready to report?

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: Commander, the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations is prepared to make a partial report.

The Commander-in-Chief: Proceed.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: Commander, the Committee beg leave to report as follows:

### PARTIAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON C., R. & R.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-first Annual Encampment of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Your Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations having had submitted to it various communications, begs leave to submit the following report:

Communication from Capt. A. B. Campbell Camp, of Pennsylvania, with reference to delegate representation is not acted upon for the reason that it does not bear the sanction of the Division of Pennsylvania, and for the further reason that, being in the nature of an alteration or change in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, it does not come within the requirements thereof.

McKeesport, Pa., August 5th, 1912.

Newton J. McGuire,

Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

We herewith enclose you a copy of resolutions passed by Capt. A. B. Campbell Camp No. 99, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, on July 3rd, 1912, and we ask you to see, personally, that they are placed before the Encampment at St. Louis. They are of the greatest importance and perhaps will cause you to think along these lines. We believe you are convinced, being Commander-in-Chief for the past eleven months, and in your knowledge of law, that the resolutions are timely.

The progress of our Order has not been as rapid as it should have been, but perhaps the moment has not arrived for it to

grow numerically. But the growing sentiment among the Rank and File is, that it never can succeed under present system of representation. The principle is un-American and is wrong, your building up yearly an increased power to old camps. This is outrageous on the face of it.

This question must receive the attention of the Commandery-in-Chief, sooner or later, and we hope you will grasp the importance of this, and give it your careful consideration, if you have never been impressed with the necessity of it before.

Trusting the National Encampment will be progressive along needed lines, with best wishes we beg to remain,

In F. C. & L.,

E. K. COLLINGWOOD,  
Secretary.

(Seal)

HEADQUARTERS OF CAPT. A. B. CAMPBELL CAMP,  
DIVISION OF PENNSYLVANIA, S. OF V., U. S. A.

420 Market Street,  
McKeesport, Pa., July 3, 1912.

Believing that the principles enunciated by our forefathers represent correctly the power of the people as self-government and that our growth depends upon the fostering of their ideas, we respectfully call the attention of the National Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., now in session at St. Louis, Mo., to the following resolutions:

*Whereas*, That this government founded by our forefathers and maintained by our sires on honesty, equal rights and progress of the people, be it resolved;

1st. That we believe in hallowing the memories of the soldiers of this country.

2nd. That we believe patriotic associations are beneficial to our nation, when they inculcate patriotic doctrines, in keeping with the principles of our government.

3rd. That we believe the time has arrived when the governing power of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., must be changed, that the legislative body must be purely representative, and we pray that the National Encampment now in session, will change the laws that the divisions and national body be made up of delegates, and that each camp will be represented by one delegate, and that the delegates of the several camps will constitute the law making power of the respective divisions. That the National Encampment will consist of one delegate for every five hundred or major fraction thereof of the members of the respective divisions. That Past Division Commanders and Camp Commanders may sit as advisory members in their respective bodies, without the power of voting.

4th. That the present representation of Past Camp Commanders and Past Division Commanders is unjust and un-American, and is a menace to the growth of our Order. In the last Pennsylvania Division Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held at Reading, Pa., June 19th and 20th, 1912, Camp No. 16, of Reading had thirty-five votes in the division. Camp No. 6, of Allentown, Pa., had twenty-six votes and a number of other camps had from fourteen to twenty-five votes. Eight camps in all having one hundred and seventy-three votes and the division representing about one hundred camps, had six hundred and

twelve votes. The evils deriving from such a system are so apparent that it requires no explanation.

6th. That the rank and file of the Division of Pennsylvania, as well as other Divisions, demands a change in representation.

7th. That we believe that if this matter is not remedied, immediately, that there is danger of a new organization being formed, on the principles that this is a government of the People for the People and by the People.

We therefore pray that the National Encampment at this time seriously and honestly consider these resolutions. Representing as they do the welfare of this Order and Nation.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

PROF. A. H. LIST,

J. B. HERSBY,

E. K. COLLINGWOOD,

(Seal)

Committee.

Referred to Committee on Constitution.

The Commander-in-Chief: What is the pleasure of the Encampment in acting on the report of this Committee? Will the Encampment act upon each section of the report, or will it act upon the report as a whole?

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I move the adoption of this section of the report of the Committee.

William L. Barnum, of Illinois: Commander, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

Chairman Amies continued the reading of the report of the Committee, as follows:

The communication from Maine Division relative to applications for membership is not concurred in for the reason that the present Constitution, Rules and Regulations provide how said applications shall be made. Should a change be desired, the said Constitution, Rules and Regulations provide a method for so doing.

The same recommendation is made as to Division Membership Committee, referred to in said communication.

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF MAINE,  
SONS OF VETERAN, U. S. A.

Rockland, Maine, August 10, 1912.

This is to certify that the following was adopted at the Annual Encampment of the Maine Division held at Gardiner, June 5th and 6th, to be presented for action at the Commandery-in-Chief meeting at St. Louis.

Attest: EDWARD K. GOULD,

Division Secretary-Treasurer.

(Seal)

Referred to Committee on Constitution.

#### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Applications for membership shall be made to any Camp in duplicate upon blank forms prescribed by the National Secretary, and shall in each case set forth the name, occupation, age, residence and postoffice address of the applicant, line of descent, and the name, dates of enlistment and discharge, or death in

service, company, regiment or ship of his ancestor or ancestors in the Civil War, from whom he derives eligibility. This application shall be signed by at least one member of the Camp nominating and recommending the applicant. Before being balloted upon these applications shall be submitted to at least one member of the Membership Committee of the Division, who shall examine the eligibility of the applicant and report his opinion thereon to the Camp. Imperfect and incomplete applications may be returned to the applicant for correction or completion. The Investigating Committee of the Camp shall report on the candidate's fitness for membership, and if the report of the member of the Division Membership Committee is favorable, a ball ballot shall be had, and if no more than two black balls are cast the candidate shall be declared elected. Signers of applications for charters of new camps must prepare applications for membership to be sent to the Division Commander with the charter application.

#### DIVISION MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

The Division Commander as soon after installation as convenient shall appoint a Membership Committee of three or more members whose duty it shall be to receive all applications and proofs of membership from Camps, including the applications of charter members of new camps. These applications shall be examined by at least one member of the Committee who shall endorse his opinion thereon as to the candidate's eligibility and return the same to the Camp, or in case of charter applicants of a proposed new camp to the Division Commander. If the report of the member of the Committee be that the candidate is not eligible it is final, subject to an appeal to the full Committee, and the candidate cannot be admitted to any Camp. His case can be reconsidered by any member of the Committee on additional evidence of eligibility being presented.

Chairman Amies: Commander, I move the adoption of this section of the report.

E. W. Turnure, of Maryland: Commander, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

Chairman Amies continued the reading of the report, as follows:

The communication from F. H. McGar of the Connecticut Division is not acted upon for the reason that it does not reach this committee in due course, not having been acted upon by the Connecticut Division.

#### CONNECTICUT DIVISION. SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

*Resolved.* That when any member of any Division shall have been duly elected and shall have filled the office of Division Secretary-Treasurer for any one Division for the period of five successive years, the rank of Past Division Commander shall be conferred upon such officer, and the silver cross, indicative of such rank, shall be presented to such officer by such Division; and when any member of any Camp shall have been duly elected and shall have filled the office of Camp Secretary-Treasurer for the period of five successive years, the rank of Past Camp Com-

mander shall be conferred upon such officer, and the iron cross, indicative of such rank, shall be presented to such officer by such Camp, and such Past Division Commanders and Past Camp Commanders shall, respectively, enjoy the same rights and privileges as Past Division Commanders and Past Camp Commanders enjoy.

F. H. McGAR.

Referred to Committee on Constitution.

Chairman Amies: Commander, I move the adoption of the report of the Committee with reference to that communication.

Allan S. Holbrook, of Illinois: Commander, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

D. Sherman Smith, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I move that the Chairman of the Committee proceed with the reading of the report of the Committee, section by section, and if there is no objection to any particular part of the report, that it be considered adopted; that is, unless there is objection each section is considered adopted.

Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin: Commander, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The Commander-in-Chief: Chairman Amies will continue with the reading of the report, and unless there is objection, the report will be considered adopted.

Chairman Amies continued the reading of the report, as follows:

The communication from the Pennsylvania Division with reference to reduction of per capita tax is not concurred in, this Commandery at this session having taken action thereon.

PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION,  
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-first Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., St. Louis, Mo.

Brothers:—

The following resolution was adopted by the 32nd Annual Encampment of Pennsylvania Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held in Reading, Pa., June 19th and 20th, 1912.

That the delegates to the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment be instructed to use all proper means to have the per capita tax reduced and to have the fee on new recruits stricken from the Constitution.

Fraternally submitted,  
FRANCIS CALLAHAN,  
Division Commander.

Attest:

(Seal) W. B. McNULTY,  
Division Secretary.

Referred to Committee on Constitution.

The Commander-in-Chief: If there is no objection the report of the committee on the communication from the Pennsylvania

Division is received and adopted. Is there objection? The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

Chairman Amies proceeded with the reading of the report as follows:

The communication from Massachusetts Division with reference to Death Benefits is not concurred in, the Committee recommends that the maker of the original motion place himself in communication with the secretary of the Death Benefit Association for further information.

HEADQUARTERS, MASSACHUSETTS DIVISION,  
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

The following is an extract from the records of the 30th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Division, held April 2-3, 1912, in Boston, Mass.:

DEATH BENEFIT SYSTEM.

The following resolution was reported and recommendation of "concurrence" was adopted.

Headquarters, Joel D. Dudley Camp 89, S. of V.,  
Brighton, Mass.

*Whereas*, The members of the Order of the Sons of Veterans are at a loss concerning the advisability of supporting a system of Death Benefits and lack concrete information concerning the subject, be it

Resolved, The delegates of the Massachusetts Division, Sons of Veterans, be directed to urge upon the Commandery-in-Chief, the advisability of having a competent committee appointed to report at the next National Encampment concerning the advisability of instituting an optional system of Death Benefits.

The foregoing resolution was introduced by Past Commander James G. Wolff, and indorsed by Camp 89, of Brighton, March 20, 1912.

Attest: GEORGE PARSONS, Secretary.

In accordance therewith, the same is presented to the attention of the Commandery-in-Chief and the Massachusetts delegation urges favorable action thereon.

FRANK L. KIRCHGASSNER,  
Division Commander.

Attest:

(Seal) HENRY F. WEILER,  
Division Secretary.

Referred to Committee on Constitution.

The Commander-in-Chief: If there is no objection, the section of the report in reference to the communication from the Massachusetts Division with reference to death benefits will be approved without further action. Is there objection? The chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

Chairman Amies proceeded with the reading of the report, as follows:

The communication from the Massachusetts Division relating to distinctive flag or banner for marking graves of deceased brothers is concurred in.

HEADQUARTERS, MASSACHUSETTS DIVISION.  
 SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

The following is an extract from the records of the 30th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Division, April 2-3, 1912:

FLAG FOR S. OF V. GRAVES.

The following resolution was reported favorably and the Committee recommends "that the matter be referred to the delegates to the National Encampment." Their recommendation was adopted.

Headquarters, Cyrus K. Miller Camp 101,  
 Westminster, Mass.

*Whereas*, The increasing number of graves of our fathers in our cemeteries, together with those of soldiers of other wars, are fittingly decorated with the flag they fought to preserve, and,

*Whereas*, The use of the same flag by others, destroys its distinctive significance,

*Be it resolved*, That we, the Sons of Veterans, in order to maintain the distinctive right of those who fought for the flag to its use over their last resting place, do discourage its use by any other persons. But to maintain our own position and worthy heritage,

*Be it resolved*, That we instruct our delegates to the next National Encampment to work for the adoption of some distinctive flag or banner (other than "Old Glory"), to be used in marking the graves of deceased brothers.

A. E. HURD, Secretary.

R. O. HURD, Commander.

In accordance therewith, the same is presented for the consideration of the Commandery-in-Chief and the Massachusetts delegation urges favorable action thereon.

FRANK L. KIRCHGASSNER,

Division Commander.

Attest:

HENRY F. WEILER,

(Seal)

Division Secretary.

· Referred to Committee on Constitution.

The Commander-in-Chief: Is there any objection to this part of the report?

T. W. Allen, of Indiana: Commander, it occurs to me that Old Glory is good enough to decorate the grave of any deceased brother, whether he is a brother of this Organization or comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Henry F. Weiler, of Massachusetts: Commander, the purpose of the Massachusetts Division in offering this resolution is to make a distinction on Memorial Day between the graves of members of the Sons of Veterans and members of the Grand Army, which is fitting and proper. It is in deference to the Grand Army of the Republic in those things which they prize.

E. W. Carr, of Vermont: Commander, Old Glory is good enough for us.

Darwin E. Cary, of New York: Commander, I would like to inquire if this is to be used as an additional marker, or if it is intended to supercede the flag. If it is intended to supercede

the flag, I am against it. If it is merely intended to designate the graves of Sons of Veterans, I am not opposed to it.

Henry Stewart, of Pennsylvania: Commander, the brothers say Old Glory is good enough for us. They don't understand the spirit of the resolution. The spirit of the resolution is that Old Glory is too good for us. Only men who have served their country and hold an honorable discharge from the Army or Navy of the United States are entitled to have Old Glory spread over their coffins or over their graves.

E. W. Carr, of Vermont: But we have brothers who did serve under Old Glory.

W. F. Geller, of Indiana: Commander, I object to this Commandery going on record as recognizing any emblem but the Stars and Stripes. Let those who will use other emblems, but let us not go on record as recognizing any other emblem.

E. R. Campbell, of Maryland: The idea is, Commander, to have a Sons of Veterans flag in addition to Old Glory.

T. W. Allen, of Indiana: Commander, according to the resolution of the Massachusetts Division it says to take the place of Old Glory. That is directly in violation of the obligation and the pledge that every man in this organization has taken, in which he pledges allegiance to one flag, one land, etc. I move you that this section of the report of the Committee be laid upon the table.

G. M. Rowland, of New York: Commander, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

Chairman Amies continued the reading of the report, as follows:

The communication from the Pennsylvania Division that this Commandery-in-Chief provide for a duplicate No. 2 to be bestowed upon a former camp, known as Captain Philip R. Schuyler Camp, is not concurred for constitutional reasons.

#### PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION.

#### SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-first Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., St. Louis, Mo.

Brothers:—

The following resolution was adopted by the 32nd Annual Encampment of the Pennsylvania Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held in Reading, Pa., June 19th and 20th, 1912.

That the Commandery-in-Chief be petitioned to provide in the Constitution for a duplicate No. 2 to be bestowed upon a former Camp of the Sons of Veterans known as Captain Philip R. Schuyler Camp No. 2, there already existing in the Division a Colonel Fred Taylor Camp No. 2. This former body having had their charter revoked by Commander-in-Chief Wm. G. Dustin for insubordination.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,  
Division Commander.

Attest:

W. B. McNULTY,

(Seal)

Division Secretary.

Referred to Committee on Constitution.

The Commander-in-Chief: If there is no objection, this part of the report of the committee will be adopted. Is there objection? The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered. Brother Amies will proceed with the report.

Chairman Amies resumed the reading of the report, as follows:

The communication from the New York Division relative to buttonhole decoration is not concurred in. The present Constitution, Rules and Regulations provides for a buttonhole decoration and in order to alter or change same compliance must be made with proper procedure.

HEADQUARTERS, NEW YORK DIVISION,  
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

St. Louis, Mo., August 27, 1912.

To the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Comrades:—

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the New York Division, Sons of Veterans, at the Ithaca session, held June 17-18-19, 1912:

*Resolved*, That the buttonhole decoration adopted by the Commandery-in-Chief at the Rochester Encampment, August, 1911, does not meet favor by our members; that it is not distinctive; that it is similar to some in use by other organizations; that it is entirely different from those used by us for many years, and which have become familiar to our members; that we know of no demand for a change from the former decoration, but on the contrary, there is an almost unanimous desire to restore the bronze shield in use prior to January 1, 1912.

*Be it further Resolved*, That the delegates of the New York Division to the Commandery-in-Chief be instructed to carry into effect the above resolution.

Presented by

WM. H. KLEIN.

(Seal)

Division Commander.

Referred to Committee on Constitution.

The Commander-in-Chief: Is there any objection to this part of the report of the committee?

Darwin E. Cary, of New York: Commander, I hold in my hand a letter from one of the honored members of the Loyal Legion protesting against the use of a button which so nearly duplicates theirs that it is often misunderstood. The letter is signed Col. S. C. Pierce, one of the honored leaders of the Loyal Legion Commandery in the State of New York—I will not take time to read it—but it requests this Commandery-in-Chief to take action to correct a condition which is confusing and embarrassing. I think we are big enough to recognize a mistake, if we have made one, and to correct it at once, if we conclude we should do so. I move, as a substitute for the recommendation in the report of the committee, that the matter of the buttonhole decoration be referred to a committee of three to be appointed by the Commander with instructions to report at the next encampment action with a view to the restoration of the bronze shield.

George E. Bailey, of Minnesota: Commander, I second the motion.

Isaac Cutter, of Illinois: Commander, I move to amend the motion by striking out all reference to the bronze shield.

C. S. Scott, of California: Commander-in-Chief, the Commandery of California will take action in the nature of a protest against our use of this button. The members of the Loyal Legion are members of the Grand Army. They are the shining lights of the Grand Army. From the Grand Army we expect favors. We received some last year, and we hope to receive more. Now, can we afford to wear something, or do anything that will change their feeling toward us and undo whatever they are intending to do for us? I would like to see this button abolished. I would like very much to stop the manufacture and stop the sale of it immediately; and I move that the button be abolished and its manufacture and sale stopped immediately.

The Commander-in-Chief: There is a motion before the house made by Brother Cary and seconded by Brother Bailey that a committee of three be appointed at the next Encampment with a view to restoring the bronze button, and Brother Scott's motion is not in order.

T. W. Allen, of Indiana: Commander, the Committee on Officers' Reports have a report to submit on this subject, and I move that this whole matter lay on the table until the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports has been heard, or, I move that further action be withheld until after the reading of the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports.

Darwin E. Cary, of New York: Commander, that is acceptable to me. I will accept that as my motion.

The Commander-in-Chief: Then, if there is no objection, that course will be pursued, and that will dispose of this part of the report of the committee at this time. Is there objection? The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered. Proceed with your report. Brother Amies.

Chairman Amies resumed and concluded the reading of the report, as follows:

The communication from Missouri Division relating to application cards is concurred in and the same is referred to the National Secretary.

MISSOURI DIVISION,  
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

St. Louis, Mo., August 20, 1912.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-first National Encampment, S. V., U. S. A.

Greetings:—

The following was adopted by the 28th Annual Encampment of the Missouri Division at Macon, Mo., May 16th, 1912, and the delegates were instructed to have same brought before the 31st National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, for their consideration and action.

APPLICATION CARD.

Omit the word Father on the application card and insert the word Ancestor, or add to it the word Grandfather in parentheses

on the bottom line, so that it shall read my Father (Ancestor or Grandfather) never bore arms against the Government of the United States.

## RITUAL.

Amend the ritual so as to add the instructions of the Patriotic Instructor to the short form of initiation as they appear on page 19, same to be rendered at all initiations.

The above is a correct copy of the records.

CHARLES C. WIPPO.

Attest:

Division Commander.

W. L. BOBE,

(Seal) Division Secretary-Treasurer.

MISSOURI DIVISION,  
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

St. Louis, August, 20, 1912.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-first National Encampment, S. V., U. S. A.

Greeting:—

The following resolutions were adopted by the 28th Annual Encampment of the Missouri Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in regular session held in the City of Macon, Mo., May 16-17, 1912, same to be presented to the 31st National Encampment of the Order in St. Louis, Mo., August 25-30, 1912, by the delegates representing this Division.

## RESOLUTIONS. (BANNER)

Many resolutions were presented to the 28th Annual Encampment asking that this Division instruct the delegates to the 31st National Encampment at St. Louis, Mo., to use all honorable means to have the contract for THE BANNER (official organ) extended as we believe that THE BANNER was the light of the Order, and was a looked for publication each month by the members of the Order. (Adopted unanimously).

## RESOLUTIONS. (BUTTONHOLE DECORATION)

*Resolved*, That this Division instruct the delegates to the 31st National Encampment of the Order at St. Louis, Mo., August 25-30, 1912, to use all honorable means to have the National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief again restore the old bronze button and discontinue the use of the new Rosette button as the official buttonhole decoration of the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. (Adopted unanimously by Division Encampment at Macon, Mo., May 16th, 1912.

The foregoing is a correct copy of the records.

CHARLES C. WIPPO.

Attest:

Division Commander.

W. L. BOBE,

(Seal) Division Secretary-Treasurer.

Respectfully referred to Resolution Committee.

The communication from Missouri Division relating to THE BANNER is not acted upon, this body having previously taken action thereon.

That part of said communication referring to the buttonhole decoration is not acted upon. Action relating thereto having

been had under the communication from the Division of New York.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

EDWIN M. AMIES,  
FRANK L. SHEPARD,  
EDWARD K. CAMPBELL,  
W. H. RUSSELL,  
GEORGE C. HARVEY,

Committee.

The Commander-in-Chief: If there is no objection, the report of the committee in relation to the communication from Missouri Division in reference to application cards is received and adopted. Is there objection? The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered. The report of the Committee in relation to the rosette button will be disposed of after the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports is heard. Is the Council-in-Chief ready to report?

Edwin C. Irelan, of Maryland, proceeded to read the report of the Council-in-Chief, as follows:

#### REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

St. Louis, Mo., August 29, 1912.

To the Thirty-first National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.—Greetings:

Pursuant to the laws and usages of the Order, the Council-in-Chief presents the following report.

#### ORGANIZATION.

The Council-in-Chief met immediately after the adjournment of the Thirtieth National Encampment at Rochester, New York, August 25th, 1911. All members being present, the following officers of the Council-in-Chief were elected:

Chairman—Fred J. Phillips, Chicago, Ill.

Secretary—Arthur I. Vescelius, Paterson, N. J.

#### BONDS.

The penalties of the bonds of the Commandery-in-Chief Officers were fixed as follows:

Commander-in-Chief .....	\$1,000.00
National Secretary .....	5,000.00
National Treasurer .....	5,000.00

#### APPROPRIATIONS.

The following amounts were appropriated:

To Commander-in-Chief .....	\$1,000.00
To Department Chief-of-Staff .....	350.00

#### AUDITING.

The bills covering expenses of the Thirtieth National Encampment were audited and approved.

#### INVITATION TO AUXILIARY.

An invitation was voted to be extended to the Ladies Auxiliary and Daughters of Veterans to meet at the same place and

date as the Commandery-in-Chief, in the event that the Grand Army of the Republic should select a meeting place West of the Missouri River.

#### EXCHANGE OF SECURITIES RESERVE FUND.

The former securities in the reserve fund, consisting of two (2) \$1,000.00 notes of the Tidewater Company, were called for redemption as of May 1, 1912, at 101; the matter was brought to the attention of the Council-in-Chief by the National Treasurer. The National Treasurer was authorized, empowered and directed to have said notes redeemed, and the proceeds invested in two (2) 5 per cent notes of one thousand dollars each of the International and Great Northern Ry. at 98½ and accrued interest, for the sum of one thousand nine hundred and ninety dollars and fifty-six cents (\$1,990.56).

#### MEETING PLACE.

The action of the Thirtieth National Encampment placed upon the Commander-in-Chief and the Council-in-Chief the selection of a meeting place for the Thirty-first National Encampment, provided the Grand Army of the Republic should select a place West of the Missouri River. The Grand Army of the Republic having selected Los Angeles, California, the Commander-in-Chief sent voting blanks to the respective members of the Council-in-Chief, suggesting St. Louis, Missouri, and the date August 26th, 1912, and your Council-in-Chief concurred therein.

#### ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS.

The Commander-in-Chief having exhausted his original appropriation of one thousand dollars, and having shown to your Council-in-Chief the absolute necessity for an additional appropriation, your Council-in-Chief voted him an additional appropriation of four hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$475.00).

#### AUDIT OF BOOKS.

A complete and thorough audit of all the books of the National Secretary and National Treasurer was made, and showed the following exhibition of the financial condition of the Commandery-in-Chief:

August 25, 1911, by balance.....	\$ 2,035.68
Total receipts during the administration...	20,032.18
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	\$22,067.86
Total disbursements during the term.....	\$17,527.28
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	\$ 4,540.58
Interest on deposit .....	71.05
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Balance .....	\$ 4,611.63
The above balance is certified to by letter of the Berks County Trust Company, Reading, Pennsylvania, signed by the proper official of said Company, and which certificate is hereto attached and made a part hereof, and marked "Exhibit A."	
Since balancing the books the per capita tax of the Nebraska Division for June, 1912, Quarter has been received and is now in the hands of the National Secretary.....	12.32
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Total balance .....	\$ 4,623.95

## RESERVE FUND.

Investments consist of two notes of the I. & G. N. Ry.	
5 per cent par .....	\$ 2,000.00
Interest .....	170.00
Profit on sale Tidewater notes and purchase of I. & G.	
N. notes .....	76.60
	\$2,246.60

## INSPECTION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

Council-in-Chief Arthur I. Vescelius inspected National Headquarters at Reading, Pennsylvania, June 24, 1912, and his report to the Council-in-Chief was most satisfactory. The housing and arrangement of supplies, etc., is so complete as to prevent any waste, and the National Secretary is to be commended for the deep interest shown in the handling of the property in his custody.

Your Council-in-Chief lack words adequate to express the praise due the National Secretary and National Treasurer for the concise and accurate manner in which the books of these respective officers are kept, and which rendered the work of your Council-in-Chief in auditing same a pleasure.

## RESOLUTION FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS DIVISION.

The Committee on Resolutions referred to the Council-in-Chief a resolution from the Massachusetts Division (which is attached hereto and made a part hereof and marked "Exhibit B," in substance, dealing with the quality of material used in printing supplies. The Council-in-Chief recommends that the subject matter of said resolution be and is hereby referred to the National Secretary, within whose jurisdiction the purchasing of supplies comes, and that the said subject matter set forth in said resolution receive the consideration of said National Secretary when new supplies are ordered.

## RESOLUTION FROM THE KENTUCKY DIVISION.

The Committee on Resolutions has also referred to the Council-in-Chief a resolution from the Kentucky Division (which resolution is made a part hereof and attached hereto and marked "Exhibit C") requesting an appropriation of one hundred dollars for organization work within the said Division. The Council-in-Chief, after a most thorough consideration of said resolution, recommends that as the policy of the Commander-in-Chief-elect in regard to organization work is unknown to your Council-in-Chief, that the subject matter of said resolution, be referred to the Commander-in-Chief-elect.

## PER CAPITA TAX.

The Council-in-Chief recommends a reduction of 1 cent per quarter, making the per capita tax 7 cents per quarter.

## CONCLUSION.

The utmost courtesy and co-operation has been shown your Council-in-Chief by all the National Officers.

Respectfully submitted,  
 FRED J. PHILLIPS,  
 ARTHUR I. VESCELIUS,  
 EDWIN C. IRELAN,  
 Council-in-Chief.

## (Exhibit A)

THE BERKS COUNTY TRUST COMPANY,

Reading, Pa., August 23, 1912.

Council-in-Chief,  
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

This certifies that the balance of J. L. Rake, National Treasurer, Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., at the close of business, August 23rd, 1912, is \$4,611.63.

M. A. GHERST,  
Treasurer.

## (Exhibit B)

HEADQUARTERS MASSACHUSETTS DIVISION,  
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

The following section appears in the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports, as adopted at the 30th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Division, April 2-3, 1912.

The recommendation of the Division Secretary, in his report, was—

"that our delegates to the next National Encampment be instructed to present legislation seeking to improve the quality of the books and supplies." The Committee reported "ought to pass" and suggested the adoption of the following: "The Massachusetts Division respectfully request the Commandery-in-Chief that any new stock of supplies be printed on better material and a general improvement be made in the workmanship on badges." Their report and suggestion were adopted.

This request and recommendation is therefore presented for the consideration of the Commandery-in-Chief, with the endorsement of the Massachusetts delegation.

FRANK L. KIRCHGASSNER,  
Division Commander.

Attest:  
HENRY F. WEILER,  
(Seal) Division Secretary.

Referred to National Council.

## (Exhibit C)

HEADQUARTERS KENTUCKY DIVISION,  
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Office of Division Secretary.  
Louisville, Ky., August 26, 1912.

To the Resolution Committee, of the Thirty-first Encampment, Sons of Veterans, United States of America.

Whereas, The Kentucky Division has had a hard and uphill pull to keep on the books of the National in recent years, owing to lack of finances, also partly due to the fact that Kentucky was a sort of compromise line between the Armies of '61 to '65, in many instances brothers being on opposite sides, and

Whereas, There are many eligibles in the broad expanse of the "B'ue Grass State," who would readily join our ranks, should they be made thoroughly acquainted with the cause we represent, either through correspondence or personal visits to the outlying districts, and

Whereas, The National has not in recent years expended any money on organization work in said State, on the other hand has received per capita at regular intervals, and

Whereas, By increasing the membership of that State, the National would benefit by an increased per capita, therefore be it

Resolved, That as a starter toward a working fund for the Organization Committee, of the Kentucky Division (which Committee was created at the last state encampment), One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars, be appropriated by this Encampment, for said purpose.

Respectfully submitted by

V. I. CARTWRIGHT.

(Division Seal)

Delegate Kentucky Division.

Edwin C. Ireland, of Maryland: Commander, I move the adoption of the report.

Victor I. Cartwright, of Kentucky: I second the motion.

The Commander-in-Chief: It is the opinion of the Commander-in-Chief that the report should go to the Committee on Officers' Reports, unless the Encampment desires to act on it directly.

T. W. Allen, of Indiana: Commander, the record shows that the report of the Council-in-Chief has always been referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports. I move you the suspension of the rules, and that this report, as read, of the Council-in-Chief, be adopted. I am not hunting for work.

The motion was seconded.

The Commander-in-Chief: Brothers, the question is on the adoption of the report of the Council-in-Chief. All those in favor of adopting the report as read will say aye; contrary, no. The ayes seem to have it. The ayes have it and the report is adopted. Are there any other committees to report? Is the Committee on Officers' Reports, Brother Allen, of Indiana, Chairman, ready to report.

T. W. Allen, of Indiana: The Committee on Officers' Reports is ready to report, Commander.

Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin: Commander, I move you that the different sections of this report be adopted as read, without further action, if there is no objection.

William L. Barnum, of Illinois: Commander, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

T. W. Allen, of Indiana, Chairman of the Committee on Officers' Reports, proceeded to read the report of that Committee, as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

St. Louis, Mo., August 29, 1912.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-first Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Brothers:—

Your Committee on Officers' Reports beg leave to submit the following report, based on a careful review of all reports of this Commandery-in-Chief submitted to us:

The Report of Commander-in-Chief McGuire shows an earnest, patriotic zeal and a heart filled with love for our Association and its institutions. We commend the steady and substantial growth in our Association and we desire to call special attention to the fact that 137 Camps with over 4000 charter members were taken in during this administration. Had the Camps and Divisions controlled their suspensions of over 8000 members, we would at this time be far over the 50,000 mark.

We congratulate Commander-in-Chief McGuire on the organization of the new Division of Idaho and in connection therewith we recommend that a vote of thanks of this Encampment be extended to Brother C. S. Scott, Commander of the Division of California and Pacific, not alone for his activity throughout the West but for bringing into existence this new Division of Idaho.

In reference to change of name as mentioned in the report of our Commander-in-Chief and by resolutions from Division Encampments received by us in connection therewith, we recommend that the entire subject be submitted to a committee of three, consisting of the Commander-in-Chief, the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and they be instructed to make a full and complete report at the Thirty-second Annual Encampment."

The Commander-in-Chief: If there is no objection, the report of the Committee on this matter will be adopted as read. Is there objection?

Fred E. Bolton, of Massachusetts: Commander, I shall object unless there is a stipulation put in there that it shall be without expense to the Commandery-in-Chief.

Chairman Allen: It was the purpose of the Committee, Commander, to avoid any expense to the Commandery, and therefore they framed the recommendation as they did, considering that the officers of the Commandery could do the work, and there would be no expense.

Fred E. Bolton, of Massachusetts: It is better to have it so stated, Commander.

Chairman Allen resumed the reading of the report, as follows:

"We do not concur in the Report of Commander-in-Chief McGuire in reference to the Rosette Button and we hereby recommend that the Bronze Shield as now used as the recognition button be the only official recognition button of our Association."

Isaac Levy, of Ohio: Commander, I move the adoption of this section of the report as read.

The motion was seconded.

Fred E. Bolton, of Massachusetts: Commander, I rise to a point of order.

The Commander-in-Chief: The Brother will state his point of order.

Fred E. Bolton, of Massachusetts: Commander, my point of order is that this is an amendment to the Constitution, and therefore it cannot be passed in this way.

The Commander-in-Chief: The Constitution provides that it cannot be amended except by the action of three separate En-

campments, and the point is that this motion is in effect an amendment to the Constitution, and therefore, that it is out of order. The Chair will have to rule that in all deliberative bodies it is the law that a two-thirds majority can suspend the rules and change the Constitution, and that one Convention cannot bind another Convention in its action, when it is proposed to suspend the rules. But I think the point is well taken unless the brother puts his motion in that form. The motion must be that the rules be suspended.

T. W. Allen, of Indiana: Commander, the Constitution, or any rules or regulations governing a fraternal organization do not become the law until they are promulgated, and the new Constitution has never been promulgated as yet by the Commander-in-Chief, and we are still operating under the old Constitution, and therefore are still using the Bronze Button as a decoration of the Order. That is why the recommendation is put in there as it is.

The Commander-in-Chief: I think the new Constitution went into effect January 1st, 1912—that is the Chair's ruling in the matter. I believe we are working under the new Constitution. My decision is that in order to do away with the Rosette Button you have got to suspend your rules; move that the rules be suspended and certain things done.

Fred E. Bolton, of Massachusetts: Commander, this is a Constitutional provision; it is not a rule. You are amending your Constitution, and there is only one way that you can amend your Constitution.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: Commander, do you rule that the Constitution can be changed by a two-thirds vote?

The Commander-in-Chief: I do.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: There is a difference, Commander, between suspending the Constitution and suspending rules. As a lawyer, does not the Chair know that the Constitution cannot be suspended in any event excepting by the prescribed rule and law?

The Commander-in-Chief: I think not. I think further that the new Constitution not repealing all the old laws, that the provision of the old Constitution which gives the right to suspend the Constitution, Rules and Regulations on a two-thirds vote is still in full force and effect.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: The new Constitution contains a repealing clause, Commander.

The Commander-in-Chief: If it does, it has been changed from the proof that was given me.

Brother Bolton has just called my attention to the record of the Rochester Convention, page 222, as follows:

"When the repealing section was read—

A. E. B. Stephens, of Ohio, moved that "All former laws, rules and regulations are hereby repealed."

The motion was seconded and agreed to."

I never saw that before. I hold that that is conclusive, that the old Constitution is no more, and the new Constitution is the Constitution of the Order; that we have been operating under that since January 1st.

George C. Harvey, of Indiana: Commander, the new Constitution provides that all laws, rules and regulations inconsistent with it are repealed, but we have a right to suspend the rules. I therefore move that the rules be suspended and that recommendation No.—whatever number it is—providing for the Bronze Button, be passed by a two-thirds vote of this Convention.

The motion was seconded.

F. L. Shepard, of Illinois: Commander, I rise to a point of order, that the motion is out of order for the reason that the old Constitution is in force except where it is repealed by the present Constitution.

The Commander-in-Chief: My ruling is that a deliberative body can always amend its Constitution, Rules and Regulations by a two-thirds vote.

F. L. Shepard, of Illinois: Commander, I desire to call attention to the provision of the present Constitution providing for the amendment of the Constitution. There is no law except the present Constitution, which was adopted at the Rochester Encampment. There is no provision in the present Constitution for changing or wiping out the Constitution of the order on the floor of the Encampment. On the contrary, it expressly prohibits such thing to be done. It provides for amendments, and the manner in which amendments shall be made. I therefore submit that a motion to substitute something else in place of the provisions of the Constitution is out of order.

The Commander-in-Chief: I find on consulting Roberts' Rules of Order, page 50, under the heading "Suspension of Rules." "This motion applies only to rules of order or standing rules, as the Constitution and By-Laws can not be suspended even by unanimous consent unless they provide for their own suspension, which should never be done except in case of a particular by-law relating to the transaction of business, and then it should be specified."

The Chair will have to change its ruling, and rule that the Constitution cannot be amended except in the manner which is prescribed in the Constitution itself.

T. W. Allen, of Indiana: Commander, the motion is not to change the Constitution by a two-thirds vote. We can change the rule in regard to amending the Constitution by a two-thirds vote, and after having suspended the rule we can change the Constitution.

The Commander-in-Chief: Section IV, Art. XXII of the Rules and Regulations, according to the "proof" of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations that was furnished me in July last, provides:

"Brothers may wear miniature badge representing the shield of the order as a button-hole or pin decoration."

This section does not appear in the second proof as furnished and distributed to this Encampment. Your Commander desires to know, How did it get out of the text of the manuscript?

Past Commander-in-Chief, W. H. Russell, of Kansas: Commander, I desire to call your attention to page 213 of the Rochester Proceedings, which show that the Rosette Button was

adopted as the button-hole decoration. I presume this is the reason for the correction.

Wm. M. Coffin, of Ohio: Commander, it strikes me as peculiar that such a matter as a decorative button should be a constitutional question. The final chapter of the new Constitution provides for amendment. After that we have the heading, "Rules and Regulations," and under "Rules and Regulations" there is a section providing for a recognition button, and there is no provision for the amendment of the Rules and Regulations. Therefore, it is simply a question of rules and regulations, and the section is subject to amendment upon the decision of this body.

F. L. Shepard, of Illinois: If the brother will read the clause on amendments he will see that it covers the Constitution and Rules and Regulations.

Darwin E. Cary, of New York: Commander, I believe there is an easy way out of this thing. I believe every need would be met by the adoption of a resolution by the Encampment disapproving of the rosette button. I believe the sentiment of the Loyal Legion would be satisfied by the adoption of a resolution that it is the sentiment of this body that the bronze button be restored.

I move, Commander, that we express our sentiment in approval of the report of the committee, and that we accept the report of the committee as a proposed amendment to the Constitution, and treat its presentation as the first reading of the amendment.

W. B. Moynihan, of New York: Commander, I second the motion.

Commander-in-Chief: It is moved and seconded that the recommendation of the committee be concurred in, so far as it goes, in this Encampment, and that it be considered as an amendment offered to the Constitution, and its presentation treated as a first reading, it then to lie over and be acted upon by two subsequent Encampments. Those in favor of the motion will say aye. Those opposed, no. The ayes seem to have it. The ayes have it, and the motion is agreed to.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I know that by unanimous consent the Secretary would stop issuing these buttons, and the manufacture of them will stop, and it will not be necessary to wait until next year or the year following to discontinue the use of the button. I know the Secretary will immediately stop the issuance of this button if any association composed of G. A. R. Comrades say that we should not wear them.

G. S. Scott, of California: Commander, I want to make a motion that the manufacture and sale of the Rosette Button be stopped immediately.

The Commander-in-Chief: I think the Chair will rule that motion out of order. Proceed with the report of the committee.

Chairman Allen resumed and concluded the reading of the report, as follows:

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

We concur in Recommendation No. 1, as follows: "I recommend that the per capita tax for the coming year be reduced to

seven cents (7c) per quarter or twenty-eight cents (28c) per year per capita."

We concur in that part of Recommendation No. 2 which reads as follows:

I recommend that the portraits of the Past Commanders-in-Chief of this Association now in Mason City, Iowa, and all other portraits of Past Commanders-in-Chief now in the possession of the Commandery, be returned to the respective Divisions whence they came whenever requested by said Divisions, except that the portraits of the last three Past Commanders-in-Chief shall be kept hanging on the walls of our permanent headquarters.

We concur in Recommendation No. 3, as follows:

That this Encampment authorize the Treasurer of the Association to invest One Thousand Dollars of the funds of the Association in interest bearing securities for the Permanent Reserve Fund.

We concur in Recommendation No. 4, as follows:

I recommend that the sum of \$500.00 be appropriated and paid to the Permanent Fund of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic as a contribution to said fund by the Sons of Veterans.

We do not concur in Recommendation No. 5, as follows:

I recommend that the Encampment select one of our highest officials or past officials as a special representative of this Encampment to go to Los Angeles and extend greetings of the Commandery and officially represent us at their National Encampment and that the Commandery appropriate \$150.00 to pay the expenses of said representative.

#### SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

We commend the zeal and activity of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and his services for the Association deserve special mention. We find but one recommendation on his report, viz: That not less than \$100.00 be set aside by this Encampment to be used in securing a memorial for Past Commander-in-Chief Frank P. Merrill. We concur in this recommendation provided the Division of Maine appropriates an additional \$200.00 for this purpose.

#### JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

The report of the Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief shows that he interested himself in the affairs and interests of the Association to a commendable degree, and the services rendered by him deserve the appreciation of the Commandery-in-Chief.

#### SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

We found the reports of the National Secretary and National Treasurer to be carefully prepared and covering the duties and work of their offices. We agree with the suggestion of National Secretary Hammer that the hard thing to control in divisions is the matter of suspensions, but we are unable to recommend any legislation that will better this condition. We concur in the

recommendation of National Secretary Hammer, which is identical with Recommendation No. 1 of the Commander-in-Chief. From the report of National Treasurer Rake, the finances of the Association are in good condition, and we concur in the recommendation of National Treasurer Rake, which is identical with Recommendation No. 2 of the Commander-in-Chief.

#### SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE.

Under this were considered the reports of the committee on military affairs, the report of Adjutant General Stewart and the report of Chief-of-Staff Amies. The thorough and detailed report of Adjutant General Stewart is deserving of commendation and is an evidence that this department is well officered. We most heartily commend Brother Amies, Chief-of-Staff, for the good showing and the progress made by the Reserve feature of our Association, and we urge that a more forward and outreaching policy be made by the military organization known as the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

#### STAFF.

The reports of the Staff Officers as submitted to us show an active interest in the duties of their respective offices, and the hearty co-operation with the administration in its efforts to build up the Association. We commend the work and report of our National Patriotic Instructor, and as the work and duties of this office are becoming better known it has become of great good to the Association. We found the blanks used in the reports of the National Patriotic Instructor and those of the National Chaplain in many instances are repeaters, and we heartily concur in the recommendation that there should be a revision of the forms used by the above officers in securing their reports. We concur in the recommendations of the National Patriotic Instructor Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, namely:

(1) The encouragement of the "Memorial Defense Movement."

(3) Directing the Division Officers to immediately promulgate forms 50 and 51 to the proper officers.

(4) The revision of blanks used for the annual reports of the Division and Camp Patriotic Instructors.

(5) Making the National Patriotic Instructor the publicity agent, and authorizing him to prepare and distribute programs for patriotic occasions.

(6) The condemnation of all insults to the flag by anarchists and others.

(7) Making it obligatory upon Camp Patriotic Instructors to make their final reports to the Division Patriotic Instructor by July 1st each year and upon Division Patriotic Instructors to forward reports to National Patriotic Instructor by August 1st.

We commend the National Counselor on the careful and exhaustive opinions rendered by him. These were made harder by the action of the Thirteenth National Encampment at Rochester, N. Y., which had for its purpose the adoption of a new Constitution, and the desire of the officers and the membership at

large to assure themselves of their understanding of the new Constitution.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

T. W. ALLEN, Chairman.  
C. B. MARTIN.  
JOHN D. HOPPER.  
W. B. MOYNIHAN.  
HERMAN RABICH.

Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin: Commander, I move that the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports be adopted.

Victor I. Cartwright, of Kentucky: Commander, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The Commander-in-Chief: Is the Committee on Resolutions ready to report? The Committee on Fraternal Relations? Brother Jones, have you any report from the Committee on Fraternal Relations?

Ben. F. Jones, of Missouri: Commander, I will just say this, that the Committee on Fraternal Relations has performed its duty the best it knew how.

The Commander-in-Chief: The report is adopted. Is there any report from the Press Committee?

Charles C. Wippo, of Missouri: Commander, the Press Committee would report that we have given the press all the information that we had that they wanted, and we are happy to say that the press is with us.

Commander-in-Chief: Is the Committee on Resolutions ready to report, Scott, of California, Chairman?

C. S. Scott, California: Commander, the Committee on Resolutions begs leave to submit the following report:

#### FINAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

St. Louis, Mo., August 29, 1912.

We, your Committee, respectfully recommend that a Committee of three be appointed by this Encampment to act in conjunction with a like committee, should the same be appointed by the Daughters of Veterans, and the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, to consider the consolidation of these two orders, and should the same be consolidated, that the consolidated organization be affiliated with or auxiliary to this organization, namely, the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., all without expense to the Commandery-in-Chief.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, wish to thank the Governor of this great state of Missouri and the Mayor of the city of St. Louis, as well as the members of the local committee in charge of the entertainment, and their good citizens, and both the hotels and railroads and newspapers, for their hospitality

and kind treatment and their many courtesies to us while we have been assembled here at this Thirty-first Encampment.

C. S. SCOTT, Chairman,  
 WM. T. CHURCH.  
 H. C. SPRINGSTON.  
 F. T. F. JOHNSON.  
 C. H. HUDSON.  
 Committee on Resolutions.

Commander, I move the adoption of the report.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

The Commander-in-Chief: That completes the regular business of the Encampment, Brothers. Next in order is the nomination and election of officers for the ensuing year.

Isaac Levy, of Ohio: Commander: I move that the nominating speeches be limited to five minutes.

The motion was seconded.

The Commander-in-Chief: The Chair will announce the committee to consider the consolidation of the Daughters of Veterans and the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, recommended by the Committee on Resolutions, as follows:

Fred J. Phillips, of Illinois, Chairman.

William T. Church, of Illinois.

Henry F. Weiler, of Massachusetts.

There is a motion that we now proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year and that nominating speeches be limited to five minutes.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

The Commander-in-Chief: Nominations are now in order for Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year. The National Secretary will call the roll of Divisions for nominations.

The National Secretary proceeded to call the roll of Divisions. When the Division of Alabama and Tennessee was called:

L. W. Friedman, of Alabama: Commander, Alabama and Tennessee gives way to Iowa.

J. H. Fenton, of Iowa: Commander, I have the interest of the Sons of Veterans at heart, as we all have here today. I count among my friends in this country some of the legal fraternity. They are fully aware of the sentiment I hold regarding that fraternity. There are a whole lot of lawyers we have today who are no better than the Scribes and Pharisees of old. The people elect these men to carry on their affairs at Washington when there are a lot of business men who could do it more expeditiously and with one-tenth of the red tape that we have at Washington at the present time. They have confined this speech to five minutes, and so I am leaving out part of what I have got down here. Our country west of the Big River, the Mississippi, has longed for many years for a President that we could call our own, but owing to the superior wisdom of our fathers and brothers in the East, that longing has never been gratified, and this boon up to the present time has been denied us. We have acquiesced in their judgment and are still loyal citizens, at least

in Iowa. I made the statement in our Division Camp at Mason City, Iowa, in June, that if we could have a Commander-in-Chief from our western states who would and could be in hearty sympathy with us, it would tend to build up our organization in the western states as nothing else could ever do. The honor conferred upon me this afternoon is no task, but a pleasure, and I have the honor to place in nomination one of the best and strongest men of our whole order. For twenty-three years he has been working for our order and its upbuilding, and like our Savior of Nazareth he has carried the gospel to our people. He has organized camps in Arkansas, in the snow covered farms of Minnesota. He has gone to the Bad Land and organized camps in North and South Dakota; and he has covered more land and territory than any other man, to my knowledge. He has been the means of bringing more increase in point of numbers than any other member of this organization in the same length of time. For that matter, I don't know but what he has doubled it in the camps from the land where the sun sets. If you will take one look at him, you will realize that if, God willing, he is elected and his life is spared to us, judging from the past, there will be something doing in the future. He has been honored by this convention as the messenger from this convention to carry greetings to our fathers at Los Angeles next month. Let us not only send him as our messenger, but send him as our leader and Commander; for I assure you that there is no man in our midst today whom the fathers in convention assembled would sooner see walking down the aisle of the convention as hall as our leader and Commander than C. S. Scott, of California. (Applause.)

We have to be all things to all people, in order that we may win; and while Bro. Scott can be a boy among boys, he sure has demonstrated that he is a man among men, and that he will be a credit to our organization and also to our judgment in selecting him as our Commander-in-Chief for the coming year. I take the pleasure of placing before this convention the name of C. S. Scott, of California, for Commander-in-Chief. (Applause.)

The National Secretary resumed the calling of the roll of Divisions.

When the Division of Connecticut was called:

Alfred C. Baldwin, of Connecticut: Commander and Brothers, I will not long interrupt the proceedings or trespass upon your attention during the heat of this day. We entertain a just pride in our membership. It includes within its ranks men of excellent character, habits and reputation. From those ranks we have in the past selected our officers, especially those who have been our Commanders-in-Chief. The candidate whom I shall presently name, if selected by this Encampment, will maintain the high order established by those who have preceded him. I heard it suggested a moment ago, by my friend who preceded me, that the candidate he named came from the land of the setting sun. I submit to your consideration the fact that our candidate comes from the land of the rising sun. (Applause.) These men have been men of accomplishments. This candidate is a man of accomplishments. Connected with the educational affairs in his state, he has filled many offices of public confidence and trust, and always to the entire satisfaction of those who have selected him to fill those positions. He has represented his district in the State Senate; he has been upon its judiciary; he has accom-

plished much in this order. While Commander of his camp the membership was increased two hundred per cent, and while Commander of his Division the membership increased fifty per cent. We have an excellent Division. It is composed of men of quality, of men of affairs, of men of importance to this organization. We have been modest in our demands upon your consideration heretofore. This is the first time in the twenty-eight years of our life as a Division that we have ever asked your consideration for this important office. We have had a Senior Vice Commander, one or two members of the Council-in-Chief, a National Inspector and a National Counselor. I submit that this is surely a modest position for the Connecticut Division to have taken in the past. We, today, come before you with confidence in our request that you will elect to this high office Hon. Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut. (Applause.)

The National Secretary continued the calling of the roll of Divisions.

When the Division of Massachusetts was called:

Frank L. Kirchgassner, of Massachusetts: Commander: the Division of Massachusetts desires to second the nomination of Judge Grant, of Connecticut. Not only do we second it as representatives of this Encampment, but we second it for our entire Division, which unanimously endorsed the request of Connecticut because we know that Judge Grant is a man fully capable of filling the position.

The National Secretary resumed the calling of the roll.

When the Division of Michigan was called:

E. R. Henderson, of Michigan: Commander, Michigan seconds the nomination of Scott, of California.

The National Secretary resumed the calling of the roll.

When the Division of Ohio was called:

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: Commander, away back in the sixties this country came to Ohio to get a man to perform a great service: he said he would perform that service and fight it out on that line if it took him all summer. (Applause.) It is needless for me to tell you the result. We like the name of Grant in Ohio, and on behalf of the Buckeye State, we reach across and grasp hands with our Brothers of the Nutmeg Division, and second the nomination of Judge Ralph M. Grant. (Applause.)

R. J. Williams, of Ohio: Commander, in behalf of a goodly portion of the Ohio Division, a portion of the delegation here representing the Ohio Division, I desire to second the nomination of Col. Scott.

The National Secretary resumed the calling of the roll.

When the Division of Vermont was called:

E. W. Carr, of Vermont: Commander, Vermont takes pleasure in seconding the nomination of Bro. Grant.

The National Secretary resumed and concluded the calling of the roll.

The Commander-in-Chief: I will appoint Brothers Charles R. Hale, of New York, and George E. Bailey, of Minnesota, tellers. Brothers, prepare your ballots.

C. S. Scott, of California: Commander, the Division of California and Pacific desires to do something to assist this organization. We have not come here seeking any position in the gift of this Association, either as a Division, or personally, myself. The honors that have been conferred upon me, in this organization as well as in others, have come to me. I have never in my life asked a man to nominate me, or vote for me. It was intimated to me that I would probably be placed in nomination. I said nothing, one way or the other. I appreciate the kind intentions of the good friends who have placed me in nomination for this office, but I feel that you have done nicely by our Division, and by me, personally, by appointing me, or electing me, to represent you at the National Encampment of the Grand Army. It is true that we have done a great deal of work, and we expect to do more. It is also true that California will ask nothing from this body, at this time, but when it does we shall expect it, and we trust that it will be handed to California on a platter, as it should be. Therefore, I wish to second the nomination of Grant, of Connecticut, for Commander-in-Chief. (Applause.)

William G. Dustin, of Illinois: Commander, as there seems to be only one candidate, I move that the rules be suspended and that the National Secretary be instructed to cast the full vote of the Encampment for Judge Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut, for Commander-in-Chief.

L. W. Friedman, of Alabama: Commander, I second the motion.

C. S. Scott, of California: Commander, I desire also to second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The Commander-in-Chief: The National Secretary will so cast the ballot.

The National Secretary cast the ballot of the Encampment as directed, and the tellers reported a hundred and twenty-six ballots for Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut, for Commander-in-Chief.

The Commander-in-Chief: One hundred and twenty-six votes having been cast for Ralph M. Grant, I declare him duly elected Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year. (Applause and cries of "Grant," "Grant," "Grant.")

Commander-in-Chief-Elect Grant: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers of this Encampment, there comes a supreme hour in the life of every man and every woman who lives. The supreme hour of my life is now here. That I could find words to say what I want to say, with my heart overflowing with gratitude to you, is impossible. I fail absolutely in words to express my thanks for this honor which you have by your vote conferred upon me. I have appreciated from year to year, as I have come to you in these encampments and made and renewed acquaintanceships, I have appreciated them and gone back with renewed vigor in the work of my Division. It has been an inspiration to me throughout my years of work, and I assure you that if there is any spark of love for the order that beats within my breast—and there is—it is enkindled into flame that I may work for the best and highest interest of our order, which we all love. I am

but human. I may make mistakes. I shall make mistakes, I have no doubt, but I ask your hearty co-operation, and I pledge you that every act, thought and word that may be done by me on behalf of this order shall be done with the single purpose and for the best and highest good of our order. And when I pledge you on my part that this shall control my conduct, I ask of you that you will overlook the mistakes and co-operate with me to the fullest extent. I ask this of you. I claim it of you, because if I am to be Commander-in-Chief for the next year it is by your act, and the responsibility is upon you for the selection; and so I ask of you, I claim it of you, the heartiest co-operation throughout all the Divisions. This year that is before us may or may not be a successful one. It will be a year that will be somewhat interfered with because of political activities, but I do ask of you and urge of you that you go back into your Divisions, as you have in previous years, enkindled by the inspiration received at this Encampment. I know that the contact you have had here with the greatest minds of our order will inspire you to go back to your Divisions and work for the upbuilding of the order. Commander-in-Chief, I wish through you again, to express to my brothers here my heartiest thanks for the honor which is now mine. (Applause.)

The Commander-in-Chief: In accordance with the time honored custom of the past, I will appoint Bro. Abbott, Past Commander-in-Chief, Installing Officer, to install the new officers of the Commandery when the election is over.

Nominations are now in order for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. The National Secretary will call the roll of Divisions for nominations.

The National Secretary proceeded to call the roll.

When the Division of Alabama and Tennessee was called:

L. W. Friedman, of Tennessee. Commander, Alabama and Tennessee gives way to Kansas.

Past Commander-in-Chief W. H. Russell, of Kansas: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, You have chosen and chosen well your next Commander-in-Chief. You have chosen for that high office a man of illustrious name in the history of this country. That selection comes from the land of the rising sun, as the brother has well said. I desire to place in nomination for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief a man from the great Mississippi Valley, from the Division of Kansas, west of the great dividing river, that that portion of the country may be as capably represented in that office, as I am sure the East will be in the higher one. The man whom I will name bears, too, an honored name in the annals of our country. So well has Kansas liked it that three at least of that name have served her capably and well, one as Governor, one as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and one as United States Senator. I want to nominate for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Charles B. Martin, of Kansas. He has been a member of this order since 1888; he served the Division as Commander, and so successful was he in the administration of the office that the time honored precedent was broken and he was unanimously re-elected for a second term. He has always been on the firing line of earnest effort for the upbuilding of the order. He has attended a number of National Encampments and thus has shown a deep interest in the welfare of the order and an

abiding conviction of the perpetuity of its principles. If you elect him as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief you will have elected one who will prove an able second to your higher officer. I place in nomination for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Charles B. Martin, of Kansas. (Applause.)

The National Secretary resumed and concluded the reading of the roll.

E. R. Campbell, of Maryland: Commander, there being but one candidate, I move that the rules be suspended and the Secretary directed to cast the ballot of the Association for Charles B. Martin for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

H. C. Springston, of Illinois: Commander, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The National Secretary cast the ballot of the Association as directed, and the tellers announced a hundred and twenty-six votes cast for Charles B. Martin for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The Commander-in-Chief: One hundred and twenty-six votes having been cast for Charles B. Martin for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I declare him duly elected for the ensuing year.

Nominations are now in order for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. The Secretary will call the roll of Divisions for nominations.

The National Secretary proceeded to call the roll.

When the Division of Vermont was called:

E. W. Carr, of Vermont: Commander, I nominate Col. Herbert S. Foster, of North Calais, Vt.

The Secretary proceeded with the calling of the roll.

When the Division of Wisconsin was called:

F. A. Kremer, of Wisconsin: Commander, now that the far east and far west have been recognized, I desire to place in nomination a man from the far north, from a Division which a short time ago was a little struggling Division of a few members, but which has now passed the thousand mark and is rapidly growing. During the year 1908 it was my pleasure to be the Division Commander in that state. I looked about for a man who says little but does much. I found the man whom I should name as my Secretary and Treasurer. We placed affairs in his hands and have kept them there until this time; and through his care and attention and faithful work that little Division of Wisconsin has now become one of the big and powerful Divisions of the order. We feel that he should be honored with an office in the Commandery-in-Chief. It will serve as an inspiration to us, and therefore I take pleasure in presenting the name of Charles H. Hudson, of the beautiful city of Madison, for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief for the present year.

Fred Hack, of Wisconsin: Commander, I second the nomination of Bro. Hudson.

E. W. Carr, of Vermont, Commander, I withdraw the name of Herbert S. Foster.

Fred E. Bolton, of Massachusetts: Commander, I move that the rules be suspended and that the Secretary be directed to

cast the ballot of the Association for Charles H. Hudson for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

George E. Bailey, of Minnesota: Commander, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The National Secretary cast the ballot of the Encampment as directed and the tellers reported one hundred and twenty-six votes cast for Charles H. Hudson for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: One hundred and twenty-six votes having been cast for Brother Charles H. Hudson for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I hereby declare him duly elected to that office to serve for the ensuing year.

Nominations for Council-in-Chief are now in order.

Charles H. Hudson, of Wisconsin: Commander, I wish to express my thanks to the Commander-in-Chief and to this body for the great honor they have conferred upon me in electing me Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I assure you that when I return to Wisconsin I shall use my best efforts to advance the interest of the order, the Division and the Camp. (Applause.)

The Commander-in-Chief: The National Secretary will call the roll of Divisions for nominations for Council-in-Chief.

The National Secretary called the roll of Divisions, and the following Brothers were placed in nomination for Council-in-Chief:

Henry F. Weiler, of Massachusetts.

Arthur I. Vescelius, of New Jersey.

William B. Moynihan, of New York.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: Commander, I move that the rules be suspended, and the Secretary be directed to cast the vote of this Encampment for the three brothers who have been nominated for the Council-in-Chief for the ensuing year.

H. C. Springston, of Illinois: Commander, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The National Secretary cast the vote of the Encampment, as directed, and the tellers reported one hundred and twenty-six votes cast for the brothers named for Council-in-Chief for the ensuing year.

The Commander-in-Chief: Brothers, Henry F. Weiler, of Massachusetts; Arthur I. Vescelius, of New Jersey, and William B. Moynihan, of New York, having each received one hundred and twenty-six votes, I declare them unanimously elected members of the Council-in-Chief for the ensuing year.

Now, Brothers, we are ready to proceed to the installation of the officers-elect.

Past Commander-in-Chief George B. Abbott, of Illinois, Installing Officer, took the chair.

W. F. Geller, of Indiana: Mr. Chairman, before we proceed to the installation of the officers we have just elected there is another matter in which we all, and the Indiana delegation particularly, have a deep interest.

Commander-in-Chief McGuire, it is with the love and devotion of the delegation from Indiana that we come to you.

We have seen with satisfaction the work of our beloved Commander-in-Chief brought to a crowning success. We desire that his memory be kept as precious as the memory of other Past Commanders-in-Chief, and for that reason the Hoosier Division presents to this Commandery-in-Chief this portrait of our beloved Commander-in-Chief McGuire. (Applause.)

The Presiding Officer (Bro. Abbott): I will ask Past Division Commander of the Division of Indiana, Brother Harvey, to respond, on behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief, to the presentation of the portrait of the retiring Commander.

George C. Harvey, of Indiana: Mr. Chairman, I have been looking upon that face for a good many years. I first saw him in the capacity of color sergeant of the Indiana Division. He was not only a good man for that position, but it was demonstrated at that time that he was a good man for any position; that he was a big man in every sense of the word; that he was untiring, and that he had a host of friends. From the time Newton J. McGuire became a member of the Indiana Division he has been known and loved by every member of the order. He is great in his friendships, great in this order, and in the state of Indiana, and in the city of Indianapolis, where he lives, he is a prominent citizen, holding the office of Assistant City Attorney for the city of Indianapolis. Indiana appreciates what this Commandery-in-Chief has done, not only for Brother McGuire, but for other members of the Indiana Division as well; and while this portrait will keep in your view his face as it now is, Brother McGuire himself will live in your memory, I trust, beloved in the heart of every man here.

We accept this portrait, for the Commandery-in-Chief, as a token from Indiana. When you look upon his face, remember what a good Commander he was. (Applause.)

The newly elected officers of the Commandery-in-Chief were then installed by Past Commander-in-Chief Abbott, Installing Officer, in due form.

The Presiding Officer (Brother Abbott): Brother McGuire, I wish now to address a few words to you.

On behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief I have many times performed the service which I now have the honor of performing. Those who have gone before you appreciate the feelings that are now impressing themselves upon your mind. We old "Has Beens" only realize and understand that peculiar something, that peculiar feeling, that feeling of sadness at the severing of dear, sweet and precious ties, the feeling of contentment that we are now retiring from the anxiety, the responsibility, the rush of work and the labor that devolved upon us during the year. You are about to become one of the "has beens." You enter into that class which we call Past Commanders-in-Chief, a position that will be new to you, Brother McGuire, and we trust—I speak now for the Past Commanders-in-Chief—that you will try and follow the example of those of us who still continue to try to do something for the order of the Sons of Veterans. Knowing your past record, knowing that you have always been a faithful worker and knowing that your heart is in the cause, I have no reason to doubt but what we shall have the advantage and benefit of

your advice and experience in the future, as we have had it in the past.

This beautiful emblem, my Brother—it is a beautiful emblem—in the eyes of many it would be cherished for its value as a work of art alone, and as a beautiful token; but, my Brother, that is nothing, absolutely nothing. If it were of common pewter or bronze it would carry with it to you the same deep sentiment that this brings—the love, regard, the good will, the kind feeling of your Brothers of the Sons of Veterans.

I trust that you will live long to wear this badge, and that it will serve to bring to your mind the pleasant days of your service as Commander-in-Chief of our order. (Applause.)

Past Commander-in-Chief McGuire: Brother Abbott and Brothers of the Encampment, I cannot express to you my appreciation of these kind words, because words fail me at this time. I have tried to do my duty as I saw it to the fullest extent, and to render to the order of the Sons of Veterans the full measure of devotion due from one who loves it. I shall continue to do so; and since I am "retired," as I now am, and have joined the ranks of the "has beens," I shall consecrate myself anew to the service and welfare of the Sons of Veterans. My Brothers, I thank you. (Applause.)

The Presiding Officer (Brother Abbott): Commander-in-Chief Grant, assume command of the order; rule with urbanity, faithfulness and uprightness; and may your administration meet all the hopes and ambitions of your Brothers who have elected you, and of your own heart. I wish you God speed.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Past Commander Abbott, I wish on behalf of the officers who have just been installed, and myself, to thank you for the very courteous and efficient manner in which we have been installed, and express appreciation of these services which you have so often and so well performed.

And now, my Brothers, before you go to your respective homes, I wish again to ask of you what I too inadequately expressed a few moments since—I ask of you that you will inspire in each of the Divisions that interest, that strong determination which beats in your breast, to work for the best interests of the order. Though the temperature may be hot here, and we are not feeling greatly inspired just at this moment, yet I know that under whatever conditions we may be surrounded, heat, cold, even party divisions in our midst, cannot quench, cannot lessen, cannot extinguish that fire which burns in our breast as sons of our fathers, who through all kinds of weather and exposure, whatever condition of health, or pain or suffering, endured all in their country's behalf. It is enough that we are their sons.

Our order is founded upon the greatest of principles—love of country and desire to perpetuate the memory of those who are nearest and dearest to us.

I thank you again for the honor you have conferred upon me, and ask for your fullest co-operation. (Applause.)

National Secretary Hammer: Commander, I move that the committees of the Encampment be discharged, and the proceedings as taken down by the stenographer be adopted and approved as the record of the proceedings of this Encampment.

Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin: Commander, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: Commander, I move that the usual number of copies of the proceedings be printed and distributed among the various Divisions.

The Commander-in-Chief: That action has already been taken.

Darwin E. Cary, of New York: Commander, we are facing a condition that is entirely unusual in the Commandery-in-Chief, and though we have passed the usual resolutions reported by the committee, thanking our hosts for their kindness and courtesy, we have not been able to extend to them the recognition which is usual; and I think it would be proper and fitting that we at this time, as the Commandery-in-Chief, express in some special manner to our good brothers and good sisters of St. Louis our heartfelt appreciation for the unprecedented kindnesses which they have showered upon us. I therefore move that a special resolution of thanks be extended to the brothers and sisters of the St. Louis Camps and Auxiliaries, collectively, for their untiring efforts in our behalf.

Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin: Commander, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to, unanimously.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I move that when the Commandery-in-Chief adjourns, it adjourn to meet at a time to be selected by the Council-in-Chief, in conformity with the action of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Commander-in-Chief: That has already been covered.

Frank L. Kirchgassner, of Massachusetts: Commander, you have asked for the co-operation of the several Divisions. Massachusetts, as your neighboring state, pledges you that co-operation, and although some of the officers of the Division have been here, others have been working, and by special delivery we have received the application for a new camp, which it is my pleasure to present to you—the first application for a camp in your administration—from the town of Ware, Mass.

National Secretary Hammer: Did the charter fee accompany the application? (Laughter.)

Frank L. Kirchgassner, of Massachusetts: Sure.

The Commander-in-Chief: Is there any further business to come before the Encampment? If not, a motion to adjourn is in order.

Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin: Commander, I move we do now adjourn.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

Whereupon, the Thirty-first Annual Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., was closed in due form.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 15, 1912.

The foregoing is a true and correct record and report of the proceedings of the Thirty-first Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held at St. Louis, Mo., August 27, 28 and 29, 1912, as reported by William S. Garber, Official Stenographer.

NEWTON J. McGUIRE,  
Past Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,  
National Secretary.

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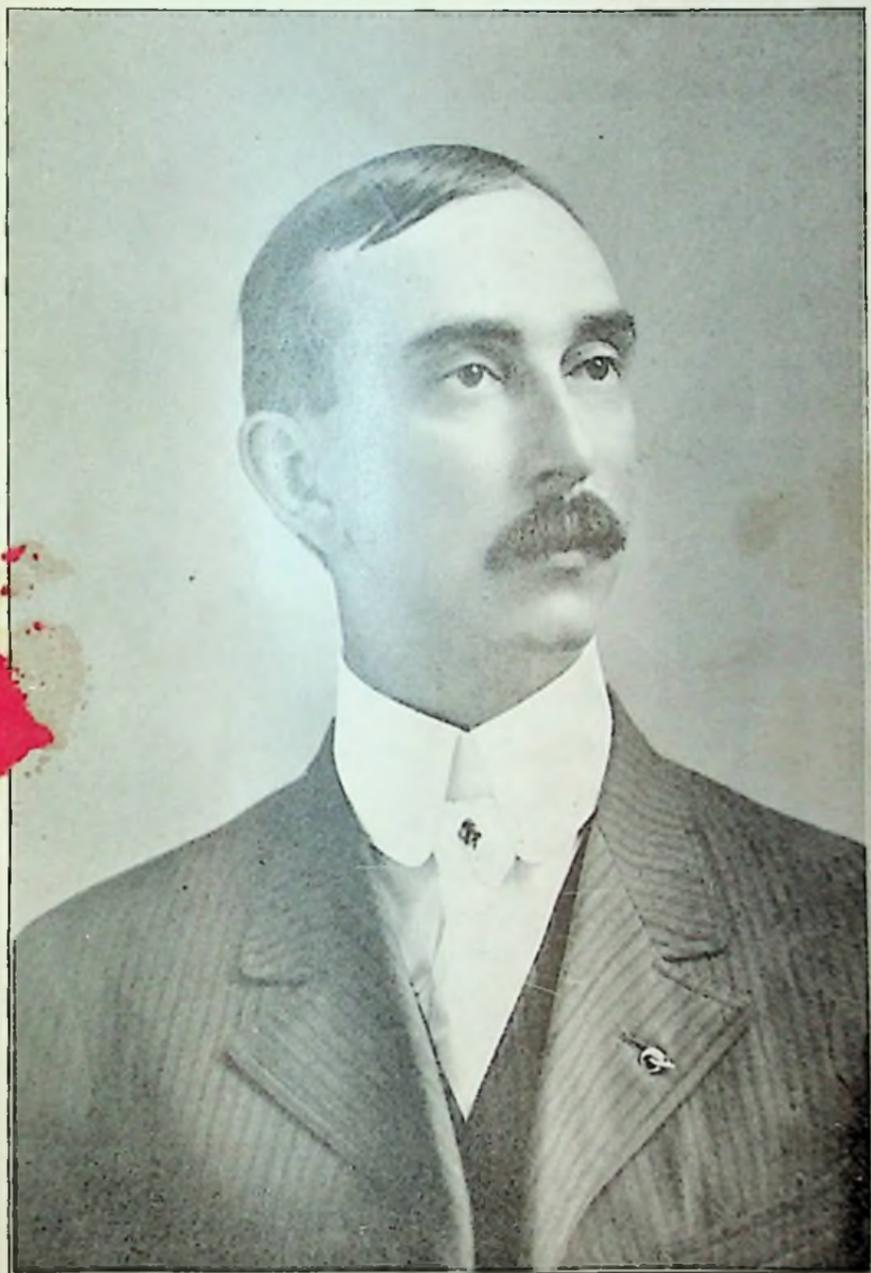
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