

PROCEEDINGS

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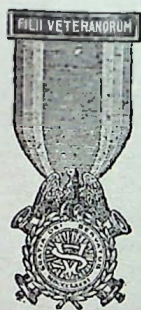
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1923-25

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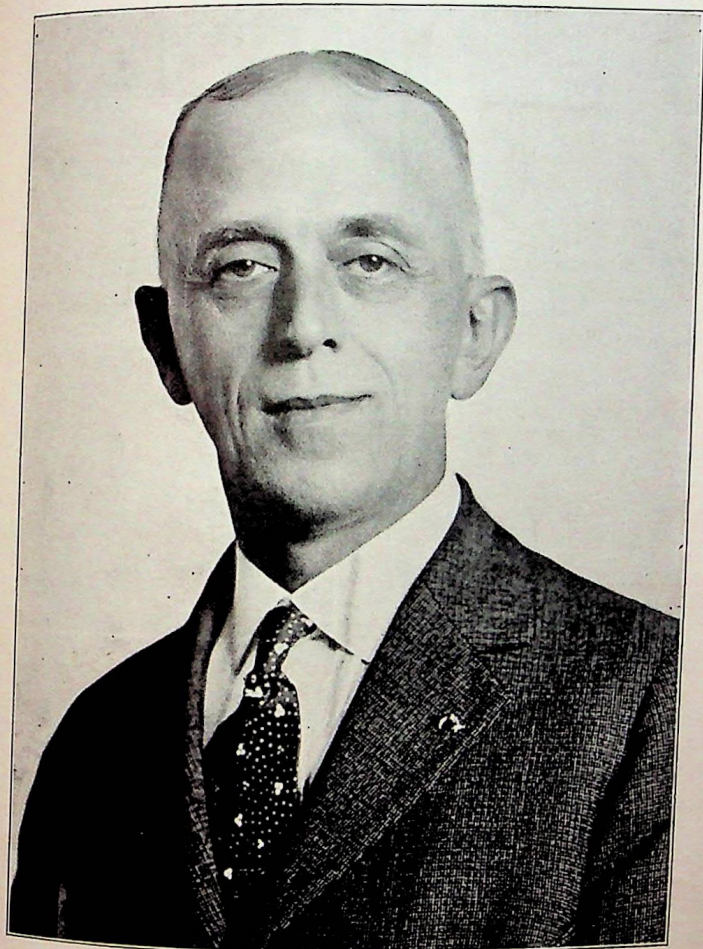
Forty-Third  
Annual Encampment

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



Held at  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday  
August 12, 13 and 14  
1924





S. S. HORN.  
Commander-in-Chief 1923-1924



WM. M. COFFIN,  
Commander-in-Chief 1924-1925



# COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENTS

No.	Year.	Date.	Place.	State.
1st	1882	Oct. 18	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
2nd	1883	Aug. 6-7	Columbus	Ohio
3rd	1884	Aug. 27-30	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania
4th	1885	Sept. 17-18	Grand Rapids	Michigan
5th	1886	Sept. 1-2	Buffalo	New York
6th	1887	Aug. 17-19	Des Moines	Iowa
7th	1888	Aug. 15-17	Wheeling	West Virginia
8th	1889	Sept. 10-13	Paterson	New Jersey
9th	1890	Aug. 26-29	St. Joseph	Missouri
10th	1891	Aug. 24-29	Minneapolis	Minnesota
11th	1892	Aug. 8-12	Helena	Montana
12th	1893	Aug. 15-18	Cincinnati	Ohio
13th	1894	Aug. 20-23	Davenport	Iowa
14th	1895	Sept. 16-18	Knoxville	Tennessee
15th	1896	Sept. 8-10	Louisville	Kentucky
16th	1897	Sept. 9-11	Indianapolis	Indiana
17th	1898	Sept. 12-14	Omaha	Nebraska
18th	1899	Sept. 7-9	Detroit	Michigan
19th	1900	Sept. 11-13	Syracuse	New York
20th	1901	Sept. 17-18	Providence	Rhode Island
21st	1902	Oct. 7-9	Washington	D. C.
22nd	1903	Sept. 15-17	Atlantic City	New Jersey
23rd	1904	Aug. 17-19	Boston	Massachusetts
24th	1905	Sept. 18-20	Gettysburg	Pennsylvania
25th	1906	Aug. 21-23	Peoria	Illinois
26th	1907	Aug. 20-21	Dayton	Ohio
27th	1908	Aug. 25-27	Niagara Falls	New York
28th	1909	Aug. 24-26	Washington	D. C.
29th	1910	Sept. 20-22	Atlantic City	New Jersey
30th	1911	Aug. 22-25	Rochester	New York
31st	1912	Aug. 27-29	St. Louis	Missouri
32nd	1913	Sept. 16-18	Chattanooga	Tennessee
33rd	1914	Sept. 1-3	Detroit	Michigan
34th	1915	Sept. 28-30	Washington	D. C.
35th	1916	Aug. 30-31	Kansas City	Missouri
36th	1917	Aug. 22-23	Boston	Massachusetts
37th	1918	Aug. 20-21	Niagara Falls	New York
38th	1919	Sept. 9-11	Columbus	Ohio
39th	1920	Sept. 22-24	Indianapolis	Indiana
40th	1921	Sept. 27-29	Indianapolis	Indiana
41st	1922	Sept. 26-28	Des Moines	Iowa
42nd	1923	Sept. 4-5-6	Milwaukee	Wisconsin
43rd	1924	Aug. 12-14	Boston	Massachusetts

# PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF

## Sons of Veterans, V. B. A.

Elected.	Name.	Division.	Address.	Deceased
1881	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania		July 8, 1908
1882	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania		October 19, 1901
1883	*Frank P. Merrill	Maine		October 19, 1901
1884	*Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania		June 14, 1917
1885	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio		June 14, 1917
1886	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio		June 14, 1917
1887	*George B. Abbott	Illinois		December 21, 1902
1888	*Charles F. Griffin	Indiana		February 23, 1883
1889	*Leland J. Webb	Kansas		February 3, 1922
1890	*Barlow S. Weeks	New York	Hillsdale, Mich.	
1891	*Marvin E. Hall	Michigan	32 Central Square, East Boston, Mass.	
1892	*Joseph E. Maccabe	Massachusetts		
1894	*William E. Bundy	Ohio		
1895	*William H. Russell	Kansas	La. Crosse, Kansas	
1896	*James Lewis Rake	Pennsylvania		August 16, 1903
1897	*Charles K. Darling	Massachusetts	Boston, Mass.	January 19, 1920
1898	*Frank L. Shepard	Illinois		December 15, 1921
1899	*A. W. Jones	Ohio		October 6, 1918
1900	*Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania	Clermont, Florida	November 24, 1912
1901	*Edward R. Campbell	Maryland		February 7, 1912
1902	*Frank Martin	Indiana		November 3, 1915
1903	*Arthur B. Spink	Rhode Island		February 14, 1918
1904	*William G. Dustin	Illinois	1652 Hobart St., N. W., Washington, D. C.	November 26, 1920
1905	*Harley V. Speelman	Ohio		
1906	*Edwin M. Amies	Pennsylvania		
1907	*Ralph Sheldon	New York	Lyons, N. Y.	March 20, 1921
1908	*Edgar Allan, Jr.	Maryland	Richmond, Va.	
1909	*George W. Pollitt	New Jersey		
1910	*Fred. E. Bolton	Massachusetts	City Hall, Boston, Mass.	
1911	*Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	1001 Peoples' State Bank Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.	
1912	*Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	Sage-Allen Bldg., Hartford, Conn.	
1913	*John E. Sautler	Pennsylvania	405 Hampton Ave., Wilkesburg, Penna.	
1914	*Charles F. Sherman	New York	46 South 4th Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	
1915	*A. E. B. Stephens	Ohio	Bodman Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio	
1916	*William T. Church	Illinois	108 So. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.	
1917	*Fred. T. F. Johnson	Maryland	McGill Bldg., Washington, D. C.	
1918	*Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania	Yeadon, Dela. Co., Pa.	
1919	*Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts	Pittsfield, Mass.	
1920	*Pelham A. Barrows	Nebraska	Lincoln, Nebraska	
1921	*Clifford Ireland	Illinois	Jefferson Building, Peoria, Illinois	
1922	*Frank Shellhouse	Indiana	Spink-Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind.	
1923	*Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania	P. O. Box 51, Easton, Pa.	

## Sons of Veterans

1881	*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania	
1882	*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania	
1883	*Edwin Eard	Massachusetts	Lynn, Massachusetts
1884	*Edwin Eard	Massachusetts	Lynn, Massachusetts
1884	*Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania	422 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.
1885	*Louis M. Wagner		
1886	*Louis M. Wagner		

## The Post System

1889-90	*George W. Marks	New York	Brooklyn, New York	May 1, 1899
1890	*George T. Brown	New York		June 10, 1922
1882	*A. P. Davis	Pennsylvania		
1899	*R. M. J. Reed	Pennsylvania		

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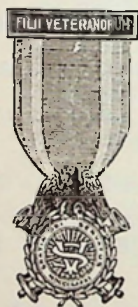
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## TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

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The Forty-third Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., was called to order at 1:40 o'clock p. m., Tuesday, August 12, 1924, in the Venetian Room, Hotel Somerset, Boston, Mass., by Commander-in-Chief Samuel S. Horn.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Kronmeyer was detailed to act as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, owing to absence of the latter officer. Past Division Commander Charles F. Miller, Pennsylvania, was detailed to act as Color Bearer and Past Division Commander Everett F. Warner, Maryland, as Guide. The Encampment doors were placed in charge of Division Patriotic Instructor W. E. Choate of Camp 6, Beverly, Massachusetts, with direction to man the same with sufficient guards and to lift the Password and Countersign at the opening of each session as members entered the convention hall prior to and during the convening of each session.

The Encampment was then opened in due form by the Commander-in-Chief in accordance with the provisions of the Ritual of the Order.

The Chair, in order to expedite business, announced that the following Rules would govern the sessions of the Encampment, and no objection being offered, were declared effective and in force:

### RULES GOVERNING FORTY-THIRD ENCAMPMENT.

Members of the Encampment arising on the floor to speak, or to offer motions, on addressing the chair will state their name, rank, and Division to which they belong for the information of the stenographer as well as for the Chair.

In the consideration of all Committee Reports, unless otherwise especially provided, Reports will be considered by sections, and unless objections are offered, will be considered adopted as reported. Otherwise, a motion to non-concur, lay on the table or similar, must prevail.

In election to office, where no opposition exists, the National Secretary-Treasurer will cast one ballot as the unanimous vote of the Encampment.

The first named member of a Committee shall act as its Chairman.

Divisions will congregate together as far as is consistently possible, for convenience in voting and for necessary conference.

Persons in attendance at the Encampment sessions who are not accredited voters will occupy seats in rear of the Altar.



The right is reserved to transpose any order of business as expediency may require, except that of election and installation.

Greeting hours (with exception of the G. A. R.) has been arranged for the hour prior to noon recess on Thursday, avoiding the usual annoying interruptions at all hours.

The Local Encampment Committee will be privileged to make announcements at any time.

The co-operation of every Encampment member is urged in the conduct of the several sessions, that business may be conducted with dispatch. It is due the members of this Encampment, most of whom attend at a personal sacrifice of time and money, that no unnecessary delays occur. Indolence in Committee work, tardiness in reporting for sessions at the hour called should be "non-existent." "Time savers" have been arranged, and with co-operation there should be no drag. Provisions have been made for this early initial session, Memorial service, etc., at times which will permit committee work to be done, insuring promptness in committee reports.

Brother J. A. Harrison, 537 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, will act as official Encampment stenographer.

Division Musician of Massachusetts, C. Raymond Eldredge, of Wakefield, will act in capacity of Encampment Musician at such times as is needed.

National Chaplain Frank C. Huston and Brother E. Albert Lang of Maryland will act as "Song Leaders."

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Once again we meet in old, historic Boston for the Annual Encampment of our Order. In 1904, twenty years ago, we met in this same historic City, and the Commander-in-Chief presiding at that time, and the one there elected, have both passed to the great beyond—Past Commander-in-Chief Spink of Rhode Island and Past Commander-in-Chief Dustin of Illinois.

Again we met here in 1917. The two Past Commanders-in-Chief of that year are both living, one of them only present today. At that Encampment, Past Commander-in-Chief Church of Illinois presided, and Past Commander-in-Chief Johnson of Maryland was elected. Time has made many changes in our Order and many of those active in those years have answered the last roll call. We are now on the threshold of one of the most important Encampments this Commandery has ever held. May our conduct toward each other be marked by mutual forbearance and fraternal courtesy, ever keeping in mind our duty to our Country, our Order and ourselves.

While the Committee on Credentials has been previously announced and is functioning, as a matter of record it is now named herewith, together with other necessary Encampment Committees as provided by the C. R. & R., and Encampment needs:

## ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEES.

### ON CREDENTIALS.

- H. H. Hammer, National Secretary.
- A. A. Bronsdon, Past Division Commander, Massachusetts.
- A. S. Holbrook, Past Division Commander, Illinois.

## ENCAMPMENT

John L. Reeger, Division Commander, New Jersey.  
C. O. Boynton, Division Commander, California & Pacific.

## ON CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Ralph M. Grant, Past Commander-in-Chief.  
Louis M. Wagner, Past Commander-in-Chief.  
Edwin C. Ireland, National Counselor.  
W. B. Moynihan, Past Division Commander, New York.  
James N. Smith, Division Commander, Pennsylvania.

## ON RITUAL AND CEREMONIES.

Newton J. McGuire, Past Commander-in-Chief.  
F. T. F. Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief.  
Frank Challis, Past Grand Division Commander.  
Theo. C. Cazeau, Past Division Commander, New York.  
E. H. Milham, Past Division Commander, Minnesota.

## ON RESOLUTIONS.

Chas. F. Sherman, Past Commander-in-Chief.  
H. V. Speelman, Past Commander-in-Chief.  
E. K. Gould, Past Division Commander, Maine.  
F. J. McMurtrie, Past Division Commander, Michigan.

## ON REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

John E. Sautter, Past Commander-in-Chief.  
Harry D. Sisson, Past Commander-in-Chief.  
Ralph Sheldon, Past Commander-in-Chief.  
E. R. Campbell, Past Commander-in-Chief.

## ON PRESS.

Walter C. Mabie, Past Division Commander, Pennsylvania.  
A. S. Holbrook, Past Division Commander, Illinois.  
Fred V. Bell, Past Division Commander, Massachusetts.  
Robert L. Ward, Division Commander, Rhode Island.  
Herbert Rutledge, Division Commander, Maryland.

## ON FRATERNAL GREETINGS.

(Committee on State of the Order)

Ralph M. Grant, Past Commander-in-Chief.  
Fred E. Bolton, Past Commander-in-Chief.  
John E. Sautter, Past Commander-in-Chief.  
Chas. F. Sherman, Past Commander-in-Chief.  
Wm. T. Church, Past Commander-in-Chief.  
(Who shall be special Greetings Committee to the G. A. R.)

## GREETINGS COMMITTEES TO ALLIED ORDERS.

To Woman's Relief Corps:

Dallas Dillinger, Past Division Commander, Pennsylvania.  
C. S. Scott, Past Division Commander, California & Pacific.  
Neil D. Cranmer, Past Division Commander, New York.

To Ladies of G. A. R.:

Eugene F. Atwood, Past Division Commander, Massachusetts.  
Samuel E. Lueck, Past Division Commander, New Jersey.  
Martin E. Tilley, Past Division Commander, New Hampshire.

To Daughters of Veterans:

E. W. Homan, Past Division Commander, Massachusetts.



Fred J. Phillips, Past Division Commander, Illinois.  
James W. Lyons, Past Division Commander, Maryland.

To Sons of Veterans Auxiliary:

Wm. L. Anderson, National Patriotic Instructor.  
Wm. M. Coffin, Past Camp Commander, Ohio.  
Benj. Stahl, Division Commander, Indiana.

To Army Nurses of the Civil War:

F. P. Ballou, Past Division Commander, Rhode Island.

To Respond to Greetings:

For Woman's Relief Corps, Past Commander-in-Chief Sautler.

For Ladies of the G. A. R., Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman.

For Daughters of Veterans, Past Commander-in-Chief Campbell.

For Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman.

(Such members detailed on "greetings" to the Allied Orders, were directed to be prepared to act as escorts of such committees as brought greetings to this Encampment, without further designation when such service was required).

A preliminary report of the Credential Committee showed accredited as present, one hundred and ninety-nine voting members. National Secretary Hammer in presenting this report moved that it be recorded as the first roll call. Agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: A great many brothers have wondered where in blazes the Commander-in-Chief secured the name for the password and countersign this term. To me it has been the easiest to remember of any for the reason that it is connected with a spirit of devotion by a member of the Order to the service and sacrifice of his father, whose name he wished to honor in its use as a password, and the battle in which he was wounded as a countersign. I believe the member has himself also answered the last roll call. Is that correct, National Patriotic Instructor Anderson?

National Patriotic Instructor Anderson: Yes, Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: I feel that if any member of this organization is so devoted to a parent, no higher tribute could be paid by the Commander-in-Chief to that member, or to his father, or to the Division of Massachusetts where he belonged and worked so earnestly for our Order which he loved. As far back as January this brother wrote me, and I want to read the letters from him and make them a part of the record of this Encampment. (Reads letters):

46 Cutting St., Winchester, Mass., January 16, 1924.  
Commander-in-Chief S. S. Horn, S. of V., U. S. A.,  
City Hall, Easton, Pa.

Dear Sir and Brother:

In 1895 at the wish of my father I joined the Order of Sons of Veterans.

In 1897 he died as the direct result of shell-wound at Shiloh, April 6, 1862, (abscess and septicemia in wound).

## ENCAMPMENT

Last evening I was installed as Commander of Camp 46, Massachusetts Division.

The following request may be unusual, or you may have too many such,—I do not know. But I would be proud indeed if my beloved father might be honored by the use of his name and fatal battle in the password and countersign for July-December, 1924.

His record in brief is: Private, 2nd Lieut., and 1st Lieut., Co. I, 16th, Wis. Vol. Inf., Major and Lieutenant Colonel, 41st Wis. Vol. Inf.

I have his commissions and honorable discharge, and thanks of the President.

Very sincerely yours in F., C. & L.,

HERBERT V. PURMAN.

46 Cutting St., Winchester, Mass., January 25, 1924.

Commander-in-Chief Samuel S. Horn, S. of V., U. S. A.,  
City Hall, Easton, Pa.

Dear Brother Horn:

Let me thank you for your very kind and cordial letter.

In November, 1861, my father, realizing that the war was more serious than he at first had thought, recruited a company of 40 men, combined it with another of 60 men into one full-strength company, and being non-self-assertive, accepted the rank of Second Lieutenant. He was promoted for bravery under fire at Shiloh and later was struck both by minnie-ball and the enflading fire of the rebel batteries.

Perhaps it would be more euphonious to use the northern name of the battle—"PURMAN—PITTSBURGH LANDING" but he always referred to it by the rebel name as it was near Shiloh church that he was wounded. Really unfit for duty but full of patriotic zeal he returned from death's door and entered the battle of Corinth, October 4, 1862, but his wound opened and he fell exhausted and fainting from loss of blood.

Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse (whom I met in Boston last year) secured his war-record for me, which I have before me as I write.

"David Gray Purman—mustered into service December 7, 1861—honorably discharged September 24, 1864, a major."

He was not mustered in under his rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

He became Commander of Kit Carson Post No. 2, G. A. R., of Washington, D. C.

Thanking you for your interest and trusting I may have the opportunity to meet you during your term as Commander-in-Chief, I am

Fraternally yours,

HERBERT V. PURMAN.

Past Division Commander W. B. Moynihan, New York: I simply want to supplement the remarks of the Commander-in-Chief concerning Brother Purman. He was formerly a member

of the Division of New York and a member of my Camp, and an active member for some years before he moved to Massachusetts—a very worthy and devoted Son of a Veteran. I cannot help adding my testimony to that which has been given by the Commander-in-Chief on Brother Purman.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Brothers, do you wonder why I selected that password and countersign? I think I am sufficiently supported in my action, even to the sentiment which prompted it!

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Reports of Officers are now in order, and unless there be objections, the reports of the several Officers, except that of the Commander-in-Chief, will be read in title only by the National Secretary and referred to the Committee on Reports of Officers. It is so ordered. (The National Secretary announced in his hands the several reports by title thereof).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Brothers, I ask your courtesy and attention in listening to the report of the Commander-in-Chief which I shall now read. (Reads report, which was interspersed and followed by much applause). (The reports of the other Officers follow).

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

Boston, Mass., August 13, 1924.

To the Members of the Forty-third Annual Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Brothers:

No one, unless he be one who has served in the position I am soon to relinquish, can understand the mingled feelings with which I approach the presentation of this report.

When, by a unanimous vote, the members of the Milwaukee Encampment chose me as your Commander-in-Chief, I entered upon the duties of the office with a fear that I might not measure up to the responsibility that would rest upon me. I hoped, however, that the impetus from the work of the preceding administration might be sufficient to assure a pace which would carry us beyond the crucial point in our history through which we have been passing. I am not yet satisfied that I have measured up to the expectations, nor am I quite content with the progress of the Order for the past year. As to the future, much will depend upon the results attained from the action of the Encampments now assembling at Boston and the manner in which we grasp such opportunities as may be given us through them.

As Commander-in-Chief I have tried to give my best, and if in the slightest degree I have benefited the Order I am more than repaid. In such measure as I may have failed, I crave your indulgence. I shall soon take membership in the "Old Guard" of the Commandery-in-Chief, which now stands with ranks thinned by death of many we loved who were a strength to us in times like the present. That membership, by your grace, I trust will prove worthy.

Owing to the earlier date of Encampment this year, the administration just closing will have served but an eleven



month year, and due to the usual neglect and delays in Divisions, it is probable that the report for a full term of four quarters may be incomplete. I shall not attempt to give any statistical figures. All such matters will be given attention in the report of the National Secretary-Treasurer. Every effort has been made by headquarters; loyal co-operation has been generally given in the several Divisions; a new spirit seems manifest, and a substantial (even if not the hoped-for) gain has been made. However there is not yet the real awakening to our responsibilities and needs in the general membership in the Order. The active effort is still confined to the small percentage who are imbued with the true spirit of the Sons of Veterans and who are alive to its interests. We lack a wealth of real material in the calibre of general officialdom in both Camp and Division and in the fund of dollars and cents so necessary for carrying out real policies in order that we may be the power we should be. I am in hopes that as a result of the action of the combined Boston Encampments there may be an increased or new incentive and the realization of a definite purpose that will impel a real initiative. We have been foundering for years on experiments and "isms." And while the height of a pinnacle depends upon the breadth of its base, we have built imperfectly. Constant changes in Constitution and Laws, dickering with the Ritual, legislating without a real knowledge based upon activity in the general organization and yielding to impulse rather than reason, we stand to-day, a mature organization, or rather an organization of mature men, with no real system of schooling to a definite result but rather a "melting pot" of personal ideas which have not been moulded successfully to outline or shape. Nor have we yet ceased the experimental! It sometimes makes one who is a Son of a Veteran in spirit, deed and truth, wonder why he gives unselfishly of his ability and other resources, which if diverted to other channels would yield much to his personal comfort. To such members more is due than we realize and tender, and to such I yield much in my thoughts and prayers for the Order.

#### ASSOCIATE OFFICERS AND STAFF.

Of the activities of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, there has not been as close a personal touch as might be desired owing to geographical location, but in view of the activities in the Divisions near the West Coast, the interests of the Order have apparently been well served.

To Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Kronmeyer, much credit is due for earnest work and extended activities which are reflected in gains to the Order both in membership and personnel. On many occasions we visited together and I thank him for his co-operation and work.

Our National Secretary-Treasurer! Webster and Worcester have both been ravaged for words to speak of his loyal and excellent service. I cannot attempt to manufacture additional words: I only want to say that Horace Hammer is from Pennsylvania—as I am! There may be other States—there is no other "Hammer." I am proud of the fact that we are not simply co-workers, but are also real friends. The Order is fortunate indeed in having had his service, and I—doubly fortunate.

National Patriotic Instructor William L. Anderson! National Chaplain Frank C. Huston! National Counselor Edwin C. Ireland! No Commander-in-Chief has ever had a finer family than it was my good fortune to have. Have you ever felt the vibrant chords make alive the instruments of the orchestra as the pianist strikes the key-notes? Have you ever felt that spirit, as with clasped hands you sang "Blest be the tie that binds" and "God be with you till we meet again"? Such is the chord responding in my heart as I think of my "official family." I hope their Commander-in-Chief has not been a disappointment to them, and that to them the service together is, as to me, a lustrous pearl in memory's casket.

#### THE JUNIOR ORDER.

I cannot conceive that this "experiment" has been worth its cost. By such Camps as are interested, it can be handled as a Camp adjunct. Should the age eligibility be changed there is absolutely no excuse for the continued existence of the Junior Order. Even should it not be changed, the Junior Order should be divorced from the Commandery-in-Chief. There is no Constitutional provision regulating its existence and I am recommending its deacease.

#### THE SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE.

The Commandery-in-Chief has never given this adjunct of our Order either the proper moral or financial support. It is now in a state of chaos and is functioning only through the provisions of a paragraph in General Orders No. 12, December 1923. The intent of the changed provisions of the Constitution and Laws has been killed in the opinion of Past Counselor Coffin which was approved in the adoption of reports at Indianapolis. While I do not agree with the ruling, conditions were not so acute to the Order in general to warrant a new ruling pending a clarification of the matter by legislative action. I am therefore offering an amendment which will provide for strictly Divisional authority.

#### ORGANIZATION OBJECTIVES.

In many Divisions local objectives are of special interest and of general value to the organization at large. Cultivation of such objectives are urged upon all Divisions and Camps. Membership on Boards of Soldier's Homes, legislation for Memorial Day observance, support of Homes conducted by kindred orders for care of veterans and similar matters mean that our Order will be a great influence for public good. Consider the objective of our Auxiliary in its effort to endow a scholarship in the American International College for \$5,000.00! We could do nothing better than to assist in putting it across. The best advertisement we can have is the result of our own activities. One of those best results is the organization of new Camps, so much neglected in all Divisions, and which would mean, more than anything else an extended radius of influence.

#### PATRIOTIC WORK.

Last year, in harmony with the effort to standardize certain forms and ceremony, we modified our Ritual as to the position of the Colors in the Camp room, to conform with the action



of the National American Commission. This adoption conforms to the almost universally accepted standard. Nearly all the patriotic Orders are now participating in the annual conferences of this Commission, and I am recommending that my successor be authorized to send a representative to officially represent our Order. Features which are being considered among others, are: A universal pledge of allegiance; and, The Flag: how to display it—how to respect it. The codes are now generally accepted and are observed in the regulations of the War Department. Effort is being made to have Congressional action on a Flag Code and the National Air. It is to be regretted that these United States lack a law fully protecting its Flag, describing its use and display and the respect due it.

I believe that one of the prime objects of our Federated Patriotic Societies should be a thorough consideration of such matters and a consistent approval of them for adoption by the organizations consisting of the Grand Army and its kindred and allied bodies, effective upon adoption by all.

I have also during the past year, on behalf of the Order, acted in favorably recommending the standardization of the sizes of the United States Flag by the Department of Commerce, and to co-operate with the several war organizations in all matters of mutual interest in patriotic and Americanization work.

#### DIVISION COMMANDER'S BONDS.

I am of the opinion that a universal form of Bond such as "Position Bonds" now issued in and to the "office" and not the individual, and which needs only an annual renewal premium will minimize the work both in the Commandery-in-Chief office and in Divisions. A recommendation will be found herein, covering this matter.

#### THE BANNER.

I have always been a staunch supporter of The Banner, and I have no reason now to feel otherwise. To Brother Holbrook and his staff I extend thanks for the genuine courtesy and co-operation during the past year. To appreciate The Banner rightly, one must know its publisher and his conscientious efforts to serve the membership through this publication.

#### DECISIONS.

But one official decision was required from the National Counselor, as will be shown by his report, and which was approved by your Commander-in-Chief: that of the Missouri matter. It is unfortunate that this be not settled within the Division itself. It is further unfortunate that any member of the Division should unwarrantedly feel that any Commander-in-Chief or Commandery-in-Chief was actuated by any personal feeling, in friendship to, or in antagonism against, the matter at issue. There is no doubt merit in the claim, but it is not a Commandery-in-Chief matter except in final review if necessary, and should not be allowed on the floor of this Encampment.

#### HARDING MEMORIAL.

I do not think that it is any especial failure on the part of us as an organization, that this fund to date lacked a larger



contribution. Other conditions have prevented a possible early completion of this project, and it will, like other similar matters, be eventually concluded.

#### NECROLOGY.

During the past year Death has made its usual visits. Brothers dear to us, active in the Order they loved and some of whom were present with us a year ago joining in the hymns we will sing as we think of them, are with us no more. In loving memory we will tender them a memorial during the session of this Encampment.

#### DEATH BENEFIT ASSOCIATION.

Membership in this organization which deals direct with Camps for its membership in the interest of a solely death benefit insurance, is urged upon all Camps which are of the beneficial class. It is also recommended as a valued asset to such Camps not regularly beneficial which desire to provide some insurance feature. The Association is represented at all National Encampments and maintains a headquarters where information will be cheerfully given.

#### VISITATIONS.

While it has been a physical impossibility to visit every Division or to respond to many invitations to other affairs, yet your Commander-in-Chief has made many visits to Division Encampments and other functions under the auspices of Divisions, Camps and Auxiliaries. Each host vied with the others in showering courtesies and there is nothing but pleasure in the memory of those visits. It is with no unfairness to others, and with no less appreciation, when I speak of the New England visits, which were initial in my itinerary.

The closeness of the meetings both as to time and geographical location in the Encampments of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Connecticut and the interesting Maine rally; the congeniality in the company of the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic and the National Presidents of the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Veterans and of Our Own Auxiliary who were all together in most of these visits; the guidance of our managers, Billy Anderson and Doc. Homan, and the universal courtesies by the Auxiliary girls, made the New England trip a wonderful ray of sunshine which seems to have radiated through all the visits which followed. The climax on the way "Back home in Indiana" and in neighboring New Jersey, was a glorious sunset from the rays which shone in New England.

#### GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Each time I repeat those words, a flood of filial thought comes over me. Due to the propositions now before the G. A. R. affecting our relationship in a possibility of a nearness never before attained, my association with many of the comrades prominent in its circles has been very close and altogether splendid. A realization has come such as never existed before, of the changed thought and desired closer unity in those who fully understand the maturity of our organization, a pride in their "grown-up sons," and a desire to give into our keeping

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the responsibility of the perpetuity of their services and sacrifices to all posterity.

Commander-in-Chief Saltzgaber is wonderfully human and lovable, and I am happy to have known him. His loyalty to his comrades of the Civil War, his interest and earnestness for the good and advancement of our Order and his keen appreciation of the value of the women of the kindred bodies, has made him a valued ally. The Grand Army of the Republic may well be proud of their Commander-in-Chief, and our organization should sense a satisfaction in having such a friend at the head of the parent Order.

## ADMISSION TO G. A. R. POST MEETINGS.

It is probable that the G. A. R. Encampment now assembling will clarify the action of their Milwaukee Encampment in the matter of admission of members of our Order to their Post meetings. In the ruling of the Judge Advocate General, it was made clear as to the intent of the action, but it needs to be properly incorporated in their regulations. With this matter cleared it will result in mutual advantage and in closer relationship; a real "Father and Son" spirit. It is also going to make clear as to whom will be entrusted Memorial Day work where a Camp or branch of Sons of Veterans exists. This should make a more ready response by the recent veteran organizations in recognizing the origin of Memorial Day as essentially a day for the veterans of the Civil War, and a co-operation generously given, yielding to the Grand Army of the Republic and their committees in the personnel of kindred bodies the right of initiative in the day's work. There should be no confiction of interests and rights, for today, due recognition is given to veterans of all wars: the Civil War veterans and their allies ranking all others on this Day.

## CHANGE OF NAME.

Pursuant to the action of the Encampment at Milwaukee the Committee on the State of the Order and the retiring Commander-in-Chief, were named as a committee to meet a similar committee from the Grand Army of the Republic relative to a change in name. The Grand Army Committee consisted of Past Commander-in-Chief John R. King, Past Department Commander of Pennsylvania L. F. Arensberg and Past Commander-in-Chief James Tanner. Our Committee will make their report during this Encampment; probably not until the Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic has received and acted upon the report of their committee.

The matter of change of name has been considered on previous occasions, but our several Commandery-in-Chief meetings have consistently refrained from any action until the sentiment of the G. A. R. should be officially known, and until a designation of the name we ought to bear should come as an initiative from them. If the action of the Grand Army in encampment assembled is favorable on the report of their committee, and their action is reported to this Encampment supplemented by a report of our committee, there should be no hesitancy in approving the report. In such case, it is ruled by your Commander-in-Chief, that unanimous consent is given by the Commandery-in-Chief to suspend the Constitution and Rules, to which the En-



campment hereby agrees, and that a ratification and adoption by a two-thirds vote, makes effective and in force a change in the name of our Order wherever it appears in the Constitution, Laws, Ritual and other forms.

No name, in itself, will make our Order grow. Nor must we think, in case the anticipated change is made, that our future is assured as to influence, position or strength. Nothing but hard work can assure that, and those who may think that the only need will be accomplished in the assignment to us of the talismanic words "Grand Army of the Republic" and the sentiment they express, must rudely awaken to their renewed and increased responsibility to the Order.

The question also arises as to whether in practice, a change of name to any name will compensate the work and expense which will be necessitated by the change. Yet we must not deny the fact that now, our present name is a misnomer. The new name must to all the world tell plainly who we are. In any event, the change of name to the hoped for one or its synonym, will give to us that breadth of base upon which, if not recreant to our responsibilities, we may build the highest pinnacle, as a monument to American History, American Ideals, and a forever indissoluble Union. A change in name will mean many complications for a time, many additional tasks, much extra work, and will require added patience and courage until it shall finally have been accomplished to the last detail, and our forms, badges, seals, copper lithographic plates, etc., have been replaced with those to correspond to such change.

#### KINDRED ORGANIZATIONS.

I never fully realized the wonderful spirit of collective loyalty in the women of our kindred bodies until I visited the several Department Encampments of many of them. I was overwhelmed with the receptions accorded the representative of the Sons of Veterans. The welcome was so cordial, the unity of purpose so strong and the response to greetings so frank and sincere that the spirit of it thrilled and gripped. I desire to thank the several organizations for their interest in us and in our allied work for the Grand Army of the Republic and their comrades in arms; for their unselfish efforts in their "permanent investments" in the cause of patriotism and in their awakening a public conscience to its duty to our Country, to the Flag which represents it and to its Constitution we are sworn to uphold.

My personal testimonial herewith to the National Executives it was my pleasure to associate with during this term, and to their respective organizations: Mrs. Bell W. Bliss and that wonderful "mother" organization, The "Woman's Relief Corps;" Mrs. Martha Van Duzor, and that later adjunct to the veteran's kindred bodies; The "Ladies of the G. A. R.;" Mrs. Drusilla I. Thayer, and that body of patriotic girls whose heritage is same as our own—The "Daughters of Veterans." They have been most brilliant stars in our constellation of patriotic bodies. Never before has the kinship been so real, so close and so happy, or the grip of fraternity and kindred spirit been quite so earnest or the co-operative interest quite so keen as during this past term. May the influence of these organizations never



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wane and may our relationship become still nearer in our mutual efforts as allies in one cause.

## THE SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY.

We respect our kin, and we value the relationship which binds us all together, yet, next to our parents and to our brothers, we love our sisters. Many of them, daughters of our father's comrades, others as our wives, all in the family relationship to a common parent—the Sisters of Our Own Auxiliary. The realization of woman's loyalty becomes a more wonderful inspiration as I think of the close personal touch in the associations during the past year's work. They have realized with a keener perception than our own, the needs and responsibilities, and have grasped the opportunity to be of value not only to us and the Grand Army of the Republic, but to our very Republic itself in their general patriotic work. Camps may exist without an Auxiliary, but Camps which have them will never fail to exist. They put to shame even those of us who think we are practicing the patriotism and loyalty we profess to teach. We love this splendid organization and will never divorce it as our Auxiliary, nor shall any change of name, union or consolidation, affect its relation to us.

Your Commander-in-Chief has been extremely fortunate this year in his associations with Chief Executives. The personnel of all has been a credit to the organizations they represent, yet it has been like the end of a perfect day to have been associated with the co-worker selected as National President of our own Auxiliary, that loyal, patriotic girl from Indiana, Mrs. Emma Stuart Finch. Her only ambition has been for the success of the Auxiliary in its work and in what it might best do for the Grand Army of the Republic and for the cause we all represent. She has been an excellent side-partner and deserves this tribute.

## AUXILIARY CONSOLIDATION.

Agreeable to the action of the Milwaukee Encampment, and at the request of the organizations interested, a Committee consisting of Past Commanders-in-Chief Sautter, Sherman and Sisson were named to act in an advisory consulting capacity. This Committee on April 5 attended a joint meeting of the Committees from the Auxiliary and the Daughters of Veterans. The meeting was held at Hotel McAlpin, N. Y. Much will depend upon the results of the several Encampments at Boston affecting the matter at issue. There does seem to be a common ground upon which some action may eventually be based, and while no immediate results may be expected, good seed has been sown and it does not seem to be the utter impossibility as when first considered. Change in our and other names will have some bearing on the question. Eligibility and alliances will be a matter of consideration. If some conclusion can be reached eventually, without discredit to the standing of our own Auxiliary, with honor to all and a future assured union of interests, those of us whose loyalty to our own may make us prejudiced against a possible change, must consider only the ultimate goal. In such possible union, the interests of our Auxiliary as ally with us to the G. A. R., is paramount. There must be no loss of identity. All consideration must be dispassionate and harmonious, and even should it fail, the effort must not be at the

cost of estranged relationship. I do not mean to assume any prerogative of our Committee in covering this matter at length, but inasmuch as our Committee were present rather as guests, no detailed report of Committee action may be held necessary, and I feel that this reference is not improper. I believe the Committee should be continued as there may be need of its advice and counsel in further consideration of the matter following the reports of the respective committees of the Auxiliary and Daughters.

#### NATIONAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

No recommendation is made in this report as to the continuance of the National Organization Committee or a possible National Organization Officer. The referendum reports will tell better as to the possibility of a revenue to warrant the continuance of the Committee, if such continuance is favored. Unless a revenue is assured, and from sources which will not be detrimental to the general interests, the continuance will be useless. The logic of its continuance also depends upon its absolute value as well as the subject of necessary revenue. The Committee will make its own general report and conclusions, and with all matters before them, the Commandery-in-Chief will act.

The Milwaukee Encampment authorized certain expenditures. No obstacle has been placed in the way of the Committee in its functioning with perfect freedom. Loyal support has been given to the Committee by Headquarters, especially in publicity and appeals to the membership. No one can question the honesty of faith in the plan in the minds of Brothers Rhinesmith and Upham, and no one can deny their loyalty to the work, their unselfish efforts, and their personal sacrifices in furthering the outlined plans. It would be unfair to the Committee for your Commander-in-Chief to make any recommendation based upon personal opinion, or prejudicing the mind of any member until the Committee shall have reported, and there is a freedom for debate and expression of opinion. The Encampment after all, must decide.

#### ELIGIBILITY REFERENDUM.

The action of the several Divisions which will be announced, have determined whether the age limit shall be maintained at the minimum of eighteen or reduced to sixteen.

If it shall have been approved, I cannot regard this as an experiment. In Divisions where the membership is beneficial and the feature is one of competition with other patriotic Orders, there has been a constant demand, it will be a decided advantage, and it should not be denied. Generally speaking, we are now a mature organization and probably a minimum of twenty-one would best represent the backbone of the Order, yet we should do what is best for general interests. We ourselves caused the diversity of opinion and interests. Let us be unselfish. Camps or Divisions which desire it, may adopt restrictive features not inconsistent with the Constitution of the Order.

#### RECOMMENDATION NUMBER I.

That the Junior Order heretofore existing and as created by the Commandery-in-Chief, be and is hereby discontinued, and



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that any relation as an authorized adjunct to the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., shall hereby cease. Provided, however, that any Camp so desiring may maintain such or similar auxiliary subject only to local jurisdiction, and not otherwise inconsistent with the C. R. & R. That the National Secretary be and is hereby authorized to destroy or dispose of any and all records, forms and supplies now on hand at headquarters relating to such Junior Order.

## RECOMMENDATION NUMBER II.

That all existing Rules, Regulations or interpretations purporting in any manner whatsoever to govern, hinder or control the body known as the Sons of Veterans Reserve—except that paragraph in General Orders, December 1923, which permits it to temporarily function pending necessary legislation for its proper government—be and are hereby annulled; that Chapter IV of the Regulations now reading as follows:

## CHAPTER IV.

*Sons of Veterans Reserve.*

Section 1. The Sons of Veterans Reserve, as it may now exist, or may hereafter be organized, shall be governed by such regulations, as may be adopted by the several Divisions having such military bodies, subject to the approval of the Commander-in-Chief, so that uniformity may be insured.

Be and is hereby repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof, in effect immediately upon adoption:

## CHAPTER IV.

*Sons of Veterans Reserve.*

Section 1. The Sons of Veterans Reserve shall constitute the authorized military feature of the Order. It shall include all military bodies of the Order in the Division of which they are a part, with the exception, that Camps may maintain an independent military organization as a Camp guard or unit for parade and service under the auspices of the Camp or the G. A. R. with which such Camp is associated.

Section 2. The Sons of Veterans Reserve as it may now exist or may hereafter be organized shall be governed solely, except as herein stated, by rules and regulations adopted or subsequently modified or amended by authority of the Division in which it is maintained. Such Rules and Regulations shall not be inconsistent with National or State laws, or the Constitution, Regulations or general welfare of the Order.

Section 3. No larger units than a regiment may be maintained in the Reserve, except that the combined units of any one State shall be its Division; nor shall any military rank in the Reserve be higher than Colonel. The uniform and other regulations as far as practicable shall conform to the less advanced U. S. Regulations, preferably nearer to that of the Union Army during the period of the Civil War.

## RECOMMENDATION NUMBER III.

That the Commander-in-Chief of the Order be and is hereby authorized to detail a member of the Order as a representative to attend the annual conference of the National American Commission as an official accredited delegate of and for the Order.



## RECOMMENDATION NUMBER IV.

That the bonds required of Division Commanders to the Commander-in-Chief shall hereafter be in the form of "Position Bonds" in and to the name of the office and not the individual, provisions for which shall be made in the respective Divisions. Such bonds shall be subject only to the filing of annual premium renewal certificate after the original bond in such form shall have been duly filed and approved.

## RECOMMENDATION NUMBER V.

That the committee named by the Commander-in-Chief, as authorized by the Milwaukee Encampment, in the matter of consideration and possible action on consolidation by the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary and The Daughters of Veterans, be and is hereby continued. Such continuance shall be conditioned upon the desire for further conferences and consideration, expressed by action of their respective Encampments in continuing their existing committees named for this purpose.

Should either or both of said organizations desire no further conferences or consideration of the matter and discharge or discontinue such committees, then the committee of this body shall be automatically dissolved.

## RECOMMENDATION NUMBER VI.

Believing that our Ritual is not meeting the desires of the majority of the membership in our Order;—Believing the necessity of a sadly needed satisfactory Ritual;—Appreciating that in case of a change of name there will arise a necessity of some expressed authority in the incoming administration, I recommend the following:

(A) That the incoming Commander-in-Chief be and is hereby authorized to act in making any changes in the C. R. & R., Ritual and forms necessitated by any change of name which may be authorized by this Encampment, appointing such committees as may be deemed necessary for other revisions of styles of badges, decorations, copper lithographs, etc., requiring action of subsequent Commandery-in-Chief Encampments.

(B) That the incoming Commander-in-Chief be and is hereby directed to appoint a Committee, not exceeding five members, to re-construct the present Ritual, or frame a new Ritual, submitting a report at the next Encampment.

(C) That, pending any revision in the Ritual, and effective at once, that part of the Ritual providing for the use of altar swords be made void, and that it shall be expressly stated (and insert slips be prepared and distributed) that upon the Altar or otherwise in the Camp room, nothing but the Holy Bible shall be placed or rest upon the Flag of the United States of America.

## SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

PENNSYLVANIA MEMBERSHIP—RE-ADMISSION OF PHILLIP R. SCHUYLER CAMP.

Pennsylvania, to my deep regret, shows a loss in membership in the report of the National Secretary for the year, which

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for statistical records and convenience, closes each year with the June Quarter.

There is however at this time, a net gain, although the figures showing the increase will be a part of the initial quarter of my successor.

Like the pitcher on the mound in the base ball game, who wins his own game by scoring the winning tally in the last inning, it is with pardonable pride that I say the Commander-in-Chief has won the day for his own Division during his term by a last hour accomplishment.

It is one real achievement of my term, and an objective since the time of my installation at Milwaukee. I sense a deep satisfaction in the result of the personal effort, which has brought back into the Order, the membership of Philip R. Schuyler Camp No. 2, of Pennsylvania. This Camp was lost to the Order almost a score of years ago on account of unfortunate errors. The disability resting upon the individual and collective membership of this Camp has long since been removed by action of Commandery-in-Chief Encampments. In its re-admission as a Camp, a record of original charter will be noted in the necessary new grant. Certain legislation by the Pennsylvania Division Encampment, adopted upon suggestion of your Commander-in-Chief as a member of that body, has helped make possible the success of the effort.

Affecting as it does other conditions, it is a worth-while result, and an act of justice to Camp, Division and the Order at large, and an increase in membership of 250 members.

## THE "FLAG CODE" AND "PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE."

Based upon the action of the Federated Patriotic Societies, allied with and kindred to the Grand Army of the Republic, in session at Boston, August 11, 1924, and their recommendation for approval and adoption by the Encampments of the Allied Orders, I recommend the following:

## Recommendation No. 7:

(a) Approval and recommendation for universal use and custom of the "Flag Code," published under the title of "THE FLAG! HOW TO DISPLAY IT! HOW TO RESPECT IT!," as adopted and published under the auspices of the National American Commission and modified at the session held in Washington, D. C., May 15-17, 1924; and as recognized by the "Flag Circular" issued by the authority of the War Department under date of March 28, 1924; together with a reference to same in General Orders and in such manner as will give it widest publicity, and a moral, material support in the furtherance of Patriotism and love of Country and of Flag.

(b) Approval for universal use and custom and adoption by this Encampment as a part of our Ritual and Ceremonies; effective upon adoption by the several allied Orders at their respective Encampments; of the following "Pledge of Allegiance:"

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands; one Nation Indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

(Observed generally in the following manner: Standing with the right hand over the heart, and at the words "to the



Flag." the right hand is extended its full length, palm upward, towards the Flag, and this position is held until the end of the affirmation, when the hand drops to the side).

THE MISSOURI DIVISION—ELIGIBILITY WM. SCHUMACHER.

Referring to the paragraph in my report touching upon the opinion and matters in the Missouri Division, although many phases of the contention are not matters for the floor of this Encampment, certain evidence has come before me, upon which consideration could not be consistently denied.

This office has not been interested in the existing differences, except as to how it has affected the Order at large; except a desire that conditions for the "Good of the Order" might speedily exist; and except as to the proper and legal method of procedure which would bring final action and a just disposition.

I am not prejudiced for or against any individual in the issue. I have no sympathy with some of the plans of procedure which tended to make the Commandery-in-Chief the storm-centre of the Division troubles. Neither have I any respect for the refusal of co-operation which apparently has not been given within the Division, where the entire matter should have been disposed of. The Order should be considered bigger than any one man in it, and of more importance than either a vent of personal animosity or for aggrandizement, rank or power; disregarding the ethics of the case.

There is no doubt some merit in the case, not handled entirely logical at different times. But I have regarded only that phase indicating unlawful membership and ineligibility. It would seem to me that if my eligibility was questioned, there would be no hesitancy on my part to welcome and co-operate in an investigation and prove my right to membership. If I found that I had been innocently sailing under false colors, regardless of the cost to myself or the sacrifice of honest ambition, I would prove myself worthy of the manhood and honesty I professed, and withdraw from the Order. There is no doubt but that at the time of the application and initiation, there was no deliberate intent of dishonest purpose, but the storm which has now been raging for several years leaves no excuse for the lack of unity of effort to have a proper investigation.

When the evidence which justified consideration came to my attention in a manner which could not be disregarded, I called for information and certified copy of record upon which the membership of Wm. Schumacher was based, which aside from the fact that his father was a member of the G. A. R. required, if questioned, a proof of record of service of such parent.

The result indicates that Wm. Schumacher, Sr., although a member of the G. A. R., has no record of service to entitle his son to membership in this Order. And although there is a possibility that had there not been a condition of personalities arising, the eligibility might never have been questioned, the fact exists that Wm. Schumacher is from the records apparently ineligible—a fact to be regretted for many reasons. Action in the matter is left to this Encampment. If in view of the existing evidence ineligibility is apparent, the name of Wm. Schumacher, Camp 4, Division of Missouri, should be directed



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to be dropped from the rolls and declared ineligible to membership. If this be done, it shall not invalidate his official acts during incumbency in office in so long as such acts were otherwise in accord with the Constitution and Laws of the Order, for during such time he acted as the choice of the membership in whose name he committed such official acts as their ministerial officer.

Attached exhibits \* \* \* \* \* are submitted in connection herewith as a part of this report and as a matter of official record.

The complete evidence necessary to declare ineligibility is not in the hands of your Commander-in-Chief, else no hesitancy would have existed in the issuance of the order dropping the name of Wm. Schumacher from the rolls and declaring him ineligible.

Those of Missouri Division through whom the facts might be established, will not authorize, permit or assist in a proper investigation, and I believe for the good of the Order, that the eligibility of Wm. Schumacher should be fully established or denied.

I therefore recommend—

Recommendation No. 8: That the incoming Commander-in-Chief take such action as will secure all available evidence to establish or deny the eligibility of Wm. Schumacher, Camp 4, Division of Missouri, in accordance with the requirements of the C. R. & R., and that he make declaration accordingly as may be required.

General Orders as issued during this term and as published in The Banner will be attached hereto as a part of this report.

## CONCLUSION.

"Service and Sacrifice!" This has been the slogan for my term of office. I have tried to observe it in my own acts, asking of no member that which I might be unwilling to do myself. The sacrifices I may have made count for naught as they were in the service of the organization I love. I regret that I have not served you better, and if in what I have rendered there has been yielded one whit to the organization in increased membership or broadened influence, I am content. You have conferred upon me the highest honor in your gift. To you, my brothers, I return sincere thanks. The past year in many ways has been one of the happiest of my life. I can wish my successor no greater privilege than a similar loyalty and devotion as has been given to me by so many of those I may call not only brothers and sisters, but—"Friends."

Let us pledge ourselves anew to "Service and Sacrifice!"

S. S. HORN,  
Commander-in-Chief.

## EXHIBITS \* \* \* \* \* (SCHUMACHER CASE)

July 14, 1924.

Mr. George A. Wood, Commander Missouri Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., 2809 Linwood Blvd., Kansas City, Mo.  
My Dear Commander:

In enclose you two communications addressed to the Com-

mander of Camp 5, St. Louis, Mo., briefed and for passage through to said Camp as indicated by the endorsements noted thereon, which you will sign in passage.

The one indicates papers sent direct to me in the nature of an appeal from Camp 5 from the action of your recent Encampment in retaining a certain Wm. Schumacher as an accredited member of your Encampment when doubts as to his eligibility exists. You are no doubt aware that even though a person might be taken into membership, in case of subsequent proven error in record, such person cannot remain in the Order. When such a question arises it is the duty to establish the correctness, in which every person interested should co-operate.

The other was also in the nature of an appeal from an action of the Encampment as the result of an apparent unjust action in your Division against Camp 5.

This office is not interested in any phase of the case except as to the legality of procedure which would bring the final action, and has returned the papers to the sender (Camp 5), with the reasons therefore in the enclosed letter through your headquarters. Transmission will be made within five days.

With the fact in view that aside from any personalities there is evidently some merit, and viewing that under the language of the C. R. & R., the condition is extraordinary, and of injury to the Order, in the present belligerent state, and from the certified copies of records there is some question, the second letter enclosed for transmission is a request to Camp 5 to furnish this office through the regular official channels, certified copies of certain evidence of record.

Please be governed accordingly.

Yours in F., C. & L.,

(Signed) S. S. HORN,  
Commander-in-Chief.

July 14, 1924.

Mr. Michael Martini, Commander Gen. C. D. Wolff Camp No. 5,  
Division of Missouri, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., St. Louis,  
Mo., 2138 Keokuk Street, St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have yours of July 5th, also of July 8th. the latter supplemented by a letter of Brother P. D. C. C. C. Behnke, all by Registered Mail.

Both of these together with voluminous pages as supplementary are intended to be "Appeals from the action of the Fortieth Annual Encampment of Missouri Division, held at St. Joseph, Missouri, May 8th and 9th."

The intended appeals are not presented in proper form. Any Appeal, to be considered must:

First. Be made through the official channels of Division Headquarters to the headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief; if, from an individual, then through his Camp first in proper form. If from a Camp, must contain an extract from the minutes showing that such appeal is authorized on behalf of the

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Camp, the signatures of the Commander and Secretary, and Camp Seal not being full assurance of action by a Camp.

Second. Certified records of the Division Encampment taken from the official proceedings must accompany the appeal. It must show the reasons presented to the Encampment, together with the action of the Encampment. A statement of facts by the Division Headquarters should accompany such appeal that the Division Headquarters may be conversant with the entire transaction. No Division Commander can deny the passage through his headquarters or any correspondence forwarded through such channels to higher authority without subjecting himself to discipline, nor would there be any reason for withholding endorsement in the passage thereof.

Until these two essentials have been observed, which has not been done in this case, there is no appeal before me. I am returning your papers in the case, direct to you by registered mail, passing this letter through Division Headquarters for the information of the Commander of the Missouri Division.

(Signed) S. S. HORN,  
Commander-in-Chief.

July 14, 1924.

Mr. Michael Martini, Commander Gen. C. D. Wolff Camp No. 5,  
Division of Missouri, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., 3138  
Keokuk St., St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir and Brother:

You will please forward to me, or have Brother Past Division Commander Behnke, who has been a special representative of your Camp in some matters at issue:

Certified copies of correspondence covering the authentic record of Wm. H. Schumacher upon which record is based the membership in the Order of Wm. Schumacher of the Division of Missouri and about which there has been a storm centre, not yet dispelled.

I desire just such as could be used in evidence; nothing in the way of any other reference; but all that is at hand covering such record and of the correspondence in securing same. I desire nothing which covers any contentions; save evidence of record.

This will be forwarded to me through the Commander of Missouri Division in the shape of a letter addressed to me, with exhibits listed and attached thereto.

(Signed) S. S. HORN,  
Commander-in-Chief.

July 22, 1924.

William Schumacher,  
3013 Meramec St., St. Louis, Mo.

Maj. Leo Rassieur Camp No. 4,  
Division of Missouri, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.  
Through channels of Division Headquarters.

Camp 4, Division of Missouri, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,



will at once furnish these headquarters, certified copy of record upon which is based the membership in their Camp of William Schumacher.

A question as to the eligibility of said Wm. Schumacher has been raised, and papers in these headquarters show evidences that the record upon which is based the membership of Wm. Schumacher is faulty and of no avail to attain or maintain such membership.

The authentic records are therefore required to show why the name of said Wm. Schumacher shall not be dropped from the rolls, cancelling any past rank, and making him ineligible for any subsequent membership.

Opportunity is also herewith given to said Wm. Schumacher to forward any evidence showing ancestor's record of service, upon which membership is claimed, in an honorable discharge as an enlisted person in the Army or Navy of the war of 1861 to 1865.

All such papers in the case will be transmitted promptly through the regular channels: Camp, Division, Commander-in-Chief, with not more than five days intervening between each source.

(Signed) S. S. HORN,  
Commander-in-Chief.

Copy to Wm. Schumacher.

Copy to Camp 4.

July 15, 1924.

Mr. Geo. A. Wood, Commander Missouri Division, S. of V.,  
U. S. A., 2809 Linwood Blvd, Kansas City, Mo.

My Dear Commander:

I beg to acknowledge your registered letter enclosing letters from Camp 5 addressed to me.

These are evidently copies of the papers sent to me by Camp 5 direct but which I returned for not having come through channels of your office. I presume it was the belief that in filing these copies with you, it would show intent of passing official sources of transmission.

There is no endorsement from you indicating that you are "transmitting them" officially as an appeal from your Division, but as they are addressed to me, I am retaining them, temporarily at least.

I also ask your courtesy in the retention for a time of the letter from Brother Mohr, Past Commander and Secretary-Treasurer of Camp 35. His letter indicates that which to my mind should have been done *in your Division*, and before this. The neglect to do this has been one of the reasons implied by my recent letter to Camp 5 through you, asking for certain letters of evidence.

The action by this office or by the Commandery-in-Chief will be indicated later. The condition must not continue even if it is necessary to take some drastic action to clear the matter up.

I have nothing at issue except the "Good of the Order" and "lawful procedure." I am "with no one" "against no one" in the

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matter at issue. I am frank to say however that if the record I joined the Order upon was at stake or questioned, I'd submit sufficient evidence of record of service that must satisfy, or I'd feel dishonest in retaining membership. The Order is bigger than any one man. As soon as is consistent I will act, or make recommendation to the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment.

I'm in hopes it will be cleared up and that you may have a successful year, even though it might be necessary to do some unpleasant things: Do what is necessary for the GOOD OF THE ORDER.

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) S. S. HORN,  
Commander-in-Chief.

St. Louis, Mo., May 28, 1924.

Mr. Geo. A. Wood,  
2809 Linwood Blvd., Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir and Commander:

Since returning home from the State Encampment, I have given serious thought to everything which occurred during our session at St. Joseph, especially the papers which Past Division Commander Behnke tried to bring before the convention. I have come to the conclusion that Brother Behnke did not get a square deal, he had the evidence and should have been heard.

I believe Camp 4 should be compelled to take up and investigate the eligibility of Brother Schumacher, and settle this question. We cannot continue this wrangling and expect to prosper. We must face the facts and give justice to all. Nothing is more true than the old saying, "United we stand, divided we fall." Do you want us to stand or fall? For the sake of our fathers and Missouri Division lets get together and settle this at once.

I am not writing this because of any overabundance of friendship for Brother Behnke, nor any animosity toward Brother Schumacher, I am only anxious to see that all get a square deal. We must get this settled at once to save Missouri Division. I am afraid if this gets to the National Encampment we will have cause to regret our inaction in this matter.

I have seen the facts with my own eyes, and will say that there is just cause for an investigation. Will you act?

Awaiting your reply, I am,

Respectfully yours in F., C. and L.,

THEO. H. MOHR,  
Past Commander Camp 35.

St. Louis, Mo., July 29, 1924.

Samuel S. Horn, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Dear Sir:

Through channels of Division Headquarters.

Your letter of July 22nd received requesting the ancestors record of Wm. Schumacher.

Following is a copy of the record from the Descriptive Book of Gen. Schafer Camp No. 28 located at that time in St. Louis: Wm. Schumacher, age 27. Born in St. Louis, Mo. Date of Muster October 13, 1905.

Father's name, Wm. Schumacher, Sr. Enlisted May 5, 1861, as Private in Company C, 4th Missouri Volunteer Infantry: length of service 3 months, member of Post No. 13, Dept. of Mo. G. A. R.

In 1907 Gen. Schaefer Camp consolidated with Maj. Leo Rassieur Camp No. 4.

Brother Wm. Schumacher's Father at that time was a member in good standing of Post No. 13, Mo. Dept. Grand Army of the Republic.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

EDWARD BRANDLE,  
Secretary.

(Camp No. 4 Seal)

(Missouri Division Seal)

O. K. as per records at these headquarters.

A. J. ALBRECHT,  
Division Secretary-Treasurer.

GEO. A. WOOD,  
Division Commander.

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Headquarters, Gen. J. K. Camp No. 233,

Division of Pennsylvania

Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Easton, Pa., August 2, 1924.

To J. N. Smith,  
Division Commander.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have the honor to request, for the use of this Camp, a certificate of service of Wm. Schumacher, late Co. C, 4th Regiment, Missouri Vols.

Yours in F., C. & L.,

S. S. HORN,  
Commander-in-Chief.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
The Adjutant General's Office

Washington, August 9, 1924.

Respectfully returned to

Samuel S. Horn, Commander-in-Chief,

Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,

City Hall, Easton, Pa.

The name William Schumacher has not been found on the rolls of any Company, 4th Missouri Vol. Cavalry or Infantry. Civil War.

ROBERT C. DAVIS,  
Major General.



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August 4, 1924.

Mr. Wm. Schumacher,  
3013 Meramec St., St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Through Division Headquarters.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of August 1st, sent direct to me, evidently intended as a reply to my communication to you through Commander Woods, July 22nd.

There is no evidence in your letter to the effect that there has been forwarded through Division Headquarters any certified record of service of your ancestor through whom you claim membership, and the letter to me is therefore an evasion of the issue.

Certain matters were dismissed by the Des Moines Encampment, but the matter now at issue is not a question of record that your father was a member of the G. A. R. The question now is upon his record of service, and if such record is not such a record as would entitle him to admission to the G. A. R., and is so proven, then his recorded membership in the G. A. R. would not be sufficient to retain your membership in our Order, and you would be ineligible.

If the evidence placed before me shows such facts to exist, regardless of any personal considerations, it would necessitate the summary dropping you from the rolls.

I have no interest in any personal issue, and no evasion of facts will suffice. Evidence has been called for as to records, and for cause to be shown why certain action should not be taken.

The decision will rest accordingly.

Respectfully in F., C. & L.,

S. S. HORN,  
Commander-in-Chief.

August 4, 1924.

Mr. Geo. Woods, Commander Missouri Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., 2809 Linwood Blvd., Kansas City, Mo.

My Dear Commander:

The enclosed letter through you to Wm. Schmacher is self-explanatory.

He wrote to me direct instead of through you, but I am forwarding the reply through you.

Please forward enclosed therefore to him at once.

His letter to me is an evasion and he does not furnish any record of service of his father. He quotes "his father's membership in the G. A. R." However, even if that at a certain time of our Order sufficed to membership, it was subject to the fact that such father's record was correct. With the question being raised, if it is proven by evidence that such record is faulty and of no avail, and that said father was not sworn into the service of the Army or Navy of the United States during the Civil War, and was not honorably discharged therefrom, the

son is not eligible and must be dropped from the rolls summarily.

It would seem naturally that if your father's record was questioned, it would need no urging on your part to prove the record, or gracefully withdraw from the Order rather than to live on a questioned or unlawful record.

There can be no protecting influence in the fact that the Commandery has dismissed some matters. This does not make any ineligible immune from action, who might be unlawfully in the Order.

Respectfully,

S. S. HORN,  
Commander-in-Chief.

# GENERAL ORDERS

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## GENERAL ORDERS NO. X.

Headquarters,  
COMMANDEY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.  
Office of Commander-in-Chief,  
City Hall, Easton, Pennsylvania.

October 1st, 1923.

### NATIONAL OFFICERS.

I. The Forty-second Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 4-6, 1923, having elected the following officers, they will be respected accordingly, viz:

Commander-in-Chief Samuel S. Horn, City Hall, Easton, Pa.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, C. Randall Bubb, 124 Puget Sound Bank Building, Tacoma, Washington.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, William C. Kronmeyer, 309 Central Avenue, West Hoboken, New Jersey.

National Secretary-Treasurer, H. H. Hammer, Colonial Trust Building, Reading, Pa. (Elected in 1920 for five years).

Council-in-Chief: Felix A. Kremer, Phillips, Wis.; Charles R. Hale, 33 Capitol Ave., Hartford, Conn.; Park F. Yengling, 737 Prospect Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

National Patriotic Instructor, William L. Anderson, 248 Spring St., West Roxbury, Mass.

National Chaplain, Frank C. Huston, 10 West Ohio St., Indianapolis, Ind.

National Counselor, Edwin C. Irelan, Maryland Casualty Bldg., Baltimore, Md.

### NATIONAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

Chairman, Arthur D. Rhinesmith, Board of Trade Building, Peoria, Ill.

Fred E. Upham, 137 Central St., Leominster, Mass.

Contributions to the Fund to prosecute organization work, institution of Camps, securing of new members for Camps throughout the Country, will be received by and all remittances should be made payable to Arthur D. Rhinesmith, Chairman. Acknowledgment will be made in due form.

### COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAL TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

F. T. F. Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief, McGill Building, Washington, D. C.



## COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph M. Grant, 902 Main St., Sage-Allen Building, Hartford, Conn.

Past Commander-in-Chief William T. Church, 108 South La-Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Past Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Bolton, City Hall, Boston, Massachusetts.

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman, 46 South Fourth Avenue, Mount Vernon, New York.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, 405 Hampton Avenue, Wilksburg, Pennsylvania.

## PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS' REPORTS.

II. Division Commanders will without delay furnish Camps with Form 50—Camp Patriotic Instructor's Report blank. This report all Division Commanders will instruct their Camp Patriotic Instructor to forward without fail December 31st, 1923, to their Division Patriotic Instructors.

Division Patriotic Instructors should communicate with Camp Patriotic Instructors and secure these reports without delay.

## SECRETARY AND TREASURER REPORTS.

III. Forms 27 and 28—Camp Secretary's and Camp Treasurer's Reports should be immediately sent to all Camps for the quarter ending September 30th, by Division Commanders.

Division Commanders are directed to instruct and communicate with Camp Commanders, Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers, to forward these reports completed with per capita tax AT ONCE to their respective Division Headquarters.

Division Commanders, Secretaries and Treasurers, will without delay forward these Consolidated Reports for said quarter, with per capita tax, to the National Secretary.

## VETERANS' NIGHT.

IV. Established for tribute to and in honor of the Veterans of the War for the Union, they who preserved and saved the Nation, our Fathers and their Comrades, "VETERANS' NIGHT" is hereby ordered to be observed on November 19th, in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations, and Ritual. Camp Patriotic Instructors and Camp Commanders will promptly execute these instructions. It is especially directed that the program include the recital or reading of LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ADDRESS, the anniversary of the delivery of which dedicating the great battle field occurs on the date designating "VETERANS' NIGHT." It is hoped the occasion will be as successful as effort can make it and that all will redound to the credit of the Order and properly honor our surviving Veterans of 1861-'65.

## SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY.

V. Every Division Commander should keep in close touch with the Division President of the Auxiliary, and publish in his Division Orders earnest appeals to Camps for co-operation and work with local Auxiliaries; to urge organization of an

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Auxiliary wherever a Camp is located. Wherever an Auxiliary is located where a Camp exists and they co-operate, better Camps are the result, and many a Camp has been instituted through the sole efforts of Auxiliaries. The splendid patriotic work of our sisters is an inspiration and an initiative which our membership can well follow.

## OTHER KINDRED ALLIED BODIES.

VI. Cordial relations should also be established and maintained with other organizations like the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R. and Daughters of Veterans, who are working in a common cause and co-operation with whom will bring a result which will be an essential asset in our work.

## AIDES.

VII. The system of Aides will not be maintained for the present. Should the expediency prove a necessity such announcement will be made later. The Commandery-in-Chief ribbon on badges of Aides whose term of service expired with the recent Encampment will be replaced with the regulation membership ribbon.

## COMMUNICATIONS.

VIII. While the Commander-in-Chief will be pleased to maintain his correspondence with the many personal friends in the Order, the custom of so many individual members of the Order seeking official information, which should be secured through Camp or Division Headquarters cannot be encouraged. Such personal inquiries for official information must come through Division Headquarters for official reply.

## INCREASED MEMBERSHIP.

IX. While thoroughly appreciating and urgently desiring an increase of membership through individual gains in Camps, it is essential that every effort must be put forth for the instituting of new Camps. Fertile fields exist in many localities and Division Commanders will make this a special part of their year's program. We cannot be unmindful of the action of the Grand Army of the Republic in throwing open the doors of their Post rooms to our members and the wonderful possibilities it means. It is also an assurance of the fact that the Sons of Veterans is to them the organization they want to perpetuate their memories and the future observance of Memorial and other days so dear to them. Your Commander-in-Chief is gratified at the action of so many Division Commanders already in taking this matter up as a big issue, and the promise of great results already looms over the horizon.

## GENERAL.

X. Such matters of legislation at the Milwaukee Encampment as cannot be published in this order owing to delay in receiving a transcript of the proceedings, will appear in General Orders for November.

I realize the responsibilities placed upon me at the hands of my brothers, and will give the best that is in me for our Order. Results can only be achieved by your co-operation. This I most earnestly ask, and the result is assured.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 1.

XI. Report of the National Secretary, August-September, 1923:

Receipts—	
September 6, 1923, To Balance .....	\$121.66
Received for:	
Charter Fees .....	\$ 10.00
Supplies .....	319.45
Miscellaneous, Interest on Bonds.....	53.15
Total Receipts .....	<u>\$382.60</u>
	\$504.26
Expenditures—	
By General Expenses .....	\$ 30.00
Office Expenses .....	64.56
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses .....	11.86
Total Expenditures .....	<u>\$106.42</u>
Balance, September 30, 1923.....	\$397.84

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses—	
For Printing .....	\$ 2.50
Bonds National Officers .....	27.50
	<u>\$ 30.00</u>
Office Expenses—	
Stationery National Officers .....	\$ 64.56
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses—	
For Postage, Traveling, Office .....	\$ 11.86
Total Expenditures .....	<u>\$106.42</u>

## STATEMENT NO. 1.

## NATIONAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE FUND.

Received from A. D. Rhinesmith, Chairman:	
September 14 .....	\$667.97
September 24 .....	84.10
	<u>\$752.07</u>
September 28, By Disbursements .....	\$737.30
By Balance .....	14.77
	<u>\$752.07</u>

## NEW CAMPS.

XII. Since last announcement new Camps have been instituted and Charters issued thereto as follows:

No.	Location and Division.	Date.	No.	Mem.
26	Alhambra, Cal., California & Pacific.....	June 12	15	
2	Wray, Col., California & Pacific.....	July 20	36	

Official:

H. H. HAMMER,  
National Secretary.

S. S. HORN,  
Commander-in-Chief.



## GENERAL ORDERS NO. XI.

Headquarters,  
 COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.  
 Office of Commander-in-Chief,  
 City Hall, Easton, Pennsylvania.

November 1st, 1923.

## ENCAMPMENT LEGISLATION.

## COMMITTEE TO MEET WITH THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

1. The Forty-second Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Milwaukee, 1923, designated the following Committee to meet with a similar Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic relative to determining the name of the Order of Sons of Veterans:

Past Commanders-in-Chief, Ralph M. Grant, Hartford, Conn.  
 Fred E. Bolton, Boston, Mass.  
 John E. Sautter, Wilkesburg, Pa.  
 Charles F. Sherman, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.  
 William T. Church, Chicago, Ill.  
 Frank Shellhouse, Indianapolis, Ind.

## NATIONAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

Arthur D. Rhinesmith, Chairman, Board of Trade Bldg., Peoria, Illinois.

Fred E. Upham, 137 Central St., Leominster, Mass.

Contributions to the fund of the National Organization Committee, for its work to prosecute organization, new Camps, securing new members for Camps, etc., will be received by and should be made payable to Arthur D. Rhinesmith, Chairman. Acknowledgment will be made in form promptly.

## ON CONSOLIDATION OF THE SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY AND DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS.

That a Committee of Past Commanders-in-Chief (three) be appointed "at such time we are advised our sister Organizations desire to consult with this Organization."

## COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Past Commanders-in-Chief, Ralph M. Grant, Hartford, Conn.  
 Fred E. Bolton, Boston, Mass.  
 John E. Sautter, Wilkesburg, Pa.  
 Charles F. Sherman, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.  
 William T. Church, Chicago, Ill.

## COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAL TO THE G. A. R.

Past Commander-in-Chief F. T. F. Johnson, McGill Bldg., Washington, D. C.

That he select additional members of the Committee, to be approved by the Commander-in-Chief; said Committee to secure the active assistance of all the Allied Associations and to report finally at the next meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief.

## RITUAL AND CEREMONIES.

Revised as to obligation, same to be promulgated on Form 3, Applications for Membership, when supply is exhausted.

Page 2—diagram of Camp Room changed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: To be amended "if the other Allied Orders make the change."

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.

That change in the age for eligibility to membership from eighteen (18) to sixteen (16) years in the Order be referred to the Divisions for ratification at Division Encampments, as provided by Article Eight (8) of the Constitution.

#### REFERRED FOR ACTION TO DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS.

That one (\$1.00) Dollar of every initiation fee shall go into the work of the Organization Committee, be submitted to the Divisions for action at their Division Encampments and report to the next Commandery-in-Chief Encampment.

1. That the Reserve fund, amounting approximately to seven thousand (\$7,000) dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary in the judgement of the Council-in-Chief, is hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying forward the plans and organization work of the National Organization Committee, as described to this Encampment.

2. That for the purpose of further prosecuting the National Organization plans, the Commandery-in-Chief hereby submits on referendum to the several Divisions the following proposal:

(a) That there shall be levied and collected from each Division a special assessment in an amount not exceeding a sum equal to twenty-five (25) cents per capita of the total membership of the Division, the method of raising said sum to be determined by each Division.

(b) That the several Divisions be requested to consider the foregoing proposal at their next Annual Encampments, and give appropriate instructions to their delegates to the next Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, to the end that the Commandery-in-Chief may at that time take action.

3. That it shall be the duty of the members of the National Organization Committee to fully inform the several Divisions, at or before their next Annual Encampments, of the full report of the foregoing proposal, and of the necessity for raising said sum of money in order to carry forward in a large and systematic way the welfare and upbuilding of the Order of Sons of Veterans.

#### PRESIDENT HARDING MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

That the Sons of Veterans properly may have the rightful part in tribute to and honor of in memoriam memorial to our late illustrious Brother, President Warren G. Harding, in the incorporated Association now being formed by The President. The Honorable Calvin Coolidge, a Committee is hereby appointed for and on behalf of the Order of Sons of Veterans, to represent the Order in the said Association.

The Committee:

Hon. Harley V. Speelman, Past Commander-in-Chief, of Ohio.

Hon. A. E. B. Stephens, Past Commander-in-Chief, of Ohio.

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## IN MEMORIAM.

In accordance with the unanimous action of the Forty-second Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Wilwaukee, Wisconsin, Sept. 4-6, 1923, the following is promulgated and will have the attention designated:

Our Brother, Warren Gamaliel Harding, has answered the last call. In his passing we, of the Sons of Veterans, have lost a most distinguished brother and a true friend. Not only have we respected him as our President; we have loved him as our brother.

He has filled his niche. He has done his work; and to it he has given life itself. No eulogy we here may write can exalt the place he has made for himself in the hearts of all mankind.

No words can adequately portray the profound sense of loss we feel; but it is most seemly that we, who called him brother,—we who loved him much,—should here, in our humble way, give appropriate expression to our grief, and from out the fullness of our hearts fittingly reverence his memory:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in Forty-second Annual Encampment assembled; That in memory of our departed brother:

1. Immediately on the adoption of this resolution, and upon due order of the Commander-in-Chief, the members of this Encampment shall stand at attention, facing the east, in reverent meditation for one minute.

2. The charters of all Camps and Divisions and of this Commandery-in-Chief shall be draped with fitting badges of mourning.

3. This resolution shall be spread upon the permanent records of this Commandery; and that copies hereof shall be transmitted to Mrs. Harding, to Dr. George T. Harding, to the President of the United States, to the president pro tempore of the U. S. Senate, to the Speaker of the U. S. House of Representatives, and to all Camps and Divisions of this Order.

Presented by the Ohio Division, S. of V., U. S. A.

Ed. S. Wilson, Secretary.

W. A. Selz, Commander

SONS OF VETERANS TO VISIT POSTS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

II. In accordance with the action of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, 1923, at Milwaukee, Wis., Members of the Sons of Veterans in GOOD STANDING in their Camps will be admitted to the meetings of Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The honor thus accorded to and the privilege conferred upon the Members of our Order, has been duly and officially promulgated by Commander-in-Chief Gaylord M. Saltzgaber of the Grand Army of the Republic, to the Posts.

Members of the Sons of Veterans will consider this a splendid tribute and a flattering recognition. The procedure for admittance to Posts is regulated in accordance with announcement elsewhere designated by the Commander-in-Chief,



this issue of The Banner. It is a proud privilege. Every member will so conduct himself and by his appreciation of this distinction show himself a worthy son of a noble sire.

Members will be helpful, never intrude, nor presume.

#### RITUAL INSERTS.

III. Ritual changes as adopted at the Forty-second Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Milwaukee, 1923, in the Obligation and Diagram of the Camp Room, have been promulgated to all Division Headquarters.

Division Commanders will send ten (10) of the Obligation Inserts, two (2) for each of the five (5) Rituals used by a Camp, and five (5) Diagram Inserts for the five (5) Rituals used by a Camp, to each and every Camp Commander—of ALL CAMPS THAT ARE IN GOOD STANDING.

Division Commander will promulgate these Inserts immediately. Camp Commanders not receiving same should AT ONCE notify Division Commanders, secure and USE THEM in the Ritualistic work.

#### NO CHANGE IN PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

IV. No change was made in the Pledge of Allegiance to the FLAG. THIS IS ONLY to be changed "if the other Allied Organizations make the change."

#### ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS.

V. The Journal of the Milwaukee Encampment 1923, Proceedings, is in the printer's hands. This will be promulgated as soon as possible to all Division Headquarters.

Immediately upon receipt of the Journals Division Commanders will issue one copy to each Camp. This will be made a record and kept in the files of every Camp under the charge of the Camp Secretary.

#### PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS' REPORTS.

VI. Camp Commanders will direct their Patriotic Instructors and see to it, to forward their reports—Form 50—on the last meeting night in December, to their respective Division Patriotic Instructors.

Division Commanders will insist that these reports be received by their Division Patriotic Instructors without delay.

Division Patriotic Instructors should be in communication with all Camp Patriotic Instructors relative to prompt filing of their reports.

Division Patriotic Instructors will, without delay forward their reports—Form 51—to National Patriotic Instructor William L. Anderson, No. 248 Spring St., West Roxbury, Mass.

#### VETERANS' NIGHT.

VII. Camp Commanders and Camp Patriotic Instructors will see that Veterans' Night, on or about November 19th, is observed with appropriate exercises and, in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations and Ritual. The ceremonies this year should be unusual owing to our new and closer relationship with the Comrades and Posts of the Grand Army of the Rep-

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public, the meetings of which the Sons of Veterans are now privileged to attend.

The Allied Orders should be invited, the program should be a great patriotic inspiration, a lesson, our Americanism should be emphasized and our patriotism a lasting impression for future and renewed dedication to the principals and objects of our Order.

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address should be a feature of the exercises and a time of good cheer, social and patriotic interest should prevail.

A special object should be the gathering and attendance of Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Make Veterans' Night a great patriotic event.

"SERVICE" "SACRIFICE."

VIII. This will be the slogan of this administration. Service in the Order means some sacrifice. In the words of Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter "if the Order is worth belonging to, it is worth working for." Will you not make that sacrifice and give that service in the same spirit as our fathers gave it during the Civil War? The action of the Grand Army of the Republic at Milwaukee makes is imperative now for "Service" and "Sacrifice."

## NEW CAMPS.

IX. Application for Charter for new Camp was approved for Upton, Division of Massachusetts, with 26 applicants, October 17, 1923.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 2.

X. Report of the National Secretary for month of October, 1923:

## Receipts—

September 30, To Balance .....\$397.84

## Received for:

Per Capita Tax .....\$139.36

Charter Fees ..... 5.00

Supplies ..... 435.61

Total Receipts ..... \$579.97

\$977.81

## Expenditures—

By General Expenses .....\$ 10.38

Office Expenses ..... 14.07

Commander-in-Chief's Expenses ..... 5.52

Total Expenditures ..... \$ 29.97

Balance, October 31, 1923.....\$947.84

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

## General Expenses—

For Stock .....\$ 10.38

Office Expenses—

For Stationery, National Officers .....\$ 14.07

Commander-in-Chief's Expenses—

For Postage, Traveling .....\$ 5.52

Total Expenditures .....\$ 29.97

## STATEMENT NO. 2.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE FUND—OCTOBER, 1923.

1923—

September 30, To Balance.....\$ 14.77  
 October 31, Receipts from sale of \$1,000 Bond ..... 994.14

Total Receipts .....\$1008.91  
 By Disbursements: Printing matter, expense account,  
 etc. .... \$ 617.23

Balance, October 31, 1923.....\$ 391.68  
 1923—

To Total Receipts—  
 Previously acknowledged .....\$ 752.07  
 October (sale bond) ..... 994.14

By Total Disbursements—  
 September .....\$ 737.30  
 October ..... 617.23

\$1746.21

By order of

S. S. HORN,  
 Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

H. H. HAMMER,  
 National Secretary.

## GENERAL ORDERS NO. XII.

Headquarters,

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

Office of Commander-in-Chief,

City Hall, Easton, Pennsylvania.

December 1st, 1923.

## VISITS TO POSTS OF THE G. A. R.

I. Camp Commanders will furnish Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, lists of the members of their Camp, these lists to be attested by Camp Secretaries, and to be composed of all members in good standing in Camps.

These lists should be revised from time to time, to include new members of Camps and such as may be dropped or not connected with Camps.

Members of Camps, with these lists in the possession of Adjutants of Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, will be privileged to attend meetings of Posts, and it is urged upon all members of our Order to frequently pay such visits to Posts. It is a great honor and privilege and as such it should have every inducement and pleasure.

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

II. Authorization is hereby granted for public installation of Officers of Camps for the year 1924. Camp Commanders and



# NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLID.

Division.	No. in Good Standing at Last Report.		GAIN						Total Gain.		Aggregate.		By Disbanded.	
			By Initiation.		By Transfer.		By Reinstatement.							
			Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members						
Aa. & Tenn....	11	264	..	10	..	..	..	10	11	274	..	..		
California ...	31	1294	..	68	..	..	2	70	31	1364	1	1		
Connecticut ..	41	2382	..	19	..	..	2	21	41	2403	..	..		
Illinois ...	52	2225	..	12	..	..	1	13	52	2238	..	..		
Indiana ...	29	2278	1	69	..	..	3	72	30	2350	..	..		
Iowa ...	20	757	..	40	..	..	..	40	20	797	..	..		
Kansas ...	24	716	..	3	..	..	2	5	24	721	..	..		
Maine ...	41	2116	..	23	..	..	..	23	41	2139	..	..		
Maryland ...	10	622	..	11	..	..	..	11	10	633	..	..		
Massachusetts .	149	9249	..	128	9	..	..	137	149	9386	1	13		
Michigan ...	21	846	..	21	..	..	1	22	21	868	..	..		
Minnesota ...	15	466	..	5	..	..	..	5	15	471	..	..		
Missouri ...	15	661	..	16	1	..	..	17	15	678	1	23		
Nebraska ...	18	595	..	..	..	..	1	1	18	596	..	..		
New Hampshire	34	1126	..	12	2	..	..	14	34	1140	1	11		
New Jersey ...	27	1746	..	10	..	..	3	13	27	1759	..	..		
New York ...	110	5120	..	55	4	..	..	59	110	5179	1	11		
Ohio ...	89	4195	..	38	..	..	8	46	89	4241	..	..		
Oregon ...	10	343	..	9	..	..	..	..	10	352	..	..		
Pennsylvania .	167	13358	..	143	1	25	..	169	167	13527	..	..		
Rhode Island ...	13	560	..	18	..	..	..	18	13	578	..	..		
Vermont ...	39	1186	..	31	1	6	..	38	39	1224	..	..		
Washington ...	21	943	..	20	..	..	..	20	21	963	..	..		
Wisconsin ...	26	1025	..	98	..	..	2	100	26	1125	..	..		
	1013	54073	1	859	18	...	56	1924	1014	55006	5	72		

†Note—Loss by transfer is the organization of the Division of Oregon

**NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED REPORTS FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1923.**

Division.	No. in Good Standing at Last Report.		GAIN				Total Gain.	Aggregate.		LOSS						Total Loss.		No. in Good Standing Date of this Report.		Amount Received for Per Capita Tax.	Cash on Hand at Division Head- quarters.	Cash on Hand in Camps.	Expended for Relief.	No. Relieved or Their Families.				
			By Initiation.	By Transfer.	By Reinstatement.	By Disbanded.				By Death.	Honorable Discharge	By Transfer.	By Dishon. Disch.	By Dropped.														
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Veterans					
Aa. & Tenn....	11	264	...	10	...	...	10	11	274	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	11	272	\$ 21.76	\$ 11.62	\$ 100.00	...	...				
California .....	31	1294	...	68	...	2	70	31	1364	...	1	14	2	5	...	1	18	1	43	30	1321	105.68	103.20	516.43	...	...		
Connecticut ...	41	2382	...	19	...	2	21	41	2403	...	...	...	4	2	...	...	3	...	9	41	2394	191.52	100.32	2281.65	9.80	...		
Illinois .....	52	2225	...	12	...	1	13	52	2238	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	4	...	7	52	2231	181.28	126.49	3619.46	...	...		
Indiana .....	29	2278	1	69	...	3	1	72	30	2350	...	...	4	...	...	2	57	...	63	30	2287	182.96	163.81	1967.29	656.80	16 11		
Iowa .....	20	757	...	40	...	...	40	20	797	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	20	...	21	20	776	62.03	364.85	401.26	...	2		
Kansas .....	24	716	...	3	...	2	5	24	721	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	33	...	34	24	687	54.96	649.73	330.27	...	...		
Maine .....	41	2116	...	23	...	...	23	41	2139	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	13	...	16	41	2123	169.84	311.18	2564.94	30.15	...		
Maryland .....	10	622	...	11	...	...	11	10	633	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	3	...	8	10	625	60.00	154.03	337.79	...	...		
Massachusetts .	149	9249	...	128	9	...	137	149	9386	1	13	33	8	...	13	...	61	1	118	148	9268	741.44	1343.96	21241.27	331.43	4 7		
Michigan .....	21	846	...	21	...	1	22	21	868	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	6	21	862	68.96	93.76	342.27	1.00	...		
Minnesota .....	15	466	...	5	...	...	5	15	471	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	471	...	37.76	...	272.28	...	...		
Missouri .....	15	661	...	16	1	...	17	15	678	1	23	1	...	...	...	...	5	1	29	14	649	51.92	418.49	519.46	12.55	...		
Nebraska .....	18	595	...	...	...	1	1	18	596	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	45	2	46	16	550	44.00	204.22	...	...		
New Hampshire	34	1126	...	12	2	...	14	34	1140	1	11	3	...	...	...	...	2	1	16	33	1124	89.92	218.50	776.69	...	...		
New Jersey ..	27	1746	...	10	...	3	13	27	1759	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	16	...	17	27	1742	139.30	383.16	4971.85	226.55	4		
New York .....	110	5120	...	55	4	...	59	110	5179	1	11	9	9	...	5	1	64	1	99	109	5080	406.40	895.52	1195.10	...	...		
Ohio .....	89	4195	...	38	...	8	46	89	4241	...	...	6	1	...	1	...	132	...	140	89	4101	328.08	356.63	97.35	...	...		
Oregon .....	10	343	...	9	...	...	10	10	352	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	351	28.08	...	82338.19	7934.12	192 43		
Pennsylvania ..	167	13358	...	143	1	25	169	167	13527	...	18	3	...	2	...	218	...	241	167	13286	1062.88	1092.91	932.23	27.70	1			
Rhode Island ..	13	560	...	18	...	...	18	13	578	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	46	1	53	38	1171	93.68	134.94	775.42	18.60
Vermont .....	39	1186	...	31	1	6	38	39	1224	...	...	6	1	...	...	...	63	10	407	11	566	...	...	...	...	...		
Washington .....	21	943	...	20	...	...	20	21	963	...	...	1	...	10	343	...	8	...	8	26	1117	89.36	135.68	539.25	...	...		
Wisconsin .....	26	1025	...	98	...	2	100	26	1125	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Division of Washington.																												

†Note—Loss by transfer is the organization of the Division of Oregon from the Division of Washington.



Camp Patriotic Instructors should prepare an interesting program for this occasion.

Installing Officers will make prompt return of Officers installed to their respective Division Headquarters—ON THE NIGHT OF INSTALLATION—immediately after the ceremonies. These returns should be made on Form 22 and should be careful to include addresses of ALL Officers.

Form 22 must be provided by Division Headquarters. Upon receipt thereof, with per capita tax and reports (Forms 27 and 28) of Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers, for the quarter ending December 31st, 1923, NEW PASS-WORD AND COUNTER-SIGN, effective January 1st, 1924, will be issued to such Camps, by Division Headquarters.

#### COMMISSIONS.

III. Upon receipt of Installation Officer's Report and per capita tax and reports of Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers, for quarter ending December 31st, 1923, Division Commanders will issue to each Camp Commander a Commission, Form 33, attested by Division Secretary.

#### NEW PASSWORD AND COUNTERSIGN.

IV. Form 0000—January 1st—June 30th, 1924, will be issued from all Division Headquarters to Camps in good standing—those which forward reports and per capita tax for quarter ending December 31st, 1923.

Camp Commanders will issue same to members in good standing only.

#### REPORTS AND PER CAPITA TAX.

V. Camp Commanders will see that their Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers forward their reports, Forms 27 and 28, with per capita tax for quarter ending December 31st, 1923, ON THE LAST MEETING NIGHT IN DECEMBER, so that receipt from Division Headquarters can be forwarded in time for Camp Officers installation the first meeting night in January, 1924.

#### PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT.

VI. Camp Commanders will attend to the matter of having their Camp Patriotic Instructor's Report (Form 50) forwarded to Division Patriotic Instructor on the LAST MEETING NIGHT in December, 1923. All Camp Patriotic Instructors should be supplied with this Form by Division Headquarters without further delay.

#### FORM 16.

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VII. Form 16, Application for Ancestor's Record of Service in the Army or Navy is directed to be forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief. In all instances the Regiment or Vessel in or on which the Ancestor served, MUST BE STATED on the application (Form 16) for record to be obtained.

#### RITUAL CHANGES.

VIII. It is imperative that ALL Camp rooms conform to the changes and amendments adopted by the Forty-second Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Milwaukee, 1923,



as promulgated in General Orders No. 11—The Banner—October issue.

Camp Commanders will give this personal attention that all is complied with.

This relates particularly to the changes in the appearance and arrangement of a Camp room.

#### SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE.

IX. Owing to the chaotic condition of this body which in some Divisions seems to be an essential factor and a desirable asset, in view of the opinion of Past Counselor Coffin, owing to a lack of any recommendation or action at the recent Encampment, and believing that opportunity should be given to properly legalize the status of the Reserve if it is to be retained, and an opportunity of functioning pending definite legislation, the Commander-in-Chief directs as follows:

Where the Reserve exists in any Division, it shall be maintained under the supervision of the Division Commander or by action of the Division, subject to the former existing Reserve laws in-so-far as is consistent and practical, and its functioning thereby is temporarily approved.

Commissions, where issued, will be in the name and authority of the Commander-in-Chief, signed by the Division Commander in the Division where such are issued, as "Acting" Chief-of-Staff for such Division, pending action on the report or recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief at Boston.

#### MEMBERSHIP.

X. The September report of some Divisions is not gratifying. The promises made at and since Milwaukee are expected to be made good by December report.

#### NEW CAMPS.

XI. Applications for Charters for new Camps have been approved, and New Camps instituted and Charters issued thereto since last announcement as follows:

Date Appd.	No.	Location and Division.	No: App.
Nov. 5	210	Frankfort, Indiana .....	91
Nov. 5	...	Benson, Vermont .....	18
Nov. 12	68	Siloam Springs, Ark., Missouri..	21
Nov. 14	22	Walton, New York .....	40
Nov. 24	47	Plymouth, Wisconsin .....	15
Date Inst.	No.	Location and Division.	No. Mem.
Aug. 21	210	Frankfort, Indiana .....	56
June 30	119	Oakham, Massachusetts .....	18
Nov. 15	47	Plymouth, Wisconsin .....	17

#### CAMPS DISBANDED, DROPPED, CHARTERS REVOKED.

XII. Charters of Camps have been revoked, as follows, as Disbanded and Dropped quarter ending September 30, 1923, and record will be made accordingly:

California & Pacific—Camp No. 16, Berkeley, with 14 members.

Massachusetts—Dropped: Camp No. 102, Saxonville, with 12 members.

Missouri—Disbanded: Camp No. 2, King City, with 23 members.  
 Nebraska—Disbanded: Camp No. 55, Seward, with 12 members; Camp No. 141, Tekamah, with 12 members.  
 New Hampshire—Disbanded: Camp No. 43, Wilton, with 11 members.  
 New York—Disbanded: Camp No. 148, Highland, with 11 members.  
 Vermont—Dropped: Camp No. 55, Vergennes, with 23 members.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 3.

XIII. Report of the National Secretary for month of November, 1923:

## Receipts—

October 31, 1923, To Balance .....\$ 947.84  
 Received for:

Per Capita Tax .....\$1080.48  
 Charter Fees ..... 25.00  
 Supplies ..... 327.46  
 Miscellaneous, Interest on Bonds..... 53.12

Total Receipts .....\$4486.06  
 \$5433.90

## Expenditures—

By General Expenses .....\$4469.61  
 Office Expenses (August-November, inc.)..... 43.35  
 Commander-in-Chief's Expenses ..... 6.48

Total Expenditures .....\$4519.44  
 Balance, November 30, 1923 .....\$ 914.46

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

## General Expenses—

For Stock .....\$ 400.78  
 The Banner, balance August-September-November, 1923, inc. .... 2874.13  
 Printing ..... 54.50  
 Shipping Supplies, September-November, inc.. 40.20  
 Salary ..... 1100.00

\$4469.61

## Office Expenses—

For Postage, Express, Telegrams, Stationery, September-November, 1923, inc. ....\$ 43.35  
 Commander-in-Chief's Expenses—  
 For Postage and Traveling .....\$ 6.48

Total Expenditures .....\$4519.44

## XIV.

## STATEMENT NO. 3.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE FUND—NOVEMBER, 1923.  
 1923—

October 31, To Balance .....\$ 391.68

Receipts from sale of bond .....	\$1030.29
A. D. Rhinesmith, Chairman .....	117.50
Total Receipts .....	\$1147.79
By Disbursements: Printing matter, expense accounts, etc. ....	\$1539.47
	\$ 482.48
Balance, November 30, 1923 .....	\$1056.99
1923—	
To Total Receipts—	
Previously reported .....	\$1746.21
November .....	1147.79
	\$2894.00
By Total Disbursements—	
Previously reported .....	\$1354.53
November ... ..	482.48
Balance, November 30 .....	1056.99
	\$2894.00

By order of

Official:

H. H. HAMMER,  
National Secretary.

S. S. HORN,  
Commander-in-Chief.

## GENERAL ORDERS NO. I.

Headquarters,

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

Office of Commander-in-Chief,

City Hall, Easton, Pennsylvania.

January 1st, 1924.

## THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

I. It is recommended to ALL Camps that action be taken immediately to co-operate with and take part in the plans and work of the National Organization Committee, Past Division Commander Arthur D. Rhinesmith, Board of Trade Building, Peoria, Illinois. This Committee is conducting a splendid campaign of education in a Forward Movement to the great advantage and benefit of Camps and the New Camp Officers are earnestly urged to work in connection with this Committee that new members and larger Camps may result.

## MEMBERS TO VISIT POSTS OF THE G. A. R.

II. Camps are urged to have Committees or details of Officers and Members visit Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic regularly. Our members can be of great assistance to the Comrades. All Camps are requested to give this prompt attention and to have their members do themselves this great honor.



## NEW CAMP OFFICERS.

III. The Officers now in their new positions are directed to familiarize themselves with the work of the Order, the Rules and Regulations, and above all the Ritual. It is hoped that no Ritual will be used in the initiatory service, but that ALL Officers will commit their parts to memory and so conduct such ceremonies. All meetings should have Rituals out of sight, for impression and effect.

## REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION.

IV. Information, rulings and decisions, should not come to the Commander-in-Chief from Camp Officers. All must be to Division Commanders.

## PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S REPORTS.

V. Camp Patriotic Instructors that have not forwarded their reports—Form 50—to their Division Patriotic Instructors will do so without delay. Division Commanders will see that these reports are secured at once. These reports are required to be forwarded by all Camp Patriotic Instructors on the last meeting night in December. It is hoped these reports will not be delayed any longer.

## SECRETARY AND TREASURER REPORTS.

VI. A number of Division Commanders report some of their Camps delinquent with per capita tax and reports for the quarter ending December 31st, 1923. These reports must be forwarded with tax to the respective Division Headquarters without further delay. It is hoped that no further notice may be required on this subject.

Division Commanders will promptly forward to all Camps these blank report Forms 27 and 28 for quarter ending March 31st, 1924, so that there will be no delinquents for that quarter.

## UNION DEFENDER'S DAY.

VII. Timely preparation for a great celebration of Union Defenders' Day—February 12th—dedicated to the Union Soldiers, Sailors and Marines of 1861-'65, by our Order, to observe in their honor and to their memory. Let every Camp prepare at once and have a great, patriotic celebration on that occasion. The Order is expected to make this event a feature in its history. Every Camp will observe it and it is hoped have an affair that will reflect an impression for patriotism and honor to the Veterans of the War for the Union that will be most creditable and successful.

## DEATH BENEFIT ASSOCIATION.

VIII. The attention of Camps, which are beneficial or semi-beneficial is called to the Death Benefit Association composed of members of the Order by Camps. It is the most excellent opportunity of providing a funeral benefit without a burden and sacrifice on the Camp treasury. A \$250.00 benefit at approximately 25c per month per member. The Association has paid claims for exceeding 180 deaths during 1923. For information write W. R. McGirr, Secretary, Room 38, Liberty Trust Building, Broad and Arch Streets, Philadelphia.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

IX. After January 7th, the mailing address of the Commander-in-Chief will be P. O. Box 51, Easton, Pa., instead of City Hall. For further information, the resident address is 335 Bushkill Street, and business address, Bank and Church Streets.

## MILWAUKEE ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS.

X. The Journal of Proceedings of the Forty-second Annual Encampment of the Commander-in-Chief, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1923, have been promulgated to all Division Headquarters. Division Commanders will issue one copy to each Camp. Secretaries of Camps will file same in the records. Failure to receive a copy Camp Secretaries will immediately communicate with Division Commanders relative thereto.

## NEW CAMPS.

XI. Applications have been approved and new Camps instituted as follows:

Date App'd	No. Camp.	Location and Division.	No. App.
December 12	11	Brownfield, Maine .....	37
December 18	88	Scituate, Massachusetts ....	50
December 24	6	Westerly, Rhode Island ....	27

Charters were issued as follows:

Camp No.	Location and Division.	Date Inst'd	No. Mem.
22	Walton, New York.....	December 5	49
11	Brownfield, Maine .....	November 22	23
6	Westerly, Rhode Island ....	November 25	22

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 4.

XII. Report of the National Secretary for month of December, 1923:

## Receipts—

November 30, 1923, To Balance ..... \$ 914.46

## Received for:

Per Capita Tax ..... \$ 72.56  
 Charter Fees ..... 15.00  
 Supplies ..... 382.43

Total Receipts ..... \$ 469.99  
 \$1384.45

## Expenditures—

By General Expenses ..... \$ 980.81  
 Office Expenses ..... 211.96  
 Commander-in-Chief's Expenses ..... 2.14

Total Expenditures ..... \$1194.91

Balance, December 31, 1923 ..... \$ 189.54

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

## General Expenses—

For Stock ..... \$ 5.30  
 The Banner, December, 1923, subscription.... 959.75  
 Shipping Supplies ..... 15.76

\$ 980.81

Office Expenses—	
For Wrapping Paper, Postage, Rent .....	\$ 211.96
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses—	
For Postage .....	\$ 2.14
Total Expenditures .....	\$1194.91

## STATEMENT NO. 4.

## NATIONAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE FUND—DECEMBER, 1923.

1923—

November 30, 1923, To Balance .....	\$1056.99
Received from A. D. Rhinesmith, Chairman .....	74.50

\$1131.49

By Disbursements: Printing matter, expense accounts, etc. ....	453.56
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Balance, December 31, 1923 .....	\$ 677.93
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1923—

To Total Receipts—	
Previously reported .....	\$2894.00
December, 1923 .....	74.50

\$2968.50

By Total Disbursements—	
Previously reported .....	\$1837.01
December, 1923 .....	453.56
Balance, December 31, 1923 .....	677.93

\$2968.50

By order of

Official:

H. H. HAMMER,  
National Secretary.

S. S. HORN,  
Commander-in-Chief.

## GENERAL ORDERS NO. II.

Headquarters,

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

Office of Commander-in-Chief.

Easton, Pennsylvania.

February 1st, 1924.

## CAMP OFFICERS.

I. It is urged upon all to dispense with the use of the Ritual in the ceremonies and conduct of business of a Camp, that Officers familiarize themselves with their duties and the Rules and Regulations, so that the conduct of a meeting or session of a Camp will be impressive and attractive. Camp Officers are also requested to give every possible assistance in the work and to the plans of the National Organization Committee, organize "Go-Getters" and in every possible manner inspire active service on the part of all members. Camp Commanders should have series of conferences with the Officers of a Camp, plan for



activities, securing eligibles and map out a course of procedure for the instruction, entertainment and interest of the members attending meetings.

#### VISITS TO POSTS OF THE G. A. R.

II. Camp Officers and Members should arrange to regularly and frequently visit Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic and attend such meetings as often as possible. Members of the Sons of Veterans should show their appreciation of this great distinction and the honor conferred upon our Order by attending Post meetings in large numbers and visit as many Posts as possible.

#### UNION DEFENDERS' DAY.

III. Patriotic Instructors and Camp Commanders should have their Camps properly observe this event—February 12th, in memory of Lincoln and in honor of the Union Veterans of the War of the Rebellion. The occasion should be a rousing patriotic affair, the speech of Lincoln at Gettysburg should be recited, and every possible honor accorded the Veterans of 1861-'65, by this occasion in every Camp throughout the Order.

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS DUE.

IV. Camp Secretaries and Treasurers Reports, Forms 27 and 28, with per capita tax for the quarter ending December, 1923, are over-due at Division Headquarters and it is urged upon all Camp Commanders to see that same are forwarded to their respective Division Headquarters AT ONCE.

Division Commanders are hereby directed to forward without delay to all Camps, Forms 27 and 28 for the quarter ending March. These reports Camp Commanders will see are forwarded with per capita tax to Division Headquarters ON THE LAST MEETING NIGHT IN MARCH.

Camp Commanders will at once forward to Division Patriotic Instructors their reports—Form 50—due December, last, their Camp Patriotic Instructors Reports, a number of which are delinquent. This will have immediate attention.

#### DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS.

V. Date and place of holding Division Encampment will be reported to these Headquarters as soon as possible.

Attention is directed to the Referendum for Divisions to act upon at their Encampments, as set forth in due order elsewhere and in accordance with instructions issued to Division Commanders and forwarded to all Division Headquarters.

The announcement in another part of THE BANNER is officially promulgated for the information and action of Camps so that their representatives at Division Encampments can be governed accordingly.

#### BANNER MAILING LISTS.

VI. Corrected mailing lists, proper addressing of members of Camps, should be forwarded by Camps to Division Headquarters and Division Secretaries forward same direct to THE BANNER, Dwight, Illinois. Every member of a Camp in good standing is entitled to and should receive THE BANNER, without expense, every month. Camp Secretaries will give this immediate attention.

## CORRECTIONS IN MILWAUKEE PROCEEDINGS.

VII. In the Journal of Proceedings of the Forty-second Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1923, an error occurs under the "REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND RULES," of which Division Commander Dallas Dillinger of Pennsylvania was Chairman. Pages 193-195, his name will be substituted for that of Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter, wherever appearing, as representing and presenting the action or report of said Committee. Division and Camp Secretaries will make this change for official record in all Journals of these proceedings.

## RESPECT TO THE FLAG.

VIII. Much has been done by the National American Commission of the American Legion, and the co-operation of other patriotic organizations in the drafting of an authentic Code of Flag etiquette. The ignorant and careless use of the Flag and the utter disregard of proper respect has become deplorable. Great credit is due for the initiative in this matter, and while the rules adopted have no official government sanction, the United States may yet have Congressional action of the use of the Flag and a National Air, Anthem and Song for the citizenry as well as for the Army and Navy. Circulars giving full description have been liberally distributed through organizations, civic bodies, schools, city authorities, etc. Members of the organization are urged to not only observe these rules but to further a knowledge and observance of them.

## GENERAL.

IX. Massachusetts Division is sponsoring a Bill in that Commonwealth for restricting sports during certain hours on Memorial Day. New York Division is backing a movement to provide a member of the Sons of Veterans as a part of the Board of Trustees of the Soldier's Home. Such actions, their publicity, and similar efforts as was in the case of the Indiana Division on behalf of a proper observance of Memorial Day, are deserving of commendation. What is YOUR Division doing along similar lines? Let us do such things, and secure results while the members of the Grand Army of the Republic are still with us. It will also enhance the strength of our Order in the future.

Brother Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman, at the request of the Commander-in-Chief, represented the Order at a Committee Hearing on House Bill No. 20 to make the birthday of Abraham Lincoln a legal holiday in the District of Columbia. The Committee will report the bill favorably by a unanimous vote. Thanks are due and tendered Brother Speelman, who is always faithful to the slogan "Service and Sacrifice" for the Order. Now, urge every Senator and Congressman to support the bill in Senate and House.

General Orders of all Division Commanders show interest and zeal in the general work, and are promising excellent results this year. Commanders: Don't break the chain of co-operation with the National Organization Committee work. The Division Commander is the "link" to insure the test of the chain in his Division work. No chain is stronger than its weakest link.

Don't be the weak link in the great chain. Keep "forging" to strengthen it.

# NEW CAMPS.

X. Since last announcement new Camps were instituted and charters issued thereto as follows:

No.	Location and Division.	Date Inst'd.	No. Mem.
22	Benson, Vermont .....	Nov. 15, 1923	20
69	Siloam Springs, Ark., Mo....	Dec. 23, 1923	18
23	Rushville, Illinois .....	Aug. 16, 1923	36
24	Sacramento, Cal. & Pac. ....	May 18, 1923	17
27	Porterville, Cal. & Pac. ....	Oct. 13, 1923	19

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 5.

XI. Report of the National Secretary for month of January, 1924:

### Receipts—

December 31, 1923, To Balance .....	\$189.54
Received for:	
Per Capita Tax .....	\$140.00
Charter Fees .....	20.00
Supplies .....	561.38
Junior Order—Supplies .....	1.89
Total Receipts .....	<u>\$723.27</u>
	\$912.81

### Expenditures—

By General Expenses .....	\$260.00
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses .....	14.98
Total Expenditures .....	<u>\$274.98</u>
Balance, January 31, 1924.....	\$637.83

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses—	
For Stock .....	\$260.00
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses—	
For Postage, Traveling .....	\$ 14.98
Total Expenditures .....	<u>\$274.98</u>

## STATEMENT NO. 5.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE FUND—JANUARY, 1924.

December 31, 1923, To Balance .....	\$677.94
Received from A. D. Rhinesmith, Chairman .....	27.35
	<u>\$705.29</u>
By Disbursements: Printing matter, expense accounts, etc. ....	\$230.28
Balance, January 31, 1924.....	<u>\$475.01</u>
1923-'24—	



## ENCAMPMENT

To	Total Receipts—	
	Previously Reported .....	\$2968.50
	January, 1924 .....	27.35
		<u>\$2995.85</u>
By	Total Disbursements—	
	Previously Reported .....	\$2290.56
	January, 1924 .....	230.28
		<u>\$2250.84</u>
	Total .....	475.01
	By Balance, January 31, 1924.....	<u>\$2995.85</u>

By order of

S. S. HORN,  
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

H. H. HAMMER,  
National Secretary.

## GENERAL ORDERS NO. III.

Headquarters,

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

Office of Commander-in-Chief,  
Easton, Pennsylvania.

March 1st, 1924.

## FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

I. The Forty-third Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will assemble at Boston, week of August 10th, 1924, pursuant to the action of the Forty-second Annual Encampment (1923) and the Grand Army of the Republic, which, with its Allied Orders will meet at the same time and place.

A round trip rate of one fare from point of starting to Boston and return, has been granted by railroads. Tickets will be sold from August 4th to 13th inclusive, according to point of purchase. Tickets will be good going and returning via same route only. They will not require validating at Boston. Return limit to reach starting point will be good until September 15, not after. Stop-overs will be allowed on application to Conductors.

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Members and dependent members of the family of:

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Sons of Veterans,

Sons of Veterans Auxiliary,

Ladies of the G. A. R.,

Daughters of Veterans.

Army Nurses Association of the Civil War,

Widow of deceased member of the G. A. R.

It will be necessary when purchasing tickets that each

Don't be the weak link in the great chain. Keep "forging" to strengthen it.

#### NEW CAMPS.

X. Since last announcement new Camps were instituted and charters issued thereto as follows:

No.	Location and Division.	Date Inst'd.	No. Mem.
22	Benson, Vermont .....	Nov. 15, 1923	20
69	Siloam Springs, Ark., Mo....	Dec. 23, 1923	18
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Widow of deceased member of the G. A. R.

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applicant must have a Certificate of Identification. Division Secretaries will procure these Certificates of Identification from Department Assistant Adjutant-Generals of the Grand Army of the Republic, in their respective Divisions.

The parade of the Grand Army of the Republic will take place Tuesday, August 12, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Headquarters will be at the Hotel Somerset, for the Commandery-in-Chief and Sons of Veterans Auxiliary. It is one of the best Hotels in Boston, splendidly located and all will be most hospitably entertained.

AMERICAN PLAN—Rates (two persons in a room) about \$7.00 per day, per person.

Reservations MUST BE MADE DIRECT to H. F. Weiler, Secretary, Massachusetts Division, 88 Tremont Street, Boston, Mass.

Sessions of the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment, social functions and affairs incident to the Encampment will be held at the Hotel Somerset. Arrangements are well under way and announcements incident thereto will be made in due course and with completion of details from time to time as arranged.

Division Headquarters of all Divisions, Commanders and Secretaries, have been provided with forms and blanks on which to report and action of the respective Division Encampments on the referendums submitted to Divisions for consideration by the Forty-second Annual (Milwaukee) Encampment.

Attention of all Camps should be called thereto by Division Commanders, all of which is promulgated in "The Banner" under Official authority and direction by the Commander-in-Chief for the information of Camps and members, for their consideration at Division Encampments, to which any of such members may be elected as Delegates or Alternates.

#### REPORTS FROM CAMPS AND DIVISIONS.

II. Camp Commanders will without delay forward their Patriotic Instructor's Report (Form 50) to Division Patriotic Instructors, and they will AT ONCE render same on Form 51 to National Patriotic Instructor William M. Anderson, 248 Spring Street, West Roxbury, Mass.

Per capita tax and reports (Forms 27 and 28) for the quarter ending March 31st, 1924, MUST be sent by all Camp Secretaries, Camp Treasurers (and Camp Commanders will give this their personal attention) ON THE LAST MEETING NIGHT IN THIS MONTH—to Division Headquarters. Division Commanders will provide ALL Camps with these blank reports and see that they are returned with tax without delay to their Headquarters.

Division Commanders will provide all Camps with Form 44—Camp Chaplain's Report without delay and have said reports made promptly to their respective Division Chaplains. This must have attention.

#### VISITS TO G. A. R. POSTS.

III. Camp Commanders are directed to see that Camp members visit Grand Army of the Republic Posts and attend their regular meetings. Much assistance can be rendered on

# NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSO

Division.	No. in Good Standing at Last Report.		GAIN						Total Gain.		Aggregate
			By Organization and Initiation		By Transfer		By Reinstatement				
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	
Alabama & Tennessee.	11	272	...	8	...	...	...	...	8	11	
California . . . . .	30	1321	...	19	...	...	...	...	19	30	
Connecticut . . . . .	41	2394	1	101	...	...	5	1	106	42	1
Illinois . . . . .	52	2231	1	68	4	...	2	1	74	53	2
Indiana . . . . .	30	2287	1	100	...	...	...	1	100	31	2
Iowa . . . . .	20	776	...	46	1	...	1	...	48	20	
Kansas . . . . .	24	687	...	18	...	1	16	1	34	25	
Maine . . . . .	41	2123	1	71	3	...	19	1	93	42	2
Maryland . . . . .	10	625	...	46	2	...	4	...	52	10	
Massachusetts . . . . .	148	9268	2	262	18	...	...	2	280	150	93
Michigan . . . . .	21	862	...	21	...	...	1	...	22	21	8
Minnesota . . . . .	15	471	...	41	...	...	1	...	42	15	5
Missouri . . . . .	14	649	1	40	1	...	1	1	42	15	6
Nebraska . . . . .	16	550	...	13	...	...	...	...	13	61	5
New Hampshire . . . . .	33	1124	...	28	...	...	...	...	28	33	11
New Jersey . . . . .	27	1742	...	39	...	...	2	...	41	27	17
New York . . . . .	109	5080	1	195	8	...	...	1	203	110	52
Ohio . . . . .	89	4101	1	69	1	...	4	1	74	90	41
Oregon . . . . .	10	351	...	14	...	...	...	...	14	10	36
Pennsylvania . . . . .	167	13286	...	216	10	1	12	1	238	168	1352
Rhode Island . . . . .	13	575	1	43	...	...	...	1	43	14	61
Vermont . . . . .	38	1171	...	65	2	...	1	1	58	39	122
Washington . . . . .	11	656	...	14	1	...	3	...	18	11	57
Wisconsin . . . . .	26	1117	1	65	2	...	11	1	68	27	118
Total . . . . .	996	53619	11	1682	63	2	83	14	1718	1010	5533



**NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED REPORTS FOR QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1923.**

Division.	No. in Good Standing at Last Report.		GAIN				LOSS								Total Loss		No. in Good Standing.		Amount Received for Per Capita Tax.	Cash on Hand at Division Head- quarters.	Cash on Hand in Camps	Expended in Charity as Per Treasurer's Reports.	No. Members or Their Families Relieved.	No. Veterans or Their Families Relieved.				
			By Organization and Initiation	By Transfer	By Reinstatement	Total Gain.	Aggregate.	By Disbanded.	By Death.	By Hon. Disch.	By Transfer	By Dropped.																
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members					
Alabama & Tennessee.	11	272	...	8	...	...	...	8	11	280	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	5	11	275	\$ 22.00	\$ 15.70	\$ 100.00	...	...			
California	30	1321	...	19	...	...	...	19	30	1310	1	14	...	...	...	85	2	109	29	1241	99.28	160.03	574.63	...	...			
Connecticut	41	2394	1	101	...	...	5	106	42	2500	1	17	3	5	1	...	9	1	35	41	2465	195.20	51.63	2442.93	59.40	...		
Illinois	52	2231	1	68	4	...	2	74	53	2305	...	...	4	1	...	61	...	66	53	2239	179.12	66.70	3817.26	27.00	...			
Indiana	30	2287	1	100	...	...	1	100	31	2387	...	...	4	2	1	...	47	...	54	31	2333	186.64	230.62	2117.89	498.00	15	13	
Iowa	20	776	...	46	1	...	1	48	20	824	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	3	20	821	65.68	478.04	370.73	18.23	...	...		
Kansas	24	687	...	18	...	1	16	34	25	721	...	...	1	...	...	5	...	6	25	715	57.20	679.18	56.53	10.00	...	7		
Maine	41	2123	1	71	3	...	19	93	42	2216	...	...	5	4	4	...	60	...	73	42	2143	171.44	436.19	1672.99	12.50	...	...	
Maryland	10	625	...	46	2	...	1	52	10	677	...	...	2	...	3	...	16	...	21	10	656	52.48	166.15	443.57	250.00	...	...	
Massachusetts	148	9268	2	262	18	...	2	280	150	9548	2	25	16	26	15	...	86	2	168	148	9380	750.40	1964.32	21573.35	756.93	19	31	
Michigan	21	862	...	21	...	...	1	22	21	884	...	...	3	1	...	13	...	17	21	867	69.36	203.14	298.61	...	...	...	...	
Minnesota	15	471	...	41	...	...	1	42	15	513	...	...	1	1	...	11	...	13	15	500	40.00	42.78	302.47	62.50	1	9		
Missouri	14	649	1	40	1	...	1	42	15	691	1	77	1	...	...	9	1	87	14	604	48.32	467.13	672.55	.50	...	...	...	
Nebraska	16	550	...	13	...	...	...	13	61	563	...	...	...	...	...	2	60	2	60	14	503	40.24	189.38	...	...	...	...	
New Hampshire	33	1124	...	28	...	...	...	28	33	1152	...	...	4	1	1	...	6	...	12	33	1140	91.20	196.61	889.35	...	...	...	...
New Jersey	27	1742	...	39	...	...	2	41	27	1783	...	...	3	1	...	29	...	33	27	1750	140.00	390.47	4998.17	781.59	11	...	...	
New York	109	5080	1	195	8	...	1	203	110	5283	...	...	12	11	1	...	82	...	106	110	5177	414.16	...	...	...	12	51	
Ohio	89	4101	1	69	1	...	4	74	90	4175	...	...	6	2	...	153	...	161	90	4014	321.12	525.38	2533.04	...	...	...	...	
Oregon	10	351	...	14	...	...	...	14	10	365	...	...	...	...	1	...	19	...	20	10	345	27.60	125.76	135.20	...	...	...	...
Pennsylvania	167	13286	...	216	10	1	12	238	168	13524	...	...	42	2	16	...	257	...	317	168	13207	1056.56	1139.45	68759.42	8750.00	201	18	
Rhode Island	13	575	1	43	...	...	1	43	14	618	...	...	3	3	...	1	36	...	6	14	613	48.96	223.62	1108.65	326.72	3	...	...
Vermont	38	1171	...	55	2	...	1	58	39	1229	...	...	4	4	...	...	2	1	44	38	1185	94.80	187.13	785.79	53.45	...	...	...
Washington	11	656	...	14	1	...	3	18	11	574	...	...	...	...	1	...	19	...	3	11	571	45.68	25.66	204.21	...	...	...	...
Wisconsin	26	1117	1	55	2	...	11	68	27	1185	...	...	2	1	2	...	19	...	24	27	1161	92.88	166.73	781.53	...	...	...	...
Total	996	53619	11	1582	53	2	83	14	1718	10105	53337	5	133	118	66	46	3	1070	9	1443	1002	53904	\$4250.32	\$6131.70	\$114641.92	\$11606.82	262	129



these occasions and the members of our Order should consider this privilege an obligation on their part. Camp Commanders and Officers of Camps should be regular in their attendance and keep in constant personal contact with Comrades and Posts for any service.

#### MEMORIAL DAY.

IV. Camp Commanders and Camp Chaplains will promptly arrange for the duties and preparations incident to the observance of Memorial Day, May 30th—and take up the details with Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic to the extent they may request and desire of Camps. Services and arrangements should be in conjunction and harmony with the desires and plans of Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic.

#### THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

V. The work of the National Organization Committee is requested to have co-operation of all Division Officers, Camp Officers and Members. All are urged to assist this Committee, to respond to its appeals and to be active in the service set forth and urged by the Committee. The object is most worthy and great benefit to Camps in the securing of new members, up-building the Order and strengthening Camps will result. All members are appealed to participate with the Committee in its service.

#### NEW CAMPS.

VI. Division Commanders and Division Officers are appealed to for active campaigning and action for organizing new Camps. Every Division has the opportunity to organize new Camps. Every Division Commander can organize new Camps where effort is made. All are urged to be interested in this feature, to assign their Officers to this duty and each one to be active in this duty.

#### REQUISITIONS FOR SUPPLIES.

VII. Some are ridiculously small. These should be in amounts larger than a few cents. Shipments should not be more than the cost of requisitions received. Divisions are directed to carry sufficient stock and supplies on hand to fill Camp requisitions and to order in such quantities as will not result in loss. Less frequent requisitions and larger orders are requested so that the benefit therefrom will be mutual and more advantageous than the numerous and unnecessarily small orders constantly being received.

#### DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS.

VIII. Division Encampments for 1924 are announced as follows:

April—Connecticut at Stamford, April 25-26.  
Massachusetts at Boston, April 8-9.  
New Hampshire at Concord, April 10-11.

May—Kansas at Emporia, May 21-23.  
Nebraska at Fremont, May 6-8.

June—Iowa at Marshalltown, June 11-13.  
Michigan at Lansing, June 11-13.  
New Jersey at Asbury Park, June 26-27.

[REDACTED]

IN MEMORIAM.

IX. Division Commander R. J. Bosworth of the Division of Indiana died suddenly January 31st. He was a most active and successful Commander. He was for years energetic and earnest in his splendid efforts in recruiting many members and enlarging the membership of Camps. He was constantly interested in behalf of the Sons of Veterans for years. The Order sympathizes with the Division of Indiana in the loss of its Commander.

In his memory Camp Charters and colors will be draped for a period of thirty days.

[REDACTED]

HARDING MEMORIAL.

X. Camps and Members will be governed in accordance with the report and plans of the Committee, Past Commanders-in-Chief H. V. Speelman and A. E. B. Stephens, on the Harding Memorial, representing therein the Sons of Veterans, as announced in The Banner, February.

Division Commanders will take this subject up with all Camps, secure the funds and remit same to the National Secretary-Treasurer, designating all returns—with draft or check "Harding Fund," so that credit can be recorded accordingly.

This should have prompt and earnest attention to the end that the Order's representation therein will be eminently successful.

NEW CAMPS.

XI. Charters have been issued to new Camps, instituted as follows:

Camp No.	Location and Division.	Date Inst'd	No. Mem.
18	Thomaston, Conn. ....	Dec. 7, 1923	18
141	Lebanon, Ind. ....	Dec. 6, 1923	40
11	Corbett, Oregon ....	Jan. 1, 1924	16
12	Veronia, Oregon ....	Jan. 3, 1924	17
113	Cadiz, Ohio ....	Aug. 14, 1923	21

CHARTERS REVOKED.

XII. Camps Disbanded and Dropped, Charter revoked, of which record will be made accordingly, quarter ending December 31st, 1923:

California & Pacific—Disbanded: Camp No. 13, Richmond, with 14 members; Camp No. 21, Monrovia, with 10 members.

Connecticut—Disbanded (Transferred): Camp No. 38, New Canaan, with 17 members.

Massachusetts—Disbanded: Camp No. 103, Marshfield, with 15 members; Camp No. 140, Cohasset, with 10 members.

Missouri—Disbanded: Camp No. 38, Trenton, with 50 members; Camp No. 39, Cameron, with 27 members.

Nebraska—Dropped: Camp No. 16, Hay Springs, with 24 members; Camp No. 71, Pawnee City, with 12 members.

Vermont—Dropped: Camp No. 5, White River Junction, with 26 members.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 6.

XIII. Report of the National Secretary for month of February, 1924:

## Receipts—

January 31, 1924, To Balance ..... \$ 637.83

## Received for:

Per Capita Tax ..... \$4172.32

Charter Fees ..... 25.00

Supplies ..... 374.75

Miscellaneous ..... .50

Total Receipts ..... \$4572.57

\$5210.40

## Expenditures—

By General Expenses ..... \$2706.99

Commander-in-Chief's Expenses ..... 116.82

Total Expenditures ..... \$2823.81

Balance, February 29, 1924 ..... \$2386.59

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

## General Expenses—

For Stock and Supplies ..... \$ 56.89

The Banner, Subscription, January-February, 1924, inc. .... 1924.73

Printing, Shipping to Divisions, 1923, Encampment Journal (Commandery-in-Chief)..... 725.37

\$2706.99

## Commander-in-Chief's Expenses—

For Postage, Traveling ..... \$ 116.82

Total Expenditures ..... \$2823.81

## STATEMENT NO. 6.

## NATIONAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE FUND—FEBRUARY, 1924:

January 31, 1924, To Balance ..... \$ 475.01

Received from A. D. Rhinesmith, Chairman ..... 89.35

\$ 564.36

By Disbursements: Printing, postage, rent, office expenses,, rent of typewriter, compensation ..... \$ 339.08

Balance, February 29, 1924 ..... \$ 225.28

1923-'24—

## To Total Receipts—

Previously Reported ..... \$2295.85

February, 1924 ..... 89.35

\$3085.20



## By Total Disbursements—

Previously Reported .....	\$2520.84
February, 1924 .....	339.08
Total .....	\$2859.92
February 29, 1924, By Balance.....	225.28
	<hr/> \$3085.20

## LINCOLN CELEBRATIONS.

XIV. The Commander-in-Chief is much gratified at the increased interest throughout the Order in Union Defender's Day celebrations, and the wide publicity accorded them to the credit of the Order. Personal thanks is extended to those having in charge the events attended by your Commander-in-Chief, who accepted the full quota he was able to: ten, in as many days, including two Sunday services, covering about 1100 miles. He regrets it was necessary to decline thrice the number owing to physical impossibility of being at three places at one time.

By order of

Official:

H. H. HAMMER,  
National Secretary.

S. S. HORN,  
Commander-in-Chief.

## GENERAL ORDERS NO. IV.

Headquarters,  
COMMANDEY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.  
Office of Commander-in-Chief,  
Easton, Pennsylvania.

April 1st, 1924.

## HARDING MEMORIAL FUND—CONTRIBUTIONS.

I. Camps and Members contributing to the Harding Memorial Fund, thereby becoming members of the Association, will make their contributions to Camp Secretaries or Camp Treasurers.

When all desiring have contributed for membership in the Association, for which each contributor will receive an engrossed Certificate of Membership, the total amount will be forwarded to the DIVISION SECRETARY.

The Division Secretary WILL FORWARD THE ENTIRE AMOUNT—to the National Secretary, by draft endorsed "HARDING MEMORIAL FUND," noting with the remittance "For the Division of——."

ALL NAMES WILL BE RETAINED BY CAMP SECRETARIES OR CAMP TREASURERS. They will receive the Certificates of Membership for the Members of Camps and will deliver to each contributor, his Certificate.

## DIVISION PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS' REPORTS.

II. These are due from number of Division Patriotic Instructors. It is necessary that they be forwarded without delay to National Patriotic Instructor William L. Anderson,

249 Spring Street, West Roxbury, Mass. There is no excuse for delaying these returns longer. Division Commanders will secure these reports IMMEDIATELY and forward as directed.

#### CONSOLIDATION COMMITTEE.

DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS AND SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY, U. S. A.

III. Pursuant to the action of the Forty-second Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Milwaukee, 1923, providing for "a Committee of three Past Commanders-in-Chief to meet with Committees which it is presumed will be appointed looking towards a consolidation of the Daughters of Veterans and the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, U. S. A., at such time we are advised our sister organizations desire to consult with this organization," the following Committee is appointed for the purpose outlined, request therefor having been made by the sister organizations accordingly:

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, 405 Hampton Avenue, Wilksburg, Pa.

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman, 46 South Forth Avenue, Mount Vernon, N. Y.

Past Commander-in-Chief Harry D. Sisson, Pittsfield, Mass.

#### MEMORIAL DAY.

IV. The observance of Memorial Day, 1924, must have more attention than ever before. Our responsibility to and recognition by the Grand Army of the Republic, requires that every Camp and every member of our Order must be mindful of and give heed to the obligation taken and for which as an Order we chiefly exist.

This year, more than ever before it is our responsibility, our duty to faithfully and patriotically perform all the expectations we are established for.

Camp Commanders, Camp Chaplains, Camp Patriotic Instructors, and all Officers of Camps will immediately arrange for the part their Camps may have in Memorial Day exercises, and conduct thereof, where Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic desire it, and do all possible in assistance to the Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, and wherever devolving upon Camps to observe the day as befitting members of the Sons of Veterans.

Division Commanders will, without delay, promulgate blank Form 44 to all Camps, and Camp Chaplains, with Camp Commanders personally responsible therefor, will have all Reports of Camp Chaplains forwarded AFTER THE CEREMONIES ON MEMORIAL DAY PROMPTLY AND DIRECT TO THEIR RESPECTIVE DIVISION CHAPLAINS.

Division Chaplains will without delay forward their reports (Form 43) to National Chaplain, Rev. Frank C. Huston, 10 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, Ind.

#### PER CAPITA TAX AND CAMP REPORTS.

V. Per Capita Tax and Reports of Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers (Forms 27 and 28) must be forwarded to each Division Headquarters by every Camp, for quarter ending March 31st, WITHOUT DELAY. Camp Commanders will see to

it that their Secretaries and Treasurers comply with this. There must be no delay. Division Commanders will see that these blank forms are supplied each Camp and make every effort to have the reports with per capita tax forwarded by every Camp without further delay.

#### CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION.

VI. IMMEDIATELY after installation at Division Encampments, Form 49 in DUPLICATE (CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION) MUST be forwarded to the National Secretary. These must be legible and contain names and addresses of all Officers and Delegates to the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment at Boston, so that the roll of said Encampment can be made up without delay.

Owing to the early date of this Encampment, these returns COMPLETE—must be made immediately.

#### DIVISION COMMANDER'S BOND.

VII. Within thirty (30) days after election a Division Commander MUST file a SURETY COMPANY BOND, in the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars, made to read:

"To Samuel S. Horn, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.  
Easton, Pa."

This must have personal attention of every Division Commander elected at the coming Division Encampments.

#### ACTION ON REFERENDUM.

VIII. Attention is directed to the action required on matters submitted as referendum by the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment at Milwaukee, 1923, at all Division Encampments. These subjects are promulgated in full, in THE BANNER, and have been submitted to all Division Headquarters under Official seal, with Forms on which to make returns to the Commandery-in-Chief, by Division Commanders and Division Secretaries. All will be governed accordingly.

#### VISIT POSTS OF THE G. A. R.

IX. Camp Commanders are urged to have their members visit meetings of the Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic frequently and as regularly as possible. It is a great honor for us to be permitted to attend meetings of the Posts and assemble with the Comrades in session. This privilege should be so highly appreciated as to have Post meetings attended by large numbers of Sons of Veterans and these occasions should be pleasant gatherings to be looked forward to and impatiently awaited for the next meeting.

#### FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

X. The Forty-third Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will be held at Boston, week of August 10th, 1924.

A round trip rate of one fare from point of starting to Boston and return, has been granted by railroads. Tickets will be on sale from August 4th to 13th inclusive, according to point of purchase. Tickets will be good going and returning via same route only. They will not require validating at Boston. Re-



turn limit to reach starting point will be good until September 15. Stop-overs will be allowed an application to Conductors.

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When purchasing tickets each applicant must have a Certificate of Identification. Division Secretaries will procure these Certificates of Identification from Department Assistant Adjutant-Generals of the Grand Army of the Republic, in their respective Divisions.

The parade of the Grand Army of the Republic will take place Tuesday, August 12, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Headquarters will be at the Hotel Somerset, for the Commandery-in-Chief and Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.

AMERICAN PLAN—Rates (two persons in a room) about \$7.00 per day, per person.

Reservations MUST BE MADE DIRECT to H. F. Weiler, Secretary Division of Massachusetts, 88 Tremont Street, Boston, Mass.

#### XI. DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS.

APRIL—Connecticut at Stamford, April 24-25.

Massachusetts at Boston, April 8-9.

New Hampshire at Concord, April 10-11.

Rhode Island at Providence, April 15.

MAY — Alabama & Tennessee at Memphis, Tenn., May 6.

California & Pacific at San Diego, Cal., May 12-13.

Kansas at Emporia, May 21-22.

Nebraska at Fremont, May 6-8.

JUNE — Illinois at Champaign, June 17-19.

Iowa at Marshalltown, June 11-13.

Maine at Portland, June 18-19.

Michigan at Lansing, June 11-13.

New Jersey at Asbury Park, June 26-27.

New York at Schenectady, June 10-12.

Ohio at Warren, June 10-12.

Pennsylvania at Wilkes-Barre, June 11-12.

Vermont at Burlington, June 6-7.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

XII. It is with deep sorrow we announce the death of Clarendon E. Adams, Past Commander-in-Chief, Grand Army of the Republic, whose death occurred at his home in Los Angeles, California, February 23rd, the advice of which was received too late for announcement in the March Banner. He was a man of splendid power and an honored citizen. Next to the loss to his family, with whom we grieve, the G. A. R. has lost one of its grand Old Guard, and we a loyal friend and sup-

porter. He has answered the last roll call at "retreat" and taps have been sounded for his final sleep, until that reveille for the "Grand Army" above!

XIII. It will of course be impossible for your Commander-in-Chief to visit every Division Encampment, although he will be in attendance at a number of them. To such as he is unable to visit, personal greetings are hereby extended. May the deliberations of each Division Encampment result in great good, increased membership, increased energy and devotion to the cause for which we are organized. Greetings also to the Division gatherings of our good Sisters who are doing probably an even greater work than we. Their unselfish efforts and their wonderful exemplification of the Ritualistic work ought to be an inspiration for our own membership.

XIV. It is with deep regret that we announce that Mrs. Alice Carey Risley, National President Army Nurses' Association, is confined to the hospital at Columbia, Missouri, as the result of a painful accident resulting in a broken hip. Our prayers are for a speedy recovery.

#### NEW CAMPS.

XV. Applications for Charters for new Camps have been approved as follows:

Date	Camp No.	Location and Division.	No. Applets.
March 3		Cedar Falls, Iowa .....	27
March 2	28	Tiffin, Ohio .....	35
March 8	75	Mansfield, Massachusetts .....	28
March 17		Arctic, Rhode Island .....	18
March 20	31	Fullerton, California & Pacific..	45

Camps have been instituted and Charters issued thereto as follows:

Camp No.	Location and Division.	Date	No. Mem.
88	Scituate, Massachusetts .....	Dec. 14, 1923	107
28	Tiffin, Ohio .....	Aug. 28, 1923	31
31	Fullerton, Cal. & Pac.....	Dec. 28, 1923	39

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 7.

XVI. Report of National Secretary for month of March, 1924:

##### Receipts—

February 29, 1924, To Balance .....\$2386.59

##### Received for:

Charter Fees .....\$ 25.00  
Supplies ..... 428.06  
Miscellaneous (Interest on Bonds)..... 31.85

Total Receipts ..... \$ 484.91  
\$2871.50

##### Expenditures—

By General Expenses .....\$2098.04  
Office Expenses ..... 263.15

Commander-in-Chief's Expenses .....	182.75	
Total Expenditures .....		\$2543.94
Balance, March 31, 1924 .....		\$ 327.56

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses—		
For Stock and Supplies .....	\$ 265.75	
The Banner, March, 1924, Subscription.....	959.60	
Shipping Supplies, January-March, 1924, inc...	47.69	
Salary .....	825.00	
		\$2098.04
Office Expenses—		
For Postage, Telegrams, Stationery, Express, January-March, inc., Rent (three months), Miscellaneous (insurance) .....	\$ 263.15	
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses—		
For Postage, Telegrams, Traveling.....	\$ 182.75	
Total Expenditures .....		\$2543.94

## STATEMENT NO. 7.

## NATIONAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE FUND—MARCH, 1924:

February 29, 1924, To Balance .....	\$ 225.28	
Received from sale of Third Liberty Loan U. S. Bond .....	\$999.81	
A. D. Rhinesmith, Chairman .....	96.25	
Total Receipts .....		\$1096.06
Total .....		\$1321.34
By Disbursements: Printing, postage, rent, rent of typewriters, mailing, express, office expenses, compensation .....	\$ 322.07	
Balance, March 31, 1924.....	\$ 999.27	
1923-'24—		
To Total Receipts—		
Previously Reported .....	\$3085.20	
March, 1924 .....	1096.06	
		\$4181.26
Total Disbursements—		
Previously Reported .....	\$2859.92	
March, 1924 .....	322.07	
Total .....	\$3181.99	
By Balance, March 31, 1924.....	999.27	
		\$4181.26

By order of

S. S. HORN,  
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

H. H. HAMMER,  
National Secretary.



## GENERAL ORDERS NO. V.

Headquarters,  
 COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.  
 Office of Commander-in-Chief,  
 Easton, Pennsylvania.

May 1st, 1924.

## MEMORIAL DAY.

I. TO ALL MEMBERS: Our sacred duty is again before us. Memorial Day with its tender memories, loving tributes and inspiring patriotic lessons calls us to re-dedicate ourselves to perform the services and emulate the worthy examples of our honored sires.

The season is at hand. Never before as members of our great patriotic Order, has the occasion been more opportune nor fitting that we should, every member, be active, participate and perform, the duty devolving upon us, for the observance of to us, sacred duties on May 30th.

"When the Boys in Blue are gone,  
 When the Boys in Blue are gone,  
 When life's weary march is ended,  
 When the Camp-fires slumber long,  
 We will tell the world the story,  
 When the Boys in Blue are gone."

It is ours NOW to TELL THE STORY. By our example, the services we render and duty we perform on Memorial Day, "WE will tell the world the story—When the Boys in Blue are gone."

Soon they will be gone. They are now a reminder of the stirring days of 1861-65. The long line of "Union Blue"—of "The Boys in Blue of 1861-65" is rapidly diminishing. It is very thin, it is tattered and depleted.

It is ours to strengthen and assist that line. It is our proud privilege to fill up the vacancies in it. Our duty is to aid and assist in the preparations, arrangements and details for the annual custom and observance of the ceremonies and services commemorating the deeds, sacrifices and memories of that wonderful, honored, loyal line of The Boys in Blue, of the Union loyal and true, who preserved us a Nation and made Old Glory the respected and revered emblem of the World.

It is hereby ordered: That on Sunday, May 25th, Camps attend in a body divine services. Camp Chaplains and Commanders will arrange to have suitable services. In such places as the local G. A. R. arrange Divine service on other date than herein mentioned, Camps will arrange accordingly.

Memorial Day—May 30th, Camps will turn out in a body and observe same with proper ceremonies.

Members will render every assistance to the Comrades and Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic in the ceremonies, decoration of graves and duties in cemeteries.

Where Camps will be in charge of the ceremonies, all will be as provided by the Ritual. Posts and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and Veterans of the War for the Union, and all other Wars, should be invited to participate.

Division Commanders will see that Form 44 Camp Chaplain's Report is promptly forwarded to Division Chaplains IMMEDIATELY AFTER the ceremonies on Memorial Day.

Camp Chaplains will give this their personal attention and Camp Commanders will be responsible therefor.

Division Chaplains will without fail forward not later than June 10th, their reports—Form 43—to National Chaplain Rev. Frank C. Huston, 10 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

#### HARDING MEMORIAL FUND—CONTRIBUTIONS.

II. Contributions to the Harding Memorial Fund, thereby becoming members of the Association, must make their payments to Camp Secretaries or Camp Treasurers.

When all have contributed in a Camp (each contributor will receive engrossed Certificate of Membership), the total amount will be forwarded to the DIVISION SECRETARY.

The Division Secretary WILL FORWARD THE ENTIRE AMOUNT—to the National Secretary, by draft endorsed "HARDING MEMORIAL FUND," noting with the remittance "For the Division of \_\_\_\_\_."

ALL NAMES WILL BE RETAINED BY CAMP SECRETARIES OR CAMP TREASURERS. They will receive the Certificates of Membership for the Members of Camps and will deliver to each contributor, his Certificate.

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The parade of the Grand Army of the Republic will take place Tuesday, August 12, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Headquarters will be established at the Hotel Somerset, for the Commandery-in-Chief and Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.

AMERICAN PLAN—Rates (two person in a room) about \$7.00 per day, per person.

Reservation MUST BE MADE DIRECT to H. F. Weiler, Secretary Division of Massachusetts, 88 Tremont Street, Boston, Mass.

Tentative outline of the sessions of the Encampment are announced as follows. Additional information will be published in subsequent Orders.

Sunday, August 10th—Headquarters will be established at Hotel Somerset.

Monday, August 11th—2:00 P. M., Meeting of the Council-in-Chief.

Wednesday, August 13th—10:00 A. M., Opening Session. 2:00 P. M., Afternoon session, with Memorial Exercises at 3:30 P. M.

Thursday, August 14th—Sessions at 10:00 A. M. and 2:00 P. M. with special hour for receiving greetings at 11:00 A. M., except that the G. A. R. Greetings Committee will be privileged to visit at any hour.

#### NATIONAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

VII. Attention is called to the publication herein of the report of the National Organization Committee for information of Divisions especially, who will shortly convene, and who will take action as requested by the Commandery-in-Chief.

#### VISITATIONS.

VIII. Your Commander-in-Chief cannot refrain from some reference to the visitations to recent New England Division Encampments and the rally in Maine. The meetings were successful from every point of view and the honor and pleasure



of the visits were as great to your Commander as to the Divisions. Thanks are returned for the many courtesies. The memory of the visits will be wonderful retrospective in the dim, distant future. If the result to the Divisions either from the Official side or personal touch of the visit is of the least value, it is more than a re-payment. At the different gatherings it was a great privilege to visit the kindred organization meetings, especially those of the G. A. R. and our own allied body, the Auxiliary. To the sisters of New England no little portion of the pleasure of the visits is due, and special thanks are extended to them and their National President, Sister Finch, for the hearty co-operation and the special efforts to make the trip so wonderful. The Auxiliary is of inestimable value to our Order, and the sooner it is fully realized in every Camp, the greater will mean our growth, standing and influence.

## ANCESTOR'S WAR REWARD.

IX. It should be unnecessary to again refer to the fact that no ancestor's record can be obtained EXCEPT UPON THE BLANK FORM provided, which must be sent by Camp desiring the same, *through Division Headquarters*, to the Commander-in-Chief. It is remarkable to find that more than one Division has no such forms on hand and that Division Commanders are lacking in knowledge of such essential. Division Headquarters must carry these blanks in their stock of supplies.

## X.

## DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS.

May — Alabama & Tennessee at Memphis, Tenn., May 6.  
California & Pacific at San Diego, Cal., May 12-13.  
Kansas at Emporia, May 21-22.  
Missouri at St. Joseph, May 8-9.  
Nebraska at Fremont, May 6-8.

June — Illinois at Champaign, June 17-19.  
Iowa at Marshalltown, June 11-13.  
Maine at Portland, June 18-19.  
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Minnesota at Minneapolis, June 11-12.  
New Jersey at Ashbury Park, June 26-27.  
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Ohio at Warren, June 10-12.  
Pennsylvania at Wilkes-Barre, June 11-12.  
Vermont at Burlington, June 6-7.  
Wisconsin at Janesville, June 16-18.

## NEW CAMPS.

XII. Applications have been approved for Charters for Camps and new Camps have been instituted, charters issued thereto, since last announcement as follows:

No.	No.		No.
App'v'd. Camp.	Appls.	Location.	Date. Mem.
April 8	...	21 Eau Claire, Pa.	April 10 19
April 8	214	21 Meyersdale, Pa.	April 17 26
April 11	11	19 St. Petersburg, Ala. & Tenn.	April 7 20
April 14	31	20 Mechanicsville, N. Y.	Jan. 31 32
April 15	36	32 Pasadena, Cal. & Pac.	Nov. 23 17
April 21	28	27 Ventura, Cal. & Pac.	Dec. 13 22
April 21	32	24 Monrovia, Cal. & Pac.	

April 23 30 20 Brockport, N. Y. .... April 15 20  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 8.

XIII. Report of the National Secretary for month of April, 1924:

Receipts—	
March 31, 1924, To Balance .....	\$ 327.56
Received for:	
Per Capita Tax .....	\$ 541.60
Charter Fees .....	40.00
Supplies .....	669.64
Total Receipts .....	\$1251.24
	<u>\$1578.80</u>
Expenditures—	
By General Expenses .....	\$1097.55
Office Expenses .....	19.54
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses .....	269.33
Total Expenditures .....	\$1386.42
Balance, April 30, 1924 .....	\$ 192.38

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses—	
For Supplies .....	\$ 118.00
The Banner, Subscription, April, 1924.....	960.52
Shipping Supplies .....	19.03
	<u>\$1097.55</u>
Office Expenses—	
For Postage, Telegrams, Stationery .....	\$ 19.54
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses—	
For Postage and Traveling .....	\$ 269.33
Total Expenditures .....	\$1386.42

By order of

Official:

H. H. HAMMER.

National Secretary.

S. S. HORN,  
Commander-in-Chief.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. VI.

Headquarters,  
COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.  
Office of Commander-in-Chief,  
Easton, Pennsylvania.

June 1, 1924.

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

I. Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and Regulations, the Forty-third Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., is hereby ordered to convene in the Venetian Room of the Hotel Somerset, Boston, Massachusetts, Wednesday, August 13th, 1924, at 10 o'clock a. m.

## MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of the Commandery-in-Chief shall be constituted as follows:

All Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Grand Division Commanders and Past Division Commanders, in good standing, who have served a full term, or having been elected to fill a vacancy, have served to the end of that term, Constitutional Life Members and Division Commanders.

Of one delegate from each Division, whatever its membership, and one additional delegate for every five hundred members, or major fraction thereof, in good standing, based upon the report next preceding the Encampment.

Its own elective and appointive officers (except members detained for special duty).

The Commandery-in-Chief shall not hereafter elect Constitutional Life Members.

Vacancies in delegate representation to and at the time Commandery-in-Chief Encampments are held may be filled by the Division Commander, or the chairman of the respective delegations. The Division Commander in all instances having the priority or right to so appoint.

A Division which fails to pay its per capita tax or other indebtedness, or fails to make reports, shall not be entitled to representation in Commandery-in-Chief Encampments.

## DAY LIGHT SAVING TIME.

The State of Massachusetts being on "Daylight Saving Time," all schedules herein are based on such time—one hour ahead of Standard Time.

## THE COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

Will convene at Temporary Headquarters, Boston, Monday, August 11, 1924, at 2 o'clock p. m. to audit the accounts of the National Secretary-Treasurer and transact necessary business. The work room for the Council-in-Chief and General Encampment Committee work will be the "Mahogany Room," adjacent to the Venetian Room.

## PROGRAM.

Temporary Headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief will be established at the Hotel Somerset, Commonwealth and Massachusetts Avenues, Boston, Sunday, August 10th.

## FEDERATED PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES ALLIED WITH THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

The Annual Meeting will be held at Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters, Hotel Somerset, Sunday, August 10th, 1924, at 2 o'clock p. m.

MONDAY, August 11—A. M., Sightseeing.

2 p. m.—Annual Meeting of the Council-in-Chief of the Commandery-in-Chief, at Headquarters, Hotel Somerset.

8 p. m.—Greetings—State of Massachusetts and City of Boston, Symphony Hall.

8 p. m.—Sons of Veterans Auxiliary Class Initiation, Faneuil Hall.



**TUESDAY, August 12**—10 o'clock a. m., Parade of the Grand Army of the Republic—One hundred Sons of Veterans Uniformed as Escort.

Afternoon—Sightseeing trips by automobile.

8 p. m.—Grand Army of the Republic Camp Fire, Mechanics Building.

**WEDNESDAY, August 13**—Commandery-in-Chief Session, 10 o'clock a. m., Venetian Room, Hotel Somerset.

12 Noon—Complimentary luncheon by Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, Division of Massachusetts, in Horticultural Hall.

2 p. m.—Commandery-in-Chief Session.

3:30 p. m.—Memorial Services—jointly with Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, U. S. A.

8 p. m.—Joint Reception National Officers and Members Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, U. S. A., at Cadet Armory.

**THURSDAY, August 14**—10 a. m., Session Commandery-in-Chief.

11:00 a. m.—Greetings from Allied Orders EXCEPT the Grand Army of the Republic.

2 p. m.—Session of the Commandery-in-Chief.

8 p. m.—Entertainment Committees of the Division of Massachusetts in charge.

**FRIDAY, August 15**—Entertainment Committee in charge.

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# NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDAT

Division.	No. in Good Standing at Last Report.		GAIN								Aggregate.	
			By Muster-In.		By Transfer.		By Reinstatement.		Total Gain.			
			Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members		
Alabama & Tennessec.	11	275	...	8	...	...	...	...	8	11	2	
California ... ..	29	1241	8	289	2	...	2	8	293	37	15	
Connecticut ... ..	41	2465	1	80	...	...	1	1	81	42	25	
Illinois ... ..	53	2239	...	29	...	...	3	...	32	53	22	
Indiana ... ..	31	2333	1	168	1	...	5	1	174	32	25	
Iowa ... ..	20	821	1	61	...	...	...	1	61	21	8	
Kansas ... ..	25	715	...	...	...	...	19	...	19	25	7	
Maine ... ..	42	2143	...	68	...	1	22	1	90	43	22	
Maryland ... ..	10	656	...	21	...	...	1	...	22	10	6	
Massachusetts ..	148	9380	1	298	8	...	...	1	306	149	968	
Michigan ... ..	21	867	...	17	...	...	...	...	17	21	8	
Minnesota ... ..	15	500	...	15	2	...	1	...	18	15	5	
Missouri ... ..	13	604	...	16	...	...	3	...	19	13	6	
Nebraska ... ..	14	503	...	17	...	...	2	...	9	14	5	
New Hampshire ...	33	1140	...	35	1	...	1	...	37	33	11	
New Jersey ... ..	27	1750	...	90	1	...	8	...	99	27	18	
New York ... ..	110	5177	2	175	6	...	7	2	188	112	530	
Ohio ... ..	90	4014	1	103	1	...	10	1	114	91	41	
Oregon ... ..	10	345	2	28	...	...	5	2	33	12	3	
Pennsylvania ...	168	13207	...	252	2	...	7	...	261	168	1346	
Rhode Island ...	14	612	1	35	...	...	...	1	35	15	6	
Vermont ... ..	38	1185	...	84	2	...	4	...	90	38	127	
Washington ... ..	11	571	...	25	...	...	...	...	25	11	59	
Wisconsin ... ..	27	1161	1	54	...	...	18	1	72	28	123	
	1001	53904	19	1878	26	1	109	20	2103	1021	5600	



**NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1924.**

Division.	No. in Good Standing at Last Report.		GAIN								LOSS								No. in Good Standing.		Amount Received for Per Capita Tax.	Cash on Hand at Division Head- quarters.	Cash in Camp Treasuries.	Expended in Charity as per Treasurer's Reports.	No. Relieved or Their Families.			
			By Muster-In.		By Transfer.		By Reinstatement.		Total Gain.		Aggregate.		By Disbanded.		By Death.		Honorable Discharge.										By Transfer.	
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Veterans		
Alabama & Tennessee.	11	275	...	8	...	...	...	8	11	283	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	12	11	271	21.68	28.50	100.00	...	...			
California	29	1241	8	289	2	...	...	293	37	1534	1	10	1	...	...	26	1	45	36	1489	122.85	...	634.76	...	39.00			
Connecticut	41	2465	1	80	...	...	1	81	42	2546	...	...	6	2	...	14	...	22	42	2524	201.92	57.58	2908.83	...	36.01			
Illinois	53	2239	...	29	...	...	3	32	53	2271	...	...	7	...	...	80	...	90	53	2181	174.48	156.50	3569.43	...	9.70			
Indiana	31	2333	1	168	1	...	5	174	32	2507	...	...	5	1	...	127	...	133	32	2374	189.92	233.57	2173.89	...	947.20			
Iowa	20	821	1	61	...	...	1	61	21	882	...	...	2	1	1	21	...	25	21	857	68.56	497.95	289.71	...	11			
Kansas	25	715	...	...	...	19	...	19	25	734	...	...	...	...	...	18	...	18	25	716	57.28	672.87	...	...				
Maine	42	2143	...	68	...	1	23	1	90	43	2233	...	...	8	2	7	46	...	63	43	2170	178.60	392.85	1911.98	...	16.00		
Maryland	10	656	...	21	...	...	1	22	10	678	...	...	3	1	1	7	...	12	10	666	53.28	181.53	490.45	...	301.35			
Massachusetts	148	9380	1	298	8	...	1	306	149	9686	5	113	22	22	11	141	5	306	144	9380	755.40	1902.65	22934.36	...	941.02			
Michigan	21	867	...	17	...	...	...	17	21	884	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	21	883	70.64	255.55	327.57	...	...			
Minnesota	15	500	...	15	2	...	1	18	15	518	...	...	3	...	...	1	20	1	23	14	495	39.60	57.78	367.46	...	...		
Missouri	13	604	...	16	...	...	3	19	13	623	...	...	2	...	...	14	...	16	13	607	48.56	507.68	794.60	...	...			
Nebraska	14	503	...	17	...	...	2	9	14	512	...	...	1	...	...	4	...	5	14	507	40.00	168.80	...	...				
New Hampshire	33	1140	...	35	1	...	1	37	33	1177	...	...	1	1	1	9	...	12	33	1165	93.20	106.57	1330.73	...	...			
New Jersey	27	1750	...	90	1	...	8	99	27	1849	...	...	5	1	...	13	...	19	27	1830	146.40	434.38	5093.59	...	1657.75			
New York	110	6177	2	175	6	...	7	2	188	112	5365	1	11	12	11	7	...	90	1	131	111	5234	418.72	1237.55	7754.23	...	233.00	
Ohio	90	4014	1	103	1	...	10	1	114	91	4128	...	...	5	3	...	2	189	2	197	89	3931	318.48	633.28	...	2279.35		
Oregon	10	345	2	28	...	...	5	2	33	12	378	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	12	377	30.16	14.87	189.87	...	11.50			
Pennsylvania	168	13207	...	252	2	...	7	...	261	168	13468	...	...	30	6	7	...	200	...	243	168	13225	1058.00	1603.74	78650.61	...	11278.96	
Rhode Island	14	612	1	35	...	...	1	35	15	647	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	3	15	644	51.52	184.90	1278.57	...	47.60			
Vermont	38	1185	...	84	2	...	4	...	90	38	1275	...	...	5	5	2	1	63	1	75	37	1200	96.00	196.84	...	844.51		
Washington	11	571	...	25	...	...	...	...	25	11	596	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	11	594	47.52	55.80	235.20	...	...			
Wisconsin	27	1161	1	54	...	...	18	1	72	28	1233	1	29	...	3	2	3	80	4	114	24	1119	89.52	237.41	...	637.86		
	1001	53904	19	1878	26	1	109	20	2103	1021	56007	8	160	121	68	45	7	1174	15	1568	1006	54439	\$4332.29	\$9219.15	\$58997.56	\$15530.18	289	105



## HARDING MEMORIAL FUND—CONTRIBUTIONS.

H. Contributors, to the Harding Memorial Fund, thereby becoming members of the Association, must make their payments to Camp Secretaries or Camp Treasurers.

When ALL have contributed in a Camp (each contributor will receive an engrossed Certificate of Membership), the total amount will be forwarded to the DIVISION SECRETARY.

The Division Secretary WILL FORWARD THE ENTIRE AMOUNT—to the National Secretary, by draft endorsed "HARDING MEMORIAL FUND," noting with the remittance "For the Division of ———."

ALL NAMES WILL BE RETAINED BY CAMP SECRETARIES OR CAMP TREASURERS. They will receive the Certificate of Membership for the Members of Camps and will deliver to each contributor, his Certificate.

No funds shall be forwarded to the National Secretary until a Division HAS CLOSED its fund and will NOT RECEIVE ANY MORE CONTRIBUTIONS.

## CHAPLAINS' REPORTS—NOW.

III. Camp Chaplains will IMMEDIATELY forward their reports—Form 44, to Division Chaplains. Camp Commanders will give this their prompt attention. Division Commanders and Division Chaplains MUST see that reports are received without delay and at once forward Division Chaplain's Report Form 43—to National Chaplain, Rev. Frank C. Huston, No. 10 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

## PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S REPORTS.

IV. Several Division Patriotic Instructors have failed to forward their Reports—Form 51 to National Patriotic Instructor William L. Anderson, 248 Spring Street, West Roxbury, Mass. These Reports MUST be forwarded AT ONCE. Further delay will jeopardize representation of Divisions delinquent in the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment at Boston. Division Commanders will see that their Division Patriotic Instructor Reports are forwarded immediately.

## CAMP REPORTS AND PER CAPITA TAX.

V. Reports of Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers—Forms 27 and 28, with per capita tax for the quarter ending June 30th, 1924, MUST be forwarded by all Camps ON THE LAST MEETING NIGHT in June—to their respective Division Headquarters. This is imperative.

Camp Commanders will give this matter their personal attention and attend to this important matter.

Division Commanders, Division Secretaries, will make every effort to secure these returns from Camps without delay.

## PASSWORD AND COUNTERSIGN.

VI. Form OOOO—password and countersign effective July 1st, will be forwarded by Division Headquarters to ALL Camps forwarding reports and paying per capita tax for quarter ending June 30, when issuing receipts to Camps for per capita tax for said quarter. ONLY Camps in good standing can be supplied with this Form.

Members only in good standing. June 30th, can receive from Camp Commanders the said password and countersign.

#### CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION.

VII. IMMEDIATELY after installation at Division Encampments, Form 49 in DUPLICATE (CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION) MUST be forwarded to the National Secretary. These must be legible and include names and addresses of all Officers and delegates to the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment at Boston.

Owing to the early date of this Encampment these returns COMPLETE—must be made immediately.

#### DIVISION COMMANDER'S BOND.

VIII. Within thirty (30) days after election each Division Commander MUST file a SURETY COMPANY BOND, in the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars, made to read:

"To Samuel S. Horn, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.  
Easton, Pa."

#### CONVENTION APPOINTMENTS.

IX. J. A. Harrison, 537 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, is named as Convention Stenographer. The Division of Massachusetts will detail guards for the sessions of the Encampment.

#### MEMORIAL SERVICE.

Division Secretaries will at once notify National Chaplain Frank C. Huston, No. 10 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, Ind., the names of Division Officers and Past Commanders deceased during the past year to be used in connection with the joint Memorial exercises to be arranged by the National Chaplain.

#### LADIES AUXILIARY "OBJECTIVE."

X. The attention of the membership of the Order is called to the work of our Sisters of the Auxiliary, who desire at our hands a greater support than we now give. In addition to the wonderful assistance they are to our many Camps: in addition to their devoted work for the comrades of our fathers, they have extended their influence in the field of Americanization work. Through their Americanization Committee they are endeavoring to raise a \$5,000.00 Scholarship for the American International College at Springfield, Mass. This College trains foreign born men and women so they may take their place in our common American life. In this endowment to the College the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary is making a permanent investment in the course of patriotism—the making of real American Citizenship!

The amount is to be raised by personal subscription. A dollar each is asked of each Auxiliary and its membership. Here is the chance for members of our Order to show appreciation of the efforts of the Auxiliary which has done much for us—who is doing more than we in a real objective of patriotic work causing us to practice that which we preach. Hosts of us can also give a dollar. Send it now to Mrs. Margaret Palmer, 559 Lebanon Street, Melrose, Mass., who is chairman of this

committee. Your Commander-in-Chief feels that he can do no less than refer to this great work, and to pass along his \$\$\$\$.

#### COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAL TO THE G. A. R.

XI. Pursuant to the action of the Milwaukee Encampment, Brother Past Commander-in-Chief F. T. F. Johnson was continued as the above named Committee with power to appoint the remainder of his Committee which should be approved by the Commander-in-Chief. Brother Johnson has named the members of his committee, they are hereby approved, and the Chairman is authorized to continue the work with the members of his committee as authorized—the personnel of which will now be:

Past Commander-in-Chief F. T. F. Johnson, Maryland, Chairman.

Past Commander-in-Chief Clifford Ireland, Illinois, Vice Chairman.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman, Ohio.

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank Shellhouse, Indiana.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. D. Sisson, Massachusetts.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph Sheldon, New York.

Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. H. Russell, Kansas.

Past Division Commander C. A. Bryson, Iowa.

Past Division Commander C. S. Scott, California.

Past Division Commander Frank McCrillis, Oregon.

Past Division Commander T. C. Cazeau, New York.

#### DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS.

XII. California & Pacific at San Diego, June 9-12.

Illinois at Champaign, June 17-19.

Iowa at Marshalltown, June 11-13.

Maine at Portland, June 18-19.

Maryland at Washington, D. C., June 5-6.

Michigan at Lansing, June 11-13.

Minnesota at Minneapolis, June 11-12.

New Jersey at Asbury Park, June 26-27.

New York at Schenectady, June 10-12.

Ohio at Warren, June 10-12.

Oregon at Hillsboro, June 24-26.

Pennsylvania at Wilkes-Barre, June 11-12.

Vermont at Burlington, June 6-7.

Washington at Everett, June 23-26.

Wisconsin at Janesville, June 16-18.

#### NEW CAMPS.

XIII. Applications have been approved for Charters for new Camps and, Camps have been instituted. Charters issued thereto, as follows, since last announcement:

Camp	No.		Date	No. Char.
Approved.	No.	Appls.	Inst.	Mem.
May 5	94	100	Greenfield, Ind. ....Feb. 23	100
May 8	...	15	Imperial, Pa. ....	
May 12	...	21	Reading, Mass. ....	
May 14	4	36	Racine, Wis. ....April 12	36
May 16	32	35	Middletown, N. Y. ....May 24	35
May 19	5	104	Kankakee, Ill. ....April 25	104
May 24	...	15	Webster, N. H. ....	



May 28	59	34	Cleveland, Ohio .....	March 22	
May ..	70	...	Cedar Falls, Iowa ....	March 26	31
May ..	196	...	Eau Claire, Pa. ....	April 15	31
					22

## CHARTERS REVOKED.

XIV. Camps Disbanded and Dropped, their Charters revoked, are as follows and record will be made accordingly:

California & Pacific—Disbanded: Camp No. 3, San Francisco, with 10 members.

Massachusetts—Disbanded: Camp No. 70, Bourne, with 19 members; Camp No. 110, Chicopee, with 16 members; Camp No. 128, Ashburnham, with 31 members; Camp No. 131, Medfield, with 21 members.

Minnesota—Dropped: Camp No. 4, Jamestown, N. D., with 17 members.

New York—Dropped: Camp No. 20, Brooklyn, with 11 members.

Ohio—Dropped: Camp No. 47, Wilmington, with 27 members; Camp No. 70, Boweston, with 10 members.

Vermont—Dropped: Camp No. 74, South Royalton, with 20 members.

Wisconsin—Dropped: Camp No. 10, Jefferson, with 9 members; Camp No. 16, Beloit, with 17 members; Camp No. 29, Phillips, with 16 members. Disbanded: Camp No. 31, Racine, with 29 members.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 9.

XV. Report of the National Secretary for month of May, 1924:

## Receipts—

April 30, 1924, To Balance .....\$ 192.38

Received for:

Per Capita Tax .....\$3825.81

Charter Fees ..... 40.00

Supplies ..... 581.44

Total Receipts ..... \$4447.28

\$1639.66

## Expenditures—

By General Expenses .....\$1557.84

Office Expenses ..... 21.09

Commander-in-Chief's Expenses ..... 519.78

Total Expenditures ..... \$2098.71

Balance, May 31, 1924 ..... \$2540.95

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

## General Expenses—

For Stock and Supplies .....\$ 527.19

The Banner, Subscription, May, 1924..... 967.26

Printing ..... 39.75

Shipping Supplies ..... 23.66

\$1557.81

Office Expenses—	
For Postage, Express, Stationery .....	\$ 21.09
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses—	
For Postage, Office and Traveling .....	\$ 519.78
Total Expenditures .....	<u>\$2098.71</u>

## STATEMENT NO. 8.

## NATIONAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE FUND—APRIL, 1924:

March 31, 1924, To Balance .....	\$ 999.27
Received from A. D. Rhinesmith, Chairman .....	29.30
Total .....	<u>\$1028.57</u>
By Disbursements: Printing, postage, rent typewriter, mailing, express, office expenses, dictation, etc.....	\$ 211.36
Balance, April 30, 1924 .....	\$ 817.21
To Total Receipts—	
Previously Reported .....	\$4181.26
April, 1924 .....	29.30
	<u>\$4210.56</u>
Total Disbursements—	
Previously Reported .....	\$3181.99
April, 1924 .....	211.36
Total .....	<u>\$3393.35</u>
Balance, April 30, 1924 .....	\$ 817.21
	<u>\$4210.56</u>

## STATEMENT NO. 9.

## NATIONAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE FUND—MAY, 1924:

April 30, 1924, To Balance .....	\$ 817.21
Received from A. D. Rhinesmith, Chairman .....	20.50
	<u>\$ 837.71</u>
By Disbursements: Printing, postage, rent typewriters, clerical, express, office expenses, dictation, etc.....	\$ 257.68
Balance, May 31, 1924 .....	\$ 580.03
To Total Receipts—	
Previously Reported .....	\$4210.56
May, 1924 .....	20.50
	<u>\$4231.06</u>
By Total Disbursements—	
Previously Reported .....	\$3393.35
May, 1924 .....	257.68
Total .....	<u>\$3651.03</u>
By Balance, May 31, 1924 .....	580.03
	<u>\$4231.06</u>

Official:

H. H. HAMMER,

National Secretary.

By order of

S. S. HORN,  
Commander-in-Chief.

## GENERAL ORDERS NO. VII.

Headquarters,  
 COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.  
 Office of Commander-in-Chief,  
 Easton, Pennsylvania.

July 1, 1924.

## NOTE—DIVISION COMMANDERS.

I. CHAPTER 3, Article 2, Section 4, Page 31, Constitution and Regulations:

"A Division which fails to pay its per capita tax or other indebtedness, or fails to make reports, shall NOT be entitled to representation in Commandery-in-Chief Encampments."

This applies to the Forty-third Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Boston, August, 1924.

Division Commanders will be governed accordingly. All have been duly notified.

## FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

Of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will be convened in the Venetian Room of the Hotel Somerset, Boston, Massachusetts, Wednesday, August 13th, 1924, at 10 o'clock a. m. All programs on "daylight saving time."

## MEMBERSHIP.

All Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Grand Division Commanders and Past Division Commanders, in good standing, who have served a full term, or having been elected to fill a vacancy, have served to the end of that term, Constitutional Life Members and Division Commanders.

Of one delegate from each Division, whatever its membership, and one additional delegate for every five hundred members, or major fraction thereof, in good standing, based upon the report next preceding the Encampment.

Its own elective and appointive officers (except members detailed for special duty).

## ENCAMPMENT PROGRAM.

SUNDAY, August 10—Temporary Headquarters established at Hotel Somerset, Commonwealth and Massachusetts Avenues, Boston.

2 o'clock p. m.—Annual Meeting of the Federated Patriotic Societies Allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, Hotel Somerset.

MONDAY, August 11—A. M., Sightseeing.

2 p. m.—Annual Meeting of the Council-in-Chief of the Commandery-in-Chief, at Headquarters, Hotel Somerset.

8 p. m.—Greetings—State of Massachusetts and City of Boston, Symphony Hall.

8 p. m.—Sons of Veterans Auxiliary Class Initiation, Faneuil Hall.



## ENCAMPMENT

**TUESDAY, August 12—9 a. m. The Parade:**

**ESCORT to Grand Army of the Republic in parade:** In command of Past Division Commander Frank L. Kirchgassner of the Division of Massachusetts.

Members of the Division of Massachusetts will compose the escort of **One Hundred Sons of Veterans** in uniform. They will report to Past Division Commander Kirchgassner promptly and be under his charge.

Colors will be massed and paraded in that formation.  
Afternoon—Sightseeing trips by automobile.

**8 p. m.**—Grand Army of the Republic Camp Fire, Mechanics Building.

**WEDNESDAY, August 13—**Commandery-in-Chief Session, 10 o'clock a. m., Venetian Room, Hotel Somerset.

**12 Noon**—Complimentary luncheon by Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, Division of Massachusetts, in Horticultural Hall.

**2 p. m.**—Commandery-in-Chief Session.

**3:30 p. m.**—Memorial Services—jointly with Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, U. S. A.

**8 p. m.**—Joint Reception National Officers and Members Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, U. S. A., at Cadet Armory.

**THURSDAY—August 14—10 a. m.,** Session Commandery-in-Chief.

**11:00 a. m.**—Greetings from Allied Orders EXCEPT the Grand Army of the Republic.

**2 p. m.**—Session of the Commandery-in-Chief.

**8 p. m.**—Entertainment Committees of the Division of Massachusetts in charge.

**FRIDAY, August 15—**Entertainment Committee in charge.

## ENCAMPMENT RAILROAD RATES.

A round trip rate of one fare from point of starting to Boston and return, has been granted by railroads. Tickets will be on sale from August 4th to 13th inclusive, according to point of purchase. Tickets will be good going and returning via same route only. They will not require validating at Boston. Return limit to reach starting point will be good until September 15. Stop-overs will be allowed on application to Conductors.

Sale and use of such tickets is limited to:

Members of the G. A. R., wife, or dependent member of the family of a member of the G. A. R.

Members and dependent members of the family of: The Woman's Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans, Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Veterans, Army Nurses Association of the Civil War, Widows of deceased member of the G. A. R.

When purchasing ticket each applicant must have a Certificate of Identification. Division Secretaries will procure these Certificates of Identification from Department Assistant Adjutant-Generals of the Grand Army of the Republic, in their respective Divisions.

# HOTEL RATES.

Hotel Somerset—Headquarters for Commandery-in-Chief and Sons of Veterans Auxiliary National Officers, two persons in a room, about \$7.00 per day, per person. AMERICAN PLAN.

Hotel and other quarters are numerous. Applications for reservations for rooms MUST BE MADE DIRECT TO

HENRY F. WEILER, Secretary Division of Massachusetts, 88 Tremont Street, Boston, Mass.

## DIVISION COMMANDERS—ATTENTION.

II. For representation of Divisions in the Encampment it is required that:

Form 51, Division Patriotic Instructor's Report be in possession of William L. Anderson, National Patriotic Instructor, 248 Spring Street, West Roxbury, Mass.

Form 43, Division Chaplain's Report is in the hands of Rev. Frank C. Huston, National Chaplain, 10 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, Ind.

THE NATIONAL SECRETARY MUST HAVE AT ONCE--Form 49, Certificate of Election (Division Encampment return).

Forms 35, 37 and 38, Division Secretary's and Division Treasurer's Reports for quarter ending June 30, 1924, WITH PER CAPITA TAX for said quarter.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: HAVE THE BOND of newly elected Division Commander. It must be a surety company bond in the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars, to read:

"To Samuel S. Horn, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.  
Easton, Pa."

## HARDING MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION FUND.

III. Camp Secretaries or Camp Treasurers will receive contributions from members of Camps for the Harding Memorial Association Fund.

When all have contributed in a Camp the total amount will be forwarded to the DIVISION SECRETARY.

The Division Secretary WILL FORWARD THE ENTIRE AMOUNT—to the National Secretary, by draft endorsed "HARDING MEMORIAL FUND," noting with the remittance "For the Division of \_\_\_\_\_."

ALL NAMES WILL BE RETAINED BY CAMP SECRETARIES OR CAMP TREASURERS. They will receive the Certificates of Membership in the Association for the Members of Camps and will deliver to each contributor, his Certificate.

No funds shall be forwarded to the National Secretary until a Division HAS CLOSED its fund and will NOT RECEIVE ANY MORE CONTRIBUTIONS.

## NEW DIVISION OFFICERS.

IV. By the time this General Order reaches the membership, all the Divisions will have finished their Encampments, selected new officers, and started on new terms. The thanks of the Commander-in-Chief is tendered to the officers just retired

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for their co-operation and loyalty in the work which has resulted in the advancement of the Order. To the retiring Division Commanders let me say that your work has just commenced, and that unless you prove your gratitude to your Division by continued efforts in active service for the Sons of Veterans you will not have deserved the honors given at the hands of your brothers.

To the new Commanders—"Greetings." May you prove worthy of the choice. Make every effort to build up your weak Camps by membership drives. Locate a new, active Camp in every town or city where you know they should exist, that the influence of the Order may properly "radiate." Plant a Camp wherever a Post of the Grand Army of the Republic has existed or now exists. Urge every Camp of the importance of having an Auxiliary associated with them—the Camp will be better for it. Don't be a Division Officer simply for the title. Demand service from your associates and staff; and set the example of that service yourself. Don't let any one "get out of step." Fix an objective, and don't stop until it is attained.

## DIVISION OFFICERS—1924-'25.

Alabama & Tennessee—Commander, Harry Spears, 621 Bank of Commerce and Trust Bldg., Memphis, Tenn.; Secretary and Treasurer, M. D. Friedman, 1237 South 21st St., Birmingham, Ala.

California & Pacific—Commander, C. O. Boynton, 2302 East 7th St., Long Beach; Secretary and Treasurer, J. A. Boynton, 339 East 20th St., Long Beach.

Connecticut—Commander, John S. Gallagher, General Delivery, Waterbury; Secretary and Treasurer, Isaac T. Jenks, P. O. Box 1233, New Haven.

Illinois—Commander, Joseph M. James, 1409 West 71st Place, Chicago; Secretary and Treasurer, Allan S. Holbrook, Dwight.

Indiana—Commander, Benjamin E. Stahl, Terre Haute; Secretary and Treasurer, Newton J. McGuire, 1001 Peoples State Bank Bldg., Indianapolis.

Iowa—Commander, C. E. Hinchliffe, Iowa City; Secretary and Treasurer, F. M. Stull, 256 Denver St., Waterloo.

Kansas—Commander, Leverett E. Fitts, Emporia; Secretary and Treasurer, Charles J. McCarthy, Emporia.

Maine—Commander, George N. Pond, 199 Forest Ave., Bangor; Secretary and Treasurer, Edward K. Gould, 375 Main St., Rockland.

Maryland—Commander, Herbert W. Rutledge, 112 Maple Ave., Tacoma, Park, D. C.; Secretary and Treasurer, Francis E. Cross, 319 9th St., S. E., Washington, D. C.

Massachusetts—Commander, Alfred M. Spear, 9 Jackson St., Beverly; Secretary, Henry F. Weiler, 88 Tremont St., Boston; Treasurer, Fred E. Bolton, 88 Tremont St., Boston.

Michigan—Commander, William H. Malone, 818 South Pleasant St., Belding; Secretary and Treasurer, George W. Swift, 4340 Trumbull Ave., Detroit.

Minnesota—Commander, A. E. Alger, Alexandria; Secretary



and Treasurer, George W. Turner, Daily News Building, Minneapolis.

Missouri—Commander, George A. Wood, 2809 Linwood Blvd., Kansas City; Secretary and Treasurer, A. J. Albrecht, 2405 South Broadway, St. Louis.

Nebraska—Commander, Moses P. O'Brien, 308 Barker Block, Omaha; Secretary and Treasurer, Earl S. Lewis, 407 Sunderland Bldg., Omaha.

New Hampshire—Commander, Evarts W. Messer, New London; Secretary and Treasurer, Jackson C. Carr, Hillsboro.

New Jersey—Commander, John L. Reeger, 872 Revere Ave., Trenton; Secretary and Treasurer, George H. Carter, 1015 Division St., Trenton.

New York—Commander, Arthur J. Abbott, 38 Broad St., Oneida; Secretary, Julius Isaacs, Room 5, City Hall, New York; Treasurer, Edwin A. Sanford, 212 State St., Albany.

Ohio—Commander, Elmer E. Boden, Court House, Akron; Secretary, Ed S. Wilson, 18 East 8th Ave., Columbus; Treasurer, William E. Corbin, Ellet.

Oregon—Commander, C. E. Foster, 1314 Halsey St., Portland; Secretary and Treasurer, L. Walter Murray, P. O. Box 599, Portland.

Pennsylvania—Commander, James N. Smith, Mt. Carmel; Secretary, William R. McGirr, 667 North 12th St., Philadelphia; Treasurer, John E. Wightman, Mt. Carmel.

Rhode Island—Commander, Robert L. Ward, 144 Pine St., Providence; Secretary and Treasurer, Frank B. Wight, Room 4, 47 Washington St., Providence.

Vermont—Commander, Carl C. Rollins, 11 Brookly St., Barre; Secretary and Treasurer, E. E. Perry, Barre.

Washington—Commander, Elmer H. Bartlett, East 3618 22nd Ave., Spokane; Secretary and Treasurer, F. S. Tremain, West 517 Montgomery Ave., Spokane.

Wisconsin—Commander C. D. Donaldson, Eau Claire; Secretary and Treasurer, Val. Stoddard, Stoughton.

#### NEW CAMPS.

V. Applications for new Camps and Charters issued there to are as follows:

Date	Camp	No.		Date	No.
Approved.	No.	Appls.	Location and Division.	Inst.	Mem.
June 4	6	20	Canby, Minn. ....		
June 9	1	19	San Francisco, Cal. & Pac. ....		
June 11	53	33	Cleveland, Ohio ..... May 16		33
June 16	41	28	Norwalk, Conn. .... March 31		18
June 17	13	31	La Grande, Ore. .... April 17		19
June 25	14	21	Miami, Fla.; Ala. & Tenn. ....		
June 27	34	27	Whittier, Cal. & Pac. .... April 26		25
June 27	35	27	Redondo Beach, Cal. & Pac. .... May 5		21
June 27	126	24	Essex, Mass. ....		
	75		Mansfield, Mass. .... March 6		35
	67		Imperial, Pa. .... May 26		26
	5		Webster, N. H. .... June 7		16

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 10.

## VI. Report of National Secretary for month of June, 1924:

Receipts—	
May 31, 1924, To Balance .....	\$2540.95
Received for:	
Per Capita Tax .....	\$ 5.56
Charter Fees .....	45.00
Supplies .....	268.26
Miscellaneous: Interest on Bonds .....	53.15
Total Receipts .....	<u>\$ 371.95</u>
	\$2912.90

Expenditures—	
By General Expenses .....	\$1883.52
Office Expenses .....	212.37
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses .....	207.56
	<u>\$2303.45</u>
Balance, June 30, 1924.....	\$ 609.45

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses—	
For Stock and Supplies.....	\$ 80.41
The Banner, Subscription, June, 1924.....	963.23
Printing .....	4.50
Shipping Supplies .....	10.38
Salary ..	825.00
	<u>\$1883.52</u>
Office Expenses—	
For Postage, Telegrams, Rent (3 months).....	\$ 212.37
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses—	
For Postage, Office, Telegrams, Traveling.....	\$ 207.56
Total Expenditures .....	<u>\$2303.45</u>

## STATEMENT NO. 10.

## NATIONAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE FUND—JUNE, 1924:

May 31, 1924, To Balance .....	\$ 580.03
Received from A. D. Rhinesmith, Chairman .....	252.00
Total .....	<u>\$ 832.03</u>
By Disbursements: Printing, postage, express, rent type- writers, office expenses, dictation, etc.....	\$ 456.15
Balance June 30, 1924 .....	<u>\$ 375.88</u>
To Total Receipts—	
Previously Reported .....	\$4231.06
June, 1924 .....	252.00
	<u>\$4483.06</u>

By Total Disbursements—	
Previously Reported .....	\$3651.03
June, 1924 .....	456.15
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By Balance, June 30, 1924 .....	\$4107.18
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	\$ 375.88
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	\$4483.06

By order of

Official:

H. H. HAMMER,  
National Secretary.

S. S. HORN,  
Commander-in-Chief.

## GENERAL ORDERS NO. VIII.

Headquarters,

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

Office of Commander-in-Chief,  
Easton, Pennsylvania.

August 1, 1924.

### FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT—COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF.

I. Is hereby called to convene in the Venetian Room of the Hotel Somerset, Boston, Mass., Tuesday, August 12, at 1:30 o'clock p. m., daylight saving time, instead of on Wednesday, as previously announced.

Attention is directed to the provisions of the Constitution and Regulations, Chapter 3, Article 2, Section 4, Page 31:

"A Division which fails to pay its per capita tax or other indebtedness, or fails to make reports, SHALL NOT be entitled to representation in the Commandery-in-Chief Encampments."

It is also required that Division Commanders SHALL file a Bond in the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars, THIRTY DAYS AFTER their election—this to be a Surety Company Bond, made to run to "Samuel S. Horn, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Easton, Pa."

Every Division Commander MUST have his bond filed for his Division to have representation in the said Encampment.

### TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS.

Of the Commandery-in-Chief will be established at the Hotel Somerset, Boston, Mass., Sunday, August 10, 1924.

Sessions of the Encampment will be held and the program as previously announced will be observed.

### ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEES.

With a desire to facilitate the work at Boston, a complete schedule of Committees is herewith announced. Notifications have been made in each instance and acceptances requested. A very few have not responded up to the time this list must be given for publication. Substitutions will be made at the opening session for such who have not acknowledged and are not present.



# NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED

Division.	No. in Good Standing at Last Report.		GAIN								Aggregate.	
			By Muster-In.		By Transfer.		By Reinstatement.		Total Gain.			
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	
Alabama & Tennessee	11	271	1	32	...	...	...	1	32	12	303	
California	36	1489	3	75	...	...	...	3	75	39	1564	
Connecticut	42	2524	...	22	5	...	1	...	28	42	2552	
Illinois	53	2181	1	112	...	...	1	1	113	54	2294	
Indiana	32	2374	...	52	1	...	15	...	68	32	2442	
Iowa	21	857	...	32	...	...	...	...	32	21	889	
Kansas	25	716	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	716	
Maine	43	2170	...	51	2	...	13	...	66	43	2236	
Maryland	10	666	...	22	...	...	...	...	22	10	688	
Massachusetts	144	9380	3	228	7	2	30	5	265	149	9645	
Michigan	21	883	1	39	1	...	...	1	40	22	923	
Minnesota	14	495	...	7	...	...	1	...	8	14	503	
Missouri	13	607	...	5	1	...	...	...	6	13	613	
Nebraska	14	507	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
New Hampshire	33	1165	1	37	...	...	...	1	37	34	1202	
New Jersey	27	1830	...	39	...	...	3	...	42	27	1872	
New York	111	5234	1	80	2	...	...	1	82	112	5316	
Ohio	89	3931	2	124	1	...	5	2	130	91	4061	
Oregon	12	377	1	23	...	...	...	1	23	13	400	
Pennsylvania	168	13225	3	206	1	...	6	3	213	171	13438	
Rhode Island	15	644	...	44	...	...	...	...	44	15	688	
Vermont	37	1200	...	17	...	...	1	...	18	37	1218	
Washington	11	594	...	9	...	...	...	...	9	11	603	
Wisconsin	24	1119	3	61	1	...	4	3	66	27	1185	
	1006	54439	20	1317	22	2	80	22	1419	1028	55858	

\*Kansas. No Reports—to be added.

# NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED REPORTS FOR QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1924.

REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1924.																													
Division.	No. in Good Standing at Last Report.		GAIN						Aggregate.	LOSS						No. in Good Standing.		Amount Received for Per Capita Tax.	Cash on Hand at Division Headquarters.	Cash on Hand in Camps.	Expended in Charity as Per Treasurer's Reports.	No. Relieved or Their Families.							
			By Muster-In.		By Transfer.		By Reinstatement.			Total Gain.		By Disbanded.		By Death.										Honorable Discharge.		By Transfer.		By Dropped.	
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Members	Camps	Members		Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Members	Members	Members					Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members
Alabama & Tennessee	11	271	1	32	...	...	...	1	32	12	303	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	12	302	\$ 24.16	\$ 44.29	\$ 100.00	...	...		
California	36	1489	3	75	...	...	...	3	75	39	1664	4	25	8	1	...	...	47	4	81	35	1483	118.64	85.98	531.95	...	...		
Connecticut	42	2524	...	22	5	...	1	...	28	42	2552	...	...	2	2	1	...	18	...	23	42	2529	202.32	53.05	2943.34	82.69	...		
Illinois	53	2181	1	112	...	...	1	1	113	54	2294	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	...	22	54	2272	181.76	121.56	3363.63	...	...		
Indiana	32	2374	...	52	1	...	15	...	68	32	2442	...	...	5	...	1	...	91	...	97	32	2345	187.60	273.57	2160.09	926.00	4		
Iowa	21	857	...	32	...	...	...	...	32	21	889	...	...	3	...	...	...	40	...	43	21	846	67.68	492.87	355.99	12.13	...		
Kansas	25	716	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	716	No Reports	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Maine	43	2170	...	51	2	...	13	...	66	43	2236	...	...	3	...	...	...	8	...	11	43	2225	178.00	160.56	2238.66	5.00	...		
Maryland	10	666	...	22	...	...	...	...	22	10	688	...	...	3	1	...	...	13	...	17	10	671	53.68	176.47	375.31	...	...		
Massachusetts	144	9380	3	228	7	2	30	5	265	149	9645	...	...	26	19	22	...	88	...	155	149	9490	759.20	1596.57	20179.36	830.99	12	5	
Michigan	21	883	1	39	1	...	...	1	40	22	923	...	...	3	...	1	...	13	...	17	22	906	72.48	280.87	326.65	...	...		
Minnesota	14	495	...	7	...	...	1	...	8	14	503	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	...	4	14	499	39.92	74.79	304.33	...	...		
Missouri	13	607	...	5	1	...	...	...	6	13	613	...	...	3	1	...	...	2	...	6	13	607	48.56	418.24	405.37	...	...		
Nebraska	14	507	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	507	40.56	135.18	...	...	...		
New Hampshire	33	1165	1	37	...	...	...	1	37	34	1202	...	...	1	1	1	...	11	...	14	34	1188	95.04	92.90	1379.46	3.55	1		
New Jersey	27	1830	...	39	...	...	3	...	42	27	1872	...	...	8	1	...	...	16	...	25	27	1847	147.76	333.52	4649.55	2219.81	...		
New York	111	5234	1	80	2	...	...	1	82	112	5316	...	...	16	2	3	...	39	...	60	112	5256	420.48	1094.33	9525.13	233.00	23	26	
Ohio	89	3931	2	124	1	...	5	2	130	91	4061	...	...	1	1	1	...	25	...	28	91	4033	322.64	379.10	1981.42	...	...		
Oregon	12	377	1	23	...	...	...	1	23	13	400	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	13	399	31.92	10.91	155.63	...	...		
Pennsylvania	168	13225	3	206	1	...	6	3	213	171	13438	...	...	16	...	1	...	171	...	188	171	13250	1060.00	801.95	76725.71	5883.90	...		
Rhode Island	15	644	...	44	...	...	...	...	44	15	638	...	...	3	7	1	...	...	...	11	15	677	54.16	132.00	1051.74	...	...		
Vermont	37	1200	...	17	...	...	1	...	18	37	1218	...	...	1	1	...	...	6	...	8	37	1210	96.80	200.96	804.24	6.54	...		
Washington	11	594	...	9	...	...	...	...	9	11	603	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3	11	600	48.00	29.61	234.12	...	...		
Wisconsin	24	1119	3	61	1	...	4	3	66	27	1185	...	...	1	...	...	...	4	...	5	27	1180	94.40	78.31	428.58	...	...		
	1006	54439	20	1317	22	2	80	22	1419	1028	55858	4	25	105	38	32	...	1620	4	820	*999	*54322	\$4345.76	\$7068.59	\$130270.25	\$10203.61	41	31	

\*Kansas. No Reports—to be added.



## CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

H. H. Hammer, National Secretary.  
 Ed. S. Wilson, Delegate, Ohio.  
 A. A. Bronsdon, Past Division Commander, Massachusetts.  
 A. S. Holbrook, Past Division Commander, Illinois.  
 John L. Reeger, Division Commander, New Jersey.

Efforts are being made to prevent the usual confusion in the issuance of delegates badges and "privilege" cards, in an arrangement for reception of credentials prior to Encampment opening from such as are present at Boston on Monday and Tuesday. Subject to any preventative therefore, there will be a meeting of the Credential Committee at Headquarters, Hotel Somerset, Monday, August 11, 2 to 4 p. m., and Tuesday, 5 to 6 p. m. Any other schedule will be posted in Headquarters Hotel.

## COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Ralph M. Grant, Past Commander-in-Chief.  
 Wm. T. Church, Past Commander-in-Chief.  
 Edwin C. Ireland, National Counselor.  
 William A. Selz, Past Division Commander, Ohio.  
 James N. Smith, Division Commander, Pennsylvania.

## COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND CEREMONIES.

Newton J. McGuire, Past Commander-in-Chief.  
 F. T. F. Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief.  
 Frank Challis, Past Grand Division Commander.  
 Theodore C. Cazeau, Past Division Commander, New York.  
 E. H. Millham, Past Division Commander, Minnesota.

## COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Chas. F. Sherman, Past Commander-in-Chief.  
 H. V. Speelman, Past Commander-in-Chief.  
 Edgar Allan, Past Commander-in-Chief.  
 Titus M. Ruch, Past Division Commander, Pennsylvania.  
 F. J. McMurtrie, Past Division Commander, Michigan.

## COMMITTEE ON REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

John E. Sautter, Past Commander-in-Chief.  
 Harry D. Sisson, Past Commander-in-Chief.  
 Ralph Sheldon, Past Commander-in-Chief.  
 Frank Shellhouse, Past Commander-in-Chief.  
 E. R. Campbell, Past Commander-in-Chief.

## COMMITTEE ON PRESS.

J. Clinton Hiatt, Past Division Commander, Maryland.  
 Walter C. Mabie, Past Division Commander, Pennsylvania.  
 A. S. Holbrook, Past Division Commander, Illinois.  
 Fred V. Bell, Past Division Commander, Massachusetts.  
 Robert L. Ward, Division Commander, Rhode Island.

## COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

(Committee on State of the Order)

Ralph M. Grant, Past Commander-in-Chief.  
 Fred E. Bolton, Past Commander-in-Chief.  
 John E. Sautter, Past Commander-in-Chief.



Charles F. Sherman, Past Commander-in-Chief.  
William T. Church, Past Commander-in-Chief.

(Who shall also constitute the Greetings Committee to the G. A. R.)

#### GREETINGS COMMITTEES.

To the Woman's Relief Corps:

Dallas Dillinger, Past Division Commander, Pennsylvania.  
C. S. Scott, Past Division Commander, California & Pacific.  
Neil D. Cranmer, Past Division Commander, New York.

To the Ladies of the G. A. R.:

Eugene F. Atwood, Past Division Commander, Massachusetts.  
Samuel E. Lueck, Past Division Commander, New Jersey.  
Martin E. Tilley, Past Division Commander, New Hampshire.

To the Daughters of Veterans:

Ernest W. Homan, Past Division Commander, Massachusetts.  
Fred J. Phillips, Past Division Commander, Illinois.  
James W. Lyons, Past Division Commander, Maryland.

To the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary:

William L. Anderson, National Patriotic Instructor.  
William M. Coffin, Past Camp Commander, 100 Ohio.  
Frank Shellhouse, Past Commander-in-Chief.

To the Army Nurses of the Civil War:

F. P. Ballou, Past Division Commander, Rhode Island.  
W. W. Jewett, Past Division Commander, Maine.  
Newton C. Goodman, Past Division Commander, Indiana.

All of the Women's kindred organizations convene in opening session on Tuesday afternoon, August 12, at 2 o'clock. If it be possible and the committees named for these respective organizations have arrived in Boston in time, greetings will be made at that time. Otherwise at a later, agreeable, time.

#### ENCAMPMENT NOTES.

The co-operation of every Encampment member is urged in the conduct of the several sessions in order that business may be transacted without hitch and with dispatch. It is due to those member delegates, most of whom attend at a personal sacrifice of time and expense, that no unnecessary delays occur. Time-savers have been arranged, and with co-operation, there should be no dull moments. Provisions for greetings and Memorial service have been made at a convenient time when committee work can be transacted, insuring promptness in committee reports. Indolence in committee work, tardiness in reporting for sessions should be "non-existent." Help run the meetings on schedule!

Members of the several Division delegations should congregate conveniently together, making it easy for necessary conference.

The August Banner will no doubt have reached many members before starting for Boston, but extra copies will be on hand at the Encampment.

#### PER CAPITA TAX AND REPORTS.

II. Division Commanders will promptly promulgate to all Camps Forms 27 and 28—Camp Secretary's and Camp Treas-

urer's Reports (blanks) for the quarter ending September 30, 1924. All Camps should be instructed to make prompt returns—on the last meeting night in September—of reports and per capita tax to Division Headquarters.

#### OUR AUXILIARY.

III. I cannot commend too strongly to the Camps in the Order, the value and proven need of an Auxiliary in connection with the Camp. I most heartily approve and endorse the circular letter of the National Organization Committee of the Auxiliary, issued through members of that Committee to the several Camp Commanders, and I urge prompt and effective action by every Camp not yet having an Auxiliary in connection with it.

#### SYMPATHY.

IV. The sincere sympathy of the membership of our Order is extended to President and Mrs. Coolidge in their great loss: the death of Calvin. Jr. May the God of Lincoln, whose courage and fortitude are exemplified in the President, be with him and the bereaved ones. In this hour:

"Blest be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian Love."

#### CAMPS DROPPED.

V. Camps have been dropped, their charters revoked, and records will be made accordingly:

California & Pacific—Dropped: Camp No. 16, Santa Cruz, with 15 members; Camp No. 21, Monrovia, with 10 members.

#### FINIS.

VI. Every chapter must have an end! What a glorious sunset to the day of radiance this year has been! In spirit I clasp the hands of Commander-in-Chief Saltzgaber, National Presidents Bliss, Van Duzor, Thayer and Finch—with my own, and say to them: "Well done." "our official cares are over," "God be with you till we meet again." My thanks to them and to my Brothers and Sisters, ALL!

By order of

Official:

H. H. HAMMER,

National Secretary.

S. S. HORN,  
Commander-in-Chief.

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Continued

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

Tacoma, Washington, July 1, 1924.

To S. S. Horn,

Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Dear Commander:

Were you ever confronted with the proposition of coming to a stream too big to jump and no way to get across except to walk a SLIPPERY log? If you were you know something of how I feel about making a report at this time.

Was not feeling extra good during the Forty-second Encampment and during my stay in the East. After returning home navigated with difficulty and was practically confined to my home five days out of seven, physically unable to attend to business, or anything else. Naturally my personal affairs suffered quite materially and all outside activities had to be abandoned. Did not get around, in anything like shape to do much, before April. It was unfortunate that all this had to happen at a time when I was recovering from the temporary set backs that resulted from the giving of just a little more of my time and means to the Order, as Commander of the Washington & Oregon Division for two years and as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief for one year, than prudence dictated.

All is well that ends well and like other things and other times the past year will soon be only a regrettable memory.

While no official order was ever issued by you designating my sub jurisdiction, as your predecessor had done, I knew what your intentions were regarding it and would have asked for the official order if I had been in shape to do anything to justify its being issued.

You know, of course, that no provision whatever was made for the carrying on of the work begun by me last year and no allotments or arrangements, of any kind, were made by the National Organization Committee, or any one else, that would assist in keeping in touch with what was already in existence or the carrying on of extension work. My own inability to make any further contributions or to do any "rustling" left the situation in unorganized States at an absolute standstill and the organized States dependent, AS USUAL, on the ability and willingness of their officers to "paddle their own canoe." That each one paddled it as well as they did speaks volumes for the energy and faithfulness of those at the helm, as well as their associates, and such commendation as may be forthcoming should be for the individuals and groups who did so much under adverse cir-



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circumstances. I do not flatter myself that I could have done a great deal in the organized States but my previous work and survey indicated that I could have been of some assistance to them especially if a way could have been found to finance some portion of the work.

In California Commander Thayer, his staff and associates, have been quite active and results obtained reflect a great deal of credit on all of them. No definite data is available from this excellent Division, due mostly to inability to keep up with my correspondence, so have had to depend on general sources for information in regard to it. The showing of increases in Camps and membership is gratifying, particularly in view of the handicaps of magnificent distances and lack of funds. I rendered assistance only in the formation of the Camp at Wray, Colorado, and of a small nature elsewhere. The new officers are taking hold with sufficient energy and enthusiasm to warrant the belief that a year of good progress is in sight.

In Oregon Division Commander Foster, ably assisted by Secretary-Treasurer Murray, other members of his staff and members of allied organizations, has made a splendid showing. Four of the new Camps shown as being mustered during the year were part of the organization plan of this Division. Two were the results of local activities. I understand that two more Camps and a healthy increase in membership will be shown in the June quarter. The good record made by this Division refutes predictions made at Milwaukee that "Oregon won't stick" and is all the more remarkable because its officers—while loyal and willing—were "new at the game," could not be helped by me, were without a dollar to do anything with and had "a beginners debt" of over \$100.00 to pay. One of the regrets of the year was my inability to even visit these boys, so close at hand, render them any assistance, or attend their Encampment. Their dates were the same as those of Washington so I could not cover both. I would suggest that this Division be given the sum of \$40.00 to reimburse them for an amount greater than that which was contributed to help form the new Division and its actual chartering. Let it be in the nature of a good will offering to boys who did well under very trying circumstances.

Not knowing who the new officers are am unable to make any but general predictions of success for the coming year. If I can I am going to try and help them a little just to show them I value their sterling qualities and whole hearted friendship.

In Washington Commander Langford had a successful year, free from anything spectacular either up or down. Gains have been steady and consistent. He started out with a handicap in the shape of an overdraft on the treasury of \$140.00 (occasioned by the strenuous work of the year before and the formation of the Oregon Division). This handicap has been overcome and the new administration will start out with a balance of over \$100.00 in the treasury and the pledge of six Camps to raise \$150.00 more to use for organization work. There are several weak Camps in this Division that have been carried and labored with for two years. It is certain that one cannot be continued—maybe two—but I think two others can be restored to a good working status if they can be visited for a few days each.

I attended the Encampment of this (my own) Division because I was a member of the Council (as well as the degree team that put on the work at Everett) and had promised Brother Langford, a year ago, that I would stand by the ship. It was easily the best Encampment they have held in years, in point of attendance and enthusiasm. I believe the coming year holds much promise because they elected a strong set of officers and the members seemed to be more aroused than usual. While no new Camps have been reported I know of two being formed (one is already mustered) and three others are in sight.

Below will be found a statement showing membership for the period between March 31st, 1923, and March 31st, 1924:

	March 31, 1923		March 31, 1924		Gain	
	Camps	Membs.	Camps	Membs.	Camps	Membs.
California . . . . .	26	1166	30	1364	4	198
Colorado . . . . .	1	16	2	35	1	19
Idaho . . . . .	2	46	2	46		
Montana . . . . .	2	34	2	34		
Oregon . . . . .	6	265	12	377	6	112
Washington . . . . .	11	572	11	594		20
	48	2101	59	2450	11	349

The increase is 5 Camps and 149 members greater than it was a year ago. Contrasted with other sections of the country the showing of the West is very good, in my opinion, but does not measure up to what might be done if more personal, or closer, contact work could be undertaken.

I am of the opinion that methods must be pursued, in this part of the jurisdiction, that vary somewhat from the beaten path if we wish the Order to grow and justify its existence. It will take a lot of energy, personal work and some money to put it across, but it can be done.

Attempts to hold conferences with the National Organization Committee—at the last Encampment—with a view of working out a plan of co-operative action in organized and unorganized territory, failed; probably for a number of perfectly good reasons. It is just as well they did, perhaps, for the way matters turned out I could not have lived up to my end of it, though no one knows what a fellow will do WHEN PUT SQUARELY UP AGAINST IT. Frankly I believe this Committee put out too many articles and prepared too much literature to be properly absorbed by the majority of our membership. Excellent as it all is some provision should have been made for more personal contact work in conjunction with Division Commanders, Organizers, Inspectors and possibly myself. Experience with other organizations—as well as this—have made me a firm believer in the policy of personal contact as the best result getter. Circular selling has its place and is far better than nothing but it is the personal call of the salesman that brings home the bacon. The dovetailing of both methods should work out nicely. I really believe that an earnest, sincere, well posted man, with a reasonable fund at his disposal, could have taken over the unorganized portion of the Western Section—after it had been more closely surveyed than I did last year—and made a REAL showing, one that would have pretty well justified the attempt. Attention is again drawn to the changes in the Constitution

and Regulations recommended by the Washington and Oregon Division last year. While I am mindful that pressure of other important matters precluded the possibility of the Committee on the State of the Order giving them much consideration at the Forty-second Encampment, I confess to a feeling of disappointment at not being able to go over them in detail with that Committee or even get a chance to discuss them at all with the Committee on Constitution and Regulations. I spent a great deal of time, during my two years as Division Commander and one year as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, talking with members, officers and past officers about them and in revisional and eliminative work and do not like to feel that it was all wasted. May I therefore suggest careful consideration, on the part of all concerned, of this very important matter. Take the matter of forming Provisional Divisions and Regions. I did not find a co-ordinating viewpoint regarding them. Both Committees say, in their reports to the Forty-second Encampment, that power is vested in the Commander-in-Chief to act as was recommended and yet when I suggested to National Headquarters that the Division of California, and others likewise situated, be relieved of the necessity of caring for so many states in which no Divisions exist and that the matter be taken care of in the manner recommended I was informed that it would require action on the part of the Commandery-in-Chief, notwithstanding the fact that Section 4 of Article VI of the Constitution says: "Camps organized in States where no Division exists shall be attached to the Commandery-in-Chief as Camps at large." I may be thick headed about a lot of things but still stick to it that we cannot make much progress with unorganized territory (or organized territory for that matter) unless we divide and sub-divide the country and go after what we want like other successful organizations do. May I say, in passing, that Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and Colorado do not want to be attached to California and that I think all such States as California have quite enough to do to attend to what is confined within their own borders or is naturally affiliated with it.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following recommendations are respectfully made:

1. That Provisional Divisions and Regions (or Districts) be established as contemplated in the suggested changes made by the Division of Washington and Oregon to the Forty-second Encampment.

2. That Charter Application Muster Fee be fixed at not less than \$3.00 so new Camps will not start their career with a depleted treasury. This has been the cause of more than one failure to "get started right."

3. That a special committee be appointed to carry out my recommendation number eight of last year and that such committee be composed of men who are experienced in such matters thereby insuring quicker and more satisfactory co-operation with our National Secretary.

4. That a sufficient appropriation be made to enable the Commander-in-Chief to help young and weak Divisions get on their feet when they have demonstrated to him that it would be money well spent.



5. That all Division Officers take office on July 1st, after their election, so that the closing of records and reports will not be delayed by the changing of officers, or quarters split. Bonds of outgoing officers not to be released until everything had been attended to.

6. That the sum of \$40.00 be paid to the Division of Oregon to partially reimburse it for its expenditures in formation.

In conclusion permit me to express sincere regret at my inability to be of more real service to your administration and to the Order, during the past year. I probably will not be with you all at Boston—for just now I do not think it prudent to leave my business, after having been away from it so much—but my heart goes out to the fine fellows who will be there. I sincerely hope the Forty-third Encampment will go down in history as the most constructive and successful the Order has held in years. Now that I am gradually getting along toward "rejuvenation" will be glad to try and do my part toward refuting the belief that "has beens" never do anything more for the Order. With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours in F. C. & L.,

C. RANDALL BUBB,

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

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

West Hoboken, N. J., June 30, 1924.

To Samuel S. Horn,

Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Dear Sir and Brother:

When, at the Forty-second Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, I was elected to the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I realized that this was no empty honor but that the position carried with it certain responsibilities. I well knew that it would be exceedingly difficult for me to emulate the record of my predecessor. I, therefore, approached the task with fear and trembling. However, I have earnestly endeavored to merit the confidence that was placed in me.

Soon after my election and while I was still at Milwaukee, Commander-in-Chief Horn requested me to be of service in a sort of advisory capacity to the Divisions of New York, New Jersey and Maryland and Delaware, particularly in assisting to increase the membership in these Divisions. No definite plans were formulated to accomplish this result and I was permitted to act in a manner to suit myself.

Thereupon, upon my return to my home, I immediately communicated with the Division Commanders of these Divisions, tendering to them my services, and, in most instances, my letters met with a ready response. I also invited suggestions, not only from the Division Commanders but also from other Division officers, from Camp officers and members of the Order; and, during my incumbency, received valuable information for improvement of conditions and for augmenting the membership of our Order.

I also wrote to all of the Camp Commanders of my Division

in order to give a greater impetus to the movement initiated by the National Organization Committee. I visited many of the Camps in my Division and in the New York Division. I attended many meetings and affairs of Posts of the G. A. R., of the Ladies of the G. A. R., of our Auxiliary and of the Woman's Relief Corps, and on all occasions was given the privilege of addressing the meetings. I can confidently report that at all times I was given a cordial welcome and that every act of courtesy was extended to me. I can also report that all of these organizations have shown a keen interest in seeing our Order prosper. Appeals have been made to these organizations to assist in increasing our membership and many times these appeals have met with good results. Without enumerating the results attained, I feel that it might be of interest to the Encampment to recite briefly what took place at a meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps. At this meeting an appeal was made by brothers of my Division and myself for increasing our membership and at the conclusion of this meeting many of the ladies gave us the names and addresses of eligibles. We received the names and addresses of many eligibles and out of the number given we secured the applications of approximately three-fourths, who are now members of the New Jersey Division. I make mention of this because I am firmly convinced that much can be accomplished for augmenting our membership by making appeals to these various organizations.

I also wrote a number of letters to the Division Commanders and other officers and brothers of the Divisions assigned to me, wrote to eligibles and made personal calls on them, and have succeeded in getting the applications of some for both the Divisions of New Jersey and New York.

I regret exceedingly that it was impossible for me to attend all of the Camps and Auxiliaries in these Divisions, but, this could not be done, due to the fact that in addition to my position as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I held the positions of Division Counselor for my Division, Division Counselor for the Auxiliary of my Division, Commander of my Camp and Secretary of the Joint Memorial Day Committee, and I have also been appointed on Committees in the Division of New Jersey and of my Camp.

For approximately two months previous to Memorial Day, the Joint Memorial Day Committee, comprised of members of the G. A. R. Post, Sons of Veterans, Posts of the American Legion, Spanish War Veterans, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and other patriotic and fraternal organizations, held numerous meetings, and I might add that all of these organizations saw fit at the outset to honor a former Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief of our Order as President and myself as Secretary of this Joint Memorial Day Committee and that all of the delegates of these various organizations were so well pleased with the way in which the arrangements for the proper observance of Memorial Day were handled that they urgently requested their respective organizations to authorize and empower their delegates to make a permanent organization of the membership which comprised this Joint Memorial Day Committee. I believe that this is worthy of note, because this was the first time the Post of the G. A. R. left to my Camp the making of all arrangements for

the proper observance of Memorial Day. I believe that our organization has greatly benefited by this first experience.

I have also endeavored to give as much publicity as possible to our Order and wrote some articles for newspapers and Division Circulars. I also secured a large supply of the literature of the National Organization Committee and have seen to the proper distribution thereof.

I feel that the results attained by the Divisions above mentioned speak for themselves and that the officers and membership of these Divisions are to be highly complimented for the work they put forth and the state in which this Encampment now finds these Divisions. I assume that appropriate reports on the results attained will be forthcoming from other sources.

During the past two or three months I have also had the privilege of attending the annual Encampments of the Divisions of New York, New Jersey and Maryland and Delaware. While the Division of Connecticut was not assigned to me, I also took the liberty of attending the annual Encampment of this Division. I witnessed at all these Encampments the zeal with which the work was being carried on and was always given a most cordial welcome.

When I attended Posts of the G. A. R., Camps, Auxiliaries and other organizations, both in New Jersey and in New York, there was hardly an occasion when I did so that a goodly number of the Past Division Commanders of New Jersey and other members of my Division did not accompany me and also address the meetings and make forcible appeals for increasing our membership, and at this time I wish to extend to these brothers who have given their precious time and ability in promoting the principles and objects for which we stand and in assisting in building up our organization my sincere thanks for all they have done. Likewise, the members of various Camps in the Division of New York have journeyed to my State and have shown a wonderful spirit in assisting my Division. I wish to extend my sincere thanks to them. I am of the opinion that this exchange of visits by the Brothers from these Divisions has done much to cement a stronger feeling of fraternity, charity and loyalty among the brothers of these two Divisions.

On my visit to Washington, at the Annual Encampment of the Maryland and Delaware Division, I was informed of the difficulty with which this Division has had to contend, namely, that there were many who are not in harmony with our Order. However, I am informed that this Division is to be complimented for the work done in the face of this difficulty. I have received letters from the Division Commander in regard to this and I can appreciate what he has had to contend with.

My opinion is that the Camps should take advantage of the opportunity afforded them by the Grand Army of the Republic and attend, whenever possible, meetings of the Posts in their vicinities. On all my visits to Posts, the comrades were well pleased to have the brothers attend their meetings, and, in fact, urgently requested that they should do so.

During my term of office, I have had occasion to attend meetings of the Legislature of my State on matters pertaining to the welfare of the G. A. R., and I suggest that Divisions



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which have not already done so make provision for the appointment of a Legislative Committee to assist, whenever required, in any legislation pertaining to the G. A. R. or our organization.

In concluding my term as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I wish to thank Commander-in-Chief Horn for the ready response made by him to all communications sent him and for the many courtesies extended to me. He has exerted himself in every way possible for the up-building of our organization and it was a pleasure for me, in my humble way, to assist in promoting the interests of our noble and worthy Order.

If I have merited the confidence which has been placed in me, I will leave the office with a feeling of great satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

WM. C. KRONMEYER,  
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

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## REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER.

Reading, Pa., August 1, 1924.

To Hon. Samuel S. Horn,  
Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

In this atmosphere of patriotic inspiration it is rather an intrusion to discuss and present other subjects. It is however, essential. This Encampment is the most important in our existence due to the possibility of a change in the Name and Title of our Order. With other subjects for determination this gathering has imposed upon it a responsibility greater than that which confronted any previous Encampment.

A change in the Name or Title will require a large investment. Printing expenses will be exceptional, involving Ritual, new Charters for Divisions and Camps, Constitution and Regulations, new stock of supplies—forms, blanks and books, etc. An estimate of the amount necessary is not less than \$5,000.00 for these items. The funds in hand and per capita tax rate will not meet such conditions. It will also be an obligation for Divisions and Camps, affecting property, paraphernalia and equipment.

No previous administration started with a balance on hand as small as this. Affairs necessarily were economically conducted to meet our obligations. Expenditures authorized in the budget were reduced to amounts that could not be less. These were adhered to.

### BUDGET FOR 1923-1924.

Not having furnished to include in the printed Proceedings (Journal of Forty-second Annual Encampment, 1923). Report of the Council-in-Chief was submitted to this Department as follows:

## RECEIPTS—ESTIMATED.

For per capita tax.	
54,000 members @	
32c .....	\$17280.00
Charter fees, 30 new	
Camps .....	150.00
Junior Order .....	20.00
Interest on bonds....	206.00
Supplies .....	4500.00
Cash balance .....	1180.45

\$24036.45

## DISBURSEMENTS—ESTIMATED.

For The Banner sub-	
scription .....	\$11880.00
Supplies .....	2500.00
Encampment .....	2000.00
Printing .....	100.00
Shipping supplies ...	200.00
Salaries .....	3300.00
Bonds .....	35.00
Expenses Commander-	
in-Chief .....	1500.00
Traveling officers other	
than Com.-in-Chief.	300.00
Office and equipment.	1300.00
Badge Past Command-	
er-in-Chief .....	200.00
Miscellaneous .....	200.00

\$23515.00

## FINANCIAL.

DR.	
Sept. 6, 1923, To bal-	
ance .....	\$ 121.66
Received for:	
Per Capita	
Tax .. ...	\$17323.48
Charter Fees	275.00
Supplies ....	4382.97
Miscellaneous	191.75

To Total Receipts..\$22173.20\$22294.86

CR.	
By General Expenses	\$15094.74
Office Expenses .....	850.09
Commander-in-Chief's	
Expenses .. ...	1337.22
Total Expenditures	\$17282.05
By balance, June 30,	
1924 .. ...	5012.81

\$22294.86

## ITEMIZED RECEIPTS FROM DIVISIONS.

Division:	Per Capita Charter				Total
	Tax	Fees	Supplies	Misc.	
Ala. & Tenn.....	\$ 89.60	\$ 10.00	\$ 35.87	\$	\$ 135.47
Cal. & Pac. ....	445.60	55.00	171.83	.50	672.93
Connecticut . ...	792.96	10.00	169.33		972.29
Illinois .. ...	716.64	10.00	149.68		876.32
Indiana .. ...	747.12	15.00	166.35		928.47
Iowa .. ...	264.00	10.00	125.73		399.73
Kansas .. ...	169.44		26.60		196.04
Maine .. ...	697.88	5.00	219.63		922.51
Maryland .. ...	209.44		89.60		299.04
Massachusetts , .	3011.44	30.00	827.93		3869.37
Michigan .. ...	281.44	5.00	156.65		443.09
Minnesota .. ...	157.28	5.00	53.92		216.20
Missouri .. ...	197.36	5.00	46.40		248.76
Nebraska .. ...	165.36		12.23		177.59
New Hampshire..	369.36	5.00	126.02		500.38
New Jersey .....	573.52		140.60		714.12
New York .....	1659.76	20.00	346.94		2026.70

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Ohio .....	1286.32	20.00	344.01	1650.33
Oregon .....	117.76	15.00	132.41	265.17
Pennsylvania .....	4237.44	15.00	564.98	4817.42
Rhode Island .....	200.64	10.00	100.24	310.88
Vermont .....	381.28	5.00	116.32	502.60
Washington .....	185.68	5.00	80.94	271.62
Wisconsin .....	366.16	20.00	152.84	538.80
Miscellaneous .....			24.23	24.23
Junior Order .....			1.89	1.89
Interest on Bonds .....			191.25	191.25
Total Receipts .....	\$17323.48	\$275.00	\$4382.97	\$191.75
				\$22173.20

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

## General Expenses:

For Supplies .....	\$1649.68
The Banner, September, 1923-June, 1924, inc., Subscription .....	9609.22
Encampment (1923), printing and shipping Journal to Divisions .....	725.37
Printing .....	101.25
Shipping Supplies .....	156.72
Salary .....	2750.00
Bonds .....	27.50
Miscellaneous .....	75.00

\$15094.74

## Office Expenses:

For Wrapping Paper and Twine .....	\$ 5.53
Postage .....	131.60
Express .....	7.18
Telegrams .....	6.23
Stationery, National Officers .....	96.58
Rent .....	585.00
Miscellaneous .....	17.97

\$ 850.09

## Commander-in-Chief's Expenses:

For Postage, Telegrams .....	\$ 30.49
Traveling .....	1301.73
Office .....	5.00

\$ 1337.22

Total Expenditures .....\$17282.05

## VOUCHERS.

No.	To Whom Drawn and Account of:	Amount
1.	G. B. Kostenbader, engrossing commissions .....	\$ 2.50
2.	Maryland Casualty Co., bonds Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary-Treasurer .....	27.50
3.	Wm. O. Flatt & Brother., stationery National Officers .....	55.51
4.	M. J. Earl, mailing tubes .....	9.05
5.	S. S. Horn, Commander-in-Chief, expense a/c Sep- tember .....	11.86
6.	Quaker City Stencil Works, seal presses .....	10.38



7.	Wm. O. Flatt & Brother, stationery National Officers	
8.	S. S. Horn, Commander-in-Chief, expense a/c October	14.07
9.	The Robbins Co., supplies	5.52
10.	L. S. Ramsey, supplies and printing	375.00
11.	H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, stock, printing, shipping supplies, salary, expense a/c August-November, 1923, inc.	25.09
12.	The Banner, subscription balance, August-September, November, inc.	1238.74
13.	S. S. Horn, Commander-in-Chief, expense a/c November	2874.12
14.	Quaker City Stencil Co., seal press	6.48
15.	The Banner, subscription, December	5.30
16.	H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, expense a/c December, shipping supplies, etc.	959.75
17.	M. J. Earl, wrapping paper	27.19
18.	Colonial Trust Co., rent, January-March, inc.	5.53
19.	S. S. Horn, Commander-in-Chief, expense a/c December	195.00
20.	The Robbins Co., supplies	2.14
21.	S. S. Horn, Commander-in-Chief, expense a/c January	260.00
22.	The Robbins Co., supplies	14.98
23.	Quaker City Stencil Co., seal presses	40.21
24.	The Banner, subscription (January, \$963.00; February, \$961.73) Journal 1923 Milwaukee Encampment, shipping, etc., \$725.37	16.68
25.	S. S. Horn, Commander-in-Chief, expense a/c February	2650.10
26.	Quaker City Stencil Co., seal press	116.82
27.	The Robbins Co., supplies	5.75
28.	The Banner, subscription, March	260.00
29.	H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, salary, expense a/c January-March, inc.	959.60
30.	Colonial Trust Co., rent April-June, inc.	923.87
31.	Wm. O. Flatt & Brother, stationery	195.00
32.	Geo. W. Billman & Co., insurance on supplies	3.00
33.	S. S. Horn, Commander-in-Chief, expense a/c March	13.97
34.	S. S. Horn, Commander-in-Chief, expense a/c April	182.75
35.	S. S. Horn, Commander-in-Chief, expense a/c April	80.93
36.	S. S. Horn, Commander-in-Chief, expense a/c April	150.00
37.	H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, supplies and expense a/c April	38.40
38.	The Banner, subscription April	151.82
39.	Wm. O. Flatt & Brother, stationery	960.52
40.	Arnold's Book Bindery, supplies	4.75
41.	S. S. Horn, Commander-in-Chief, expense a/c May	215.00
42.	The Robbins Co., supplies	519.78
43.	L. S. Ramsey, supplies	260.00
44.	The Banner, subscription (May \$967.26), supplies, printing	23.20
45.	G. B. Kostenbader, engrossing	1028.73
46.	Wm. O. Flatt & Brother, stationery and printing	3.75
47.	H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, expense a/c May	8.25
48.	S. S. Horn, Commander-in-Chief, expense a/c June	40.00
49.	Quaker City Stencil Co., seal press	150.00
		5.41

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	The Banner, subscription, June, 1924.....	963.23
50.	G. B. Kostenbader, engrossing .....	4.50
51.	H. H. Hammer, National Secretary-Treasurer, salary and expense a/c June .....	927.75
52.	Colonial Trust Co., rent (3 months).....	195.00
53.	S. S. Horn, Commander-in-Chief, expense a/c June .....	57.56
54.		

Total Amount Vouchers .....\$17282.05

## SUPPLIES.

Requisitions are too numerous from the smaller Divisions. Better results will follow and business expedited if orders for supplies from Camps are promptly shipped by Divisions. In many instances requisitions from Camps cannot be filled by Divisions until they order and receive such supplies from Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters. This is unsatisfactory and a delay to Camps. All Division Headquarters should have and be required to carry a stock of supplies on hand thereby being prepared to fill orders from Camps. Divisions should share the investment and obligation of the Commandery-in-Chief in this item. Requisitions from Divisions frequently are in amounts as low as ten (10) cents and follow in succeeding mails. Better business methods should prevail.

A new stock of supplies will, to a large extent, be required in the event of a change in Name or Title of the Order. Our Forms and many of the supplies will have to be revised. They should be reduced in number, improved in quality and with better material necessarily improved grade to furnish and higher prices to charge.

To cost of supplies on hand August 20, 1923.....\$3822.41  
Cost of supplies purchased ..... 1649.68

Cost of supplies to account for.....\$5472.09

Cost of supplies on hand August 1, 1924.....\$2908.92

Cost of supplies sold .....\$2563.17

To amount received for supplies .....\$4382.97

Cost of supplies sold.....\$2563.17

Cost of supplies to National Officers..... 1.35

Cost of shipping supplies ..... 156.72

Cost of wrapping paper and twine ..... 5.53

Paid express on supplies received ..... 6.63

Total cost supplies sold, etc.....\$2733.40

Profit .....\$1649.57

Number of requisitions received and filled—260.

## THE JUNIOR ORDER.

Practically abandoned by Divisions, not a new Camp having been organized in the past several years, little interest and less knowledge of it in the Divisions generally, it is almost nil. The investment was not a success, the business transacted being negligible and no improvement or advancement in any degree from several years past. Either the Junior Order should be encouraged, developed and made a success, or dropped. The last reports showed 6 Camps and 164 members, a loss of 3 Camps and 13 members.

## JUNIOR ORDER REPORT FOR 1923.

Division.	In Good Standing Dec. 31, 1922.		Gain.	Aggregate.		Loss.		In Good Standing Dec. 31, 1923.		Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1922.	Amount Received, 1923.	Expended, 1923.	Balance Cash Dec. 31, 1923.
	Camps	Members		Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members				
Maine ...	2	90	...	2	90	3	90	2	90	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
Mass. ...	2	28	4	2	32	...	1	2	31	151.82	7.30	3.42	155.70
Penna. ..	4	59	...	4	59	3	16	1	43	60.88	104.60	83.51	81.94
Total	9	177	4	9	181	6	107	6	164	\$212.70	\$111.90	\$86.93	\$237.64

## SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

To cost of supplies on hand August 20, 1923.....	\$288.61
Cost of supplies on hand June 30, 1924.....	287.48
Cost of supplies sold .....	\$ 1.13
Amount received for supplies .....	\$ 1.85
Cost of supplies sold .....	\$1.13
Cost of shipping .....	.13
Total cost .....	\$ 1.26
Profit .....	\$ 0.59

## NATIONAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

The Forty-second Encampment provided that this Committee's financial proceedings should be reported to and made a part of this Department in receipt and disbursement of the Committee's funds. The Council-in-Chief directed that all bills should be passed on by it, approved and vouchers paid as other or the Commandery-in-Chief's accounts are handled. This plan could not be observed with good business results. Obligations were too long continued, the credit of the Order would not be sustained and delay more or less in many features interfered with proper facilitating the work and enterprise as well as financial transactions at Headquarters. The course ordered to be followed was modified and accounts met as indicated in the monthly Financial Statements appearing in each issue of The Banner, officially promulgated.

Good business and experience impels the suggestion that the National Organization Committee be authorized to function independently and separately in the finances and accounts of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The 1923 Encampment ordered "That so much thereof (the Permanent Reserve Fund—\$7,000) as necessary, under the supervision of the Council-in-Chief, be expended for the extension and development of the work of the National Organization Committee." In accordance therewith the transactions follow:



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## RECEIPTS.

Date	From	Amount
1923—		
Sept. 14,	A. D. Rhinesmith, Chairman.....	\$ 667.97
Sept. 24,	A. D. Rhinesmith .....	84.10
Oct. 31,	Reading National Bank, sale Third Liberty Bond (\$1,000) .....	994.14
Nov. 26,	Reading National Bank, sale International and Great Northern Railway Collateral Mortgage Note (\$2,000) .....	1030.29
Nov. 26,	A. D. Rhinesmith, Chairman .....	117.50
Dec. 28,	A. D. Rhinesmith, Chairman .....	74.50
1924—		
Jan. 25,	A. D. Rhinesmith, Chairman .....	27.35
Feb. 26,	A. D. Rhinesmith, Chairman .....	89.35
Mar. 17,	Reading National Bank, sale Third Liberty (\$1,000) Bond .....	999.81
Mar. 22,	A. D. Rhinesmith, Chairman .....	96.25
April 23,	A. D. Rhinesmith, Chairman .....	29.30
May 26,	A. D. Rhinesmith, Chairman .....	20.50
June 14,	A. D. Rhinesmith, Chairman .....	2.00
June 23,	A. D. Rhinesmith, Chairman .....	97.82
June 27,	A. D. Rhinesmith, Chairman .....	152.18
Total Receipts .....		\$4483.06

DR.

To Receipts:

Sept. 14, 1923-June 30, 1924, inc.  
 From A. D. Rhinesmith,  
 Chairman ... .. \$1458.82  
 Sale Bonds and Col-  
 lateral Notes (\$4,-  
 000) .....

3024.24

\$4483.06

CR.

By Disbursements:

Sept. 1923-June 30, 1924:  
 By Vouchers ..... \$4107.18  
 By Balance, June 30,  
 1924 .....

375.88

\$4483.06

## VOUCHERS.

No.	To Whom Paid:	Account:	Amount.
1.	Monarch Printing Co.,	printing pamphlets.....	\$ 707.88
2.	F. A. Crosby,	dictation and copying.....	15.45
3.	The Banner,	report .....	14.97
4.	Fred E. Upham,	rent typewriter, dictation, postage, etc. ....	27.09
5.	F. A. Crosby,	stenography .....	5.05
6.	Monarch Printing Co.,	printing pamphlets.....	206.00
7.	Arthur D. Rhinesmith,	September-October expense a/c salary, rent, typewriter, office rent, light, ex- press, postage, etc.....	337.43
8.	F. A. Crosby,	copying .....	1.50
9.	Monarch Printing Co.,	printing pamphlets .....	147.25
10.	Fred E. Upham,	expense a/c October-November....	24.98
11.	Arthur D. Rhinesmith,	expense a/c November....	308.75
12.	Arthur D. Rhinesmith,	expense a/c December ....	270.15
13.	Fred E. Upham,	expense a/c December.....	39.24

14.	Monarch Printing Co., printing pamphlets .....	131.25
15.	The Banner, printing, copying, postage.....	12.91
16.	Arthur D. Rhinesmith, expense a/c January .....	169.30
17.	Fred E. Upham, expense a/c January .....	30.48
18.	Monarch Printing Co., printing pamphlets.....	30.50
19.	Arthur D. Rhinesmith, expense a/c February .....	159.86
20.	Fred E. Upham, expense a/c February.....	24.22
21.	Monarch Printing Co., printing pamphlets .....	147.90
22.	F. A. Crosby, dictation .....	7.10
23.	Arthur D. Rhinesmith, expense a/c March .....	138.94
24.	Monarch Printing Company, printing folders, etc..	159.00
25.	F. A. Crosby, dictation .....	8.25
26.	Fred E. Upham, expense a/c March .....	15.88
27.	Arthur D. Rhinesmith, expense a/c April .....	162.37
28.	Fred E. Upham, expense a/c April .....	18.49
29.	Monarch Printing Co., printing .....	9.00
30.	The A. B. C. Letter Shop, dictation, copying, mimeo- graphing .....	21.50
31.	Arthur D. Rhinesmith, expense a/c May .....	127.98
32.	Monarch Printing Co., printing folders.....	33.00
33.	The A. B. C. Letter Shop, dictation, booklet, blanks	33.50
34.	Fred E. Upham, expense a/c May .....	63.20
35.	The A. B. C. Letter Shop, dictation, mimeograph- ing, printing .....	280.85
36.	Fred E. Upham, expense a/c May-June .....	23.12
37.	Arthur D. Rhinesmith, expense a/c June .....	152.18
Total .....		\$4107.18

#### CAMPS—MEMBERSHIP: IN DIVISIONS.

The number of Camps and Members in Divisions June 30, 1924, with gains and losses the past year, is shown following.

For the first time in many years more Divisions have shown gains and fewer Divisions, only four (4), losses. There are causes for this based on practical and proper ground. This is particularly the case with respect to your Division, which for personal reasons are not specialized. In the other Divisions measures for practical results and actual conditions rather than doubtful existence of Camps turned over to effect the reported membership real. Usually in our annual reports it has been the record that half of the Divisions made gains, the remaining Divisions showed losses.

The Division of Massachusetts has again shown the largest gain. This is a consistent record that this Division has. It has lead in gains each year for some time. The Divisions that desire the same results only need to employ similar methods of activity, interest, management and policy in promptly dispatching business, inspire the patriotism of the membership.

The other Divisions showing increased membership and gains are to be commended for the results they have produced.

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## MEMBERSHIP IN DIVISIONS.

Division:	June 30, 1923		June 30, 1924		Gain		Loss	
	Camps	Mem.	Camps	Mem.	Cps.	Mb.	Cps.	Mb.
Ala. & Tenn....	11	264	12	302	1	38		
Cal. & Pac. ...	31	1294	35	1483	4	189		
Connecticut ...	41	2382	42	2529	1	147		
Illinois .....	52	2225	54	2272	2	47		
Indiana .....	29	2278	32	2345	3	67		
Iowa .....	20	757	21	846	1	89		
Kansas .....	24	716	22	639			2	77
Maine .....	41	2116	43	2225	2	109		
Maryland .....	10	622	10	671		49		
Massachusetts.	149	9249	149	9490		241		
Michigan .....	21	846	22	906	1	60		
Minnesota .....	15	466	14	499		33	1	
Missouri .....	15	661	13	607			2	54
Nebraska .....	18	595	14	507			4	85
New Hampshire	34	1126	34	1188		62		
New Jersey ...	27	1746	27	1847		101		
New York ....	110	5120	112	5256	2	136		
Ohio .....	89	4195	91	4033	2			162
Oregon .....			13	399	3			
Pennsylvania ..	167	13358	171	13250	4			108
Rhode Island ..	13	560	15	677	2	117		
Vermont .....	39	1186	37	1210		24	2	
Wash. (& Ore.)	21	943	11	600		56		
Wisconsin ....	26	1025	27	1180	1	155		
Total .....	1003	53730	1021	54961	29	1720	11	487
Gain .....			18	1231				

	Camps	Membership
1922 .....	1018	53549
1921 .....	1022	52135
1920 .....	1057	51062
1919 .....	1125	51819

The Division of Oregon was organized from the Camps in that State attached to the Division of Washington, Oregon Camps having been transferred in the September quarter, 1923. The gain shown under Washington Division also includes a gain made by the Division of Oregon.

## RECAPITULATION.

No.	Gain:	Camps		Members	
		June 30, 1923		1003	53730
By Organization and Initiation..		51	5650		
Transfer ...		10	462		
Reinstatement ...		5	328		
Total Gain .....				66	6449
Aggregate ...				1069	60170



Loss:			
By Disbanded .....	22	390	
Death ....		444	
Honorable Discharge .....		204	
Transfer .....	10	408	
Dropped .....	16	3768	
Dishonorable Discharge ....		1	
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Total Loss .....		48	5209
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No. in good standing June 30, 1924.....	1021		54961

Cash in Division Treasuries .....	\$ 7068.59
Cash in Camp Treasuries .....	130270.25
Expended for Relief .....	46916.71
No. members or their families relieved .....	828
No. veterans or their families relieved .....	376

## NEW CAMPS.

More new Camps have been instituted the past year than for several terms past, as follows:

Division:	Camp Applications Approved	Number Applicants	Camps Instituted	Charter Members
Alabama & Tennessee..	2	40	2	44
California & Pacific....	11	321	10	243
Connecticut ..	2	46	2	36
Illinois ...	2	140	2	140
Indiana .....	3	243	3	196
Iowa .....	2	42	1	31
Maine .....	1	37	1	23
Massachusetts ...	6	177	6	222
Michigan .....	1	15	1	15
Minnesota ...	1	20		
Missouri .....	1	21	1	18
New Hampshire .....	1	16	1	16
New York .....	4	124	4	116
Ohio ...	4	123	4	116
Oregon ...	3	92	3	52
Pennsylvania ....	4	83	4	317
Rhode Island .....	2	45	2	42
Vermont .....	1	18	1	20
Washington .....	1	18	1	18
Wisconsin .....	4	85	4	86
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Total .....	56	1706	54	1818
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1923 .....	27	674	24	632
1922 .....	36	1137	37	1221
1921 .....	38	1279	38	1210
1920 .....	40	1243	37	1115
1919 .....	11	407	12	427

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## PERMANENT RESERVE FUND.

BY:

TO: Sept 6, 1923:		
International & Great Northern Ry. 3 year 5% Collateral Note .....	\$2000.00	Sold for .....\$1030.29
Second Liberty Loan U. S. Bonds, 4 1/4 % .....	2500.00	Sold 1 (\$1000) for 994.14
Third Liberty Loan U. S. Bonds, 4 1/4 % .....	2500.00	Sold 1 (\$1000) for 999.81
	<u>\$7000.00</u>	

Aug. 1, 1924:	
Second Liberty Loan Bonds .....	\$2500.00
Third Liberty Loan Bonds .....	500.00

Total in Permanent Reserve Fund .....	\$3000.00	<u>\$3024.24</u>
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## REFERENDUM.

At the Forty-second Annual Encampment it was ordered:

"That for the purpose of further prosecuting the National Organization plans, the Commandery-in-Chief hereby submits on referendum to the several Divisions the following proposal:

That there shall be levied and collected from each Division a special assessment in an amount not exceeding a sum equal to twenty-five (25) cents per capita of the total membership of the Division, the method of raising said sum to be determined by each Division.

That the several Divisions be requested to consider the foregoing proposal at their next Annual Encampments, and give appropriate instructions to their delegates to the next Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, to the end that the Commandery-in-Chief may at that time take action.

That it shall be the duty of the members of the National Organization Committee to fully inform the several Divisions, at or before their next Annual Encampments, of the full report of the foregoing proposal, and of the necessity for raising said sum of money in order to carry forward in a large and systematic way the welfare and upbuilding of the Order of Sons of Veterans."

"That one (\$1.00) Dollar of every initiation fee shall go into the work of the Organization Committee, be submitted to the Divisions for action at their Division Encampments and report to the next Commandery-in-Chief Encampment."

The returns on the propositions stated, duly referred to the various Divisions, will be received at this Encampment by report from Divisions as directed.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.

It was also ordered (and the instructions duly complied with, all Divisions having been notified):

"That change in the age for eligibility to membership from eighteen (18) to sixteen (16) years in the Order be referred to

the Divisions for ratification at Division Encampments, as provided by Article Eight (8) of the Constitution, as follows:

CONSTITUTION—Article III, Page 3—Eligibility to Membership—In line three strike out the second word "eighteen" and insert in lieu thereof the word "sixteen" so that it will read:

### ARTICLE III.

#### Eligibility to Membership.

"All male descendants, whether through the paternal or maternal line, not less than sixteen (16) 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 \* \* \* \*"

Returns from Encampments reported are as follows:

Division.	Favor.		Opposed.		Favor.		Opposed.	
	Amendment to Constitution, Eligibility be 16 years:		Initiation fee—to Organization Committee:		25 cents to be levied per capita for organization work:			
Ala. & Tenn..	12		12		12			
Cal. & Pac. (No vote given)	Unanimous		Unanimous		Unanimous			
Connecticut ..	30	53		79		79		
Illinois .. . .	28		5	24	6	21		
Iowa .. . . .	25			25	2	23		
Indiana .....								
Kansas, (No vote given)	"Yes"		"Yes"		"Yes"			
Maine .. . . .	28	17		50		54		
Maryland ....	28	2		30	1	29		
Massachusetts..	30	274		320		331		
Michigan ....	20	8	3	25	3	25		
Minnesota ....								
Missouri .....	8	14		35		35		
Nebraska .....								
New Hampshire	33	8		43		39		
New Jersey ..	101			101		101		
New York ....		156		156		156		
Ohio .. . . .	118			118		118		
Oregon .....								
Pennsylvania..	356	1		357		357		
Rhode Island..								
Vermont .. . .	41	11		50		47		
Washington ..								
Wisconsin ....								
Totals . . .	846	556	20	1413	24	1415		

#### OFFICIAL ORGAN—THE BANNER.

The members of a number of Camps do not receive THE BANNER, due to the neglect or failure of the Camp Secretaries to transmit the rolls of membership. Division Officers have been repeatedly urged to obtain the names and addresses of such Camps. Division Commanders and Division Secretaries generally are not interested in the extent they should be in this



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respect. They have some means, there is some method and they have authority to secure the names and addresses of members of Camps and as every member of the Order is entitled to and should receive the Official Organ each month they should be held accountable for this omission. Camp Officers not receiving The Banner are without necessary information to conduct their business and have their Camps properly function. In most instances these Camps are delinquent and reflect no credit to the Order.

Camp Secretaries in many instances are woefully negligent in an important duty and thereby cause an unnecessary outlay or expenditure of our funds—Divisions as well as the Commandery-in-Chief. This is in respect to their failure to report Dropped Members. These should be immediately reported to Division Headquarters and from there to The Banner, so that they will not receive The Banner and no payment of or to The Banner made for such—not members of the Order. This check or taking from the mailing list such, is universally at the end of a quarter. A quarter's reports are not received as promptly and as soon as they should be transmitted. If Dropped Members were reported promptly, when Dropped, we would in many instances not be obliged to pay for members receiving the paper after they are dropped and providing copies that otherwise should not be a charge or an expense.

It is the duty of Camp Secretaries to immediately report a member dropped so that the mailing list will be up to date and contain the names or members actually on the roll of a Camp and only to pay The Banner for such.

THE BANNER is our medium for the promulgation of patriotic and necessary communications, leading to the interest and activity of the members of the Order. Through it interest, service and results, good for the Order obtained. If Divisions would take the opportunity and advantage at their disposal, as some do, through THE BANNER—its influence, its large field, and disposition to be used for the Order, to be helpful to Divisions, Camps, and Members, much could be accomplished that is now not achieved. Every possible help is offered by THE BANNER, and the Editor A. S. Holbrook is at the service of the Order for its advancement, upbuilding and influence.

## HARDING MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION FUND.

Contributions to this fund explained in detail by the Committee and promulgated for the information of the members of the Order have been received in accordance with plans outlined by the Committee. The returns have not been completed, the various Divisions receiving same from Camps and Members and transmitting them to this Department. Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman, Chairman of the Committee, has been representing the Order in the conclusion and delivery of our fund to the officials of the Memorial Association for which Certificates of Membership have been received and forwarded at the instance of the Chairman to Divisions.

Contributions have been received from Divisions as follows:

FORTY-THIRD

Massachusetts .....	
Ohio .....	\$13.00
Oregon .....	11.00
Pennsylvania .....	13.00
Vermont .....	11.00
Washington .....	8.00
	10.00
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	\$66.00

Nearly all Divisions have advised that completed contributions will be reported and delivered at this Encampment.

#### GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Honored by the action of the last National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in the privilege to attend meetings of the Posts, our members very largely have obligated themselves to this as a duty and attend the Post meetings. It is a confidence that reports indicate has been worthy of bestowal. It is a pleasure to report the most harmonious, cordial and pleasant relations between Comrades and Members, Posts and Camps exist thereby. Results also are most beneficial through the assistance our members now render Posts, the duties they perform for Comrades. This privilege is highly regarded and considered a great honor. Cordial and sincere fraternal association with Posts, Departments and Comrades prevails. It is a reflection creditable to our Order and on our patriotic duty. It proves the regard for and loyalty to our principles.

#### SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY.

The Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, U. S. A., continues to render splendid support to our Order. Helpful in many channels and of benefit to a great extent, this society of patriotic ladies is a power in influence and for accomplishment to the advantage and upbuilding of Camps. Every Camp that has the association and assistance of an Auxiliary has the attested and established experience of success, most valuable co-operation in patriotic achievement, social and financial results. This should be the convincing necessity for and the earnest desire to have an Auxiliary by every Camp not benefitting by this highly important feature and assured asset.

#### AFFILIATED ORDERS.

The Daughters of Veterans, Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Association of Army Nurses, Patriotic Federated Societies of the G. A. R., have been most cordial in their co-operation with and for assistance to us that our mutual interests required. They have been most helpful in all our affairs. Our appreciation is our obligation to each of these patriotic associations. Our service to them is a duty.

#### CONCLUSION.

The earnest desire you have always demonstrated for service and to serve is appreciated throughout the Order. Held in the highest esteem and regard, you have the hearty good will and affection of the membership. Ending this term of office closes for you an active continuous service—days, weeks and

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years in behalf of Camp, Division and the Commandery-in-Chief of a period of over thirty-five years. It is a record that merits the honor and confidence this honorable body has bestowed upon you. It has honored itself in the recognition it distinguished you with—to enroll you as a Past Commander-in-Chief. Our intimacy and association during all these years permits the expression of the great personal pleasure for these honors and the reward therein to you; and that they have not been misplaced but that all is deserved and warranted for long, faithful, successful and unstinted service.

For your many courtesies, as well as the National Officers, to you and to them I am deeply appreciative and tender sincere thanks.

## SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

## NATIONAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE FUND.

DR.	CR.
1924:	By Vouchers, Expenditures for printing...\$610.10
June 30, To balance....\$375.88	August interest transferred to Comd'y-in-Chief Fund, 1924-'25, on Bank Balance transferred to Comd'y-in-Chief Fund, 1924-'25.. 1.42
Interest on bank balances . . . . \$ 11.63	
Aug. 13, Rec'd from F. E. Upham for Committee . . . 3.81	
Aug. 14, Rec'd from F. E. Upham for Committee . . . 100.27	
From Comd'y-in-Chief Funds, by order 43rd Encampment, to pay Committee accounts . . . 119.93	
Total Receipts .....\$235.64	
Total . . . . . \$611.52	Total .....\$611.52

## VOUCHERS.

No.	To Whom Paid:	Account:	Amount.
38.	The Banner, printing .....		\$ 32.73
39.	Monarch Printing Co., printing .....		45.50
40.	The A. B. C. Letter Shop, printing, books, binding..		531.87
41.	H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, interest on bank balance to transfer to General account, Commandery-in-Chief .....		1.42
			<u>\$611.52</u>



## SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

FORTY-THIRD

DR.

## GENERAL FUND.

Aug. 10, '24, To balance ... \$5012.81  
 Received for:  
 P. C. Tax ..... \$51.12  
 Charter Fee .... 5.00  
 Interest on Bank  
 Balances .. .. 36.38

Total Receipts ..... \$ 92.50

\$5105.31

CR.

By General Expenses.. \$3256.03  
 Office Expenses ..... 35.42  
 Commander-in-Chief's  
 Expenses ... .. 162.78

Total Expenses ..... \$3454.23

By Balance ..... 1651.08

\$5105.31

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

## General Expenses—

For: The Banner Subscription, July, 1924.... \$ 966.77  
 The Banner Subscription, August, 1924. 967.76  
 Encampment ..... 1096.40  
 Printing ..... 18.75  
 Shipping Supplies ..... 1.42  
 Miscellaneous ..... 187.93  
 Officers other than Commander-in-Chief and  
 National Secretary-Treasurer ..... 17.00

\$3256.03

## Office Expenses—

For Postage, Express, Telegrams, Stationery, July-  
 August ..... \$ 35.42  
 Commander-in-Chief's Expenses—  
 For Postage, Traveling, Office ..... \$ 162.78

Total Expenditures ..... \$3454.23

## VOUCHERS.

No.	To Whom Paid:	Account:	Amount.
55.	The Banner, subscription, July (\$966.77) August (\$967.76)	Encampment Roll, Officers Reports (\$156.64)	\$2091.17
56.	Edwin C. Irelan, National Counselor, Encampment expenses		21.86
57.	Park F. Yengling, Council-in-Chief, Encampment expenses (\$85.49) and office (\$10.00)		95.49
58.	Frank C. Huston, National Chaplain, Encampment expenses		42.81
59.	Wm. C. Kronmeyer, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Encampment expenses		10.00
60.	Charles R. Hale, Council-in-Chief, Encampment expenses		60.00
61.	Felix A. Kremer, Council-in-Chief, Encampment expenses (\$137.50) and office (\$2.00)		139.50
62.	Wm. L. Anderson, National Patriotic Instructor, office expenses		5.00
63.	H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, transferred to National Organization Committee Fund by direction 43rd Encampment		119.93

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61.	H. H. Hammer, National Secretary-Treasurer, Encampment expenses (\$115.80) printing (\$18.75) shipping supplies (\$1.42) miscellaneous (\$3.00) supplies; postage, telegrams, stationery July-August .....	174.39
65.	S. S. Horn, Commander-in-Chief, postage, traveling office .....	162.78
66.	John H. Harrison, stenographic report Encampment .....	269.30
67.	S. S. Horn, Secretary Dues Federated Patriotic Societies (G. A. R.) .....	25.00
68.	C. E. Foster, Division Commander Division of Oregon, refund, cost of institution Division of Oregon, Encampment action .....	40.00
Total Amount Vouchers.....		\$3454.23

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## PERMANENT RESERVE FUND.

1924:	Sale to Reading National Bank	
Aug. 1, Total Fund ... \$3000.00	by order 43rd Encampment:	
	1 \$500 2nd Loan Bond \$510.71	
	1 \$500 3rd Loan Bond. 519.25	
		\$1029.96
	By Appropriation Hard-	
	ing Memorial Associa-	
	tion Fund .....	\$1000.00
	By commission on sale	1.00
	By Transfer to General	
	Fund .....	28.96
Aug. 14, Balance: Sec-		
ond Liberty Loan		
Bonds ... ..	\$2000.00	\$1029.96

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. &amp; L.,

H. H. HAMMER,

National Secretary-Treasurer.

## REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR.

Baltimore, Md., June 28, 1924.

Mr. Samuel S. Horn,

Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Dear Sir and Brother:

You are informed that only one decision was rendered during your administrative year, which is indicative of harmony and equanimity existing throughout our Order.

My formal opinion is as follows:

"January 25, 1924.

Hon. Samuel S. Horn,

Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans,

City Hall, Easton, Pa.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

You have referred to me for an opinion the petition of Charles C. Behnke, Past Division Commander, Jacob J. Nack,

Fred Brown, John Schuh, Henry Weber, Past Camp Commanders, and Wilbur F. Kirgan, Representative, all being Sons of Veterans of the Division of Missouri, Camp 5, wherein complaint is made against Past Division Commander Schumacher, and requesting a court martial of said Past Division Commander Schumacher, for reasons charged and specified in the said petition.

The petition should be returned to the petitioners and no jurisdiction assumed for the following reasons:

First. The petition fails to show that the Missouri Division or the Camp to which Past Division Commander Schumacher is an accredited member has failed or neglected to act upon the charges and specifications set forth in said petition, which charges and specifications are within the jurisdiction of the Missouri Division or Camp of which Past Division Commander Schumacher is a member.

Section 1 of Article VII of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations entitled "Discipline" provides

The Commander-in-Chief shall have original jurisdiction over charges preferred against Divisions of the Order and also against members and Camps, when Camps or Divisions fail or neglect to act upon any breach of discipline within their jurisdiction.

Second. The petition fails to disclose a strict adherence to Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Order.

Third. No evidence or proof is submitted nor do the charges and specifications set forth any facts to show that the circumstances are extraordinary, and, therefore, no reason exists for the Commander-in-Chief to assume jurisdiction over the charges and specifications set forth in the said petition.

See Section 6 of Article VII of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

The petition requesting court martial of Past Division Commander Schumacher is herewith returned.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN C. IRELAN.

National Counselor."

January 26, 1924.

The opinion of National Counselor Edwin C. Ireland, dated January 23, 1924, in re: Petition of Charles C. Behnke and others of Camp 5, Division of Missouri for Court Martial of Past Division Commander Schumacher of said Division, is herewith approved, and the petition is returned to the petitioners.

Chapter V, Constitution, Rules and Regulations, Article VII, covering Discipline, pages 54 to 57 inclusive, provide for the method of procedure, the manner and form, to whom and how made, nature of penalties, and course of appeal from any decision.

Neither the Commander-in-Chief nor the Commandery-in-Chief has any jurisdiction in this matter until it shall have been brought before it under due process and observance of the laws applicable thereto.



Divisions.	Name of Division Chaplain Reporting.	
Alabama & Tennessee.....	E. H. George, Lynn Haven, Fla.....	J
California & Pacific.....	S. A. Drummond, Sawtelle .....	J
Connecticut .....	Roderick R. Hazzard, Ansonia .....	J
Illinois .....	Geo. H. Wheeler, Belvidere .....	J
Indiana .....	Rev. W. H. Todd, Terre Haute.....	J
Iowa .....	Stewart Houck, Independence .....	J
Kansas .....	Eugene Kramer, Emporia .....	J
Maine .....	Charles F. Ridlon, Norway .....	J
Maryland .....	Samuel F. Zinn, Grafton, W. Va.....	J
Massachusetts .....	Rev. R. J. Davis, Arlington Heights..	J
Michigan .....	C. C. Krum, Ypsilanti .....	J
Minnesota .....	E. J. Storms, Minneapolis .....	J
Missouri .....	Leon L. Roberts, Kansas City .....	J
Nebraska .....	Jay E. Moore, Tecumseh .....	J
New Hampshire .....	Carl Fimer, Lebanon .....	J
New Jersey .....	George C. Krown, Gloucester .....	J
New York .....	Rev. Gilbert A. Shaw, Medina .....	J
Ohio .....	Rev. F. C. Anderson, Mansfield .....	J
Oregon.....	Rev. F. M. Fisher, Milwaukee.....	J
Pennsylvania .....	Oliver F. Crawford, North East.....	J
Rhode Island .....	Chas. C. Hall, Pawtucket .....	J
Vermont .....	Rev. C. C. Creegan, Northfield .....	J
Washington.....	Ralph Rait, Bellingham .....	J
Wisconsin .....	Rev. C. D. Mayhew, Sheboygan Falls..	J

# CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CHAPLAIN.

Divisions.	Name of Division Chaplain Reporting.	Date the report was received.	Number of Brothers Belonging to Camp.	No. of Brothers Participating in Mem. Day Observances.	Number of Brothers Armed and in Line.	Number of Brothers Unformed in Line.	Number of Firing Squads Furnished.	Number of Memorial Day Addresses by S. of V.	Number of Brothers Attending Services Memorial Sun.	Number of Camps Observing Union Defenders Day.	Number of Deaths in Camp in last 12 Months.	G. A. R. S. V.	Number of Funerals attended by Camp in a Body.	G. A. R. S. V.	Number of Burials conducted by Camp.	"A" Did Camp Use Memorial Service?	"B"	Number of cemeteries covered by members of the Camp.	Number of flags placed on Veterans' graves.	Number of graves of Veterans given attention.	Number of Camps Reporting.	Number of Camps Not Reporting.	Per Cent of Camps Reporting.
Alabama & Tennessee.....	E. H. George, Lynn Haven, Fla.....	July 10	302	199	0	0	2	16	233	8	2	27	1	1	1	0	0	32	23011	23011	12	0	100
California & Pacific.....	S. A. Drummond, Sawtelle .....	July 15	638	270	50	10	2	7	136	3	14	37	6	3	0	0	0	29	1458	1097	10	22	31
Connecticut .....	Roderick R. Hazzard, Ansonia .....	July 5	1930	792	49	66	2	61	465	12	10	19	7	14	1	0	0	214	12218	9876	24	18	57
Illinois .....	Geo. H. Wheeler, Belvidere .....	July 1	614	435	92	61	13	43	166	4	12	17	1	9	2	2	0	80	4280	4354	11	38	26
Indiana .....	Rev. W. H. Todd, Terre Haute.....	July 1	2083	749	28	18	5	17	390	5	16	8	1	6	8	0	0	83	29273	29273	24	8	75
Iowa .....	Stewart Houck, Independence .....	June 24	252	225	0	0	0	4	129	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	3828	3828	9	13	40
Kansas .....	Eugene Kramer, Emporia .....	June 17	396	223	17	21	2	10	177	2	4	14	3	2	1	0	1	34	5051	3859	11	7	62
Maine .....	Charles F. Ridlon, Norway .....	June 28	1924	1077	138	522	5	46	675	17	13	14	13	4	5	0	0	350	12201	8769	35	7	83
Maryland .....	Samuel F. Zinn, Grafton, W. Va.....	July 14	678	203	71	107	13	20	285	9	13	14	0	7	6	3	0	50	5723	9282	10	0	100
Massachusetts .....	Rev. R. J. Davis, Arlington Heights..	July 3	7590	3660	347	1871	21	122	2219	63	80	131	89	16	27	0	0	657	42248	40147	106	41	72
Michigan .....	C. C. Krum, Ypsilanti .....	July 10	497	262	6	55	2	7	171	5	4	16	3	2	1	0	0	61	6823	3838	10	11	41
Minnesota .....	E. J. Storms, Minneapolis .....	June 30	432	224	55	76	6	5	129	3	2	17	1	2	0	0	0	52	4096	3719	10	5	67
Missouri .....	Leon L. Roberts, Kansas City .....	July 2	385	102	6	18	1	8	76	5	5	17	2	1	1	0	0	38	4150	2880	6	8	42
Nebraska .....	Jay E. Moore, Tecumseh .....	June 24	140	93	0	0	0	5	78	2	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	15	558	559	6	8	43
New Hampshire .....	Carl Fimer, Lebanon .....	July 22	1076	525	81	322	8	20	420	16	12	17	7	2	3	0	0	237	7323	3697	28	5	81
New Jersey .....	George C. Krown, Gloucester .....	June 28	1303	667	167	240	10	25	286	13	28	35	12	12	11	0	0	167	7956	6201	18	9	66
New York .....	Rev. Gilbert A. Shaw, Medina .....	July 8	2868	1474	240	340	15	103	1083	34	24	81	16	33	6	0	0	412	32536	26309	56	62	47
Ohio .....	Rev. F. C. Anderson, Mansfield .....	July 5	1428	618	98	192	8	35	416	12	7	8	54	3	21	0	0	172	19045	14791	18	89	20
Oregon .....	Rev. F. M. Fisher, Milwaukee.....	June 19	256	104	8	19	1	4	65	2	1	2	1	2	1	0	0	31	941	941	8	5	61
Pennsylvania .....	Oliver F. Crawford, North East.....	June 24	8412	3607	1282	1631	51	211	2335	54	89	50	159	41	58	0	0	704	42482	31482	72	98	42
Rhode Island .....	Chas. C. Hall, Pawtucket .....	July 14	568	349	97	213	9	11	172	6	10	21	4	8	2	0	0	99	8097	7777	13	2	86
Vermont .....	Rev. C. C. Creegan, Northfield .....	July 8	998	430	78	0	0	6	0	4	10	0	12	8	0	0	0	161	5001	3656	22	19	53
Washington .....	Ralph Rait, Bellingham .....	July 8	436	164	46	22	0	0	93	2	4	13	1	2	1	1	0	14	324	287	6	0	0
Wisconsin .....	Rev. C. D. Mayhew, Sheboygan Falls.	June 30	622	275	60	67	3	17	200	6	6	6	7	5	6	0	0	83	3877	3824	12	17	41
			36022	15825	3016	5871	179	803	10394	287	389	651	471	179	167	6	1	4214	282501	256586	522	497	51



The petition is therefore returned herewith that it may be, if desired, presented to the proper Court of jurisdiction.

The opinion of the National Counselor is hereto attached, approved herewith.

S. S. HORN,  
Commander-in-Chief."

I wish to assure you that it was a pleasure to serve you as well as the membership at large, and again voice my appreciation of the honor bestowed.

Faternally yours,  
EDWIN C. IRELAN,  
National Counselor.

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### REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 15, 1924.

Hon. S. S. Horn.  
Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

In submitting, herewith, the report of the National Chaplain, he is not unmindful of the high honor entrusted to him by yourself. It has been, for him, a willing and a joyous service, which he has been privileged to render, notwithstanding the fact that an earlier Encampment, this year, had made the gathering in of reports from the Divisions more difficult. Your Chaplain regrets that this has made a smaller report seem necessary, this year, than the past has shown. Up to the time of sending in of the Consolidated report to be printed (on July 8, even after seven days of grace, by the Commander-in-Chief) but 75% of the Divisions had reported, while some of these were compelled to send in but a 20% report. Eight belated reports from as many Divisions, made necessary eight revisions of our Consolidated report. It will be noted there are, this year, two 100% Divisions: Alabama & Tennessee, and Maryland. The honors for highest percentage of Camps reporting before report was sent in, however, go to Brother Chas. F. Ridlon, of Maine, with 83%. The honors for first report reaching us, go to Brother Eugene Kramer, of Kansas. After pleading for "amnesty for the prodigals," to the last minute, which has been so freely given, our last revision must go in, with one Division still out of the fold,—that of the great state of New Hampshire,—but with your National Chaplain,

"As long as the lamp holds out to burn"

He hopes New Hampshire will return.

Attention is respectively called to dates in our report, upon which reports were received.

We have been concerned with the interests of the Order, and have written a few articles for The Banner, with the hope of instilling into our Order the fundamental fact that "Righteousness exalteth a nation," and from the kindly reception received, are led to believe these words have been accepted by willing hearts.

We also believe we have made progress, this year, while the report, as it must go to the press does not so indicate, save in



a few specific cases. We desire to thank those who have cooperated with us in the work we have tried to do, and in getting as thorough report as seems possible at this time.

While it is scarcely to be expected that we shall ever again pass a year without suffering the inroads made by the Grim reaper, we are still so human that we must mourn the taking away from our ranks, six members of the Commandery-in-Chief, during the last year. These were:

Geo. B. Stadden, Past Division Commander, Illinois, died November 11, 1923.

Chas. W. Abbott, Past Division Commander, Rhode Island, died December . . , 1923.

Francis G. Drew, Past Division Commander, Minnesota Division, Washington, died January 26, 1924.

R. G. Bosworth, Division Commander, Indiana, died January 31, 1924.

Martin B. Stadtmiller, Past Division Commander, Michigan, died January 24, 1924.

Lucien P. Burpee, Past Division Commander, Connecticut, died May 9, 1924.

Fitting and proper words of eulogy will be given at our annual Memorial service at Boston, by those who knew them best, and loved them most. The whole Order, as well as the National Chaplain, extends heartfelt sympathy, both to the Divisions, and their respective families, who must feel their loss most keenly.

In these times, when there are so many insidious, distracting, and neutralizing forces, as it were, gnawing at the very vitals of the great fundamentals of our American Government, it is a wholesome and encouraging thought that our two great Orders, the Sons of Veterans, and its Auxiliary, are reaching out and grappling with these forces which would destroy. We believe that, quite generally, our Order is moving on from the position, where so many seemingly camped, namely: the position that "our sole and only reason for an existence, is to perpetuate the memory of our fathers," to the larger and greater work of preserving and developing the heritage which they, in their devotion to duty, and by their sacrifices, gave to us. Their ranks are thinning; the hands of those who remain are not so strong as they were, even a decade ago, and it is not enough that we rest when we have made some sort of a pretense at honoring them. We must honor them—that is an integral part of our work, but we honor them most when we "carry on," and serve our country best; to do less than serve our country as best we may, would but be to dishonor them, no matter how long nor loud our pretenses were. Your National Chaplain hails with joy this advance—this is progress toward real Americanism; it is no new position for many. The entire Order, we are sure, shares this joy with us.

Your National Chaplain highly appreciates the great honor conferred, by being appointed to serve once more in this national spiritual capacity, and to serve in such capacity while you are Commander-in-Chief. Your kind words and encouragement have been an inspiration; and the kindly consideration of all, have made the duties to be all joys.

In closing permit us to make the following recommendations:

1. In view of the fact that now, quite generally, there is a sentiment against having anything appear on or over the flag of our country, the request has been made by Ben Harrison Camp No. 356, Division of Indiana, "That careful consideration be given, that the wording of our ritual, relative to the preparation of the altar, be so changed as to prohibit anything of any character, being placed upon the Flag of our country, save, only, the Holy Bible."

2. That there be placed in our ritual, either in the instructions to officers, by installing officers, or in the General Instructions, a statement which will serve to impress the Camp Chaplains with the importance of making out of reports, and sending them in, in proper time, to the Division Chaplains; this to provide a penalty in violation of a time limit of 30 days, rather than the almost meaningless (to some) phrase, "as soon as possible" after Memorial Day.

Later: New Hampshire reported on July 22, which report is herewith given and the new totals as well.

Also since coming to the Encampment six names have been added to the necrology list, viz:

Past Division Commander John W. Leonard, Rhode Island. Died July 22.

Past Division Commander J. W. T. Ames, Wisconsin,

Past National Junior Vice Commander F. J. Walthers. Died August 4, 1924.

Past Division Commander O. H. Cook, Massachusetts. Died April 27, 1924.

Past Division Commander Ernest G. Waldron, Maine. Died July 20, 1924.

Past Division Commander John D. Hall, Illinois. Died July 21, 1924.

Most respectfully submitted,

FRANK C. HUSTON,

National Chaplain.

## REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

West Roxbury, Mass., July 6, 1924.

Hon. S. S. Horn,

Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have the honor to make the following report as National Patriotic Instructor:

Twenty-two Divisions have reported and the following summary is taken in numerical order.

In 17 Divisions the public schools are supplied with flags. In 3 nearly all, and 2 majority.

The salute to the flag is given daily in 17 Divisions, occasionally in 5 Divisions.

Observance of Patriotic Days is held in every Division reporting.

The public school teachers show a lively interest in patriotic matters in 20 Divisions and a majority do in 2 Divisions.

17 Divisions report the donating of 1196 flags, 1 Division several hundred, 1 Division several. 1 Division a number, 1 Division not known, and 1 none.

Prizes are offered in 13 Divisions for essays, 9 Divisions do not.

16 Divisions report the placing of Lincoln's Gettysburg address in schools, 5 Divisions have not, and 1 Division reports a small percentage.

Sunday schools were invited to have special services on Memorial Sunday in 22 Divisions.

Public school pupils were invited to take part in Memorial Day services in 22 Divisions.

21 Divisions report that Memorial Sunday was generally observed in the churches.

18 Divisions report no objectionable histories, while 4 Divisions report yes.

20 Divisions report the following amount expended for Patriotic Instruction, \$9,634.30; 2 Divisions report nothing spent.

Services of Camps are offered to G. A. R. Posts in 22 Divisions.

Camps assume charge of Memorial Day Service in 8 Divisions, 12 Divisions the majority, one Division assists, and one failed to report.

The patriotic efforts in the Divisions vary and I refer you to the consolidated report.

Comparing this year's report with previous years shows better co-operation and the desire of our membership to give greater service.

I regret to report that Division Patriotic Instructors Reports were due to be in my hands January 1st, 1924, and many were not received until June and July. This is the fault of Camp Patriotic Instructors, and Division Commanders should consider correcting this unnecessary delay.

The writer has traveled many miles in the interest of our Order, and representing the Commandery-in-Chief. Several Patriotic Radio programs were broadcasted under my direction which I feel was good advertising for our Order.

I have supplied every Division Patriotic Instructor with a pamphlet on the Etiquette of the Flag or other patriotic literature.

I recommend that Divisions take up the matter, with their local authorities, and endeavor to have a bill passed prohibiting the knotting, festooning and tying of our National Flag as a form of edcoration.

The report of Brother E. J. Van Tine of New York was received by me January 1st, 1924. If New York can do it, the other Divisions can.

Pennsylvania leads in money expended for patriotic work,



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National Patriotic Instruct-  
or for year ending Dec. 31,  
1923.

Names of Divisions and  
Division Patriotic Instruct-  
ors making Reports.

	Date report received.	1. Do all public schools have flags?	2. Flag salute — Daily or Occasionally.	3. Observe Patriotic Days.
Alabama and Tennessee Frank E. Stoops .....	March 24	nearly all	yes occasionally	yes
California and Pacific William M. Peck .....	March 29	yes	yes, daily	yes
Connecticut Howard S. Wadsworth ..	April 23	yes	yes, daily	yes
Illinois Nell A. Holt .....	Jan. 11	majority	majority	yes
Indiana James V. Cook .....	March 5	yes	yes, daily	yes
Iowa W. L. Kerr .....	Feb. 5	yes	yes, daily	yes
Kansas Ezra E. Beard .....	April 7	yes	yes occasionally	yes
Maine E. W. Hunting .....	April 10	yes	yes, daily	yes
Maryland Samuel M. Croft .....	Jan. 22	yes	yes, daily	yes
Massachusetts E. B. Simmons .....	March 26	most all	yes, daily	yes
Michigan R. Kaywood .....	June 5	yes	yes, daily	yes
Minnesota George E. Baily .....	June 23	yes	yes, daily	yes
Missouri Wm. Shumacher .....	Jan. 5	yes	yes, daily	yes
Nebraska Robert J. Drake .....	Feb. 15	yes	yes, daily	yes
New Hampshire Henry W. Wilson .....	Feb. 2	yes	yes, daily	yes
New Jersey Charles M. Brown .....	April 21	yes	yes, daily	yes
New York E. J. Van Tine .....	Jan. 1	majority	yes occasionally	generally yes
Ohio H. H. Anderson .....	Jan 24	yes	yes, daily	yes
Pennsylvania C. L. Arensberg .....	Jan. 9	yes	yes, daily	yes
Rhode Island A. J. Verrill .....	Jan. 5	yes	yes, daily	yes
Vermont E. T. Griswold .....	Jan. 23	92 p. c.	42 p. c.	yes
Washington and Oregon				
Wisconsin C. D. Donaldson .....	June 12	yes	yes	yes

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ors making Reports.

	Date report received.	1. Do all public schools have flags?	2. Flag salute — Daily or Occasionally.	3. Observe Patriotic Days.	4. Teachers show lively interest.	5. Number of flags donated.	6. Prizes offered by Camp or individual.	7. Gettysburg tablets presented to schools.	8. Sunday schools invited to hold special services.	9. Public schools invited Memorial Day.	10. Memorial Sunday observed by churches.	11. Objectionable school histories?	12. Amount expended for Patriotic instruction.	13. Do Camps offer services to G. A. R.?	14. Do Camps assume charge of Memorial Day?	15. Division Patriotic efforts.
Alabama and Tennessee Frank E. Stoops .....	March 24	nearly all	yes occasionally	yes	yes	several hundred	no	no	yes	yes	no	yes	nothing	yes	yes	Everything possible.
California and Pacific William M. Peck .....	March 29	yes	yes, daily	yes	yes	32	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	none known	\$156.00	yes	yes	Open meetings and patriotic programs.
Connecticut Howard S. Wadsworth ..	April 23	yes	yes, daily	yes	majority do	49	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	none	\$310.75	yes	majority	Open meetings and patriotic programs, etc.
Illinois Neil A. Holt .....	Jan. 11	majority	majority	yes	yes	a number	a few	small per cent	yes	yes	yes	none	\$200.00	yes	majority	Building monuments and holding celebrations.
Indiana James V. Cook .....	March 5	yes	yes, daily	yes	yes	425	yes by individuals	yes	yes	yes	yes	none	\$225.50	yes	majority	Open meetings, etc.
Iowa W. L. Kerr .....	Feb. 5	yes	yes, daily	yes	yes	79	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	none	\$100.00	yes	majority	Nothing reported.
Kansas Ezra E. Beard .....	April 7	yes	yes occasionally	yes	yes	several	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	.	\$25.00	yes	yes	Built a monument.
Maine E. W. Hunting .....	April 10	yes	yes, daily	yes	yes	11	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	..	\$2000.00	yes	yes	Get-together meetings.
Maryland Samuel M. Croft .....	Jan. 22	yes	yes, daily	yes	yes	3	none	none	yes	yes	yes	none	\$210.00	yes	majority	Nothing reported.
Massachusetts E. B. Simmons .....	March 26	most all	yes, daily	yes	yes	233	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	none	\$1080.35	yes	majority	Nothing reported.
Michigan R. Kaywood .....	June 5	yes	yes, daily	yes	yes	8	none	yes	yes	yes	yes	none known	\$274.50	yes	majority	Open meetings and patriotic programs.
Minnesota George E. Eally .....	June 23	yes	yes, daily	yes	yes	50	none	no	yes	yes	yes	none	none	yes	majority	Patriotic programs.
Missouri Wm. Shumacher .....	Jan. 5	yes	yes, daily	yes	yes	18	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	none	\$300.00	yes	yes	Patriotic programs.
Nebraska Robert J. Drake .....	Feb. 15	yes	yes, daily	yes	yes	none	none	none	yes	yes	yes	none	\$200.00	yes	majority	Patriotic programs.
New Hampshire Henry W. Wilson .....	Feb. 2	yes	yes, daily	yes	yes	111	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	none	\$15.00	yes	yes	Patriotic programs.
New Jersey Charles M. Brown .....	April 21	yes	yes, daily	yes	yes	12	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	none	\$450.00	yes	yes	Patriotic lectures.
New York E. J. Van Tine .....	Jan. 1	majority	yes occasionally	generally yes	yes	12	none	yes	yes	yes	yes	none	\$1000.00	yes	no report	Patriotic programs.
Ohio H. H. Anderson .....	Jan. 24	yes	yes, daily	yes	yes	13	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	none reported	\$362.50	yes	assist G. A. R.	Patriotic programs.
Pennsylvania C. L. Arensberg .....	Jan. 9	yes	yes, daily	yes	yes	not known	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	***	\$2219.80	yes	majority	Many ways.
Rhode Island A. J. Verrill .....	Jan. 5	yes	yes, daily	yes	yes	18	none	none	yes	yes	yes	none	\$125.00	yes	yes	Patriotic meetings and radio broadcasting.
Vermont E. T. Griswold .....	Jan. 23	92 p. c.	42 p. c.	yes	84 p. c.	18	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	none	\$40.00	yes	majority	Patriotic programs.
Washington and Oregon																
Wisconsin C. D. Donaldson .....	June 12	yes	yes	yes	yes	504	none	yes	yes	yes	yes	none	\$310.00	yes	usually	Patriotic programs.

\*State text books. \*\*Discovery of America. \*\*\*Lincoln and the Civil War—By Muzzy.



\$2,219.80; Maine, \$2,000; Massachusetts, \$1,080.35; New York, \$1,000.

My work as National Patriotic Instructor has been a pleasant duty. I have given much time to the work, and I thank the National and Division Officers for their earnest co-operation.

Fraternally yours,

W. L. ANDERSON,  
National Patriotic Instructor.

National Secretary Hammer: The report of the National Secretary supplementary to that which has been presented herewith in printed form, shows some alterations in figures. I want you to know that final figures show the gain for the year has been 1231 members and 18 new Camps. This is the greatest gain we have had in a number of years and we now have 54,961 members. The records will be corrected before the proceedings appear in the Journal.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: The reception and reference of Communications, Resolutions, etc., is now in order. Communications will be received without roll call, from any Division, announced by Title and referred to the proper committees without reading. (Received and so referred).

National Secretary Hammer: I have here several communications notation of which I desire in the proceedings. Past Division Commander Dilley, of Iowa, prevented from attendance on account of an accident writes favorably on the subject of change of name. Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse and wife sail on Thursday for Europe and sends regrets at his absence. Past Division Commander Hiatt, Maryland, is unable to be present owing to serious illness of his mother. Past Commander-in-Chief Church sends regrets, expecting to have been here, but at the last moment was detained on account of legal business. Also regrets from Past Commanders-in-Chief Barrows, Stephens and Russell at enforced absence.

I also have reports of the action of the several Division Encampments on the several referendums by the Forty-second National Encampment relative to change in eligibility clause, and on the propositions of \$1.00 from initiation fees, and 25 cents from each member for organization work. When shall these be presented?

Commander-in-Chief: The matter of referendums on the funds for organization work will be presented to the Encampment at a suitable time later, probably under Reports of Committees, and the action on the change of minimum age limit in the eligibility clause of the Constitution announced in a ruling of the Chair later, the chair not feeling that it is required to be referred to committee here for consideration.

(Encampment recessed until 10 a. m. Wednesday, August 13th).



## WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

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Called to order at 10 a. m. by Commander-in-Chief.

Drum Corps from Rockford, Ill., rendered selections.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Are there any further communications to be received at this time from Divisions? Any further resolutions to be presented? If so, pass them to the National Secretary to be announced and referred.

National Secretary Hammer: A supplementary report of the Credential Committee! We add to the roll twenty additional members, making a total of 219 at this time enrolled, which includes thirteen Past Commanders-in-Chief, one Past Grand Division Commander and seventeen Division Commanders!

Commander-in-Chief Horn: We have so far a record Enrollment.

National Secretary Hammer: I promised I would not tell it, but I will—one of our Past Commanders-in-Chief, who is modest, just got in from Europe yesterday. The Collector of Customs passed him; he took a special tug up the harbor so as to be in time for this meeting—Joseph B. Maccabe, of Massachusetts. (Cries of "Speech")

Commander-in-Chief Horn: I am going to ask all the Past Commanders-in-Chief to come up to the front and stand in a row. I will call the names commencing with the recent ones. (Calls names and they come to the front). Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past Grand Division Commander Challis, we are all glad to see you here this morning as a part and parcel of the "Old Guard."

National Secretary Hammer: You had better insert there, Commander-in-Chief, "Old Relics." (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Your ranks have been thinned by death of many of those we loved so well. May I also make reference to another Past Commander-in-Chief, of Massachusetts, who cannot be present on account of being confined to a hospital—Charles K. Darling. Now, brothers, look at them! They were good looking when they were young. We want Joe Maccabe to make a bow, because he came all the way across the Big Pond purposely to be here. (Applause). Just so you may hear their voices, we are going to ask each one to say a few words—not a speech. Past Commander-in-Chief Earp.

Past Commander-in-Chief Earp: Brothers of the Convention, I am more than pleased to be here. I am unable to say what I would like to say, but my pleasure is doubly great today in meeting two of the Old Guard that I was interested with and that I worked with, that I fought with in '82 and '83; first, my college chum, Lou Wagner, and my great friend in past years,

Joe Maccabe. I am more than pleased to be here today to meet them. It is the first time since 1883 that I have seen Brother Wagner. I am pleased to be here with you, and while life with us all is short, and this may be my last visit to a National Convention of the Sons of Veterans it will not be the last Convention of the Order. We may have to change our name, but I wish to offer a toast—"Long live the Sons of Veterans." (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: As it is going to be quite a temptation to Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman to use his prerogative and speak for an hour and a half, I am going to caution him to be brief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: I assure you the admonition of your Commander-in-Chief is unnecessary this morning. I recall vividly and with great interest that ten years have passed since you honored me with the election as Commander-in-Chief. Ten years seems quite a long time and yet when he called the roll of those in reverse order, I was the junior Past Commander-in-Chief, and as I look over the roster and see my name gradually getting nearer the top, I think some day, if the Lord is willing, I may be even the senior Past Commander-in-Chief. Not that I crave that honored position while such honored members as Joe Maccabe, Lou Wagner and Charlie Darling and a host of other fine fellows precede me. The pleasure is mine of being in this group of honored members. We are all Past Commanders-in-Chief and because of that, certain things attach to us. I will not take your time today for a long story, but I am reminded that some time ago a woman visiting the shrine of St. Anne DeBeaupre in Quebec, while climbing the long flight of stairs leading up to that shrine and saying her beads as she mounted them, her skirt caught on a projection and held fast and rather than turn around to release it herself, —there being a man after her climbing those steps on his knees, she said, "My good man, will you lift my skirt?" And he said, "Madam, for doing that, I am doing this." (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: It needs no admonition to a legal man to be brief. Past Commander-in-Chief Grant!

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: Commander-in-Chief. I thank you for this opportunity of standing at the front end of this Hall, and looking your good loyal Sons of Veterans in the faces. I was amused and instructed by the incident related by my Brother Sherman. You know I had always understood he was the teacher of a business college, and this is the first time I knew he was a Sunday school teacher. Seriously speaking, we are here because we are here. We are here because we want to be. Because our hearts and minds and brains throb for the Sons of Veterans. We have a common purpose in being here,—we are inspired to help the Order of the Sons of Veterans. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: Now there is no greater satisfaction, and nothing gives me more pleasure than to see Past Commander-in-Chief Maccabe here at this Encampment. I promised him this morning he would not have to serve on a Committee, nor to make a speech, but the occasion is so wonderful, and from the fact that he came back from across the pond in order that he might attend this Encampment, I am more than ever "Damn glad" to see Joe Maccabe, and he must speak to us.

Past Commander-in-Chief Maccabe: Not very long ago in a classic city in Ireland, there was a little Hibernian undertaker who, when I waddled down the street, met me with this greeting, "Joe, I am glad to see you, dead or alive." While not desiring to tread the path of oratory, and knowing your classic Mayor, who is an orator de luxe, I shall not wander into those dense fields. But I want to tell you, as a citizen of Boston, I am honored with your presence. I am glad to see the old boys, and while I regret some of the old lads who have gone across, yet it is a pleasure to be with you. And that is the reason,—this state I am in—that I didn't want the Commander-in-Chief to ask me to speak. It is a little too much. But I am sincerely glad to be here, even as a man in the fore-castle, and as a Past Commander-in-Chief doubly so. All Boston is honored with the passage of the men who bared their breasts to treason's shot and shell, and we of the older generation of the Sons of Veterans still are inspired with the same lofty, patriotic sentiment that impressed your father and mine in advancing to the greatest conflict in the annals of history. (Applause). I went to call one day on a dear old friend, Admiral Foster, who said, "Why aren't you gone? Why here? Didn't you know the Sons of Veterans and Grand Army are meeting in Boston?" I said, "Oh dear" and I rushed and packed and made for the steamship offices, and if I hadn't got a freight steamer I wouldn't have been here in time, but here I am! (Applause). Now there is a strange co-incidence in that thing. When I was elected Commander-in-Chief in 1893 in Cincinnati, Ohio, I arrived from Europe and dear old Dan Goulding whom the angel of God's love has kissed, met me at the steamer; took me to the Pennsylvania Railroad and landed me in Cincinnati, and on my word the first intimation I had was when I picked up the Cincinnati Inquirer, and there was a triple column in it about J. B. M. I looked at Dan and he says "Some people don't know great men when they are traveling, do they?" You know, my brothers, there is a great, great work for the Sons of Veterans here in the States. I think the Sons of Veterans are living up to some of the ideas of the Old Guard. They all talk about the Old Guard, but it was really a young guard, for those fellows were full of "Hell" at all times, and I was chief among them. But they had only one idea and that was the Sons of Veterans, and I believe that is the inspiration that is sending them in what I hope will be the path of glory for the Order of the Sons of Veterans, even under the present modest title. Still, I think the Grand Army of the Republic has the greatest title the world ever saw. I read an editorial in a Boston paper today, in which it spoke of the title of the Grand Army of the Republic, and in itself the title afforded a text for a stirring editorial. The Grand Army of the Republic! You have in that patriotism, absolutely everything that the soldier heart could desire. I don't know of a greater title than the Grand Army of the Republic, to show that in the days of this great organization there were giants, manly souls, and so, if it behooves you in your wisdom to change the name, I for one will not demur. Now, my friends, as a Boston man, let me add with the little Scotch lad who was thrown over by his lassie and said in mournful tones after his rejection by her:



O, say ye will marry me, Nellie Maroo  
 For God's sake, for ane's sake  
 Dinna say "Noo"  
 Or else ye may bury me  
 Nellie Maroo. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Do you wonder why I was so glad to see Past Commander-in-Chief Maccabe this morning? We respect a man who speaks of the past associations, with lips quivering, and eyes dim. Now I want you to hear Senior Past Commander-in-Chief Lou Wagner from Pennsylvania.

Past Commander-in-Chief Wagner: Commander-in-Chief, and members of the National Encampment. One of the many difficulties under which I have labored for a great many years, is my utter inability to make a speech. Those of you from Pennsylvania will back me up when I have made that statement. Notwithstanding, it is a very great pleasure for me to be here today to attend this Encampment, to see the same faces here before me and renew some of my old friendships made in this organization many, many years ago. As Brother Earp said, he and I have not met since '83 or '84, and let me add I hope we get together a little later on. I am glad the Encampment met in Boston this year. For four months in the year I am a citizen of Massachusetts, summering down on Cape Cod and leaving there this morning to come up and attend this Encampment. I hope the proceedings will be profitable to all of us and that we will have no occasion to regret having come to Boston for this Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: We are particularly fortunate in our personnel because we have in our list of Past Commanders-in-Chief what we call business men. Lou is one of those business men. Says he can't make a speech, but when we need some real figuring done, we go to Lou. What you fellows may lack in the educational line, as far as collegiate brains go, you make up in practical business acumen. I now introduce the big Hoosier from Indiana, Past Commander-in-Chief Newton J. McGuire. (Applause).

Past Commander-in-Chief McGuire: Now, you know we sing around our hotel sometimes about the one grasshopper and the other grasshopper, and then the second verse is about the hippopotamus. (Laughter). If we are relics, I feel that I am the youngest I have ever been in my life. A few years ago at Des Moines when they came to line up the Commanders-in-Chief, they said they would give the duties of that committee over to the Senior, and to my great surprise they lit on me. All this antiquity was absent. Therefore I say I feel the youngest I ever felt in my life. I certainly am glad in all seriousness that we have here today men who floated this Order and started it in its beginning and we young fellows here have gone in their footsteps and done the best we could. I am glad to be with you. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: All of you boys who handled these things, (holds up a roll of U. S. paper money), read the name of Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman, whose signature appears upon that which Uncle Sam says is good to use wherever we go. Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman!

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman: I am sorry this is not Souvenir day, Sam.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: So am I!

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman: I have thought that I had come to be one of the old timers of the Order, but when I look around here and see Frank Challis, Edwin Earp, Lou Wagner and Joe Maccabe, I am justified in saying that I still am one of the "kids." It is certainly a pleasure, as always, to come to these annual reunions of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. I have been coming, these many years. I remember well the Encampment at Cincinnati when Joe Maccabe was elected Commander-in-Chief. When the delegates on that morning saw that three-column cut in the Cincinnati Inquirer, that handsome young fellow, everybody was for Joe Maccabe for Commander-in-Chief. It certainly is rather fine to look into the faces of the men from all over this country who are following in the footsteps of our fathers who constitute, as Joe Maccabe said, the greatest organization that was ever organized in the history of the world. I refer to the Grand Army of the Republic. (Applause). If we do our duty as they did theirs, there is full justification for the organization of the Sons of Veterans, Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic, or whatever they are called. I thank you. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: In former times in our organization we did not have Divisions and Commandery-in-Chief, but we had Grand Divisions. That was in the early days of our organization when men like our older Past Commanders-in-Chief were hitched up like young stallions. I am going to present now one of those Past Grand Division Commanders whom we are glad to show on our rolls as a relic only in name; and who downed Moses quite recently! Past Grand Division Commander Challis. (Applause).

Past Grand Division Commander Challis: Commander-in-Chief and brothers of this Encampment, you will have to excuse me for an instant, if I show some emotion in addressing this gathering. Forty-two years ago on the 22nd day of next month I became a member of the Sons of Veterans and our good friend at the other end of this line was the man who incidentally introduced me to this Order. The first I ever knew of the Sons of Veterans was a little clipping in the Boston Journal, out of our New England Bible, stating that the Camp of the Sons of Veterans had been organized in Lynn, Mass. I wrote to Brother Earp and received from him a little pamphlet of Rules and Regulations, which I still have and I proceeded at once to organize W. W. Brown Camp No. 1 at Manchester, N. H., which will be 42 years old on the 22nd day of next month and has never for one minute ceased to owe its allegiance and pay its allegiance to the Grand Army of the Republic and Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. (Applause). It was by accident perhaps that I got into the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., instead of the Sons of Veterans Post system. At that time there were two organizations of the Sons of Veterans; the Post System and the Sons of Veterans. Brother Earp was at the head of the Post system, and Harry W. Arnold, of Pittsburgh, the head of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. Immediately afterwards I received a letter from John I. S. Bangs, splendid old soldier, John I. S.

Bangs, of Lynn, welcoming me to the organization of the Sons of Veterans. In a short time I got better acquainted. There were three organizations and the one I was in was the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. The preliminary organization was in five Grand Divisions, one of which was the New England States and the others divided up variously. So it came about that I found myself in the First Grand Division. I was working with Brother McCabe and others I don't recall at this time in organization work, and after I got through we had Camps throughout New England. After Arnold we had that splendid Son of a Veteran, buried near Boston, at whose funeral I was present, Frank P. Merrill. I remember that conference we had at the Tremont House here in Boston when we tried to get a system in Massachusetts, in which for the first time I met Joe Maccabe. Those were the days! We had the life of the old soldier in those days, and if I might recall it, a good deal of opposition from those who are now our best friends. We perhaps were a little vain-glorious. I was Lieutenant General in rank in our Order and I wore four stars and all that sort of thing,—more than my father had after four years' service in the Civil War, and I never went anywhere but I wore a clanking sword, brass buttons, and all that sort of business, and I thought I was somebody. I remember this, and I take the liberty to refer to it. Among the first trips that I made was over to Lynn, and I remember this very distinctly; Jack Adams, afterwards Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army was then Postmaster of Lynn. He was sitting with his chair tilted back to the wall and his feet on the table, and when we walked in he didn't even have the courtesy to take his feet off the table to talk to us.

National Secretary Hammer: He was a Postmaster. (Laughter).

Past Grand Division Commander Challis: He was Postmaster of Lynn. He had a cigar in his mouth, and set back with his thumbs in his vest like this (indicates) and he says, "When the Grand Army dies, let it die. We don't want any successor to the Grand Army of the Republic. Sentiments have changed. The Grand Army has found a use for the Sons of Veterans. We are the crutch of the Grand Army, and there isn't an old soldier who treads the streets of Boston today who will not allow us to help him in any way that we can. I am proud of the fact that for forty-two years I have done what I could for the old veteran and for the Grand Army of the Republic. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: I will now, as a fitting supplement to the speeches of the Past Commanders-in-Chief, and while waiting those others who are about finishing committee work, introduce a brother not so well known to a great many members of the organization, but who really ought to be presented at this historic Encampment. He is the son of the first Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic—Past Division Commander George S. Hurlburt of the Division of Illinois! (Applause).

Past Division Commander Hurlburt: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers: Let me say as a matter of personal explanation, the reason I have not attended Encampments for many years, is the fact that I have for the last fifteen years been practically



out of the United States, traveling in South America and the West Indies. If I have anything that I can offer to benefit the members of this Encampment any more than what has been said by the ones who have preceded me, I will be glad to give it; but it occurs to me as I sit here that I can't help feeling the loss of some of our older workers. And I don't want the younger members of this Order to feel that we old fellows did not do our work in our time. I don't know that I have anything further to say. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: To resume with Past Commanders-in-Chief. It is thoroughly appropriate for the one I now present, to speak because he was elected in Boston at the last Encampment here several years ago. Past Commander-in-Chief Johnson!

Past Commander-in-Chief Johnson: Brothers, it gives me great pleasure to attend these Encampments of the Commandery-in-Chief. I look forward from one year to the other, to meeting men that I have seen and known in this Commandery for thirty years past. It is like a reunion to me. The greatest pleasure is meeting old friends and the formation of new ones. I listened with a great deal of pleasure and gathered some information from our good Brother Challis. I tell you, my brothers, the interest of this Order continues, greatly accentuated and increased; the members of this organization, old as well as new, should read the early history of this organization. There is an inspiration in that. I listened from the outside to Brother Maccabe. He is one of the old-timers, as a boy, and he was in at the beginning. I have spent a good deal of time in reading the old proceedings of the organization and getting the details. I had a notion about fifteen years ago to write a little history of the Order. It is a work that would have been of great benefit to the Order if somebody who knew how to write could have written it. Now brothers, I thank you very much for this tribute to me. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: To digress again, I want just a word or two from one who is quite prominent in the handling of our organization, who handles the funds of the organization, and while not a Past Commander-in-Chief has done many wonderful things in his own wonderful way. I want to introduce to you the one, who, as I understand it is the oldest member of the organization based on length of membership; our little "Hammer."

National Secretary Hammer: I believe I was the earliest member, not the oldest, and am not now, since these old men (indicating) have appeared. (Laughter and considerable "cross-fire" between 'Hammer and Joe Maccabe' about old times in the Order). There are a lot of things that we all could tell, and there are rows of storehouses of wonderful memories. I hope you will all be spared to us, many, many years. (Applause).

Delegate Wm. A. Shultz, of Ohio: Commander-in-Chief, Comrade J. R. P. Farrell of Welch Post No. 422, Department of Ohio, who is also a member of our noble order, Sons of Veterans, and who spent a great deal of time in the sickness of his prison is detained at home by reason of the sickness of his daughter. He wants to present to you something that he feels will be useful to you when you become a ruler of the order of

"Has-beens," which we trust will not take your interest from our beloved Order. He has made for you a gavel of the wood from Andersonville prison, and begs of you through Delegate H. H. Anderson of Ohio to accept that. (Hands gavel to Commander-in-Chief).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Brothers of the Ohio Division, carry back my greetings to him who was unable to attend this Encampment and tell him that of all the horrors of all our wars we boys who are sons of his comrades, feel that Andersonville is one of the biggest and foulest blots in all warfare in all history. And while in conducting this Encampment, I might say I have been ruling with the gavel with which I presided over my colleague as Mayor of my home city of Easton for four years, it shall now be replaced for the balance of this session by the gavel from the wood of Andersonville Prison. Return my thanks to the comrade. We are now going to hear from Ralph Sheldon, Past Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I don't know just what is expected of me. With such a talented lot of gentlemen as have preceded me, I feel quite non-plussed. I am delighted to see so many brothers of our Order at this meeting. It is quite unusual, but how otherwise could it be when we gather in Boston? Everyone wanted to come to Boston. They wanted to see Brother Maccabe for one thing. Certainly Boston has been outdoing itself in the entertainment, and they have been doing it fine. I again thank you, gentlemen, for the many courtesies you have always extended to me, and I assure you that I shall hope to meet you all next year at some place. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: I now call upon one from my own Pennsylvania, Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter!

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Commander-in-Chief, Brothers: I have a sincere regret that I was not a part and parcel of all this program here this morning. The four who were missing when the roll was first called were the only four Past Commanders-in-Chief to whom any work was assigned at this time, and we were in pursuance of that work in the rear room endeavoring to get ready for presentation a report of the Committee on Officers' Reports. The most superfluous thing for me to do would be to say how glad I am to be spared for an appearance at another session of the Commandery-in-Chief, especially in this wonderful city of Boston and great State of Massachusetts. One of the things that draws us to these Annual Encampments is the desire to meet those with whom we have been associated in the work of this organization for so many years. That pleasure does not come to us each year and it comes to us in a particular degree today in meeting two of the real Old Guards, and old war-horses of this organization. I want you to understand, brothers, that I don't go back to the period of the painting of dogs and some of the other things that from the rear end of the room I listened to our good brother, Horace Hammer, telling you. I want you to feel that I am not quite as old as Joe Maccabe, even if I am called his pal, but it is a real pleasure to come here again this year and see him and hear his voice in the Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Now Massachusetts will shine again. One of those who, although not from Boston, we love as a New Englander, a brother from Massachusetts, one whom all who know love: Harry Sisson.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sisson: Of course, being from Massachusetts, I just feel it incumbent upon me at this time to tell you that we have unstopped the fountains of our affection and it is all yours. The Mayor has given you the key to the city, and what the Mayor has not given you, the Massachusetts Division does. I can recall with considerable satisfaction the attendance upon the Grand Army Encampment in Boston, because our Camp was organized in April of that year, the 29th of March, I think, to be accurate, and in August we came down here with forty-two men and I was made a Captain as the then law of the Order of the Sons of Veterans required. I remember that we were the only organization in that line that had double-breasted, long frocked coats for the officers and two rows of brass buttons down the front, and we were resplendent in our glory I tell you. But, unlike yesterday's parade, it took that parade seven hours to pass a given point, and I have dim recollections now of standing in that line for six mortal hours before we ever got a chance to start. It was different from what it was yesterday. The first National Encampment that I had the pleasure of attending was when Joe Maccabe and the Massachusetts collection was at Louisville in 1896. Well, I am pretty young, but I can remember that yet, because we had an all night's trip, and an all day's trip down through Washington, and Joe had entertained our special car most of the way down. I am glad to be with you once again and am glad to welcome you to Boston in behalf of the other members of the Massachusetts Division. We hope to live long enough to have the Grand Army come again to Boston, although perhaps it never will. This is a history-making Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic as well as our organization. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: I am going to call upon the last Past Commander-in-Chief present. We are eclipsing the record at Milwaukee last year. I have kept him for the last of these famous men because he and I in New England several years ago at an Encampment were made respectively Commander-in-Chief and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and I love him from those associations. Past Commander-in-Chief E. R. Campbell. (Applause).

Past Commander-in-Chief Campbell: Sam, and the boys: After all this eloquence and funny business, I don't know what to say, but I am considerably embarrassed. You all know that I come from the land of the Ku Klux way down in Florida where I have been deprived of the association of my brothers and friends for a long time and it is a great pleasure to me to hear this array of eloquence and intelligence behind me, to say nothing of the beauty before me. I feel that I must say something, not funny, but more serious. The Sons of Veterans have a double tie upon me. I belong to that gang who served for three long years under that flag during the War of the Rebellion. My father died in the service. In fact there were four members of our family, four male members, and we all went into the service,—my father, who died in the service, my uncle,



who was killed at the Battle of Winchester by my side, my brother who served in the Sharpshooters and your humble servant. After the war was over I found that my mother had been taking care of the farm, and you can't imagine, just for a minute, the feelings of my little mother while we were all in the service. I think, my brothers, that we as Sons of Veterans should get closer and closer to the ideas which prompted the young men of this country to go into the service to uphold the honor of our flag. The boys have honored me, however, beyond my deserts. It has been my privilege to be a member of the Order since October, 1882, and they have honored me in all the different offices from Outside Guard to Commander-in-Chief. How well I served them, I will leave that to you. I have attended, I think, twenty-four of the National Encampments, and when I look about me now and find the old crowd, my good, old friends, it fills my heart with pride. I can only stand before you and say that I, as a member of the Grand Army, am also the Son of a Veteran and I shall die one. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: There is one more Past Commander-in-Chief, who is not now present, but who has been in and out of the Convention Hall, although we may not have the pleasure of listening to him on the floor of this Encampment. Yet to him are we indebted more than to any one for the success and entertainment of this Encampment. While Vice Chairman he is the actual head of all the machinery for the Boston G. A. R. and allied Encampments. I want his name to be recorded here at this time, as if he too, were present and contributed to the words of the Past Commanders-in-Chief reminiscences—Past Commander-in-Chief Bolton. (Applause). This concludes the list and exceeds the record of last year as to the attendance of the "Old Guard." In every way, this is a wonderful Encampment. (Applause).

The Committee of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary in in waiting and will be received at this time as a special courtesy. (Escorted by Greetings Committee, with appropriate music and amid great applause).

National Patriotic Instructor Anderson: Commander-in-Chief, it is my privilege and pleasure to introduce Miss Addie Wallace, of Indiana. Past National President of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary and Chairman of her Committee here from their National Body.

Delegate Wm. M. Coffin, of Ohio: And it is my pleasure to introduce Past National Vice President Anna Keene, of Pennsylvania.

Division Commander Stahl, of Indiana: And my privilege and pleasure to present Past Division President Freda Preston of New Hampshire.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: On behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief, Forty-third National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., I welcome you and say to you that the girls of our Auxiliary are welcome at any time. Sister Wallace, we will be pleased to hear your message to us.

Miss Wallace: Dear Commander-in-Chief and members of this fine Convention: It is my very great pleasure and privilege this morning to come as a representative of our National Presi-

dent, Emma S. Finch, and of the entire national organization, to bring to you the greetings, well wishes and love of your own Auxiliary. We girls, as the years go on, are more proud each day that thirty-eight years ago we organized to be the help-mates of the Sons of Veterans. It is a definition and the help-which we have been very proud and perhaps a little jealous at times. We have had Commanders-in-Chief in the past who have been very loyal to the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, but it seems to me there has never been a Commander-in-Chief who has seemed to feel it more his duty and privilege and pleasure to at all times, in season and out of season, boost for the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, and do you know women are very susceptible to flattery, but perhaps not so much so as men. (Laughter). But the girls have taken your Commander-in-Chief this year to their hearts, and welcomed him with loving hands and loving hearts. He has made himself indeed a lustrous pearl to us all, as he has gone over this country of ours with our wonderful National President, who by the way hails from my own State, and who has made a wonderful record this year for your Auxiliary. He has done many, many courteous and kindly little things for us, which only a woman can appreciate, and so, for that reason, if for no other, we hold your Commander-in-Chief Samuel S. Horn in very high esteem. We hold your organization in high esteem also, for we know, as you do, that as the years go on, our fathers and dear comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic are silently marching their last march. The mantle of that great organization is going to fall on our Sons of Veterans, and we as your Auxiliary pledge to you today again our very best support, we pledge to you our allegiance in any of the things which you, as Sons of Veterans, may undertake. We want you to know that side by side with you will stand the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary. We want to give you moral support, financial support, and uphold your hands in everything that you are going to undertake in the years to come.

Now,—if I may speak a personal word to your Commander-in-Chief? I want to say to you Brother Sam, that we have been trying to keep time on you this year. We have had a hard time to keep up with you. You have been going pretty fast this year, all to your credit for it was in service for a great cause. But we believe you have somebody back at Easton, Pa., who perhaps may be able now to keep time on you better than we. So, Mr. Commander, we present to you this clock (presents a clock), and as the minutes tick away, as the hours tick away, and as the chimes ring out to you we want you to know that the "Tick, tick, tick" says "We love you, Sam." Whenever you hear this clock and look upon it, remember it is just another tick from your thirty thousand sisters throughout this great United States of ours. Then, in addition to that, Brother Sam, we wanted you to have a little sweeter evidence of our love and affection, and there has been a great propaganda about the United States for the last few years, which says, "Say it with flowers." We come to you also bringing flowers, the sweetest messengers of friendship, those messengers that nature has given to this earth that it might be a sweet message of friendship as from one dear friend to another. (Presents basket of flowers). And those roses may wither, but take it from me, and with me from all the girls, the aroma of the love and memories

of the things you have done this year for the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary and for your own splendid organization, will never die. Now, I want to bring you a personal message from our President. She bid me say to you that our National Presidents may have had fine Commanders-in-Chief before, but she knew she had had the very best of the lot, and we are so nice that we would not dare to contradict her. She has a very great admiration and friendship for you and a memory of your pleasant associations in the work of this last year will remain with her throughout her years. We thank you. (Shakes hands with Commander-in-Chief). (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Sister Anna Keene of my own Pennsylvania Division.

Mrs. Keene: I am doubly glad to be here this morning, in the first place to help voice the sentiment of our Chairman in all that she has said and secondly Brother Horn, to bring greetings, best wishes and love from your own home Division, your own girls. You know in your own way how much we think of you back there. (Shakes hands). (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: It brings a pleasant memory of an Encampment at Concord, New Hampshire, when I visited the Encampment of the then Division President, Freda Preston. I know she wants to say a word or two!

Freda Preston, Past Division President, New Hampshire: It was rather a surprise to me when Sister Wallace said to me "You are going with me too," and I was glad, and eager to come. After what she has said so wonderfully, truly speaking the thoughts of all of our girls, there seems little for me to say. I am so pleased to be here. I thought if I could only visit Sam Horn's convention, I should be pretty happy, and of course I am happy because I am here. I want to say that this is the first Commander-in-Chief I have ever known personally, so I feel pretty big. His visit to our Division was a wonderful inspiration and all the New Hampshire girls like "Sam!" (Shakes hands with Sam). (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: My sisters, words fail me and, like Joe Maccabe my lips tremble too much to be able to express my feelings to you, your organization and to your National President. I wish I might have the opportunity to prepare a reply, because I would like to say all that is in my heart, to you. But I cannot. The twelve hours on the clock will remind me of the twelve months of the year just closing. I have served but eleven so it gives me an "extra hour" for reflection. The tick will ever remind me of the beating of the hearts of the thirty thousand girls all of whom are near and dear to me, and many of whom I have met personally during this past term. The face will ever remind me of the faces I know of those who are dear to me in this grand mutual work of ours. I spoke to you girls yesterday; and I gave a greeting to your National President meant for you all. I want you to carry back to her my personal greeting because at this Encampment at Boston and all through the past year the relations have been so wonderful and so mutually pleasant. There never has been a year when we have walked together so closely hand in hand, as we have during this past year. I can't say all that is in my heart, Addie. You know it much better than I can say it to you. As



to nature's sweetest gift, while they may wither and fade. I will ever see this Encampment, this gathering and you, my sisters, giving to me that yield, which only nature can furnish, and which we, with all our efforts can never truly paint in color nor supply in sweet fragrance, with your love and friendship.

"The roses you gave me will fade and be dead  
Gone all their beauty, their loveliness fled  
But a perfume breathes around them which long will remain  
To bring to remembrance the givers again."

Take back my greetings, my personal greetings and tell the sisters that there is one sister who will always watch the hands of the clock for the return of a brother and who will also be reminded of the loyalty to "her Sam!" It is not very often that the brother comes alone as the sister listens for the "One, two, three." We are more often arriving in the "One, two, three," together. Now, I call on Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman to respond for the Encampment to the greetings of our Auxiliary. (Applause).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: Commander-in-Chief and the worthy representatives of our sister organization, the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary! We are children of a common father, your organization and ours. Though you are auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans, we are pursuing a parallel course. Ever since the organization of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, they have been persistent in showering upon us evidences of their deep and abiding interest and year after year, as they have visited us they have brought something of a tangible character whereby the Commander-in-Chief is privileged to recall the visit that they have made and the relation which has been strengthened by the service of the past year. I said we are children of a common father. It reminds me, if you will permit one whose life is most serious to digress, even to the extent of a slight story, as I did a moment ago. (Laughter).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: This won't be the same story.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: I don't dare tell stories very often. I have always tried to maintain my dignity even when there were none of the ladies about and it is nothing unusual for my sisters to indulge in a story in the presence of us good brothers. I recall an incident of a gentleman while riding through the South hearing a colored lady calling out "Morfy! Morfy! You come here!" and the gentleman said to the colored mammy, "What did you call that child?" A. "I called him Morfy."

Q. "Why, isn't that a rather strange name?" A. "Well, dat aint his name; his name is Morphine."

Q. "Why, that seems even stranger, that any child should be named Morphine." A. "Well, now it was dis way. I done heerd among white folks dat morphine came from the product of a wild poppy, and I want to tell you if ever there was a child what had a wild poppy, dat am de child."

I sometimes have thought that we had more wild poppies about than outer appearances would indicate, and you would have agreed with me had you been here a few moments ago, and heard the weird and strange tales told by the Secretary of the actions of the Sons of Veterans, and you too would have

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realized that our Order had "Wild Poppies" in it. I will not embarrass you by telling of some of the deeds which are now a part of the record (?), even though their acts are not visible.

It is your privilege to serve, and after all what is there in life worth while except the opportunity of serving? The Sons of Veterans Auxiliary was brought into existence in order that the women might by their gentle ministrations be of assistance to the Sons of Veterans, craving the opportunity which is theirs to be of service to their parent organization, the Grand Army of the Republic. Today the Sons of Veterans is the everlasting debtor to its Auxiliary. They have inspired us to do better things, to do greater things than we would have attempted otherwise. They have been in the very fore-front leading rather than following, that while strange as it may seem, has been the province of women. I believe that we have never attempted a worthy object that we have not found our Auxiliary at our side, or a trifle in advance, and the encouragement that they have given us has led us on and I believe that it will so long as our organization shall continue. I believe that they will be an inspiration to us even as is the Grand Army of the Republic, and with their assistance, pledged as they are to unselfish service, giving to us a living example rather than simply a mere expression of words. May we Sons of Veterans and our Auxiliary inspired anew to the responsibilities as well as the opportunities move forward and take a more advanced position than we have ever in the past.

That clock will remind our Commander-in-Chief as it ceaselessly ticks away hours and days that there comes a time which marks a division between this present and that which is to come, the future. Noiselessly its hands perform their task, going about the face of that dial, and so will your organization and the Sons of Veterans serve well so long as the Grand Army of the Republic exists, and when it shall no longer, the inspiration that they have given to us will inspire us to continue a living, patriotic body. How fortunate indeed that we have met in this historic City of Boston, the very heart of patriotic New England where there is hardly a square foot of surface that does not teach us of the sacrifices of the fathers, going back for 200 years. I have had a new birth of patriotism as I have ridden about historic old Massachusetts and I am glad that the Grand Army and allied orders have been privileged to again meet with the very shadow of this historic Commonwealth and city where we shall be ever renewed in spirit, in devotion and patriotism. We are going forward to greater works. We believe that that which is past has been only as the threshold and that we see before us something grander, better and nobler than that which is past. Carry back to your organization the kindest love and affection that an organization can exhibit towards its Auxiliary. Say to them that the affection they have given and shown to us shall ever be an inspiration and that we, like you, are determined from henceforth our faces shall be toward the rising sun where we shall endeavor to more worthily represent the bright heritage which we received, not because of any price we paid, but because of the price paid for us by our honored fathers and ancestors. This is indeed a momentous occasion and I feel the significance and responsibility and I could only crave that my tongue might be touched with a coal from the

very altar of patriotism that I might instil into the hearts and minds of these members present and you as representatives of our sister organization that deep and abiding love that we have for our Grand Army of the Republic, and that we may at this time re-dedicate our lives anew to a more devoted service than ever before. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Brothers, I notice a number of Sisters of the Auxiliary, which has evidently recessed, have come into the meeting room, and apparently they are as we oftentimes sing: "We are all from Pennsylvania." May I present them just as the "Girls from Pennsylvania?"

Past National President Katie Carr, of Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief Horn, I think everybody is waiting to go to dinner. But your sisters of the Pennsylvania Division want to give you a little token of their love and appreciation before you leave your office as Commander-in-Chief. We all think you have been intensely loyal and have done all you could this past year. On behalf of forty-four voting sisters and many visitors, representing nearly six thousand loyal sisters in the State of Pennsylvania, I present this gift. (Presents silver platter). We trust that when you are eating something good from it, and all other times besides, you will think of them. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: I can only say to you—as I said yesterday in your convention—when those who know you best, like you for yourself and believe in you, it is worth while. I appreciate your regard more than I can tell you. You have heard the wonderful response of Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman to your Greetings Committee. Had I his eloquence and talent to be able to say what is in here (indicating his heart), Sherman would have to take a back seat, for with what I feel, if I could express it in words, I would outshine him as the sun outshines the moon. You all know what I mean when I say I cannot tell you all I feel. Go back to your girls from Pennsylvania and tell them I appreciate their loyalty and friendship more than I can ever tell them, and that I will always be to them as I have always been—just "Sam." (Applause).

Past Division Commander Mabie, of Pennsylvania: Sam, we have known you so long that we can hardly call you Commander-in-Chief, though we respect your title and honor you accordingly. No matter how much power and how much authority you had, well—you would still be "Sam" to us. When you were made Commander-in-Chief of this Order, some of us felt that we should get busy and get a testimonial for you to be given at this time that would serve to remind you of each day of this year; or rather the eleven months you have served. And although there are 365 days in the year, we had to do some tall thinking to just get something that would symbolize your service for the year. Then somebody said, "Well, 'Sam Horn' and 'Sterling' go pretty good together. Sam has been real 'Sterling' to us and the Organization. Let's make it 'Sterling.'" And we thought that if we could present to you from the boys of Pennsylvania Division, something that both you and your good wife could use in remembrance of us 365 days in all future years, we would do so. Therefore "Sam," on behalf of your friends, of your own true brothers, I want to present you with this chest of let me say, "Solid Silver." (Applause).



Commander-in-Chief Horn: For thirty-five years I have belonged to my Camp, for almost that length of time served my Division and for eleven months, and prior thereto, the Commandery-in-Chief. Brother Mabie and boys of Pennsylvania through you, in all that has been given to me, there has been the touch of the "home and family" in the intended use of all, which I appreciate on account of the sacrifices my home has made with me, for the Order, and I could not, as I say, without the eloquence of a Sherman, tell you boys of Pennsylvania how much I appreciate this gift. We have worked for a great many years together, that is true. To Pennsylvania is due what I am today in the Sons of Veterans circles, and to you all I return heart-felt thanks for this wonderful token of their love and for the synonymous reference as to "sterling." I have tried to play the game square, always. I have felt that the organization is bigger than any one man, and while in my thirty-five years there have been many times when the obstacles seemed to make me feel that I might be bigger than anything else, I thought of my organization first. As I said a few moments ago, those who know me best in my home town, my home Camp, my home Auxiliary, my home Division, know whether I have played the game with cards face up upon the table for the good of the organization or not, and I hope always to have that same deck of cards the same way. Go out and tell the boys of Pennsylvania any way you please how much I appreciate this gift from them. I knew I would get something from the Pennsylvania Division, but I didn't think I was going to get this and everything else that I got this morning. God bless the boys of Pennsylvania. (Applause).

Delegate William McGirr, Pennsylvania: Sam Horn, you have another group of friends within the Order representing Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey. On behalf of the Board of Managers of the Death Benefit Association of the Order, we desire to present these lights to carry you through the balance of your life. (Presents silver candelabra).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: I believe I can almost muster a smile now, because it suggests in the "candle-lights," the prospect of a "wake." (Laughter). Brother McGirr, it only adds another ray to the gleams of radiance in the thought that you boys of the D. B. A. are my "home folks" and know me. We have met together, month after month in conduct of that business which has brought rays of light and happiness to many a home, even through the gloom of that household. And as that work of lightening the burdens of others continues, so may the light of this gift shine from its four bulbs for many, many years before it is burned for a "wake" in my home or that you may have to pass upon a claim with a beneficiary for my name upon it. (Applause). Thanks not only for the gift, but for the impulses which prompted it and the words which accompanied it.

May I now ask the escort to conduct the Auxiliary from the Encampment Hall. (Escorted out amidst applause and accompanied by appropriate music).

Encampment recessed at 12:30, until 2:00 p. m.

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Session called to order at 2 o'clock by the Commander-in-Chief.

The National Secretary as a matter of record announced receipt of telegram from Past Division Commander Thayer of California extending greetings. Also one from Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief C. Randall Bubb, extending greetings, expressing regrets at unavoidable absence, urging all legislation best for the Order to be adopted.

### PARTIAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Commander-in-Chief, your Committee on Officers' Reports are prepared at this time to offer a complete report, with the exception of action upon the last recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief as it pertains to the right of membership of one of the members of the Missouri Division. A later report on that remaining subject will be made, probably at tomorrow morning's session.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Your report will be heard at this time.

Boston, Mass., August 14, 1924.

To the Forty-third Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

Your Committee on Officers' Reports begs to report as follows: In general, we desire to commend all the officers of the Commandery-in-Chief for the splendid and comprehensive reports submitted for their respective offices. All of them contain much of interest which would be of value to every brother of our organization if it were possible to bring them to the attention of each individual.

Commander-in-Chief Horn brought to the duties of his office a wide experience, gained by thirty-five years of active and continuous service in his Camp, Division and the Commandery-in-Chief. He is to be commended for his activity in the highest office of our Order. He closes a most interesting and comprehensive report with this sentence, "Let us pledge ourselves anew to "service and Sacrifice."

This is typical of what he has rendered our Order!

The service was cheerfully given during the past year and the sacrifices made must result beneficially.

His report contains eight recommendations:

1. Referring to the practical disbandment of the Junior Order:

The lack of interest shown in this branch of our Order justifies this recommendation, coupled as it is with such excep-

tions as will permit of the continuance of the present Camps of the Junior Order if desired by the Camps of our Order to which they are attached.

We therefore recommend concurrence. (Report of Committee adopted).

2. Pertaining to the Sons of Veterans Reserve, and providing for a change in the Constitution and Regulations:

It was accordingly referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

3. Provides for representative of our Order to attend the Annual Conference of the National American Commission.

We recommend concurrence. (Report of Committee adopted).

4. Upon the subject of bonds of Division Commanders.

We recommend concurrence. (Report of Committee adopted).

5. Providing for continuance, if such is necessary, of the Committee of the Commandery-in-Chief, in connection with the possible consolidation of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary and the Daughters of Veterans.

We recommend concurrence. (Report of Committee adopted).

6. This recommendation is in three parts:

The first paragraph, "A," provides for the appointment of Committees in the event of change of name, such committees to be authorized to make necessary changes in the C. & R. ritual and forms.

We recommend concurrence. (Report of Committee adopted).

(B) Provides for the appointment of a Committee to reconstruct the present ritual.

Our present ritual is but four years old. It was simplified to meet the then evident desires of our membership. That it would not be entirely to the liking of some was to be expected. This has applied to every ritual we have had. However, in view of the condition that will likely occur in the event of the change of name, we believe it would be very advisable to permit such development as would indicate the necessities as it pertains to the ritual changes, and therefore do not recommend concurrence. (Report of Committee adopted).

Sub-division "C" of Recommendation No. 6 provides for an immediate change in the altar arrangement.

We have, therefore, referred this recommendation to the Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies.

7. Recommending—(a) the approval of the Flag Code and (b) the flag salute recommended by the Federated Patriotic Societies.

We recommend concurrence. (Report of Committee adopted).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bubb, following the rather unusual report submitted by him last year as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, submits another interesting report this year; one which clearly indicates his interest in the welfare of our Order.

His report contains six recommendations:

1. Providing for provisional Divisions and regions (or districts), and is similar in purpose to recommendations made by him last year, and so reported upon by the Committee on



Officers' Reports as a plan, the power of adoption of which is already possessed by the Commander-in-Chief.

We believe such power exists, and that further action by the Commandery-in-Chief upon the question is unnecessary.

2. Providing for a minimum initiation fee for charter applications of \$3.00:

We recommend non-concurrence. To make this fee mandatory would be contrary to our general principle of home rule, and while it might be found feasible in some regions, might mitigate against the formation of new Camps in others. (Report of Committee adopted).

3. This has reference to his Recommendation No. 8 of last year:

It is possible that some of our blanks and reports could be improved upon. They, however, receive the attention of our capable National Secretary, as conditions require.

The appointment of a special committee for the purpose of revision is, in our opinion unnecessary, and we therefore recommend non-concurrence. (Report of Committee adopted).

4. Provides for an appropriation to enable the Commander-in-Chief to help young and weak Divisions:

Special appropriation of this form, is, we believe, unnecessary, being within the province of the Commander-in-Chief under appropriation for the general good of the Order.

We recommend non-concurrence. (Report of Committee adopted).

5. Is similar to some extent to a recommendation made last year by Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse:

The objections shown at that time to a period of time elapsing between the election of officers and the time in which they actually begin their duties applies to this recommendation, inasmuch as it would result in all Division officers being delayed in actually beginning their duties from the time of their election to July 1st.

We recommend non-concurrence. (Report of Committee adopted).

6. Provides for the refund to the Division of Oregon of \$40.00.

Referred to the Council-in-Chief.

Junior Vice Commander Kronmeyer submits an interesting report of his activities, and he is to be commended for his interest in advancing the welfare of our Order, especially in the Divisions in which he particularly worked.

His report contains no recommendations.

National Secretary and Treasurer: Report of our very efficient National Secretary-Treasurer, is of the unusual high class, which every Encampment since he assumed the duties of this office, nineteen years ago, has been accustomed to receive. Full measure of praise has been extended to him heretofore, and it is equally applicable at this time. The report deals with items of interest of the present moment, directing attention to our financial status and to the possibilities of heavy expenditures in the event of change of name, and is, therefore, of more than

ordinary interest at this time, and will no doubt receive needed action upon the part of the Council-in-Chief.

No recommendations are made.

National Counselor: The report of the National Counselor quotes one decision; being practically in line with the decision rendered last year in the Missouri Division eligibility case and in line with the action of the Commander-in-Chief, and is, therefore, approved. (Report of Committee adopted).

The report of the National Chaplain is a most interesting one. It contains data indicating the worth of our Order and its activity along certain essential lines in carrying out its purposes.

We refer to but two items: Number of flags placed upon Veterans' graves—275,198; number of graves of Veterans given attention—252,889, and this is an incomplete number due to the failure of many Camps to report to the Division Chaplain, with the consequent regrettable incomplete reports to the National Chaplain. His report contains one recommendation which is in effect similar to the recommendation 5-C of the Commander-in-Chief's report, and has already been acted upon.

National Patriotic Instructor likewise submits a most interesting report. It contains notation in three Divisions of objectionable school histories.

The hope is expressed that the Division Patriotic Instructors took proper action in their respective Divisions. If not, it is a matter which should receive the careful consideration of the Division Commanders of the Divisions referred to. He makes one recommendation which is practically similar to Recommendation No. 3 of the Commander-in-Chief, inasmuch as one of the purposes of the National American Commission is to recommend proper legislation with reference to the use of our flag.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. SAUTTER,

H. D. SISSON,

E. R. CAMPBELL,

RALPH SHELDON,

Committee on Officers' Reports.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Unless there are objections, the report of the Committee so far as they have taken action be and is hereby approved by the Encampment. It is so ordered!

The report of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations is now in order, and Past Commander-in-Chief Grant, Chairman, now has the floor.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: There were no matters coming from any Division that were referred to our Committee and the only matter before us was the recommendation made by the Commander-in-Chief on page 12 of the printed report of the Officers relating to the Sons of Veterans Reserve. The recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief was the striking out of

the present Regulation, substituting in lieu thereof a new regulation, only more in detail, in no wise substantially changing except enlarging upon the present regulation. The recommendation of the committee is that we concur with the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Are there any objections? If not, the report of the Committee is adopted, and the Committee discharged with the thanks of the Encampment. It is so ordered.

The Report of the Committee on Ritual will now be heard.

Past Commander-in-Chief McGuire, Chairman, has the floor.

#### REPORT ON COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND CEREMONIES.

Past Commander-in-Chief McGuire: Your Committee on Ritual recommend that there be no changes made in the Ritual at this time. We recommend that paragraph 3 of Recommendation No. 6 of the Commander-in-Chief for a new arrangement of the altar and the Resolution of the Pennsylvania Division asking for the restoration of the Secret Word be taken up and acted upon with the revision of the Ritual that must necessarily come when the change of the name of the Order is accomplished.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: The Chair deeply regrets that the recommendation, in that the altar swords be eliminated, so that nothing may rest upon the Flag of the United States of America save the Holy Bible, was not concurred in, and believes that concurrence in such portion of the Committee's report would be a grievous error.

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman: Would it be in order to amend the report? I move that the report be so amended that the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief in reference to the removal of the swords from the altar be concurred in. Seconded by Council-in-Chief Kremer.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Is the Commandery ready for the question—any remarks?

Past Commander-in-Chief Sisson: Some person came before our Committee on Officers' Reports about the flag on the altar, and in harmony with the action of the National American Commission, it was our thought at least; I don't know just how we recommended it. The thought was that there should be nothing placed above the flag. Our thought was that the flag should be removed from the altar;—both the flag and the swords, and it seems to me that is entirely proper because the flag is not needed there;—it ought not to be used as a table cloth, and as it has a position on the altar of the Commander of the Camp. I don't know just what the status of this motion is, but if it needs a motion it seems to me that we should so amend our usage as to return to a complete conformity to the regulations regarding the flag.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: The motion now before the Encampment, if it prevails, will remove the swords from the altar, otherwise adopting the Committee recommendation.

National Chaplain Huston: I feel from Brother Sisson's remarks concerning the flag being on the table, perhaps there may be some misconception, perhaps a different conception than that which is held by your National Chaplain as to what the



altar really is. The altar is vastly more than a table. That ought to be the heart of the Camp room. (Applause). The activities of that Camp should be centered on that altar. Every American citizen ought to see upon that altar two things especially,—the Flag of our Country and the Holy Bible. (Applause). I am averse to seeing anything placed ever upon the Flag but the Holy Bible, but I trust we will recognize the altar as being the heart and soul of our Camp room and place those two sacred emblems thereon.

Past Commander-in-Chief McGuire: On behalf of the Committee I want to say that the Committee discussed this matter along the lines mentioned by Past Commander-in-Chief Sisson. For in reality they felt that the flag should not be on the altar. I recognize what Chaplain Huston says that the altar is a sacred place and the heart of the organization and all that, but the more sacred it is the more important it is that we do not place our emblem of our national existence upon that altar. I think it proper and I agree with Past Commander-in-Chief Sisson that the Flag should not be there and we discussed it in the Committee together with the rearranging of this ritual and re-writing in case of change of name, that the flag might be suspended at the altar, or a small Flag, as the different emblems are suspended of charity, loyalty, etc., at the other stations in the room, and therefore the flag could be at the altar and the Bible on the table without the Bible being upon the Flag. I don't care what kind of a station or altar it is. I claim that, under the regulations established by all the patriotic societies there is a regulation that the flag shall not be used as a decoration or a cover for anything.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: This matter is of interest, I am sure, because we all recognize that the Sons of Veterans to a certain extent is an intangible thing, but we can see our altar and recognize that as the very heart of our organization. And as our fathers have covered the altar of the Grand Army of the Republic with the Flag placed thereon (loud applause) the Holy Bible, the real guide for our faith and practice, I believe we can make no mistake brethren by continuing to cover the altar with the Flag of the United States of America, the emblem and symbol of our country, our Republic, supporting that which is the guide and lamp to our belief, the Word of God. (Applause).

Past Division Commander Frank P. Maples, of New York: Commander-in-Chief and Brethren: It is now over forty years ago since I stood at that sacred altar in the Sons of Veterans and raised my right hand and left my hand and wrist resting upon it while I took the obligation, and every Encampment that I have ever entered has been the same, the Flag and the Holy Bible on our Altar. I trust that we will never, even in our thought, take that Flag and that Book from our altar. I have served during those forty years in almost every office of our Camp and Division and as every officer who has served our Order has taken the obligation on that same altar covered with Old Glory and the Bible, and I want to see the time never come when the officers of this Encampment will have it any different. Boys, let's keep it as it is. It was good enough when

we started. Let it be good enough to the end of time. (Applause).

Delegate Acox, of Illinois: Forty-one years ago the 25th of this month I was initiated into the Sons of Veterans with that altar and the Flag in the position it is now. If we can carry on for forty-one years with the emblem of our Nation and the Holy Bible upon which the laws of our land are founded,—why not carry on forty-one years more? The Grand Army placed it there, they originated our form of Camp room, and if you will go to the Flag Instructions of our U. S. Government you will find that they say the only article that can be placed upon the Flag is the Holy Bible.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Before the motion is put, the Commander-in-Chief will assume his prerogative in making a few remarks. It is not a speaker's table, it is not a table,—it is an altar;—a living thing, representing God, our Country, and our Order. The National American Commission in its regulations on the Flag, provides that nothing but the Holy Bible shall rest upon the U. S. Flag, and nowhere does it provide that it shall not be placed there.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sisson: I have no objection to the flag remaining upon the altar, but in conformity to the regulations which have been asked by the National American Commission who say, and advise that nothing be placed above the Flag. It says in this "One flag, one country, one language," put out by the United Patriotic Societies, that "The flag should never be placed below a person sitting, neither should it be used to drape a table." True, the altar is a sacred thing, and it is not a table. I yield to no man in my allegiance and respect for the altar and the Holy Bible. I yield to no man in my respect for the Stars and Stripes. But the place for the Stars and Stripes, in my humble opinion, is at the Commander's station.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Is the Encampment now ready for the question? (Cries of "Question.") All in favor of the motion signify by saying, Aye! Opposed, No! The ayes appear to have it, the ayes have it and it is so ordered. The altar swords will be immediately removed.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: Do I understand that you were acting upon the motion of Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman, which was to remove the swords but not to take the Flag from the altar?

Commander-in-Chief Horn: That was the effect of the motion.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: What do I understand you now to say is to be removed?

Commander-in-Chief Horn: The swords.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: I was afraid you were going to take that Flag off. I am satisfied! (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: The Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies is now discharged with thanks of the Encampment.

Is the Committee on Resolutions ready to report? Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman is Chairman and is recognized.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers: There were several communications referred to your Committee on Resolutions; not necessarily resolutions; some of them pertaining to the change of name. But they required no committee consideration and were not acted upon.

I have here, a Resolution offered by the Division of Wisconsin:

Whereas, The National Anthem of the United States of America, is now, always has been, and should always remain "THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER" and

Whereas, Our ritual, in the first lesson given by the Patriotic Instructor says: "Should always stand erect whenever our National Anthem 'AMERICA' or 'THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER' is played or sung," thus conveying the impression that the song "America" is our National Anthem—and

Whereas, This is not the truth, but rather the result of subtle propaganda to wean the unthinking or the uninformed away from the ideals of our Nation, to the ultimate ruin or complete change of our form of government and the consequent loss of our liberty, be it therefore

Resolved, That this Camp petition our incoming State Officers to take this matter up with the proper authority in our National Encampment and have that part of our ritual corrected to read—"Whenever our National Anthem 'THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER' is played or sung," and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting; a copy be sent to our present State Officers and that this resolution be read at our State Encampment in Janesville in June, this year.

(Signed) WM. J. McMAHON,

Chairman Camp Council.

JAC. JOHANNES,

Member Camp Council.

You may have noted, brethren, the preamble, and to your Committee it seemed very far fetched, and your Committee did not concur in the Resolution. (Report of Committee adopted).

A Resolution from the Division of Maryland:

That when a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, or an honorably discharged Union Veteran of the War of 1861-1865, has been elected to honorary membership in a Camp, such Camp may present to him a membership badge of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and such veteran be permitted to wear the same. The judgment of your Committee is there is no provision in our Constitution for honorary membership. Therefore we did not concur. (Report of Committee adopted).

A resolution from the Massachusetts Division in re H. R. No. 634, House of Representatives.

A bill to pension blind, or partially blind, children of persons who served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States during the Civil War.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled, that from and after



the approval of this Act any blind, or partially blind, child of any person who served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States during the Civil War for ninety days or more, and was honorably discharged from such service, or regardless of the length of service, was discharged for a disability incurred in the service and in the line of duty, shall be entitled to and shall be paid a pension at the rate of \$20 per month.

This your Committee approve and concur in. (Report of Committee adopted).

I hardly like to term this next one a Resolution, and yet it is, in a sense. By the way, this comes from Phil Kearney Camp No. 7 of Pasadena, California:

"To the Grand Army of the Republic now assembled in Convention.

We, the Sons of Veterans, of Phil Kearney Camp No. 7, of Pasadena, California, by a unanimous vote, wish the Grand Army of the Republic, to take such action as they see fit to prevent the abolishing of our Decoration Day, May 30.

Further, be it resolved, that they lay more stress on this day, and ask that the people be more enthusiastic about seeing that this day is observed. And that it be perpetuated for all time."

Your Committee has no knowledge of any effort to abolish Decoration (Memorial) Day, but favor all honorable means to have the day observed according to the traditions of our fathers.

We have here a Resolution which I will not read because it was conveyed to us in the original minutes of the Rhode Island Convention last July. We considered that as sufficient for the Committee to act upon. The restoration of the rank of Past Division Commander to Thomas A. Miley. So I have prepared a short report covering this Resolution which I will not read: Resolution from the Division of Rhode Island requesting the restoration of Division honors to Brother Thomas A. Miley who was elected and enrolled in the newly organized Division of Rhode Island in 1884. It appearing from his own admission that he voluntarily withdrew from the Order, thus losing his past honors, and no other reason for the restoration being given than that he now desires what he thoughtlessly relinquished over thirty years ago.

Your Committee was unanimously of the opinion that the honors should not be restored and recommend non-concurrence.

Division Commander Ward, of Rhode Island: On the report of the Committee, I beg the privilege to make a motion, that it be not concurred in.

Delegate Bowley, of California & Pacific Division: I second the motion.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: It is moved and seconded that the report of the Committee be not concurred in. Is the Encampment ready for the question?

Past Division Commander Hall, of Rhode Island: As to the motion presented and action of the Committee. I would like to say just this: I don't question at all Brother Sherman's motive in any way, but I don't think the statement exactly states Brother Miley's reason for relinquishing membership, which

was the reason of ill health, feeling that to retain his membership under those conditions would put dead wood upon a struggling Division just organized. Brother Miley has been always a persistent and hard-working Son and it was due to him not only that the first Camp was organized, but the first four Camps and first Division in Rhode Island were organized and since his return to the State he has again come into the Order and has been restored to his Camp honors within the Division. I think perhaps they might more accurately state the real attitude of Brother Miley. I think it was loyalty on his part, the same as a man has when he jumps out of a sinking boat so that the rest of the occupants may not be endangered.

Division Commander Ward, of Rhode Island: What Past Division Commander Hall states is correct. Brother Miley has not only returned to assume his membership in the Division, but he has resumed his enthusiasm which made him conspicuous in the Order forty years ago.

Past Division Commander Fred V. Bell, of Massachusetts: I am speaking as one who has had considerable interest in the recent progress of the Rhode Island Division. I happened to be present when Brother Miley re-entered the Order. I realize there is an argument in the report of the Committee from the fact that he remained out of the Order for so many years. I feel that that should be somewhat counterbalanced and I thought that Brother Miley not only organized the first Camp in Rhode Island, but the second, third and fourth, and became its first Division Commander. I feel that there are some extenuating circumstances, also that if he organized four Camps making it possible to have a Division of Rhode Island, that should be considered in his case.

Past Commander-in-Chief Earp: I wish to say, in connection with this matter that, as National Commander of the Sons of Veterans I organized Camp 1, of Providence, R. I. I mustered in Brother Miley as Captain of the Camp. Soon after that, several other Camps were organized in Rhode Island, and he was created at that time, to muster them, as Provisional Colonel of Rhode Island by me and by the administration that I represented. After a while I was obliged to turn the thing over to the Council-in-Chief, and a consolidation was effected which the Camps of Rhode Island did not see fit to acknowledge or going into, and they disbanded, as I was informed, and Colonel Miley, as he was then termed was obliged through necessity occasioned by the disbanding of the Camps to enter new business, for he was out of office. This is as I understand the matter, and later on when he discovered that the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., which was then also in existence, had absorbed the members of the old four Camps, he then re-sought membership in the Order. It is simply a sentimental matter. It is simply a matter of fact, of circumstantial misfortune, analagous to the situation of a number of young men or boys, as we called them in those days that went into that Camp disbanded, and the thing was gone. You realize that as long as the national body of which he was a past officer remained in existence that he held his rank and held his honors, but kept out. I wish to say to the Convention that, as a matter of fact the old members of the Convention here that knew the history of the Sons of

Veterans from the start, that at the present time Brother Miley never ceased his membership in the Order, for I never ceased mine and he was an officer under me.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sisson: Brothers, I want to have you know who this fellow (Earp) is. He holds the rank of Past Commander-in-Chief in your organization and there are a lot of you never knew him. This is the father of all the Sons of Veterans in New England. (Applause). He was the founder, promoter and father of the Division which founded the first organization of Sons of Veterans in New England before the "U. S. A." was born.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: Commander-in-Chief Horn, I would not even consider the proposal of doing an injustice to any member of the Order. We would if we were to do this act, which, by upsetting the report of your Committee, would be extra-constitutional, for I submit to you brethren that there is absolutely not one word in our Constitution whereby honors once obtained by serving as Division Commander and afterwards lost, can be restored notwithstanding there is in that document a provision whereby the Camp Commander having lost his honors, may have them restored. And so, brethren, I submit to you that if your organization had desired that the rank of Past Division Commander should ever be restored, it would have so stated in the Constitution and to attempt to do that now would be just as absurd and as foreign to the spirit of the present instrument as to move that a man should be guaranteed honors for anything outside of the Order. That is the first consideration that moved your Committee. In the second place, the excuse given, which I considered unnecessary, in fact poor, is the reason was that because of his inability to attend meetings he did not desire to be considered as "dead wood." I think I am quoting from the minutes exact language, and, brethren, how many of our 54,000 members there who fail to attend meetings because of their absence from the city or even the State, but whose check in payment of dues is promptly sent upon sending the bill? They knew it was a new and struggling Division, and this was all the more potent why he should have kept his membership and paid his dues even if he could not contribute to the meetings by his presence. It does not affect the Division. He has just as much standing in the Division of Rhode Island as he has ever had. He is a member and by the restoration of his rank of Camp Commander, which is constitutional he has all the rights, privileges, and prerogatives attaching to a member of the Division of our organization, and the Commandery-in-Chief would be affected were we to grant the request, and it was on that basis and that alone that your Committee felt the time had come when we should put up the barriers and prevent the restoration of these Past Division honors which have been so thoughtlessly and lightly held in the past because they were so easily obtained when they had been lost. Commander-in-Chief, as the presenter of the report, your Chairman feels that it is without making the motion, that your Commander-in-Chief called that if there were no objection the report of the Committee would be adopted. Now then objection has been made, and as the Chairman of the Committee,—I offer the motion that the report of your Committee be concurred in.



Commander-in-Chief Horn: The Chair rules that the entertainment of a motion for non-concurrence was not in order, based upon the prerogative of the Committee making the recommendation and offering the motion themselves. The motion now is that the report be concurred in, though I question if even that be now in order.

Past Division Commander Maples, of New York: Regarding the constitutionality of this question: Is it within the province of this National Encampment to restore the honors of a Past Division Commander who has once been dropped from the rolls as such?

Commander-in-Chief Horn: In view of the fact of this point having been raised, the Chair will make a decision! Inasmuch as the Committee within its right offered a motion the Chair was willing to allow it to go to a vote of the Encampment, believing that the feeling of the Commandery-in-Chief is that there have been too many "prodigal sons" in the past. The point has been raised as to the constitutionality of the proposition, and the Chair rules thus: That inasmuch as there is no Constitutional provision for the restoration of rank of Past Division Commander; inasmuch as this Commandery has, by vote of previous Encampments established practically this position (and it is not subject to review), no application for Past Division honors by restoration of rank can legally come before this Commandery in Encampment assembled, nor be considered by such until the Commandery-in-Chief shall have adopted Constitutional legislation providing for such. All such applications intended for presentation at this Encampment, including the one now under discussion are "out of order" and cannot be entertained. (Applause).

Past Division Commander Hall, of Rhode Island: In spite of the fact that the Encampment at Milwaukee restored such rank to two men, Rhode Island has always been loyal, accepts the ruling, and withdraws the request for Brother Miley. (Applause).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: Your Committee on Resolutions desire to offer on behalf of said Committee, the following:

#### THE ADMINISTRATION.

Whereas, The administration now coming to a close has been distinguished for the progress that has been made in organizing work and reasserting the principles upon which the Sons of Veterans was established, thereby giving this great patriotic order a larger degree of confidence than ever before in the eyes of the Grand Army of the Republic, and all of the allied societies, and

Whereas, Each one of the officers has been conspicuous for the zeal, fidelity and enthusiasm displayed in his particular part of the work, but more especially has our beloved leader, Commander-in-Chief Horn met every demand made upon him, sparing not himself if thereby the good of the Order could be enhanced, or the relations among the allied societies more closely cemented, or the patriotism of the various communities where our Order is established, raised to a higher level. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we do here and now in this formal manner express to all of our officers, but more particularly our Commander-in-Chief, our grateful appreciation for their labors in our behalf.

May the consciousness of duty well performed be to them sufficient compensation, counting the privilege of serving our Order and Nation as of greater value than anything that we can do for them.

#### HOSPITALITY OF BOSTON.

Whereas, The hospitality of the City of Boston, and State of Massachusetts, together with that of the Sons of Veterans of both city and state, has been so manifest, including the opening of many private homes, the entertainment provided for the visitors, the use of automobiles, lunch and breakfast, and the uniform courtesy of all public officials. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we do hereby express our heartfelt appreciation to all who made possible these many favors.

#### COURTESY OF THE PRESS.

Whereas, The newspapers of Boston have given of their space most liberally in order that the widest publicity could be given to the several organizations, all of which cannot be other than beneficial; therefore be it

Resolved, That we recognize this favor and hereby record our unstinted praise.

#### ALLIED PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES.

Whereas, The intimate relation existing among the six major patriotic societies is so close and friendly, therefore be it

Resolved, That we urgently recommend that every effort be made for a continuance of such relation.

#### NATIONAL DEFENSE DAY.

Whereas, Friday, September 12, 1924, has been designated by the President of the United States as "Defense Day," when a test will be made of the mobilization plans prepared by the War Department under the Act of Congress providing for the national defense; and believing as we do that the surest prevention of war is adequate preparation, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in their Forty-third Annual Encampment assembled, hereby endorse the movement for "Defense Day," and pledge the fullest and heartiest co-operation of their entire membership in its behalf and urge all members of the Order to unite in supporting the plan; and

Resolved, That our national officers give the widest publicity to this movement.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: I move the adoption of these Resolutions as offered; that the one on National Defense Day be certified to the President of the United States of America and Secretary of War; that the report of the Committee on Resolutions be adopted as a whole and the Committee discharged. (Adopted unanimously, supplemented with thanks of the Encampment offered by the Chair).

## REPORT OF REFERENDUMS ACTED UPON BY DIVISIONS.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: I now call on the National Secretary to give you the report on the referendums, as to eligibility, and the assessments for organization work.

National Secretary Hammer: I have covered it in my report. (Reads result of vote from printed report). It is all there with the exception of one more Division which I received, the Division of Washington, voting "Yes" to change the age from 18 to 16; voting "No" on the \$1.00 initiation fee and voting "Yes" on 25c assessment.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: The Chair therefore announces that on the report on the referendum for the age of eligibility, the change from eighteen to read "Not less than sixteen" having been properly presented to the Commandery-in-Chief, having been referred to the Divisions for action in Encampment assembled, and having been approved by more than ten Divisions, is now a part of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, effective at once and so promulgated. The Constitution is amended accordingly. (Applause).

The Chair also announces that on the referendum to Divisions, in the matter of an assessment of 25 cents per member for the fund of the National Organization Committee if continued, and the assessment of \$1.00 upon each application of members for the Order for the same fund has been almost unanimously disapproved. It is announced therefore as the vote of the respective Divisions of this Commandery-in-Chief, and there cannot be adopted by this Commandery either of those two plans of assessment for a fund for further organization work, and it is so recorded.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman is recognized, as Chairman of the Harding Memorial Committee.

## REPORT OF THE HARDING MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman: Commander-in-Chief, pursuant to your instructions, and acting under authority contained in your directions, the undersigned Committee on the Harding Memorial submits the following report showing the amounts received from the different Divisions through the National Secretary-Treasurer:

Division of Oregon .....	\$12.00
Division of Pennsylvania .....	11.00
Division of Massachusetts .....	13.00
Division of Washington .....	10.00
Division of Vermont .....	8.00
Division of Ohio .....	11.00
Division of Oregon .....	1.00
Total .....	<u>\$66.00</u>

The above amounts have been transmitted to Honorable Andrew W. Mellon, Treasurer of the Harding Memorial Association. Attached hereto is an itemized statement showing by



Divisions, Camps and individual members of the Order the contributions to the Harding Memorial Fund.

Fraternally submitted,

H. V. SPEELMAN,

A. E. B. STEPHENS,

Committee on Harding Memorial Fund.

Past Division Commander A. S. Holbrook, Illinois: I have a fund of \$14.00. Can that be added to that report and incorporated therein?

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Whatever the Committee's recommendation is. You can't get back of that.

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman: The Committee is not making any recommendation. I understand unofficially that on a number of occasions contributions have been made, but they have not passed through the hands of this Committee, as they have not been received by the National Secretary-Treasurer.

It was moved by National Secretary Hammer and seconded by Council-in-Chief Kremer that the report of the Committee be accepted, the Committee discharged with thanks of the Encampment and that any further contributions which may be made be forwarded direct from the different Divisions, Camps or members to Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman, Washington, D. C.

Past Grand Division Commander Challis: It seems to me that this amount is utterly absurd for an Order of fifty-four thousand members. It seems to me that this proposition could not have been presented in the way it ought to have been presented to the members of this Order. It seems to me for our own good name as Sons of Veterans we ought to have contributed more for a monument to a member of our Order who had attained the office of President of the United States. I have been waiting for some opportunity,—some direct opportunity. I have a dollar in my pocket I want to put in that fund, and I believe there are other members here who would like to do the same. We ought to at least raise \$500.00 for this fund and I therefore am opposed to the motion as now put. I am making this statement because I believe there are others beside myself who want the Memorial to Warren G. Harding, and want the Order to make a more decent contribution.

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman: I would like to suggest in reply to Brother Challis, that the Commander-in-Chief make a statement as to whether it has not been properly presented. Appeals have been made by the Commander-in-Chief, by the Committee, and directions have been given time after time in General Orders issued through The Banner as to how this should be done. What more can we do? That is all I have to say, gentlemen, but it is the fact. The matter has been properly presented!

Past Commander-in-Chief Sisson: Brothers, I don't want to raise any question in discussion because it seems to me there is nothing to be discussed. Our men have had the opportunity. Undoubtedly our officers have done their duty in promulgating it, but we have been asleep and have not grasped the oppor-

tunity ourselves. Now, in the name of Heaven, don't let it go out to any organization outside of ours that we have got \$66. Let's either contribute that to charity or else make a contribution that we will not be ashamed of to the Harding Memorial. We have in the permanent fund today some little money and I move as an amendment, that the money which has been contributed for the Harding Memorial be put into the permanent fund and from the permanent fund we appropriate \$1,000 for the Harding Memorial. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: The motion is not in order. The funds have already been transferred to the Harding Memorial Fund and they have been acknowledged. If you desire to supplement the motion by a substitute, I will put the motion; otherwise the motion is declared out of order.

It was then moved by Past Commander-in-Chief Sisson and seconded by Past Division Commander Crowley of New Hampshire, as an amendment to the original motion, that \$1,000 from the permanent reserve fund be appropriated and contributed in the name of the organization to the Harding Memorial Fund.

Past Division Commander Maples, of New York: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers: We don't want to let foolish sentiment get away with our best judgment. The question in my mind is, can you properly afford the sum of \$1,000? I realize as well as any man in this room the great office Brother Harding filled, the highest office in the world for that matter,—but the question is, can you afford the sum of \$1,000? We know that we have been trying to raise money by every means for organization work. Now, Brothers, can we afford this \$1,000? What a lot of good that \$1,000 would do in our organization work! I believe it is better to limit it to \$500 and save this money to continue to a greater extent our patriotic work. I would further limit that sum to \$250.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Any further debate on the amendment?

The amendment was carried, as was the motion as amended, that the report of the Committee be accepted, the Committee discharged with thanks of the Encampment, that \$1,000 be appropriated and contributed from the Reserve Fund and any further contributions be forwarded direct to Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman.

At this point the Brooklyn Post Drum Corps, of Cleveland, members of Tent 6, Daughters of Veterans, were admitted and rendered several selections.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: This morning we had a group of Past Commanders-in-Chief. We had the oldest member in years of membership in the organization present. We had the Past Division Commander whose Father was the first Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. We have now from Pennsylvania a Colonel who was Provisional Division Commander of the Pennsylvania Sons of Veterans. I want you to see him. Past Division Commander James Harwood Closson, of Pennsylvania, a member for forty years.

Past Division Commander Closson: I happened to be near by this hall and could not very well miss it. I hope hereafter you will remind me and I will come to the Encampments.

Division Commander Maples, of New York: We have been speaking of old times and reminiscences here. I would like to ask as many of the members of this Encampment as have been a member of this organization steadily for forty years to please stand up with me. (About ten got up).

At this point of the Encampment proceedings a recess was declared until 10 o'clock a. m. Thursday, and the members adjourned to the Louis XIV room of the hotel, session room of the Auxiliary, to participate in the Joint Memorial Services.



## JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

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LOUIS IV BALL ROOM, HOTEL SOMERSET  
SONS OF VETERANS AND AUXILIARY,

Afternoon, August 13.

(In charge of National Chaplain Frank C. Huston of the Sons of Veterans and Mrs. Sarah Hughes, National Chaplain of the Auxiliary).

National President of the Auxiliary Emma Stuart Finch: This is a Joint Memorial Session of the Sons of Veterans and Sons of Veterans Auxiliary to pay our last tribute of respect to our departed brothers and sisters, who have passed away since our last National Encampment, and I shall turn this meeting over to our National Chaplain, Brother Frank Huston, who will be assisted by the National Chaplain of our Auxiliary, Sister Sarah Hughes.

National Chaplain Huston: Sister National President, Members and Sisters: We feel that we should apologize for not beginning just at the announced time, and yet, some unavoidable things will occur, and so it seems to have been at this time. But we trust that you will all be patient, and while I know there will be a disposition on the part of some to want to hurry this meeting, friends, if we haven't time to properly remember our dead, we should take time. We sometimes sing the little hymn, "Take time to be holy" at mass. And so I think friends, while no effort would be made to have an extended meeting at all, I think we should not be in any undue hurry, and so I think you will be patient. These meetings have meant so much to me personally and the expressions of love that I have received from word of mouth through the remarks, have led me to believe these occasions have meant much to others. So friends, in this hour of holy hush let us remember why we are thus gathered together. We will open the service and it seems entirely fitting, friends, that we stand and sing one verse of "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

Song.

Sister Sarah Hughes: I will read the Scripture Lesson.  
(Reads the 103rd Psalm).

Prayer by National Chaplain Huston: Our dear Father in Heaven, we do thank Thee this afternoon for all of thy love and for its every manifestation. We thank Thee that we are privileged, as we are, to live in this wonderful country, and we thank Thee for all its material blessings. We thank Thee for the great company that from the very beginning of this nation have been willing to sacrifice in order that the great blessings

which Thou hast given to Thy children may be not only kept, but handed down to posterity. So, dear Lord, we thank Thee for the heritage which has been given unto us, and we pray that, as we are here this afternoon, that we may be in mind conscious of just how fortunate we are in having these things freely given unto us of this generation. We thank Thee, dear Lord for those who have lived and wrought to perpetuate our blessings, and who may have passed from the scene of action and whose memory we would recount this afternoon. And dear Lord as we are met here in the memory of those whose names may be mentioned and some of whose deeds may be recalled, we pray that Thy blessings may be upon them and upon the lives that they have lived and every contribution which they have made in order that the world might be a better place in which to live. Dear Lord we would not be unmindful of those who are living, and we pray Thy blessing upon those who are now engaged in the warfare of the right against the wrong, to make the right triumphant. And so, dear Lord we pray that Thy blessing may rest upon this company of our brothers and sisters gathered here this afternoon, and somehow may our hearts be affected; may we be knit together in those ties which cement friendships, and which make not only for fraternity and fellowship and goodwill, but brotherly love. Bless not only us who are gathered here, but the brothers of our great Orders who are not privileged to be with us today. Bless, we pray Thee, in a special way, the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic,—that great organization, which represents that noble body of men which have handed to us such an inheritance. But, help us dear Lord, not to be satisfied with being here and remembering them in this service, but after we have gone back to our several places of labor and activities, dear Lord, may we still remember. Bless, dear Lord, this Encampment and its every activity that somehow from this Encampment into every home that is represented here throughout the Encampment there may go those fires of patriotism and influence which shall make for the highest good for our glorious land. And we ask and offer up in the name of Him who taught us all to pray:

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Song: "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," by Mrs. O'Hair.

National Chaplain Huston: As time moves on in restless rolls, another year will soon have joined its fellows of the past. Another Encampment is here and with it has come the golden hour of memory, and from North and South and East and West have gathered this company of friends to do honor to those whose gentle smiles and laughter, whose hand-clasps and kindly greetings we have known, but who live today with us alone in memory. How real, however, is memory! True it is, the animated dust is not with us today, but we do no violence to sentiment nor reason when we believe that the spirits are actuated and motivated by mysterious forces in whose field we are, who

meet here with us and to a greater or lesser degree are held in blessed communion with many present at this hour. These brothers and sisters of ours, are gone to join that innumerable host from whose bourne no traveler returns. "Gone" do we say; and yet how much are they with us today? Loving hands will deposit tokens of affection; a brother's deed may hide a sister's tears from coursing their way down the cheeks that have made response to kindly greetings from those now gone, and we will remember them and feel anew the thrill and inspiration they gave to us when we knew them in the flesh and we are almost made to believe they are with us today, as in other days, and yet we know they are gone from among us and we cannot bring them back, but they have left to us a life we can emulate in perfect practice, in its every detail. But whose life is? They have borne their burdens and perhaps have helped to bear ours, as far as was humanly possible. And if they have left to us tasks unfinished which we can complete, we can honor them most by carrying forward the work they could not finish so that when we too may be called to leave the tasks of life, it may be said of us, as well as of them, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over a few things, and I will make Thee ruler over many things." Sister Hughes will now have charge of the Memorial for our sisters.

National Chaplain Sarah Hughes: During the past year many of our sisters have been called from their earthly labors to a higher duty. Among those called was the Past Division President of Illinois. Sister Jennie Fuller will pay a tribute to the memory of Sister Holzbach.

Sister Jennie Fuller: She was a loyal, patriotic, Christian worker; she served her Division as Patriotic Instructor, Chaplain, I. and I. Officer, and Auxiliary No. 7 as Secretary for five years. She also served on the National organization for one year. In Sister Holzbach our Division lost one of its most loyal and able supporters. There is a mystery border line which lies just before the limit of our earthly way, for we may live a year, a month, a week, a day.

(Flowers placed in loving memory of Sister Holzbach).

National Chaplain Hughes: Massachusetts suffered the death of two Division officers: Emma P. Wells, Past Division Patriotic Instructor, and Katie Holmes, Past Division I. and I. Officer.

Division Chaplain of Massachusetts, Grace Howland: The angel of death flies fast over our flock. We realize that these sisters have done their best, taught us to do things in a better way, and if we remember the deeds of our Sister Kate Holmes of Plymouth Auxiliary and Sister Emma Wells, we cannot but do better work for knowing them.

National Chaplain Huston: It seems, friends, our sisters have been more fortunate than our brothers. We have suffered a loss this year of twelve Past Division Commanders, one in active service. One had been reported to me before coming to this Encampment. It seemed to me, as I wrote my report, we had been especially fortunate in having only six members removed from the work, but six more have been reported to me since I came to Boston. From nine Divisions—twelve members. The first of these Divisions to be visited was the Division of



Illinois, where Past Division Commander George B. Stadden was removed by death November 11th, 1923, and I am going to ask Past Division Commander Hurlburt to speak in memory of Brother Stadden.

Past Division Commander George S. Hurlburt: I wish that I had the necessary words to tell you what I think, but I can only give you a brief history of what I know of him. Stadden was Commander of Camp 4 at Springfield. He was the kind of man I wanted to know, being more or less interested in military matters myself, we formed an acquaintance that lasted long. When he became Division Commander, he appointed me his Inspector, which of course put me in close touch with him and with his work. There may have been other Division Commanders who have devoted the time and devoted the money to the work that Stadden did. But I know that he was devoted in his work and that he built the Illinois Division up to the high water mark. More than that, he never lost his interest. I don't know that I can say anything more.

Chaplain Huston: Illinois also lost Past Division Commander John D. Hall by recent death—only July 21st. Division Commander Joseph M. James will speak concerning Brother Hall.

Division Commander Joseph M. James: Past Division Commander John D. Hall was born in 1858. He was therefore at the time of his death 66 years of age. He was born in a city and raised and lived in that city, of which his father, Captain Hall was for many years an honored resident—Peoria. Personally I did not have the privilege of Brother Hall's acquaintance, but by reputation he was a gentle soul, a man whose heart was filled with the milk of human kindness, and a lover of mankind as exemplified in this work. At the time of his death he was a worthy, active, earnest member of Camp 25. He was always trying to construct schemes for the upbuilding of his Camp and our glorious Order, that he might the more fully fulfill his destiny;—that of maintaining, believing and promulgating a propaganda that would further the ideals upon which this country stands and of which that Flag is the emblem. To maintain, upbuild the principles and institutions for which his father and our fathers and grandfathers fought, and which we are still striving to carry on. It is meet that we as co-workers should be gathered here today to perpetuate the memory of his life, as an example, that we might shape our activities under the shadow of his work, that we may be more fully able to fulfill the pledge which we all have made.

(Flowers placed in loving memory of Brothers George B. Stadden and John D. Hall).

National Chaplain Huston: Likewise Rhode Island received the call for two of its Past Division Commanders: Charles W. Abbott and John W. Leonard. Past Division Commander Frank P. Ballou will memorialize these brothers.

Past Division Commander Frank P. Ballou: Warren Abbott, always a soldier, his father a soldier before him, was beloved by Rhode Island, and when it came time to answer the call of the Spanish War, he went with the boys to do his bit. He returned with the rank of Colonel. He was made Division

Commander and he died in November last year in the service as Adjutant General of the State of Rhode Island.

John Henry Leonard was a Past Division Commander. He just recently passed from us—on the 22nd day of July, and he was beloved by every member of the Rhode Island Division Sons of Veterans and by the allied organizations in Rhode Island.

(Flowers placed in loving memory of the two named brothers).

National Chaplain Huston: They have from Minnesota a brother who died, a member of the Washington Division, Brother Francis G. Drew, Past Division Commander and an old resident. Is there a brother here who knew him, Francis G. Drew of the Division of Minnesota, later of Washington? There seems to be no one at present. Friends, this brother is not forgotten. The flowers will be deposited in his memory—tokens of love, as with the others.

(Flowers placed in loving memory of Brother Francis G. Drew).

National Chaplain Huston: Friends, the Division of Indiana suffered the loss of Division Commander Rosie G. Bosworth. Brother Benjamin F. Stahl, Division Commander of Indiana, will speak concerning Brother Bosworth.

Division Commander Stahl: Brothers and sisters, I am glad I live in a country that believes in Christianity, that believes in the immortality of the soul. In the busy days of this Encampment, it is very fitting that we stop just for a moment in meditation, thinking of those we knew in life who are not privileged to be with us today. R. J. Bosworth who just recently died, held the office of Indiana Division Commander at the time of his death. I knew him for twenty-seven years. We love to call him "Rosie" and down in Indiana it was he who initiated me into the Sons of Veterans twenty-seven years ago. It was my privilege to go to Winchester when he was taken; to go to the cemetery where he was laid away. It was my privilege on Memorial Day of this present year to stop just for a moment at his grave and think of the things he did for the Division of Indiana. Rosie Bosworth was human. Rosie Bosworth had his faults, just like you, just like me. I like to think of a saying in an organization that I belong to,—"The faults of our brothers we write upon the sand." His memory is left, and we like to swell upon the deeds of loving memory. Rosie Bosworth perhaps did more than any other one man to promote the interests of the Sons of Veterans in Indiana,—by his work as an organizer. In Indianapolis, by his efforts, being on a special work there, making Ben Harrison Camp largely due to his efforts, the largest Camp of Sons of Veterans in the United States. What more could I say, only this;—that we who are in Boston today, may not be living next year. Memorial services may be said for us next year, that we fought the good fight, we kept the faith; therefore there is a crown of righteousness laid up in Heaven for us. Such I can say of my friend, Commander Rosie Bosworth.

(Flowers placed in loving memory of Brother Bosworth).

National Chaplain Huston: The next Division to sustain a loss was that of Connecticut. Brother Lucien P. Burpee, Past Division Commander, died May 4th, 1924. Past Commander-in-Chief Grant will speak concerning Brother Burpee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph M. Grant: Gen. Lucien P. Burpee, Past Division Commander of Connecticut, was the son of Thomas F. Burpee who was Colonel of the Twenty-first Regiment, Connecticut Volunteers, and he was killed at the battle of Cold Harbor, Va., in 1864. Gen. Burpee gave his military services in 1864 when he enlisted in the First Regiment Connecticut National Guard, later becoming a member of the Second Regiment, and he was successively promoted until he became a Colonel in 1893. When the Spanish War broke out, Colonel Burpee was commissioned as Lieutenant Colonel of Volunteers by President McKinley, and served on the staff of Major General Nelson A. Miles. During the World War, with the rank of Major General, he became the head of the Military Emergency Board of Connecticut, which organized and kept a most efficient Home Guard. Gen. Burpee had a fine record for scholarship at Yale University, from which he was graduated in the Class of 1869. Attorney-at-Law Burpee in Waterbury, Conn., served as prosecuting attorney, corporation counsel, and Judge of the City Court of that city, which position he held when he was appointed a Judge of the Superior Court of Connecticut where he served until 1921 when he became Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, the highest Court in Connecticut, of which he was a member at the time of his death. Judge Burpee very early became interested in the Sons of Veterans, and served with great enthusiasm and activity in Camp and Division and as Division Commander in the years 1885 and 1886. He was also in the Regimental Association, Connecticut Volunteers, Vice President, having been elected to that position by the old soldiers in recognition of his father. Judge Burpee was possessed of a genial temperament and most remarkable presence. In addition to all, he was intensely patriotic. His pre-eminence as a jurist and as a soldier was conspicuous. He generously donated his time as well as his money to further the interests of our Order and he died as he had lived a devoted Son of a Veteran.

(Flowers placed in loving memory of Gen. Burpee).

National Chaplain Huston: Brother Past Division Commander Martin B. Stadtmiller of the Michigan Division died in January, 1924, and Brother G. W. Shaw will speak regarding Brother Stadtmiller.

Delegate G. W. Shaw: He was a member of Camp 180, received many honors from his home town, and it is hard for me to say because I have insufficient words to say, all the worth of Brother Stadtmiller. As a Division Commander, and as a member of the home Camp, we could always depend on him. He was a man of few words but man of deep devotion to the Sons of Veterans and to the cause we represent.

(Flowers placed in loving memory of Brother Stadtmiller).

The third Division from which death has taken two members was Wisconsin. The first of these deaths, Past Division



Commander J. W. F. Ames. Division Commander Donaldson will respond.

Division Commander C. D. Donaldson, of Wisconsin: Lord God of Hosts be with us, yet; lest we forget, lest we forget. I have known Brother Ames for twenty-five years, being associated with him during the last three years on the same faculty of the State Normal School situated at Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Brother Ames was Past Division Commander of the Wisconsin Division, Sons of Veterans. He was Senior Vice Commander in my Camp No. 35 at his death, and I have known him intimately the while, and I wish to say that I have never known a truer man and more genial friend, a man moved by a higher sense of public welfare and a finer Christian gentleman than J. W. F. Ames. He was born in the closing of the great War of the Rebellion—1865. He died April 25, 1924, at the age of 59. In the work that he was doing he was cut down at the time when he could have done his greatest and best work. "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform," and for us He does not vouchsafe the reasons for his actions. When we laid Brother Ames away, it was hard for me to see why he should be removed when he was doing such great good here. When the angel of death kissed his brow and wafted his immortal soul to that house not made with hands eternal in the heavens, I think Brother Ames would say, as the great poet Tennyson said:

"Sunset and evening star  
And one clear call for me;  
And may there be no moaning of the bar,  
When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,  
Too full for sound and foam,  
When that which drew from out the boundless deep,  
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,  
And after that the dark,  
And may there be no sadness of farewell,  
When I embark.

For though from out our bourne of time and place,  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face,  
When I have crossed the bar."

And I would say that would we had more men like him, and I know that you will voice with me that prayer for men of his calibre and men like our great forefathers who saved this country for a great destiny. We need more men like that more men like him, and I know that you will voice with me this prayer:

"God give us men, strong and stalwart ones,  
Men whom highest duty inspires,  
Men whom purest honor fires;

Men who trample self beneath them,  
Men who make their country need them.

As our noble sons, fit heritors of their sires,  
Men who never shame their mothers,  
Men who never fail their brothers.  
True to them, though false to others  
I say men—God give us men."

National Chaplain Huston: From the Commandery, Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief F. J. Walthers from the Wisconsin Division died August 4, 1924. Judge Kremer, Past Division Commander, will speak regarding Brother Walthers.

Past Division Commander Kremer: Sisters, Brothers—Julius Walthers was born in the city of Milwaukee, 61 years ago. He organized the first Camp of the Sons of Veterans, Charles K. Camp No. 1, Division of Wisconsin, in 1883 and became the first Camp Commander. Three years later the Division of Wisconsin honored Brother Walthers. They elected him to the office of Division Commander and at the last Columbus Encampment Brother Walthers was lifted to the position of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of this Order. Brother Walthers was a lawyer by profession. He lived his entire life in the city of his boyhood, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Every day, every week, every month, every year of his life, he gave the best he had to the Order he loved. I have known many men in my life and sometimes it is said that in the profession of lawyers there are men who sometimes fail to hew as close to the line of rectitude as they might. But I must say that he was the soul of honor, that I never knew a more honest man, a man who never wavered from the path of right, truth and justice. A loving husband and proud father of one son, an invalid wife for seven long years, and when Brother Walthers was not at the Camp meeting, we know he was always at the bedside of that dear wife, because my friends on the day of his final installation, a radio set was at the bedside in order that his wife might hear the Encampment pronounce upon that brother its obligations. My friends, it seems to me that the most glorious thing on earth is death, because it is not an end but merely the opening of that great life beyond where we shall grow and expand and become greater in the great infinity of years which are to come. And it seems to me that here where we are moulding our characters, it is well for us to pause and think on actions of that kind. The life of Brother Walthers has made me a better man. As our ranking Senior Past Commander he has been our example and friend. So I am glad today to pay this tribute to his loving memory, and may we who remain, who walk down by the river with him the rest of the way, may we take from his life some of the beautiful examples he gave us.

(Flowers were placed in loving memory of Brothers Ames and Walthers).

National Chaplain Huston: Then the Massachusetts Division, whose guests we are, suffered the loss of O. K. Cook, Past Division Commander. Past Commander-in-Chief Sisson will speak regarding Brother Cook.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sisson: My sisters and brothers:—I can only regret that I was not advised earlier in order to do adequate justice to one of my contemporaries in the Order of the Sons of Veterans. I can only speak to you about Orange Cook as I knew him. Way back in 1897 I think, Orange Cook was elected Commander of this Division. A slow-going, methodical Yankee, one of those fellows who impressed you that his very act, his very word was the equivalent of a bond. A man by whom you might set your watch and never fear of its being off time. Cook was Junior Vice Commander while I was Senior Vice Commander, and my best acquaintance with him came during that time, and I found him to be a plodder, doing his duty unostentatiously, without show, without fear, and in every way worthy of the heritage of the son of a soldier. He suffered for years as an invalid, patiently until the end. It is not, however, a tune of sorrow and mourning that I would bring to you today, but rather a song of joy to have had such an acquaintance as Orange Cook, and so rather than thinking of this as a mournful hour, it seems to me that we might better rejoice that we have had such fine constituents who have left to us this great heritage of great memories and so at this time I can only say that Orange Cook lived and died worthy of his title and the honors that came to him as the son of his father.

(Flowers placed in loving memory of Orange Cook).

National Chaplain Huston: Friends from Maine, Past Division Commander Ernest G. Waldron was taken July 20th. Division Commander George M. Pond will respond in memory of Brother Waldron.

Division Commander George M. Pond: In paying a brief tribute to the memory of Past Division Commander Waldron, I will relate briefly a history of his services in the Order of the Sons of Veterans. He joined Camp 3, Bangor, in 1884 and for forty years rendered service, 100% to the Sons of Veterans of his Camp, to the Maine Division and to the Commandery-in-Chief. Shortly after his being mustered into Camp 3 he was called upon to assume the duties of Vice in his Camp and from that time on he has been continually filling offices either in his Camp or in the Division. In 1911 he was elected Commander of the Maine Division, in which he served with credit to the Order. Upon his retiring from Commander of the Maine Division, he was again called upon to fill the duties of Secretary of his Camp, which position he held until four years ago, his business being such that he was forced to resign from the office. In the passing away of Past Division Commander Waldron the Sons of Veterans and Sons of Veterans Auxiliary have lost a friend. His local Camp has lost a leader and counselor, the Maine Division has lost a great worker, and the Commandery-in-Chief has lost a valued brother.

(Flowers placed in loving memory of Brother Waldron).

National Chaplain Huston: These flowers have been placed in memory of the dead. I sometimes have wondered however, as I have observed again and again especially on the occasion of many funerals which I have conducted, a great profusion of flowers, and to some I really believe they are given many flowers after death, when they receive perhaps but a few before. That



gave rise to this thought. There are many roses wasted just because they come too late, and kind words that may be spoken often meet the same sad fate. If we know kind words and roses well befit some worthy brow; why delay 'till life is over, why not let him have them now? And so, Brother workers, the living, there shall be some roses, some flowers, placed in this basket for you this evening.

(Flowers placed for the living).

National Chaplain Huston: Out of such Orders as ours, friends, began this custom, and I believe it will be a lasting one. As we recognize the wonderful beauty of relationship and intertwining of principles, between our organization and those more recently formed, it brings to mind the boys who made the supreme sacrifice in the recent war. We would not forget them this afternoon, and so in memory of those of the late war, there shall be flowers deposited.

(Flowers placed in loving memory of the American Legion and World War heroes).

National Chaplain Huston: Friends, we would not forget our fathers and what could be more fitting than that the one who has performed this service for two years preceding should perform the same service again this year? One who has been very closely associated with the Grand Army, one that is Secretary to the Commander-in-Chief and for many years has been so closely related to it. So, then, at this hour, as National President of our own Auxiliary, Sister Emma Finch, will deposit flowers in memory of the departed heroes of the Grand Army.

Sister Finch: These flowers are placed in loving memory of the comrades who served with my father in the Grand Army of the Republic. The red of these flowers typifies our love and affection for them.

Song by Mrs. O'Hair.

National Chaplain Huston: May we conclude our service, friends, by singing one verse of "Nearer My God to Thee," and then one verse of "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again."

## THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

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Meeting called to order at 10 a. m. by the Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: The Chair recognizes Past Division Commander Fred E. Upham, of Massachusetts, Secretary of the National Organization Committee, who will present a report of the Committee supplemented by a few minutes talk.

### REPORT OF NATIONAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

Past Division Commander F. E. Upham:

To the Officers and Members of the Forty-third National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

The National Organization Committee submits the following report:

At the last Encampment held at Milwaukee it was voted to place at the disposal of our Committee a special reserve fund of \$5,000 to be used under the supervision of the Council-in-Chief for organization work.

Arthur D. Rhinesmith, of Peoria, Ill., and Fred E. Upham, of Leominster, Mass., were appointed by Commander-in-Chief Sam S. Horn to carry on organization work. That the progress of the previous year might be taken advantage of it was decided to continue on somewhat similar lines but to add new advanced methods.

The first year has been spent in learning of conditions and planning methods for improvement. Procrastination, lack of initiative and lack of knowledge on the part of Camps as to just what to do seemed to be the principal reason for inactivity. It was apparent that such inactivity existed, as the following figures will show.

#### AT THE CLOSE OF THE WAR.

Just before the close of the war our membership numbered on June 30, 1917—57,824. We use the date of June 30th as the one on which our National Secretary-Treasurer closes his report before each National Encampment. From this year there was a steady loss for three years. We then numbered 51,062.

Again since June 30, 1920, the date of the low mark until June 30, 1924, the tables show that we lost 17,637 members. Since June 30, 1920, to June 30, 1924, we show a gain of 21,612. This means that while things were on the down-grade (that is while Camps were cleaning house and dropping 17,637 members, some factor was at work building up), so that when the balance was struck, it showed that during that time we put back into the Camps 21,612 or a net gain of 2,975.

It is not just clear to us whether the meshes of the sieve were made closer, or the material that went into the sieve had become more substantial. Your Committee would say that both were factors that made this healthy increase.

#### A QUESTION.

Will this healthy growth be continued? We say no, not unless some form of agitation is kept up. The first year was used in telling the members that the Order was still in existence and that they had a duty to perform if it was to continue to exist like the corn in the popper—first one Camp becomes active, then another, and then others get into action. Note these figures:

The average gain each year during the period of gain was 1216 members. The gain of the past year has been 2168.

#### IS NATIONAL WORK A SUCCESS?

Some members say we spend too much money to get new members but we say we spend too little in holding members. The first year was spent in getting our team work and the workers together. In September we had listed about 4400 workers. About 2000 of these were listed as "go-getters." From September to March we issued a series of letters and circulars to the listed workers and known as "special six months letter service."

#### REPORTS FROM CAMPS.

Report cards sent out in April and returned show that out of the first 224 replies forty-eight Camps reported they did not appoint go-getters, did not buy our \$3.00 service, and did not get any new members. They were consistent at least. Seventy-two Camps, however, without our service secured 295 members. Eighty-four Camps, using our service, secured 1143 members. Fourteen Camps using go-getters only got 103 members. In other words, 120 Camps without service got 295 members and 104 Camps, 16 Camps less, using our service secured 1246 members.

On April 1st we were confronted with the question, whether it would be advisable to start another six months' service. We decided to prepare a booklet instead in which would appear the best of everything used in the past six months together with further advanced ideas. We announced in the April, May and June issues of The Banner our intention of publishing this book and appealing for immediate subscriptions at \$1.00 per copy. We also offered to send to any one's address five copies for three dollars. Only about a dozen copies were ordered in May.

In June we issued a letter of announcement to all members and a special one to Camp Commanders and Secretaries and the response to same was so favorable that we proceeded to issue five hundred copies at once. While the copy matter was ready in May the book was not ready for distribution until July. Owing to the fact that the small number of subscriptions up till June did not warrant the publishing of a sufficient number of books to secure a reasonable price.

Not a day goes by now without orders of from five to twenty books, and the first edition of five hundred is so nearly exhausted that our Encampment members cannot be supplied. We



are therefore publishing a second issue which will be put on sale at the Encampment.

There are twenty-eight Camps or individuals who subscribed for our letter service so late in our year that they received less than one-half of the regular service. To these we shall send this book without charge. These books will be delivered or mailed during Encampment week.

#### THE BOOK.

This book contains thirty-eight pages and covers fifty-six articles each complete in itself. We mention the following subjects: Grand Army of the Republic; Sons of Veterans; National Organization Committee; National Publicity Department; Commander-in-Chief; Division Commander; Camp Commander; Patriotic Instructor; Secretaries; Treasurers; Camp Councils; Class Initiation; Building Up of the Organization; Becoming an Organizer; The Faithful Few; The Banner; The Roll-Call; That Overhead; Collection of Dues; Entertainment of Members; Sales Promotion Department Special Service Campaign and Material; Specimen Letters; Personal Appeal; Our Circulars; Mail Order Canvass; Dropping of Members; Essentials for Gaining and Holding Members; About Men; A Personal Word and Actual Demonstrations.

As in the previous service we have tried out all the methods suggested and not one has reported failure. This book gives you the advantage of starting a drive any time in the year. It is as practical as a text-book for the individual worker, as for organized drives. Particular attention is called to the articles "Patriotic Instructor," "Becoming an Organizer" and "Actual Demonstration."

#### VALUE OF ORGANIZATION WORK.

Some members have asked: "Has the increase of membership paid for the amount of money expended?" Perhaps not in dollars and cents if you count only the immediate increase in membership. It is a sad fact that our Camps come into the work slowly. If there was a prevailing epidemic of a disease such as in the case of the "Flu" and a friend told you of a simple cure that would effectually and immediately give you relief, each one would tell the other and in a few days the epidemic would be a thing of the past.

So in our organization work we tell you explicitly and give every detail of a plan which has been tried out dozens of times with success such as the following figures show. A Camp bought two dollars worth of our circulars, followed our plan, and their initiation fees were \$51.00. Another Camp bought four dollars worth and received \$78.00. One Camp bought \$11.00 worth and received \$580.00. Another Camp followed our methods closely and secured over 300 members. Think of the yearly revenue of 300 members. In this book is shown the exact method for securing similar increases. We can go no farther. It is up to the Camp to use the methods which have never failed.

Each day more workers are added to our list—more Camps are getting into the work. If this organization is to go on successfully, is to stop dropping thousands of members and is to make substantial gains, some form of organization work is absolutely necessary. Many letters have been received by us show-

ing that a large number of Camps who have been dormant for a long time are waking up. Some members will ask: "Is this due to national organization work?" We presume not wholly, but this we do know, we have everlastingly kept the subject before them, both in The Banner and by our letter service. We unquestionably have had a great part in stirring up these sleeping Camps.

If this has led to the adoption of our plans or created awakenings and the use of other plans, we are well content with the results of our efforts, and they have surely paid. The last Encampment placed at our disposal \$5,000 to be used this year. We have carried on an active campaign and have expended only about \$2,600 of this amount. In addition we have added and expended such sums as have come from the paid letter service. The second issue of our booklet will be self-supporting, as no money is needed in the preparation of copy other than for the printing and mailing of same. These books are sold to you at cost.

We have issued a recent letter to all Camp Commanders urging them to secure an order from their Camps to buy five copies of this book at \$3.00 to be given to a list of five workers the coming season. Your investment is \$3.00 and we will call attention to the fact that no Camp has or will fail to get an immediate increase when the methods contained in this book are put to the test. The initiation fee from the first new member will return to you the three dollars.

#### RECOMMENDATION.

The first year was used in creating and awakening among an apparently indifferent membership. The second year in a more direct appeal to the Camp and its members for work. This was done through what might be called a (direct from the factory to the consumer service). It seemed necessary and proved so in most cases to send our printed campaign material direct to the user to save delays and expense. This condition has now changed somewhat and we recommend that the one best step that can be taken today is to get each Division Commander to see that five copies of this text book is placed in every Camp. He should then make strong appeals to the Camps to use it. He should issue return post cards at times to ascertain the facts as to results.

#### HARD FACTS.

Out of the total number of Camps reporting on gains during the two years of organization work nearly one-half have reported that they did *not* in any way use our service and did *not* add any members and many show a loss. It is very reasonable to suppose that a large number of other Camps not reporting failed to procure any increase in membership. The other half who *did* use our service shows that in 90% of the cases there has been a gain. It is conclusive evidence to us when 20% of our total number of Camps have taken up the work along our lines and have made gains, that the failure of others to show gains is simply a lack of activity, and that their trouble is inertia and procrastination, which are the real factors in the answer.

We believe that a paid national officer whose duty would be to study and pass along to the Divisions practical and well demonstrated plans should be arranged for. That the effect of this recommendation may not lose any of its value by the thought that this Committee is looking for any further opportunity, let us say here that under no conditions whatever can either of the present members give further time to this work.

This work requires new men on our Committee and new ideas must be constantly advanced. While the work may be called "National organization work" it must and should be paid for by the Camps themselves as they are the real winners. The National Organization and the Divisions will help in furnishing the material, but the work must eventually be placed upon a self-supporting basis.

#### IN CLOSING.

In closing the writer wants to say a few words about the non-approval of the per capita tax plan for securing funds for the coming year. I did not at the last Encampment, have not since, and do not now, approve of that method of supporting organization work, until such time as all Camps are interested.

Many have thought that failure of Divisions to approve of this method was a reflection on organization work—not at all. It was the method that was not approved and your Committee in its reports to the Division Encampments did not recommend the use of such methods, for the reason that less than one-third of our Camps have shown any interest in our work as far as reported to this Committee. To those Camps we would point to the success of the others.

We sincerely hope that this session of the Commandery-in-Chief will devise some method for carrying on this work and provide means for same.

Respectfully submitted,

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE,  
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

ARTHUR D. RHINESMITH, Chairman.  
FRED E. UPHAM, Publicity Secretary.

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Commander-in-Chief Horn: Before any action is taken upon the report of the Committee, Brother Upham will now give a supplementary talk.

Past Division Commander F. E. Upham: In talking on this subject I am going necessarily to say a few words in the beginning about my own personal end of this work. I want to tell you the things I know and the things I think ought to be done. In 1917 I was made Commander of my Camp. In my second year I was asked to conduct a drive, and in doing so I used publicity methods in which I have always been interested in some form. The net growth of that Camp in ten years had been one single member. In five quarters through publicity work I put in 166 new members. I was made Division Commander. I adopted exactly the same thing, publicity work, selecting what I called a Division Committee of five members to follow out publicity work. The increase during my year was about 700, which was considerably more than in nineteen years. That directed



the attention of the then Commander-in-Chief, who spent seven days with us watching the work. He asked me to come to Illinois and give a talk to the School of Instruction, which I did. I believe what is good for a Camp or Division is good for the National Organization. I fully expected that I could carry on through the National Organization the same methods. I haven't accomplished the thing to the extent that I had hoped as the individuality of Camps varies. I have recently sent out post cards to the Secretaries asking for the results since two years ago when we started the work. One-half of those reporting say that they took no particular pains and got no members, and the other half made gains. Yesterday you had before you the Past Commanders-in-Chief and they gave you some splendid advice. The enthusiasm was great. Wonderful! But it does not amount to anything if your Camps do not have that same enthusiasm. The question is now are you going to get it there? When I tell you only 120 of the 900 Camps replied to special letters, you will marvel at their failure to appreciate organization work. Queries to Division Commander;—twenty-four brought only six replies. You must judge yourselves whether we can make organization work pay or not. Nine-tenths of the Camps seemed to think that when this Committee on National Organization work was appointed, there was nothing left for them to do,—that we would put the members into their Camps. Of course we could not do that. All we can do is to gather our information from the national field and pass it along. Take the Camp at Beverly for instance—three hundred members. Why not? What does it mean to have three hundred additional members? They are doing things down there. Just a little effort does it. Everyone of you ought to get a copy of the book on the organization at the close of this meeting, one dollar each. Go home to your Camps and report to them that these books can be had, five copies for three dollars, which will be returned as initiation fees from the new members of your Camp. It will show you what can be done by following well studied plans. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: The Chair is now ready to have a motion on the report of the Committee, as to the action of the Encampment.

National Secretary Hammer: There are some recommendations, I think.

Commander-in-Chief: I don't know as there is any particular recommendation that we can act upon.

Past Division Commander Upham: I don't think so; it wasn't so intended.

Past Division Commander Crowley of New Hampshire: I make a motion that the report of the National Organization Committee be accepted.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Are there any remarks?

All in favor say, Aye! Opposed, No! The Ayes have it and the motion is carried. There having been no recommendation in the report or provision in the motion;—there will be no National Organization Committee after this Encampment, unless subsequently provided for.

Past Department Commander George E. Stratton, of New Hampshire, was announced as a Greetings Committee from the

Grand Army of the Republic. Past Commander-in-Chief Grant was detailed to escort him to the room and present him to the Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Comrade Stratton, we welcome you to this Encampment of the sons of your comrades, and we anticipate the remarks you will make to us, with an eager pleasure. (Applause).

Past Department Commander Stratton: It certainly is a great pleasure to me to look into the faces of these boys, sons of the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and to bring you their greetings, best wishes and their love. You know that we look to you for carrying on the work when we are gone. The Fifty-eighth Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic comes to Boston for the last time. Those of you who live in Boston will see us no more as a body, unless, as the Commander-in-Chief told the Mayor, that if he will give us an invitation ten or fifteen years from now, we will all come. I believe he was right. And as we come to this Encampment in Boston, as we look into each other's faces and clasp hands, memories of the years when the life of the nation was at stake stir the blood of the veteran like the blare of the trumpet, and no braver men ever lived than those who followed the flag and fought under Grant, Sherman, Farragut and Porter and other Union Commanders. (Applause). The snows that never melt have fallen upon their heads and every year their ranks grow thinner, but the fame of the glory of their deeds grows brighter with the passing years. Their valor, their utter disregard of life in their glorious charges, blazoned upon the pages of history, was an inspiration to service and love of country in that mighty World War in which the nation engaged. Our sons who served in that war for humanity and the world peace showed that the spirit which made their fathers fight so bravely in other years was rekindled in them. And that war has been gloriously terminated by our sons, showing that they have the same spirit of sacrifice which was so manifest in the boys of '61, and so on every battlefield, on every ship righting the submarine menace, the sons of the North and sons of the South fought side by side for humanity, all one country, all one people, all one glory, together they brought in the glory to this country of ours. And so today I believe that we all come here as Americans, Americans who love our flag for the freedom and equality it represents, for the religious tolerance for which it stands, the sacred emblem, which is for peace with honor, but demands in martial tones that our country shall be treated with honor and respect and demands protection for our people always and everywhere. So we will never forget that to give us this united country of ours, freed from the curse of slavery, without a star gone from our banner, nearly 400,000 brave men paid the last full measure of devotion. And let us never forget that as citizens we should bring to our every day duties in civil life a profound sense of our trusteeship and a fond realization that this country of ours is a priceless treasure that our fathers, our brothers and our sons fought for it and died for it and that the hopes and aspirations of mankind are entwined in its destiny; that we have inherited it as a sacred trust to guard and defend it and hand it down to succeeding generations, better and more enduring

for our service for it. It is God's country, no country like ours on earth, and so believing, our hearts should be brave and our thoughts clear that we may dedicate ourselves anew to the great cause of human freedom, that our flag may always fly over all with its protecting folds and we march forward as a nation to our glorious destiny under it. Some years ago there was held in New York a great patriotic meeting. The principal speaker of the evening was Henry Grady, the editor and publisher of the Atlantic Constitution. Having accepted the results of the War, he was striving by every means and device to bring this nation more united than ever before, one and indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. At the close of his address, he pointed to a large American flag hanging from the balcony, and quoted these lines, which I want to leave with you:

Lead, glorious flag, encircled by our love,  
Lead thou us on.

Those skies grow dark, the stars of hate above,  
Lead thou us on.

Guide thou our hearts, our loved ones guard and guide  
In peace with thee may all earth's flags abide,

For thy red stripes hearts' blood was poured like rain  
For thy bright stars thousands of men were slain.

Lead now to peace as brighter light appears,

Lead glorious flag throughout the coming years.

(Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Comrade Stratton, in returning to your Encampment, convey my personal greetings to your Commander-in-Chief, a man with whom I have traveled for the past eleven months, a man whom to know is to love and respect, wonderfully human, and a true Christian gentleman. I am going to ask Past Commander-in-Chief Grant to respond for the Encampment to you.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: Past Department Commander Stratton, we welcome your presence in our Encampment today. We welcome you as a representative of the Grand Army of the Republic and as all comrades of the Grand Army are welcomed. And I especially welcome you as a representative of that great organization to whom we always unfailingly admit and owe our allegiance and we all therefore extend to you a double welcome. You were modest, with true soldier's modesty, in expressing your regret that you were not accompanied by another whom you were pleased to say was a better speaker than yourself, and perhaps could have expressed very fittingly, as you have, the greetings of the Grand Army to the Sons of Veterans. Your eloquence showed in your modesty, but, sir, regardless of that there are relations where words are of less consequence than others and the relationship that exists between parent and son is one of those relationships. The example of a father is always far greater and more effective than his words. It is the example of the father that the son follows. A father can little expect from a son correct conduct, unless he himself sets the proper example, and what we prize in the Grand Army of the Republic and what the Sons of Veterans revere is the steadfast example of patriotism that they have continuously and constantly given to their sons in the years following the period



when they served their country. (Applause). We know of your deeds, sir, in the Civil War, somewhat, but very little, from your lips because there again modesty has prevented you from revealing all that you did. We know, in a general way, what it means to be a soldier,—in a general way what it means to be ready and willing to offer life for the nation. But we know only from the pages of history and the lips of others, what you did, sir, in the Civil War. But we know of your example, what the Grand Army of the Republic has accomplished in our lifetime as a great, patriotic organization. It is my belief, sir, that the work done by the Grand Army of the Republic, since its organization, is as great if not greater than what you men accomplished in the Civil War. (Applause). You have preserved the nation and have kept the nation steadfastly in the adherence to right and justice for all, and led them unflinchingly upward until we are today so much greater and more powerful, due to your constant leadership, and so I say the example of the Grand Army of the Republic rather than their words is what has been helpful and inspiring. On the other hand, what words of sons avail to the father unless they follow the example and unless they carry those words into service. No words of mine, no combined words of all this room, no words of all the sons of fathers in the United States could avail much unless they reflect real service, not only for the Grand Army of the Republic, but service in the pathways of the Grand Army and in the expressed ideals of the Sons of Veterans, and so we wish you, sir, to understand that as far as our words go, we pledge you our loyal support. Many of your comrades, many of your Departments in my actual observation and experience of the Sons of Veterans are serving our establishments to the full measure of their ability. I regard with some shock, I almost may say repulsion the fact that the Sons of Veterans have not measured up to all their opportunities, either in serving the Grand Army or in serving their nation, but, sir, it has been not from a lack of real, true devotion to their fathers. It is explained, I suppose, by many reasons, but insofar as we have failed, we regret. Insofar as we have succeeded we are proud, because we honestly believe that we could do no greater service than in all times to measure up to the complete satisfaction and expectation of the Grand Army of the Republic, and insofar as we have succeeded in that, we are gratified and satisfied. We are not requesting anything, sir, except that you carry back a response from this body of Sons of Veterans in Encampment assembled to your organization and to express, as I know I am expressing for them, our continued allegiance, our pride and our devotion to the principles for which you have so long and gloriously stood. (Applause).

Past Department Commander Stratton: I wish he had spoken first. I have nothing to say. I have said all I want to. But I want to assure you boys of the love of the (well, what shall I say?) of the love of the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic for the Sons of Veterans, flesh of our flesh, blood of our blood. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: The Encampment will now hear the final report of the Committee on Officers' Reports, Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter is recognized.

## FINAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers: It will be remembered that the Commander-in-Chief submitted a supplementary report dwelling upon the question of the right to membership in this organization of one of the brothers of the Missouri Division. He closed his report, and I read it, inasmuch as it is not shown in the printed report, and I your possession with its recommendation. "That the incoming Commander-in-Chief be directed to take such action as will secure or deny the eligibility of William Schumacher, Camp 4, Division of Missouri, in accordance with the C. R. & R. and that he make declaration accordingly as may be required." You will permit me, I am sure before presenting the formal report of the Committee on Officers' Reports, this brief word of explanation. We asked that the interested brother, Past Division Commander W. H. Schumacher and Division Commander Wood of the Division of Missouri meet with the Committee, as they had expressed a desire to do so should the Committee desire it. We discussed the matter thoroughly with these two members in a most cordial manner. We had before us certain evidence in documentary form that we gave consideration to and having in mind the importance of this question as it pertains to the real, fundamentals of our organization, the right not only to membership now, and we feel in fairness and in full measure of fairness to the brother interested and to the Division of Missouri and to this Commander-in-Chief to offer this similar report: "Sufficient evidence of a convincing character having been presented to your Committee to cause at least the establishment of a reasonable doubt as to the right of William Schumacher of Camp 4, Division of Missouri, to membership in the Order of the Sons of Veterans, it is recommended that the incoming Commander-in-Chief acting under Section 1 and Article 7 of the Constitution and Regulations assume original jurisdiction and cause said William Schumacher to establish his eligibility in conformity with the constitutional requirements, fixing the time he shall be allowed for such purpose. Commander-in-Chief, I move the adoption of this recommendation.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: If there is no objection, in accordance with the Rules of the Encampment, the report of the Committee is adopted. The Chair hears no objection, and the report is adopted, the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports as a whole is adopted and the Committee discharged with thanks of the Encampment.

The Chair is informed that Greetings delegations are in waiting from the Ladies of the G. A. R., and from the Daughters of Veterans. They will be escorted to the altar and to this station by the Committees already detailed for that purpose.

(To appropriate music and amid great applause the two delegations were escorted to the altar and thence to the platform).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: I want the members of this Encampment to see the faces of, and know the names of the respective committees now visiting us. Will the Committee from the Ladies of the G. A. R. please rise. (Applause). I am pleased to introduce Miss Florence Kennedy, Past Department

Secretary of Illinois, Mrs. May Hardwick, Department President of New Hampshire, and Mrs. Elizabeth Sears, Past Department President of Connecticut. These are a part of "Martha Van Duzor's" girls. Their "Martha" and your "Sam" traveled much together the past year. Will the Chairman of the Committee present her greetings?

Miss Kennedy: Commander-in-Chief, I have been told that a successful speaker must be either witty or brief. As I am not the former, I shall try to be the latter. I bring the greetings from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and our National President. She wishes you a most successful and harmonious Convention. She hopes that this will be the best you have ever held, and that you will do the best work that you have ever done this year. She said that she had had a most wonderful year traveling with your Commander-in-Chief and sent her special greetings to him. She said he had been most kind to her in every way and really shown her all the courtesy and love that a son could have shown to a mother. We have to carry on the work that our fathers have left for us to do when they are gone, and it won't be so many years before they will have left us, and I hope that you will join hands with us while we are bringing you greetings from the Ladies of the Grand Army. We are all daughters, and our work will be to carry on the work that our fathers commenced. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: I am going to ask the Committee of the Daughters of Veterans to please rise. I present to this Encampment the representatives of our Sister Organization. Sister Drusilla Thayer, who also was so closely associated with me during the past, and all who know her, love her. The girls of this organization all have the same blood in their veins that we have, and say, as we do, "My father was a soldier." I introduce Sister Eunice H. Pattee, asking her to announce her own title and rank.

Miss Pattee: I might say at this time that at present I have no rank; just a worker. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: But she is from Massachusetts!

Miss Helen Jordon, Department Guide, also from good, old Massachusetts. (Applause).

Miss Lena Simpson, Department Patriotic Instructor from Michigan.

Do you know, boys, I think there is some scheme in this, because they sent all "Misses" over here to this Convention. I am going to ask Miss Pattee, that worker of the organization who is modest enough to admit an absence of "rank" but has a pride in that she is a worker for that organization.

Miss Pattee: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers of the Sons of Veterans, it is a great privilege for me considering that I really have no rank except being just a worker to be sent by our National President to our brothers. As has been said by the Chairman of the Committee from the Ladies of the Grand Army and also by your Commander-in-Chief, we are bound together by blood ties to carry on the work of our fathers, and we must continue to work in harmony if we would accomplish that purpose. We must let nothing stand in the way of that harmony. I know that there has been the greatest harmony between the



Sons and Daughters in Massachusetts, and I am sure that that holds good all over our broad land. So, boys, (I am going to call you all boys because I call myself a girl). (Applause). Well, boys, I might interrupt my little speech at this time to say that I went over seas and was over seas for two years, and some of my friends said "Well, Eunice, if you don't get married while you are over there with all those boys, you will never get married." And here I am. The trouble is boys that I love you all, and I can't seem to pick out any one, and when I do pick out some one I find he has already been picked out by some one else. I think I will have to take advantage of Leap Year. (Applause). But seriously, boys, I hope for your Commander-in-Chief and for you that you have just the most harmonious and pleasantest convention that you have ever had and at any time. I can surely speak for our National President and for every member of our organization that we always are ready and willing to stand shoulder to shoulder with our brothers. I will hint that we are bound together by the ties of kindred and bound closely by blood ties to the grandest organization that ever existed or ever will in this world, The Grand Army of the Republic. I felt, we all felt, when we went to France, we were simply to carry out the principles that we had been taught by the Grand Army of the Republic. That our boys who took part in the World War and our women who helped to the utmost extent, if they did anything, every bit of the credit is due to their fathers who all these years have inculcated in us who are bound to them by blood ties especially, the principles for which our country stands, the principles of fraternity, of charity and of loyalty and above all patriotism to Old Glory, the grandest flag that ever has been in this world. Our Flag! We can't say any more when we say "Our Flag" for that means everything, and it means to us especially everything because no other organizations can feel as we do. No others have the proud privilege that the Sons and Daughters of Veterans have. So, boys, keep up the good work. Just go to it with a will every one of you. Never mind whether you have a rank or not. Be a worker. That is what we want is workers in both organizations, and you may be sure that your sisters, the Daughters of Veterans, will be there to help you in every way possible. We want you to call on us and to feel that we are your sister organization and that it is to us that you look for many things that the women can do that the men can't always accomplish. (Applause). Now, Brother Commander-in-Chief, I wish to bring especially to "Sam" the loving greetings of "Drusie" from Illinois, our dear National President, and in behalf of our sisters wish to present to you this little basket of flowers, which carries our loving thoughts to the Commander-in-Chief of our brothers. As those flowers express loving thoughts and greetings to you brothers, let us continue in the work and let those loving thoughts continue that are exemplified by these flowers which we have brought to you. I thank you, brothers. I am afraid I have not been brief, but I felt that there was just a little message that I might convey to you. So go to it and keep up the good work and we will stand by you. Now, I do want you to see my handsome Sister Jordan. (Applause). If this is not an eligible daughter, I don't know who is. Maybe she will kill me when we get outside. And our visiting sister from Michigan. I am

sure that when you see our visitor from Michigan, we won't feel it is a long way off, but you will want to have her stay here with us in Massachusetts.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: To the Committee of Ladies of the Grand Army I want to say that we are glad to have you here this morning. Please convey my personal greetings to Sister Martha of your organization. I ask Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman to respond for the Encampment to your organization.

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman: I think it is very much out of place for me or any one else to be called upon to respond to this greeting. Certainly in view of what has taken place during the past year when your President and Brother "Sam" had been traveling all over this land hand in hand, he and he only is the proper one to make the response. From year to year we look forward to these fraternal greetings that come to us from the Ladies of the G. A. R. It is indeed a happy pleasure for us to greet you and to receive your greetings. I will follow the good advice of the Chairman of your Committee by at least trying to be brief. I merely want to say this: That we renew our allegiance to the Grand Army of the Republic, that great organization that we all revere and love, and from which we receive our inspirations. Let us go forth doing our best to do our duty in the future as they did theirs from '61 to '65. Doing this well, we will fully establish our right to organize ourselves into these patriotic societies to carry on the great work that has been set before us by both example and precept of the fathers. Carry back to your convention the greetings and best wishes of the boys and Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. God bless you! (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Sisters of the Daughters of Veterans, I also want you to carry back the greetings of Commander-in-Chief "Sam" to "Drusie." I have been able personally to present myself at your convention and extend greetings to you all personally. Yet I feel, although I ask another to respond, I must say just a word in appreciation of the beautiful nature's gift you have brought to me this morning. It is the sweet essence proclaiming the fragrance of those flowers which symbolizes the influence of our work during the past eleven months in one mutual cause. It is the fragrance which survives, never to be forgotten. I cannot say all I feel, but simply respond as I did yesterday to the beautiful bouquet: "The flowers you bring me, will fade and be dead; Gone all their beauty, their loveliness fled; But a perfume breathes 'round them, which long will remain, to bring to remembrance, the givers again." I ask Past Commander-in-Chief Campbell to respond for our organization. (Applause).

Past Commander-in-Chief Campbell: My sisters, there was a time when I could command "Sam" but things have been reversed and he commanded me to appear before you. I plead guilty and I stand before you in a dual capacity, as father and brother. I have counted 81 birthdays. I had the honor to serve three years in the army of the Potomac, and I served in the organization or brigade that lost more men killed in battle than any other brigade in the service, the old Vermont Brigade

That name Vermont reminds me of John G. Saxe who was a Vermonter, and at a time here in Boston the Vermont Association had a reunion and banquet at which time he was called upon to make some remarks. He arose and said "Vermont is famous for four things, men, women, horses and maple sugar. The first are strong; the third are fleet; the second and fourth, exceedingly sweet; and all are very hard to beat." (Applause). I am very much embarrassed to appear before an audience of ladies. I think I could talk better before an audience of one. Eighty-one years, sisters, as I said before I am doubly tied to these organizations, in the relationships of father and brother, and as your brother, and on behalf of this Encampment (Sam can speak for himself) I want to have you return the greetings and heart-felt love of each and every member of this Encampment to your organization, and assure them we will not neglect to pledge ourselves to stand by the principles of the Grand Army and of the Allied Associations. They are working in patriotic work; and that we as brothers and sisters will stand by each other and by the Grand Army. (Applause).

(The visitors were then escorted from the room amid great applause and appropriate music).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: I am advised that the National heads of our allied Orders, or at least a portion of them are in waiting, responding to an effort to have an "innovation" in the presence at our Encampment of those who have served with your Commander-in-Chief in similar capacity in their respective organizations. There is also in waiting a Greetings Committee from the Woman's Relief Corps. They will be received at once and all together. (Visitors are escorted amid cheers, applause and music, to the room and platform).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: May I introduce at this time Past National President "Mother" McBride, Chairman of the Greetings Committee of the Woman's Relief Corps, and her associate. Also, some other prominent personages: Mrs. Bell W. Bliss, National President Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Drusilla I. Thayer, National President Daughters of Veterans (and her Chief-of-Staff), and Mrs. Emma S. Finch, National President of our own Auxiliary. I am going to greet each one of them with a "special" greetings (kisses each one). And may I say in all seriousness, and as I said yesterday to the Woman's Relief Corps in convention assembled, that the "greeting" given these sisters this morning, is not the caress which cheapens, nor with that familiarity which breeds contempt. It is the results of an association of eleven months service with wonderful women and which has implanted in the heart of each a responsive affection for their individual selves and for the organizations they represent. The kiss I gave to Mother Bliss is as a kiss to a devoted mother who spreads the sheltering protection of her arms and breast to her children, and to the others as real sisters in one happy, harmonious family. Although this is a "personal visit" to your Commander-in-Chief, we want a few words from each; commencing with good Mother Bliss of the Woman's Relief Corps. (Applause).

Mrs. Bliss: Commander-in-Chief Horn, and boys, I want to say to you in the first place, that I contracted a cold shortly



after coming to Boston, and it has hampered me in conducting my Convention, although I have tried to make myself heard. I want to say to you that in my travels throughout the country this year, that these children, your Commander-in-Chief, the President of your Auxiliary and of the Daughters of Veterans, have been most kind to me and I appreciate and cherish every gift of kindness that has been bestowed upon me. You all know of the infirmity that has befallen our Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and it is pathetic to see too, and I believe that we too tried to guide his footsteps when his wife happened to be for a moment from his side, and I regret that Commander-in-Chief Saltzgaber is not here at this time. I am wondering if he is ill. I met his wife a few moments ago. I didn't have time to ask her about his condition. I had planned to come to you at this hour, as I was "commanded" by your Commander-in-Chief to do so. I considered it a real command and I was very glad to carry it out. So I ran away from my Convention and left it in the able hands of my Senior Vice. When Mrs. McBride said she was ready to come, I said "I am wanted over there too, and I am going." So she ordered a cab and got ready. I am very glad to spend these few minutes with the Sons of Veterans. My husband is a veteran. He is with me here in Boston, although he is not very well; but where do you find one of them that is? He seems to be enjoying himself and I hope that he will live many years to enjoy the privileges that come to the Grand Army of the Republic. And I know that the Sons will give every aid to the Grand Army and work side by side with the Woman's Relief Corps and all of these splendid auxiliaries in promoting all that can be done for our great and grand country for the uplifting of humanity and the care of our children, for the best good of humanity and Americanism and respect to this noble emblem the Stars and Stripes, the most beautiful emblem in the world. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: The Chairman of the Woman's Relief Corps Committee will now speak to you, for their organization has a greeting to us.

Mrs. Ida S. McBride: Commander-in-Chief Horn, Sons: When my President said to me that I was to be Chairman of the Committee to come and visit the Sons of Veterans meeting, she did me a very great honor, and I rejoiced. The Sons have always been to me wonderful in their thought of me, whenever it was needed and they could be, and I appreciate it. When I was met at the door by Son John (Sautter) who was Commander-in-Chief when I was National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, my pleasure was increased. I come to you bearing the greetings of the almost six hundred members of the Woman's Relief Corps in session in this city who look upon the Sons of Veterans as the individual members who are to carry on the work of their fathers. I wish to impress upon every one of you to take heed to what your mission is here, what depends upon you, that you may do everything in your power to help make this a greater, more glorious country, to Americanize every one and make them true to the flag, true to the Constitution of the United States, true to themselves and to all humanity. I wish I might say many things to you that come to me, but the time is short and I wish each and all of you God-speed in your work,

in your homes, in your lives, wherever you may drop a word of patriotism and loyalty, do so. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Sister McBride speaks for the Corps, but I want to introduce her co-partner on the Committee that we may all know who she is and where she is from. (Mrs. Clara H. Eaton, of New Hampshire, Past Department President, is introduced). I am now about to call on another who is also making a personal visit to me in this Encampment, "Drusie." In other words, Sister Drusilla I. Thayer, National President of the Daughters of Veterans. (Applause).

Sister Thayer: Brother Commander and to all my brothers:—It rather amuses me when "Sam" gets serious. I think that it is pretty soft for him myself, kissing all these ladies, and then he really does try to soften it down by saying some real sad, sweet things. But just the same, we are all very proud of your Commander-in-Chief! (Applause). This is the only Encampment to which I have made a personal visit, and it is the only one I will have the time to go to. He invited me to come to see him with the other girls of the organizations. I placed my Convention in the hands of my Senior Vice and I am sure everything will be taken care of all right. I was determined to come to this Encampment for just a few minutes and extend my own personal greetings and love for each and every one of you boys. I have brought the greetings of the Daughters many times and they have often heard me tell how much I think of you. I love you both singly and collectively. (Applause). I want to say to you that your Commander-in-Chief this year has been wonderful to our organization and to me. He has shown us every courtesy and I do not believe there will ever be another year when the heads of all the organizations are quite as friendly and enjoy each other such as they have this year. I did the very best this morning that I could do for you boys in selecting three of the best looking girls in my Convention to greet you. (Applause). And they were all "Misses." So now it is your own fault if you don't get busy. Brother "Sam," I do get serious once in a while too and I want to congratulate you on the splendid year you have had and I want to continue to be the same friend to you that I am today and the same sister. Brother Horn, you have not only been a brother to the Organization, but the same to me as a real brother and I do appreciate it and my organization appreciates it. They appreciate all you have done for me this year. Many occasions would not have been as pleasant had it not been for the Sons of Veterans and the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary. I had the pleasure of being entertained by the Sons and their Auxiliary in Portland, Maine; one of the nicest trips I had during my year. You extended the same courtesy to me in Portland, Oregon, and I was entertained in that city by your Sons and your Auxiliary. I will never be able to thank you for all that you have done for me. Your National President, Emma Finch of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary has been a true sister and friend and genuine, real pal. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Sister Thayer says she sent a committee of the best looking girls of her Encampment with greetings to us, but she overlooked a reference and an introduction to this Encampment one of the Daughters' most love-

able, and consequently beautiful, girls. At the Illinois Encampment she responded to my greetings, and yesterday in National session, she was again most eloquent in her response to my personal greetings in their Encampment. I think, even as Mother Bliss must have sensed my personal pleasure in naming Mother McBride as Chairman of the Committee from the W. R. C., so must Sister "Drusie" have anticipated my extreme pleasure in her being accompanied by her Chief-of-Staff. Sister Thayer, introduce Sister Mary Holmes to my boys. (Applause).

Sister Thayer: You see, Sister Mary is a "Mrs." and I thought of course you would prefer the others. But I am more than happy at this time to introduce to this Encampment, Mary Holmes, of Chicago, one of the best Sisters in all the whole United States. (Applause). She is my National Chief-of-Staff this year, and is the wife of your Brother, Judge George Holmes, whom many of you know.

Mrs. Mary Holmes: It is very sweet of you, National President, to speak of me as you do, and it is very wonderful of you, Commander-in-Chief, to want me here and to make me feel so at home in the presence of your special and honored guests. I might tell you that Judge Holmes is in Chicago, holding Court. (Laughter). I didn't think I would have this wonderful privilege of coming to you. The only thing that I thought I would have the honor of doing was to select your flowers that were given to you this morning by the Greetings Committee, and I selected them with a respective thought for each variety, (didn't have much time). I selected one for the outcome of your heritage from the Grand Army of the Republic, and I selected another for your beauty of thought, and I have selected another for your graciousness, Commander-in-Chief, to the Daughters of Veterans. (Applause). There is one thing I greatly admire in the Sons of Veterans. As you know, my husband was Division Commander of the State of Illinois before I entered the Daughters of Veterans and I have heard him tell many times of the attitude that the Sons of Veterans have toward the Grand Army of the Republic and I admire your reticence and your modesty. You have never pushed yourselves forward, never claimed anything but just to do the wishes of the Grand Army. You have kept yourselves in the background many, many times and I thought there could be no nobler tribute paid to a father by a son than this, keeping in the background, giving them the security and confidence of a strong wall behind them. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: A year ago, at Milwaukee, there was selected as a co-partner in our organization, as the leader of our Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, one of the Hoosier girls from Indiana. With her I have passed eleven months the same as I have with the others. She knows the same as I do how those months have been profitable and I want to say to you she deserves all the praises of our boys and of her own wonderful organization. She too joins the others in coming to see "Sam" at the Convention. Sister Emma S. Finch, National President, Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.

Sister Emma Finch: Commander-in-Chief Horn and my co-workers, brothers of the Sons of Veterans. Today is "Just the



end of a perfect day." And yet it is with sadness that I think that our official relations in this splendid body of men and women must sever today. It has been a most wonderful year in many, many ways, and I desired this opportunity to personally tell you of the splendid co-operation and what a valuable co-worker your Commander-in-Chief has been. You brothers know that we are just the same to you as the Woman's Relief Corps is to the Grand Army of the Republic. Commander-in-Chief Horn has never lost an opportunity to say a good word for the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, and I feel closer to you today than I ever have before because your Commander-in-Chief has done so much to bring us into closer fellowship and relationship. I am glad to have associated with a man of such character, and fine standing, who has been a real joy to me in my work this year. I am sorry to say that I brought my husband with me. (Laughter). My husband is unfortunately not the son of a Veteran. He is most patriotic and has been very valuable to me this year and I don't know how I would have gotten through without his help. I also want to say a word in appreciation of Mrs. Bell Bliss, and National President Thayer, who are sisters of the Auxiliary as well. This has been a wonderful year and a wonderful official family, and I am sure it will go down in the history of the organization and will be remembered as being a splendid year for all organizations concerned. I have traveled over twenty thousand miles and everywhere the Sons of Veterans have been all that brothers should be. Thank you, Commander-in-Chief Horn, for this opportunity of coming into your convention, my very first opportunity of ever visiting a National Encampment of Sons of Veterans, and I esteem it a very great privilege. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: We have had the greetings and response from the various women's organizations, and I ask at this time Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter who loves that wonderful organization, the Woman's Relief Corps, to respond to Sister McBride's greetings.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: My dear mothers of the Woman's Relief Corps:—I wonder if it would be any better if in view of the position one is placed in at this time not simply to say "Amen" and sit down. Yet the Commander-in-Chief has asked me to perform what is to me not only a privilege but a very great pleasure. I had no thought until I retired to the ante-room a few minutes ago that I would have the very great pleasure of escorting into this Encampment one who has been very dear to me for a period of more than ten years, because, brothers, ten years ago, that close relationship that our Commander-in-Chief has established and which he referred to as existing between him and the present head of the Woman's Relief Corps was the relationship that existed between "Mother McBride" and "Son John." To be first in the heart of those who are first in the hearts of the people of this great nation of ours and to be so enshrined because of a service lovingly and cheerfully given, to that splendid body of men, our fathers, is a destiny of which any organization might well be proud. And when one attains that destiny and that privilege because they have through all of the many years of their existence been guided by one purpose and one purpose only, that of extending

in every way within their power assistance to the parent organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, and when that organization represents, as it does today the greatest and the strongest and the best and the most useful body of patriotic women the world has ever seen (and I believe in all sincerity, brothers, the world will ever see) then we are expressing what is to this Nation, the Grand Army of the Republic, and to the allied sister organizations and to the Sons of Veterans, our mothers, the Woman's Relief Corps. God bless you, mothers. I have but one thought, that He may continue to permit you to be the helpers of our fathers for many years to come. (Applause).-

Commander-in-Chief Horn: I want to say just a little bit more. To me, this Encampment is like a perfect setting of jewels, something which has never occurred to my recollection in my history of National Encampments. Sister Thayer referred to "Sam being serious,"—she knows that seriousness is one of the attributes of sincerity and work in the organization, and that is to the welfare of us all. So I want to say to Mother Bliss, to Sister Thayer, to Sister Finch, this is a wonderful, wonderful day of sunshine even though we cannot see the sky. I trust the relations which have been established during this past year officially and which have continued so friendly, will never cease, as long as time shall last, that it will be to you as to me a rich memory and a lustrous pearl in memory's casket. (Applause).

Mrs. Bliss: Commander-in-Chief, I want to say that my escort into this organization to this convention is a man whom for years I have known in the Department of Wisconsin and who has brought the greetings of the Sons of Veterans to the Woman's Relief Corps more times than any other one member of that organization and we never feel that a convention is quite finished without a visit from "Judge Kremer."

Commander-in-Chief Horn: In accordance with the program we will recess until two o'clock. (Adjourned at 1:15 p. m.)

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

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August 14, 1924.

Meeting called to order at 2:05 p. m. by the Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: At this time the Commander-in-Chief will transpose the order of business. New business is in order. Past Commander-in-Chief Wagner is recognized.

Past Commander-in-Chief Wagner: I thank you, Commander-in-Chief. I will be as brief as possible. I hold in my hand, brethren, a roster of the Commandery-in-Chief for the years 1923-24 and on looking it over I find that I have the honor of heading the list of the surviving Past Commanders-in-Chief. A little further down the line under date of 1891 is the name of Past Commander-in-Chief Earp. Now I have traveled for a number of years with the honor hanging over my head of being the Senior Past Commander-in-Chief and I want to say to you publicly that that is not so. Commander-in-Chief Earp served in the capacity of Commander of the organization prior to my doing so. I am going to request this Convention, if it is in its power, or if not, to refer to the proper officer with power to do so that Commander-in-Chief Earp's name be placed at the head of the list, ahead of mine, so that he will be the Senior Past Commander-in-Chief. In support of my request, I am going to relate a few circumstances with which the majority of you are not familiar. When the request was made yesterday that those who had been members of the organization for a period of forty years arise, there were only about six or seven got to their feet. That means the rest of you did not know anything about the original history of this organization. I am just going to tell you what it is so you will understand the reason for my request. The organization started originally in Philadelphia in Meade Post No. 1 which was known at that time as the Cadet Corps. This was followed shortly after by Philip R. Schuyler Post No. 2 but a very similar organization, and a little later on they got together and the organization of Sons of Veterans was born. They branched out and a Philadelphian by the name of Cooke was first Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans and that was in 1881. In 1882 a Convention was called in the City of Philadelphia at which time there were six Divisions: Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts and Ohio. At that Encampment in Philadelphia in 1882 Dr. Root from the Division of Massachusetts was elected Grand Commander, as we called it at that time. During his term he added three Divisions: Michigan, Kansas and Rhode Island. In 1883 there was another Convention held in Philadelphia and he was re-elected Grand Commander. In 1884 his



health failed and he went to Florida thinking he was going to die. In 1885 he was elected Commander-in-Chief or Grand Commander of the old organization and in 1886 completed negotiations with Commander-in-Chief Wilbur Wayne for the consolidation of the two organizations which was accomplished in the Buffalo Camp. Unless there is something of which I had no knowledge, I think it is up to this Encampment to put Brother Earp at the head of the list and I would consider it a great honor to have him supersede me as the Senior Past Commander-in-Chief of this organization because I will do my duty in the National organization as the second in command. I thank you. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: It is moved by Past Commander-in-Chief Wagner that the roster of Past Commanders-in-Chief be corrected and that the name of Past Commander-in-Chief Edwin Earp be inserted in the roster as of the year 1882 between the names of Past Commanders-in-Chief Wagner and Rowley.

Past Commander-in-Chief Maccabe: I have no serious objection to this resolution. On the contrary I think justice should be done to my Brother Earp, but when my Brother Wagner enumerates all these conventions he does not make clear to you that it was not the organization of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., so that my Brother Earp never functioned as a matter of fact as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. I want to have the history perfect just exactly as my Brother Wagner wants it. It seems to me, however, that there should be some mark or description in which the fact may be brought out that the Commanders-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and Sons of Veterans of the other organization who came in may be known. That is real history and the way to make history is to preserve it accurately at the time or as near the time as is possible. I would therefore suggest with no feeling against my Brother Earp who has been my friend a good many years, that this matter be referred, as was suggested wisely by Brother Wagner, to a special committee. Let your roster be historically accurate. I think that is the proper feasible way of proceeding. I don't think anybody can offer serious objection to the proposition. You want to know the history of your Order and you should know it. I hope one of these days you may know and it may be spread to the world just what was done by the Sons of Veterans in the year 1882 as well as the year 1924. (At this point Brother Maccabe was interrupted by a query as to the Order being founded by a man named Davis). Yes, it is a fact that Major A. P. Davis organized the present Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. Now I don't believe I want it referred to a special committee, but it seems to me it can be placed on the table or referred to the incoming committee next year. That is giving it due recognition. I want the Commanders-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans to be given their due credit and honor. It was my privilege to get on the firing line against these men and I respect them as good fighters, as I respect them today as dear old friends, but I want the chapters of that record to be historically accurate on the roster of this organization. I therefore move as an amendment that the matter be referred to a joint Committee consisting of the

Committee on Resolutions and the Committee on Credentials of next Encampment to take action.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: We can hardly make provisions for Committees to be appointed by the next Annual Encampment. Would it not be better to have a Committee named now to report at the next Annual Encampment?

Past Commander-in-Chief Maccabe: You know there was a famous statesman once in New York City who wanted to land a man in a position. Grover Cleveland was then Chief Executive. He said "The Constitution forbids it." The statesman said "Come hither, Grover; what's the Constitution among friends?" That is all right. We have a Constitution and I believe in living up to it. (Here, agreeable to those discussing the matter, a substitute motion was framed and offered as follows:)

Commander-in-Chief Horn: The motion now is by Brothers Past Commander-in-Chief Wagner and Past Grand Division Commander Challis, that the matter of errors in the roster of Past Commanders-in-Chief be referred to a committee of three to be named by the Chair to make investigation of the defects in the present published roster of Past Commanders-in-Chief and, that the past record of the organization might be proper history, report to the next Commandery-in-Chief Encampment submitting a corrected roster as shown by the history of the organization. (Adopted unanimously).

The Chair names Past Commander-in-Chief Wagner, Past Commander-in-Chief Maccabe and the National Secretary as the Committee. We will now hear the report of the Council-in-Chief. Council-in-Chief Kremer is recognized.

## REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

Council-in-Chief Kremer:

Boston, Mass., August 14, 1924.

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

In accordance with custom and authority of the Constitution and regulations of the Order, the Council-in-Chief tenders the following report for the term closing.

Immediately after the close of the Forty-second Encampment held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 4, 5 and 6, 1923, the Council-in-Chief convened at the Hotel Plankinton in that city, perfected the organization, with Felix A. Kremer, Chairman; Charles R. Hale, Vice Chairman; Park F. Yengling, Secretary.

## BONDS.

The amount of the bonded officers was fixed as follows:

Commander-in-Chief .....	\$ 1,000.00
National Secretary .....	10,000.00

The Secretary-Treasurer's books and accounts have been checked, audited and found correct. We desire at this time to call the attention of the Encampment to the excellent manner in which the books and records of the National Secretary-Treasurer are kept, and the willingness on his part to give the officers of the Commandery-in-Chief the full benefit of his years of ser-

vice and experience. Surely the Order is to be congratulated on having such a faithful and efficient official.

The balance on hand, deposited in the Reading National Bank of Reading, Pa., as certified to by D. M. Whitman, Vice President, is \$5,012.81 and accrued interest of \$33.38, a total of \$5,049.19 at the close of business August 9, 1924. Since then the Secretary-Treasurer has received \$56.12, making a grand total of \$5,105.31.

During the year we appropriated for the use of the Organization Committee the sum of \$4,225.00; this, together with the sale of their literature, making a total of \$4,483.06, of which bills to the amount of \$4,107.18 have been paid.

Bills to the amount of \$375.88 have been ordered paid, leaving a balance in the organization fund of \$55.88 which we recommend be turned into the general treasury.

In the permanent reserve fund we find a balance of \$3,024.24, of which, yesterday, this Encampment has appropriated \$1,000.00 from this fund.

We find that the Secretary-Treasurer received and paid to Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman and Past Commander-in-Chief A. E. B. Stephens, Committee on Harding Memorial Fund, \$66.00.

We recommend for the coming year the per capita tax to be 32 cents.

On the recommendation of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief that the Oregon Division be reimbursed for the amount of \$40.00 due to a misunderstanding as to who should pay the expense of the organizing of the Oregon Division, and in view of the fact that the Oregon Division has made such a substantial gain in both Camps and membership, we believe that the Division should be encouraged by this Commandery-in-Chief. We therefore approve his recommendation.

Having gone over the expenditures of the past year with great care, and owing to the close financial condition of the Order, it was found necessary to exercise extreme economy in the preparation of the Budget for this coming year. We therefore,

VOTED: That the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Chaplain, National Patriotic Instructor and National Counselor shall receive their transportation expenses only.

#### BUDGET.

##### Estimated Receipts:

55,000 members at 32c .....	\$17,600.00
Estimated from Charters .....	250.00
Estimated from Supplies .....	4,000.00
Bank Balance .....	5,104.31
Miscellaneous ... ..	200.00
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	\$27,160.31

##### Estimated Expenses:

The Banner .....	\$14 100.00
Encampments .....	2,000.00
Stock .....	3,000.00
Printing .....	200.00



Shipping Supplies .....	200.00
Salaries .....	3,300.00
Bonds .....	35.00
Commander-in-Chief, expenses, traveling .....	1,500.00
Other officers, traveling expenses .....	300.00
Office expense, rent, etc. ....	1,500.00
Past Commander-in-Chief's badge .....	200.00
Miscellaneous .....	200.00
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	\$26,535.00

We thank the Officers of the Commandery-in-Chief for their splendid co-operation and helpful suggestions. All of our deliberations have been harmonious and our vote on every question has been unanimous.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

Signed: FELIX A. KREMER,  
CHARLES R. HALE,  
PARK F. YENGLING,  
Council-in-Chief.

Council-in-Chief Kremer: Commander-in-Chief I move the adoption of the Report of the Council-in-Chief as submitted, and the approval of the recommendations and acts of the Council-in-Chief.

Seconded and carried, and so ordered.

Council-in-Chief Kremer: Now after our report was made up, we ordered the Organization Committee to cease their labors on the 30th of June and to make up their books as of that time. After making up their report we received this morning a bill from the National Organization Committee in the sum of \$290.10. We make no recommendation and refer this to the Encampment. We also received a check for \$127.27.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: While the Organization Committee were directed to cease operations at a certain time, there were probably some matters in transit requiring their action. This bill of expense is probably in accordance therewith. What is the pleasure of the Encampment? If there are no objections, the bill is approved by the Encampment and ordered paid. The Chair hears no objections and it is so ordered.

Past Division Commanders Crowley of New Hampshire and Will F. Jenkins of Illinois moved that the National Organization Committee be dissolved. Carried.

Past Division Commander F. E. Upham, of Massachusetts: Gentlemen, it doesn't seem to me that there should be any misunderstanding about this bill that has just been referred to for \$290.00.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: That bill has been approved and ordered paid but there seems to be a probability of additional bills coming in.

Past Division Commander Upham: The only bill coming is a matter of binding the book. It was not mailed to us in time and has not gotten into the mail as yet. A matter of \$5

or \$6. If necessary I will pay it myself rather than have it discussed here.

Council-in-Chief Hale: I understand there are funds also coming in for the sale of these books. I don't know where that is going to. There has been a new issue, just come out last year. There is no provision made by the Organization Committee for paying these bills or taking receipts or anything else.

National Secretary Hammer: Please let us understand just where we are at. What is the proposition and has it reference to the report of the Council-in-Chief?

Commander-in-Chief Horn: The regular report of the Council-in-Chief has been adopted together with its recommendations. The supplementary bill referred to by them has, without objection, been approved by the Encampment and ordered paid. Now there seems to be a probability of additional bills coming in. Brother Upham reports a bill now of not exceeding five or six dollars.

Delegate Schultz, of Ohio: I move that the incoming administration be authorized to assume an expense up to \$25.00 for additional bills of the Organization Committee if same have been contracted and not yet paid. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Maccabe).

Council-in-Chief Kremer: I move that the motion be laid on the table awaiting action by the Organization Committee in the matter of disposition of books. (The motion was seconded by Delegate Moore, of Nebraska, and with the understanding that some action would be taken in reference to the Organization Committee before adjournment, the motion to lay on the table was carried).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Has the Committee on Press any special report to make.

Past Division Commander Holbrook, of Illinois: No special report, other than that I have given the reporters so far as I have been able to do so all information of value to the Press.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Have the "Greeting Committees" all made their visits? (Is informed in the affirmative). The Committees on visitations to the several allied bodies are therefore discharged with thanks of the Encampment.

The Committee on G. A. R. Memorial will now report. Past Commander-in-Chief Johnson is recognized.

#### REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAL TO THE G. A. R.

Past Commander-in-Chief Johnson:

Boston, Mass., August 13, 1924.

To the Forty-third Annual Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Boston, Mass.

Commander-in-Chief and Brothers:

The Special Committee on Memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic begs leave to report, as follows:

Pursuant to the action of the Forty-second Annual Encampment (Milwaukee, 1923) continuing this Committee for the purpose of getting all the allied societies to join in an undertaking

looking to the erection of a fitting Memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic, this Committee, as a preliminary to such work, entered upon a general inquiry among those of the membership of the several allied societies with the view of ascertaining the sentiment toward the erection of the proposed Memorial in order that it might determine the advisability of making a formal proposition to such societies. This inquiry extended over a period of more than three months, and developed the existence of a very favorable sentiment towards such an undertaking—sufficiently favorable to justify the Committee in taking the matter up formally with each of the allied societies.

Your Committee thereupon, in January last, submitted a formal proposition to each of the four allied societies through its National President—the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G. A. R., the National Alliance Daughters of Veterans, and the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, as follows:

"That a National Memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic be erected by the joint efforts of its five allied Societies; that each society enter the undertaking on an equal footing, and that each appoint (preferably five) representatives to a joint committee; that this Joint Committee shall determine the character of and select the general plan for the proposed Memorial; propose ways and means for raising the necessary funds for its completion and upkeep, and to report, with recommendations to the respective National Presidents, and to the National Encampment of each of such societies at their 1924 meeting at Boston, for such action as each organization may see fit to take."

The responses to the Committee's letters, transmitting this proposition, were very encouraging, for they clearly indicated that the idea of the proposed undertaking appealed to the several National Presidents and that they were willing to do all they could to effect the desired end.

Mrs. Bliss, the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, and Mrs. Van Duzor, National President of the Ladies of the G. A. R., both expressed themselves as being, personally, heartily in favor of the proposed undertaking, but said they had no authority to officially adhere to the proposition, as such action would require the consent of their respective National Conventions. However, each stated that she would recommend the proposition to her Convention at Boston.

Mrs. Thayer, National President, National Alliance Daughters of Veterans, stated that she was in thorough accord with the undertaking, and that her society would join with the Sons of Veterans on the proposition, and appointed a committee as suggested in the proposal submitted to her.

Mrs. Finch, National President of the Auxiliary, also expressed herself as being heartily in favor of the proposal, and stated that her society had made preparations at the Milwaukee Encampment to join in this matter with the Sons of Veterans, and that a committee had already been appointed for the purpose.

It was the intent of the proposition that the five allied societies should jointly erect the proposed Memorial, and your



Committee, therefore, was of the opinion that each of such societies should participate in selecting the character of and plans for such proposed Memorial. In asking each of the other allied societies for the appointment of representatives to a Joint Committee, it was the intention of your Committee to arrange for a joint meeting of such representatives, if appointed, for the purpose of discussing the proposition with the view of getting a fairly definite idea as to the general character of the proposed Memorial, and the costs thereof, that would be satisfactory to each of the five societies, and also to discuss the matter of ways and means for providing for its erection. Three of the societies—the Daughters of Veterans, the Auxiliary, and the Sons of Veterans, were provided with representatives for such proposed joint meeting. But by reason of the inability of the other two societies—the Relief Corps, and the Ladies of the G. A. R. to officially appoint the suggested representatives, these two societies could not be present and participate in the discussions of the proposed meeting, and in the selection of the character of the proposed Memorial, so it was thought best, in the circumstances, to defer the holding of such proposed meeting until such time as all five of the societies could be represented, and this was done. We had hoped to be able to hold a joint meeting before the Boston Encampment, as in that event we would have been in a position to have submitted some definite information as to character and costs of the proposed undertaking. However, if the recommendations to be submitted by the several National Presidents, to their respective National Conventions, are adopted, such proposed joint meeting may be held here in Boston, at the close of the Encampment, at which time a full attendance, probably, can be had, and therefore a more satisfactory meeting may be had and better results obtained.

The costs attending this undertaking would, of course, depend altogether upon the kind of Memorial that may be selected by the five allied societies, as represented by its Joint Committee. The actions of this Joint Committee would have to be adopted, or approved, by the several societies before becoming effective, so that the societies themselves would control the costs, as well as the character of the proposed Memorial. It is impossible to estimate the cost of this undertaking until we know the kind of Memorial that the five societies will select. However, no matter what the costs would be (so long as they should be within the bounds of reason) they could be readily taken care of, as there would be five well organized societies with an aggregate membership of more than 350,000 persons back of the undertaking—this should be a guarantee of success. We may feel well assured that the women's organizations will not permit the costs to be unreasonable.

We estimate that it will take from three to four years, and maybe longer, before we will be in position to commence the actual building of the Memorial, for the kind of Memorial will have to be determined; this will take some time to accomplish; the proper plans and specifications will have to be drawn, and a sufficient amount of money will have to be in hand and available before we would be justified in beginning the actual work of construction.

The amount of the Fund to be raised for the erection of this

proposed Memorial shall be determined by the five allied societies.

Each society will, of course, determine for itself the method to be employed in raising its quota of the Fund necessary for the undertaking, and what its quota shall be.

The Joint Committee of the five Societies shall have full control of the erection of the proposed Memorial, and of all matters relating thereto, subject, of course, to the approval of the National Presidents, and the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans.

The work of your Committee in endeavoring to get all of the allied societies to join in an undertaking to erect the proposed Memorial has, for the time being, been completed, and as the matter now stands, we have the promise of the National President of each of the women's societies, that they will recommend to their respective Conventions, the above proposition submitted to them by your Committee. These recommendations, we hope, will be approved by the several conventions now in session in this city.

The Chairman of this Committee availed himself of the privilege, accorded him by action of the Milwaukee Encampment, of selecting its membership, by designating, with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief, the following brothers:

Past Commanders-in-Chief Clifford Ireland, Harley V. Speelman, Frank Shellhouse, Harry D. Sisson, Ralph Sheldon, Wm. H. Russell, and Past Division Commanders Frank McCrillis, C. S. Scott, C. A. Bryson and Theo. C. Cazeau.

Upon the approval of this Committee by the Commander-in-Chief, each member thereof was duly notified, and at the same time was assigned a special duty to perform. The reports received, from such of the members who have reported, have been most gratifying.

If it shall be determined by the allied societies to erect the proposed Memorial in Washington, D. C., where are located all of the great National Memorials, a suitable site therefor may be provided by the Government, without cost, provided that such Memorial shall be of character as to meet the approval of the National Fine Arts Commission.

For the purpose of efficiently handling this Memorial proposition, within the Order of the Sons of Veterans, this Encampment should establish a committee to be known as the National Committee of the Sons of Veterans, on Memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic (or some other appropriate title), which committee should have full control, on behalf of the Sons of Veterans, of all matters relating to this proposed Memorial. This Committee should comprise a member from each Division of the Order, say the Division Commander, and seven additional members to be appointed, from at large, by the Commander-in-Chief; these seven members to constitute the Executive Board of the Committee, and be authorized to transact all business of the Committee between the meetings thereof. The Executive Board of this Committee should, also, be authorized, in conjunction with the representatives of the four allied women's societies to form a joint committee for the purpose of taking care of the Memorial undertaking on behalf of the five allied societies. All determinations arrived at by this Joint Commit-

tee, before becoming effective, should be reported to and approved by the several National Presidents of the allied women's societies, and the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans.

In addition to this National Committee, there should be provided a committee in each Division of the Order, to be known as the Division Committee on Memorial to the Grand Army. This committee should comprise a member from each Camp of the Division, and of which the Division Commander should be chairman, who would also be the Division representative on the National Committee. During the period of the undertaking of this Memorial project, it will be advisable for the National Committee, or the Executive Board thereof, to be in touch, not only with each Division, but also with each Camp of the Order. Such a committee, it is believed, would be the most satisfactory means for accomplishing this end, and would be of the greatest assistance to the National Committee in its work.

Your Committee has given the matter of raising the funds, that must be contributed by the Sons of Veterans as their quota to the general Memorial Fund, considerable thought, and having duly considered the many ways of raising money, have reached the conclusion that the best results may be obtained by requesting each Camp of the Order to voluntarily contribute as its quota to the Sons of Veterans' portion of the Memorial Fund, the sum of one (1) dollar per year, for each of its members. Such a quota could be readily and quickly raised by each Camp through contributions from its members, entertainments, or in such other ways as the Camp should see fit to adopt. However, it is believed that every member of the Order will be glad to voluntarily donate one dollar per year to help perpetuate the memory of his father, and of his father's comrades—the men who fought the great fight of 1861-1865, for the preservation of the Union.

Each Camp should pay the money it collects for the Memorial proposition into the Division Treasury, each quarter, and the Division Treasurers should forward the same to the National Secretary-Treasurer, who should hold such funds, so received, in a special account in some institution to be approved by the Commander-in-Chief and the Council-in-Chief, until such time as the Commandery-in-Chief shall determine.

Your Committee, in concluding its report, submits the following recommendations for your favorable consideration:

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That a standing committee be established to be known as the Sons of Veterans' National Committee on Memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic.

2. That the membership of the Sons of Veterans' Memorial Committee on Memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic, shall comprise one representative from each Division of the Order (the Division Commander), and in addition thereto seven members to be appointed, from at large, by the Commander-in-Chief, which seven members shall constitute the Executive Board of the Committee, and is hereby authorized to make rules for the government of the Committee. The Chairman, and Vice Chairman of this Committee shall be designated by the Commander-in-Chief from among the seven members of the Execu-



tive Board. There shall be at least one meeting of this Committee each year, and the presence of twelve members shall constitute a quorum.

3. That there shall be established in each Division of the Order, a standing Committee to be known as the Division Committee on Memorial to the Grand Army, and the membership of this committee shall consist of one member from each Camp of the Division, to be elected by the Camp, or appointed by the Camp Commander. The Division Commander shall be chairman of this committee and the representative of the committee on the National Committee. This Committee shall be an adjunct to and shall perform such duties as shall be assigned to it by the National Committee, or the Executive Board thereof.

4. The Executive Board of the Sons of Veterans National Committee on Memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic shall transact all business of the Committee between its meetings, and three members thereof shall constitute a quorum, of which the chairman, or vice chairman, shall always be one. The chairman, and vice chairman, of the Committee, shall be chairman, and vice chairman, respectively, of the Executive Board.

5. The Executive Board shall have authority to join with such representatives as shall be appointed from the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G. A. R., National Alliance Daughters of Veterans, and the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary to form a Joint Committee, which Joint Committee shall have control, on behalf of the five allied societies of the erection of the proposed Memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic, and of all matters relating thereto, and shall report, from time to time, to the respective National Presidents of said allied societies, and to the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, such recommendations as it shall see fit to make. No determination arrived at by such Joint Committee shall be effective until approved by the said Commander-in-Chief and the said National Presidents. The Joint Committee, when formed, shall make rules for its government. The National Presidents and the National Secretaries of the said allied societies, and the Commander-in-Chief and the National Secretary-Treasurer of the Sons of Veterans shall be members ex-officio of this Joint Committee.

6. For the purpose of raising a Fund for the erection of the proposed Memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic, each Camp of the Order shall be requested by the Commander-in-Chief, to furnish as its voluntary contribution the sum of one (1) dollar per year for each of its members, the same to be raised by the Camp and paid into the Division Treasury, and forwarded by the Division Treasurer to the National Secretary-Treasurer, for safe keeping.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) HARLEY V. SPEELMAN,  
RALPH SHELDON,  
F. T. F. JOHNSON,  
C. S. SCOTT,  
THEODORE C. CAZEAU,  
H. D. SISSON.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Brother Johnson, does this contain specific recommendations for action of the Encampment?

Past Commander-in-Chief Johnson: They are recommended for favorable consideration.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: What is the pleasure of the Encampment on this report?

Past Division Commander F. G. Hansen, of New Jersey, and Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman moved that the report of the Committee be received and concurred in, and set in operation by the Commander-in-Chief at such time as he shall see fit.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: The recommendation for \$1.00 a year per member? I don't see it! Does it designate any number of years, or until finished?

Past Commander-in-Chief Johnson: It does not designate. One year might finish it. It might take three years to collect the money. It will depend altogether on the character of the Memorial.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Does it mean that it is a compulsory demand on the membership of \$1.00 each per year, or voluntarily? May I just say this insofar as voluntary contributions are concerned for patriotic objects? That worthy object which we had last year brought in \$66. It might be just the same proposition as the Memorial University—talked for a number of years and finally dropped. If we feel that this object is worthy enough to pledge ourselves to its fulfillment, all right. But if we don't we ought not to put ourselves on record and drag along year after year with the proposition hanging fire.

Past Commander-in-Chief Johnson: I would say the Committee in drawing those recommendations had in mind something very similar to the Harding Memorial. We need to obtain much money. You will not be able to send literature to any Camp in this Order as far as my experience goes and I have had considerable of it, and get returns unless you have some individual in that Camp who is working among the individual members of the Camp.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: If we are going to place ourselves on record for publication through the Associated Press and the world at large that we are going to build a Grand Army Memorial it ought to be an assured fact that it is going to be accomplished!

Past Division Commander Will F. Jenkins, Illinois: We are going to be in the same boat that we were on the Harding Memorial and although this is a very worthy object, I believe necessary effort will have to be put forward to make the Memorial a success, and it would be better put forward toward getting some more members in the Order.

Past Division Commander Fred V. Bell, of Massachusetts: It seems to me in view of the experiences that we have had in the past that we should go very slow. If we asked the Grand Army what kind of a memorial they prefer that we should erect to their memory, I am fairly sure, particularly in this section, that they would say "Build a memorial of your own organization;"—Build a living memorial and let your organization have one man representing every former member of the Grand Army

of the Republic. It seems to me the sooner we get down to the building of a memorial on that basis, rather than any other attempt to do something that has been more or less of a failure before, witness the Harding Memorial, the better off we will be.

Past Division Commander Maples, of New York: I am afraid I ought not to mention a certain fact. I am old National Memorial University. Brothren, those of you who have been to several National Encampments in years gone by, you remember what an awful thing that was. We bit off something and afterwards found that we could not chew it. We had to spit it out and let it go. Do we want to undertake something again that we are not prepared to finance? We have now \$1000 less in our treasury than we had this time yesterday. And I hold the same views as the brother who spoke before me when he says the best memorial is by building up our own organization of Sons of Veterans, and then when the time comes when the Grand Army have all passed away and we have an overflowing treasury, we can vote a sum of \$5000 as a nucleus of a fund that will build a Memorial. Then is the time in my judgment that we can take up this matter and carry it to a successful conclusion. During this last year the Harding Memorial Committee have met with a black eye. I speak very plain words. Now do we want the same thing again? As a Past Commander of the New York Division, I have received from time to time a copy of our Division Circulars. Several times it has been mentioned in there, "Don't forget the Harding Memorial." We met a response of \$66. Can any member get up and give us any idea of how much money this new committee if appointed is going to be able to raise? I think very little. I am sorry to see that we have to get up here and speak such plain candid facts, but perhaps the sooner we look this matter of economy right square in the face and act accordingly the better we will be as an organization. I tell you, brothers, if we let this matter alone for a few years we will appear a great deal better in the eyes of our fathers' organization than if we took it up now and let it drag along for years and finally have to let it go. I am opposed to it. Brothers, I hope that before we vote on this matter the opposites will get up and give their opinion.

Moved by Delegate Schultz, of Ohio, and Past Division Commander Maples, of New York, that the matter be laid on the table.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: I feel it is a matter of courtesy to grant the floor to Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon, a member of this Committee, and I recognize him at this time.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: As a member of this Committee I feel that possibly some of our brothers here are taking this upon themselves in not knowing just how the Committee is situated. I for one am in favor of this proposition and I do feel that we have the affirmation of the country, and to do as recommended there will be no question about raising your money. Each Camp is represented in the Division, and I don't believe there is a man here if you lay it before any one of your members and say to him, "Will you give me a dollar to build some memorial to your father?" Is he going to question it, if you want to act and try to collect that money. Now gentlemen remember that you have four other bodies that are



working this same proposition. Do you care to go to the Women's Relief Corps and Ladies of the Grand Army and Daughters of Veterans after they have been invited to join this proposition and say: "We have turned the whole thing down." If you don't want to vote these recommendations today, continue the thing and see what they are willing to do. They have already acted favorably, some of the organizations, upon this proposition and it does not seem fair to me that this organization should turn them down if we are the ones who sponsored it.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Might the Chair suggest that we do not act on the matter until next Encampment, when the feasibility of continuing the plan, based upon the action of the several allied bodies and of which we have no knowledge as yet, can be better determined? That the report of the Committee be therefore received and published in the proceedings, and no further action be taken? That the Committee be continued for reporting at next Encampment? By that time this Committee will be better able to suggest to the Encampment the possibility of continued efforts. Will the brothers offering the original motion accept this as their motion? Then, all in favor, say Aye! Opposed, No! Carried and so ordered.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: The Grand Army of the Republic have decided to hold the next National Encampment at Grand Rapids, Michigan. And have elected as their new Commander-in-Chief L. F. Arensberg of Pennsylvania. The 44th Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans U. S. A., will therefore meet in Grand Rapids, Michigan, at such time as is designated for the Encampment of the G. A. R. Is this the sense of the Encampment? All in favor will say Aye! Opposed, No! It is so ordered.

National Secretary Hammer: I move that the National Secretary be instructed to extend the congratulations of this Encampment to Comrade Arensberg. Carried unanimously and so ordered.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: May I add just a word for the information of the members that they may know something definite concerning this splendid comrade. Dr. Arensberg personally organized the Camp of the Sons of Veterans that I had the pleasure of instituting at Uniontown, Pa. Two of his sons are active members of that Camp.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Does the Committee on the State of the Order, which is also a Committee on Fraternal Relations and on change of name have any report to make? Past Commander-in-Chief Grant is Chairman.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: Nothing has come before this Committee for action and it has no report to make.

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, for the Credential Committee I report 255 members enrolled in the Encampment. (Applause). (See Encampment Roll). (\* denotes member present).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: There has been a permanent organization of Division Commanders formed for service to the National body and their respective Divisions. All Division Commanders attending the trip to Plymouth tomorrow will report to Division Commander Rutledge of Maryland at Plymouth

Beach on their arrival. I commend this move very highly for I believe it means an improvement in the personnel, interest and activity in the several Divisions.

At this time also, I announce the discharge of all Standing and Special Committees of the Commandery-in-Chief and of this Encampment, not especially authorized to be continued beyond this Encampment. Thanks are due and tendered to the members of all committees who have served faithfully and well.

The Organization of Federated Patriotic Societies of which this Order is a member asks at this time for the contribution of \$25.00. I am advised no motion is necessary beyond this request, the authorization being provided for annual similar amounts of this size, but payment has been suspended, not having been necessary up to this time. Unless objections are offered, the payment is directed? It is so ordered. The Society is a mighty good proposition and is a valuable "Clearing House" for patriotic work in the organizations allied to the G. A. R.

I have here a volume of the life of Abraham Lincoln in verse, the author of which desires our endorsement. There appears to be a feeling opposed to endorsing such propositions as "commercial ventures." Unless a motion is offered, there will be no endorsement. (No motion; therefore not endorsed).

The Chair recognizes Past Grand Division Commander Challis.

Past Grand Division Commander Challis: I move that the work of the National Organization Committee be continued and transferred to Past Division Commander Fred E. Upham, of Massachusetts, with the authority to issue a final letter, in the interest of the disposition of the books on "Organization" now on hand, and that all net revenue therefrom be deposited with the Secretary-Treasurer, otherwise to be of no expense to the Commandery-in-Chief.

Motion seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Maccabe, carried and so ordered.

Council-in-Chief Kremer: I move that the Encampment now proceeds to the nomination, election and installation of officers of the Commandery-in-Chief for the ensuing term.

Motion seconded and carried.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Nominations are now in order for the office of Commander-in-Chief. The National Secretary will call the roll of Divisions. (California being called). Delegate D. B. Bowley of the Division of California & Pacific is recognized.

Delegate D. B. Bowley: Brother Delegates of the Forty-third National Encampment: Twenty-one Sons of California representing twenty-three Camps have come on a long, tiresome, tedious journey of some six thousand miles at their own expense to tell you that we have in California a man who for conscientious, intelligent, systematic, hard labor attributes compares very favorably indeed with any member of our beloved Order. He is a Past Division Commander, and I can say to you honestly and conscientiously because of personal knowledge that he has placed on the rolls of California State Camp No. 1 of which I have the honor of being Commander, many illus-

trious names. I can refer to U. S. Grant, 3rd. I can refer to Rear Admiral Prout of the United States Navy and so I might go on and name some of the most prominent professional and business men in the entire West. We, in California, recognize the great American principle of the right of the majority to rule and we have attended sufficient National Conventions to read in advance the handwriting on the wall. Now, we feel like presenting the name of a man whom you might be justly proud of, who has done things in California. He was our Fire Commissioner and by his personal efforts in some twenty states which he visited in the West, induced the various Legislatures to appropriate sufficient money to erect buildings at the great exposition that we held out in San Francisco. He is a retired banker. The present time is the minute when Scott has neither chick nor child, father, mother or anything else, and is in a position to give you real service. I went from California believing that the interests of the Sons of Veterans was of paramount importance to the personal ambitions of any individual or set of individuals and I am still of that opinion. When the sad intelligence was flashed across the American continent announcing the death of our good President from the great State of Ohio, President Harding, the first thought of the then Vice President was for the widow of his Chief, and his first acts were to wire back words of sympathy and comfort to Mrs. Harding and then go out and kneel on his mother's grave and ask for Divine guidance to discharge the tremendous responsibilities which had been thrust upon him. These simple acts caused the entire State of California, yes, the entire United States to pin its faith in Massachusetts' favorite son, the farmer boy President, Calvin Coolidge. (Applause). In like manner because of real service rendered, California has pinned its faith in Colonel Clarence Sidney Scott. He is tied to dear old New England, is bound to dear old New England by ties of blood, for his father was a gallant Vermonter and his great grandfather was a Revolutionary hero. I might add that his mother was a fair daughter of Ohio, that great State that has produced so many remarkable men and women. Our worthy companions in this Encampment have referred to him as an insurgent on the historic battlefields of Chattanooga. Brothers, Col. Scott comes rightfully by this, his heritage. He was born in that remarkable State of Wisconsin. A charge has also been made against California's candidate that at Louisville he could not accept the nomination on a silver platter, when he withdrew in favor of Connecticut's favorite son, Past Commander-in-Chief Grant. Yet his stand was justifiable, you can take my word for it. Now I stated before that while I honestly believe that with Colonel Scott in command of the good ship of state the Sons of Veterans would sail onward strong and great, there would be no North, East, South or West, that harmony and brotherly love would prevail, with Scott in command our Order would be blessed. But, fate has decreed otherwise and California at this time wishes to place in nomination for the important office of Commander-in-Chief your friend, my friend, everybody's friend, William M. Coffin, of Ohio. (Applause).

(National Secretary continues roll-call. Ohio is reached).



Commander-in-Chief Horn: The Chair recognizes Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman, of Ohio.

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman: Commander-in-Chief, Brothers: At this call, it is my proud privilege and very great pleasure to respond to the directions of the Division of Ohio, to tell you all our choice for Commander-in-Chief here today. I listened with a great deal of pleasure to the eloquence of the gentleman who just preceded me and as a result of the concluding part of his address, I don't know exactly where I am at. I have been directed by the unanimous voice of the Division to come here and tell you of the good qualities of the good brother, that loyal patriot, that valiant son, who following in the footsteps of a patriotic father back in 1861 responded to the call of his country and went across and fought and did his part in the great World War. It is needless for me to review or tell you the name of our friend who is our candidate. I have come here to ask you to elect as our Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year, Capt. William M. Coffin of U. S. Grant Camp No. 100 of the Ohio Division. I happen to know something of this young man. I had the honor to take his application for membership in the U. S. Grant Camp. I have watched his course ever since. He is a worker. He is always on the firing line. He has not retired and he is not tired. He will respond to any call that this great organization may make on him. I assure you that if you elect him for your Chief Executive for this coming year, you will not regret your action when he is called upon to give an account of his stewardship one year from today. Something of the executive qualities of Captain Coffin might be mentioned briefly. He is at the present time a District Manager of the 7th District of the U. S. Veterans Bureau constituting the States of Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. For the last three years he has directed the responsibilities of that great office with such satisfaction that he has been commended by the high officials in Washington. More than one thousand employes are under his direction and it is a known fact as figures will show that the duties of this District have been directed more economically than those of any other District in the United States. As to his services, he is a Son of a Veteran! He started in as a private of course, served through the Camp, became Camp Commander. He has not been a Division Commander. Probably there has been good and sufficient reason for this. Just about the time that he was considered in that direction, he was called upon and answered the call and went out to do his duty and fight in the great World War. Four different times has he been called upon to discharge the responsibilities and duties of the National Counselor of this great organization. Four Commanders-in-Chief, knowing of his qualities, knowing of his executive abilities, have called upon him and he has served on the staffs of four Commanders-in-Chief. This is no time for lengthy speeches, but in the name of the Ohio Division, I take great pleasure in presenting for your consideration the name of Capt. William M. Coffin for Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Continue the roll-call. (No further nominations made and roll-call concluded). The National Secretary will cast the vote of the Encampment. (Casts the ballot).

National Secretary Hammer: The unanimous vote of the Encampment has been cast for William M. Coffin of Ohio for Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: One vote representing the unanimous choice of this Encampment has been cast for William M. Coffin of Ohio for Commander-in-Chief and he is declared elected. Brother Coffin, do you accept the office?

William M. Coffin: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers of this Commandery, I accept this action of this Commandery as a call to service. (Applause). At such times as this words are totally inadequate to express the feelings which well up from the heart and hang as a mist before the mind. Those who know me best know of my love for and my devotion to this Order and I hope that as the days of this coming year go by all of you may learn equally as well. I have said that words were inadequate and I feel that deeds speak louder than words and I hope that the feeling which I find myself unable to grasp words to express may be properly expressed in the deeds of this coming year. And now, Brother Commander-in-Chief, before the brothers go out, I want to take this opportunity to ask that every sitting Division Commander and all Past Commanders-in-Chief meet me in this room at the conclusion of this Encampment because I expect to start on my deeds at once. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Nominations are now in order for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. If there are no objections we will dispense with the calling of the roll. Brother Division Commander Ward of Rhode Island is recognized.

Division Commander Ward: Commander and members of the Encampment: Upon the map of the United States is a small parcel of land, which it has been said may be covered by a postage stamp, but unlike a postage stamp, the postage stamp is placed in position to remain inactive, performing its duties without activity. But this little spot that is covered by a postage stamp is not like the stamp because in the last year and a half it has been decidedly active. In the last year and a half the Division of Rhode Island has increased its membership by over forty-two per cent. Among the individuals that have been prominent in bringing about this result, one member of our Camp has performed his part and rendered much of that efficient service in the results which we have obtained. A loyal member of the Order for many years, who possesses all the qualifications necessary to bring honor and credit to the Commandery-in-Chief as he has brought credit and honor to the Division of Rhode Island. He was not eligible to serve in the World War on the firing line, but was active on this side as a director of the Red Cross with the rank of Major. There is no qualification lacking in my candidate for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and Brother Commander and Brothers I am proud to present the name of Charles P. Hall of Rhode Island for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. (Applause).

Division Commander John L. Reeger, of New Jersey. Representing the Division of New Jersey, by direction of the Forty-second State Encampment held at Asbury Park, I wish to present the name of a brother who has been serving in the capacity

of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief during the past year. His record has been excellent. I take great pleasure on behalf of the Division of New Jersey in presenting the name of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Kronmeyer for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Kronmeyer. I appreciate the honor that was conferred upon me at Milwaukee last year. I tried to serve as best I possibly could in the organization of the Sons of Veterans during the past year. I greatly appreciate the honor that has been conferred upon me by my Division and the State of New Jersey when they unanimously endorsed me for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I feel that it would be usurping an office. I therefore with great appreciation for this honor that has been conferred upon me, request that I may decline the nomination as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Are there any further nominations? If not, the nominations will be closed, and one vote cast for Past Division Commander Charles P. Hall of Rhode Island for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. The vote has been cast and Brother Hall declared elected. Brother Hall, do you accept?

Charles P. Hall: I wish at this time to express my appreciation which I can only prove by way of service I can render through the coming year. I promise you now that I shall not be found wanting in anything that you ask for. I accept.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Nominations for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief are in order. The roll will not be called. Past Commander-in-Chief McGuire is recognized.

Past Commander-in-Chief McGuire: Brothers of the Encampment, it gives me great pleasure in presenting the name of one of our most loyal, energetic, hardworking Sons of Veterans, in one of the largest Camps in the Indiana Division, an old time war horse that has always been at the wheel. We know that we can always count upon, one that has not attended very many National Encampments, but has worked long and hard in his own Camp and in his own Division. I take great pleasure in presenting to you the name of Dr. G. C. Markle of Winchester, Indiana, one of the largest Camps in Indiana for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Any further nominations? Then the nominations will be closed and the National Secretary cast one ballot. The vote has been cast and the nominee declared elected. Brother Markle, do you accept?

G. C. Markle: Brother Commander-in-Chief and delegates to the National Convention Sons of Veterans: I thank you for this honor conferred upon me and Indiana of which I am a representative, and I hope that I will be able in the coming year to assist the newly elected Commander. I accept and thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Nominations of three members of Council-in-Chief are now in order.

Past Division Commander Brown, of Ohio: The report of the Council-in-Chief read today in your hearing and approved by you shows a marked degree of business efficiency,—the budget for the coming year has been carefully figured. I am informed that two members of that Council are voluntarily retiring, hav-



ing served two terms. I am here commissioned by the Ohio Division to present the name for re-election to that body of Park F. Yengling of the Ohio Division to watch the expenditure of the budget that has been prepared by them.

Division Commander John L. Reeger, of New Jersey: I take pleasure in nominating a man, who is amply able to fill that position. He has served the Division well. I feel honored myself in presenting the name of Past Division Commander Herbert D. Williams of the Division of New Jersey for Council-in-Chief.

Past Division Commander E. K. Gould, of Maine: The Division of Maine has a candidate for Council-in-Chief. I will take just about three minutes to tell you why. We have a Division in area when we travel from Portland to our most Eastern Camp, we have covered a distance equal to that from Boston to Schenectady, N. Y. We have a population over this vast territory equal only to the City of Boston. In spite of the immensity of our territory and sparse population we have succeeded in maintaining the Division of Maine six or seven in point of membership in the United States. We claim that as a recommendation of service, and we have here the Past Division Commander of our Division who has helped maintain that Division sixth only in size in this country. He is a worker of the finest, a man that would honor you and serve you well and I take great pleasure in presenting the name of Past Division Commander William H. Cressey for Council-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: Any further nominations? The Secretary will deposit a ballot. The ballot is cast for the three nominated who are declared elected. Will the brothers please come forward. Brothers, do you accept?

Brother Yengling: I accept the office of Council-in-Chief. I don't believe I will say anything more than that at this present time, but leave it to the Commandery-in-Chief whether they have made a good choice one year from now.

Brother Williams: I accept the office. I can't say anything because this took the wind out of my sails, but I will try to show the Commandery-in-Chief that I appreciate its action.

Brother Cressey: I accept. I will try to give you service to the fullest extent of my ability and do all in my power to give you assistance in building up the Order.

Commander-in-Chief Horn: May I at this time extend my personal thanks to the members who helped me and who served in various capacities during this Encampment. Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter will conduct the installation of officers.

(The installation of officers was conducted, the officers-elect only being installed, the Commander-in-Chief-elect later to announce his staff and provide for their installation).

Calls for "Coffin!" "Coffin!" "Coffin!"

Commander-in-Chief Coffin: I have perhaps but a word more to say. I have already expressed definitely my great and deep appreciation of the trust and confidence which has been reposed in me. I was much impressed this afternoon with the talk of the ladies, particularly the talk of Mother McBride, when she spoke of the necessity of our heeding our mission. Some-

times I think that we have a tendency to forget our mission. And I hope that in the coming year we may have a re-discovery and re-dedication of our mission. This certainly is as essential as organization and new members may be. One requires the other. We must have a mission if we are to be an order and a successful order. And if we have a mission and work to carry that mission forward we must have the power and the authority and the influence which goes with and comes from the authority membership. It is therefore for the purpose of very briefly discussing matters immediately affecting our organization that I asked a moment ago that the sitting Division Commanders and all Past Commanders-in-Chief meet me here so that we may at once start upon some plans. I thank you all again brothers from the bottom of my heart. I have already at the altar given you my pledge. (Applause). Is there any other business to come before this Encampment?

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: It has already been referred to that I am a railroader, and I assure you that as such I appreciate the necessity of terminal facilities. There comes to most of us in our life tasks of unusual pleasure and to me has been assigned a task at this time that brings me perhaps more pleasure than any other one that I have ever enjoyed as a member of this organization save that one performed one year ago when it was my privilege and pleasure to present for your suffrage a man who has served you so faithfully and well as your Commander-in-Chief during this year. "Get up, Sam." (Applause). I don't know what I said at that time, but if I were to guess what I said it was probably that I was there because of my intimate acquaintance with Sam Horn, and that he would give you the level best that was in him. If I didn't add those words, he has carried them out at any rate during the past year. I have been associated, brothers, with this splendid Sons of a Veterans during all the years of my membership in this organization. I had the privilege of attending the first Encampment as a member of this organization several months before I attained the age of eighteen years, and at that Encampment I met Sam Horn, and I haven't missed him at any Encampments but one since that Encampment way back about thirty-four years ago. So that you may be sure brothers that when I have the privilege of welcoming him to the ranks of the Past Commanders-in-Chief it is indeed a very great personal pleasure. Now Sam, I want to say to you how mighty glad I am that you are a Past Commander-in-Chief. But you will be assigned absolutely all of the duties called upon to be performed by a Past Commander-in-Chief from the Division of Pennsylvania and I have no job in the future except to come to these Encampments and have a darn good time and that is something I haven't had for a good many years. Now Sam, I don't want to be sentimental or anything of that nature, but upon the breast of no man has this emblem ever been pinned more worthily than upon you and I welcome you to the ranks of Past Commanders-in-Chief knowing that I can say as you probably will say that "service and sacrifice" will rule your life as a member of this organization in the years to come as it has in the years that are passed. (Applause). (Pins Past Commander-in-Chief badge on breast).

Past Commander-in-Chief Horn: There is no one, with all due respect to the Past Commanders-in-Chief, that would give quite as much gratification to me to pin this upon my breast as my Brother Sautter. A year ago at Milwaukee he started the machinery by placing me in nomination which made me your Commander-in-Chief. I have tried to give both that service and sacrifice which I have preached, and now I am initiated into membership in the "Old Guard." I hope to prove worthy of that membership which you have given me by electing me a year ago, and to which I am now entering by stepping down to the rank of Past Commander-in-Chief.

National Secretary Hammer: That is going up:—that is not coming down!

Past Commander-in-Chief Horn: Whether I apparently "step down," I am exalted to a higher position and one of even greater responsibility, and I promise you, as Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter promised for me.

To you, Commander-in-Chief Coffin, I pledge that service and sacrifice which I have preached throughout my term—and tried to practice.

To you, my brothers, I give thanks all, for the many courtesies and the co-operation extended and given. It is a pleasure to feel that having known me for a year as your Commander-in-Chief, you know me even better now, and still have a kind regard and a well wish for me. (Applause). (National Secretary presents personal gift of gold lapel button and fastens it in lapel of coat).

You know, as I said, there is only one Hammer. I need only say that it is with deep appreciation in my heart—and he knows it—that I receive this gift from his hands. May we always all act in unison and fellowship for the glory of our Country and our Order. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Coffin: We will proceed with any further business to come before the Encampment.

National Secretary Hammer: I move you that the minutes of this Encampment as taken by the Stenographer and as approved and edited by the Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary be approved as the record of the proceedings of this Encampment; that the report of the Credential Committee be accepted as the roll of this Encampment; that the usual number of Journals of these proceedings be printed for proper distribution, and promulgated through Divisions to Camps (one copy); and that the Encampment adjourn and close in due form. All in favor, say Aye! It is a vote.

Encampment closed in due form at 4:40 p. m.



THE FEDERATED PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES ALLIED WITH  
THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL SESSION, 1924.

Boston, Mass., August 11, 1924.

The Fifth Annual Conference of the Federated Patriotic Societies, allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, was held in Hotel Vendome on above date. Officers present were: Vice President Grace L. Johnson and Secretary Minnie E. Groth. In the absence of the President, Dr. E. S. Shumaker, the meeting was called to order by the Vice President. Miss Johnson extended a cordial greeting and welcome to those present, and especially referred to the purpose of the Society in that it sought to establish and foster closer co-operation between the Allied Orders and the Grand Army of the Republic in its work and in the cause of patriotism.

Minutes of the previous meeting held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 2, 1923, were read by the Secretary, and approved.

Report of the Treasurer was as follows:

Balance on hand last report .....	\$52.00
Expended:	
For Printing .....	\$10.00
For Postage .....	5.00
For Notices .....	5.50
	<u>\$20.50</u>
Balance on hand .....	\$31.50

The report was accepted, approved, and ordered recorded as a part of the records.

Mrs. Eliza Brown Daggett, Past National President, Woman's Relief Corps, who with Past Commander-in-Chief Clarendon Adams of the Grand Army of the Republic and others, were instrumental in the organization of this Society addressed the meeting. She urged a closer co-operation among the Patriotic Societies, and that we teach, by example and precept, that patriotism we preach and that we help make a bigger and better United States of America for its people.

Regular business was suspended to receive and hear the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Gaylord M. Saltzgaber. He addressed the meeting briefly, regretted his tardiness and that he could not remain longer than five minutes owing to his engagement to meet the Governor of Massachusetts. He assured all present that his heart beat in cordial response to the spirit of the meeting, spoke of the wonderful asso-

clation with the representative officers of the several kindred and allied organizations, and prophesied success in the efforts in the mutual work. His words were enthusiastically applauded.

Resuming regular business, the conference was addressed by Commander-in-Chief Samuel S. Horn, of the Sons of Veterans. Commander-in-Chief Horn spoke on what he believed in the Federated Patriotic Societies as a valued asset to the Allied Organizations. He likened it to, and believed it should be, a "Clearing House" for patriotism and patriotic work. He believed that in all matters relating to the furtherance of patriotic work in its relation to our Country, its Constitution, and the Institutions and Ideals represented wherever the Flag of our Country floats, such should be presented before the Conference of this Society and as a "Committee" it should be thoroughly discussed. If approved by this Society, the result of same should be reported back to each of the Allied Bodies, for ratification and approval, effective thereby in all the Organizations. *And that an approval by this Society should be of such influence that an adoption was thereby practically assured.* The influence of such action by six patriotic Orders would mean much in the publicity alone and in the sincerity of action.

He then spoke upon "The Flag; How to Respect It, How to Display It;" also upon the universal "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag." Both of these had been adopted at the meeting of the National American Commission, held in Washington, D. C., in which sixty-eight patriotic societies were represented, including those of the Allied Societies, and the Army and Navy of the United States of America.

He offered for adoption by the Conference, the following Resolution No. 1, regarding the display of and respect to the Flag:

*Resolved*, That the Federated Patriotic Societies, allied with, and kindred to, the Grand Army of the Republic, in session assembled at Boston, August 11, 1924, and consisting of duly authorized representatives of:

The Grand Army of the Republic, The Woman's Relief Corps, The Ladies of the G. A. R., The Daughters of Veterans, The Sons of Veterans Auxiliary and the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.;

Do hereby approve for universal use and custom, the "Flag Code," published under the title of: "THE FLAG! HOW TO DISPLAY IT! HOW TO RESPECT IT!," as adopted and published under the auspices of the National American Commission and modified at the session held in Washington, D. C., May 15-17, 1924, and as recognized by the "Flag Circular" issued by authority of the War Department under date of March 28, 1924.

*Further*, That we recommend approval and adoption of the same by the several Allied Bodies in National Encampment assembled in Boston and subsequent reference in General Orders as will best give wide publicity, and a moral, material, support in the furtherance of Patriotism and love of Country and Flag.

On motion of National President Emma S. Finch of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, and Past National President Mrs. Eliza

Brown Daggett, the Resolution was unanimously adopted, and an appropriate memorial to each of the Allied Orders for ratification was forwarded to such organizations through representatives present.

He also offered for adoption by the Conference, the following Resolution No. 2, in reference to the "Pledge of Allegiance:"

*Resolved*, That the Federated Patriotic Societies, allied with, and kindred to, the Grand Army of the Republic, in session assembled at Boston, August 11, 1924, and consisting of duly authorized representatives of:

The Grand Army of the Republic, The Woman's Relief Corps, The Ladies of the G. A. R., The Daughters of Veterans, The Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, and the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.;

Do hereby approve for universal use and custom, and as the authorized "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag," the following salute, adopted by the National American Commission:

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands; one Nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

(Observed in the following manner: Standing with the right hand over the heart, and at the words "to the Flag \* \*," the right hand is extended its full length, palm upward, toward the Flag, and this position is held until the end of the affirmation, when the hand drops to the side).

(A "right hand salute" arranged in connection therewith is not inconsistent).

*Further*, That we recommend the adoption of the same as the authorized "Pledge of Allegiance" in their Ritual and Ceremonies, by the several Allied Orders herein mentioned, in National Encampment assembled in Boston; effective with each and all upon its approval and adoption by the G. A. R., and majority of the respective Encampments.

Considerable discussion was held on the Pledge, many having a desire for the words "MY FLAG," in the pledge, yet it was the sense of opinion that the pledge should be universal at all times and in all places, and the reasons were thoroughly logical, as brought out by the discussion.

On motion of Mrs. Minnie Guittard, Past National President of the Daughters of Veterans, and Mrs. Kathryn Rooney, National Patriotic Instructor of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, the Resolution was adopted unanimously, and an appropriate memorial to each of the Allied Orders for ratification was forwarded to such organizations through representatives present.

Commander-in-Chief Horn also in a brief manner referred to a copy of a Resolution urged by certain kindred organizations in Memphis, Tenn., following the Encampments of Veteran organizations, the purport of which was to have the approval of our several National Organizations for the combined display of the Flag of the United States of America crossed with the flag of the so-called Confederate States of America. He urged some action to counteract such purport, adding that he favored a law which prohibited the manufacture or display of the flag of a



country which did not exist; or the display of any flag in these United States of America either in parade or upon any building except it be by a properly established Legation representing a Foreign Nation.

On motion of Miss Kate Raynor, Past National President of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, and Mrs. Bertha Martin, Past National President of the Daughters of Veterans, the Resolution was condemned, its request was not approved, and a copy of the Resolution was ordered sent to each Organization, that expression might be obtained from same opposing any such practice, and upholding alone the display of the Flag of the U. S. A.

Mrs. Emma S. Finch, National President of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, spoke for her Organization. She enthusiastically supported the ideas of Commander-in-Chief Horn in the matter of "Patriotic Clearing House," and the action of the Conference of the Resolutions regarding the respect to the Flag, and the Pledge of Allegiance. She referred to the proposed presentation of a large flag-pole and Flag to be presented to the City of Plymouth during convention week on the day of the trip to that city, on behalf of her organization.

Mrs. Mary M. Holmes, National Chief-of-Staff of the Daughters of Veterans, represented that Organization, and in that thorough spirit of Loyalty with which she is imbued, spoke upon the patriotic needs of our Country, urged co-operation among the Allied Orders, and especially urged the women to keep in the lead as they are now in anticipating the patriotic needs of the Nation. She referred to the increased membership of the Daughters, mentioned the raising of \$1,200.00 for the permanent fund of the G. A. R., the distribution of over 6,000 flags, the holding of over 1,000 patriotic entertainments and the expenditure of over \$12,000.00 for patriotic work.

It was announced that State Federations of the Patriotic Societies were organized during the past year: Ohio, Wisconsin and Indiana, and brief reports were given by the State Presidents, Kate G. Raynor of Ohio, Minnie E. Groth of Wisconsin and Edna Paulley of Indiana. It was proposed, and agreed to, that all State Presidents be admitted as members of the National Federation.

On motion of Addie M. Wallace, Past National President of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, the annual assessment of \$25.00, which has not been necessary to call before this time, be called and be payable at this convention. Carried.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Mrs. Drusilla I. Thayer, (Daughters of Veterans), 1520 Belle Plaine Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Vice President, Mrs. Ida S. McBride, (Woman's Relief Corps), 1434 Park Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

Secretary-Treasurer, Samuel S. Horn, (Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.), P. O. Box 51, Easton, Pa.

Meeting adjourned to the banquet hall, with Mrs. Gaylord M. Saltzgaber as guest of honor. Twenty members participated in the banquet, where brief and inspiring remarks were made by Mrs. Saltzgaber and various members of the Allied Orders.

Communication was read from the President, E. S. Shu-

maker, expressing regret at his inability to be present. The incoming Secretary was directed to respond to this letter, and express our mutual regret at this absence.

The next annual meeting shall be held at the call of the President.

Conference adjourned.

MINNIE E. GROTH, Secretary.

#### ATTENDANCE ROLL.

#### Grand Army of the Republic:

Commander-in-Chief Gaylord M. Saltzgaber.  
Past Commander-in-Chief Lewis S. Pilcher.

#### Sons of Veterans:

Commander-in-Chief Samuel S. Horn.  
Past Commander-in-Chief Harry D. Sisson.

#### Woman's Relief Corps:

National Vice President Grace L. Johnson.  
National Patriotic Instructor Laura Inman.  
Past National President Eliza Brown Daggett.  
Past National President Ida S. McBride.

#### Sons of Veterans Auxiliary:

National President Emma S. Finch.  
National Patriotic Instructor Kathryn M. Rooney.  
Delegate Margaret Blackman.  
National Council Minnie E. Groth.  
National Secretary Lida McGuire.  
National Chief-of-Staff Blanche L. Beverstock.  
Past National Patriotic Instructor Claudia K. Erther.  
Past National President Addie M. Wallace.  
Past National President Mollie D. Hammer.  
Past National President Kate Raynor.  
Past National President Bessie B. Bowser.  
Past National President Margaret L. Palmer.

#### Daughters of Veterans:

National Chief-of-Staff Mary M. Holmes.  
Past National President Louise Benson.  
Past National President Minnie Guittard.  
Past National President Bertha Martin.  
Past National President Lillian Phillips.

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