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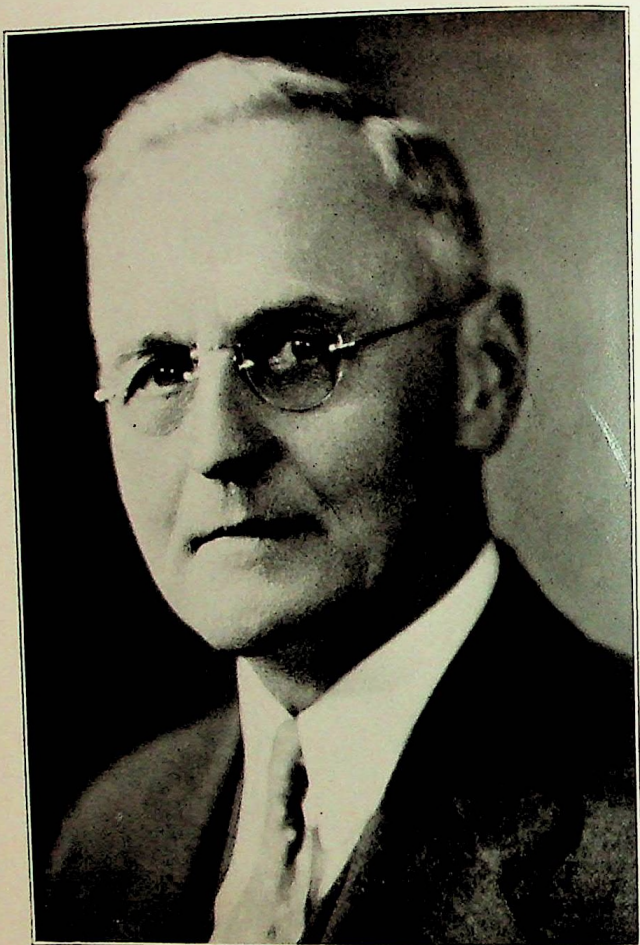
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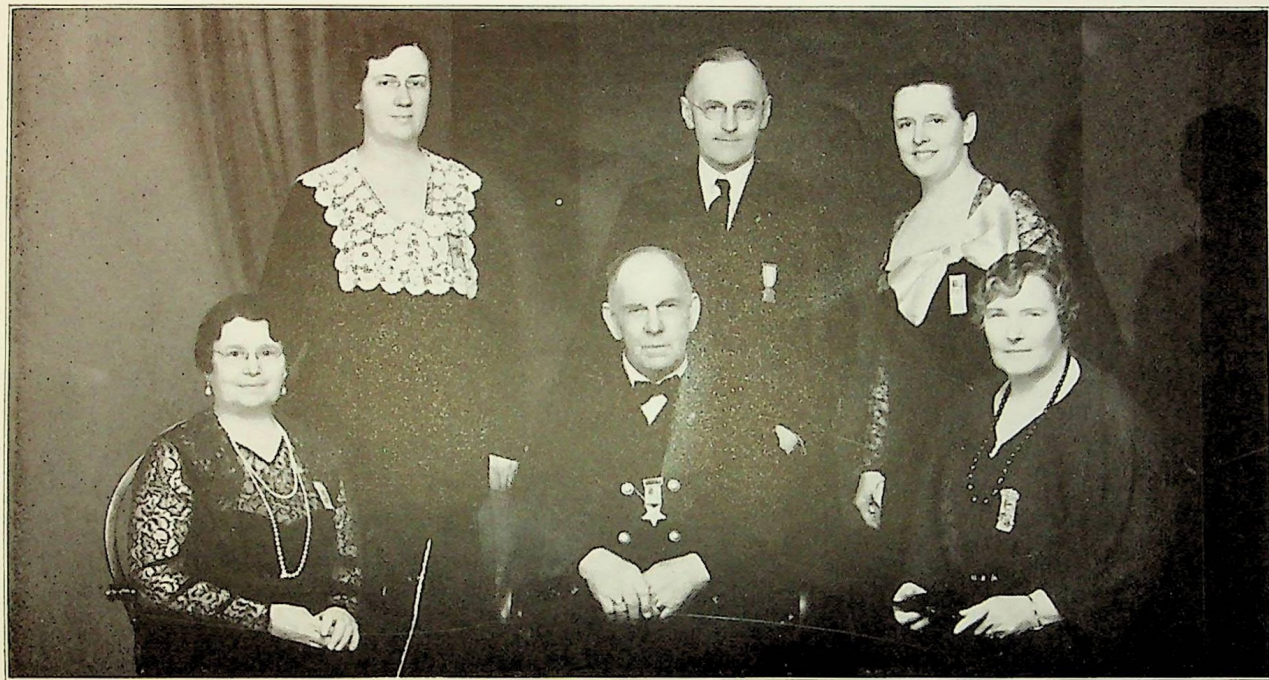
PARK F. YENGLING  
Commander-in-Chief, 1933-1934



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# NATIONAL OFFICERS ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS



LEFT TO RIGHT—Front Row: Mae G. Lincoln, President, National Woman's Relief Corps; Col. Russell C. Martin, Commander-in-Chief Grand Army of the Republic; Sarah J. Ehrmann, National President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Back Row: Margaret F. Anderson, National President, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans; Park F. Yengling, Commander-in-Chief Sons of Union Veterans; Dorothy Houghton, National President, Daughters of Union Veterans.

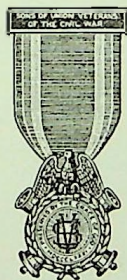


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Opening Session, Tuesday Morning, 10:00 O'clock, August 14, 1934.  
In Brick Church Institute, Rochester, N. Y.

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The Fifty-third Annual Encampment was opened in ritualistic form by Commander-in-Chief Park F. Yengling, who presided. He appointed as Guides, Major O. G. MacPherson and Captain C. L. Stoudt; Color Bearer, Delegate Jesse Morgandale, Pennsylvania; Inside Guard, Commander Wm. A. Hallock, New York. As official stenographer, Mrs. Irene U. Fuller, member of Melrose, Massachusetts, Auxiliary.

## COMMITTEES.

Commander-in-Chief appointed the following Committees:

Credentials—H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, Chairman; Neil D. Cranmer, Past Department Commander, New York; F. S. Phipps, Department Commander, Wisconsin; Louis E. Winchell, Delegate, Massachusetts; W. J. Hiland, Past Department Commander, Minnesota.

Constitution and Regulations—Ralph Sheldon, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York, Chairman; Joseph M. Hodet, Department Commander, Vermont; Theo. H. Mohr, Department Commander, Missouri; C. O. Smith, Past Department Commander, New Hampshire; C. D. Donaldson, Past Department Commander, Wisconsin.

Resolutions—Ralph M. Grant, Past Commander-in-Chief, Connecticut, Chairman; E. F. Warner, Past Department Commander, Maryland; Ralph L. Smith, Department Commander, Massachusetts; Allen F. Spink, Department Commander, Connecticut; Titus M. Ruch, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania.

Officers' Reports—Walter C. Mabie, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania, Chairman; Harry Meisel, Department Commander, New Jersey; Chester O. Bigley, Department Commander, Ohio; Wm. O. Fuller, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts; J. P. Shrieve, Past Department Commander, Ohio.

Ritual and Ceremonies—Frank Shellhouse, Past Commander-in-Chief, Indiana, Chairman; W. J. Hickox, Past Department Commander, California & Pacific; J. S. White, Department Commander, Kansas; C. W. Jackman, Past Department Commander, Alabama & Tennessee.

Press—Allan S. Holbrook, Past Commander-in-Chief, Illinois, Chairman; Wm. B. Moynihan, Past Department Commander, New York; Neil Cranmer, Past Department Commander, New York.

## COMMITTEES ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

Grand Army of the Republic—Past Department Commander W. A. Dyer, New York, Chairman; Past Commander-in-Chief Frank Shell-



house, Indiana; Past Department Commander Everett F. Warner, Maryland; Past Commander-in-Chief T. C. Cazeau, New York.

Woman's Relief Corps—National Chaplain Rev. Frank G. Beardsley, Missouri, Chairman; Past Department Commander Wm. Hickox, California & Pacific; Past Department Commander Frank S. Reavey, Rhode Island.

Ladies of the G. A. R.—Department Commander Hallock, New York, Chairman; Past Department Commander C. D. Donaldson, Wisconsin; Past Department Commander M. J. Heintz, Ohio.

Daughters of Union Veterans—Department Commander Sam White, Kansas, Chairman; National Counselor Perle Fouch, Michigan; Department Commander C. J. Thornburg, Indiana.

Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans—Past Department Commander Wm. Anderson, Massachusetts, Chairman; Past Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston, Indiana; Department Commander Ralph Smith, Massachusetts.

Commander-in-Chief Yengling: Is the Credential Committee ready to report?

National Secretary: The Credential Committee presents a preliminary report—129 members. I move their names be called, and those present be accredited as members of the Encampment, and that this, together with additions made at later sessions, be official roll call. Seconded by Past Department Commander Donaldson, Wisconsin. Adopted. (Roll call appears in back of book).

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

Commander-in-Chief: A Committee is in waiting from the Ladies of the G. A. R. Department Commander Blakeley of Pennsylvania, Past Department Commander Bell of New Jersey, Past Department Commander Wentzel of Pennsylvania, will act as escorts.

Commander-in-Chief: It gives me great pleasure to receive the Greetings Committee from the Ladies of the G. A. R., Past Department President of Pennsylvania, Mrs. Mary Barclay; Adele Newman, Past Department President of Missouri, and Fannie Small, acting Department President of Iowa. We welcome you here. Will the escort present the ladies at my station?

Mrs. Mary Barclay: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers. This was an unexpected pleasure for me to come to you this morning, and I was doubly glad because I have met your Commander-in-Chief many times during the year. I am delighted to convey the greetings of our National President who loves him dearly. She told me so. You have been a wonderful family this year and I think have been the closest official family that our National Body has ever known. Sister Ehrmann wishes us to convey her greetings and has sent you this letter. I imagine it is a love letter.

The Sons of Veterans, I feel, are getting closer and closer to the Ladies of the G. A. R. I know in my own Department of Pennsylvania they stood by me to a man, and if there is anything we want them to do, all we need to do is ask them. I am also an honorary member of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Sister Ehrmann asked me to present to you this flag. She feels there is no other gift you would prize as much as this flag. Our Fathers fought for this flag, and we know the Sons of Veterans will protect it as long as they live. Again, I am glad to bring our greetings from the National Body of the Ladies of the G. A. R.

Commander-in-Chief: Thank you, Sister Barclay. When you go back to your Encampment, say to your National President there isn't

anything she could have given me that I would appreciate more than I do the Stars and Stripes.

Mrs. Newman: It is a great pleasure to bring greetings to you because I have worked with the Sons of Veterans for twenty-two years. I know the kind of work you do. It is also a great pleasure to bring you greetings because you have our Brother Beardsley with you. I enjoyed your visit when you were in St. Louis. I wish for you a greater gain in membership. We are not strong in Missouri, but they try to do their work well, and with the help of Brother Mohr I am sure we will get along. I thank you.

Mrs. Fannie Small, of Iowa: I can't call you Brothers, because I am not a Daughter. I came into the Order of the Ladies of the G. A. R. through an uncle and I sometimes feel just a little outside. I am very happy to bring you these greetings. I am from the State where the tall corn grows, and I am delighted to have this opportunity to bring you these greetings.

Commander-in-Chief: We are most pleased to have you Ladies with us and I will ask our National Chaplain Beardsley to say a few words in response to these greetings.

Frank G. Beardsley, National Chaplain: Commander-in-Chief, I am certainly delighted to have this reunion with Sister Newman. Of course I am in North Dakota, but I am still from Misosuri. My heart is back in Missouri. I labored there for many years and I am sure my heart goes out with earnest affection to the Ladies. We have been associated for many years, all working for the same cause. We will accomplish the same results as long as we work together for the cause of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Commander-in-Chief as he presented badges to the Committee: This is a pleasure that only comes once a year. It is my pleasure and privilege this morning.

At this time an invitation to a real Indian Wedding was read.

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.  
Office of National Secretary,  
August 13, 1934.

Commander-in-Chief Park F. Yengling,  
Rochester, New York.

Dear Brother Yengling:

You and the members of your Organization are most cordially invited to attend a real Indian Wedding Ceremony given by the Seneca Indians in costume at the Central Presbyterian Church, Plymouth Avenue North, on Tuesday evening, August 14, 1934, at 7 o'clock sharp.

We trust some of you will be able to come as we are anticipating a real treat.

Best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

GLADYS WETHY NEWTON,  
National Secretary.

Commander-in-Chief: Now it is time for officers' reports, and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief will preside.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Locke: The past year in the history of this organization has probably been its most important year for a long, long time. It is pleasing to look back upon it because as we do so we are brought to a realization that this past year has proven



to be the turning point in the history of the Sons of Union Veterans. That turning point has come during the administration of Park Yengling. No man who has ever held the honorable and responsible position of Commander-in-Chief has performed his work with greater zeal than Park Yengling. The report which he is to read to you is of most vital importance to every member of the Order. Brothers, your Commander-in-Chief. (Applause and cheers).

Commander-in-Chief Yengling then read his report, which was received with much enthusiasm, the members arising and applauding.

### REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Bay Village, Ohio, July 30, 1934.

To the Officers and Members of the Fifty-third Annual Encampment,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Eleven months ago, in the city of St. Paul, Minnesota, by your unanimous vote, you elected me your Commander-in-Chief. I accepted the honor, and promised you then, that my actions rather than words, would be the only way by which you could judge whether, at the end of my term of office, I had measured up to your expectations.

Knowing that something was radically wrong, somewhere within our Order, I determined to find out what it was—where it was—and to supply a remedy if one could be found.

I found the patient was very sick. In fact, had been for several years—and the medicine we had been prescribing had not brought the results we were expecting. If by correcting some of the sins of omission and commission, with the medicine applied this year, you decide the patient is on the road to recovery, I shall feel it has been a year well spent.

Therefore, my Brothers, if in this report I seem to criticize, remember please, it is intended as constructive only.

### MEMBERSHIP.

One year ago economic conditions throughout the entire country made it extremely difficult to know just where to begin, and what to do. I decided Membership should come first. It had been dropping at the rate of from three to four thousand members per year for some time. It was necessary to stop the losses and regain by reinstatement those members who were worthy and desired to belong to the Order, but who had been dropped because they could no longer pay their dues, or the Camp could no longer afford to carry them. Through General Orders and personal letters, I have urged Departments and Camps to keep in touch with their Dropped Members, and get them back as soon as they could afford to do so. Through this follow up, you will find from National Secretary Hammer's Report, 13 Camps were reinstated and 677 members.

With the appalling losses we had sustained, I determined it should be checked, even though we could not hope to show a net gain. In the detailed report of our Secretary-Treasurer, you will find a comparison for the year in the several Departments. I am giving you a comparison of the total losses for the past four years:

- At the end of June 1931, loss in members for the year 3359.
- At the end of June 1932, loss in members for the year 3394.
- At the end of June 1933, loss in members for the year 4564.
- At the end of June 1934, loss in members for the year 2235.

We have reduced our loss in membership as compared with last year, 2329 members.

The June 1933 Report showed 2 Departments with a net gain in members. Our June 1934 Report reflects 5 Departments with a net gain in members.

Much house-cleaning has been done during the past three years, and it is to be hoped Camps will now be able to maintain and add to their present membership.

The average age of the Union Veteran of the Civil War today is 90 years, and his son about fifty-five years. It is from these sons our Order was founded fifty-three years ago. To get men of that age today to join the Order, sentiment alone, or pride in their Father's war record, or just love of their dear old Dad will influence them.

But what about the future when the original Sons are gone?

We, as Sons of Union Veterans, have taken it too much for granted, the Grandsons will perpetuate the Order. Honestly, my Brothers, we have never made a real concentrated drive to enroll them into our Order. I made that one of my objectives, and I have kept it constantly before me, driving it home whenever the opportunity presented itself. The result has been Grandson classes for initiation, and Grandsons Clubs, in many of our Departments. And to those Departments and Members who entered into the spirit of it with me, I am deeply appreciative.

#### AWARDS.

Your Commander-in-Chief proposed as a reward for meritorious work, in adding to our membership, he would personally bestow a loving cup on the Camp, and a traveling bag to the Member, bringing into the Camp the most members, 50% of whom must be Grandsons, between January 1 and June 30, 1934.

#### PUBLICITY.

I found in my travels from Coast to Coast, very little publicity was accorded our Order. This is largely our own fault.

Very few Camps take an active part in public affairs, and the general public cares very little what we do in our Camp Meetings. It is what we do outside of our Camp Meetings that attracts men to join, and in order to secure worthwhile members, we must take part in, or initiate something of a civic nature. It is the duty of the Press Correspondent to see that what we do is published in the daily papers, and sent to The Banner.

The real issues of today for us to combat are—teaching of false history in our public schools—the spread of socialism, bolshevism, anarchism, which is undermining our government.

Thousands of dollars are being poured into our country today, and being used to corrupt the teachers in our schools. Once the youth of our Land gets the seed of anarchism-communism and all the other isms implanted in their young minds, by someone in whom they have confidence, it will be hard to eradicate later on, and the youth of today will not be the citizen of tomorrow that we of this generation have a right to expect.

The one big and outstanding time to get publicity due us because of our heritage, is just before and on MEMORIAL DAY.

This Memorial Day we were fortunate in a National way, as your Commander-in-Chief was honored by being invited by the Gettysburg Memorial Day Committee, to give the Lincoln's Gettysburg Address immediately preceding the address of the President of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt, which was broadcast in a coast to coast



hookup over the radio from the spot in the National Cemetery, Gettysburg, Pa., where our beloved Abraham Lincoln delivered his Gettysburg Address November 19, 1863.

#### CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS.

While visiting our several Departments and Camps, I found only a few of our members had much knowledge of our Constitution and Regulations.

I have been asked by Department Commanders to suspend the rules for some special thing, when they should have known it could only be done by the Commandery-in-Chief.

In four Departments I found open initiations—the general public being permitted to witness the ceremonies. When asked why Article III, Section 2, page 11, of the C. & R., was being violated, the answer was "We were permitted to do so by a former Commander-in-Chief."

We have an instance where a Department Commander permitted every member present, whether a regularly accredited member or not, to participate in all of the Encampment business. It is needless to state that I was not at that Encampment, but know now that I should have been.

We seem to have arrived at a time when schools of instruction, not only in our Ritualistic work, but a study of our Constitution and Regulations, is necessary.

Therefore I RECOMMEND: That schools of instruction be established in every Department, in which Camp and Department Officers must participate, and shall be required to study and become familiar with the C. & R. and the Ritual.

I believe I can state without fear of contradiction, that not in one tenth of all our Camps, can be found a copy of the C. & R. THAT IS UP TO DATE.

While it is true we have not had a new C. & R. printed since 1925, all of the changes have been supplied by means of stickers, and forwarded by the Commandery-in-Chief through the proper channels.

I therefore RECOMMEND: That as soon after the 53rd Encampment, as our finances will permit, an up to date issue of the C. & R. be printed.

#### OUR RITUAL.

While the forms in our present Ritual are all and more than many of our city Camps desire, I found Camps in the smaller towns were not satisfied. Many of the members belong to other Orders having elaborate Rituals—with grips, signs, etc.—much like our old three degree Ritual of bygone years.

It is true we permit and suggest the use of additional initiatory work—paragraph 6 and 13 in General Instructions in the Ritual—but what the members want is something they can find in print.

While I personally think the long form in the present Ritual, a very beautiful and impressive ceremony, I believe we made a mistake when we discarded the old Ritual.

#### CAMP WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At the National Encampment at Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1927, the Commandery-in-Chief added to Chapter 1, Article V, a new Section 7, which makes it mandatory for a Camp to have a Welfare Committee.

This is ONE OF THE MOST VALUABLE ADDITIONS EVER MADE to our C. & R., and should be enforced. The language of the

Section is very plain—it says “The Camp SHALL (not may) appoint the Committee, and it SHALL do the several things outlined.”

Having asked the question in every Department I visited, “How many Camps are using this Committee?” not an average of two Camps to a Department were, and in some Departments, IT WAS NOT EVEN KNOWN it was in the Constitution and Regulations. (Just another illustration of the need for study of our C. & R.)

This Section 7 has been the basis upon which the campaign for restoration of members and activity has been carried on in several of our Departments. My Brothers, we neither have too many, nor too few laws—the trouble with our membership is that most of us do not know them, and the remainder who do, do not use or enforce them.

Too little attention, and in some cases, no attention, is paid to the qualifications of the man elected or appointed to an office. If you would be an office seeker, or would accept one that sought you—take an inventory of yourself and see whether you are satisfied you are qualified; for upon your knowledge of the Order and your fellow members, hinges the success of the Camp, or the Department, for A WHOLE YEAR.

A successful officer does two things—he answers letters promptly if possible, but he answers them. And he forwards his reports on time, (and if a Commander) sees that his officers do likewise. EVERY YEAR there are some officers who are very, very negligent about doing these two things just mentioned.

#### VISITATIONS.

During my eleven months of service, it has been possible for me to visit 23 out of our 25 Departments. It was not possible to attend all Department Encampments, due to dates conflicting, and also due to our financial condition not permitting.

Because of this, and believing that strictly business visitations at some other time, when social activities to any great extent (as happens at Encampments) would not interfere, I made trips and planned special called meetings with the present and past Officers of several Departments and members, and have been told and feel that much of the activities now reflected resulted from these visits.

I could fill several pages with an interesting review of the many patriotic affairs I have attended to represent our Order. The banquets in the East celebrating Lincoln's Birthday were arranged as to dates so I was able to attend four of them.

#### NEW CAMPS PLEDGED AT ST. PAUL.

Representatives of Twenty Departments at the St. Paul Encampment, fired with a determination to check the loss of Camps and members, pledged their incoming Commander-in-Chief, from ONE to THREE NEW CAMPS for the year 1933-34.

I am happy to tell you that six of the promises made have been redeemed, up to the June 30 Report.

Alabama & Tennessee—1.

Illinois—1 (with 115 Charter members).

Maryland—1.

Michigan—1.

New Jersey—2 (pledged only one).

Ohio—1 (the first one to redeem pledge).

New York—Pledge was made for 10 new members instead of a Camp as reported and published. Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon made the correction and advises he has secured 8 of the 10 members pledged.



Illinois has a second Camp mustered, but the Charter has not been closed.

Maryland has two more with Charter lists nearly completed and hopes to report at Convention their pledge for three Camps has been redeemed.

Michigan also advises two new Camps in the making and will be mustered in soon.

Oregon advised a new Camp would be mustered in during Encampment week at Astoria—no official report received as yet.

Had this term of office been the usual twelve months, we would have added at least ten more new Camps, but I am happy to have my successor get away with such a good start.

Many other Departments have written me they have new Camps in the process of formation. Best of all, a very large percentage of the new members in these new Camps are Grandsons and Great-Grandsons.

#### QUOTA FOR A DEPARTMENT.

For some time the Department of Oregon and the Department of Washington have been under their quota of Camps and members to rate a Department. With the advent of new Department Officers, who promise to repair these shortages, your Commander-in-Chief recommends the Commandery-in-Chief give them until the next National Encampment to fulfill their promises. He further recommends if they do not make the attempt and show progress that the Department of Oregon and the Department of Washington be combined and made one Department.

#### COMMITTEE ON MARKING SOLDIER'S GRAVES.

The report of the Chairman of this Committee, Chas. R. Hale, is made a part of these Officers' Reports. Many Departments are getting more interested in this very much needed feature. Could the members of all Departments visit the headquarters of Brother Hale, as your Commander has, and see the thoroughness with which he has done his work in Connecticut, it would be an inspiration to complete the work in their Departments. I believe this is one feature that should be stressed by the Committee on Policy and Definite Program, and I recommend it be included.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POLICY AND DEFINITE PROGRAM.

This report has not been made a part of these Officers' Reports. The Committee will have their final meeting in Rochester, and will make their Report direct to the Encampment.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ANTI-CRIME CONFERENCE.

Special attention is called to the report of Past Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston, printed in these Officers' Reports. It should be read and reread by all of us. A move in the right direction. Toleration of crime—crime on the increase—corruption of Judges, lawyers, etc., must cease.

#### SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE.

I have always been a believer in, and an ardent supporter of the military feature of our Order—The Sons of Veterans Reserve.

May I indulge in a little ancient history? If you will go back to the beginning of our Order, you will find all Camps were required to uniform. Then came the Spanish-American War, which almost wiped out our Reserve. But they rallied from this, and by 1917 several Departments maintained units of the Reserve.

Then came the World War—with the result that out of all the units existing, the Pennsylvania Department was the only one to survive. It is with pride we can point to them, and thank them for all they have done to strengthen and assist that large Department.

Things of a military nature have always attracted the Youth, and some of our older men as well. Believing it is one of the best things we have to offer to interest the Grandsons and Great-Grandsons in joining our Order,

I RECOMMEND: That the Reserve be again made National, instead of a Department regulated feature of the Order.

There is also the serious side when we discuss military training. We are confronted with an unsettled world, and recent demonstrations in the Old World have shown us how close to barbarism they have let themselves sink. We should get back of National Defense and have our Order take a strong stand on it. I trust our Legislative Committee has covered this in their Report.

Our first start could be with our own Sons and Grandsons, by giving them a military training through the medium of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. They will never need it for war, if America has her way, but until America is sure, we must be prepared. The Father of our Country, the first President of the United States, George Washington, said: "In times of peace prepare for war." Today, the present President of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt says: "America's defense forces must ever be considered an instrument of continuing peace."

I RECOMMEND: That the office of National Chief-of-Staff be restored.

I RECOMMEND: That the following changes in the Constitution and Regulations be adopted:

In Chapter III, Article IV, Section 1, page 23, after the word Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, fourth line, add "Chief-of-Staff."

Section 2, add after Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief in third line, "Chief-of-Staff."

Section 4. After word "the" in the first line, add "Chief-of-Staff."

Add to Article V—a new Section 6. "The Chief-of-Staff shall be the Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, with the rank of Brigadier General, and shall perform such duties as may be specified under the provisions of Chapter IV, Sons of Veterans Reserve."

That old Chapter IV be and is hereby annulled, and the following new Chapter IV be adopted.

#### CHAPTER IV.

##### *Sons of Veterans Reserve.*

Section 1. The Sons of Veterans Reserve shall include all military bodies of the Order, with the exception that Camps may maintain independent military organizations, provided they do not parade on any occasion other than the funeral of a Veteran or a Brother, or on Memorial Day.

Section 2. The Sons of Veterans Reserve shall be governed by the Regulations adopted by the Commandery-in-Chief, and now in force, or as may be hereafter amended.

Section 3. The Committee on Military Affairs shall consist of five members, of which at least three shall have had military experience. They shall be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, and shall serve for a term of five years.

Section 4. The Committee on Military Affairs shall be the law making body of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, and shall pass upon such recommendations for amendment of the Regulations as shall from time to time originate within the subordinate bodies. Their action, when approved by the Commander-in-Chief, shall become law.

Section 5. The Committee on Military Affairs shall be the final court of appeals on all matters relative to the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Section 6. The regular channels for official business shall be from the Chief-of-Staff to the Committee on Military Affairs, thence to the Commander-in-Chief, and return by same channel.

#### THE BANNER.

As The Banner, our Official Organ, is the only means the Commander-in-Chief has of reaching the membership, we have tried at all times to make it so attractive, each succeeding issue would be welcomed when it reached its address. In this I have been most ably assisted by my Staff of Officers and interested members throughout the Order.

Our good friend and Brother, the Editor, Past Commander-in-Chief Allan S. Holbrook, has at all time co-operated, even to the extent of allowing us to exceed our allotted space.

One source of continued anxiety has been prevalent all year, and for several years. And that is Camp Mailing Lists have not been entirely correct, causing our National Secretary extra work in checking and billing the various Departments for copies mailed in excess of the number of members. I hope my successor will not have to use the old familiar heading: "Excess Copies of The Banner" in his General Orders.

#### AFFILIATED PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES.

It has been my good fortune during the year to be associated with a most congenial Official Family. Col. Russell C. Martin, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic; Mae G. Lincoln, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps; Sarah J. Ehrmann, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Dorothy D. Houghton, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans, and Margaret Anderson, National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans.

It has been a joy to travel with them—we have their best wishes, and they have ours, and for the many favors they have extended the Sons of Union Veterans in advancing our cause whenever and wherever possible, I have thanked them in your name, and personally as your Commander-in-Chief.

#### OUR AUXILIARY.

There is nothing like a year of association to know and appreciate a true and loyal friend. Their National President, Margaret Anderson, has been that to me, and to the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans. And I, in turn, have given to the Auxiliary my loyal support, and any good turn I could do for them as I passed along the way was a pleasure. Speaking for the Sons of Union Veterans, I can assure our Auxiliary they will find us loyal to the core, and a standby attitude to assist if needed.

#### FEDERATED PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES.

The knowledge that our own Past Commander-in-Chief, Frank C. Huston, was honored with the Presidency this year of the Federated Patriotic Societies allied to the Grand Army of the Republic, made



me watch with great interest the growth in the several Departments. I wish for him a large and enthusiastic meeting at Rochester. His message is "In the future of the Federation lies the success of all the allied Orders."

I urge you to attend local, State, and National Federated Meetings at every opportunity, and to help organize a unit in your community.

#### NATIONAL OFFICERS.

I have been extremely fortunate in that your elective and appointive officers have responded quickly and freely whenever called upon. I thank each and every one for their faithful performance of duties, and for the many courtesies shown me.

The articles in The Banner of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard Locke, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief M. G. Randolph, National Patriotic Instructor Addison A. Quinn, and National Chaplain Rev. Frank Beardsley, have been inspiring and instructive.

While I have personally known Horace Hammer, our National Secretary-Treasurer, as long as any member of our Order (outside of Ohio, my own Department), I never realized until this year what a great value he is to our Order. Ever ready, always courteous, never dictatorial, once your friend—always your friend—Horace, I want to publicly thank you for the many times you have made my path just a little bit easier to travel.

#### NATIONAL SPECIAL AIDES.

Believing that by appointing a Special Aide in each Department, he might be of assistance to his Department Commander, I did so appoint—directing them to work for their Department, through their Commander, and especially to follow up and try to have Camps put their Welfare Committee to work.

In order to test whether these appointments have been valuable, I have asked for a written report to be made to me, on which I will comment at the Encampment. (Most of these Special Aides have reported. I consider the appointment of Special Aides really worth while).

#### OBSOLETE FORMS 50 AND 51.

By action of the 52nd Encampment at St. Paul last year, the obsolete forms 50 and 51 were directed to be destroyed—not to be used. Attention of Camp and Department Patriotic Instructors has been called to this, through General Orders, and by National Patriotic Instructor Addison A. Quinn. Yet a few Camps and Departments will persist in using these old forms, thereby entailing extra work, and extra cost of printing for the Commandery-in-Chief. Read the report of National Patriotic Instructor Addison Quinn. And please DESTROY any old Forms you may have in your possession—then you will not be tempted to use them.

#### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION BLANKS.

As we go from generation to generation, farther away from the Union Veteran of the Civil War, it will become increasingly harder to show the lineage. I therefore believe we have arrived at a period when we should revise our Membership Application Blanks so they will show at least four generations.

I also believe we should omit from the new blank the Obligation. This is part of the ritualistic work given the candidate when initiated, and is not as impressive to him, if he has the application blank with it on, in his possession for several days before turning it in with his signature.

I RECOMMEND: That a committee of three be appointed to revise Form 3—Application for Membership Blank, and report to the 54th National Encampment.

#### THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

There will always linger in my memory the many happy hours and days spent with the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Colonel Russell C. Martin, of Los Angeles, California, as we traveled together from one State to another in the interests of his Comrades, and the Sons of his Comrades. So thoughtful of others, so capable, a gentleman, a patriot through and through, may he be blessed with health, and find joy and happiness in the reunion with his Comrades at their 68th National Encampment in Rochester, week of August 12th.

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#### THE FUTURE OF OUR ORDER.

With almost a feeling of pessimism at the beginning of my term, I know you will rejoice with me, and smile, when I say to you, I am relinquishing my office, a very decided optimist.

It is possible—we have the incentive, we have the material, and the need exists—to make the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War one of the largest, if not the largest, patriotic organizations ever created. This cannot be accomplished over night, or by legislating for it. I shall be greatly disappointed IF new plans are not formed when our National body meets, which if entered into by all our Members, whether officer in the Camp, Department, or National, or a private, with a determination to be real Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, no goal will be too high, or far reaching for achievement.

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Having had the usual Commander-in-Chief's appropriation for traveling and office expense cut from \$1500 to \$1000, I at all times endeavored to keep the necessary expenses to a minimum, trying to cover as much ground as possible.

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I would RECOMMEND, in view of the fact that at least four Western Departments need, and should have, the personal attention of the incoming Commander-in-Chief, that the usual \$1500 be appropriated by the Commandery-in-Chief for travel and office expense.

#### DECISIONS.

All matters requiring decisions have been passed on, either by myself, or my National Counselor, Perle Fouch. There has been nothing of a serious nature to cause us to worry all through the year, until the past month, and that has been settled today, and we are sailing on smooth waters, and ready to thank all Departments who have helped us to adjust any difficulties through the year.

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"There is a destiny that makes us brothers,  
None goes his way alone,  
All that we send into the lives of others,  
Comes back into our own."

Sincerely and Fraternaly yours,

PARK F. YENGLING,  
Commander-in-Chief.

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

The Commander-in-Chief: I have received from the Department of Colorado & Wyoming, protest and appeal from the action of the Annual Department Encampment of that Department, and submit the same, with my Decision in the matter, for the Committee on Officers' Reports and action of the Encampment.

#### AN APPEAL FROM THE ACTION OF THE ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO & WYOMING, PROTESTING AND OBJECTING TO THE PROCEEDINGS AS ILLEGAL AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

Mr. Park F. Yengling, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
Bassett Road, Bay Village, Ohio.

#### APPEAL TO THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Commander:

On June 12, 13 and 14, 1934, a Department Encampment of Colorado & Wyoming, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was held in Manitou, Colo.

A motion prevailed seating every member of the order present and conferring on them the right to vote on all matters coming before said convention, which included the election of officers, thus making voting members of all members present, whether they were regularly authorized delegates with proper credentials or not.

OUR APPEAL IS THIS: That the Encampment had no right to seat any Delegates except those having properly signed credentials, and that the seating of all members present, whether delegates or not, is illegal and that the meeting on above date is therefor a nullity; and that the Officers serving during the past term are now, in fact, the officers of said Department until such time as their successors are legally elected and installed.

We would ask that you take immediate action on this appeal if possible, as Department property has not been transferred.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

VERNON E. CHENEY, 1st Council.

ELMER E. KEACH, 3rd Council.

The Commander-in-Chief: It was represented herein that at the first day's session, ten members of the Colorado Springs Camp No. 14, on motion made by a member that "all present be accredited and enrolled as members of the Encampment," notwithstanding debate for and against, were so enrolled when the motion prevailed.



I had a record of the proceedings transmitted to me by the Department Commander, attested by the Department Secretary, with the roll of the Encampment, and credentials of record, submitted therewith.

To avoid expense incident to the financial condition of the Department, and after correspondence of a voluminous character, sustaining the opinion of the National Counselor, my decision was that notwithstanding the irregularities, the Department Commander elected was to be recognized and duly declared the Department Commander to serve the term of 1934-35. This was concurred in by some of the protestants and apparently all was amicably adjusted and accepted.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

PARK F. YENGLING,  
Commander-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief: The report of the Commander-in-Chief will be submitted to the Committee on Officers' Reports, if there are no objections. Ordered.

#### CITY'S OFFICIAL GREETINGS AND WELCOME.

Inside Guard: There is in waiting Mr. Emmett Finucane, representative of the Mayor of the City of Rochester.

Commander-in-Chief: The Guides will escort our guest to this station. Brother Finucane, Secretary of the Grand Army Committee, you are most welcome here this morning. I know that you are the man who has and will be making our stay in the City of Rochester pleasant. I ask you to salute him, Brothers.

Mr. Emmett Finucane: Commander-in-Chief Yengling, and Brothers of the Sons of Veterans, the Mayor of our City was extremely anxious to greet all of the Organizations in their opening sessions, but he was afraid he couldn't go all the way around and he asked me to take two details for him. I naturally selected this detail. It is my first opportunity to greet you personally and officially. I am here to present the official greetings of the City of Rochester; not only the Mayor's greetings, but the greetings of all its citizens. We hope the occasion will be a memorable one for you. We hope you will want to come back again many times. If we have overlooked anything for your comfort, please let us know. You will find members of our committee circulating amongst you all in the sincere hope that you are enjoying the finest convention you ever had. Thank you, Sir.

Commander-in-Chief: I personally want to assure you, in behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief, that while we would have been glad to have had the Mayor of the City of Rochester bring the greetings to us, you can go back and tell him that we are just as well satisfied that he sent you as we would be if he had come himself. We appreciate your coming today. We believe Rochester is doing all she can for us. She is treating us just as nice as we were ever treated in any other city. Emmett says we can't ask for too much. Brothers, don't rub it in. We thank you for your courtesy, Brother Finucane, and we hope you can come back again and spend at least a few hours with us. (Escort with colors escorted guest from the hall).

#### OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Commander-in-Chief: We will proceed with the Officers' Reports.

National Secretary: Commander-in-Chief, I present the reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief. National Secre-

tary-Treasurer, National Chaplain, National Patriotic Instructor and National Counselor. (Reports in printed form).

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

Chicago, Ill., July 23, 1934.

Park F. Yengling, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
Bay Village, Ohio.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

The following is submitted as my report as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief for the past year:

My activities in behalf of the Organization since the St. Paul Encampment have been more in connection with the work of the Committee on "Program and Policy" than as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. The effort which has been put forth in that regard will more clearly appear from the statement from the Committee on "Program and Policy" appearing in the July "Banner" and into which I need not go at length in this report.

Our Organization has been losing in numerical strength for some considerable time. It is my opinion that this loss in number is not alone attributable to the period of depression through which the country has been passing, but is to quite an extent due to the fact that we have not as an Organization been working along a practical, sensible line and doing things worth while. Therefore, it seems to me, our first move should be to adopt a platform upon which we can all agree, and attempt to render a service akin to that service rendered by our Fathers in saving the Union and upholding the Constitution.

More attention must be given in our meetings to a discussion of practical service which we can render. That done, we will be in a position to command the respect and appreciation of the eligibles and pave the way for the acquisition of a membership which will not lapse upon the slightest provocation.

The relations between the several officers of the Organization and myself during the past year have been most cordial and pleasant. I cannot refrain from here expressing my high appreciation of the service which you have rendered in your capacity as Commander-in-Chief. Your zeal, your energy, and your loyal desire to be of service have been a great inspiration to those who have been fortunate enough to come in contact with you in your official capacity.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

RICHARD F. LOCKE,  
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

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

To Park F. Yengling, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Sir and Brother:

The Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief has been in about the same condition financially as the rest of the country, and that fact has interfered greatly in my activities during the past year. I have missed some opportunities to attend important programs, etc., because word did not reach me in time to make the trip.

I have not pushed for members as I might have done under different conditions on account of the financial condition of most of our

prospects, and also the fact that we did not have much that would appeal to a hungry man.

However it seems that that condition has changed to a decided extent. I have tried out the proposition of organizing grand and great grand sons into clubs and I believe it is one of the finest projects ever undertaken. I have sent out letters to see what the reaction would be and it seems that the movement will be very popular. I sent letters through the Department of Education in St. Paul to all the schools and received the names of over 400 boys who were grand or great grand sons and who were interested in the project and also the names of two whose grandfathers were rebels and who said the war was over and perhaps they would like to know what it was about. I was unable to get the organization under way for Memorial Day because meeting places became very expensive, but with the opening of school in September we will be ready to go ahead with regular meetings.

Here is what appears to me to be the big part. The father or mother of each of these boys is eligible to the Camp or Auxiliary, and if we can make it interesting to the boys, then we are going to work on their parents. The Department of Minnesota has not doubled its membership during 1933-34, but by the next annual convention it will have done so. I hope a great deal will be said about the movement at the convention and I am going to recommend that a committee including one member from each Department be selected to perfect the organization and make it national. I was appointed chairman of a committee of five at the Department Convention in Minnesota for that purpose. I would also suggest that an organization for the girls be started.

Minneapolis Camp No. 8 has revived its Reserve Company, remodeled the old uniforms, bought new caps, and are ready to say "Howdy" on any and all occasions. I believe that it would strengthen our lines to have a semi-civilian uniform for members not belonging to the Reserve, and which could be provided at a low price.

My term as Junior Vice is almost over and the results may seem trifling but I have learned many things that will not be lost and which I hope will bear fruit before long. I hope to be considered still as an honorary member at least of the Commandery-in-Chief, as far as service is concerned, and assure you that I will respond willingly to the extent of my ability.

Respectfully submitted,

M. G. RANDOLPH,  
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

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#### REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER.

Reading, Pa., August 1, 1934.

To Mr. Park F. Yengling,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

I have the honor to present the annual report of this office, transactions, as follows:

Comparison and analysis are necessarily restricted. This is due to the limited period between the end of the last (June) Quarter and date of this Encampment; and, since the Regulations permit of Reports from Departments to be transmitted on the last day of July



it will be appreciated as to why a more satisfactory report cannot be submitted. The interval is too limited. Numerous Department Encampments held unusually late in June, also figure as to date reports were received from such Departments.

**FINANCES:** Receipts were affected by decrease in membership and elimination by the last Encampment of payment of Membership Fees. The Budget provision for Expenditures was increased by the Council-in-Chief directing additional allowance and expenditure of \$300 for expenses of the Commander-in-Chief. Total of disbursements was well within the amount of the Budget authorization.

Strict economy must be practiced and careful financing emphasized and adhered to the coming year.

The Departments of Colorado & Wyoming (under 250 members), Oregon (less than 10 Camps and 250 members) and Washington (also under 250 members) continue as for several years past in conflict and not in accord with the Constitution in these specifications. This has been emphasized to these Department Officers on numerous occasions as jeopardizing their status as Departments and revoking of their Charters. Assurances to secure and maintain their legal qualifications have not been fulfilled.

A better spirit throughout the Order seems to prevail. Camps appear to have more activity, interest, and a larger number functioning than in several years past.

Initiations exceeded last year by over 500; Reinstatements from Dropped were greater by more than 200. Losses were more than 2100 members less than last year.

The constant application to and service you have rendered in contacting conditions, visitations, many factors weighed for benefit and results, are to a great extent responsible for greater gain, less loss in membership reported for several years. As an accomplishment and record of your Administration it is appreciated by the membership whose cordial endorsement and good will you retire with.

#### FINANCIAL.

DR.:		CR.:	
Sept. 21, 1933, To Balance .....	\$ 730.60	By General Expenses...	\$ 8,991.23
Received for:		Office Expenses .....	781.02
P. C. Tax.....	\$10,431.62	Commander-in-Chief's Expenses .....	1,297.27
Charter Fees ..	45.00	Total Expenditures ....	\$11,069.52
Supplies .....	1,417.58	Tax on checks .....	.78
Miscellaneous...	30.70	Amount Disbursed .....	\$11,070.30
Premium Bonds,		By Balance, July 31, 1934	1,610.20
Dept. Coms..	25.00		
Total Receipts..	\$11,949.90		
	\$12,680.50		\$12,680.50

#### ITEMIZED RECEIPTS FROM DEPARTMENTS.

Department:	P. C. Tax	Charter Fees	Supplies	Miscel.	Bonds	Total
Ala. & Tenn.....	\$ 90.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 18.81	\$	\$	\$ 113.81
Cal. & Pac.....	208.86		65.60			274.46
Col. & Wyo.....	72.10		18.22	1.42		91.74
Connecticut ..	543.96		44.71			588.67
Illinois .....	269.98	5.00	142.98	.95		418.91

Department:	Charter					Total
	P. C. Tax	Fees	Supplies	Miscel.	Bonds	
Indiana ... ..	285.08		29.30			314.38
Iowa ... ..	132.66		19.61	3.25	2.50	158.02
Kansas ... ..	147.83		27.54		2.50	177.87
Maine ... ..	442.24		86.77			529.01
Maryland ... ..	173.71	15.00	31.54		2.50	222.75
Massachusetts ... ..	1883.37		211.28			2094.65
Michigan ... ..	192.65	5.00	81.58		2.50	281.73
Minnesota ... ..	91.27		24.20			115.47
Missouri ... ..	108.27		6.10			114.37
Nebraska ... ..	75.24		9.14	4.25	2.50	91.13
New Hampshire ... ..	274.87		47.10	6.53		328.50
New Jersey ... ..	377.62	10.00	50.90		2.50	441.02
New York ... ..	1116.27		132.44	8.32	2.50	1259.53
Ohio ... ..	793.04	5.00	104.01		2.50	904.55
Oregon ... ..	85.19		10.50	.15		95.84
Pennsylvania ... ..	2412.67		146.31			2558.98
Rhode Island ... ..	140.23		40.79			181.02
Vermont ... ..	265.51		42.74	3.01	2.50	313.76
Washington ... ..	42.93		.88	2.82		46.63
Wisconsin ... ..	206.07		24.53		2.50	233.10
Total ... ..	\$10431.62	\$45.00	\$1417.58	\$30.70	\$25.00	\$11949.90

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

## General Expenses:

For Supplies .....	\$ 921.77
The Banner, Subscription Oct. 1933-July 1934, Inc. ....	4238.95
Encampment, Printing, Shipping Journals of Proceedings, 1933 Encampment .....	416.17
Printing .....	46.49
Shipping Supplies .....	47.85
Salaries, Sept. 21, 1933-July 20, 1934, inc. ....	3025.00
Bonds, Nat'l Sec.-Treas., Dept. Commanders. ....	55.00
Miscellaneous — Anti-Crime Committee, Badge (Past) Commander-in-Chief, etc. ....	185.00
Committee Marking Graves .....	55.00
	<u>\$8991.23</u>

## Office Expenses:

For Wrapping Paper and Twine .....	\$ 3.29
Postage .....	107.81
Express .....	2.59
Telegrams .....	10.77
Stationery, National Officers .....	104.18
Rent .....	541.98
Miscellaneous .....	10.40
	<u>\$ 781.02</u>

## Commander-in-Chief's Expenses:

For Postage .....	\$ 41.79
Telegrams ... ..	6.95
Traveling .....	1196.28
Office .....	7.25
Stenographer ... ..	45.00
	<u>\$1297.27</u>

Total Expenditures .....\$11069.52

## VOUCHERS.

No.	To Whom:	Account:	Amount
1.	Wm. O. Flatt Co., Supplies, Printing .....		\$ 19.75
2.	The Banner, Subscription, Oct. 29,092 copies.....		436.38
3.	F. C. Huston, Rep. at Anti-Crime Conference.....		50.00
4.	P. F. Yengling, Com-in-Chief, Exp. a/c Sept. and Oct..		35.50
5.	The Banner, Supplies, Sub. Nov. 28,959 copies \$434.38), Printing ... ..		529.87
6.	Emily J. Tompkins, Treas., Dues to Fed. Pat. Societies.		10.00
7.	P. F. Yengling, Com-in-Chief., Exp. a/c November.....		69.20
8.	W. C. Mabie, Stationery National Officers.....		66.70
9.	W. C. Mabie, Supplies .....		142.92
10.	The Banner, Sub. December, 28,568 copies (\$128.52), Printing and Shipping 52nd Enc. Journal of Pro- ceedings to Members and Departments (\$412.00)...		840.52
11.	Colonial-Berks Real Est. Co., Rent, Jan-March, inc.....		180.66
12.	P. F. Yengling, Com-in-Chief, Exp. a/c December.....		29.76
13.	The Banner, Sub. January, 28,459 copies .....		426.88
14.	P. F. Yengling, Com-in-Chief, Exp. a/c January .....		70.95
15.	The Banner, Sub. February, 28,164 copies .....		422.46
16.	P. F. Yengling, Com-in-Chief, Exp. a/c February .....		191.88
17.	W. C. Mabie, Supplies, Stationery .....		232.01
18.	The Robbins Co., Supplies—Badges .....		473.75
19.	The Banner, Sub. March, 27,986 copies .....		419.79
20.	Colonial-Berks Real Est. Co., Rent April-June, inc.....		180.66
21.	P. F. Yengling, Com-in-Chief, Exp. a/c March .....		193.57
22.	The Metal Marker Mfg. Co., Supplies .....		4.31
23.	The Banner, Sub. April, 27,948 copies .....		419.22
24.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, Premium Dept. Com. Bond		2.50
25.	W. C. Mabie, Stationery Com-in-Chief .....		13.10
26.	P. F. Yengling, Com-in-Chief, Exp. a/c April .....		231.86
27.	Metal Marker Mfg. Co., Supplies .....		3.96
28.	The Banner, Sub. May, 27,928 copies .....		418.92
29.	Wm. O. Flatt Co., Printing .....		3.75
30.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, Premium Dept. Coms. Bonds		12.50
31.	P. F. Yengling, Com-in-Chief, Exp. a/c May .....		188.03
32.	The Banner, Sub. June, 27,775 copies (\$416.29), Printing		420.04
33.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, Premium Dept. Coms. Bonds		10.00
34.	Charles R. Hale, Committee Marking Graves.....		55.00
35.	P. F. Yengling, Com-in-Chief, Exp. a/c May-June.....		297.27
36.	Colonial-Berks Real Est Co., Rent July-Sept., inc.....		180.66
37.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, Premium Dept. Com. Bond.		2.50
38.	The Banner, Sub. July, 27,741 copies .....		416.11
39.	H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec-Treas., Exp. a/c Sept. 1933- July, 1934, inc., Salary, Shipping Supplies, Postage, Telegrams, Stationery, Miscellaneous, Badge (Past) Commander-in-Chief, Bonds, etc. ....		3366.58
Total Amount of Vouchers .....			\$11069.52

## STOCK AND SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Receipts for supplies were greater this year over last by approximately \$200. It indicates more activity and the fact that Camps are functioning better, an improvement over the preceding term.

It is regrettable that so few Departments will persist in having little if any quantity of supplies on hand, unable to fill Camp requisitions until same are ordered and received from Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters. Departments are expected and should always have a sufficient stock of supplies on hand to promptly fill Camp requisitions.



To cost of supplies on hand August 20, 1933.....	\$3516.18
To cost of supplies purchased .....	921.77
Cost of supplies to account for .....	\$4437.95
Cost of supplies on hand July 31, 1934.....	3464.04
Cost of supplies sold .....	\$ 973.91
To amount received on Requisitions .....	\$1417.58
Cost of supplies sold .....	\$973.91
Cost of shipping .....	47.85
Cost of wrapping paper and twine .....	3.29
Cost of supplies to National Officers.....	11.57
Cost of express on supplies received.....	2.59
Total cost of supplies sold .....	\$1039.21
Profit .....	\$ 378.77

## DEPARTMENTS—MEMBERSHIP—GAINS AND LOSSES.

No. in Good Standing June 30th:

Department:	1933		1934		Gain		Loss	
	Camps	Mem.	Camps	Mem.	Cps.	Mb.	Cps.	Mb.
Ala. & Tenn.....	14	250	15	250	1			
Cal. & Pac.....	20	588	19	569			1	19
Col. & Wyo. ....	10	243	11	245	1	2		
Connecticut ...	33	1603	32	1480			1	123
Illinois ...	27	710	29	884	2	174		
Indiana ...	30	840	28	785			2	55
Iowa ...	20	429	17	347			3	82
Kansas ...	20	431	20	380				51
Maine ...	31	1044	37	1176	6	132		
Maryland ...	14	489	14	473				16
Massachusetts ..	131	5569	125	5111			6	458
Michigan ...	20	555	21	540	1			15
Minnesota ...	10	238	10	256		18		
Missouri ...	10	308	10	301				7
Nebraska ...	13	280	13	250				30
New Hampshire ....	23	764	23	768		4		
New Jersey .....	24	1043	26	1053	2	10		
New York .....	83	3168	83	3099				69
Ohio ...	74	2334	73	2170			1	164
Oregon ...	9	275	7	190			2	85
Pennsylvania ...	123	7080	115	6474			8	606
Rhode Island .....	16	395	16	385				10
Vermont ...	28	784	25	706			3	78
Washington ...	10	193	10	147				46
Wisconsin ...	17	598	17	579				19
Total ...	810	30211	796	28618	13	340	27	1933

## RECAPITULATION.

Number in Good Standing June 30, 1933.....	Camps	Members
Gain—	810	30211
By Organization and Initiation .....	6	1297
Transfer .....		87
Reinstatement ...	13	683
Total Gain .....	19	2067
Aggregate .....	829	32278

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Loss—		
By Disbanded .....	18	227
Death .....		529
Honorable Discharge .....		177
Transfer ...		37
Suspended ...	8	104
Dropped .....	7	2586
Total Loss .....		33 3660
Number in Good Standing June 30, 1934.....	796	28618
Amount Reported in Department Treasuries .....		\$ 5,001.18
Amount Reported in Camp Treasuries .....		47,542.53
Expended for Relief .....		23,685.63
Number Members or their families relieved .....		567
Numbers Veterans or their families relieved .....		47

## NEW CAMPS.

At the last Encampment there was considerable enthusiasm by pledges by Department Commanders and Officers to organize one or more New Camps during this term, aggregating 21 Camps.

Camps were organized as follows:

Department:	No. Camp Applications	No. Applicants	No. Camps Instituted	No. Charter Members
Ala. & Tenn.....	1	15	1	15
Illinois ....	1	115	1	115
Maryland ....	3	50	3	49
Michigan ....	1	18	1	16
New Jersey ....	2	30	2	37
Ohio ....	1	30	1	30
Oregon ...	1	27	1	27
Total .....	10	285	10	289

Gain over last year 6 Camps and 180 Members.

## THE OFFICIAL ORGAN—THE BANNER.

The mailing lists of Camps for receipt of THE BANNER by members is somewhat improved as indicated by the amount collected and shown under "Miscellaneous Receipts." This item is derived from payments by such Departments in which members receive the paper in excess of the number of members reported in good standing and upon which per capita tax is paid. Where mailing lists are properly corrected, revised, this expense does not occur. In cases where Departments are charged and credited with having received papers over and above the number of members they report to the Commandery-in-Chief, payment of such excess is secured for the Commandery-in-Chief.

This subject has been reported several times and no action taken. It is suggested that it should have attention and a policy established whereby excessive numbers of copies of the paper should not be charged and paid for by the Commandery-in-Chief; and, it is not intended that persons NOT members of the Order should receive the paper.

The continual reminders to Department Officers for payment of this charge is not accepted in good grace, but the fault or responsibility is theirs, or Camp Secretaries who do not give the matter proper attention. The expense is unnecessary and should cease.

The Editor of THE BANNER, Past Commander-in-Chief A. S. Holbrook, has at all time co-operated and given every assistance and many courtesies are acknowledged for the Commandery-in-Chief, by him.

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

H. H. HAMMER,  
National Secretary-Treasurer.

### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Of the National Secretary-Treasurer, 53rd Encampment.

DR.:		CR.:	
July 31, 1934, To Balance.	\$1610.20	By General Expenses....	\$1117.41
Rec'd for P. C. Tax.	\$57.78	Office Expenses .....	10.78
Charter Fee .....	5.00	Com.-in-Chief's Expenses..	126.89
Supplies .....	.10	Federal Tax on checks...	.24
Miscellaneous .....	3.22		
Total Receipts ..	\$ 66.10	By Total Expenditures...	\$1255.32
		By Balance, Aug. 16, 1934	420.98
	\$1676.30		\$1676.30

#### ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

##### General Expenses:

The Banner, Subscription, August (27,840 copies).	\$417.60
Encampment .....	642.96
Committee on Program and Policy .....	56.85

\$1117.41

##### Office Expenses:

Postage, Telegrams, Express .....	10.78
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##### Commander-in-Chief's Expenses:

Postage, Telegrams, Traveling, Stenographer.....	126.89
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Total .....\$1255.08

Federal Tax on checks ..... .24

Total Expenditures .....\$1255.32

Balance August 16, 1934 .....\$ 420.98

#### VOUCHERS.

No.	To Whom:	Account:	Amount
40.	Park F. Yengling, Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c July (\$126.89), Encampment (\$36.48) .....		\$ 163.37
41.	R. F. Locke, Sr. Vice Com.-in-Chief, Encampment (\$21.19), Committee Program and Policy, Stationery, Postage, Printing (\$56.85) .....		78.04
42.	M. G. Randolph, Jr. Vice Com.-in-Chief, Encampment...		33.08
43.	Julius Isaacs, Council-in-Chief, Encampment.....		62.45
44.	Louis H. Knox, Council-in-Chief, Encampment.....		73.93
45.	George N. Bell, Council-in-Chief, Encampment .....		56.49
46.	Addison A. Quinn, Nat. Patriotic Instructor, Encampment .....		15.45
47.	Rev. F. G. Beardsley, National Chaplain, Encampment...		47.35
48.	Perle L. Fouch, National Counselor, Encampment.....		16.75
49.	The Banner, Sub. August (27,840 copies), (\$417.60), Encampment Reports of Officers and Roll (\$151.87).....		569.47



No.	To Whom:	Account:	Amount
50.	Mrs. Irene U. Fuller, Stenographic Encampment Report..		75.00
51.	H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec.-Treas., Encampment (\$52.92), Office Expenses (\$10.78) .....		63.70

Total Vouchers .....\$1255.08

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

H. H. HAMMER,  
National Secretary-Treasurer.

## REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Chelsea, Mass., July 19, 1934.

To Park F. Yengling, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith a consolidated report of the several Departments of the Order.

Reports have been received from all Departments with the exception of Washington.

Last year, and this year as well, numerous requests were made from this office through The Banner and otherwise, that reports be made on NEW FORM NO. 51.

It is difficult to understand why, after all that has been said, some Departments ignore all instructions and persist in using the OLD FORM which has been declared void. The Department of Maryland has reported on the OLD FORM, but same was received so late it could not be returned and consequently will be reported as is.

Owing to the apparent lack of knowledge regarding action taken at the 52nd Annual Encampment, I recommend that a copy of Recommendations No. 1 and No. 2 of last year's National Patriotic Instructor's report, and action taken regarding same, be sent to all Departments, as in some cases neither one has been adhered to this year.

From study of reports received it would seem that there still exists a general misunderstanding of the meaning of many of the questions asked in Form 50 and 51 of the Patriotic Instructor's reports. I understand a committee was appointed last year to revise these blanks and therefore the report of said committee to be made at this Encampment will, I hope, eliminate further trouble on this score.

Supplementary reports from several Departments follow and should be carefully noted. May I call special attention to that of Department Patriotic Instructor H. B. Stevick of Ohio, as it shows much thought, is very interesting and instructive. Also please note the action taken by Department Patriotic Instructor C. D. Donaldson of Wisconsin, a commendable idea and one that might well be followed by other Department Patriotic Instructors to good advantage.

## SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS.

Thomas L. Beem—Illinois.

"Camp 43, Joliet; Camp 4, Springfield; Camp 12, Chicago; Camp 21, Aurora, report special activities during the year. No report from Camp 8, Chicago.

"I am Aide de Camp on the Staff of the Dept. Commander of Illinois G. A. R., hold nine different Patriotic Organization offices, so you see I am not a back-slider. I have had a program every time one

is due, like Veterans' Day, Lincoln and Washington's Birthday, and Memorial Day. On Memorial Day I always have the Auto Division of the big parade. We send automobiles throughout the city of Chicago and assemble the Veterans with ease. They all come who are able, and after the programs or parades they are taken back to their homes.

"You can always figure Illinois is doing her part in all lines of Patriotic Work."

L. L. Shope—Iowa.

"Delay in submitting this report was occasioned by inability to secure individual Camp reports. While not all Camps have reported, to date, the data herein supplies furnished a general summary of the years activities. The Sons of Union Veterans Camps are limited in number in this Department, consequently, outside the territorial scope of the several Camps, we cannot reasonably expect any patriotic work to be performed. Nor, in districts where Camps are located, should the Sons assume entire credit for these patriotic activities which are performed by the several allied patriotic societies working together. To summarize—briefly—from reports received and by general contact and observation, the Dept. of Iowa Sons of Union Veterans is entitled to credit for but a reasonable amount of patriotic activity during the year now closed. This record is excusable, in a great measure, by the strained economic conditions."

Charles B. Martin—Kansas.

"Please find herewith the report of the Patriotic work of the Kansas Department, as reported by eleven of the twenty Camps in this Department. It is with regret that I am sending in the report with as few returns from the Camps, but I have not yet been in office as Dept. Patriotic Instructor thirty days, which is a very short time in which to get reports from the Camps of the Department, and it is also a very short time for any Camp Patriotic Instructor to receive his blanks and get the required information.

"In order to get any kind of a complete report from the Camps of any Department it is my opinion that this report should be made by Camp Patriotic Instructors at the time of their completion of the term of their office, and the Department Patriotic Instructor should make his report at the expiration of his term of office, which would cause such reports to be made to the meeting of the Commandery one year later, and in that way a more complete report would be obtained. In my case I could get but one letter to the Camp Patriotic Instructors, and then make my report as soon as I received sufficient returns to compile into a report, so that I know I will receive more reports which cannot be embodied into the report to the National Patriotic Instructor, which does not give the Department the proper credit or showing.

"Also there is much information the Department Patriotic Instructor could obtain from the Patriotic Societies and also from the State Historical Societies, if he had or rather was given the time, which, in turn, would make a far better showing from the Department and also for the National Organization. A Department Patriotic Instructor cannot gather this information if given only twenty days in which to complete his returns."

Wm. L. Anderson, Jr.—Massachusetts.

"1. Weekly patriotic radio programs.

"2. Trying to obtain a Memorial Highway for the G. A. R.

"3. Civil War picture talk being given by Dept. Patriotic Instructor to Camps and any other organization desiring it"

Charles L. Sharp—New York.

"The members have aided the G. A. R. and other Veterans in a number of ways; invited them to gatherings; noted anniversaries; observed Memorial Day, Union Defenders' Day, Washington's Birthday, and Veterans' Night; visited the Bath and Oxford Homes; held exercises at Grant's Tomb and Mount McGregor; furnished firing squads, speakers, and other talent; and one generous Brother entertains Civil War Veterans at an annual gathering."

H. B. Stevick—Ohio.

"I have a total of 51 Camps reporting out of 74 in 1934 Roster.

"Questions No. 2 and No. 3—Use of flags—is quite universal but these reports take a lot for granted, and same might apply to question No. 4. From personal inquiry I find much is taken for granted and not checked as to facts.

"Question No. 5—476 out of 731 not enough. Nearly every school in Ohio either has a program or joins with others that have, and should be counted.

"Question No. 8—I think our Camp Patriotic Instructors guessed on this. The school children in general take part in programs, parades, etc., and 24,200 in or around the field of 51 Camps is not accurate. If it is, then our work is not well done.

"Question No. 9—156 schools visited out of 719. Enough said. What are our Patriotic Instructors going to do about it? This is a very important matter.

"Question No. 10—190 out of 719. Again, if this is correct, where are our Camp Patriotic Instructors?

"Questions No. 11 and No. 12—I find many conflicting answers, and our membership disagreed on whether the law requires use of flags IN ROOMS.

#### CHURCHES.

"Question No. 1—Reported 1213 churches, and No. 2—1029 flags inside. If this is true we need some more work done, but not a bad report. Again the question of flag display and visiting churches and Sunday School, is of much importance and replies received indicate that our Camps are really giving this much attention. They find that some churches are not very much in favor of this idea. Again our patriotic work has room for expansion.

#### GENERAL.

"1—Very few Camps report on this.

"2—Not very many contests anywhere.

"4—Likely not enough. Many Camps do this and make no report.

"5—2764. This question is not well understood. We think it should be well defined so that each Camp will report on the same thing. Some count only monuments or government markers, etc., while others count even flag markers used on Memorial Day and during the year.

"6—The "New Memorials" should be well defined, as to monuments, markers, flag holders, etc.

"7—Amount small. Some Camps do not like to mention the amount as much of this is done by individual members. Some Camps report money spent for Decoration Day programs and work. Should we not make this clear what expense is included in item of Patriotic Instruction? We know that we have spent more than \$216 in Ohio.



"As Department Patriotic Instructor, I find our reports hard to get from Camp Patriotic Instructors, and not much attention is given to the answers in our Annual Report Blanks. This comes partly from the fact that many Camps have no regularly appointed member for this office and no one does the work until the time for this Annual Report, and then if work has been done they have no record of it.

"To help our Camps get the important things done, I would recommend that a mid-year blank be sent to each Camp Commander requiring an answer from him and his Patriotic Instructor, as to their activities and thereby get the Department Patriotic Instructor in touch with what is being done in the mid-year so that he can urge or assist in the special things that need to be done in many communities."

C. O. Gosney, Oregon.

"Reports coming in from the Monument fund workers indicate that the \$2,000 required to place a suitable monument on the capital grounds, to the memory of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, will be raised inside of a year.

"Three Camps have taken over all the work of the Grand Army of the Republic."

Harold Stellfox—Pennsylvania.

"Among special activities of the Pennsylvania Department during the past year would mention as follows:

"Special Memorial services held in the church attended by Abraham Lincoln, when he visited Gettysburg to make his now famous address. This service was attended by members of almost every Camp of Sons of Union Veterans in the State.

"On Memorial Day services were held in the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, Pa., which was honored by the presence of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, President of the United States, and many thousands attended that service.

"The most of our Camps celebrated Lincoln's Birthday, Appomattox Day, and Veterans' Night with banquets and special programs. The Sunday previous to Memorial Day practically every Camp in Pennsylvania attended special Memorial Services in the churches selected by the G. A. R. or our order. Flag Day is celebrated in most of our Auxiliaries with programs to which the public and our members are invited.

"One of our Camps held a series of meetings at which their Fathers' records were read, and Passwords and Countersigns and other subjects were discussed with their relation to history.

"Junior Camps are being formed in some towns to interest the young Sons to become members of our order.

"The Past Commanders and Past Presidents of six Counties in South Central Pennsylvania have formed an association which meets every month and discusses topics for the Good of the Order.

"The Lehigh Valley Association holds monthly Get-together meetings to which Comrades and members are invited to further the interests of the order.

"I believe the Patriotic Instructors' Report Blanks should be revised in a manner so as to bring in some real information. Many of the Camp Patriotic Instructors merely answer their questions by 'I don't know' or leave the spaces blank, making it simply impossible to tabulate an accurate report.

"Fifty-three of a possible one hundred nineteen Camp Patriotic Instructors reported, and many of the reports were such that they conveyed no information."

C. D. Donaldson—Wisconsin.

"I am sending you, inclosed, my annual report as Department Patriotic Instructor of the Department of Wisconsin. There have been seventeen Camps in good standing in this Department during the past two years. Last year, seventeen of the Camps made their reports to me and the same number this year. We were 100% last year and we are 100% this year.

"I have sent a copy of my annual report to each Camp together with letter as follows: 'I am making the following somewhat detailed report this year and I am anxious to know what you think of it. I wish that the Camp Patriotic Instructors would write to me once in a while and let me know what they have to offer in regard to the activities of their offices in their several Camps. I am taking up each question you were each asked to answer in your report.

"The tenor of the questions should give us an idea of what the Camp Patriotic Instructor's duties are. Let us during this coming year do as much as possible of the various duties outlined in these questions. It would be well for the Camp Patriotic Instructors to take up these questions in their Camp meeting and to have a general discussion of the needs of your community as to the various things that we are supposed to do if we are true patriots.

"I would like to visit your Camp and have a discussion with you on some of these duties and how we best can execute them. Let me know when you would like to have me come. Let us do a better piece of work this coming year than we have ever done before!—Yours in F. C. & L., C. D. Donaldson, Dept. Patriotic Instructor."

"This is the first year that I have done this and I am somewhat eager to see how it works.

"There is a great variation in the activities of the Camps. A number of the Camps seem to be pretty weak and they seem to be losing out in their communities in respect to leadership in the observance of Memorial Day. They seem to be ignored by the other patriotic bodies and this, instead of bringing out the fighting blood of our Fathers, seems to make them curl up and cringe with a sort of hopeless despair. It is actually pitiful to observe the way they act.

"I hope to see a change in the attitude of the Sons before long. Our Department Commander was re-elected and he has done good work and I think that he will do better work this year. He has had a very difficult year and it looks now as though the coming year will be just as difficult. We have too many members in our Annual Encampment that love to hear themselves talk and are valueless when it comes to lifting power to get our membership on the up grade."

I wish to thank you, Commander-in-Chief, for the honor you have conferred on my Department and my Camp as well, in my appointment as National Patriotic Instructor. I trust I may have merited all the nice things you said about me when visiting Massachusetts and sincerely hope I have measured up to your expectations.

Many times I have seen the words "Tempus Fugit" and I now realize more than ever their significance. It seems but yesterday that I assumed the office of National Patriotic Instructor and yet the time has already arrived when I must render a report of the year's work. I have taken a lot of pleasure in serving you as one of your Official Family, and my dealings this past year with Department Patriotic



National Patriotic Instructor's Consolidated Reports of Department Patriotic Instructors using "Old" Form No. 51 for Year Ending May 31, 1934.

Departments Reporting on Old Form No. 51, and Patriotic Instructor of Department.	1. Do Public Schools Have Flags?	2. Flag Salute Given in Schools.	3. Observe Patriotic Days.	4. Do Teachers Show Interest?	5. Flags Given To Schools.	6. Prizes Given Public School Pupils.	7. Gettysburg Tablets Presented to Schools.	8. Sunday Schools Asked to Help Memorial Day.	9. Public Schools Asked to Help Memorial Day.	10. Memorial Sunday Observed by Churches.	11. Objectable School Histories in Use.	12. Spent for Patriotic Work.	13. Do Camps Offer to Assist G. A. R. Memorial Day?	14. Do Camps Take Charge Memorial Day for G. A. R.?	15. For Good of the Order and to Stimulate Patriotism.
Maryland H. Turner Lewis .....	yes	yes	yes	yes	10	yes	4	yes	yes	yes	No	\$150	yes	yes	Unite with other Patriotic Societies in holding Patriotic Services.



# National Patriotic Instructor's Consolidated Reports of Department Patriotic Instructors Using "New" Form No. 51 for Year Ending May 31, 1934.

Departments Reporting on New Form No. 51 and Patriotic Instructor of Department	SCHOOLS												CHURCHES				GENERAL						
	1. Public Schools in Department.	2. Flags Displayed Outside.	3. Flags Displayed in Halls or School Room.	4. Using Pledge of Al- legiance.	5. Memorial Day Pro- grams.	6. Those Giving Pa- triotic Programs.	7. Flags Presented by Camps or Individuals.	8. Pupils Participating in Memorial Day Pro- grams.	9. Schools Visited by Patriotic Instructor or Others.	10. Those Having Lin- coln's Gettysburg Ad- dress.	11. Do State Laws Re- quire Display of Flag?	12. Do State Laws Re- quire Pledge of Alle- giance.	1. Churches in Depart- ment.	2. Number Displaying Flags.	3. Flags Presented.	4. Churches Visited by Patriotic Instructor.	1. Programs for G. A. R.	2. Prizes Given by Camps for Patriotic Contests.	3. Number of Contests.	4. Public Patriotic Programs.	5. Monuments or Tab- lets for Civil War Vel- lans.	6. New Memorials During Year.	7. Money Spent for Patriotic Instruction.
Alabama & Tennessee C. W. Jackman .....	1290	885	882	325	25	125	81	520	35	900	Yes	Yes	1634	635	6	20	11	unknown	unknown	33	2000	5	none
California and Pacific Wm. E. Lilley .....	don't know	all state law	don't know	all	most of them	all	several	don't know	several	don't know	Yes	No	don't know	don't know	don't know	don't know	about 135	no report		135	don't know	don't know	about \$50.00
Colorado & Wyoming A. G. Myers .....	166	166	305	343	88	10	2	large per cent	2	some high schools	Yes		118	86	81	1	21	none	none	7	none	2	none
Connecticut Robert Leslie .....	422	all	all	363	335	61	3	33,258	94	217	Yes	Yes	724	412	none	37	58	10	530	27	46	1	\$3.35
Illinois Thos. L. Beem .....	136	111	229	126	136	30	28	38,600	96	69	Yes	Yes	208	98	102	54	23	1	Joliet schools	29	18		
Indiana Wm. H. Ball .....	194	192	387	176	117	32	475	17,308	28	56	Yes	No	1472	526	479	432	52	15	62	36	36	19	\$115.00
Iowa L. L. Shope .....	between 2 & 3000	nearly all	nearly all	all, but not daily	approx. 25%	goodly number	none reported	several thousand	20	creditable number	Yes	No	nearly 5000	nearly all	none	10	18	1	50	18	508	none	\$5.00
Kansas Chas. B. Martin .....	210	203	899	816	5	184	0	2310	8	28	Yes	No	148	119	54	5	11	0	0	97	70	1	\$10.00
Maine Frank L. Merrick .....	186	186	248	181	420	70	3	2820	34	61	Yes	No	191	147	0	9	56	2	12	47	64	1	\$302.00
Massachusetts Wm. L. Anderson, Jr. ...	1099	1007	1099	1004	946	256	43	59,971	271	281	Yes	No	1081	708	498	5	94	7	36	72	1605	3	\$379.85
Michigan Wm. H. Malone .....	107	all	all	all	all	all	none	5625	20	all	Yes	Yes	210	all inside	none	30	28	16	10	30	3	none	\$22.00
Minnesota Irving Best .....	several thousand	all	all	large per cent	nearly all	all	50	approx. 25,000	50	all	No	No	about 6000	nearly all	5	5	25			6	14	2	
Missouri	no record	all	all	all daily	nearly all	Wash. Lincoln	12	no record	no record	2	No	No	no record	most all	5	no record	11	1	no report	6	none reported	none	\$27.00
Nebraska I. O. Townsend .....	32	64	32	32	32	32	2	approx. 1000		1	Yes	Yes	Lincoln 25	35		10	3			3	several		
New Hampshire Harry Brown .....	160	all	all	all	almost all	all	50	10,000	36	about all	Yes	Yes	150	about all	none	29	12	1	200	28	26	3	\$18.00
New Jersey Bernard F. Fox .....	206	206	206	206	206	64	none	24,060	22	122	Yes	Yes	449	392	none	46	32	none	none	26	32	none	\$246.00
New York Chas. L. Sharp .....	1574	1568	4848	1532	1384	190	118	50,000	144	1301	Yes	Yes	890	768	12	60	131	4	2050	102	48	1	\$1359.00
Ohio Henry B. Stevick .....	731	681	724	503	476	273	113	24,200	156	190	Yes	No	1213	1029	99	94	121	2	7	99	2764	52	\$216.10
Oregon C. O. Gosney .....	186	186	214	177	120	193	none	4300	23	178	Yes	No	320	227	2	14	19	none	0	18	917	2	not stated
Pennsylvania Harold Stellfox .....	865	865	865	865	665	332	24	222,350	310	417	Yes	Yes	1317	1055	8	155	117	12	264	116	1116	51	\$1755.00
Rhode Island Fred O. Arnold .....	247	247	247	247	247	247	1	900	79	30	Yes	Yes	183	183	3	19	8	none	none	14	12	3	\$12.00
Vermont Rufus L. Allen .....	175	175	all	all	all	100	20	all	25	no record	Yes	Yes	124	120	10	26	25	none	none	all	no record	6	none
Washington																							
Wisconsin C. D. Donaldson .....	452	445	489	417	343	243	74	20,130	17	81	Yes	Yes	361	219	0	41	34	2	10	28	262	5	\$34.62



Instructors have been enjoyable as well as instructive, and I hope they may prove profitable to our Order.

I have endeavored through monthly publications in *The Banner*, as well as direct correspondence, to aid in creating a real honest-to-goodness zeal in working for the interests of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. ENTHUSIASM has been my keynote and I have earnestly striven to keep the importance of PATRIOTISM ever before our members.

As best I know how, I have tried to impress upon our membership the necessity of wide-awake thinking and action, and a knowledge of the fact that as long as we keep the fires of patriotism burning brightly, our Order will be looked up to, our efforts recognized, and our permanency established.

I have fulfilled numerous engagements in Massachusetts during the year and have had the privilege of speaking on many patriotic programs. It has also been my pleasure to speak several times over the radio from Station WHDH, Boston, in behalf of our Organization.

I sincerely trust that from this 53rd National Encampment in Rochester we may all receive an inspiration that will cause us to have a greater FAITH in God, in our Nation and in ourselves; and that the much needed spirit of CO-OPERATION will be manifested in all our future activities.

We have our problems; the Grand Army of the Republic had theirs and solved them: WE are the ones who must solve ours.

We have promised to carry on the work our Fathers have so nobly carried thus far—to teach patriotism and exemplify an unquestionable loyalty to our Country and Flag. It is well; but beware lest we be hereafter upbraidingly told, "It is better not to promise, than to promise and not perform."

If I have succeeded in exemplifying sincerity of purpose and in any way inspired others to lend their every effort in this worthwhile work in which we are all engaged, I am satisfied.

Respectfully submitted,

ADDISON A. QUINN,

National Patriotic Instructor.

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#### REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN.

Minot, North Dakota, July 14, 1934.

To Park F. Yengling, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

It is my privilege herewith to submit my report as National Chaplain. Aside from a few patriotic addresses and a somewhat extensive correspondence with Department Chaplains and Department Commanders relative to Department Reports my activities have been confined chiefly to the preparation of a brief monthly article for *The Banner*.

With sadness of heart we report the deaths of ten Past Department Commanders, ten men good and true who have finished their earthly tasks and have been ushered into the presence of the GREAT COMMANDER to receive the final reward for their labors. They now await us on that distant shore where we shall one day join them in the Great Encampment over there. A suitable memorial service for

these and other departed members of our order will be held at Rochester in conjunction with that of the Auxiliary, with the co-operation of its National Chaplain, Mrs. Minnie H. Steiner.

### IN MEMORIAM

- October 15, 1933—H. A. Wing, Past Department Commander, Minnesota.  
 November —Lucius H. Gordon, Past Department Commander Vermont.  
 January 4, 1934—George W. Conant, Past Department Commander California & Pacific.  
 March 12, 1934 —Herman M. Rebele, Past Department Commander Pennsylvania.  
 March 27, 1934 —Fred C. Caster, Past Department Commander New Jersey.  
                   —E. E. Schoening, Past Department Commander Missouri.  
                   —Thomas L. Aughinbaugh, Past Department Commander Ohio.  
                   —George E. Snyder, Past Department Commander New York.  
 May 26, 1934 —Alvin O. Fairbanks, Past Department Commander, Connecticut.  
 June 10, 1934 —Arthur J. Griffith, Past Department Commander New Hampshire.  
 July 5, 1934 —F. W. Myers, Past Department Commander Ohio.  
 July 8, 1934 —Edwin A. Bolton, Past Department Commander, Troy, New York.  
 July 26, 1934 —E. H. Milham, Past Department Commander, Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Minnesota.

In conclusion permit me to express my appreciation for the high honor conferred upon me in permitting me to serve as your National Chaplain and for courtesies extended by members of the Commandery-in-Chief and officers of the various Departments with whom I have come into contact through correspondence or otherwise.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

FRANK G. BEARDSLEY,

National Chaplain.

### REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR.

Allegan, Michigan, June 18, 1934.

To Park F. Yengling, Commander-in-Chief,  
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Hereby obeying the requirements of our Order, I herewith submit my report as National Counselor for the past year.

I have been called on for but two formal opinions, during the year. Exhibits "A", "B", "C", "D", "E" and "F", hereunto attached and made a part hereof, are self explanatory.

Thanking you for the honor and courtesies given me, I am,

Yours in F. C. & L.,

PERLE L. FOUCH,

National Counselor.



**CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN—1934.**

DEPARTMENT.	No. of Camps in Good Stand- ing.	No. of Camps Reporting.	No. Brothers in Good Stand- ing.	No. Attending the Memorial Sunday Services.	No. Participating in Memo- rial Day Program.	No. Camps Furnishing Firing Squads.	No. Addresses by Sons of Union Veterans.	No. Cemeteries Covered by Sons.	TOTAL FLAGS PLACED.	A. Civil War Veterans.	B. Other Veterans.	No. Markers Placed on Graves of Civil War Veterans.	No. Graves Given Special At- tention.	No. Deaths of Camp Mem- bers.	No. Funerals Attended or Conducted. TOTAL.	A. Civil War Veterans.	B. Camp Members.	C. Members of Allied Organ- izations.	No. Camps Observing Union Defenders Day.
Alabama & Tennessee .....	15	15	250	205	195	2	12	60	38000	36275	1725	10	5	12	40	25	12	3	8
California & Pacific .....	20	18	450	142	201	6	10	41	17888	8238	10150	253	298	16	90	56	16	24	4
Colorado & Wyoming .....	10	4	246	33	42	2	20	7	344	335	9	37	...	1	12	9	1	2	1
Connecticut .....	32	27	1432	604	584	10	78	290	13923	11818	2105	58	39	30	51	23	21	7	10
Illinois .....	18	14	800	185	125	12	7	98	7200	...	...	37	10	14	37	...	...	...	16
Indiana .....	29	11	478	185	147	6	26	100	8345	7577	768	20	14	13	44	25	13	6	5
Iowa .....	16	16	361	150	180	8	22	82	6417	4461	1956	225	...	7	40	27	7	6	9
Kansas .....	20	8	193	105	123	2	3	19	2576	2548	28	136	5	5	37	...	...	...	2
Maine .....	...	26	1122	241	510	14	25	273	10058	9782	276	110	79	20	31	16	15	...	13
Maryland .....	14	10	472	400	400	1	30	63	5600	5600	...	...	...	7	10	10	...	...	9
Massachusetts .....	125	65	2739	1002	1684	28	109	437	33921	32237	1784	3753	2	34	95	64	31	...	30
Michigan .....	20	10	406	136	145	4	8	89	9870	513	350	8	9	11	29	17	9	10	8
Minnesota, N. & S. Dak. ....	10	7	256	150	174	4	12	22	3100	...	...	85	...	5	18	12	2	4	4
Missouri .....	10	9	289	114	123	3	16	55	7429	...	...	10	63	8	19	10	9	...	6
Nebraska .....	13	13	278	200	200	...	...	15	1100	1000	100	1000	...	4	9	5	4	...	3
New Hampshire .....	23	16	621	236	310	10	16	150	7227	6999	228	170	19	10	24	13	5	...	11
New Jersey .....	26	17	1066	190	289	10	14	120	7301	6326	939	80	6	17	30	12	16	2	10
New York .....	...	49	...	689	1040	25	38	477	40605	38220	2385	613	293	71	184	116	41	27	32
Ohio .....	74	29	1134	475	606	20	50	298	27733	26380	1353	166	537	26	114	69	19	26	13
Oregon .....	7	7	170	76	92	3	5	37	1755	1555	200	54	250	3	20	13	3	4	6
Pennsylvania .....	115	51	4682	2745	3278	38	120	621	10800	8500	2300	150	10	44	73	25	36	12	51
Rhode Island .....	16	11	256	143	170	8	7	57	6703	5897	806	11	5	8	11	5	5	1	5
Vermont .....	25	15	467	152	216	7	11	130	4064	3791	273	13	...	14	14	5	9	...	3
Washington .....	10	1	145	12	14	...	...	3	212	200	12	...	...	2	10	10	...	...	1
Wisconsin .....	13	13	515	190	214	3	8	66	7772	7440	332	3984	33	16	26	19	7	2	8
Total .....	661	462	18828	8760	11062	226	647	3610	279943	225692	38079	10984	1677	398	1068	586	281	143	206

## EXHIBIT "A"

Maj. Leo Rassieur Camp No. 4,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
Department of Missouri,  
3330 Olive Street,  
St. Louis, Mo., February 8, 1934.

Mr. Perle Fouch,  
National Counselor.

Dear Sir and Brother:

A young man wishes to join our Camp under Father's record as follows: Record from Washington, D. C.

The records of this office show that John Doe was mustered into service September, 1861, as a Corporal of Company and Regiment, and transferred to Company and Regiment, and mustered out with his Company 1862, as a mutineer, a Sergeant.

Your opinion will be appreciated on eligibility of above record.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

ALFRED MOESER,

Department Counselor, Missouri Department.

3645 Alberta Street,  
St. Louis, Mo.

## EXHIBIT "B"

Allegan, Mich., February 12, 1934.

Mr. Alfred Moeser, Department Counselor,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
3645 Alberta Street,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Brother:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th. You ask for the eligibility of a proposed candidate to our Order. I call your attention to article three of our Constitution, which seems to settle the matter:

"All male descendants whether through the paternal or maternal line, not less than sixteen years of age, of Soldiers or Marines, who were regularly mustered and served honorably, or who were honorably discharged from the Army or Navy, etc."

It would be hard to say that one who was discharged as a mutineer served honorably, or was honorably discharged. For the reason above stated the candidate would not be eligible.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

PERLE L. FOUCH,  
National Counselor.

## EXHIBIT "C"

C. W. Dodson, Department Counselor,  
718 Empire Building,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, February 10, 1934.

Mr. Perle L. Fouch, National Counselor,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
DeWright Building, Allegan, Michigan.

Dear Brother Counselor:

A question has arisen as to jurisdiction of a Camp to consider and act upon a certain question, the facts of which are herein stated,

in C. K. Pier-Badger Camp No. 1, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and as the writer is a member of this Camp, and interested in the disposition of the matter, it is deemed advisable to submit the question to you direct as National Counselor, for a ruling.

The proposition, briefly stated, is this: A certain resolution has been introduced in our Camp, the purpose of which is the censure of a Brother of the Wisconsin Department, but not a member of our Camp, for alleged conduct unbecoming a member of the Order, by reason of conduct of said Brother at the Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at St. Paul, last September, said resolution providing that a certified copy of the same be transmitted to the Department Secretary for presentation to the next Department Encampment to be held at Appleton, Wisconsin, this year.

The alleged unbecoming conduct of said Brother, which it is proposed in said resolution to censure, concerns a resolution originating in C. K. Pier-Badger Camp No. 1, last year, and approved and adopted in modified form by the Department Encampment, and by it transmitted to the National Encampment, said Brother at the National Encampment not only opposing same contrary to the instructions of the Department Encampment, but also insinuating that such action was not taken at the Department Encampment with his knowledge, notwithstanding the fact that he was a member of the Resolutions Committee of the Department Encampment last year, and as such signed the report approving and recommending said resolution, and his remarks at the National Encampment as allegedly made, by inference create a statement that his signature to the report was forged.

The question is, can C. K. Pier-Badger Camp No. 1, consider and adopt a resolution censuring said Brother and transmit same to the next Department Encampment of Wisconsin?

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

C. W. DODSON,

Department Counselor.

#### EXHIBIT "D"

Allegan, Mich., February 12, 1934.

Mr. C. W. Dodson, Department Counselor,  
Wisconsin Department, Sons of Union Veterans,  
718 Empire Building,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Brother Department Counselor:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 10th and I remember very well the matter coming up in the Commandery-in-Chief at St. Paul.

I haven't got before me any of your Department by-laws or any of your Camp, but from what I get from your letter, the resolution would be out of order and in violation of Article 6, page 53, of the Constitution. Under section one of this article if the Brother's Camp and the Department would not act, then charges could be preferred to the Commander-in-Chief.

Section two of this article provides what charges may be preferred.

Section three provides where charges can be made, etc.

It is my opinion if charges were preferred against the member in his own Camp, (that is if any charges are to be preferred), that would be the jurisdiction and not in any Camp he does not belong to. If for any reason the Camp would not take action, then the Department would have jurisdiction.



It would not be a proper thing for a Camp to entertain a resolution for the purpose of censure of a Brother. If anything is done, then charges should be preferred in writing, and he given a copy and allowed to defend himself, and this in his own Camp.

And said Article Six, Section Five, provides the punishment if he is found guilty of the charge as filed.

It is therefore my opinion that the Commander of the Camp, (your Camp) on the offering of the resolution should declare the same out of order, and if the same reaches your Department Commander, in your Annual Encampment, I am sure he will rule it out of order. He would only have jurisdiction in case, or rather the Department would have jurisdiction, if charges was preferred in the Brother's own Camp, and the Camp refused to act, and then on written charges, not a resolution.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

PERLE L. FOUCH,  
National Counselor.

EXHIBIT "E"

C. W. Dodson, Department Counselor,  
718 Empire Building,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin,  
February 16, 1934.

Mr. Perle L. Fouch, National Counselor,  
DeWright Building,  
Allegan, Michigan.

Dear Brother National Counselor:

This will acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 12th instant in regard to the matters set forth in my letter to you dated February 10th.

Our Department by-laws are silent on the matter, so of course would not be of any assistance to you. The matter would necessarily have to be governed entirely by the Constitution and Regulations of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The point of course is whether or not such resolution, not intending to go so far as to prefer charges under Article VI, of Regulations, relating to discipline, it being only intended to censure the offending Brother and bring such action to the attention of the Department Encampment. It seems to me that inasmuch as such proceedings assumes no jurisdiction over the alleged offending Brother, nor seeks in any way to discipline him, that Article VI would not apply. This same manner of proceeding has been frequently resorted to in legislative assemblies, and has been held proper and within the power of the legislative assembly by our Wisconsin Supreme Court.

It has also held that the adoption of a resolution is not legislation, nor transaction of any business, and hence may even be by a legislature in special session, although the subject of the resolution be not included in the special call, and even be adverse to it.

One other point in your opinion needs clarity and correction, if I may be so bold as to point same out. In your closing paragraph you state: "He would have jurisdiction in case, or rather the Department would have jurisdiction, if charges were preferred in the Brother's own Camp, and the Camp refused to act, and then on written charges." Section three of Article VI provides: "Charges shall be made in writing and when made by a member shall be addressed to the Camp; when made by a Camp shall be addressed to the Department; when

made by a Department shall be addressed to the Commander-in-Chief. A copy of the charges in all cases shall be delivered to the accused a reasonable time before the hearing."

Section four provides that in filing of such charges the Camp, Department, or Commander-in-Chief shall appoint a Trial Commissioner, etc.

Hence from the reading of the above cited sections, it is clear that any Camp can bring charges against an offending Brother, to be filed in the Department, and on such filing, the Department Commander would be authorized to appoint the Trial Commissioner and proceed with disciplinary action in accordance with Article VI, the same as if such charges had ordinarily been filed in the Camp of which the offending Brother is a member, by a member of such Camp. This seems the logical construction where the offending Brother is a member of a Camp of the same Department, and the members preferring the charges of the same Department.

If it were not so, it would be meaningless to provide for a Camp filing charges, or a Department filing charges, inasmuch as appeals are also provided for from decision of Camps to the Departments, and from Departments to Commander-in-Chief, and from the Commander-in-Chief to the Commandery-in-Chief.

While personally I would prefer not to have the matter go so far as provided under Article VI to the filing of formal charges, etc., and feel that a mere resolution as suggested would serve the purpose to the satisfaction of all concerned, I shall of course be glad to submit to the Commander of C. K. Pier-Badger Camp No. 1 for his guidance, and to the interested Brothers, but before doing so would be pleased to have a supplemental opinion from you in accordance with the suggestions contained in this letter.

Faithfully yours in F. C. & L.,

C. W. DODSON,

Department Counselor.

It will be noted that the question asked me was as to the introduction of a resolution in the Camp of which the Brother was not a member, nothing said about introducing same in Department or Commandery-in-Chief.

#### EXHIBIT "F"

Allegan, Mich., February 17, 1934.

Mr. C. W. Dodson, Department Counselor,  
Wisconsin Department, Sons of Union Veterans,  
718 Empire Building,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Brother Counselor:

Yours of the 16th received. I find no law in the Constitution or the laws of our order that would authorize a member of our Order to offer a resolution in a Camp censuring another Brother of another Camp, therefore the resolution would be out of order and in my judgment the Commander of the Camp should so rule.

The only way to discipline a Brother under our laws, is provided for in Article VI of Chapter Five of General Regulations, on page 53 of the Constitution, entitled "Discipline."

Under legislative rules there is no doubt in some states you will find the authority one way, and in other states another, but the legislatures make their own rules and of course a Supreme Court would

sustain such rules regularly. On the other hand the Sons of Union Veterans make their own laws and this question should be governed accordingly.

Very truly yours and in F. C. & L.,

PERLE L. FOUCH,

National Counselor.

Commander-in-Chief: If there are no objections, the reports will be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

Commander-in-Chief: The Secretary will call the Departments for Communications, to be received and referred to Committees.

Communications, letters and telegrams read by Secretary Hammer.

### GREETINGS, TELEGRAMS, ETC.

Mount Vernon, N. Y., August 13, 1934.

Mr. Horace H. Hammer, National Secretary,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
Powers Hotel, Rochester, New York.

My Dear Horace:

I have been hoping that matters at the Bank would be so that I could attend the National Encampment for at least one day, considering that it is being held in my own state, but the other Vice President is away on his vacation and I have all of his work to look after, in addition to my own. I have also been elected Secretary of the Bank, taking the place of one who died last June, and that means additional work and makes it absolutely impossible for me to be away this week.

Will you kindly convey to the Delegates present, my warmest greetings, and say especially that I realize how much I am losing by not being present with you this year.

I am glad to learn from The Banner that Commander-in-Chief Yengling has been able to turn the corner and start us on the upward trend. I hope it will continue.

Cordially,

CHARLES F. SHERMAN,

Past Commander-in-Chief.

Baltimore, Md., August 13, 1934.

H. H. Hammer, National Secretary,  
Sons of Union Veterans,  
Powers Hotel, Rochester, N. Y.

Am greatly disappointed that circumstances beyond my control have arisen preventing my attendance at Encampment. Hope same will be a most successful and enjoyable meeting. Remember me to my friends.

EDWIN C. IRELAN,

Past Commander-in-Chief.

St. Louis, Mo., August 14, 1934.

Park Yengling,  
Powers Hotel, Rochester, N. Y.

Regret exceedingly my inability to attend convention. In your earnest and sincere efforts you have shown that there is a future for



our beloved Order. I congratulate you and wish you a pleasant Encampment.

HARRY M. COEN,  
Past Commander Dept. of Illinois.

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Cincinnati, Ohio, August 14, 1934.

Horace H. Hammer, National Secretary,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
Powers Hotel, Rochester, N. Y.

Greetings and best wishes for a successful and enjoyable Encampment.

MARCELLE BLAICHER.

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Cincinnati, Ohio, August 13, 1934.

P. F. Yengling, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
Powers Hotel, Rochester, N. Y.

We truly regret that conditions over which we have no control prevents our attendance at your Encampment. You have made a splendid Commander-in-Chief and our Order has prospered under your wise and careful administration. Ohio is extremely proud of your achievements. Please accept our hearty congratulations and sincere best wishes for a most beneficial and constructive convention. May harmony, brotherly affection and a true patriotism govern all sessions.

WALTER C. WINALL AND JAMES M. HUGHES.

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Cincinnati, Ohio, August 15, 1934.

Col. Park F. Yengling, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
Powers Hotel, Rochester, N. Y.

Regret exceedingly that circumstances prevent my presence at this Encampment which for many reasons I had so very much desired to attend. Congratulations on accomplishments of past year. May you have harmonious forward looking Encampment. My regards to all.

W. M. COFFIN,  
Past Commander-in-Chief.

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Dr. Howard's Private Hospital,  
Freeport, Maine, August 7, 1934.

To the Officers and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans Annual Encampment:

Greetings and best wishes for a successful Encampment. Had hoped, as the Encampment was being changed from September to August, that I would be able to attend this year, but this hospital experience spoils all my hopes in that direction. This is the year for forward, constructive programs, to be organized and pushed forward. Don't let any petty quibbling take the place of something that stands for something, which is the great need our order has in this hour.

Yours fraternally,

ARTHUR M. SOULE,  
Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief,  
Past Department Commander of Maine.

Chicago, Ill., August 4, 1934.

Park F. Yengling, Esq., Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
Powers Hotel, Rochester, N. Y.

My Dear Commander:

I find it impossible for me to leave Chicago at this time and to be with you at the National Encampment at Rochester. I very much regret this because it is one of the greatest pleasures of my life to attend these National meetings. I know that your Encampment is an important one and will transact much business of great importance to the Order. In all this work I wish you and the members of the Encampment the greatest success.

Please convey to the members of the Encampment my most hearty regards and good wishes for a successful meeting and my wish that this Encampment may produce something very constructive for the order.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,  
Past Commander-in-Chief.

August 4, 1934.

Mr. Park F. Yengling, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Brother Commander-in-Chief:

The Federated Patriotic Societies allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of California & Nevada, extends greetings and good wishes to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Encampment assembled at Rochester, N. Y.

We were greatly honored to have you as one of our special guests on the occasion of our First Annual Conference held at Long Beach in May last and wish for you and the Commandery-in-Chief a most harmonious and successful Encampment.

As we wrote you before, the Sons were responsible for the organization of this Federated body last year and their interest has been an inspiration to us.

Sincerely and loyally yours,

FEDERATED PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES,  
Allied with the Grand Army of the Republic,  
Department of California and Nevada.  
By GRACE B. WILLARD, President.  
FANNIE D. MEDLAR, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Commander-in-Chief announced that Past Department Commander Dyer's report on the Committee to confer with the G. A. R. on "Legal Heirs" would be taken up immediately following the opening of the afternoon session.

National Secretary Hammer reported for the Credential Committee that three additional names had been enrolled—total of 133 names.

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank Shellhouse: I understand that there is a member here from Wyoming although he is not a delegate.

Commander-in-Chief: If the Brother from Wyoming will report to the Credential Committee he will be taken care of.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ruch: I move we recess until 2 o'clock. (Adopted).

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

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August 14, 1934.

Commander-in-Chief: The meeting will come to order.

### LEGAL HEIRS OF G. A. R.

Commander-in-Chief: Past Department Commander Dyer, are you ready to present what you have?

Past Department Commander Dyer of New York: After the Encampment last year at St. Paul, following a discussion, a committee was appointed consisting of Brothers Frank Shellhouse, Everett Warner, and myself, to improvise some resolution or plan by which our Organization could be strengthened as legal successors in the work of the Grand Army of the Republic. We have this resolution that we would like to present to the Grand Army of the Republic. With your permission, I will read the same.

WHEREAS, At the Fifty-second Annual Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the undersigned were appointed a committee to properly bring before the next Annual Encampment the question of recognition of our Organization by the Grand Army of the Republic as it's "legal heirs." and

WHEREAS, At the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held in Grand Rapids, week of September 11, 1927, the following resolution was adopted:

"WHEREAS, Our Sons and Daughters and their children are bound to us by natural ties of love and affection which lead us to believe that our deeds and our comrades' fame will ever live in their hearts when we can no longer maintain our annual ceremonies at the graves beloved by the Grand Army of the Republic, and

"WHEREAS, We would have the remembrance of those deeds preserved and the patriotic services and sacrifices of each loyal Soldier and Sailor of the Civil War continue to be commemorated, according to the custom established and as a continued tribute of that personal devotion, love and pride with which we have hallowed those sacrifices and those deeds; therefore, be it

"RESOLVED, That it is our wish and request that in these closing years of the Grand Army of the Republic, and after we are no more on earth, OUR SONS—"the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War", organized for this purpose, shall continue with us and afterwards, as our representatives (and legal heirs \*) to carry on our annual observation of Memorial Day as a day for commemoration of our heroic dead, for loving services at their graves and ours, for a testimonial to future ages, of that patriotism by which we have been inspired, and for the rekindling of that patriotism in every American breast.

"To the loving memory of those who share our blood, we transmit the holy fire of that spirit of devotion in which we preserved our country and theirs.

"Let them be loyal to this trust, and our sacrifices shall not have been in vain." And



WHEREAS, At the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held in Des Moines, Iowa, on September 14 to 17, 1931, the following resolution was adopted:

"RESOLVED. That as the Grand Army of the Republic established and have given proper observance of Memorial Day since 1868, we in Annual Encampment now assembled, grant whatever right we have to maintain our memories and see that our graves are properly decorated on Memorial Day, to the 'Sons of Union Veterans,' and protest against any other Organization usurping that right in any place where a Camp of the 'Sons of Union Veterans' exists."

We therefore recommend, that the Grand Army of the Republic, in Annual Encampment assembled, be requested to amend the above resolutions, by recognizing the Order of "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War." as their duly constituted representatives and LEGAL HEIRS, for the purpose of carrying on the patriotic work and observances initiated by them.

Signed: WILLIAM ALLAN DYER, Chairman,  
FRANK SHELLHOUSE, Member,  
EVERETT F. WARNER, Member,  
Committee.

\*Indicated expression—"and legal heirs"—to be inserted here—or such statement as will carry out the purpose of this resolution.—W. A. D.

Past Dept. Com. Dyer: This resolution has been adopted by several Department Encampments of the Grand Army, including Ohio and Pennsylvania. We hope we have sufficient support of the Grand Army. The purpose is to strengthen the Sons of Union Veterans. In some states the Grand Army has no legal heirs and is not legally represented by anyone but themselves.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

#### REPORT ON ATTITUDE OF G. A. R. TOWARDS SONS OF UNION VETERANS.

Commander-in-Chief: National Counselor Fouch was instructed to search with reference to the Sons of Union Veterans being the Legal Heirs and he has made an exhaustive search. He has prepared from the official records of the Grand Army its attitude toward our Organization.

National Counselor Fouch: It has been somewhat of a task to get this report because the journals have been so hard to obtain. I have ten closely typewritten pages. Nothing pertains to this question except the Grand Rapids convention in 1927 and the proceedings at Des Moines which Brother Dyer has read to you. I believe it will be of no importance for me to read this. Brother Dyer in his resolution has exactly the proceedings as I have in my report. I will hand this to Brother Dyer.

Past Department Commander Dyer: If we can secure the adoption of this resolution, when it comes to working out the details there will have to be some very careful work done. It involves possibly more than what we are driving at now. We want to make the Sons the predominant organization of the future. It is most important to this organization that we be that. Otherwise when the Grand Army passes out there will be a great scramble as to who shall represent the ideals and carry on the work of the Grand Army of the Republic.

We believe the natural heirship belongs to the Sons of the organization. We believe we should be the head of the house. Unless we are, the four organizations of women will set us in the background. We are determined to make our organization the strong Organization of the future and that is the object of this committee. One of the Brothers made a very wise remark. His suggestion was that instead of sending a committee to extend greetings to the Grand Army of the Republic, that we would make a far greater impression if we adjourn for half an hour and go in a body to visit the Grand Army.

Allegan, Michigan, August 8, 1934.

To Park F. Yengling, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Having been charged with the duty of compiling a Digest of the Attitude of the Grand Army of the Republic, toward the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, by the Commandery-in-Chief, at St. Paul, Minn., and to the COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, I hereby submit the following:

The Fourteenth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was held in Dayton, Ohio, on June 8, 1880. William Earnshaw was Commander-in-Chief. The following is taken from his address:

"And second I call attention to the question usually referred to on these occasions, viz: The perpetuation of the Grand Army of the Republic. So long as a considerable number of the veterans of the war survived, there was no necessity to go beyond them for recruits, but a time will come when the last man shall have answered the roll call of the Great Commander. The question then comes, are we fully meeting the demands of our undertaking, in this permitting an organization to end that may be recruited from the sons of the men whose principles have exerted such a healthful influence in the war and in peace.

"We should at least look with kindly consideration upon our sons, who have been, ever since the war, and are today, inspired with the principles for which we fought and for which so many died. They have a zeal, comrades, very like to that which marked the doings of the men of 1861. My attention has been called during the year to organization called the 'Sons of Veterans.' I have felt it my duty to express my approbation of this undertaking, seeing that they, the sons of Union soldiers, are perfectly in accord with us."

The Committee on Address of Commander-in-Chief William Earnshaw, at the same Encampment, reported as follows:

"It is with pleasure that your committee endorse the most excellent address of the Commander-in-Chief. It sets forth the inspiring information of the unprecedented growth of our order during the year. It calls our attention to the subject of an Organization known as the 'Sons of Veterans,' which we earnestly recommend to the consideration of this Encampment, and finally calls attention to the subject of securing material for badges of the Order."

At the same Encampment a Committee on the "Sons of Veterans" was appointed, which Committee reported as follows:

"Committee on the 'Sons of Veterans' reported that while they were in sympathy with the object of that order, they were not sufficiently acquainted with its scope and character to endorse it. They

recommended the reference of the subject to a special committee to be investigated during the year."

The Fifteenth Annual Encampment of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC was held in Indianapolis, Indiana, on June 15, 1881. Louis Wagner was Commander-in-Chief. The Committee on the "Songs of Veterans" reported as follows:

"That they have carefully considered the matter of an official recognition of this organization, and while believing that an organization of this kind, based solely upon its loyalty to our flag and country, is entitled to the respect and encouragement of our Order, we have not sufficient data upon which to base a recommendation for their full recognition.

"They would recommend that in all Departments the Posts be instructed that, subject to the approval of the Department Commander, they are at perfect liberty to organize bodies of the Sons of Veterans, taking the necessary precautions to guard against any encroachments upon our Order.

"The Sons of Veterans are all that the name implies; they are of the best blood of the land, and as such should be encouraged in following the footsteps of their illustrious predecessors.

"We would recommend that a special committee be appointed to communicate with that Organization, and obtain the necessary information in regard to its objects and aims, to enable the Committee to report intelligently at the next National Encampment.

"We also recommend to the Sons of Veterans a uniformity of name and organization, in which they shall not use the official titles of the Grand Army, and that they shall wear some prominent mark or badge or uniform to distinguish them from the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC."

The Sixteenth Annual Encampment was held in Baltimore, on June 21, 1882. George S. Merrill was Commander-in-Chief. In his address he said:

"The Organization of Ladies Relief Corps and of Sons of Veterans have made considerable progress in several Departments, and generally met with encouragement from our Comrades; while I believe we should keep our own organization entirely distinct from direct alliance with any other, we cannot afford, but to welcome every association which promises to aid in our great work especially when composed of the Wives, Sisters and Sons of Veterans. I am, however, opposed, now or hereafter, to opening the doors of the Grand Army of the Republic, to any person whatever, who was not himself among the defenders of the Union against rebellion. Not one, not even our Sons, can appreciate the memories of camp and march, of bivouac and battle, as those who were participants therein: the scenes of the great struggle can never be to them what they are to us, and while we encourage and welcome the organization of our Sons in a society whose purposes are akin to ours, let our own recruiting ranks be only those closed forever with the end of the war, and when the last veteran shall receive his final discharge from life's army, let there close with him, except in its glorious record and bright memory, the last scene in the life of the Grand Army of the Republic."

The Seventeenth Annual Encampment was held at Denver, Colorado, on July 25, 1883. Paul Van Der Voort was Commander-in-Chief. In his address he said:



"The two branches of Sons of Veterans have made progress. In accordance with the resolution of the last National Encampment, I have encouraged these societies. I have not encouraged the officers and members of either branch in their warfare with each other. I have endeavored to restore harmony, and have earnestly desired that they should act like the Sons of Veterans.

"I believe that the difficulty between these organizations has been fomented and fanned largely by members of the Grand Army of the Republic. Many of our noblest members have given time and money, and worked hard to establish one or the other branch of this organization. They should harmonize at once. If their proper officers do not appear here and coalesce, this Encampment should recognize one branch or the other."

At the same Encampment the Committee on Address of the Commander-in-Chief recommended the adoption of certain Resolutions, among which is the following:

"4. Resolved, That we hail with pleasure all organizations having for their object the perpetuity of the principles which are dear to us, and we recognize in the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America one that is entitled to the confidence and support of all Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic."

The Eighteenth Annual Encampment was held in Minneapolis, Minn., on July 23, 1884. Robert B. Beath was Commander-in-Chief. In his address he made the following reference to the Sons of Veterans:

"The Commander-in-Chief had no recommendations to make relative to the Sons of Veterans, further than he should insist on the abrogation of the many high sounding titles they have distributed with lavish profusion, and that they be required to wear a uniform that will not be confused with that of the G. A. R."

The Committee on Address of the Commander-in-Chief report as follows:

"If the Grand Army is to stand sponsor for the Order of the Sons of Veterans, we are of the opinion that such action should be taken as will harmonize the apparent distinction between the 'Sons of Veterans of the U. S. A.' and the 'Sons of Veterans' and we are opposed to the idea of admitting to the privilege of the Order, only the eldest son and his descendants, and also to the conferring of higher military titles upon the Children of Veterans, than are attained by hosts of gallant veteran sires, who earned their titles and honors upon the bloody fields of the Rebellion. We should either formulate their ritual, or divorce their order from ours."

In the report of the same Encampment, the following appears on page 285:

"A resolution approving the objects of the Sons of Veterans, was referred to a special committee to consider the whole subject and report at the next encampment; consisting of Louis Wagner, Pennsylvania; Ira M. Hedges, New York; John D. Billings, Massachusetts; H. P. Lloyd, Ohio; L. I. Dickason, Illinois; Edwin Nicar, Indiana; H. W. Pond, Kansas; Rush J. Shank, Michigan; W. F. Chamberlin, Missouri; H. M. Nevius, New Jersey; John C. Linehan, New Hampshire; Frank M. Smith, Maryland; Benjamin Williams, Maine."

The Nineteenth Annual Encampment was held in Portland, Maine, June 24-25, 1885. John S. Kountz was Commander-in-Chief.

"Resolved, That all resolutions of recognition of any branch of the Sons of Veterans heretofore passed by this National Encampment, be, and they are hereby repealed, but that we recommend an early and complete consideration of all these branches with one body, wishing them God-speed in their united and patriotic labors. (The report was accepted and the resolutions adopted).

"The report of Committee on proposition to permit the Sons of Veterans to participate in Post meetings, we report adversely. (Adopted)"

The Twentieth Annual Encampment was held in San Francisco, California, on August 4, 1886. S. S. Burdett was Commander-in-Chief. The Committee on the Address of the Commander-in-Chief reported as follows:

"The Organization known as the Sons of Veterans has always received the Godspeed of our National Encampments. It is a natural outgrowth of the lessons of loyalty taught by our Order, and is, we believe, destined to exert a powerful influence in behalf of loyalty and good citizenship, long after the Grand Army of the Republic shall have passed away. We therefore cordially endorse the sentiments expressed in the Commander's address touching the active, growing and useful organization."

The Twenty-first Annual Encampment was held in St. Louis, Mo., September 28-30, 1887. Lucius Fairchild was Commander-in-Chief. The Committee on Resolutions reported adversely on the following and presented the accompanying resolution as a substitute:

"Resolved, That we regret the action of the Sons of Veterans in some instances of calling their local Organizations "Posts" and appropriating to each other the fraternal name of "Comrade," believing that these terms should remain exclusive features of the Grand Army of the Republic.

"Resolved, That the Grand Army of the Republic recognize only one Organization of Sons of Veterans—namely, the 'Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.' as at present organized in Camps."

On motion of Comrade Wheeler, the report of the Committee was not concurred in and the resolution was lost.

The Twenty-second Annual Encampment was held in Columbus, Ohio, on September 12-14, 1888. John P. Rea was Commander-in-Chief. The Commander-in-Chief, in his address, said:

"It will be but a short period until our ranks are so meagre, and the surviving Comrades so weighed down with the burden of years, that our Organization will have ceased to be an active force in the works of loyal love and charity which it has ordained. The tender ceremonies of Memorial Day will then be performed by others or not at all. It seems to me that it would be the part of wisdom for us while yet in our vigor to establish such relationship between our Order and the Sons of Veterans as to properly recognize the Organization. The young men composing it feel a just pride in the deeds of their fathers, and moved by filial love have settled their difficulties and are anxious for recognition from us. I would recommend the appointment of a committee to report to the Twenty-third National Encampment a plan defining and establishing such relations with that Order as the character of its membership, its aims and objects, and its natural affinity to the Grand Army of the Republic seem to demand. I have every reason to believe that all objectional features now characterizing that Order and standing in the way of such recognition will gladly be removed upon our request."

At the same Encampment the Inspector-General made a report and the history comments on same as follows:

"The Sons of Veterans reported to him that 751 Camps had taken part in the last services, having 15,589 members in line, and that 11,370 members had attended the Sunday services in churches."

At the same Encampment the Committee on Address of the Commander-in-Chief reported as follows:

"The suggestions of the Commander-in-Chief pointing to the fact that ere long 'the tender ceremonies of Memorial Day will be performed by others or not at all,' in the judgment of your Committee emphasizes the propriety of carrying out the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief for the appointment of a Committee to report to the next Encampment a plan defining and establishing our relation with the Sons of Veterans."

At the same Encampment the Committee on Resolutions presented the following, and recommended its adoption:

"Resolved, That this Encampment endorse the objects and purposes of the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and hereby give to the Order the official recognition of the Grand Army of the Republic, and recommend that Comrades aid and encourage the institution of Camps of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A."

On motion the report was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Page 219—"Commander-in-Chief: Yesterday a resolution was introduced recognizing the Order of Sons of Veterans. In my opinion, through some inadvertance, an omission was made in the wording of the resolution.

"The resolution which I think you adopted unanimously, and did right in so doing; I voted for myself—recognized the Order of the Sons of Veterans. Among the specifications of the resolution was one recommending that this Encampment encourage the formation of Camps of the Sons of Veterans. I wish to ask unanimous consent to the introduction of this resolution:

"Resolved, That this Encampment encourage the formation of Posts as well as Camps of Sons of Veterans."

Objection being made the resolution was declared out of order.

The Twenty-third Annual Encampment was held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 28-30, 1889. Resolution by Comrade Webb, of Kansas.

Committee on Resolutions reported favorably and it was adopted:

"Resolved, By the Twenty-third National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic that the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., be, and it is hereby recognized as the Order of Sons of Veterans, and we bid them "Godspeed" in their noble and patriotic work, and we recommend to all sons of ex-Union soldiers and sailors over the age of eighteen years that they unite with that Order, so as to be prepared to take up and carry on the work of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty and the maintenance of the Federal Union, saved and preserved by their fathers."

The Committee also recommended that the Committee on Sons of Veterans be continued, which was concurred in.

1891, August 5-7, the National Encampment was held at Detroit, Michigan.

"We have a resolution from Rhode Island, that the Sons of Veterans should hold their annual meeting at the same place with the



G. A. R. Your Committee are of the opinion that G. A. R., and Sons of Veterans should each in its turn adopt its place and time of meeting without any proposition from the other, and recommended that it be on the table. There being no objection it was laid on the table.

1901, September 12-13, the National Encampment was held at Cleveland, Ohio.

"That the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., be invited to hold the annual meeting of their Commandery-in-Chief at the same time and place fixed for the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic." Adopted.

1903, August 20-21, the National Encampment was held at San Francisco, California.

"Resolved, That members of the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., be admitted to the Post meetings of the G. A. R., upon presentation of an identification card, duly attested by Camp Officers, showing them to be members in good standing of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and qualified to receive such courtesy, and upon taking an obligation, and be it further

"Resolved, That upon taking such obligation the Son of Veteran so obligated shall be extended the privilege of a seat in the Post, without the right to vote. And be it further

"Resolved, That the Sons of Veterans be requested to transmit their semi-annual countersign to the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic for promulgation through the regular channels to the various Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be used by the Sons of Veterans in obtaining admission to the Post meetings of the Grand Army of the Republic."

It was moved and seconded that this report be adopted. Discussion. After much discussion, Commander Salomon, of California: "I, therefore, move as a substitute, that the Commander-in-Chief designate an hour when this matter shall be discussed in open Encampment." Both motions lost.

1904, August 17-18, Boston, Massachusetts:

"Resolved, That members of the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., be admitted to Post meetings of the G. A. R., upon presentation of identification card, duly attested by the Camp Officers, showing them to be members in good standing of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and qualified to receive such courtesy, and upon taking an obligation. And be it further

"Resolved, That upon taking such obligation the Son of Veteran so obligated shall be received and extended all the privileges of a visitor in the Post, without the right to vote or hold office there. And be it further

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A minority report was presented:

"Resolved, That incorporation of members of the Order of the Sons of Veterans with membership in the Grand Army of the Republic with a view of perpetuating the name and record of our Order when those whose lives and services made that name and record possible shall have passed away, will leave the name only remaining.

wholly without support in the fact of an army service membership to justify its continuance. That to admit members of the Sons of Veterans to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic upon any footing whatever is regarded as inimical to the best interest of our Order, tending to effectually destroy the peculiar character of the Organization; to result in producing discord in the Post meetings; weaken the affection of the old members for the Order and hasten the day when few of the old soldiers will be found in its councils, and we are, therefore, opposed to such admission."

A motion was made to substitute the Minority Report for the Majority Report. Upon this proposition the previous question was moved and carried, and the motion to substitute prevailed.

A motion was made to adopt the Minority Report, and the motion was carried.

1920, September 19-25:

"Resolved, That the column of the parade at such future Encampments include:

"First, an escort of Uniformed Sons of Veterans not exceeding 100 in number.

"Second, Departments of the Grand Army of the Republic in the order of seniority, excluding from the line of march all persons not members of the Order."

1923, September 1-8, Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

Motion—"That so much of the rules and regulations as is necessary to be amended to provide for the members of the Organization of the Sons of Veterans meeting with the Post in regular session, without vote." Motion carried.

1927, August 30 to September 4, Grand Rapids, Michigan:

"Second. Your Committee makes further report:

"That in order that the Status of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War may be more clearly indicated and determined in its relation with the Grand Army of the Republic, we have agreed upon and report for the consideration of this Encampment the following resolution, to-wit:

"Resolved, That we, the representatives of the Fifty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, in session in Grand Rapids, Michigan, this 3rd day of September, A. D. 1927, do hereby recognize the noble, generous and patriotic objects, aims and purposes of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and believe that Organization to be worthy of the support and encouragement of all loyal people; and be it further

"Resolved, That we cheerfully extend to the said Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War a cordial welcome as an allied society of the Grand Army of the Republic and we bid this Organization of our Sons Godspeed in the noble work to which it is consecrated, and recommend all Departments, Posts, and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic to accept their services on all occasions when it is proper so to do, to the end that it may increase and prosper and teach to future generations of our Nation the principles of fraternity, charity and loyalty."

1928, September 16-21, Denver, Colorado:

Committee recommended—"That in case when the Grand Army of the Republic requires assistance in the exercises on Memorial Day in any city or locality where there is a Camp of Sons of Veterans it

is recommended that the Sons be given charge of the service." Adopted.

1930, August 24-29, Cincinnati, Ohio:

"Whereas, The Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans in regular session in Milwaukee in 1923, adopted a resolution asking the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic to name a committee representing that Organization to confer with a committee to be named to represent the Order of the Sons of Veterans, to consider among other things, a change in the name of the Order of the Sons of Veterans that would more clearly indicate and designate of whom the Order consists, and

"Whereas, Dr. L. F. Arensberg, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, has named a Committee to represent that Organization consisting of Past Commander-in-Chief, Willett, Burton, and King; and

"Whereas, That Committee has communicated to the Committee representing our Order, that they have unanimously decided to recommend to the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic that the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans, United States of America, adopted the name 'Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.' Be it

Resolved, That the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans in regular session do hereby adopt the recommendation of the Committee representing the Grand Army of the Republic, and subject to the approval by the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic of the recommendation of their Committee, such portions of the Constitution and Regulations of the Order of the Sons of Veterans, United States of America, as pertain to the name of the Order, be repealed, and in lieu thereof the name 'Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War' be adopted and inserted; and be it further

"Resolved, That a Committee be named by the Commander-in-Chief with full power to act upon said details as may be found necessary to change the Constitution and Regulations, ritual, badges, and all forms, reports, and papers to conform to the name 'Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,' and further to take such legal action as may be necessary to cause the corporate name of the Order of the Sons of Veterans, United States of America, to be changed to that of 'Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War'."

The above resolution was adopted at a Regular Session of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, held in the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Tuesday, September 1, 1925.

W. M. COFFIN, Commander-in-Chief.

Attest: H. H. HAMMER, National Secretary.

The original of these resolutions, certified as above, are hereunto attached and marked "Exhibit A." and made a part of this report.

Therefore, your Committee, in furtherance of the foregoing action of the Sons of Veterans, do hereby approve of the name therein adopted, to-wit: "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War," and we unanimously recommend to the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, now in session that this change of name shall be, and hereby is, approved by this National Encampment.

The Fifty-ninth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic unanimously adopted the above and foregoing report and in connection therewith a further report was made as follows, to-wit:

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be more clearly indicated and determined in its relation with the Grand Army of the Republic, we have agreed upon and report for the consideration of this Encampment the following resolution, to-wit:

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"Resolved, That we cheerfully extend to the said Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War a cordial welcome as an allied society of the Grand Army of the Republic and we bid this Organization of our Sons Godspeed in the noble work to which it is consecrated, and recommend all Departments, Posts and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic to accept their services on all occasions when it is proper so to do, to the end that it may increase and prosper and teach to future generations of our Nation the principles of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty." Adopted.

1931, September 14-17, Des Moines, Iowa:

"Resolved, That the Grand Army of the Republic establish and have given proper observance, in Memorial Day since 1868, we in National Encampment now assembled grant whatever right we have to maintain our memories and see that our graves are properly decorated on Memorial Day to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and protest against any other Organization usurping that right in any place where a Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans exists." Unanimous vote of the Committee.

PERLE L. FOUCH,  
National Counselor.

Commander-in-Chief: I want to make it a point to see Commander-in-Chief Martin and ascertain when he can receive us. After the parade we will re-assemble here at 2 o'clock and I will then have the information. Be prepared that we may go in a body.

#### CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

Commander-in-Chief: In my travels over the country while visiting the various Departments I have asked this question: How many can repeat the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States? As an Organization we should make a study of the Constitution. I had this in mind, and when I came across a little booklet with the Constitution printed in full, I secured several copies. Will the Department Commanders come right out here in front? (Presented booklets containing Constitution of the United States, The Declaration of Independence, and Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, to Department Commanders). I want you to take it home with you and read it carefully. The publisher has his name imprinted in it and if you want more to pass on to your Camp Commanders you will be doing constructive work.

Department Commander Thornberg, Indiana: As one of the Department Commanders, in their behalf, I want to say we thank you.

Commander-in-Chief: I would like to present at this time our Past Commanders-in-Chief. (Introduced Past Commanders-in-Chief Ralph Sheldon of New York, Frank C. Huston of Indiana, Ralph M.

Grant of Connecticut, Allan S. Holbrook of Illinois, Frank Shellhouse of Indiana, Titus M. Ruch of Pennsylvania, and Walter C. Mabie of Pennsylvania).

Commander-in-Chief: There is another Past Commander-in-Chief in the city, whom you all know—John E. Sautter, of Pennsylvania. He is the Counselor of the Auxiliary and must attend their meetings but he will be with us on Wednesday afternoon. And Dr. E. W. Homan of Massachusetts and Theodore C. Cazeau, New York, are also in the city.

National Secretary Hammer: The Credential Committee reports more names have been added, making a total of 139.

Col. Edwin J. Prittie of Pennsylvania: I have been in conference with the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army, Col. Martin, and he desires all Sons of Veterans here in the city of Rochester to act as part of his escort in the parade tomorrow. He wished me to ask you to be assembled either in uniform or civilian clothes at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Commander-in-Chief: Are there any other reports at this time?

Past Department Commander Warner of Maryland submitted report of Committee on Legislation.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

Washington, D. C., August 7, 1934.

To the Officers and Members of the Fifty-third National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

The undersigned, constituting the Legislative Committee, would respectfully submit the following as their report:

No matters of legislation pending in the Congress of the United States were submitted to your Committee requiring action and report to this Encampment.

At the National Encampment held at St. Paul last year complaint was made that the Bureau of Internal Revenue had refused to recognize the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as a patriotic organization and auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic and had compelled certain units of the organization to pay tax upon tickets for entertainments, etc., the proceeds of which were to be used for patriotic purposes and for assistance to the Grand Army of the Republic in its work and that the matter had been taken up with the Bureau of Internal Revenue in Washington, and, after some discussion the matter of obtaining recognition and exemption from the tax was referred to this Committee.

On April 12, 1934, certain representations were made on behalf of the Committee to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, who, on May 7, 1934, in his reply, after stating that he had held that the Sons of Union Veterans was not an auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic within the meaning of the revenue act, suggested that additional data of the activities of the organization be submitted to substantiate the contention that it is an auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic.

On May 25, 1934, copies of the proceedings of the last National Encampment, of the Grand Army of the Republic of 1927 and 1931, a copy of the Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and data as to the activities of the organization were submitted in response to the letter of the Commissioner with a request for a decision.

The attention of the Commissioner was again called to the request under date of July 14, 1934, and on July 18, 1934, a decision was received in which after reviewing the data submitted the following ruling was made:

"It is held after consideration of the additional evidence submitted that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War qualifies as an auxiliary society of the Grand Army of the Republic and is therefore entitled to exemption from collecting tax on admissions, the proceeds of which inure exclusively to its benefit.

"The above ruling reverses the previous ruling with respect to the exempt status of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War."

The correspondence with the Bureau of Internal Revenue is attached hereto and made a part of this report. Brother McElroy, acting for the Committee, conducted the correspondence and obtained this favorable ruling from the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

An unnecessary amount of work was required to obtain a reversal of the ruling of the Bureau of Internal Revenue which could have been avoided had the matter originally been presented through the proper channels. Your Committee, therefore, respectfully suggests that, in the future, all matters relating to the Federal Government or requiring a ruling by those in authority be taken up through the Commandery-in-Chief and referred to the proper Committee for appropriate action.

Respectfully submitted,

EVERETT F. WARNER,  
R. J. F. McELROY,  
WENDELL C. HILL,  
Legislative Committee.

Reading, Pa., October 23, 1933.

Mr. Everett F. Warner, Chairman,  
Mr. R. J. F. McElroy,  
Mr. W. C. Hill,

Legislative Committee, Commandery-in-Chief.

Dear Brothers:

At the Fifty-second Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, St. Paul, Minn., 1933, action was taken as follows, viz:

"WHEREAS, Patriotic organizations are exempt from payment of Federal taxes upon admissions to entertainments for raising money to carry on the work of these organizations, and the Government does not recognize our Order as a patriotic organization and auxiliary to the G. A. R."

The matter was referred to the Legislative Committee to obtain this recognition and exemption from tax.

Please be governed accordingly.

Sincerely yours, in F. C. & L.,

H. H. HANMER,  
National Secretary.

702 Randolph Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C., April 12, 1934.

The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

At the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held at St. Paul, Minn., complaint was made that the



Bureau of Internal Revenue had refused to recognize the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as a patriotic organization and auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic and had compelled certain units of the organization to pay tax upon tickets for entertainment, etc., the proceeds of which were to be used for patriotic purposes and for assistance to the Grand Army of the Republic in its work. It was further alleged that the local Camp at Springfield, Ill., had taken the matter up with Washington (presumably with your Bureau) and that "they" said "we" would have to be charged the tax. After some discussion the matter was referred to the National Committee on Legislation for action both on the matter of obtaining recognition and exemption from the tax.

The Revenue Act of June 6, 1932 (Public No. 154, 72nd Congress), Part II—Admission Tax, in Section 711, Admissions Tax in Paragraph (a), amends Paragraph (1) of Section 500 (a) of the Revenue Act of 1926 so as to provide for a tax of 1 cent for each 10 cents or fraction thereof of the amount paid for admissions except that no tax is imposed where the amount of admission is less than 41 cents. Paragraph (c) of said Sec. 711 amends Sec. 500 of the Revenue Act of 1926 by adding thereto a subdivision (e) providing that the exemption from tax provided by subdivision (b) (1) (A) shall not be allowed in the case of admission to wrestling matches, etc., and at the end of said Sec. 711 appears a paragraph (e) stating that "effective July 1, 1934, Section 500 (a) (1) of the Revenue Act of 1926, as amended by subsection (a) of this section, is amended by striking out "less than 41 cents" wherever appearing in such paragraph and inserting in lieu thereof "\$3 or less."

In Mason's United States Code Annotated, 1926, Vol. 2, page 1574, Title 26, Internal Revenue, Section 871, Tax on Admission to places of amusement; amount exemptions—paragraph (5) (b) (1) provides that no tax shall be levied under said title in respect of (1) (A), any admissions the proceeds of which inure exclusively to the benefit of religious, educational or charitable institutions, etc., if no part of the net earnings thereof inures to the benefit of any private stockholder or individual and (D) exclusively to the benefit of National Guard organizations, Reserve Officers' associations, or organizations, posts or organizations of war veterans, or auxiliary units or societies of any such posts or organizations, etc.

The Constitution and Regulations governing the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War declare in the Preamble thereto: "We, the descendants of soldiers, sailors or marines who served in the Army or Navy of the United States of America during the War of the Rebellion of 1861 to 1865, have formed this *patriotic and fraternal order*, for the purposes and objects in this Constitution set forth;" etc. In Article II—Purposes and Objects, the objects of the organization set forth, among others, are: "To commemorate America's heroic dead through patriotic and historical exercises, and the proper observance of Memorial Day; to assist the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and all honorably discharged Union soldiers, sailors and marines of the War of the Rebellion of 1861 to 1865; to extend aid and protection to their widows and orphans and the worthy members of our own Order; to teach patriotism, the duties of citizenship, the true history of our Country, and the love and honor of our flag."

At the Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on September 11, 1927, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was recognized by the Grand Army of the Republic as an allied organization to continue with them and

afterwards as their representative to carry on the annual observation of Memorial Day, etc.

I have set out these matters at some length for the reason that I believe that the matter was not fully presented in the former attempt to secure recognition as one of the organizations exempted by section (D) of paragraph (5) (b) (1) of the act of 1926 above cited and for the further purpose of inquiring what further would be needed to present the matter for a ruling by your office. It appears to me that so far as the tax on admissions of less than \$3.00 is concerned the question will be "moot" after July 1, 1934, unless some provision to the contrary is made in the Revenue bill now being debated in Congress, which I understand is founded on H. R. 9835.

I shall appreciate any early reply to this letter, advising me as to the amounts of admissions exempted from taxation and whether or not, in the present state of the law my organization is entitled to exemption as an auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Very truly yours,

Signed: R. J. F. McELROY,  
Member of National Legislative Committee,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

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Office of Commissioner of Internal Revenue,  
Washington, D. C., May 7, 1934.

Mr. R. J. F. McElroy,  
702 Randolph St., N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 12, 1934, requesting a ruling as to whether or not the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is entitled to exemption from collecting tax on admission under the provisions of section 711 (a) of the Revenue Act of 1932.

Section 500 (b) (1) (D) of the Revenue Act of 1926 exempts from tax any admissions, all of the proceeds of which inure exclusively to the benefit of an organization of war veterans or any auxiliary unit or society of such organization.

It has been held by this office that the Sons of Union Veterans is not an auxiliary unit or society of the Grand Army of the Republic within the meaning of the above section of the Act.

You state that at the Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic held in September, 1927, the Sons of Union Veterans was recognized by the Grand Army of the Republic as an allied organization to continue with them and afterwards as their representative to carry on the annual observation of Memorial Day, etc. It is requested that you submit a copy of the resolution adopted or report of the annual Encampment showing the action taken by the Grand Army of the Republic in recognizing the Sons of Union Veterans as an allied organization. It is also suggested that you submit a full statement of the actual activities of the Sons of Union Veterans to substantiate your contention that it is an auxiliary society of the Grand Army of the Republic.

You refer in your letter of April 12, 1934, to section 711 (e) of the Revenue Act of 1932, which provides that effective July 1, 1934, section 500 (a) (1) of the Revenue Act of 1926, as amended by section 711 (a) of the Revenue Act of 1932, is amended by striking out "less than 41 cents" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$3.00 or less."

You are advised that section 211 of the National Industrial Recovery Act amends Titles IV and V of the Revenue Act of 1932 by striking out "1934" wherever appearing therein and inserting "1935." Thus the provisions of section 711 (a) of the Revenue Act of 1932, imposing a tax on admissions if the admission charge exceeds 40 cents, are extended to July 1, 1935.

Respectfully,

ADELBERT CHRISTY,  
Acting Deputy Commissioner.

702 Randolph Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C., May 25, 1934.

The Honorable,  
The Commissioner of Internal Revenue,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Reference is had to my letter of April 12, 1934, and your reply, dated May 7, 1934 (MT:ST:WJR), requesting a ruling on the question whether or not the organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is entitled to exemption from the admissions taxes under the provisions of the Revenue Act of June 6, 1932, as amended and extended, as an auxiliary unit of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In paragraph four on page one of your letter of May 7, you ask me to submit certain evidence to substantiate my contention that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are recognized as an auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic, and in reply thereto, I submit the following:

A copy of the proceedings of the annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held at St. Paul, Minn., on September 19-21, 1933, and call your attention to pages 69 and 70 thereof, on which will be found printed in full the resolution passed by the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held at Grand Rapids, Mich., in 1927. You will note that an effort will be made at the coming Encampment to have added after the words representative the words "and Heirs." I have marked this Enclosure No. 1.

A copy of the Journal of the proceedings of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held at Des Moines, Iowa, on September 14-17, 1931, and call your attention to the marked portion on page 86 thereof, transmitting to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War the right to the proper observance of Memorial Day, which I have marked Enclosure No. 2.

A copy of the Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in which I call your attention to the marked portions on pages 1, 2 and 3, thereof, the Preamble setting out the purposes for which the organization was created, and Article II, Purposes and Objects, the purposes for which we claim we are entitled to recognition as an auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic to perpetuate, etc., to commemorate, etc., to assist, etc., which I think clearly demonstrate that it is an auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic. Enclosure No. 3.

It is difficult to submit "a full statement of the actual activities of the Sons of Union Veterans," as you suggest, for the needs and necessities of assistance vary widely in different sections of the United States and the methods used have no fixed or definite form. I would call your attention to page 34 of Enclosure No. 1, the proceedings of



our last annual Encampment, where our Secretary-Treasurer reports as follows:

"Amount expended by Camps for Relief to Veterans or their families, or to Members and their families. not reported by all Departments ..... \$35,734.34.  
 Number of Veterans or Families Relieved ..... 674.  
 Number Members or Families Relieved ..... 42."

In addition to the primary work of assisting the Grand Army of the Republic in the decoration of the graves of soldiers of the Civil War on Memorial Day, or performing such work where no Posts of the G. A. R. exist, the organization assists the Grand Army in observing certain distinctive anniversaries such as Union Defenders Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Appomattox Day, Grant's Birthday, Flag Day, and other anniversaries, dear to the hearts of the Union soldiers of the Civil War, and has been gradually taking the lead in carrying on such work where the members of Posts of the G. A. R. are few in number or incapacitated for performing the work.

I shall be pleased to have an early reply as possible to this communication, without endangering its importance, in order that our Committee may have it for action, our National Encampment meeting this year about August 14, a month earlier than last year. In the event that the enclosures are not needed for your files, I shall appreciate your returning them to me with your decision hereon.

Very truly yours,

Signed: R. J. F. McELROY,

Member of National Legislative Committee,  
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Enclosures 3.

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702 Randolph Street, N. W.,  
 Washington, D. C., July 14, 1934.

MT:ST:WJR.

Requesting reply.

The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue,  
 Washington, D. C.

Sir:

On May 25, 1934, in response to your letter, dated May 7, 1934, bearing the above initials, I submitted to you certain documents, bearing upon the request contained in my letter of April 12, 1934, for a ruling upon the question whether or not the organization of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is entitled to exemption from the admissions tax provisions of the revenue laws therein cited. I requested an early reply in view of the early meeting of our National body referred to in the last paragraph of my letter.

As it is now less than one month until our National Encampment will convene, I respectfully call your attention to my request, and would ask that I receive your reply in sufficient time to enable my committee to formulate a report in this matter for presentation at the Encampment.

Very respectfully,

Signed: R. J. F. McELROY,

Member of National Legislative Committee,  
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Office of Commission of Internal Revenue,  
Washington, D. C., July 18, 1934.

Mr. R. J. F. McElroy,  
702 Randolph Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 25, 1934, in further reference to the question of whether or not the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is entitled to exemption from collecting the tax on admissions imposed by section 500 (a) of the Revenue Act of 1926, as amended by section 711 (a) of the Revenue Act of 1932.

It is contended that the aims and purposes of the organization are similar to those of the Grand Army of the Republic, and that it is an auxiliary society of the Grand Army of the Republic, which is an organization of Civil War veterans.

Section 500 (b) (1) (D) of the Revenue Act of 1926 exempts from tax any admissions all of the proceeds of which inure exclusively to the benefit of National Guard organizations, Reserve Officers' associations or organizations, posts or organizations of war veterans, or auxiliary units or societies of any such posts or organizations, if such posts, organizations, units, or societies are organized in the United States or any of its possessions, and if no part of their net earnings inures to the benefit of any private stockholder or individual.

The Constitution and Regulations governing the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War provide that the purposes and objects shall be:

First—To perpetuate the memory of the services and sacrifices of our fathers and forefathers for the maintenance of the Union.

Second—To commemorate America's heroic dead through patriotic and historical exercises, and the proper observance of Memorial Day.

Third—To assist the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and all honorably discharged Union soldiers, sailors and marines of the Rebellion of 1861 to 1865; to extend aid and protection to their widows and orphans and the worthy members of our own Order.

Fourth—To oppose to the limit of our power and influence all movements, tendencies and efforts that make for the destruction or impairment of our constitutional Union.

Fifth—To demand of all citizens undivided loyalty and the highest type of Americanism; and require the exclusion of aliens unwilling to conform to this standard.

Sixth—To teach patriotism, the duties of citizenship, the true history of our Country, and the love and honor of our flag.

Seventh—To inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles of representative government, of equal rights, of universal liberty, and of impartial justice to all.

A resolution was adopted at the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic delegating the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as its representative to continue with it, and after it, to carry on the annual observation of Memorial Day, commemorate the patriotic deeds of its members, rekindle patriotism in every American, etc. It is stated that in addition to the primary work of assisting the Grand Army of the Republic in the decoration of the graves of soldiers, the organization renders assistance in observing certain anniversaries such as Union Defenders Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Flag Day, etc. It is gradually taking the lead in carrying on such work where the members of the Grand Army are few in number or in-

capacitated. It appears that a large sum is spent by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in relief to veterans or their families.

It is held after consideration of the additional evidence submitted that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War qualifies as an auxiliary society of the Grand Army of the Republic and is therefore entitled to exemption from collecting tax on admissions, the proceeds of which inure exclusively to its benefit.

The above ruling reverses the previous ruling with respect to the exempt status of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Respectfully,

GUY T. HELVERING,

cc—Baltimore, Maryland.

Commissioner.

On motion of Past Commander-in-Chief Huston, the report was adopted and ordered printed in proceedings of Encampment.

National Secretary Hammer: I have resolutions I'd like to submit to Committee on Resolutions from Massachusetts relative to film pictures and the report of Committee on Marking Graves. (Ordered).

Past Commander-in-Chief Huston announced that the report of Committee, Anti-Crime Conference, was printed with the Officers' Reports. It was ordered printed in the Proceedings of the Encampment.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKING GRAVES.

Hartford, Conn., July 15, 1934.

To Park F. Yengling, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
Bay Village, Ohio.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I herewith submit to you the report of the Committee on Marking Graves. It is a pleasure to report that there seems to be a greater interest taken by our Order in the work of marking graves of Veterans, particularly those of the Civil War. We regret that all Departments do not have Grave Marking Committees, while Camps in most of the various Departments are doing this work. Your Committee feels that this is due to the limited number of Camps in some of the larger states. A Department could prevail upon the Camps in their Department to extend the Camp activities into new territories. Other organizations are now taking up this class of work and if they find that we are neglectful, rest assured they are going to step in and do the work that rightfully is ours.

In the Seventh Annual Report on the locating and marking soldiers' graves in the state of Michigan, Brother Francis E. Hall, Chairman, shows what a Department Committee can do. Up to date, they have covered most of eighteen counties in Michigan. The consolidated counties' report is as follows:

Revolutionary War .....	7
War of 1812 .....	44
Indian War .....	2
Mexican War .....	23
Civil War	
(Union) .....	9108
(Confederate) .....	4
Spanish-American War .....	405
World War .....	1113



Total of Soldiers' Graves 10,726, of which 5587 have Government Stones; 4670 have private stones, and 8349 have stones with a military record. Only 459 are in unmarked graves, of which 300 are in Kent County. Brother Hall and the Department of Michigan are to be congratulated.

In the Illinois Department, Brother David G. Drake, who has been doing this work for the Aurora Camp, has been appointed Chairman of the Department Committee. I am sure that under his leadership, the record this Department has made in the past, will be fully equalled.

Commander Ransom of the Indiana Department reports that he is having much success in getting results from a request in the Press to all citizens to help in the collection of records. In the Indianapolis section of Indiana, Brother William Ball and his co-workers are doing good work. Brother George S. Geis, of Marion, is organizing a Veterans and Descendants Group in each county in Indiana, to keep record of all soldiers and ex-soldiers in the county, and of all veterans' deaths and graves. Here is an excellent opportunity for a Department Committee.

The Iowa Department, under the leadership of Chairman Hugh M. Stryker, works in connection with the State Bureau of Grave Registration. This Bureau is locating the graves of veterans of all wars, and is meeting with much success.

The Ohio Department is without a Committee, but is meeting with success through a large number of Camps who are doing good work in marking graves. The latest Camp to start this work is the Camp at Otway.

The central and western part of New York is keeping up its work under the leadership of Past Commander Cazeau of Rochester, and Brothers Abrams of Rome and Morey of Utica. With such Brothers as these interested, there should be a Department Committee. I am sure they could get the Camps in the eastern part of New York interested.

Many of the individual Camps in the Department of Massachusetts are busy. The latest Camps of this Department to take up this work are those at Milton and Fall River. The Camp at Beverly reports that they have located every Civil War Veteran's grave, and that every grave is now marked.

In the Vermont Department, the Camp at St. Johnsbury has started locating and marking graves in their territory.

Many Camps in the Departments of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maine and Rhode Island have their lists compiled to date.

The Connecticut Department has a complete list of all Civil War Veterans' graves, and a very complete list of Veterans' graves of the fifteen wars that the state, both as a colony and as a state, has participated in. One feature, in which this Department has been interested, during the past few years, is the gathering together of the books, records, papers and relics of the several G. A. R. Posts as they pass out of existence. The Connecticut Department, having in mind, that in the years to come, these records would become priceless, issued the following:

"Headquarters  
DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

November 30, 1927.

To Whom It May Concern:

For purpose of preserving the records and relics of the several

Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, and gathering same together for safe keeping;

BE IT RESOLVED, That Charles R. Hale, of Hartford Camp No. 50, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, is hereby appointed and authorized in the name of the Department of Connecticut, G. A. R., to seek, secure possession and hold the same subject to the orders and directions of the Council of Administration.

COUNCIL OF  
ADMINISTRATION

Henry J. Seeley,  
James W. Davis,  
Ira W. Wildman,  
Christian Swartz,  
George A. Tucker,

E. T. Abbott,  
Asst. Adjt. General.

Charles M. Shailor,  
Dept. Commander."

These record books, papers, flags and relics as found, are brought to Hartford and stored in a vault at the Connecticut State Library, which has been placed at our disposal by Mr. George S. Godard, the State Librarian. While this does not belong to a Grave Marking Committee, your Committee feels that it is of the utmost importance, to at least preserve the documents, such as the Descriptive Book of every Post. In this Book is the complete membership of the Post, together with each member's age, birthplace, residence, occupation and complete service record. In most cases, the date of death and place of burial is listed.

Your Committee feels that the marking of graves is one of the most important subjects in which our Order should be interested. It has been the topic for much favorable comment in the Press and has also been the means of bringing new members into our Order.

During the past year, the Committee has expended for typewriting, postage, etc., fifty-five dollars (\$55.00). Your Committee is in favor of the continuance of a Grave Marking Committee, and so recommend.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

CHARLES R. HALE,  
Chairman.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ANTI-CRIME CONFERENCE.

To Park F. Yengling,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The Committee delegated by the Commandery-in-Chief at the St. Paul Encampment to represent the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at the Anti-Crime Conference, in Washington, D. C., October 12-14, composed of P. D. C. Col. U. S. Grant III, P. D. C. Everett F. Warner, and P. C.-in-C. Frank C. Huston, through its Vice Chairman, makes the following report:

Col. Grant, who was designated Chairman of the Committee, was unable to attend any of the sessions of the Conference on account of the multiplicity of duties recently imposed upon him in the War College, with which he is now connected. He was, however, in hearty sympathy with the objects and purposes of the Conference, and lent his influence and advice to their achievement. The two remaining members of the Committee were present and occupied positions of activity in the Conference. P. C.-in-C. Huston was made Chairman of

the Patriotic Organizations Committee, and P. D. C. Warner was made a member of the Resolutions Committee, and asked to take Chairmanship of that Committee.

The Conference was called by the United States Flag Association, operating through its subsidiary organization "The National Council of '76." Colonel James A. Moss, U. S. A. Retired, is President General of the U. S. Flag Association, and Col. Patrick J. Hurley, former Secretary of War, is Chairman of the "Council of '76." The specific work to which the "Council of '76" is set, is the inauguration of a nationwide Crusade Against Crime, and has for its motto "Crime Must Go."

The response to the call for serious consideration of one of the gravest situations with which the country was ever confronted, was so general, and being from all parts of the nation, it was quite obvious that the citizenship of America was being aroused, and that, at least, a few of its leaders were alert to the enormous growth of crime in the United States, which has become, quoting President General Moss, "the gravest moral issue, and one of the greatest, if not the greatest economic problems the nation has ever faced;" and that, again quoting Col. Moss, "This Anti-Crime Conference is, in my judgment, destined to go down in history as one of the most outstanding gatherings in the annals of the Country."

As indicative of the magnitude and thoroughness of the organization work, we give the list of Committees, each of which functioned as a separate unit, reporting their findings to a Co-ordinating Committee, which was composed of the Chairman of all general committees, which in turn presented their several findings to the Conference for consideration. As to the procedure, we may say that all suggestions or resolutions, which must be committed to typewritten form, were first considered in each of several committees, dealing with such phases as would come within their province; and after careful and free discussion must be accepted by a majority of the committee before being passed to the Co-ordinating Committee. In the instance of the Patriotic Organizations Committee, the activities were so great, and the flood of suggestions so large that it was deemed necessary that your Chairman appoint a sub-committee, which could work early and late and long, in order to consider all matters presented. All material was passed upon through this sub-committee, and through these processes of elimination only what was considered the best was placed before the Conference for adoption. The following is the list of the several Committees:

Committee on Causes of Crime; Committee on Punishment, Pardons and Pardons; Committee on Religious Activities; Committee on Business, Labor and Industry; Committee on Fraternal Organizations; Committee of Patriotic Organizations; Committee on Law Enforcement Officials; Committee on Education; Committee on Civic Organizations; Committee on Publications; Committee on Stage and Screen; Committee on Publicity; Committee on Members of the Bar; Committee on Women's Organizations; Committee on Financial Organizations; Committee on National Legislation; and the Co-ordinating Committee.

The purpose, as stated, of the Crusade Against Crime is two-fold:

(1) To arouse the American people to action which will insure the support of the constituted authorities in that vigorous and fearless enforcement of the law which will check the present growth of crime.

(2) To instill into the American people greater respect for law and order, creating a lasting public sentiment for the enforcement of the law of the land, and the patriotic education of our youth.



Again quoting a few pertinent facts from the address of the President General, Col. Moss, we have this summary, which is but a glimpse of the scope of this important meeting:

"You may be interested in the analysis we have made of the attendance at this Conference, which is as follows: Organizations, trade and business, 54; educational, 50; patriotic, 45; religious, 41; fraternal, 43; civic, 29; legal (bar associations), 22; chambers of commerce, 21. Either in person or by personal representatives, we have this representation: College Presidents, 12; Governors, 16; State Adjutants General, 11; U. S. Attorneys, 12; Prosecuting Attorneys, 13; U. S. Senators, 5; Representatives, 15; Chiefs and Commissioners of Police, 5; National figures, 18."

"The total membership of organizations represented is between fifty and sixty millions."

"In addition to 394 definite acceptances to attend the Conference which were received up to yesterday afternoon, 253 conditional acceptances have been received,—that is, persons would attend the Conference unless prevented by something unforeseen."

"After having for a couple of years made a faithful and intensive study of crime conditions in the United States, I am convinced that the average person, although realizing that the crime situation is serious, has no conception of its gravity—its frightfulness—its appallingness. The average American does not begin to realize the extent to which the spirit of lawlessness permeates our National life—the extent to which crime is today challenging American civilization—threatening American institutions."

#### AMERICA'S ANNUAL CRIME SCORE."

"To confirm this statement, which by some may be considered too strong, let us examine the record—the terrible disgraceful record:

"Every year 12,000 persons are murdered—1,000 a month; 33 a day; 1 every 44 minutes. One of the by-products, and there are many, of these murders is scores of widows and orphans."

"Every year 3,000 persons are kidnaped; 100,000 assaulted, and 50,000 robbed; 40,000 homes and other places are burglarized, and incendiaries apply the torch to 5,000 more, causing a loss of \$100,000,000."

"In the six major wars the Nation has had, 112,751 men were killed in action. During the last ten years—that is, since President Harding's death in 1923, which is still fresh in our memories—120,000 people have been murdered in the United States. In other words, in ten years time more persons have been murdered than were killed in action in ALL our Country's major wars during the 157 years of our National existence."

"In the World War we had 36,694 men killed in action. During the 15 years that have elapsed since the war, 180,000 people have been murdered in the United States."

"Since 1890 the annual murder rate has increased 350%. From 1926 to 1932 (only six years) the prison population of the United States increased 50%."

The above facts should stir every loyal Son to a renewed sense of his citizenship. These awful conditions should engage the thought of every Camp in our order, first to know, and to disseminate these facts, and then get into action to do something definite about it.

On the whole, this Conference was indeed far reaching in its results, because of the large and varied representation, drawn from

every section of the Nation, and representative of practically every major interest and organization of moral, social, and commercial or economic endeavor.

The serious and determined manner in which each delegate approached his work in the Conference was inspiring, even thrilling to everyone who has the best interests of his country at heart. This gave every indication that there was a general recognition of the enormity of the present day problem of crime, and what was more heartening, the avowed purpose that something definite must, and would be done about it.

Many contributing causes for crime were brought to light. Among these given most importance were: The present attitude of the public mind toward "toleration of crime." The perversion of the virtue of charity to make this charity center in sympathy for the criminal offender, rather than for the larger, and innocent group of those whose inherent rights have been outraged by the criminal. This attitude makes it possible for a certain type of criminal lawyers, (some call them "lawyer criminals") to play upon the sympathies of juries, and the astute ears of the judges who have a serious and perhaps a selfish regard for the attitude of the electorate. It was interesting to note that the severest critics of this tendency were those of the legal fraternities.

The lax morals in the fields of high (and low) finance, with the eminent respectability, assumed, and too often held in the face of flagrant violations of every sense of moral decency, and the apparent immunity from successful prosecution for such felonies, was thought to be a strong factor in the decision of many youths in choosing what seemed to be the easy road to wealth and happiness.

The development of an artificial culture, with no corresponding development of self-control, or regard for the rights of others. The policy of encouragement of many thousands of our youth to seek a plane and status of life which many by no honorable means can possibly maintain, working great havoc among the morals of these youths, especially those of high school and university training; and the splendid physical and mental development of our youth without those corresponding developments of the moral inhibitions which differentiate man from the lower animals, resultant in our lop-sided, off-balance civilization, were given due consideration.

The evil effects of political influence upon the control of corrective or penal institutions, were advanced as factors. (No more concrete example of the operation of this great evil has been chronicled than the working of this nefarious system in the state of Indiana. This instance has lent encouragement to many of the criminally minded, and has cost many thousands of dollars, to date, thirteen lives, and the end is not yet, with the criminal leaders still at large).

The pernicious influence of the degenerate type of moving pictures came in for serious condemnation. It was believed that this influence was more wide-spread than any other, and while not so flagrant in violation of law, was nevertheless, one of the most prolific incubators of crime, especially among the youth of the nation. The "bleek book-ing" was severely condemned, and an encouraging note was that the managers and operators, themselves, in large number appear to sense their responsibility for the teaching of the youth, and are seeking a way to free their business from the necessity of taking objectionable films, simply because they are bound to contract to take everything the industry sends out no matter how low the moral standard may be. This great industry is headed for a drastic "clean up," or, perhaps

the junk pile. The public can save it for the good of society, by a little sensible co-operation. But if it is not purged from its degeneracy, the sooner it goes to the reduction works, the better will society be. There are other things more important to the welfare of America than box office receipts, no matter who may share in these receipts.

A full report calls for more observations than the space here will allow, but from the few reports since the Conference we gain the added conviction that it was a meeting of far-reaching import and influence. The delegates returned to their respective spheres of activity, and have continued to voice repeatedly the spirit and findings of the Conference, and are continuing to serve in arousing a more than indifferent public to the menace which crime presents in its attacks upon the very foundations of decent citizenship and good government.

The different committees were made permanent by action of the Conference, and the respective chairmen of the committees were continued. This makes your reporter the Permanent Chairman of the Patriotic Organizations Committee, which represents a total membership of over three millions.

Let no one think the crime problem has been solved, as yet. This Conference was but the hopeful beginning. And already problems which confront us are multiplied; which call for every ounce of red blood, and workable gray matter in the United States to enlist in this fight if America is to be preserved as a worthy nation. The tremendous increase in the annual cost of crime in the United States to \$16,000,000,000 per year, added to the ever soaring national debt of \$35,000,000,000, must inevitably reduce millions to the status where, unless relief comes from some source, the rights of property in America will be given little more consideration than in revolutionary Czaristic Russia. Is the time to come in "Free America" when the possession of property will mean the facing of a firing squad? God forbid.

These problems must be met, and unless properly solved, a most tragic fate is inevitable. We have made many vain boasts of our brains in America. Perhaps we still have them, but unless the principles of the Carpenter of Nazareth are given more consideration than has been granted in America in very recent years, America is headed for the same scrap-pile where today lies the ruins of Rome, Greece, Egypt and Babylon, and all the legislation and quack remedies in the world will not serve to halt her ultimate ruin. It is a most tragic situation, but America has, right at hand for her disposal, just for the mere taking, the forces which will provide all necessary remedy.

The Conference helped to locate and point out many troublesome and contributing factors; and sought to provide some ways out of the difficulties. In this it made a most commendable effort. We sincerely trust that all delegates, and citizens as well, may see past the mechanics of "law enforcement," as important as these are, to the necessity of implanting in the heart of every citizen, old and young, the passionate urge "to be obedient to the laws of the land." When this becomes a reality, there will be no need for law enforcement—for crime will have been put away, and shall trouble us no more. But, pending that good day, it would be wise to "keep our powder dry."

Let me thank the brothers, again, and especially Brother Everett F. Warner, for making this service possible. We sincerely trust that you may not be ashamed of the service we have tried to render, nor of the contribution you have made to this great and challenging enterprise. We sought to do what we thought you would have us do, and



believe it one of the greatest contributions we have been privileged to make.

Sincerely and loyally yours,

U. S. GRANT, III,  
EVERETT F. WARNER,  
FRANK C. HUSTON,

Committee.

Commander-in-Chief: I overlooked something this morning. I want to introduce our Encampment Stenographer, Mrs. Irene Fuller, member of Melrose, Massachusetts, Auxiliary.

Commander-in-Chief: Are there any other committees ready to report?

#### COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF FORMS.

National Counselor read report of Committee on Revision of Forms 50 and 51.

7118 Rita Avenue,  
Huntington Park, California.

To Park F. Yengling, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Sir and Brother:

The undersigned Committee on Forms, appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, at the National Encampment, at St. Paul, Minn., in September, A. D. 1933, begs leave to report as follows:

The members of this Committee feel that the simpler our reports can be made and have them fully comprehensive, leaving out nothing that would aid our Order, in the information we seek and containing such questions to be answered that are readily understood, leaving plenty of space in the form for the insertion of the answer of the officer making the report, so that the answer can be full and certain, the better the form will suit our purpose.

2. We feel that all infractions toward the Patriotic cause are most essential to be reported, and should be given prominence in the report. Thus enabling us to make defense.

3. It is recommended by your Committee on Forms, that question one in Form 50 and 51 be omitted and the following inserted in question one. And amended throughout as follows:

#### SCHOOLS.

Q. 1. Form 50, Has your attention been called to any discourtesies to our "FLAG" by any one and especially by any one in charge of Public Buildings, Schools, Churches, or any Public Officials? If so, please explain. Give action taken.

Q. 2. Form 50, Do Schools have Patriotic Programs? Give Number.

Q. 3. Form 50, Days ..... program held, or special days observed.

Q. 4. Form 50, Flags presented to Schools ....., Churches ....., or other Organizations ....., please specify.

Q. 5. Do Schools in your Communities participate in Memorial Day Programs? ..... And if not, why?.....

Q. 6. Form 50, Number of Schools and Churches visited by Patriotic Instructor or those designated by him?

- Q. 7. Form 50, What was accomplished by these visits?  
 Q. 8. Form 50, same as now.  
 Q. 9. Form 50, Combine 11 and 12 in one question. (As it now exists).  
 Q. 10. Number of Patriotic Programs during year?  
 Q. 11. Form 50, What programs have you sponsored in your own Camp?..... and type of program?.....  
 Q. 12. Form 50, Special activities closing same?.....  
 Q. 13. Form 50, The Number of Camp Members attending Memorial Sunday Services?..... And Memorial Day Program?.....  
 Q. 14. Form 50, Number of Sons making Memorial Day Addresses, their names and addresses?.....

## CHURCHES

## Form 50

- No. 1. Not necessary.  
 No. 2. Retain as No. 1.  
 No. 3. Not necessary.  
 No. 4. Retain as No. 2.  
 No. 5. Retain as No. 3.

## GENERAL

## Form 50

- No. 1. Retain.  
 No. 2. Abandon.  
 No. 3. Abandon.  
 No. 4. Retain as No. 2.  
 No. 5. Retain as No. 3.  
 No. 6. As No. 4, to be retained.  
 No. 7. That the heading and foot of Blank 50 be retained.

Your Committee on Forms further Recommend that Form 51 be changed and modified to conform with our recommendation above on the changes to be made in Form 50.

Your Committee on Forms further Recommend that the following question be added to Forms 43 and 44.

Q. Has your Camp, or Department, an active organized Committee on Marking of Soldiers' Graves?.....

Your Committee are herein enclosing and attaching a draft of Form 50 and 51, to this report, containing the recommendation of the Committee and recommend they be adopted in the place of the old forms.

We further recommend that plenty of room be left after each question for full answers in all the forms or blanks.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

RALPH R. BARRETT, Chairman,  
 ALBERT C. LAMBERT,  
 PERLE L. FOUCH.

## FORM 50

## CAMP PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

(This Report must be filled out May 30th, in duplicate; one copy to be sent at once to the Department Patriotic Instructor, and the

other to be filed with the Camp Secretary. Failure to comply with this will deprive the Camp from participation in the next Department Encampment).

Report of Patriotic Instructor for ..... 19....  
 Located at ..... Department of..... Camp No.....

### PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1. Has your attention been called to any discourtesies to our "FLAG" by any one, and especially by any one in charge of Public Buildings, Schools, Churches, or by any Public Officials?.....  
 If so, please explain .....  
 Give action taken .....
2. Do Schools have Patriotic Programs?.....  
 Give Number .....
3. Days program held, or special days observed?.....
4. Flags presented to Schools?..... Churches?.....  
 Or other Organizations?.....  
 Please specify .....
5. Do Schools in your Communities participate in Memorial Day Programs? ..... And if not, why?.....
6. Number of Schools and Churches visited by Patriotic Instructor, or by those designated by him?.....
7. What was accomplished by these visits?.....
8. Number of pupils participating in Memorial Day Observance? .....
9. Do the laws of your State require the display of the United States Flag in the school rooms?..... Do the laws of your State require use of the Pledge of Allegiance?.....
10. Number of Patriotic Programs during year .....
11. What programs have you sponsored in your own Camp?.....  
 ..... and Type of Program?.....
12. Special activities closing same? .....
13. The number of Camp Members attending Memorial Sunday Services..... And Memorial Day Program.....
14. Number of Sons of Union Veterans making Memorial Day Addresses, their names and addresses.....

### CHURCHES

1. Number of Churches displaying the Flag regularly (Inside or Out)?.....
2. Number of Flags presented to Churches or Sunday Schools by Camp .....
3. Number of Churches or Sunday Schools visited by the Patriotic Instructor, or others under his direction .....

### GENERAL

1. Number of SPECIAL PROGRAMS for the GRAND ARMY MEMBERS .....
2. Number of Patriotic Programs to which the Public was invited .....



3. Number of Monuments, Memorial Tablets, etc., for CIVIL WAR VETERANS in the Community served by your Camp.....
4. Number of New Memorials, Tablets, etc., erected during the year .....

N. B.—Indicate on blank space on reverse side any other SPECIAL ACTIVITIES not covered in this questionnaire. THIS IS IMPORTANT..

Report covers the year .....19.....  
to May 31st, 19.....

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

.....  
Camp Patriotic Instructor.

Approved by.....  
Camp Commander.

Date Received .....19.....

.....  
Department Patriotic Instructor.

### FORM 51

Headquarters Department of .....  
Sons of Unions Veterans of the Civil War

Annual Report of the Department Patriotic Instructor  
to  
National Patriotic Instructor

.....19.....  
To.....  
National Patriotic Instructor.

Dear Sir and Brother:

The following report of the Department of.....  
is hereby respectfully submitted.

### PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1. Number of discourtesies to our FLAG, reported to me, by any one, and especially by any one in charge of Public Building, Schools, Churches, or any Public Officials.....  
Explain fully .....  
Give action taken .....
2. Do Schools in your Department have Patriotic Programs?.....  
..... Give Number .....
3. Days program held, or special days observed.....
4. Flags presented to Schools..... Churches.....  
Or other Organizations..... in your Department  
Please specify .....
5. Do Schools in your Department participate in Memorial Day?...  
..... And if not, why?.....
6. Number of Schools and Churches visited by Camp Patriotic Instructors or by those designated by them in your Department.....
7. Things accomplished by these visits.....
8. Number of Pupils participating in Memorial Day Observance in the Department .....

9. Does the law of the state, or states, of your Department require the display of the United States Flag in the school room?.....  
Does the law of the state, or states, of which your Department has jurisdiction require use of the Pledge of Allegiance?.....
10. Number of Patriotic Programs in your Department during year .....
11. Number of Patriotic Programs sponsored by Camp Patriotic Instructors in your Department?.....  
And type of programs .....
12. Give Special Activities closing same.....
13. Number of Brothers attending Memorial Sunday Services in your Department..... And Memorial Day Program .....
14. Number of Sons of Union Veterans making Memorial Day Addresses in your Department.....  
Give their names and addresses .....

## CHURCHES

1. Number of Churches displaying Flag regularly (Inside and Out) .....
2. Number of Flags presented to Churches or Sunday Schools in your Department.....
3. Number of Churches and Sunday Schools visited by Camp Patriotic Instructors, or others under their direction in your Department .....

## GENERAL

1. Number of Special Programs for the Grand Army Members in your Department.....
  2. Number of Patriotic Programs to which the Public was invited in your Department .....
  3. Number of Monuments, Memorial Tablets, etc., in your Department.....
  4. Number of New Memorials, Tablets, etc., erected during the year .....
  5. Number of Camps in your Department.....  
Number of Camps reporting.....
- N. B.—Indicate on blank space on reverse side any other SPECIAL ACTIVITIES not covered in this questionnaire. THIS IS IMPORTANT.

Report covers the year .....19....  
to May 31st. 19.....

Yours in F. C. & L.,

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Department Patriotic Instructor.

Past Department Commander Warner, Maryland: I'd like to ask our National Secretary if he has gone over the report. I move that the report be left on the table until he has read the same.

Delegate Brooks of Illinois: You appointed a committee to act on that and I think we should abide by its report. Either accept or reject

the same. I move we accept the committee's report and proceed to print the forms.

Seconded by Delegate Shoemaker of Michigan.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: I offer as an amendment to this motion that as these report blanks run out, these changes be made.

Seconded by Department Commander Mohr, of Missouri.

Past Department Commander Wentzel of Pennsylvania: I am satisfied that the members of the Committee have given this matter their very best thought. They have probably analyzed the need of the changes of forms. To me it sort of looks like a reflection on the judgment of the Committee not to follow their decisions.

Past Commander-in-Chief Huston: I am somewhat interested in this, having served as both Patriotic Instructor and Chaplain and I also was one of the Committee that got out the present forms. We may have been in error but there was an honest effort made to try to get the information which a number of our Brothers sought. These questions were not just from our own brains, but they came very largely from over our Order. I am wondering if after all the confusion has been brought about that there are still a number of extremely old forms in the Departments. If these forms that are not over three years old are so faulty that they need revision, go to it. I will not oppose it, but I am inclined to believe that the confusion lays in using these more obsolete forms.

National Counselor Fouch: It was not the idea of the Committee that the forms as they exist were wrong; not that they didn't convey certain information, but the Commandery-in-Chief at St. Paul entrusted us with the duty of revising these forms. Therefore your Committee proceeded with the idea of the Commandery-in-Chief that they should be somewhat revised and as we have gone over the questions we have made no drastic changes. We believe in this day that the Sons of Veterans ought to do something in getting information as to the attitude of people who are in charge of public buildings. We believe that we ought to find out if there are any discourtesies to the flag by any officials in communities. We believe it important that we find out if there is communism in the schools and in Question 1, Form 50, we have asked that information. I believe that this question in itself is important enough to have the forms revised and I am supported by the other two members of the Committee in that thought. Your Committee therefore believes it is necessary to change these reports as per my report which I have handed in today.

Past Commander-in-Chief Huston: Since Counselor Fouch's explanation, I withdraw all objections that I have had. You can't know too much about it.

Commander-in-Chief: If there are no further remarks, the amendment is that when the old forms run out the new ones be printed as per the Committee's report. Adopted. The motion as amended is that the report of the Committee be accepted and new forms be printed when present stock runs out. Adopted.

Inside Guard: We have in waiting four Auxiliary members from the State of New York.

Commander-in-Chief: Commander Ralph Smith, of Massachusetts; Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Wm. L. Anderson, Massachusetts; Past Department Commander Wm. Allan Dyer, New York, and Past Commander-in-Chief, Dr. Sheldon, New York, please act as escort for this Committee.



Committee consisted of Mrs. Mabel Arthur, Department President of New York; Miss Mayme Dwyer, Past National President, of New York; Mrs. Metz, of Rochester, N. Y., and Past Department President Mrs. Bettinger, of New York.

Mrs. Arthur: Commander-in-Chief Yengling, Brothers, it is indeed a great pleasure for me as Department President of New York to bring you the greetings of our Department. I wish for you a very happy visit in our State. We pledge to you the support of approximately 2,775 Sisters of New York State. I thank you. I almost forgot my gift. (Presented basket of lovely flowers).

Miss Dwyer: Brother Park and Brothers of the National Encampment, I am really only the escort to our Department President, but I would feel that I were neglected and deprived of a very pleasant duty if I didn't say a few words of thanks to your Commander-in-Chief. He has shown every possible courtesy to our National President. We most heartily appreciate it. We've had so many intimate conversations during the past year. We've got together and talked things over. There was possibly some doubts in his mind whether he was truly one of us. I want to tell him now he has proven himself one of us. You know I told you one time that you were a regular "guy." We want to convey to you brothers our appreciation of your Commander-in-Chief and of your Organization. I am sure that every member of our National Organization is not only willing and ready, but happy to serve you at any time. I hope that your newly elected officers will be just as well thought of as your present officers are today.

Mrs. Metz, of Rochester, New York: I can't possibly hope to compete with the elocution you have just listened to. I bring you the greetings of our local Auxiliaries, No. 18 and No. 23, and we hope you will enjoy your Encampment in our city and come some time again. These flowers are a gift to you personally. (Presented basket of flowers to the Commander-in-Chief).

Mrs. Bettinger, Past Department President: Commander and Brothers. We are here as a substitute for the General Chairman of this Encampment who was too busy to come here to talk to you. Commander, I wish you every success and also your incoming officers.

Commander-in-Chief: Your coming to visit us is a most happy occasion and I want you to know it. I have always tried to work with the Auxiliary and treat them as an Auxiliary to the Sons. If I haven't put them in their rightful place, it has been unintentional. Sisters Dwyer and Arthur and the other Sisters of this Committee, tell your Sisters in New York that I have enjoyed every minute that I have spent with them. I have had splendid times and always the same comradeship and friendship was extended to me and I deeply appreciate it. I am going to take this basket of flowers to my room and enjoy them just as long as I stay here. (Pinned badges of Encampment on Committee).

Commander-in-Chief introduced Comrade Reade, Department Commander of the G. A. R., Seattle, Washington, and invited him to come again when the Brothers would be pleased to hear from him.

Commander-in-Chief: The Brothers will form in twos following adjournment and march over to the Powers Hotel for the Joint Memorial Services.

Adjourned at 4 p. m. until 2 o'clock Wednesday.

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

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Wednesday, August 15, 1934, 2:40 P. M.

The Encampment was opened in ritualistic form with Commander-in-Chief Yengling presiding.

Colonel E. J. Prittie, Delegate, Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief, I wanted to present to you your escort from the Department of Pennsylvania. These men represent different organizations of our Pennsylvania Brigade. They have not drilled together except before our State Encampment. If we have been a little bit ragged, I hope you will pardon it. It is the support that counts, and Commander-in-Chief we are glad to be here today and we appreciate the privilege of presenting these boys to you as we wanted them to see the National Encampment in session. We believe in Pennsylvania that the Sons of Veterans Reserve is one of the best recruiting assets there is in the Sons of Union Veterans today. The time is coming, gentlemen, when we must interest the Grandsons. We must also consider that the Grand Army is a military organization whose place will never be taken by any other organization. I don't think it would be to the interest of the Sons of Union Veterans to eliminate the military feature from our organization entirely and I feel that the Reserve gives us this chance. It helps to teach the A. B. C.'s of military training and to properly carry on the work of Memorial Day for which it was originally organized. I feel that we are doing a duty. If you are interested in something, you ought to try and sell it.

About 200 expected to be here, but old man depression is still with us. They pay their own expenses. These men pay for the punishment that they take when they are under my command. With your permission, we will retire.

Commander-in-Chief: Colonel Prittie, this is an opportunity I would not have missed for a great deal. These men do make a creditable showing. The point I am trying to get over to the Convention is, if we will uniform ourselves with a uniform that is standard, such as yours, it will be a credit to the Organization and ourselves. If uniformed, no matter how good the uniform, if you are assembled in a half dozen different style uniforms, it does not make the right impression. Brothers, look to this pattern as adopted by the Pennsylvania Reserve when uniforming new Reserve Units and we will then be a credit to ourselves and the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans.

Colonel Prittie, come back whenever you want to. Members of this battalion are welcome at all times. To show our appreciation, let us stand and give a vote of thanks. (Rising vote of thanks).

The Drum Corps gave three cheers for Commander-in-Chief Yengling and the Encampment gave three cheers for the Reserve.

Colonel Prittie: May I say that we have recruits here aged from 16 to 76 and one veteran that has been in the order 50 years and still carrying his gun. (Reserve retired at this time).

Commander-in-Chief: Brothers, we have a Comrade with us 34 years old and a member of our Order. It gives me great pleasure to introduce Comrade Barlow of New York.

Comrade Barlow: Brothers, I came here to this Encampment in a double capacity, as a member of the Grand Army from the City of Oneonta, N. Y., and a member of the Sons in Binghamton. I joined the Sons of Veterans in the City of Jamestown, N. Y., five or six years ago. I am not permitted to meet with my Buddies very often. At my age I can't make the 80 miles very often. I always like to meet a Son of a Veteran when I have the opportunity. My Father was 55 years when he enlisted. I went from Binghamton in Company C, 102nd Infantry. They have all passed on excepting me. I often thought when we had our Roll Call in the Army that we little knew who would be the last. It has fallen to me; the last one died about two years ago.

I am glad to meet with you. At my age I cannot make much of a speech. I am always glad to meet with any of the Organizations connected with the Grand Army. The Auxiliary, the Daughters, and Relief Corps. I love the United States and we can say that it has never been defeated. We have always been victorious, in all wars. We may be drawn into another war. If so, I hope the emblem of the United States will float victorious. I thank you for the opportunity of meeting with you and if I am permitted to be as well as I am now, I hope to meet with you again and with my own Comrades another year.

#### G. A. R. PARADE.

Past Department Commander Smith of New Hampshire: To report on the Grand Army Parade; there were 215 Grand Army men walking, and 221 riding. There were 158 Sons of Union Veterans in uniform, and 145 without uniform. There were 15 bands, 303 members of the Sons of Veterans.

National Secretary Hammer reported for the Credential Committee, 150 members enrolled.

Commander-in-Chief: At this time I would like to introduce to you Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter of Pennsylvania. You will notice that he is not as active on his feet, but he is just as active mentally. (On crutches result of accident by falling, sustaining a broken leg).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I just want to say something that is coming right from my heart. I want to express my profound thanks to the membership of this organization who have so kindly expressed to me their sympathy at the results of my dumbness of three months ago. I have not been at any of your previous sessions, not because of this game leg, but because I happened to hold the office of National Counselor of our Auxiliary, and because of my great interest, they permitted me to come here today. It was only last Wednesday that I finally received knowledge that I would be able or permitted to come to this Encampment. The Surgeon came to my house and after he left, my good wife said: "You didn't ask if you could go, you told him you were going." He said it would be beneficial to me from that part down. I told him I'd take mighty good care of myself from that part down. It would require more than I have to keep me from a session of the Commandery-in-Chief. There are ties that bind me to it. It would have been my second greatest disappointment if I couldn't have come. My first disappointment was the Forty-fourth Encampment of the Pennsylvania Department which I could not at-



tend. That was the fourth Encampment that I have not attended since I joined this Organization. Again Brothers, my heart goes out to you in deep thankfulness and appreciation for your courtesies to me here.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: I had no intention of bringing this matter up, but since coming up the stairs two of the Brothers have criticized me and I just don't like it. A year ago the Commandery-in-Chief was asked who would present a new Camp. Now it is possible, I don't know the English language. However, they had me down for one Camp. I couldn't organize a Camp in my town on a bet, so why should I make such a crack as that. Every once in a while your Commander-in-Chief would write me "where's that Camp?" What I promised was this, that I would furnish 10 new members. I got in eight. Some day I might be able to get in two more. If there are any attorneys in the audience we might work up a case of libel against our Commander-in-Chief and Brother Holbrook and maybe we'll get some money.

Commander-in-Chief: Dr. Sheldon, after receiving your protest, I made the correction in one or two copies of The Banner that you promised 10 members instead of a new Camp.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: I didn't see that and if I want the case, I don't want to see it.

Inside Guard announced that the Betsey Ross Quartet of the Daughters of Union Veterans of Ohio was in waiting.

Commander-in-Chief: Will Past Department Commanders Heintz, Thompson, Bigley and Shrieve of Ohio please escort the Betsy Ross Quartet. Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Burnett, Mrs. Lambert and Mrs. Myers. These are four of Ohio's most popular Daughters of Union Veterans. We welcome you here today. Will you give us some of your beautiful music?

(The Quartet sang "Last Night the Nightingale Woke Me," and "Sweet Kentucky Babe").

Mrs. Watson of the Betsey Ross Quartet: We in Ohio have always realized the worth of Park Yengling and we are glad that they have come to realize it all over the Nation. We just wanted to bring our little greeting to you, Park. (Commander-in-Chief pinned badges on the members of the quartet).

Commander-in-Chief: We are sorry you have to go, but are glad you came. Thank you, and come again if you have time.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Locke: I don't believe any Committee ever had as important a task as the Committee on Program and Policy. I don't believe any committee that you ever provided for knew less than we of the means of arriving at a point. We have given careful study to the situation and we feel the report is entirely inadequate, but we do feel it is a start in the direction in which this Organization should go. I hope at its conclusion you will debate here on the floor and let's determine whether or not we shall do something better than your Committee suggests.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND POLICY.

To the Fifty-third Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Your "Committee on Program and Policy," appointed at the Fifty-second Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, held in St.

Paul, Minn., in September, 1933, respectfully submits the following as its report:

At the time of the creation of this Committee no one had clearly in mind a definite idea of what could or should be done. Much thought given by its membership, and by many other members of the Order, to the problems confronting our Order. These problems are so intricate and so far reaching that it will require considerable time to present a clear and comprehensive program. As the first step in this direction, and with the idea of providing for a permanent committee with similar functions to those assigned to this committee, we recommend an amendment to the By-Laws, which will provide for a permanent committee on Program and Policy, consisting of eleven members, six of whom shall be the Commander-in-Chief, the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, the National Secretary, the National Patriotic Instructor and the National Counselor, the last retired Commander-in-Chief and four members appointed by the Commander-in-Chief. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Program and Policy to recommend action, policy, procedure and program to the Commandery-in-Chief and to the Officers thereof, and to perform such other duties as may be directed by the Constitution and Regulations of the Order, or by Resolution of the Commandery-in-Chief.

We recommend that the Committee on Program and Policy be directed to divide its work among sub-committees. The General Administration of Commandery-in-Chief affairs to be under the direct control of the Commander-in-Chief, that under the direction of the Commander-in-Chief questions and problems pertaining to patriotic affairs, historical markings, and similar matters be under the jurisdiction of the National Patriotic Instructor. Organization work and the securing of new members to be under the control of the Commander-in-Chief, or some other official to be designated by him.

We recommend that Welfare Work substantially as provided for in the present regulations of the order be stressed in every Department, and that the Commander-in-Chief, acting through the several Department Commanders be directed to press this work with vigor.

We recommend that the incoming Committee and the Commander-in-Chief, be directed to require that Camps hold public forums in the communities in which they are located, and to present programs of historical or educational nature with addresses on approved subjects by trained speakers, and further that the Committee on Program and Policy in each Department organize a Speakers Bureau for the purpose of training, supplying and supervising capable speakers.

Lack of interest in National and Department Encampments has been noticeable for many years past. This may be due in part to our present system of representation. Therefore, for the purpose of encouraging the rank and file of membership to become more interested in the affairs of the Order, we have deemed it wise to recommend changes in representation at Encampments of the Commandery-in-Chief by providing for one delegate at large from each Department, and one delegate for each 100 members or major fraction thereof, and in Department Encampments for one delegate at large from each Camp, and in addition, one delegate for each 10 members or major fraction thereof.

Increase in membership, as in the past, has been the principal object which we have sought to attain, but we have neglected to provide an *interest* in the Organization for the new members. The aver-

age age of our membership has been increasing so rapidly that if we are to endure our efforts must be directed toward bringing in the grandson and the great-grandson, and then, after securing him as a member, we must give that member an interest in the Order and something to do in its behalf. We recommend the Organization of the Grandsons Clubs within the Camps, direction and control of the same to be retained by the Camp and the assigning to the Club only of such social and other duties as may be approved by the Camp, and which will be of such a nature as to be entirely in accord with the objects and purposes of the Organization and such as will react to its credit.

Your Committee are fully in accord with the thought that there should be unanimity of work and action among all the Patriotic Societies of the Country, and we believe this thought should be kept in mind by the Committee on Program and Policy and the Commander-in-Chief, and we recommend that the Committee on Program and Policy be authorized, in their discretion, to direct the Commander-in-Chief to act in unison with other Patriotic Organizations concerning matters of National importance upon which there may be full accord on the part of the Organizations in interest.

Lack of continuity of effort has been a retarding factor in the growth and prestige of the Organization almost from its inception. We recommend that the incoming Commandery-in-Chief Officials be directed, so far as may be consistent, to carry out the policies and practices of predecessors with a view to establishing a policy of continuous, concentrated effort.

We approve the general plan of the "Grand Army of the Republic Family Tree," and recommend that the incoming Commander-in-Chief and his associate officers, and all Department officers be directed to put the plan into effect in communities where its adoption may be practical, but only after proper plans have been made to make the plan most effective.

We recommend that for the purpose of creating and maintaining a social and fraternal interest in gatherings of the allied societies, the revival of the Regimental Reunions of the Grand Army of the Republic and that they be carried on by the surviving members of such Regiments and by their Sons, assisted by their daughters for the purpose of keeping green the memory and the services of the ancestors who formerly made up such regiments.

We recommend that the incoming Committee on Program and Policy give careful thought and study to the question of lapsation of membership. In this connection the matter of offering life membership is one which should receive the careful consideration of the Committee.

No more important point is under consideration than that of publicity. Advertising of the Order will not be hard to secure without expense if we but do something worth while. With proper publicity there will be greater incentive on the part of the membership to do worthwhile things. Careful consideration must be given to this matter, and steps must be taken to provide for consistent and continued advertising of the work of the Order.

Your Committee suggests that the Commandery-in-Chief study the report of the Illinois Department Committee on Program and Policy, and for the purpose of advising the membership of the entire Order of the purpose and content of the same, incorporates it as a part of this, your Committee's report.



Galesburg, Ill., June 6, 1934.

To the Officers and Members of the Fifty-third Annual Encampment of the Department of Illinois, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

At the mid-winter conference of the Department held at Joliet on January 13, 1934, there was brought into existence a purely unofficial Committee on Program and Policy. The assumption is that this Committee was created for the purpose of suggesting ways and means of applying the principles and objects of the Order to present day conditions. The general principles on which our Order is founded are already fixed and are so fundamental that they should be neither changed nor modified, and it should be understood at the outset that it is the duty of this Committee only to suggest a manner in which the principles of the Order may be made more effective.

Considerations of prime importance have to do with:

- (1) Membership.
- (2) Camp jurisdiction.
- (3) Meetings.
  - (a) Number each year.
  - (b) Programs.
- (4) General activities.

(1) As now constituted, membership in the organization is limited to those who had an ancestor in the Union Army. Without offering any suggestion as to the desirability, or undesirability, of continuing this policy, let us point out:

(a) That one reason, perhaps the principal one years ago, for the existence of our organization is fast disappearing, and will be entirely gone when the last of our fathers has gone to his reward.

(b) That the going of our fathers places on us a greater responsibility than any we were called on to carry while they were yet with us and in the full vigor of manhood. We are now heirs to a great tradition, a tradition which they cherished and held as their own as long as they lived.

(c) That others not now eligible are anxious to assist in cherishing these traditions. They have no desire to claim our heritage, but they feel a keen responsibility in seeing that it is not wasted. Some method might be found for granting them this privilege without our giving up anything that belongs to us.

(2) The Camp jurisdiction had its place, but now it is outmoded; it has gone along with the horse and buggy and with the old-fashioned kerosene lantern. No longer is it necessary in these days of rapid transportation to hold our evening meetings according to the phases of the moon.

When, a half century ago, our Camps were first organized, their various jurisdictions were of necessity comparatively small. So likewise were those of similar organizations such as the Masons and the Odd Fellows. Their size was determined by speed and ease of getting about.

The jurisdiction no longer fit conditions incident to travel. Counties are not now as large as townships were at the beginning of the century, and the State of Illinois is actually smaller in size, as measured by speed of travel, than was Sangamon County when the Civil War opened in 1861. What we need to face squarely in this connection is that our Camp jurisdiction must be enlarged so as to meet conditions now existing.

Our idea is that under ordinary circumstances Camp jurisdictions should coincide with county lines. There will be instances when it may be desirable to create two or more Camps in a county, and other instances when several counties should be combined in a single jurisdiction. General speaking, therefore, we should arrange for county Camps and designate them as such.

(3) The question of meetings—kinds of, frequency of, and location of—is an important one, and our answer, too, must be intelligent and farsighted.

It is likely that different kinds of meetings should be provided for in an effort to conserve time and interest without losing efficiency. What we have in mind is a series of general Camp meetings, say two, three, or four times a year, along with more frequent meetings of the officers and committee chairmen, these general Camp meetings to be moved about the jurisdiction to localities easily accessible and supplied with proper meeting facilities.

Closely allied with the meeting itself is the program. Our opinion is that the general meetings should be open to the public and that the programs should deal with:

- (a) Local history, particularly as it relates to the Civil War.
- (b) State history and government.
- (c) History of the United States; with emphasis on the Constitution and its place in the lives of the people.
- (4) Much of the work of our organization has nothing whatever to do with meetings and programs. If we are to give concreteness to the principles on which the order is founded, we must plan to give our members something to do in the way of service. As we view the situation, we can see a great deal to be done along the lines of creating interest in our best traditions.

(a) Marking historical spots. For more than fifty years the grave of Lincoln's stepmother remained unmarked. Such instances of neglect might be multiplied many times

(b) Recognizing public service. In the cemetery at Peoria is buried Thomas Ford, Governor of Illinois from 1842 to 1846. Over his grave the State has erected a monument, but nothing has ever been done in Peoria to recognize the man or his work. We complain in this country at the tendency of our young people to neglect the duties of citizenship. Why should we thus complain? What are we doing to exalt public service in the hearts of our school children?

What we have just said is merely illustrative.

(c) Celebrating events. In our hurry to get somewhere and then back home again as quickly as possible, we are in the habit of overlooking some of those events of life of the greatest significance. Every state and every county and every community can, if it would but take the time, look back on its growth and development with pride both justifiable and abiding. What our organization needs to do in this connection is to look back and then to do something to cause our neighbors and fellow citizens to look with us.

Following the suggestions above will lead to a concrete expression of the ideals and principles underlying our organization. To find this expression we must create interest and then give this interest something to do that leads to a feeling of satisfaction on the part of those whose interest we catch and hold.

Therefore, for the purpose of outlining in brief a platform on which we believe the Department of Illinois will stand, we recommend, for the purpose of carrying on the advancement of our prin-

ciples and objects, the adoption of the following—and its promulgation throughout the Department as a statement upon which the Sons of Union Veterans of Illinois stand in their effort to carry out the principles and objects upon which our Order is founded:

I. National Defense.

Adequate Army and Navy.  
Reserve Officers Training.  
National Guard.  
Citizens Military Training Camps.

II. Teaching of truthful American History and Government, stressing the Constitution of the United States and insistence upon the point that the public school system of America is primarily for the purpose of the development of character and good citizenship.

Forums for general public.  
Essays in the schools.  
Memorial meetings.

III. Historical markings.

Your Committee realizes that the foregoing report is not complete nor is it adequate, but we believe it represents a start in the right direction. We, therefore, recommend that the Department Encampment take the necessary steps to provide for the creation of a permanent Committee on Program and Policy in order that our principles and objects may be applied to present day conditions with such elasticity as may be necessary to fit local situations."

It has been hinted, even suggested, that the objects and purposes of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are in need of amendment. It is our firm opinion that these objects and purposes are basic and fundamental. We contend that the need is only for the application of these fundamental principles to the problems and conditions confronting us today.

For the purpose of advising all citizens of the United States of America as to the stand of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, we reaffirm our full faith in and allegiance to the principles and objects of our Order as set forth in our Constitution; declare our adherence and loyalty to the fundamental principles of our Government as set forth in the Constitution of the United States and demand of all citizens respect for it and for properly constituted authority.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD F. LOCKE, Chairman,  
PERLE L. FOUCH,  
EVERETT F. WARNER,  
H. W. MARDEN,  
WM. ALLAN DYER,  
JOHN E. SAUTTER,  
TITUS M. RUCH,  
FRANK L. KIRCHGASSNER,  
RALPH M. GRANT,  
RALPH SHELDON,  
W. J. HICKOX,  
FRANK SHELLHOUSE.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: May I suggest to the Chairman that one of the important features in connection with this report is not referred to directly in the report. Don't you think, Brother



Locke, it would be well to have read especially the part with reference to the permanent Committee on Program and Policy. Also may I offer another suggestion. I am firmly of the opinion that it is practically impossible for any Brother to grasp this report by the mere reading of it and discussing it as a whole. You will recall that the chairman in reading the report was very specific and used the word "recommend" on a number of occasions. I suggest that we might get a better understanding of this report if you would take the first recommendation and discuss it and so on.

Chairman Locke read the first recommendation as follows: "We recommend an amendment to the By-Laws, which will provide for a permanent Committee on Program and Policy, consisting of eleven members, six of whom shall be the Commander-in-Chief, the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, the National Secretary, the National Patriotic Instructor and the National Counselor, the last retired Commander-in-Chief and four members appointed by the Commander-in-Chief. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Program and Policy to recommend action, policy, procedure and program to the Commandery-in-Chief and to the Officers thereof, and to perform such other duties as may be directed by the Constitution and Regulations of the Order, or by Resolution of the Commandery-in-Chief."

Our purpose in this recommendation is to make it possible for those who hold any office in the Commandery-in-Chief to meet with the others to confer. The object in having four outsiders who have been prominent in affairs is for the purpose of bringing their advice and experience and making it possible for them to render such assistance as they are able.

Second Recommendation: "We recommend that the Committee on Program and Policy be directed to divide its work among sub-committees, etc."

This provides for certain duties to be under the jurisdiction of the Patriotic Instructor, etc.

Third Recommendation: "That the Commander-in-Chief require that every Department in the Order create a Committee on Program and Policy or a committee of a similar nature in order that they might apply the principles and objects of the order in that particular Department according to the conditions which exist in that Department." There must be a certain amount of elasticity on account of conditions being different.

National Secretary Hammer: Wouldn't that be constituted like the Council of Administration of the Grand Army?

Chairman Locke: The Council of Administration of the Grand Army has complete legislative powers. No power of that character is vested in this committee. The committee can only recommend to the Commandery-in-Chief and then after such recommendations are adopted by the Commandery-in-Chief they are put into effect.

Delegate Dodson of Wisconsin: Would it be preferable to have a large committee or more preferable to have a small committee?

Chairman Locke: The best committee is a small committee. I have heard it said a one man committee is the best. I believe the number, eleven, on this committee will be representative of different offices and duties in the order and I think that eleven under the circumstances according to the light as we see it now is perhaps as near as we can get to the proper number.

Delegate Morgandale of Pennsylvania: I believe there should be something in there that four delegates should be appointed from sections of the country that are not represented in the other seven.

Chairman Locke: We must leave something to the judgment of the man who is in command. We have too much law and I don't think we should tie down the Commander-in-Chief with too many restrictions. We ought to trust him with the selection of his members of Committees, knowing that he will give representation to every section if possible. The present committee consists of fourteen members.

Delegate Cramer of Connecticut: Will the Department Committee be made up the same as your National Committee?

Chairman Locke: That is another case where you don't want too many hard and fast rules.

Chairman Locke: The next item is one which has been very much neglected. "We recommend that Welfare Work substantially as provided for in the present regulations of the order be stressed in every Department and that the Commander-in-Chief, acting through the several Department Commanders, be directed to press this work with vigor."

Your Commander-in-Chief wants to speak in connection with the Welfare Work and call your attention to a law of the order now in full force.

Commander-in-Chief: This Welfare Committee has been on my mind and I have been voicing it in every Department that I have visited and I have tried to make it important. I stated in my report that I doubted if ten Camps in the whole Organization really knew what the Welfare Committee was and what it was intended for. Almost every Department had heard something of it, but they didn't use it right. The proposition is in words of one syllable. I know every Camp that has put it into use has benefited by it. Just dig up your Constitution; read it over and study it; and work it out. Put it into effect. When a Brother is behind in his dues, the Secretary or Treasurer sends him notice that his dues are not paid. If he does not respond, the committee keeps after the delinquent Brother until his dues are paid. If a man gets back very far he probably never pays his dues, and this is what the Committee must guard against. This would be one thing that would be of so much benefit to your Camp.

Chairman Locke: Fifth Recommendation: "We recommend that the incoming Committee and the Commander-in-Chief, be directed to require that Camps hold public forums in the communities in which they are located, and to present programs of historical or educational nature with addresses on approved subjects by trained speakers; and further, that the Committee on Program and Policy in each Department organize a Speakers Bureau for the purpose of training, supplying, and supervising capable speakers."

This calls for the creation of a Speakers Bureau in order that speakers may be trained and then sent out to different Camps or communities. This would safeguard Camps or communities from getting some "pink" speaker with whom some Sons of Veterans could not agree.

Delegate Randlett, Vermont: Do I understand that this makes it mandatory that these forums be held? We have got a lot of small Camps. I was thinking that a thing like that would take a mighty large Camp.

Chairman Locke: All the more need for a good speaker in the small communities.

Past Department Commander McElroy of Maryland: Assuming that they established a Speakers' Bureau, is it the intention to limit the Camp to such a list of speakers or could the Camp go outside of that list and select speakers at their own discretion?

Chairman Locke: Of course they could. If the Department has a Speakers' Bureau it will be possible for the Camp to find out if the speaker was suitable. We couldn't go into all such details as that.

Delegate Cramer of Connecticut: I recommend the use of the word "urge" in place of "require."

Chairman Locke: Sixth Recommendation: "Recommend changes in representation at Encampments of the Commandery-in-Chief by providing for one delegate at large from each Department, and one delegate from each 100 members or major fraction thereof, and in Department Encampments for one delegate at large from each Camp, and in addition, one delegate for each 10 members or major fraction thereof."

We have heard a good deal on this subject. Now the Past Commanders are running everything. Now, the delegates have nothing to say. I am not entirely in accord with that. There was a time when I came two or three times as a delegate to the Commandery-in-Chief. I didn't find anybody who denied me the floor. There is some merit to the fact that the number of Past Department Commanders and Past Camp Commanders is on the increase, but the number of delegates is not on the increase due to the decreases in membership. There is not one of the Past National Commanders-in-Chief that is not wholly in accord with the adoption of this recommendation. We need larger Encampments. The larger the Encampment, the more enthusiasm there will be. We want to hear from the delegates as well as from the Past Commanders. Let's hear from more of them.

Delegate Dodson of Wisconsin: Speaking on the increase of representation of delegates, I feel that it is useful to make that change. I know if we could elect more delegates we would have had more at this Encampment.

National Secretary Hammer: There are 54 Past Department Commanders here out of about 800 and 11 out of 25 Past Commanders-in-Chief.

Chairman Locke: Seventh Recommendation: "We recommend that the incoming Commandery-in-Chief Officials be directed, so far as may be consistent, to carry out the policies and practices of predecessors with a view of establishing a policy of continuous, concentrated effort."

We feel that there should be continuity of effort from the preceding year. For instance the new Commander-in-Chief may come in and work along entirely different lines from what Park is doing. The time has come to stop it. The thing for the new Commander-in-Chief to do is to take up where Park has left off and then take Park along with him to see that that work is continued.

Chairman Locke: Eighth Recommendation: "We approve the general plan of the "Grand Army of the Republic Family Tree" and recommend that the incoming Commander-in-Chief and his associate officers, and all Department officers be directed to put this plan into effect in communities where its adoption may be practical, but only after proper plans have been made to make the plan most effective."



The idea of this is not only to keep a record of the members of the Grand Army but the record of all the descendants. This proposition was carried out in Aurora and Springfield, Ill., and the number of names secured was simply amazing. It is a wonderful opportunity to secure the names of eligibles to our Order.

Chairman Locke moved, seconded by Delegate Dodson, Wisconsin, and several, that the report be accepted. Unanimously adopted.

National Counselor Fouch of Michigan: Possibly the delegates at this Encampment do not comprehend the painstaking work that Chairman Locke and his committee have had. I know personally that he has worked hard and long, that he has conceived most of these ideas. I move at this time that this Encampment show its full heartfelt thanks for his work and careful study on this subject by a rising vote of thanks. (Rising vote of thanks).

Chairman Locke: At Doctor Sheldon's request I am presenting these proposed amendments:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS.

##### 1.

Amend Chapter 3, Article 2, Section 1, by striking the word "five" from the third line of the third paragraph thereof and inserting the word "one."

##### 2.

Amend Chapter 2, Article 2, Section 1, by striking the word "twenty-five" from the third line of the third paragraph thereof and inserting the word "ten."

##### 3.

Amend Chapter 3, Article 7, by adding a new paragraph to be known as Section 2:

There shall be a Committee on Program and Policy consisting of the Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Patriotic Instructor, National Secretary, National Counselor, the last retired Commander-in-Chief, and four members appointed by the Commander-in-Chief. Commander-in-Chief shall appoint the Chairman of the Committee.

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Program and Policy to recommend action, policy, procedure and program to the Commandery-in-Chief and to the officers thereof and to perform such other duties as it may be directed by the Constitution and Regulations of the Order or by resolution of the Commandery-in-Chief.

##### 4.

Amend Chapter 2, Article 7 by adding a new section to be known as Section 2, as follows:

Section 2. Each Department shall provide for a Department Committee on Program and Policy similar in scope and authority to the like Committee of the Commandery-in-Chief.

RALPH SHELDON, P. C.-in-C., Chairman,  
JOSEPH M. HODET, D. C., Vermont,  
THEO. H. MOHR, D. C., Missouri,  
C. O. SMITH, P. D. C., N. H.

Past Department Commander Dyer of New York: After the adoption of the Resolution regarding our Legal Heirship to the Grand

Army, we thought the most important thing for us to do was to see Judge Willett, Past Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. His interest in the Sons of Union Veterans has been peculiar. Sometimes he has appeared to be a little in opposition and sometimes very fundamentally for us. I think deep down in his heart he is very much for the Sons. He made a very fine address for us last year.

This noon Brothers Shellhouse, Warner and I went over to see him and took him to lunch. We found him in a very friendly mood indeed, and we felt highly pleased. I think we may possibly be the Legal successors. He called attention to the fact that at Grand Rapids he was influential in getting the resolution adopted which I read to you. We asked him what he thought would be the most tactful way to handle the matter. He offered to present the resolution himself and suggested that instead of our committee presenting the resolution in person, that we permit him to do it. He further suggested that a letter be written to him in concise terms. He dictated the letter; I took it down and had it typed and we signed it and he has promised to do all he can to tactfully handle the matter in our interests.

I feel more convinced than ever that we have a chance with Judge Willett's help to have whatever we want. How soon I don't know, but I am convinced we have made a great stride forward.

August 15, 1934.

Hon. James W. Willett, Judge Advocate,  
Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Judge Willett:

The undersigned as a committee of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, duly appointed, herewith submit a resolution approved by the National Commandery of the Sons of Union Veterans in their National Encampment now sitting in Rochester, and request that it be submitted in regular order to the Committee on Resolutions of the Grand Army of the Republic for their consideration and to their National Encampment for action in the premises.

Respectfully yours.

WM. ALLAN DYER,  
FRANK SHELLHOUSE,  
E. F. WARNER,  
Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: I paid particular attention to every word Brother Dyer said in his report and I believe he has stated it very accurately. I do believe we did something this noon that was worthwhile. Past Commander-in-Chief Willett acknowledged that this was one of the greatest questions to come up soon. We had a very pleasant visit with that gentleman. He was a little reluctant in expressing himself but he did feel kindly toward us for the call and it pleased him to write that letter and take the part that he did.

The Credential Committee reported that 154 credentials had been received.

#### PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS.

Commander-in-Chief: It was my privilege to be in the City of Washington and witness the dedication of a permanent Headquarters building established by the Daughters of Union Veterans which will be used for their records in the future, also as a memorial to the

Grand Army of the Republic. A most wise move. I am giving you this information as I think it might not be a bad plan for the Sons to have a similar Headquarters established. The house is not furnished yet, though they have nearly enough money with which to furnish it. How they get the money, I don't know, but they seem to get it.

Department Commander White of Kansas: I overheard that they took in about \$4,000 yesterday.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION & REGULATIONS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: The first communication is from the Department of Maine recommending the insertion of the word "lineal" before the word "male" in Article III.

Rockland, Maine, June 19, 1934.

To the Commandery-in-Chief:

The Department of Maine at its Annual Encampment held at Augusta, June 14, 1934, unanimously recommended, that Article III, Eligibility to Membership, of the Constitution be amended in the first line, by inserting the word "lineal" before the word "male" so that said section as amended shall read:

#### ARTICLE III.

##### *Eligibility to Membership.*

All lineal male descendants, whether through the paternal or maternal line, not less than sixteen years of age, of Soldiers, Sailors or Marines, who were regularly mustered and served honorably in, or who were honorably discharged from the Army or Navy of the United States of America, during the War of the Rebellion of 1861-1865; and who have never been convicted of any infamous or heinous crime, or who have, or whose ancestors through whom membership is claimed, have never voluntarily borne arms against the Government of the United States of America.

The reason for this amendment is that some claim that nephews of Veterans are eligible to membership under clause as it now reads, and that membership should be confined to sons, grandsons, etc.

Attest: EDWARD K. GOULD,

Department Secretary-Treasurer.

Chairman Sheldon: Now if there happens to be a professor of English here he may set me right. To me it doesn't mean a thing there. We do not concur with the change. (Approved).

Chairman Sheldon presented:

Section 2. All Past Camp Commanders who have served a full term, or who have been elected to fill a vacancy, and serve to the end of the term, may wear the rescribed Past Camp Commander's badge, attached to the regulation Department ribbon. All Past Department Commanders may wear the prescribed Past Department Commander's badge attached to the regulation Commandery-in-Chief ribbon. All Past Commanders-in-Chief may wear the prescribed Past Commander-in-Chief badge, attached to the regulation Commandery-in-Chief ribbon.

The above resolution by Everett F. Warner, Robert J. F. McElroy and Wendell C. Hill was presented to and passed by the Maryland Encampment in session on May 2, 1934.



Chairman Sheldon: The committee felt in going over this that there was no necessity of a change permitting a Past Camp Commander to wear the red Department ribbon attached to his Iron Cross. He is a member, I admit, of the Department of which his Camp is a member. He has a vote in that Department and that is all. We do not concur with the resolution. (Approved).

Commander-in-Chief: I have noticed all over our Organization that they change the ribbons on their Past Camp Commander badge and the only place it should be changed is on the membership badge. If you have an appointment as a Department officer, attach Department red ribbon to membership badge.

Chairman Sheldon: Communication from San Francisco re space for P. O. address for Camp Chaplain.

San Francisco, California, May 26, 1934.

H. H. Hammer, National Secretary,  
307 Colonial Trust Bldg., Reading, Pa.

My dear Horace:

At the 48th Annual Encampment of California & Pacific Department the following Resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we petition the Commandery-in-Chief to have a space for the P. O. address for Camp Chaplain added on the face of "Form 27," Quarterly Report of Secretary.

Sincerely yours, in F. C. & L.,

D. B. BOWLEY,  
Department Secretary-Treasurer.

Chairman Sheldon: We agree that this should be done, but until such time as new forms are gotten out, ask the Camp Secretaries to write that in. Our recommendation is that when we have to get new forms, this change be added. (Approved).

Chairman Sheldon: A recommendation from the Ohio Department re minimum initiation fee of \$2.00. Letter is as follows:

Recommendation of Department Commander Thompson at the Department Encampment held in Columbus, June 19, 20 and 21, 1934:

First—That this Encampment go on record as favoring a minimum initiation fee of Two (\$2.00) Dollars and that each Camp have a right to fix its own initiation fee at any amount they desire, the same not being less than the minimum sum of Two (\$2.00) Dollars and that the same be recommended to the Commandery-in-Chief.

Second—That this Encampment also go on record as favoring a fee of Fifty (50c) Cents to be paid by Camps on new members instead of One (\$1.00) Dollar as it is now, and that Twenty-five (25c) Cents of which will be paid to the Department and Twenty-five (25c) Cents to be paid to the Commandery-in-Chief, and that this recommendation, if favorably acted upon, will also be sent to the Commandery-in-Chief.

(Approved by the Encampment).

ED S. WILSON,  
Department Secretary-Treasurer.

Chairman Sheldon: Your committee is unanimous in their opinion that there should be no change. We feel that our Order is cheap enough now, and anyone who wants to belong to this Order would just as soon pay \$3.00 as \$2.00. We need the money, the Commandery-in-

Chief needs the money. We do not concur with this resolution. (Approved).

Chairman Sheldon read recommendations permitting the Camp to fix the initiation fee.

After the word "revenues" in second line of Section 1, Article VI, page 17, (C. & R.), Chapter 1, to read:

Be suspended, not operative or required to conform to the following—"provided, the minimum admission fee for members shall not be less than three (\$3.00) dollars; no part of the admission fee to be credited for any other purpose, and that Camps shall have authority if they so decide, to suspend their By-Laws to conform to this provision."

This permits Camps to fix the admission fee at any amount they may desire.

C. & R., Chapter 2, Departments, page 29, Article 6, Finances. Suspend Section 3 so that Departments shall NOT pay fifty (50) cents membership fee to the Commandery-in-Chief. Camps, however, to pay One Dollar (\$1.00) Membership Fee to Departments.

Chairman Sheldon: We recommend that this resolution that was passed last year be continued for one year from July 1st. (Approved).

Chairman Sheldon: I have a resolution from Wisconsin regarding reduction of the National Secretary-Treasurer's salary.

#### RESOLUTION.

Whereas, Our National Secretary-Treasurer's term of office expires this year, and in view of the small membership and the limited finances of our order, especially in respect to the Departments and local Camps, and the need of use of such funds as can be saved for more important purposes, and the need of general retrenchment by our Commandery-in-Chief so that the per capita tax might be reduced, enabling the Departments and the local Camps to have funds needed for organization and other purposes.

Now therefore, be it Resolved, By the Department of Wisconsin, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, assembled in its 51st Annual Encampment in the City of Appleton, Wis., the 11th, 12th and 13th days of June, 1934, that we hereby petition and recommend to the National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War that the salary of the National Secretary-Treasurer be reduced to a sum not exceeding the sum of \$1200.00 per year, and that the saving thus effected be passed on to the local Departments in a reduction of the per capita tax of 50% of the present amount, the local Departments to create an organization fund out of the reduction in said per capita tax and such fund to be used by local Departments in organizing new Camps.

Be it further Resolved, That this resolution, when adopted, be forwarded to the National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, certified to by the Department Commander and Department Secretary, and that our delegates and all voting representatives of our Department at the National Encampment at Rochester be and they hereby are instructed to support and work for the adoption of this resolution by the National Encampment.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

C. W. Dodson, C. D. Donaldson, Henry W. Siemers,  
Committee on Resolutions.

F. S. Phipps, Dept. Com. Attest: C. H. Hudson, Dept. Sec.

Chairman Sheldon: At the outset, Brothers, I'll tell you that we did not concur and for this reason: In the first place, his contract does not expire this year. We could not reduce his salary because it is a contract. May I add a personal reason. I have lived longer in life than most of you men. I possibly have not had as much business experience as others, yet I have had enough to know that I have lost a fortune within the last few years. I know that you couldn't get a good man for nothing. You have to pay him. How many of you gentlemen here know that Horace Hammer took out of his own pocket and gave to a bank that this organization might keep its credit, more than most of you can earn in three years or ever have earned in three years? If you figure out what he has lost taking out of his own pocket he hasn't earned \$1200 in a year. I couldn't give you the actual figures. I'll wager that that boy gives away to the Sons of Veterans more than half of his salary every year.

Tell him that you are in town—he'll ask where are you. He'll say, "Now you have dinner with us tonight." No matter whether you are alone or have a carload. Well, anyway, your committee was unanimous in feeling that Horace Hammer is entitled to all that this Commandery-in-Chief pay him. We do not concur in this resolution.

Delegate Dodson of Wisconsin: On behalf of the Department of Wisconsin I want to say, first of all, that we had nothing personal against Horace Hammer. We feel that he is just as efficient as the chairman of the committee has said, and as qualified as he has said, but we do feel that our Order needs funds. It is true that if a man is worth \$5,000 a year or more that he should get it, but no bank or business institution can keep on paying a man this salary if it hasn't the funds.

In addition to the salary of \$3300.00, we pay to Horace Hammer office rent. We pay all of his postage bills, all of the printed stationery so that he is not using the salary to pay the expenses of this Order. He is not under contract. The salary is fixed in the C. & R. as \$3,000 for the National Secretary and \$300.00 for the Treasurer. We have a right at any time to reduce this. We do feel this, that we need more Camps and new members, but who is going to do it. It is easy enough to say, "let George do it." Speaking from Wisconsin I know our Department of Wisconsin will not stand the expense of sending out an Organizer. If the salary were reduced to approximately \$1200, there is a saving of \$2,000 which could be passed on to the Departments. Wisconsin will then receive approximately \$100 to \$150 per year for per capita tax. If we can save this a year we can pay the expenses of an organizer and I would be willing to assure you that Wisconsin could and would organize a good many new Camps each year. If each Department did that, it would mean 25 to 50 new Camps for the entire organization.

The Inside Guard announced at this time that the National President of the Auxiliary was in waiting. The Commander-in-Chief asked Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Wm. L. Anderson to escort the National President.

#### VISIT OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF AUXILIARY.

Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Wm. L. Anderson: It is my happy privilege at this time to present to the Encampment, my wife and your National President of the Auxiliary, Margaret F. Anderson, of Massachusetts.

Commander-in-Chief: Sister Margaret, our National President, we welcome you most heartily. We appreciate your coming to this En-



campment. Brothers of the Commandery-in-Chief, it is unnecessary for me to introduce to you the National President of our Auxiliary. She is standing before you, and Sister Margaret, will you talk to us?

National President Anderson: My Commander-in-Chief, Brother Park, members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: I just left to come over and pay tribute and my personal respects to Park Yengling, who to my mind is one of the finest boys that you have in your National Organization. Perhaps some of you have heard me say this before. When I heard that Brother Park was elected Commander-in-Chief I sort of wondered a little bit if I would like him and if he would like me. I want to say to you that I was agreeably surprised; and very happy to find in your Commander-in-Chief the sterling qualities that only a gentleman has. It may have surprised you and shocked you to have me kiss him a minute ago. Ordinarily I don't do that sort of thing. During the year, just for a lark, he said "Some day I hope you will give me a kiss." I said "Some day I will when the proper time comes and in front of my husband." This was in a form of a loving greeting that a National President should have for her Commander-in-Chief.

I didn't come here to detain you. I just came to bring you the greetings of your National President, because I have a Greetings Committee coming to see you. I have a little gift here for you which I know will remind you of your and my year together and as the minutes tick by, may your friendship and mine always remain the same. May the services that you have rendered this year always continue and may the inspiration that you have brought to the Sons be a lasting one. I want to say to this Commandery that Park Yengling has given you a year of service of which you should be very, very, proud; a service that you need never be ashamed of. When I say that I have been happy to serve as his National President, I mean it sincerely.

I wish for you one of the finest conventions that this Commandery has ever had. I have had a fine Commander-in-Chief and I have also had one of the finest and dearest men serve me as my National Counselor. This year I have had many important matters to settle and have needed a man with a broad mind and one with vision and I am glad you loaned me for one year at least, your beloved John E. Sautter.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: How about a kiss for me, Margaret? (Margaret gave him a kiss).

Commander-in-Chief: I don't know how to reply, Sister Margaret, to all that you have said to me and my co-workers. I know it comes from your heart. I must have rendered you some service in your Organization, because I know that Margaret Anderson doesn't say things she doesn't mean. If I said the things I might say, to you Margaret, I'd be telling them things they've all heard in every Department. They know ahead of time just what I think of you. I can safely say that no Commander-in-Chief has ever had a co-worker that has rendered such service as Margaret has rendered to me. There has been nothing that I could ask of her or her Auxiliary that has been too great to give.

I used to know who Margaret Anderson was. I felt that she was one of these real "nice" girls, with her head up in the air. Maybe you got acquainted with her and maybe you didn't. She is just one good sport. She is a whole-hearted, sensible woman. There is nothing stuck-up about her. That is the thing that has made her valuable to me, and to you and to her Organization all through her life. I

could keep on talking about her all the rest of the day. I thank you for coming over here and I shall keep this rose as a memento of you. I thank you for the privilege of working with you and as the years go on I hope we will always be able to maintain the pleasant friendships we have had the past eleven months.

Delegate Brooks of Illinois led the Encampment in three rousing cheers for the National President.

Past Commander-in-Chief Huston reported on visit to Auxiliary as follows: Our greetings committee arrived just at the time a tremendous shower was taking place. Bits of testimony of the love and esteem of the National President from all over the Order. We were finally escorted in and I have heard Billy make some wonderful speeches, but I believe he made the finest speech I have ever heard from anyone at any time. We'd like to go back again.

National President Anderson: At our convention Sister Molly Hammer dwelt on Stunt Night, how it originated, etc. By acclamation Past Commander-in-Chief Huston was elected the permanent chairman of Stunt Night.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON C. & R. (CONTINUED)

Delegate Dodson, Wisconsin, continued: The services rendered by our Commander-in-Chief have taken a great deal more time than any services of the National Secretary-Treasurer during a year. Our own Park for instance has visited almost every Department. As far as the labor involved, I might compare with the Department Secretary's work. The National Secretary has twenty-five Departments. Practically every Department Secretary has the equivalent number of Camps. As far as salary is concerned, however, I don't believe that there are many Departments that pay their Secretary any more than a minimum salary. Our Department Secretary gets nothing, and I believe he renders as much service as the National Secretary. We must conserve our funds in order to build up the Order.

I believe that if Horace Hammer was generous enough to donate the funds to replace the funds in the bank that he would be willing to work at a reduced salary for the interests of the Order. I don't believe that Horace Hammer would insist that it be kept up at the same salary. We've got to do something. I move that the resolution of Wisconsin be re-referred to the Committee.

Past Department Commander Smith of Connecticut: I would like to say that if this gentleman had been in Cincinnati when we received the resignation of Horace Hammer he would have remembered the enthusiasm that was expressed when he withdrew the same. I don't think there is a question in the minds of anyone here of the love and respect that he has put into his services. I therefore feel in my mind that none of us have any idea of asking this man to serve for any less amount of money. Money will not pay for his services.

Chairman Sheldon: Wisconsin seems to be obsessed with this reduction in salary. They come here year after year with this same resolution and I move we give it the same treatment.

Past Department Commander Donaldson of Wisconsin: That report was not unanimous. The condition has not been met. I expected the condition to be met. I have a great deal to do with our Secretary-Treasurer. I served as Secretary two years and it is through no ill-feeling that I served on that committee. I signed that resolution and I was under instruction to do what I could. The report was not unanimous.

Chairman Sheldon: He did concur that it was unanimous under one condition. I can assure you, Brother Donaldson, that those conditions will come about, but not just now. It had slipped my mind.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I have no desire to get mixed up in this. Were I involved in it, it would probably be more than my present physical condition would permit me to do wisely. I only want to correct one statement. He referred to the fact that Brother Hammer last year turned over his salary plus to the Commandery-in-Chief because of the closed bank, which contained the funds of the Commandery-in-Chief. If I am wrong, I want him to correct me, but I have personal knowledge that not one penny of that amount has come back to Horace Hammer.

National Secretary: You are right. The funds are still impounded in the bank.

National Secretary Hammer: I ask the privilege to talk on this question. I am sick and tired of hearing "Horace Hammer" and about salary all the time. I served as Department Secretary for years without salary. I am embarrassed because people in our city hear this time and again—the position I hold, how I'm 'working' the Sons of Veterans, and other accusations, using the Order for political purposes—if I do—it is for the benefit of and some favor for members. I don't want to be personal, or hurt the feelings, reflect upon or be unkind to any member. We are just having a personal talk now.

When we had a membership of slightly over 25,000 we had the Adjutant General and Quartermaster General—salaries \$1500 each, rent paid for both offices.

I do not and have never agreed in the contention that the Regulations cannot be changed to reduce the salary of the National Secretary-Treasurer. My contention is, and always has been, that you can change the salary now or any time. The argument that it cannot be changed because of a contract—or when elected it was not changed, applies in my judgment to municipalities, State or National offices so far as law is concerned; certainly not in our Order, for the Regulations are continually changed. I have suggested frequently, again last year, and now, make the salaries anything you want to—\$1500, \$1800 or \$2100—\$100 is sufficient for National Treasurer to receive. This next year I'll work, but after that I'm through, not because of salary, but I am tired and weary of this subject. Regarding Headquarters office—Commandery-in-Chief Officers and Committees have approved. It is in the heart of the city, fire-proof building, elevator service, heat, light, cleaning, etc., with no extra expense. We don't want our Headquarters in a shack.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ruch: The Secretary is not under indictment nor on trial. I happened to be the Commander-in-Chief a year ago and they talked so much at St. Paul that I promised I'd stay out of it, but when it comes down to this, I've got to tell you my experience.

I happen to live just forty miles away from Horace Hammer. I know the work that he does and I want to say to you that the salary of the Secretary is one of the cheapest propositions that our organization can have. If you don't want our Organization to go to smash then keep quiet about the Secretary's salary, and thank God that we have a man to take care of us. Let's you and I go back to our Camps and put into force that committee that has been suggested and approved and let us do some work of organizing ourselves. The object of our Organization is the advancement of it and with the help of the Secretary we have been able to do that.



I move that the report of the committee be accepted. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Cunningham of New Jersey. (Adopted)).

#### VALUABLE HISTORICAL EXHIBIT.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: I have been asked to bring a case here which is very interesting. I'd like everyone of you to see it. It was a gift to my father of which President Lincoln made the presentation speech on the afternoon of the evening on which he was shot. Lincoln was Father's personal friend for twenty years. This case of surgical instruments was bought on subscriptions toward which Lincoln contributed \$20.00. They raised \$500.00. This case cost \$450.00, the finest case of instruments at that time. I think if you are interested in steel, you'll see here steel that you have never seen the like, and will probably never see any like it again. No preparation has ever been put on them and I don't think they have been washed over in twenty-five years. You can perform any major operation under heaven with them, any minor case of surgery, or obstetrics.

The members were deeply interested in the exhibit.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now recess until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

## THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

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August 16, 1934—10:10 A. M.

Commander-in-Chief: The Encampment will come to order. Delegates Shoemaker and Smith of Michigan acted as Guide and Assistant Guide and Delegate Randlett of Vermont, Color Bearer.

The Inside Guard announced that a Committee from the Daughters of Union Veterans was in waiting. The Commander-in-Chief appointed Past Department Commander Fred Phillips of Illinois, Department Commander Mohr of Missouri, and Past Department Commander Harry W. Marden of Alabama & Tennessee, as escorts.

### VISIT OF DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS.

The Greetings Committee from the Daughters of Union Veterans, Past National President Mrs. Julia A. Phillips of Illinois, Past National President Agnes McCoy of Massachusetts, and Department President Mrs. Gertrude Miles Barnes of Ohio, were cordially welcomed and presented to the Encampment by Commander-in-Chief Yengling.

Mrs. Phillips: Brothers, we are busy and hurried as Park is. Your Commander-in-Chief gave his greetings and our National President extended her personal greetings. I am very pleased to bring to you the greetings from our National Convention. A Grand Army man said, "After you read Park's report you can tell what they have been doing for the whole year. You can see how they have traveled together for mutual benefit." I bring you this morning a little gift from the National Organization. We don't know what it is so we cannot say that we hope it fits. We are sorry we couldn't have our National President with us.

Commander-in-Chief: When you go back to your National Encampment tell your National President I accept this gift with the same spirit in which it was sent, and greatly appreciate it.

Miss McCoy: Commander-in-Chief and members of the Commandery-in-Chief, I am here just as a sort of go-between. Our chairman brings a gift from our National Order and our other member brings a gift from the Department of Ohio. I am really glad to come to the Sons of Veterans. All through our organization the Daughters look to the Sons to work with them. I am especially fond of the wife of your Commander-in-Chief. We want to congratulate you and wish for you, and your Convention, a most happy and prosperous Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief: This good sister of the Ohio Department I have known for more years than I care to tell. She has been a good Daughter to the Veterans. Sister Barnes is a very close relative of General Nelson A. Miles. Sister Barnes, we would like to hear from you.

Mrs. Barnes: Commander, and our own Brother Park, this is my first visit to your convention. Ohio is just bursting with pride be-

cause of our Brother Park. He is more than a Brother to me. We call his wife our Mother, so we must call him our Father. He has worked as you all know for the Ohio Department both in the Sons and the Daughters and we are hearing about all he has done for the Grand Army. Brother Park, I bring to you just a small gift from the Ohio Department. The monetary value is nothing, but it is bursting with the love and pride of the Ohio Department. I hope you will think of the Ohio Department when you use it and may you have one of the best Conventions that this Organization has ever had.

Commander-in-Chief: Thank you, Sister Gertrude, and personally, I want you to thank your Ohio Girls for me. It is a mutual admiration society. I love them and they love me.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon responded to the above greetings as follows: Ladies, Sisters, Commander-in-Chief, and Brothers, I am fearful that most of you will feel like the man whose wife said to him, "Robert, have you heard Milly sing? Don't you think she should be sent abroad to study?" He replied, "Yes, for God's sake, deport her at once." I feel that I have been on my feet so many times the last day or two that you will feel like having me deported.

"As unto the bow the cord is, so unto Man is Woman.  
Though she bends him, she obeys him.  
Though she draws him yet she follows.  
Useless each without the other."

Mau would be absolutely not anything if it were not for woman. Our Organization would be useless if it were not for the faithful women who assist us in every way it is possible for them. Man is indebted for almost everything to Woman. There is a close tie between your Organization and ours. You are Daughters and we are Sons. There should be a very close feeling and sympathy between the two and we know that there is just that sympathy and love. We do appreciate your interest, and we wish it were greater. There always has been and there always will be a sort of feeling. You feel and have felt that being our Sisters by blood that you should be our particular Auxiliary. Possibly that might be true, but it is not. We have our own. We have our Wives, our Sweethearts. I wish to God that you all could get together and have one big Organization. I can't for the life of me see why there should be two Auxiliaries all working for the same purpose.

When I get talking about the ladies, I don't know when to stop. I love the ladies. That is my business and I have to love them in my own way, but as I say, I have always felt and very deeply so, that there ought to be someone that could concoct some scheme or other where we could have you all in one grand Organization assisting us. We need it, Ladies, now as never before. Oh, that we could all be one glorious, grand Organization to perpetuate the memories of the ones that you love and belong to you. Think it over in your bright minds, you men. See if someone can think of a scheme whereby we can all be one.

My time is up. We appreciate your coming. Our Convention would be void without the visitation of the Ladies. Unfortunately all of us are not so closely connected with you as our Commander-in-Chief. You've expressed your love for him. We all wish we were Commanders-in-Chief that you might present gifts to us. The only thing that I can find fault with is that all the other ladies have kissed him and I didn't see you Ladies do the same.



## VISIT OF WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

The Commander-in-Chief appointed Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Randolph, Past Department Commander Thompson of Ohio, and Pats Department Commander Warner of Maryland to act as escorts to the Greetings Committee from the W. R. C. which included Mrs. M. Della Moats, Past Department President of Ohio; Mrs. Alice J. Parker, Department President of Vermont, and Mrs. Frances Schleeter of Illinois.

Mrs. M. Della Moats: Park Yengling and our own Ohio Son, we are certainly proud of you. Ohio has given to the Nation one President of the United States after another. Whenever they don't know where to go for a President, they find one in Ohio. We also have other distinguished people: National President of the Relief Corps and Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army, and Commanders-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans. We are very proud that one of our Ohio Sons has been holding this place of honor this past year. I feel a distinct honor has been given to me to carry my Ohioan greetings. Mr. Yengling, I know you are just a little bit disappointed because Mrs. Edith Mason Christy couldn't come. She couldn't come because she has so many duties to perform. She said I should carry her best wishes and her love. We bring the love and greetings of the Mother Organization. We do call ourselves Mothers of the Organization, but sometimes we would be dreadfully hurt if some of you old grey-headed fellows should call us Mothers.

The Sons of Veterans are very near to me because I know that you have the same feelings for the Grand Army of the Republic that I have, because my Father was a member of the Grand Army. When I was a child I sat at my Father's feet and learned the first lessons of patriotism. Yesterday when I saw the parade and saw the few members there were marching by, I had a lump in my throat because I remembered the days I used to be with my Daddie; when we sat in one position for eight hours and watched the men pass by, twelve abreast as they went down the street.

We were happy to see that the Sons were their escorts. I know that when the last Grand Army man is gone, the Sons of Veterans will carry on and will continue the work their Fathers carried on before them. We are happy to bring to you the messages of love and greetings of our own Organization. We have high regard for the Sons of Veterans.

Mrs. Parker: It is indeed a pleasure for me to come with greetings from our National Convention to this Body. You know we love and revere, and of course we shall always stand by the Members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and next to them, with us, come the Sons of Union Veterans. We are ready to stand by you and work with you in any way we can and we know you are enjoying a wonderful meeting here together, as we are. Everything has been going along splendidly. The Campfire last night was a wonderful inspiration to us and I know we are going home with a whole lot of enthusiasm to do better work for the Grand Army of the Republic and we are going to work with you even after the Grand Army is gone. They are going to a well-earned rest; they deserve it and it is up to us, the Woman's Relief Corps and the Sons of Veterans to carry on their work.

Mrs. Schleeter of Illinois: I deem it a great honor to have the privilege of being on this committee and I wish you a very happy Convention.

National Patriotic Instructor Addison A. Quinn responded: Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps, I am sure that it has been a very

pleasant privilege to have you come here this morning and bring us these messages. Brothers, the words that these ladies have spoken have been inspiring to us, specially those of the chairlady of this Committee. How dear to their hearts are the Members of the Grand Army. How close they have been to them for these many, many years. How faithfully they have labored for the dear old Comrades. They have grown along with them from the very first Encampment. They have grown up with that love. They have brought to us a message of duty as Sons. May we pay heed to that duty and grow in strength that our labors may be felt throughout this nation.

Members of the Woman's Relief Corps, we are very happy to have you come to us this morning. We hope that your Convention will be a most pleasant one.

### VISIT OF AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION VETERANS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Titus Ruch, Senior Vice Department Commander Rippetoe, Delegate Charles R. Hale of Connecticut, and Past Department Commander A. G. Courtney were escorts to the Greetings Committee from the Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary: Mrs. Willma Combs, Past National President, of Iowa; Ann Lockyer, Department President of Ohio; Mrs. Park Yengling of Ohio, and Mrs. Cox of Seattle, Washington, and also a large delegation of Sons and Auxiliary from Ohio.

Commander-in-Chief: Ladies, we surrender! I don't know when a Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans was ever more overwhelmed by the members of our Auxiliary than I have been this morning. We most assuredly appreciate your coming to us and the floor is yours.

Mrs. Combs: Commander-in-Chief, Sisters, and Brothers of this National Encampment, certainly no greater honor could have come to me than to have had the privilege of being a member of this Committee bringing greetings of our Auxiliary to you. It seems to me that nothing is of more importance than is frequent intermingling of our members.

Brother Park, we are indeed very grateful to you for your splendid co-operation this year and for your many courtesies to our National President, Margaret Anderson. We deeply appreciate that I can assure you. We feel that we have only words of praise and affection for our National President and our Commander-in-Chief. If we, as members, endeavor in all things to be true to our obligations and our office as well as to those whom we serve, then indeed, will our Organization become a mighty and boundless power whose dominion extends everywhere, a dominion of service to our fellow men and loving kindness to all mankind.

As an Organization your accomplishments have been many. May I assure you that your Auxiliary is proud of you. The future is rich with possibilities and as we look down the long avenue of the future and vision the work that there is for each of us, I sometimes wonder if we realize and appreciate the priceless heritage that is ours. I was very much interested in the resume of your Committee on Program and Policy as it appeared in one of our late Banners. One of the things especially: you asked is it advisable to arrange for associate membership that we may have the benefit of the labor and the inspiration of those who are not eligible to our organization because of the blood ties. May I just call your attention to the fine, splendid work and many accomplishments of our Auxiliary members in prac-

tically every Department of our National Organization who are members only as the wives of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Why may not you expect that same fine splendid co-operation from the husbands of our Auxiliary members? I believe that not only would you gain in membership, but our Auxiliary would gain because the husbands could join the Sons. We must be builders, builders for our Organization and builders for this great nation to which we do owe an obligation to preserve and keep sacred not only for ourselves but for future generations.

I hope you will continue to have just a wonderful and constructive Convention, that as you leave this National Encampment you will have been enriched by a deeper understanding of the true purpose of our two Organizations.

I also have the very great pleasure of presenting to you this little gift which is sent by our National Organization. The package isn't very large, but it holds the love, respect and admiration of every one of our girls and we hope you will see the smiles and happy times that you have spent this year serving your Organization and our Organization whenever you look at this little gift. (Presented wrist watch).

Commander-in-Chief: It isn't the intrinsic value that makes your gift precious to me, but the thought that prompted it. Will you say to your Organization when you return that I appreciate it very much and accept it in the spirit in which it has been given me. I shall wear it with a great deal of pleasure.

If I have had any success through the year much of it has been due to the Headquarters Clerk being on the job. She made it possible for me to be with you and to you what I hope you think I have been during the past year. I don't need to introduce her as a Past National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans, but am happy to introduce her as my wife, Mrs. Yengling.

Mrs. Yengling: I am on this Greetings Committee from our National Auxiliary Convention, and after our Chairman has expressed so beautifully how we feel, I will just speak personally as the wife of the Commander-in-Chief. As Headquarters Clerk I have had some lovely letters from Horace, and I hope they continue. I do want to express to you men my appreciation of the support you have given your Commander for without that he could not have accomplished all that he has.

About a month ago a reporter came to our home to interview him. In the paper the next day it said "and Mrs. Yengling said 'Amen' to everything he said." I have felt like saying "Amen" to everything he has tried to do for you this year.

How shall I address you? Brother Park Commander-in-Chief, or my dear Husband? I have a little remembrance for you, from me to you. (Presented a diamond ring).

Don't you think I have been generous to let him travel around with such a lovely sweet National President as our Margaret Anderson? I have read some of his love letters too. It is in that spirit of a happy official family they have had such sweet relations all through their year. The harmony and goodwill shown by the national heads has been reflected in the membership. If we continue to have that harmony, peace and goodwill we will accomplish what we have set out to do.

Mrs. Lockyer of Ohio: Commander-in-Chief Park, Sons of Union Veterans, and my own boys and girls; I had an honor in our own



Ohio Department, and another in the National by being put on the Greetings Committee to the Sons of Union Veterans. I hope this year we may make great progress in both Organizations and closer co-operation with other organizations and I can only say that I am mighty glad to be here today.

It is hardly worth my while to tell you how much we think of Park and Margaret because I think our attitude all through the year has given you that great truth. We hope to continue to think just as much of them and want their help.

Mrs. Cox: Commander-in-Chief, Brothers, and the Ohio Delegation. When you came to the State of Washington you fell in love with our mountains, not the ladies. Well, we fell in love with you and you know we had a most splendid time. You know up on that little mountain of ours you had your picture taken. We have had it enlarged and framed and want you to accept it with our love. May you never forget your visit to our Auxiliary in the city of Seattle, Washington.

National Chaplain Beardsley responded: Sisters, it is a very great pleasure and privilege on behalf of the National Encampment Commandery-in-Chief to respond to these felicitations and greetings from our National Auxiliary. We have long looked to the National Auxiliary as our greatest asset. The Sons of Union Veterans could not have accomplished anything without the co-operation of these dear Sisters who have stood back of us in all the efforts that we have put forth. It certainly is a great privilege to have this greetings committee and to have the greetings committee accompanied by the splendid delegation from the old Buckeye State. My Father came from Ohio, and I look back with pride to the state from which my Father went to fight in the Civil War for our country's honor.

We pledge to you our co-operation and support. You have done all that we have asked and more, and we are ready to do for you everything that we possibly can. I wish to express to you our love, our highest regard, and our best wishes for your Organization throughout all the years that are yet to come.

Department Commander Bigley of Ohio: Commander-in-Chief, words fail me in this most happy hour of my life. However, knowing you as Ohio's favorite Son and Mrs. Yengling as Ohio's favorite Daughter, we, the Ohio Delegation, want to tell you that we are proud of your record as a Son of Union Veteran of the Civil War, as a Commander of the Ohio Department and as the Commander-in-Chief. To prove that we are very proud of your record this splendid delegation from the Ohio Auxiliary headed by its Department President, Mrs. Ann Lockyer, and the Ohio Delegation of the Sons came here today. On behalf of the Department of Ohio Auxiliary and the Department of Ohio Sons, I present this slight token. We wish you and Mrs. Yengling a long and happy life so that you may enjoy this gift from Ohio (presented coffee set).

Commander-in-Chief: Brother Chester, and Sister Ann, and your wonderful corps of assistants, I am appreciative of your coming here to my convention and bringing me the good wishes and good will of my Brothers and Sisters back in Ohio. I don't believe any commanding officer ever had any more spontaneous backing of a united Department than I have had. If they have there isn't anything they couldn't accomplish, and these good brothers and sisters of mine and myself are going to keep Ohio on the map. I just can't tell you how pleased I am.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant, as Chairman, reported as follows:

To the Officers and Members of the Fifty-third Annual Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Your Committee on Resolutions submit the following report:

Resolution No. 1, from Maryland:

Frederick, Maryland, May 2, 1934.

Resolution adopted at the 48th Annual Encampment of Maryland Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held at Frederick, Maryland, May 1 and 2, 1934.

Resolved, That February 12, being the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, (the year 1935 being the 126th) which event is celebrated each year at the Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D. C., by special services participated in by all patriotic and civic organizations, and whereas our own Commandery-in-Chief, and the various Departments outside of Washington, have not heretofore taken part in these services, be it further

Resolved, That the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the other Departments of our Order be and are hereby invited to participate in these exercises each year. That the Commander-in-Chief signify his intention each year of being present or being represented by a member of the Order, and that Department Commanders, wherever possible also signify their intentions of being present on that occasion or being represented by a member of the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

EVERETT F. WARNER,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

JOHN F. HAUCK,  
Department Commander.

Chairman Grant: Your committee approved this resolution with the recommendation that the Commander-in-Chief whenever possible arrange to be present at the exercises at the Lincoln Memorial in person or by a duly delegated representative.

National Secretary: I move the report of the Committee be received, and unless there is objection the recommendations of the Committee in each case be adopted without motion. (Seconded by several and adopted).

Chairman Grant: Resolution No. 2, from the Ohio Department.

We regret the present tendency to call the war of 1861-1865 the War between the States. This term is historically and legally incorrect. The states did not have the power, under the Constitution, to make war. The flag which the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic followed on the march and in battle had a star for each State, South as well as North. The Supreme Court of the United States held in Texas vs. White, decided on April 12, 1869, (7 Wallace 700), and in a score of later cases, that the war of 1861 was a Civil War. In the Gettysburg address, President Lincoln said "Now we are engaged in a great Civil War," etc. The accuracy of this name cannot be challenged.

Therefore be it Resolved, That we recommend, especially to writers and teachers of history, that the war of 1861-1865 at all times, be designated as the Civil War.—(From Past Department Commander M. G. Heintz, Ohio).

Chairman Grant: Your Committee recommends that this resolution be adopted. (Approved).

Chairman Grant: Resolution No. 3, from Massachusetts. (Approved).

Whereas, A movement is on foot among many organizations to protest against the producing or exhibiting of moving pictures which glorify criminals and bandits, flaunt nudity and indecency, and

Whereas, The producing of such pictures is an evil influence and real menace to the youth of our land, a threat to Christian morality and an undermining of American ideals; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, renewing our allegiance to the purposes and objects of our Order, which pledges us in part to oppose to the limit of our power and influence all movements, tendencies and efforts that make for the destruction or impairment of our Constitution, pledge ourselves to vigorously prosecute the fight against indecent and immoral films, and we ask all Camps to join with our Department in such efforts; and be it further

Resolved, We petition the National Encampment of our organization at its session in Rochester, New York, to adopt resolutions similar to ours, placing our whole organization on record in this most worthy cause.—Resolution Committee: Frank F. Johnson, Past Dept. Pat. Inst.; Frank L. Kirchgassner, Past S. V. C.-in-C.; George Wm. Kimball, Past Dept. Organizer. Approved: Addison A. Quinn, Nat. Pat. Inst.; Ralph L. Smith, Dept. Com. Approved by the entire Massachusetts Delegation.—Ralph L. Smith, Dept. Com.

Chairman Grant: Resolution No. 4, from Wisconsin.

#### RESOLUTION

Whereas, Park F. Yengling, of Bay Village, Ohio, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, has signally honored our Department by attending the sessions of our Annual Encampment, and by visits at Madison and Milwaukee on March 18 and 19 of this year, and by his splendid inspiration he has brought new cheer into our Camps and we feel that he has made one of the best Commanders-in-Chief of our Order in many years, now therefore, be it

Resolved, That we hereby commend Commander-in-Chief Yengling for his loyal and efficient services so splendidly rendered, and that we heartily thank him for his interest in and visits to our Department and for his attendance at our Encampment, and congratulate him upon his excellent record and appreciate his many courtesies to us.

Be it further Resolved, That this resolution, certified to by our Department Commander and Department Secretary, be transmitted to the National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief to be held in the City of Rochester, New York, so that we let the whole world know our gratitude to our Commander-in-Chief.

Always our Counselor, helper, and friend,

Always with pleasure your assistance you lend,

Always consistent, faithful and true,

What more can we say, Park, than we're grateful to you!

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.—Clarence W. Dodson, C. D. Donaldson, Henry W. Siemers, Committee on Resolutions. F. S. Phipps, Dept. Com. Attest: C. H. Hudson, Dept. Sec.

Chairman Grant: Approved by the Committee, although we were somewhat in the dark as to what was the cause of the adoption of this



as a resolution, but we certainly approve of the sentiments as expressed in this resolution.

Chairman Grant: Resolution No. 5, from D. B. Bowley, Past Commander-in-Chief of California.

*Welfare of the Commonwealth Committee  
Sons of Union Veterans*

Governor Frank F. Merriam, Honorary Chairman; Dr. J. Francis Killeen, Commander Northern Calif. Corps Area; Harry Crow, Commander Central California Corps Area; Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, Commander Southern Calif. Corps Area; Delevan Bates Bowley, Secretary-Treasurer.

319 Veterans Memorial Bldg., San Francisco, Calif.

Fellow Countrymen:

Our former Commander-in-Chief, the Immortal Abraham Lincoln, said: "Let every American, every lover of liberty, every well-wisher to his posterity, swear by the blood of the Revolution never to violate in the least particular the laws of the country, and never to tolerate their violation by others. As the patriots of '76 did to the support of the Declaration of Independence so to the support of the Constitution and laws let every American pledge his life, his property and his sacred honor."

We ask your co-operation in Lincolnizing this State and Nation.

Kindly request request newspapers and publications to print the enclosed pledge, "The American's Creed," and secure the signatures of your neighbors. Report all refusals to these Headquarters. We are launching a State Housecleaning.

Nail the American Flag to your flag-pole! Arouse the American Spirit!

Let us unite and tell the entire world to keep their hands off the Constitution of the United States of America.

By order: Dr. J. Francis Killeen, Commander. Attest: Delevan Bates Bowley, Secretary-Treasurer.

Chairman Grant: This we felt was too gigantic an undertaking to adopt, but we recommend that it be referred to the incoming Committee on Program and Policy for their consideration. (Approved).

Chairman Grant: Resolution No. 6, from Connecticut.

We hereby submit the following resolution:

Whereas, The present Past Commander's Badge is not furnished with a bar at the top of same similar to the membership badge, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Connecticut Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in the Fiftieth Annual Convention assembled in Hartford, Conn., on this the 26th day of April, 1934, do hereby instruct our delegates to the Fifty-third Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to be held at Rochester, New York, week of August 12, 1934, to offer a resolution requesting that all badges worn by the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War be furnished with a bar at the top of same, similar in size to that furnished with the badge given to a new member at the time of his initiation.

The bar at the top of the badge to be of the same finish as the medal at the bottom of the ribbon.

Funds for the purchase of the bars to be taken from the budget for supplies for the National Secretary.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.—Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 2, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. G. Carleton Sarles, Commander; E. M. Scott, Secretary.

Chairman Grant: It doesn't yet appear that there is any considerable demand for this, but certainly at this time it involves the making of dies and expense which under present conditions would seem unjustifiable. Non-concurrence by Committee. (Approved).

Chairman Grant: Resolution No. 7, from Minnesota, North and South Dakota.

*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*  
*Department of Minnesota*

RESOLUTION

Whereas, The Constitution of the United States is a flexible instrument, containing wise provisions established by its framers for its own amendment, as changing conditions and the needs of the American people may require, and

Whereas, The acts of Congress and laws made in pursuance of the Constitution as well as amendments to it are under the control of the people through their duly elected representatives, and the American people through their system of representative self-government enjoy the greatest measure of liberty of any nation, and

Whereas, The people for their own protection, welfare and happiness should maintain inviolate the right to act through their Federal Government upon questions requiring such action, leaving other questions to the appropriate action of the states or smaller units, and

Whereas, The teaching of the doctrine that the Federal Government will or may encroach or impose upon the people is fallacious, misleading, creates sectionalism, and tends to weaken the confidence of the people in their own government, and the teaching of this false theory, usually known as the state rights doctrine often threatened our country with civil strife in days gone by, and finally produced the great Civil War of 1861 to 1865, in which 700,000 of America's finest men laid down their lives, 300,000 more were maimed for life, and a war debt piled up which has not even yet been paid, and

Whereas, In spite of the lesson of the Civil War the teaching of the state rights doctrine and the cry of Federal encroachment have in recent years again been raised as in days of old, thus encumbering the action of the National Government and preventing the passage of wholesome laws necessary for the happiness of the people, now therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Minnesota, North and South Dakota, in convention assembled, that we the members of this body, in furtherance of the principles upon which it was founded, and desiring to follow in the footsteps of our fathers, who with their blood redeemed the Union, do hereby call the attention of the people to the dangers inherent in the teaching of the old state rights doctrine or other doctrines tending to cast suspicion upon or weaken the loyalty of the people to the National Government; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be presented to the Grand Army of the Republic in their convention, as evidence of the watch-

fulness of their sons to preserve the benefit of their sacrifices, and be given to the other organizations of the allied Grand Army group for their consideration, and be given to the public press, and also transmitted to the Commandery-in-Chief of this order for action thereon at its next meeting in Rochester, New York.

Dated, June 6, 1934.

Chairman Grant: Your Committee felt that this is a highly controversial subject, largely political in character and that we as a Fraternal Organization should not act on a question so closely related to political controversy and action. Non-concurred by Committee. (Approved).

Chairman Grant: Resolution No. 8, from Department of Illinois.

Resolution presented by Illinois Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

As adopted in their 52nd Annual Encampment held at Galesburg, Ill., on June 5-6, 1934.

Be it Resolved, That we are opposed to the entry of the United States into the LEAGUE OF NATIONS, or to its adherence to the WORLD COURT, either with or without reservations.

Be it further Resolved, That this resolution be presented to the 53rd Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at Rochester, New York, on August 14-15-16, 1934, and urge their concurrence therein by adopting a similar resolution.

Respectfully submitted — Phil Byron, Department Commander; A. D. Rhinesmith, Department Secretary.

Chairman Grant: Here again your Committee felt that this was political in character and therefore we do not concur. (Approved).

At this time the report of the Resolutions Committee was interrupted by Greetings Committees.

#### GREETINGS COMMITTEES FROM G. A. R. AND W. R. C.

The Commander-in-Chief appointed Past Commanders-in-Chief Ruch and Sheldon, Past Department Commander Michael G. Heintz and Past Department Commander J. P. Shrieve of Ohio as escorts for Comrade Jacob Secrist of Ohio, Past Department Commander and Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army; Mrs. Una M. Kesler, Past Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps of Kansas; Mrs. Mary E. Curtis of Rhode Island, and Mrs. Mary A. May, Past Department President of Rhode Island.

Commander-in-Chief: We are especially privileged to have with us from the Grand Army of the Republic, my good friend and fellow citizen from my own state of Ohio, Comrade Secrist, Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Comrade Secrist: I am here on a committee, not of one, but of three. I expected the other two to meet me at Convention Hall but I didn't see them. I decided that I was going to see the Sons while they were in session and bring you greetings. It does me good to see so many faces. I don't believe I have ever seen any more in the different conventions. It shows that there is interest and enthusiasm in your work.

We had some resolutions and the one that came from my good friend and comrade Heintz from Cincinnati was adopted. That was



in regard to calling the Civil War the War between the States. The other was passed as the committee didn't feel that it was necessary to make the change. They didn't think it was hardly time yet as the last man wasn't gone and it wasn't time to make our will.

I am glad to be here and I will make my report this afternoon that I was happily surprised to see so many here.

These Ladies are here, and we never turn them down. The old boys have never forgotten the Woman's Relief Corps. There is nothing that will ever interfere with the Woman's Relief Corps. We adopted them fifty-two years ago and they have put out more than a million dollars to help us. The Relief Corps stands first.

Mrs. Kesler of Kansas: Sons and Brothers, I bring you greetings from the National Woman's Relief Corps in session. They are very proud to be the Mothers of you Sons and many are grandsons. It really is a joy to meet the boys. I have belonged since 1894 and we are aiding them as best we can. They are working to keep up the Organization and we are trying to encourage them. We have a lot to do to overcome the propaganda that is being circulated especially in our schools and colleges.

Mrs. Curtis of Kansas: I know your time is valuable just as ours. I wish everybody the very best of luck, and the best of health for the coming year.

Mrs. May: Commander-in-Chief, Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Secrist, and Brothers, I was very proud of the privilege of being allowed to come here this morning and bring greetings to you. I am rather interested because at home in Rhode Island I am chairman of the Sons of Veterans Committee. I see two or three of our Rhode Island Boys here in the delegation. I wish you the most harmonious and successful Convention. I thank you.

Past Department Commander Frank Reavey of Rhode Island responded: Commander-in-Chief, member of the Grand Army Committee, and Committee from the Woman's Relief Corps. In my own little state I have received many honors and many pleasures, but today my being called upon to respond to this delegation is without doubt the greatest honor and greatest pleasure that could ever be bestowed upon me by this Organization.

In responding to the committee of my own little state, I want to say to your Commander-in-Chief and to the brothers that the Fraternal spirit existing between all of the allied orders in the state of Rhode Island is 100%. We all work together most harmoniously and one of the best proofs that I can give to you members here today of that wonderful co-operation is that the Committee of the Woman's Relief Corps is trying to put through a resolution where we, the Sons, can have the privilege of attending their meeting. I think that, Commander-in-Chief, is probably the most concrete illustration that I can make in regard to the wonderful co-operation existing between the allied orders in our State. I firmly believe that this same co-operation is going to continue and it is a real pleasure for me today to stand here and see two of my best friends in Rhode Island, Mrs. Mary Curtis and Mrs. Mary May, who have always been true and loyal friends.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS—(Continued)

Chairman Grant continued with Resolutions Committee report. Resolution No. 9:

The Kennedy-Warren,  
Washington, D. C.  
July 31, 1934.

Mr. H. H. Hammer,  
National Secretary and Treasurer,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
Reading, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. Hammer:

As the daughter of a late member of the Grand Army of the Republic, I am enclosing a resolution regarding our Merchant Marine with the request that you present it to your organization for adoption at the coming national convention in Rochester.

It is practically an exact copy of the Merchant Marine Resolution adopted by the American Coalition of Patriotic, Civic and Fraternal Societies at its annual meeting last January.

I am connected with the American Steamship Owners' Association, and have for years been a careful student of shipping questions. I know that powerful influences are at work deliberately trying to break down our Merchant Marine. I know that misinformation regarding American shipping has been scattered broadcast over our country, creating distrust and suspicion. I believe the primary object of this malicious campaign is the weakening of our national defense.

It is my earnest hope that the members of your organization will endeavor to acquaint themselves with the true situation.

I am enclosing material from which I trust the Chairman of your Resolutions Committee, or some other qualified persons, may present to your convention the basic facts of our Merchant Marine policy.

Hoping that the meeting at Rochester may be a great success in every respect, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

CLARA W. McQUOWN.

#### THE MERCHANT MARINE.

Whereas, The Government and the people of the United States are committed to the policy that an adequate Merchant Marine is a necessity for our National Defense and for the growth of our foreign and domestic commerce; and

Whereas, The Congress of the United States determined after long and careful investigation and consideration that owing to the higher standards of living which are deemed requisite for every phase of American life, it costs more to build a ship in an American yard, it costs more to operate it by American men, and it costs more to repair, fuel and provision it in an American port; and

Whereas, The Congress of the United States thus definitely established the fact that an American Merchant Marine cannot be maintained without Federal aid to equalize this differential between American and foreign cost of construction and operation; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this convention urges upon the Congress of the United States the continuance of its policy of aid to our Merchant Marine in order that our National Defense may not again be weakened by the withdrawal of American ships from the sea.

Chairman Grant: Your Committee felt that this was not germane and therefore we do not concur. (Approved).

Chairman Grant: Resolution No. 10. Communication from Past Department Commander L. F. Stewart of Illinois Department enclosing reprint from Epworth Herald.

## A DECISION MUST BE MADE!

By WINIFRED L. CAPPELL

*Secretary, Methodist Federation for Social Service*

Your church fellows of draft age must decide something when war breaks out. I say when rather than if, for though the pending war could even yet be stopped if enough people did the necessary thing about it, the fact is that to-day the peace forces are doing almost nothing, while the war makers are as busy as bees and the forces that make for war are running forward headlong.

In general these youth have four choices instead of two as most of them think. First they can conform, yield to the draft, play the game of the war makers, be cannon fodder, get shot or gassed or blinded or delegged or dearmed—but, if possible, beat “the enemy” to it and shoot, gas, blind, dearm the fellows on the other side first.

In the second place, they can be conscientious objectors and go to prison. A few score did that during the World War; a few hundred or thousand will do it next time. That takes even more courage than to go over the top. It takes just as much physical courage—the C. O.’s (Conscientious Objectors) in some prisons during the World War were subjected to extremely cruel treatment. And, in addition, it takes moral courage of a type and degree impossible in peace time to measure or comprehend. When the country is suddenly set toward war—when movie by persuasive picture and radio by persuasive voice, when the press, the pulpit, the schoolroom, the conversation of all the people, the enticements of the blonde or the brunette beauty, are for “patriotism,” for defense of one’s country, for bayoneting the enemy, what unspeakably clear thinking and brave doing it takes to be a C. O.!

If the fellow’s parents are with him it helps some—unless the burden of having them held traitors offsets the help it gives. His preacher must be with him. If you will be a C. O., insist that your pastor stand back of you. Our church has spoken. Just now, while peace is still here, the tide in the church is running pretty strongly in the direction of refusal to bear arms. Also in the schools that point of view is getting something more than a hearing. Several Methodist youth at this very hour are forfeiting their greatly desired college courses, because they refuse preparation to participate in the war game. In at least one or two of our universities some students and faculty members are preparing to see to it that the resources of the public speaking, the literature, the chemical, and technological departments are not used for war, not, at least, without the public knowing all about it. In Great Britain the famous Oxford Union has publicly stated that it will not, in the event of war, defend king and country.

But now a third choice, hardly so much as even heard of during the World War, appears in this possibility: Stay out of jail—why thus separate yourself from the masses? Why thus let yourself be put out of the game? Accept the draft, take the drill, go into the camps and onto the battlefield, or into the munitions factories and transportation work—but sabotage war preparations and war. Be agitators for sabotage. Down tools when the order is to make and load munitions. Spoil war materials and machinery.

If, thinking, realistically of this third way, you shrink violently back because you see that it means deceit, lies, by word and deed, the answer is that if you choose the first way, the “honorable” way of patriotism, then also will you have to lie and deceive—that’s part of



war. Nor will you wholly escape these ungodly practices if you make the second choice. Very likely, for instance, you will be called on to give evidence against other C. O.'s. Will you do it or will you lie in their behalf?

The fourth choice is really a further development of the third. It calls for sabotage but with the deliberate, conscious, informed intent to get rid of the present economic system, of which war is a part, and to build a new world to the existence of which peace is a necessity.

If you will make this choice, make it now and begin to meet, before war breaks, with others of like purpose and of iron will to carry out the purpose. This means knowing what selfish capitalism is like, not just in general, but in particular—not flinching even from knowing by name and specific deed the big profit takers who have betrayed the people—how they have profited from the starvation of children; how they have called upon police and militia, club and gas bomb and machine gun to put down the workers when they have cried for bread.

And it is not enough to know about capitalism. Also you must know with mind and emotion and will to achieve, the kind of new society you want. Those who would build the new world must look with wide, appraising eyes at the good earth's resources and at man's brilliant achievements in converting the resources into usable and beautiful forms, and at man's organizational power and knowledge to transport the things garnered and made to meet the needs of the remotest peoples. They must want desperately that all the peoples of the world should be set free forever from poverty and given a chance at culture, beauty and spirituality.

Youth in the Christian church must wake up, or they are not going to be the leaders in the programs here described. We church folk are getting little or no teaching or training in the hard matter of turning the war situation, when it is here, into a deliberate program for a new social order. It is well, then, for the fellows who are earmarked for cannon fodder and for aiming their targets (targets being a soft word for the most diabolical equipment for killing that an age of science and technology can devise) at the boys in the enemy camp, to begin to make contact with others with the same ideals, and begin to study these possibilities—and others you may think of—in the light of Christian teachings.

High ideals will give zest to the task—but it is a grim way. Perhaps church boys (and though I write of boys, the girls have almost precisely the same choices to make) are right in thinking that for them there are but two choices—war or jail.

Chairman Grant: The article is treasonable in character, March 8, 1934. While recognizing that "freedom of the press" as an American principle of priceless value, we declare that it should at all times be exercised free from abuses and we condemn the publication or circulation of treasonable articles and literature under the guise and protection of the "Freedom of the Press." (Approved).

Resolved, That the thanks of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in 53rd Annual Encampment assembled are hereby extended to the Mayor, officials and citizens of the City of Rochester, to the Convention Committee, to the Brick Church Institute, the Boy Scouts of America, and all other Organizations involved, for the thoughtfully planned and perfectly executed arrangements for the accommodations of this Encampment, and to the Press of this City for its co-operation and courtesies generously extended.

Respectfully submitted—(Report signed by Ralph M. Grant, Chairman; Titus M. Ruch, Chas. D. Smith, and Allen F. Spink).

Chairman Grant moved, seconded by Delegate Randlett of Vermont that the report of this Committee be accepted and Committee discharged. (Adopted).

### MERITORIOUS AWARD—PRIZES.

Commander-in-Chief: You will remember that I offered as a reward of merit a Loving Cup to the Camp bringing in the greatest number of new members from January 1st to June 30th, likewise to some member who brought the largest number of new members into his Camp, 50% of them to be Grandsons, a Traveling Bag. The Camp at Jackson, Michigan, mustered in to its membership 65 new members, more than 75% of which were listed as Grandsons and Great-Grandsons. Guy Jackson, a member of that Camp, has a total of 41 to his credit so that the cup and the traveling bag go to Camp No. 7, Jackson, Michigan, and to Guy Jackson of the same Camp.

### G. A. R. VISIT.

The presenting of the awards was interrupted by the visit of Comrade Brainard, New York, Chief-of-Staff of the G. A. R.

Commander-in-Chief: I am most happy to welcome you here this morning. I had thought you were going to desert us, but you keep your word I have found out.

Comrade Brainard: You know the reason I don't get here quite as often as I'd like to is because I am on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief. I was fearful that perhaps our Greetings Committee would not be able to get here and I wanted to get here anyway. I want to bring my personal greetings especially to you Brothers. Every year I am getting so my interest is mostly with the Sons of Veterans and I believe that next year all my interest will be with the Sons of Veterans.

You know Roosevelt says "we are on the way." but he doesn't say which way. I know we are on the right way. We've got to buck up and I am satisfied that if the Sons of Veterans can't do it, we might as well lay down. Keep agoing you know. As long as I am on earth, I am with the Sons of Veterans. I learned now that you are going to keep in session until you get through so I had better stop.

Commander-in-Chief: Every time I see you I get some new inspiration from you. It has been a pleasure to meet you anywhere and everywhere and your influence extends out and over the Sons of Union Veterans, more than you know.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie started to read the Report of the Committee on Officers' Reports. Delegate Disseler of Wisconsin moved that the Encampment recess until 1:30 p. m. (Adopted, at 12:30 p. m.)

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

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August 16, 1934.

Commander-in-Chief opened the session at 1:55 p. m.

Commander-in-Chief Yengling: It is a pleasure to introduce to you Comrade George B. Fairhead, Department Chaplain of New York of the G. A. R., who will be one hundred years old next January.

Comrade Fairhead: I was born in England on the eighth of January, 1835, and weighed only two and one-half pounds. My Mother thought that I was so small and thin and here I am almost five feet six inches in my shoes and weigh 145 pounds. I came to New York when I was five years old. When I was ten years old I went to work in a cotton mill. I enlisted in 1862. I came out of the Army with a Second Lieutenant's Commission. I was one of the Charter Members of the G. A. R. Post, of which I am the only living member as far as I know.

Commander-in-Chief: We certainly appreciate your coming and congratulate you on the age you have attained. We hope you live to be over a hundred years old.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: Your Committee would have every member, if possible, make a deep study of your various officers' reports; they are in every instance most complete and in each report find a wealth of ideas that if taken hold of and worked to a conclusion would mean much to our Order and our Country.

We desire to commend the various officers and committees for their work during the year and for the completeness of their reports.

Commander-in-Chief Yengling is to be congratulated for the manner in which he has conducted his office, and for his unselfish efforts to uphold our Order. His year has been a most trying one, yet he has spent many, many weeks of his term in visiting the various Departments and has put new life into our Order. His work has been of such an enduring nature that we feel sure that much good is bound to result in the days to come. In his report he makes the following recommendations:

Recommendation No. 1: That schools of instruction be established in every Department, in which Camp and Department Officers must participate, and shall be required to study and become familiar with the C. & R. and the Ritual.

Your Committee concur with this recommendation. (Approved).

Recommendation No. 2: That as soon after the 53rd Encampment as our finances will permit, an up to date issue of the C. & R. be printed.

Your Committee concur with this recommendation. (Adopted).

Recommendation No. 3: That the Sons of Veterans Reserve be again made National, instead of a Department regulated feature of the Order.



Recommendation No. 4: That the office of National Chief-of-Staff be restored.

Recommendation No. 5: That the following changes in the Constitution and Regulations be adopted:

In Chapter III, Article IV, Section 1, page 23, after the word Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, fourth line, add "Chief-of-Staff."

Section 2, add after Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief in third line, "Chief-of-Staff."

Section 4. After word "the" in the first line, add "Chief-of-Staff."

Add to Article V—a new Section 6. "The Chief-of-Staff shall be the Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, with the rank of Brigadier General, and shall perform such duties as may be specified under the provisions of Chapter IV, Sons of Veterans Reserve."

That old Chapter IV be and is hereby annulled, and the following new Chapter IV be adopted. (See Commander-in-Chief's report for new Chapter IV).

Your Committee discussed these three recommendations quite a while. There are one or two Departments who are trying to follow in the footsteps of Pennsylvania and organize a military reserve. We visited with these men who are trying to organize the Reserve and to a man they asked that we not at this time take this action. It would be far better to let each Department work along as Pennsylvania has done, organizing its Reserve, having home rule, its own commanding officer who would take charge, and it would not be necessary to rely on a Brigadier General who would advise certain things that would work in one Department and wouldn't work in another. Your Committee does not concur with these recommendations. (Approved).

Chairman Mabie: Recommendation No. 6: That a committee of three be appointed to revise Form 3—Application for Membership Blank, and report to the 54th National Encampment.

This concerns eliminating from the Application Blank the Obligation. It seemed to be the thought of the Committee that in many cases it was useful. It was deemed advisable that your Committee not concur with the above recommendation.

Commander-in-Chief: Will the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief take the chair. (Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Locke took the chair, and Commander-in-Chief Yengling continued). Here is the point in my recommendation for a change of Form in Membership Blank. We are getting into a condition now where a large percentage of the new members are going to be Grandsons and Great-Grandsons. If you have an application blank that just says "Father" it is not right when a Grandson joins. We want to find out if we have a lineal descendant of a Union Soldier. We should pay some attention so that the absolute knowledge is on the application blank showing the correct descent. We should show it in black and white. I don't emphasize so much the elimination of the obligation from the application blank as much as I do showing the lineal descent of the applicant.

Past Commander-in-Chief Huston: I move that the report of the Committee regarding this particular item be not concurred in and that the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief be adopted. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Reeger of New Jersey).

Past Department Commander Warner of Maryland: I move to table the entire subject matter under discussion including the recom-

mendation of the Committee and the substitute motion by Brother Huston. (Motion not agreed to).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Locke: Brother Huston's motion provides this: that the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports regarding this particular item be not concurred in and that the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief be adopted. Those in favor of Brother Huston's motion will say "Aye"; opposed "No." Motion carried.

Chairman Mabie: Recommendation No. 7: In view of the fact that at least four Western Departments need, and should have, the personal attention of the incoming Commander-in-Chief, that the usual \$1500 be appropriated by the Commandery-in-Chief for travel and office expense.

Your Committee has taken no action on this as the Council-in-Chief is arranging a budget in which this will be taken up.

Chairman Mabie: In the report of the National Patriotic Instructor there is a recommendation upon which the Encampment took action so that there will be no action necessary at this time.

Chairman Mabie: On the appeal of the Department of Colorado & Wyoming your Committee recommends that the action of the Commander-in-Chief be not sustained.

National Counselor Fouch: This question as it comes before you should be fully stated. You should know both sides of the situation and then you will be in a position to vote. We have simply in this appeal the minutes certified by your Commander-in-Chief which show that the Department of Colorado & Wyoming had assembled in their Department Convention. A motion was made by one of the Brothers that all members be seated and given a right to vote. That motion was unanimously carried according to the minutes. Your Commander-in-Chief would not for a minute contend that this was legal. The minutes of a Convention are supposed to be correct. If there is anything to contradict the minutes that should be produced by the testimony or affidavit of the individual making it. Your Commander-in-Chief had nothing before him but the individual letters of members of the Department. Therefore your Commander-in-Chief in considering this question took into consideration that there was not one single thing to contradict the minutes of that Department Encampment.

If a vote had been close there would be some reason for setting aside the Commander-in-Chief's ruling, but as the minutes are the only proper evidence that was before your Commander-in-Chief I feel that he was correct. Your Commander-in-Chief saved that Department another election, and another Convention. Further, the appeal is illegal because the Department Commander is entitled to ten days' notice and he has a right before you and this Committee to state his cause and introduce the proof if he cares to. At least proper notice should be given.

I move that you approve the careful ruling of your Commander-in-Chief who did what he thought was the very best thing to do for this Department. I move that the report of the Committee be not concurred in and that the decision of the Commander-in-Chief be sustained.

Chairman Mabie: If you will take the time to think this over you will agree with the Committee. If you sustain the action of the Commander-in-Chief in this case you will certainly take every power that we have away from us, because after all we are governed by our Delegates. We elect officers but you find that our Delegates gen-

erally tell what the program is to be and make the rules. On page 21, Chapter 2 of the Constitution and Regulations, it says "The membership of the Department Encampment shall be constituted as follows: All Past Commanders-in-Chief, Constitutional Life Members, Past Grand Department Commanders, Past Department Commanders, and Past Camp 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, and its sitting Camp Commanders. One delegate from each Camp whatever its membership and one additional delegate for every 25 members or major fraction thereof based upon the report for the quarter ending September 30th (next preceding the Encampment). Its own elective and appointed officers (except Aides)." This one of the fundamental laws we have been governed by ever since the organization was formed. We know what we are doing when we go to our Encampment. That is the law and that is the way we are going to have representation.

If this had been a matter of ignorance, or had it been a little Department where they didn't know this we could overlook it and and we could probably print it in our proceedings and sustain our Commander-in-Chief, but in Exhibit A or B that you have you will find that for three and one-half hours this question was debated and they were told by men in the Encampment that it was unconstitutional and nevertheless they went ahead and we have no record that the vote was unanimous. I think you will find that after the election of the Department Commander somebody arose in the confusion and moved that it be made unanimous and a letter stated that a lot of brothers got up and said that it was not unanimous.

It is a question as to whether our Constitution & Regulations hold or do not hold. I understand what Park has done in this thing. But under date of August 13th we still have a further protest marked Exhibit B in which they still protest against this action and intend to protest and send it to the Commander-in-Chief instead of the Commandery-in-Chief. It seems we should have it here so that you can see they are not satisfied, and if they as a Department are not satisfied then why should we here say the Commander-in-Chief should be sustained? If we are just going to say it is all right because the Commander-in-Chief was trying to do right and let it go, what is the use of appealing?

National Counselor Fouch: They are entitled to their appeal. Your Commander-in-Chief decided on that notice of appeal and the Commander and myself would not for a minute ratify anything illegal. You are sustaining your Commander-in-Chief that there were rightful delegates there and that they had their credentials. According to the credentials returned here it was a unanimous vote. Suppose a man comes in and makes a motion that everybody be seated and that is carried. The vote is taken of every individual there. Should your Commander-in-Chief exclude it simply because 8 or 6 of the votes were illegal? If this Department Commander was elected by the unanimous vote of every delegate there and the fact that there was somebody there that did not have credentials that would not change the vote.

C. & R., page 56, states that a notice of appeal should be served. There was no notice of appeal served, simply a letter written to the Commander-in-Chief. There should have been an affidavit showing that they had complied with the regulations. The people that are asking that the ruling of your Commander-in-Chief be set aside haven't any right under the regulations to be heard because there is no proof that that notice was appealed. They have not complied with the law them-



selves. Every rightful delegate rightfully entitled to a vote voted in this Encampment.

Past Department Commander McElroy of Maryland: Our Counselor calls attention to Section 8 on page 56. If you will start a little further back you will find that that section does not refer to matters of this sort. The Commander-in-Chief has not the right to set aside its Constitution and laws. It says that your Department Conventions shall be composed of certain men who are just officers and delegates. It would be just the same as taking all who are in good standing, but they are not entitled to a vote. I believe in the good intentions of the Commander-in-Chief but I think that the proper thing would have been to revoke the entire proceedings and have another entire new election.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Randolph: Was there anything in the records to show a difference in votes cast?

Commander-in-Chief: The votes according to the Department Secretary and Department Commander showed nothing of that kind.

Counselor Fouch: I want to ask the Brother to point out any section about appeal that is not on page 56 of Regulations. That is the only way of appealing that I find.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I have no desire to prolong this. Frankly, it is just about as clear to me as a puddle of mud. If I am wrong, I want to be corrected. As I gather the facts, it is admitted that at one time or other in the session there were people organized as delegates who were not in fact delegates. All right, but at the particular time when the Department Commander was elected they had an accredited list of delegates and if a majority of the properly constituted delegates voted for a certain man, that man is elected.

Past Department Commander Moynihan of New York: If the Department Commander was elected by one vote and afterwards by a unanimous vote, that included these alleged illegal votes. Those illegal votes contributed to his election.

Commander-in-Chief: The report of the Department Secretary which I demanded over the signature of the Department Commander did not show any conditions of that kind. I asked for a complete report of their proceedings.

The motion that the report of the Committee be not concurred in and that the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief be sustained, was lost. Therefore, the report of the Committee was concurred in.

Chairman Mabie: The reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief show an unusual amount of work performed by both these officers for which we extend the thanks of this Encampment.

The report of National Secretary-Treasurer Hammer is, as usual, most complete and should be studied most carefully. The report gives a clean cut view of the condition of our Order and reflects great credit upon the manner in which the work of this office is carried on. It is to be hoped that Brother Hammer may be prevailed upon to conduct this office for many years to come.

The reports of the National Patriotic Instructor, National Chaplain, and National Counselor show that these offices have been taken care of in a highly efficient manner.

In the report of the "Committee on Marking Graves" (of which we have seen a good deal and know quite something of) is a recom-

mendation that said committee be continued—and in which we concur. (Approved).

(Report signed by Walter C. Mabie, Harry Meisel, William O. Fuller).

Past Department Commander McElroy, Maryland: I move the Commander-in-Chief be instructed to instruct the Department of Colorado & Wyoming to hold a special Encampment to elect their Department Officers and transact such other business as may properly come before the Encampment. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Cunningham of New Jersey).

Commander-in-Chief: I beg the indulgence of the Encampment for a few minutes. I have no wish at any time to suspend any single section of the Regulations. I have gone into this situation studying it from all angles. Having been in the Department, and knowing the condition of the Department, I think I can safely say that you wouldn't get on the recall for another session, half of the delegates there because they could not afford to go. Three quarters of the 10 Camps in their Department do not have their per capita tax paid. It was partially on those grounds, and the report of the Proceedings—a supposedly full report certified over the signature of the Department Secretary and Department Commander, with the seal of the Department; and the wire from the defeated candidate that he moved to make the election unanimous, putting the Good of the Order above his personal desires, which carried; and a wire from the Department Secretary confirming and admitting such a motion carried which he omitted from the minutes submitted me, although he showed all other officers unanimously elected upon motions which carried, thus making the election of all officers unanimous by vote of all accredited delegates; and believing that a Convention could not be properly convened on account of the conditions in Colorado & Wyoming that I took the action I did and not with the intention or thought of suspending the Regulations of the Order.

Past Commander-in-Chief Huston: I'd like to sustain Brother Yengling's remarks. We in the East here, have no idea as to just what those boys have been sacrificing for three, four or five years in order to perpetuate the Department of Colorado & Wyoming. I don't believe there has been any effort to put across anything of a crooked nature at all. It is my sincere conviction that these boys have done the very best they could under the conditions. I do hope our action will not be a slap in the face to those boys who have sacrificed far more than many of us here, and who sincerely try to do their duty. Park, I sustain you.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Locke: Are you ready for the question? The motion is that the Department of Colorado be instructed to hold a special Encampment for the purpose of electing Department Officers and transacting such other business as may properly come before the Encampment. The chair is in doubt on the vote. Those in favor please rise. (Ayes, 38; No, 45). Motion lost.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Locke: May I ask you, Commander-in-Chief, what is the status of the Department of Colorado & Wyoming?

Commander-in-Chief: Their officers were regularly elected and have been placed in command. The books have been audited and found to be correct; the new Department Commander is doing a good job and has a Camp almost ready to muster.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Locke: Have they a properly and legally elected Commander in view of the action of this Encamp-

ment? According to the report of the Committee are they entitled to a representation in this Encampment? I am simply trying to find out where the Department stands.

National Secretary Hammer: I move that the Commandery-in-Chief order the incoming Commander-in-Chief to relieve, or remove the present officers of the Department of Colorado & Wyoming, convene the Department Council and have an election of officers of that Department.

Commander-in-Chief Yengling: Which Council?

National Secretary Hammer: The Old Council.

The vote on the National Secretary's motion was unanimous.

(Note: Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Wm. J. Hickox, of California, by order of Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Kirchgassner, stopped at Denver on his return home from the Encampment—convened the 1933-34 Council, which re-elected the Department Officers previously elected at the June, 1934, Encampment held at Manitou, Colorado).

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL & CEREMONIES.

Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: The Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies reports that we have had nothing presented to us and we have nothing to recommend relative to changes in our Ritual and Ceremonies. The report is signed by all members of the Committee. (Signed by Frank Shellhouse, Indiana; C. W. Jackman, Alabama & Tennessee; W. J. Hickox, California; Sam White, Kansas, and Joe Hodet, Vermont).

Above report was concurred in and accepted with motion that committee be discharged.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON GREETINGS:

Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: We were very cordially received at the Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic and we were well satisfied. They sent their hearty wishes and said they would do their part.

Past Department Commander Donaldson of Wisconsin: Past Department Commander Heintz of Ohio and I went to the Ladies of the G. A. R. and conveyed the best wishes of the Commander-in-Chief and of the Sons in a way even better than he could do himself.

#### REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

Chairman Louis Knox read report of Council-in-Chief.

First meeting of the Council-in-Chief was held in St. Paul, Minn., September 21, 1933, and they elected Brothers Louis H. Knox, Chairman, and Julius Isaacs, Secretary.

Upon motion of Brother Bell it was decided to continue the bond of the Commander-in-Chief to the amount of \$1,000.00 and the National Secretary-Treasurer of \$10,000.00.

The action of the Encampment in permitting the committee selected to attend the National Anti-Crime Conference at Washington, D. C., was concurred in and the National Treasurer was directed to meet the request of the Committee to the amount of \$50.00 for expenses of said committee.

The second meeting of the Council-in-Chief was held Monday, August 13, 1934, at Rochester, N. Y.



The records and accounts of the National Secretary-Treasurer were audited and found correct. The balance on hand as of August 11, 1934, as certified by the Reading Trust Company of Reading, Pa., is \$1671.30.

## BUDGET.

## Estimated Receipts 1934-1935.

Per Capita Tax—30,000 members at 36 cents.....	\$10,800.00
Charters (20 at \$5.00) .....	100.00
Supplies .....	1,800.00
Estimated Bank Balance .....	1,000.00
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	\$13,700.00

## Estimated Expenses.

Stock Supplies .....	\$ 1,000.00
The Banner .....	5,000.00
Encampment—1935 .....	1,000.00
Printing, etc. ....	100.00
Shipping Supplies .....	50.00
Salaries .....	3,300.00
Bonds of National Officers .....	35.00
Grave Marking Committee .....	55.00
Office Expenses .....	1,000.00
Commander-in-Chief.....	1,200.00
Miscellaneous, including Commander-in-Chief Badge.....	200.00
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	\$12,940.00

Unexpended balance .....	760.00
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	\$13,700.00

Your Council-in-Chief recommends that the Per Capita Tax remain at 36 cents per member for the next year.

Attention is called to the fact that the above recommendation as to the per capita tax is made notwithstanding the decreasing revenues, resulting from losses in membership. These losses have been occurring since 1918 and in addition to their affecting the usefulness of our Order, threaten to impair our financial welfare. We believe that most serious consideration should be given to the situation resulting from these losses.

The sincere thanks of our Order are due to Commander-in-Chief Park F. Yengling for his untiring efforts in our behalf during these trying times.

Each year we hear of the work performed by our National Secretary-Treasurer Horace H. Hammer. We cannot attempt to describe the accuracy and completeness of his work. We are indeed very fortunate in having as capable a man for this important position.

We recommend that the Commandery-in-Chief renew the contract with The Banner for a period of one year after the expiration of present contract December 31, 1934, in such a way that may be beneficial in a financial way to our Treasury, but not to the extent of being harmful to our interests.

LOUIS H. KNOX, Chairman,  
JULIUS ISAACS,  
GEORGE N. BELL,

Council-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: I suggest that a change be made in The Banner contract from one year to three years. I don't believe Brother Holbrook wants to enter into a contract for one year. It always has been for three years. I move that it be amended to three years instead of one.

Chairman Knox: We have discussed it with Brother Holbrook and it was left that way, Brother Holbrook being satisfied.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: I withdraw my motion if Brother Holbrook is willing to take it for one year.

Commander-in-Chief: If there is no objection the chair accepts the report as final. Accepted.

### RADIO BROADCAST.

Past Department Commander Hale of Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, the local Radio Station, WHAM, which has a 50,000 watt carrying power on the radio has been so impressed with the successful efforts of the Department Radio Committee of Massachusetts in the spreading of the cause of patriotism that it invited a group of us to put on two programs, one Tuesday and the other last evening. Past Commander-in-Chief Homan, Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner, National Patriotic Instructor Addison A. Quinn, Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles C. Nason of Maine, and myself participated and in that way some of the folks back home know something of what has occurred during these most delightful Encampment days.

### NATIONAL AIDES—THANKS.

Commander-in-Chief: Will the National Aides on my Staff kindly rise. To you Brothers, I wish to express my thanks for the work which you have done. Your reports indicate that my idea has been very fruitful and I thank you for what you have done and direct that you remove the yellow ribbon from your membership badge when I go out of office.

### AWARDS—MERITORIOUS SERVICE.

Commander-in-Chief: I didn't finish this morning with the awards. This Loving Cup I am presenting to Camp No. 7 of the Department of Michigan. Guy Jackson of the same Camp gets the Traveling Bag. They have taken in 65 members since the first day of January to the 30th of June. They have earned the awards. One of the Pennsylvania Camps reported a member brought in 12 Grandsons. He deserves some recognition which I am going to accord him later.

### WINTER HOME DESCENDANTS G. A. R.

Commander-in-Chief: The Secretary will read this letter (handing).

Hotel Seneca. Rochester, New York,  
August 16, 1934.

Mr. Park F. Yengling, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.  
Beloved Compatriot, National Officers and Delegates of the  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Greetings:

It is my intention to establish a winter home in Florida for the descendants of the Grand Army of the Republic, and in this connec-

tion I wish to have you foster as custodians the dedication of this memorial; and I will dedicate appropriate acres to make possible an adequate site, granting to the Grand Army of the Republic an abstract and deed to this property located at Zephyr Hills, Pasco County, Florida; and as far as it lies in my power, finance this project. I have made a Will several years ago, anticipating this decision, and I would appreciate a Committee being appointed to confer with me at your convenience to expedite this gift.

Yours to command,

LAURA B. PRISK,

Mother of National Flag Day,

Past Department President, L. of G. A. R.

1999 Madison Avenue, New York City.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: I move that a committee be appointed to confer with this lady. If you want another site of that kind, it is possible I will give it to you if you'll pay the taxes. (Seconded by Department Commander Mohr of Missouri).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon was appointed but he declined to serve.

Council-in-Chief Julius Isaacs: I suggest that some member of the New York Department be put on that committee.

Commander-in-Chief Yengling appointed Council-in-Chief Members Julius Isaacs, Chairman, and George N. Bell, Past Department Commander Harry W. Marden, Alabama & Tennessee.

Commander-in-Chief: Is there anything else to demand our attention?

National Secretary reported for the Credential Committee that 157 credentials had been presented, and members enrolled. Accepted.

Commander-in-Chief: Will Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Locke assume control of the Encampment?

It has been my pleasure to serve you as Commander-in-Chief and I have honestly tried to give you the best that is in me. I feel that I have the goodwill of all Departments. I want to thank you, the members of the different Departments which I have visited. I wish each one of you the very best that there is to be had in your several Departments and I beseech you to get back and help the next Commander. You have worked with me and again I thank you.

Past Department Commander Jackman of Alabama & Tennessee: The Department of Alabama & Tennessee have not had the pleasure of a visit for several years. As a representative of the Chamber of Commerce in St. Petersburg, Fla., I invite you to come down and spend as much of the winter as you can with us. This winter I have nothing to do so come down and I will show you around.

Commander-in-Chief: I thank you for the invitation. I don't know anything about Florida, but I do know about the state of Washington. If you want to go west at any time, go to Washington.

#### NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Commander-in-Chief: Nominations of officers will be made on roll call of Departments. Nomination speeches will not exceed five minutes and seconding of nominations will not exceed 15 seconds. The Secretary will call roll of Departments.

National Secretary called the roll of Departments.



Past Department Commander Jackman, Alabama & Tennessee, gives way to Michgan.

Perle Fouch, National Counselor: One year ago at St. Paul we nominated our present Commander-in-Chief believing in his ability and with full confidence we elected Park. Our judgment was good.

The candidate that I shall name and I sincerely hope that his election will be carried on with the best of feeling, is a man of ripe experience, a man who has specialized in school and municipal law and today is consulted on the questions of constitutional law in his state real often.

He has been a member of the Sons of Union Veterans for forty-three years, serving them faithfully, aiding all along the line. He served as Department Commander during 1908 and 1909 with credit. He is admitted to all the parts of his state on the Superior Court of Appeals and he was admitted to the Bar in the year of 1903 and has been actively engaged in the business of Law with satisfaction to himself and credit to his clients.

He has in every instance rendered to this Commandery-in-Chief and to the order of the Sons of Union Veterans not only the service that he has been requested to render, but additional service.

We at St. Paul determined that something had to be done so a group got together and established a Committee on Program and Policy. He was named the Chairman of that Committee. He has outlined the work of the Committee and by your vote you have adopted his report.

When the Civil War was over, the people of the United States didn't say to Grant, "You should stay with the army," but for his good service they vested him with the Presidency of the United States. Now I ask you to allow my candidate to continue with the same thought and consideration that he has given in the past. He ought to be continued the Chairman of that Committee. I want to present the name of Richard F. Locke of Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

Richard F. Locke is the father of seven sons, six of whom are members of the Order of Sons of Union Veterans. We cannot obtain a man that will give us better service and I say to you today that if Richard F. Locke is elected he will be second to none of the men who have served you as Commander-in-Chief. I thank you.

National Secretary Hammer proceeded with the roll call of Departments to Massachusetts.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: Brothers of this Encampment; among the traditions of New England and patriotic orders as well as of established political bodies there is this custom of making nominating speeches. Sometimes they do not change a single vote. It is a custom, however, that has become so well established that we cannot drop it, but I sometimes wonder if we know the men who hold these offices if it is not almost a waste of time, yours as well as mine.

A Grand Army man over 90 years old sent a little penciled note enclosed with a two dollar bill and it said "I do not know how long I shall live. I am sending the \$2.00 to pay my dues so that when I die I can be square on the books," and the week after that they got word of his death. That, my Brothers, is loyalty, the kind of loyalty that has made the Grand Army of the Republic what they are. That is the kind of loyalty that the Sons of Veterans have inherited from their Fathers, the kind of loyalty that the man has that I am going to nominate. To my mind service is the unselfish giving up of yourself to a worthy cause and I can truthfully say to you gentlemen to-

day that the man I am to place in nomination since he was a boy has unselfishly given his life for the cause of patriotism.

Born of German parents his father came to this country a few years before the Civil War started. The war closed very shortly after his enlistment and he returned and joined a Post of the Grand Army composed of German citizens. As soon as my candidate was of age he joined a Camp connected with the G. A. R. Post of which his father was a member.

In 1905 he was instrumental in forming Camp 51, Jamaica Plain, becoming a charter member. In 1908 when he married and moved to Cambridge he transferred to Camp 56 there, which he had organized in 1903. He has proven himself to be an organizer.

He has always been an active and interested Camp member. His record of over forty-one years of service shows that he has missed less than one meeting a year.

In the Department he has creditably filled many positions, having been elected Commander in 1912. Since 1894—a period of forty years—he has attended every Department Encampment.

In 1899 he attended the National Encampment as a delegate, and since then he has attended twenty other National Encampments. His most recent office was that of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, during 1932-1933.

During his year as Department Commander he was instrumental in bringing out a closer relationship between the Grand Army and the Sons which previous to that time had been indifferent.

My Brothers, there is what I call unparalleled service, a record of service that probably is rarely if ever equalled among you men.

Despite his active life in our organization, he has found time to serve community and welfare clubs, political committees, and other fraternal organizations in many official capacities, as well as to give nine years military service in National or State Guard Units.

He is not what you would call an enthusiastic personality, but is able to perform duties which more enthusiastic personalities could not accomplish. When the other candidate was appointed chairman of the Committee on Program and Policy at St. Paul, the first man he spoke to was this man from Massachusetts. He served on that committee throughout the year. He understands what will be required. He will be backed by the state of Massachusetts.

My Brothers, in presenting the name of Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Kirchgassner, I present him to you as a candidate with the assurance that you will receive service and loyalty plus because he has proven himself worthy by his record of service. We want you to know that the coming year of the Commandery-in-Chief will be safe in the hands of Frank L. Kirchgassner.

Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Wm. L. Anderson of Massachusetts: I rise at this time to second the nomination of Frank L. Kirchgassner for the office of Commander-in-Chief.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Randolph: Minnesota has had its eye on this man Locke ever since the convention a year ago and I take pleasure in seconding his nomination.

National Secretary Hammer continued with the roll of Departments.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: On my arrival in this city I never wished for anything so much in my life as I wished that I

might have the ability to fully and completely present adequately the qualifications of the candidate that we will present from the Department of New York. It would take me much more than five minutes to be able to present to you the qualifications of our candidate. He has not served as long in the Order as the other two candidates.

Gentlemen, it is a pity that we have to vote here today with three such representative and wonderful leaders and men as are being presented today. Why couldn't they be spread over a period.

Our candidate has filled every office in his Camp very satisfactorily. Never has a request been made of him for his time or his money that he has not come to the front and done his part. As a Department Commander he has never been excelled in the Department of New York. There are not many Departments that have the record of re-electing a Department Commander and why, gentlemen? Simply because he was a leader. He had a plan and he carried out that campaign right through his two years of service.

Personality has been mentioned by a previous speaker. Personality goes a great ways, but leadership goes much further. If there ever was a time in our history when we wanted a leader and an organizer it is right now. As a Department Commander he made a gain of 558 members. That is some record and that is all through leadership and personality.

I dislike very much and I don't know that I will tell you of the things that have come to me about this candidate. Why, I have had said to me, "He is too high-hat. He has too much money. We want a plain man."

We have had "plain" men too many years. We want somebody now that can get out and bring in the members.

As an organizer in the World War he obtained for the City of Syracuse the first Camp in the United States by going to Washington. The people in New York State know his worth. Three Democratic Governors knowing his worth have appointed him on Boards to look out for the interests of New York and he is a dyed-in-the-wool Republican. I think that shows somewhat that if the Democratic party can't find a good Democrat and have to go to a Republican it shows at least the Republican party has a good man down there.

Three or four years ago the City of Syracuse wanted to raise two or three hundred thousand dollars for a hospital. Our candidate raised the money in no time at all. He has been a member of the Board of that hospital ever since.

He is a college man, chairman of the Board of the Alumni Association of Brown University. That shows personality, but more than that it shows leadership. He has been a member of the Chamber of Commerce for twenty years, longer than any other member of that board, simply because in Syracuse the organizations know of his worth.

Gentlemen, I don't know if anything I can say will change a single vote. I want to say this, that it has been brought to me two or three times that New York ought to be ashamed of itself being the host to the Commandery-in-Chief and presenting a candidate. Doctor Sheldon takes the blame for that. I never gave one thought to that. It never dawned upon me that we should not do that. I simply begged and pleaded with that man to become a candidate simply for the reason I knew that he was a leader and I had felt for a long time that we needed someone with a plan that could be worked out to save our order.



Gentlemen, Brothers, and friends you will not make a mistake in electing William Allan Dyer of the Department of New York as your Commander-in-Chief.

Secretary continued with the roll call of Departments.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant of Connecticut: Connecticut begs the privilege of seconding the nomination of Frank L. Kirchgassner. When I had the honor of being your Commander-in-Chief he was the Department Commander of Massachusetts. He did so well that I promised myself that if the opportunity ever came I would try to partly repay my debt to him.

Past Department Commander Hess of New York: As one who has had the privilege of serving under Commander Dyer I second his nomination.

The Commander-in-Chief appointed as tellers Department Commander Hallock of New York, Department Commander Smith of Massachusetts and Past Department Commander Rhinesmith of Illinois.

The Tellers reported the results of the voting as follows: 63 votes for Kirchgassner, 43 for Locke, and 37 for Dyer.

At this time it was announced by the Commander-in-Chief that he had received word the next Encampment would be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

As there was not a majority vote, another ballot was ordered and resulted in 83 votes for Kirchgassner, 34 for Locke and 24 for Dyer.

Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Locke: I want to make a motion that we make the election of Brother Frank Kirchgassner unanimous.

Past Commander Dyer of New York: I take great pleasure in seconding Brother Locke's motion and pledge everything in my power to support Brother Kirchgassner. (Motion carried amidst applause).

Commander-in-Chief Yengling: You have elected for the ensuing year Brother Frank L. Kirchgassner for Commander-in-Chief, whom I ask, do you accept?

Commander-in-Chief-Elect Kirchgassner: My Brothers, I come before you to show my personality. You have put me in a responsible position. I have always tried to accept the offices of responsibility that I have held and I will try to live up to what is expected of me this coming year, but without the support of the Departments which make up the Commandery-in-Chief little success can be attained. I hope that I may measure up to the splendid men that Massachusetts has presented before. I sincerely thank you, Brothers, and pledge you the best I have.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now have nominations for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

National Secretary Hammer moved that roll call be suspended, and where no opposition the Secretary cast the ballot. (Adopted).

Past Department Commander Abbott of New York: I take pleasure in nominating Past Department Commander Wm. Allan Dyer of New York for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Huston: I second the nomination and move that a unanimous ballot be cast by the Secretary for Brother Dyer. (This was done).

Commander-in-Chief: I declare Brother Dyer elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now have nominations for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: It gives me great pleasure to nominate Wm. J. Hickox, of Stockton, California, for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Delegate Dodson of Wisconsin: Wisconsin has never had a Commandery-in-Chief office, but we do have a Brother here who has served long and faithfully in our Department and I nominate Brother C. D. Donaldson of Wisconsin for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Delegate Farrington of Vermont: I place the name of a brother who has served our Order for many years. He has served the Department of Vermont in every office. We would like the services of this man in the National Family. I nominate for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Past Department Commander Israel F. Lassar of Rutland, Vermont.

Past Department Commander Phillips of Illinois: I suggest that the three candidates stand up so we can all see who we are voting for.

The National Secretary called the roll of Departments for the vote and the Tellers reported that Brother Hickox received 64 votes, Donaldson 24 and Lassar 23 votes.

Commander-in-Chief Yengling: I declare Brother Hickox elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now have nominations for the Council-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant of Connecticut: I nominate a great-grandson of a Veteran, a graduate of Princeton University, a member of the American Legion and one who has served three years as a member of the Connecticut State Senate. It gives me great pleasure to nominate as a member of the Council-in-Chief Kenneth F. Cramer of Connecticut.

Department Commander Meisel of New Jersey: I nominate a Brother who is well known, and who is qualified in every detail. I take great pleasure in nominating George N. Bell of New Jersey for re-election.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon of New York: On behalf of the Department of New York we deem it an honor to have had Brother Julius Isaacs on the Council this past year and I nominate him for the Council for this coming year.

Department Commander Blakely of Pennsylvania: I move that the nominations close and the National Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for these three Brothers. (Agreed to).

Commander-in-Chief: I declare Brothers Cramer, Bell and Isaacs elected members of the Council.

#### PRESENTATION TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Past Department Commander Heintz, Ohio: If I were to review all the commendations I have heard about you, Commander-in-Chief Yengling, the last few days, I would make a long speech. We've been looking at your records the last three days and I do not hesitate to say that you have given us one of the best administrations within the memory of all the delegates present at this Encampment. It has been my very great pleasure to work in the Ohio Department over thirty years and it is a pleasure to know that we in Ohio have one who took over the Commandery at a time when it was at a low ebb and was successful. By reason of his service he is entitled to this

badge of the Past Commander-in-Chief and with it go the best wishes of this Encampment for a long life and a long association with the Commandery-in-Chief. (Presenting Past Commander-in-Chief Badge).

Commander-in-Chief: Past Commander Heintz and members of the Commandery-in-Chief, I cannot say anything. I am too full, but I appreciate all the nice things you've said about me and I hope I have measured up to all your expectations.

The National Secretary presented Commander-in-Chief Yengling with a gold lapel button.

Commander-in-Chief: Brother Kirchgassner, who is to be your Installing Officer?

Commander-in-Chief-Elect Kirchgassner, Massachusetts: Past Commander-in-Chief E. W. Homan of Massachusetts.

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Past Commander-in-Chief E. W. Homan of Massachusetts (assumed the chair as Installing Officer): I will ask Past Department Commander Harry Weiler of Massachusetts to act as Installing Guide. National Secretary, call the roll of the officers-elect, and as their names are called will the Guide place them at the Altar.

National Secretary Hammer called the roll of newly-elected officers as follows:

Commander-in-Chief—Frank L. Kirchgassner, of Massachusetts.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Wm. Allan Dyer, New York.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Wm. J. Hickox, California & Pacific.

Members of the Council-in-Chief—Julior Isaacs, New York; George N. Bell, New Jersey; Kenneth F. Cramer, Connecticut.

Guide Past Department Commander Henry F. Weiler: I present the newly elected officers of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Installing Officer Homan installed the officers-elect, and announced: It gives me great pleasure to present your new Commander-in-Chief, Frank L. Kirchgassner, my friend and Buddy.

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: My Brothers, I have assumed an obligation which I hope I shall be able to fulfill to your satisfaction. From a heart full of appreciation I accept the trust and will go forward with the help of this splendid corps of officers. I trust that this new program of Program and Policy will bring us to greater results in our organization. May you go back resolved that you will stand behind the officers that you have just elected and may we all work for the ideals of the Grand Army.

National Secretary Hammer: I move that the minutes as taken by the Stenographer be accepted as the official record of this Encampment, that all committees be discharged with the exception of the Committee on Relationship with the Grand Army of the Republic, that the usual number of proceedings of this Encampment be printed and promulgated, and that when it adjourns, we meet with the Grand Army next year at Grand Rapids. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Ruch and Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook. Adopted).

Commander-in-Chief: We will hear from the new officers.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Gentlemen, I haven't much to say. I appreciate the compliment that you've paid me and I'll do the best I can to make your compliment justified.



Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hickox: Commander, officers, and Brothers, I thank you for the honor conferred upon me. I have attended a great many of these Encampment and have always tried to do my part. I will go home to California and do all I can to help the entire Order.

Julius Isaacs, Council-in-Chief: Commander-in-Chief, members of this Encampment, I express my thanks to you for the honor you have bestowed and I trust you will not regret the move you have made in putting me in the position you have.

George N. Bell, Council-in-Chief: All I have to say to you is that I have served forty-three years in the service of the Sons and I hope to serve that many more. Thank you.

Kenneth F. Cramer, Council-in-Chief: Brothers and members of the Encampment, I haven't had the privilege of serving the length of time that the others have, but I hope I may be spared to serve those number of years in the future. I can only say that I will give the position the very best of which I am capable and I trust you will never regret the confidence you have placed in me.

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: There being no further business to come before this Encampment we will close.

The Encampment closed in ritualistic form.

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The foregoing is a correct transcript of the action and proceedings of the Fifty-third Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Rochester, New York.

PARK F. YENGLING,  
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,  
National Secretary.

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## Delegate Representation

Chapter 3, Article 2, Section 1. Constitution and Regulations:  
 " \* \* one delegate from each Department, whatever its membership,  
 and one additional delegate for every five hundred members or major  
 fraction thereof \* \* \* "

Department:	Seniority Rank	Date Instituted	Membership.	Delegates
Alabama & Tennessee	22	Mar. 12, 1889	250	1
California & Pacific...	19	July 1, 1886	569	2
Colorado & Wyoming..	25	Mar. 22, 1929	245	1
Connecticut .....	5	May 15, 1883	1480	4
Illinois .....	10	July 1883	884	3
Indiana .....	18	June 12, 1885	785	3
Iowa .....	6	June 2, 1883	347	2
Kansas .....	9	June 1883	380	2
Maine .....	4	April 10, 1883	1176	3
Maryland .....	20	June 15, 1887	473	2
Massachusetts .....	2	July 17, 1882	5111	11
Michigan .....	15	June 24, 1884	540	2
Minnesota .....	17	Jan. 1, 1885	256	2
Missouri .....	7	June 2, 1883	301	2
Nebraska .....	16	Sept. 2, 1884	250	1
New Hampshire .....	11	Aug. 1883	768	3
New Jersey .....	8	June 14, 1883	1053	3
New York .....	13	Nov. 6, 1883	3099	7
Ohio .....	3	Aug. 1, 1882	2170	5
Oregon .....	24	June 8, 1923	190	1
Pennsylvania .....	1	July 4, 1882	6474	14
Rhode Island .....	14	Feb. 14, 1884	385	2
Vermont .....	12	Oct. 1883	706	2
Washington .....	23	Jan. 1, 1890	147	1
Wisconsin .....	21	Sept. 1887	579	2

## JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES

Powers Hotel

4:00 P. M. Tuesday, August 14, 1934

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The Joint Memorial Services of the Sons of Union Veterans and its National Auxiliary were conducted in the Ballroom of the Powers Hotel with National Chaplain, Rev. Frank G. Beardsley of the Sons, and Mrs. Minnie B. Steiner, National Chaplain of the Auxiliary, jointly presiding.

Musical Prelude—Past Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston at the piano.

Hymn—"Jesus, Savior, Pilot me Over life's tempestuous sea.

Unknown waves before me roll, Hiding rock and treacherous shoal;

Chart and compass come from thee: Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore, And the fearful breakers roar

'Twixt me and the peaceful rest, Then while leaning on thy breast,

May I hear thee say to me, 'Fear not, I will pilot thee'."

Invocation—Mrs. Minnie B. Steiner, National Chaplain.

Solo—"America The Beautiful"—Mrs. Marie Sarnung.

Responsive Reading—(Assembly standing).

Chaplain: Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble.

Assembly: He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow and continueth not.

Chaplain: As for man his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

Assembly: For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

Chaplain: Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.

Assembly: Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit unto God who gave it.

Chaplain: I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

Assembly: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

Chaplain: For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Assembly: And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth:



Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.

Memorial Ceremonial of the Auxiliary.

Fifteen Sisters of the Auxiliary, dressed in white, formed a cross in the center of the room, and as each Department of the Auxiliary was called a sister from that Department deposited a flower on the large wreath in memory of sisters that have passed away during the past year.

Solo—"The Vacant Chair"—Mrs. Marie Sarnung.

Address—National Chaplain Rev. Frank G. Beardsley.

We are present today to honor the deceased members of our Order. Their hands are folded and their work is ended. Their task is done. They have laid aside their weapons of earthly warfare. Their bodies have been laid away and in the process of time they will mould away and join their kindred dust. But is this all? We cannot believe that it is. There are voices within and without that speak to us that life and not death should ultimately be triumphant.

The fact that there are mysteries about the future life is not strange. There are mysteries connected with all life, both that which is now and that which is to come. Who can unravel the mystery of the tiny blossom of the hillside? Why is one rose red and why is another yellow? Whence comes the perfume of the flowers? How is it that the different plants maintain their individuality when they are raised in identically the same soil and the same rain and the same sunshine? How is it that we cast a few grains of wheat in the soil, they spring up and grow; some thirty grains, some sixty grains, and some a hundredfold? How is it that these tiny grains of wheat send their shoots upward and proceed to build in the head of the stock a multitude of grains? These are questions that anybody can ask, but who is able to answer them?

Animal life is just as mysterious as vegetable life. It is life that gives hearing to the ear. It is life that gives power to the mind. All of our bodily functions without life would become inoperative. Life is not wrapped up in them fundamentally. The hand may be severed from the body, the sight may be destroyed, the sense of hearing may be obstructed, without destroying life. What is life? It is a mystery so strange and so comprehensive that no human mind can discover what it actually is, and the fact that we can live hereafter is no more strange or mysterious than that we live here and now.

As I said a moment or two ago, there are voices within us and without us that tell us that life and not death must ultimately be triumphant. Within us all there is the hope, the belief, that the soul of man will survive the shock of death. All men everywhere have believed in the immortality of the soul. No man has been found without such a belief. The immortality of the soul is established by the common assent of mankind. We all believe in future life, even though we may not be able to give any great reason. We are much better believers in immortality than we can give reasons for. It is bound to reassert itself especially when we stand by the open grave.

Also without we hear voices. We know that the seasons follow each other in rotary succession. Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter. The leaves fall, the grass withers away, and all becomes sere and dead; but winter is followed by the coming of the springtime, and with the coming of the springtime, the warm rays of the sun kiss the cold earth, the trees put forth their leaves, and the air becomes fragrant with the perfume of the flowers. With the approach of winter the

birds go to the sunny clime. They make glad the day with their melody of song. At night the sun sinks to rest beyond the horizon, but with the dawning of the morning the sun becomes a beacon in the heavens, filling the earth with beauty, brightness, and joy.

If the flowers fade, but to bloom again; if the sun at night sinks to rest, but to rise again, is it not reasonable to hope and to suppose that the dark night of death will be followed by the glorious morning of life and immortality? Belief in immortality is found in the teachings of all religions. A religion without the hope of immortality would be like a bridge ending in an abyss. We cannot quote passages of scripture which speak of immortality of the soul; we can only say there is no other doctrine so universal as the doctrine of immortality. Surely if these voices are all about us, and within us, we should believe there is another life beyond the grave, and we can never really lose our loved ones.

In the past year the Sons of Union Veterans have met with the loss of 398 members, including fourteen Past Department Commanders. I will call the roll by Departments, and as the roll is called the representatives of the various Departments will respond.

#### ALABAMA & TENNESSEE—

Past Department Commander C. W. Jackman placed flower in memory of twelve members who had passed on.

#### CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC—

Past Department Commander E. J. Parker: I place this flower in loving memory of Past Department Commander Ernest W. Conant and sixteen other members who have passed away.

Ernest W. Conant, Past Department Commander, California and Pacific, departed this life at San Jose, Calif., January 4, 1934, at the age of 71 years. He was a native of Minnesota and went to Santa Clara County, California, with his parents in his youth. He served as County Treasurer for thirty-one years, was active in the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities as well as in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. A man highly honored by his fellow citizens, his loss is mourned by his wife and three children, and by the community in which he lived.

#### COLORADO & WYOMING—

Flower was deposited in memory of one Brother, by Delegate James G. Petro.

#### CONNECTICUT—

Department Commander Allen F. Spink: Since our last National Encampment Connecticut Department has lost two Past Department Commanders, and thirty Brothers.

Brother Alvin O. Fairbanks was a loyal member and Past Camp Commander of Sedgwick Camp No. 4, of Norwich. He served as Department Commander in 1911. Brother Fairbanks was instrumental in forming many Camps in the Eastern part of the State. He was a loving husband and a devoted father, but owing to business conditions has not been as active in our order of late as he would liked to have been.

Brother Howard S. Wadsworth was a loyal member and Past Camp Commander of Charles L. Upham Camp No. 7, of Meriden. He was Department Commander in 1926. His many kindly acts and untiring efforts in promoting the welfare of our Order these many years past are greatly missed by our Department.

"In everybody's garden a little rain must fall,  
Or life's fairest flowers wouldn't grow or bloom at all—  
And though the clouds hang heavy, so heavy, oh my friend,  
I'm sure that God who sends the showers, will send the rainbow's  
end."

In loving memory of our departed Brothers I place this flower.

#### ILLINOIS—

Past Department Commander Ream: I place this flower in memory of fourteen departed members.

#### INDIANA—

Delegate A. W. Demree deposited flower in memory of Indiana's departed members.

#### IOWA—

Delegate Fred Hall: I place this flower in memory of seven members.

#### KANSAS—

Past Department Commander Sam White: I place this flower in memory of five of our members who have passed on.

#### MAINE—

Delegate John A. Flye deposited flower in memory of Maine's departed members.

#### MARYLAND—

Past Department Commander J. W. Lyons: I place this flower in memory of five departed members.

#### MASSACHUSETTS—

Addison A. Quinn, National Patriotic Instructor: I place this flower in loving memory of thirty-four members who have answered the last roll call.

#### MICHIGAN—

Past Department Commander Cloy V. Smith placed flower in memory of departed members.

#### MINNESOTA—

Past Department Commander M. G. Randolph: Past Department Commander H. A. Wing was born near Three Rivers, Michigan, April 20, 1857, and departed this life at Duluth, Minnesota, October 15, 1933. He graduated from the Three Rivers High School, and later studied law, although he never practiced. He served two years as a County School Superintendent in Indiana. He located in Duluth in 1886, serving several terms as a member of the board of aldermen. He took a prominent part in Free Masonry and had attained to the thirty-second degree. He served as Department Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War during 1908-1909, and had been the "mainstay or backbone of Duluth Camp No. 5 until his death."

Past Department Commander Edward W. Milham departed this life July 26, 1934, at St. Paul, Minnesota, at the age of 87 years. He was a member of St. Paul Camp No. 1, and was the second Commander of the Minnesota Department, serving from 1886 to 1889. He attended most of the Encampments of the Commandery-in-Chief and had served as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. He was prominent in Free Masonry and in the Knights of Pythias, having served for two years as Grand Chancellor of the Minnesota Lodge, Knights of Pythias.



I place this flower in loving memory of Past Department Commander H. A. Wing, Past Department Commander E. W. Milham, and five other deceased members.

#### MISSOURI—

Commander Theodore H. Mohr: In behalf of the Department of Missouri I place this flower in memory of Past Department Commander E. E. Schoening, and seven other members.

Brother Schoening passed away in St. Louis, Missouri, February 10, 1934. He was mustered into Admiral Porter Camp of St. Louis, November 27, 1888, and for more than forty years was active in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, until taken sick about three years ago. He served in the Commandery-in-Chief as National Chaplain. Brother Schoening was one of our best workers and we will miss him at our Camp meetings and Department Encampments. He gave much of his time to our order, and I am sure that our order has benefited much by having him as a member, worker, and leader. His activities were not limited to our order alone. He held membership and office in various civic organizations in his community. He was a faithful member of his church, and last but not least, he was a true and loyal friend. So may we who remain to carry on, when we shall be called to that Heavenly House, not built with hands, eternal in the Heavens, be as worthy of those words of our Master, as was Brother Schoening: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

And may we so live in the abiding faith that our temporary loss, is his eternal gain.

#### NEBRASKA—

Flower was placed in memory of four departed members by Delegate Hiram Myers.

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE—

Past Department Commander Cleon E. Heald: During the past year the Department of New Hampshire has lost ten members, and one Past Department Commander. It has been my privilege to know nearly every one of these men. Past Department Commander Arthur J. Griffith was a personal friend of mine. He joined Camp No. 10 at Keene, N. H., in 1901; served as Junior Vice Commander in 1903, Senior Vice Commander in 1904, Commander in 1905, Secretary in 1908, Patriotic Instructor in 1916, was Treasurer for six years and member of the Camp Council two years. He was elected Junior Vice Department Commander in 1919, Senior Vice Department Commander in 1920, and Department Commander in 1921. He remained a willing and helpful member of our order until his death, June 10, 1934.

I place this flower in loving memory of these departed members.

#### NEW JERSEY—

Department Commander Harry Miesel: I place this flower in loving memory of Past Department Commander Frederick C. Caster, and seventeen other members who have passed away.

Brother Caster was born in Gloversville, New York, September 24, 1876. He was initiated as a member of John J. H. Love Camp No. 12, Bloomfield, N. J., December 16, 1914. Derived his right of membership in the Order from his father's record in the Civil War as a Private in Company C. 9th New York Volunteers. Brother Caster was a faithful and energetic worker in this Department, serving in the capacity of an officer in several ranks of the Department offices. His energy, faithfulness and general good will to all were such that he has left a real

heritage of good will and sweet remembrances that will linger long with his Brothers. He is bereaved by his wife and several children.

**NEW YORK—**

Past Department Commander Genter: Perhaps it is well by reason of my long personal friendship that I stand here and eulogize Past Department Commander George Edward Schneider. I witnessed Brother Schneider's induction into our Camp, No. 60 of Rochester, N. Y., more than sixty years ago. He served practically all the offices of this Camp; served three years as Department Secretary. Brother Schneider passed away after a brief illness only a few short months after the death of his father. Brother Schneider was one of the best representative Past Department Commanders of New York. He attracted friends wherever he went. He has also represented the New York Department in the Commandery-in-Chief, and I venture to say his friends there are far more than any of us realize. Surely thirty years of personal friendship with Past Department Commander Schneider have been a pleasant friendship that I shall never forget.

Past Department Commander Neil D. Cranmer: Past Department Commander Edward A. Bolton of Hyde Park came from a patriotic family. His father before him was Commander many years of his Grand Army Post, and chairman of Memorial Day. When the father passed on the torch passed to the hand of the Son, who kept it shining brightly. He gave forty-nine years of service to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. At the time of his death he was Patriotic Instructor, and Counselor of our Auxiliary. Six weeks ago when we saw him busy at our Department Encampment, little did we dream that today we'd be paying tribute to his memory. He passed away on the 8th of July, during a heart attack. He was a man of honest convictions and he did not hesitate to express his opinion on the floor of the Camp or Department. Even though he might differ from you, when the sharpest debate was over he was still your warm-hearted true friend. No tribute that I might say would be fitting to the memory of Edward A. Bolton, but I do believe that we highly resolve on this occasion that we shall live a life of faithful duty, as did Brother Bolton, so that when the Great Commander of the Universe calls upon us to answer the last roll call we shall leave a memory as pleasant and beautiful as is the memory of our Brother.

We place these flowers in memory of these two Past Department Commanders, and seventy-one brothers of the New York Department, who have passed on during the last year.

**OHIO—**

Past Department Commander J. P. Shrieve: I place this flower in memory of Past Department Commander Thomas L. Aughinbaugh, Past Department Commander F. W. Myers, and twenty-six members who have passed away.

Thomas L. Aughinbaugh, auditor of the Citizens National Bank of New Philadelphia, Ohio, passed away March 7, 1934, after an illness of six months, at the age of 66 years. He was a charter member of Kaldenbaugh Camp No. 5, Department of Ohio. He was elected Department Commander in 1914, and later for a time served as Treasurer of the Department. He was an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of New Philadelphia, was a member of the I. O. O. F., and also of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. He graduated from Princeton University, class of 1889, and was admitted to the bar, but practiced law only a short time. He was survived by his widow and one daughter.

As the shadows lengthened in the evening of July 3, 1934, the soul of Frederick W. Myers, of Lisbon, Ohio, Past Commander of the Ohio



Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, crossed the bar. Although born in Omaha, Nebraska, his family later moved to Ohio, and much of his life was spent in this State. He was born to loyalty and inculcated in patriotism. His life was devoted to service of his country. Although debarred from active service by a permanent disability in both the Spanish and World Wars, he gave of his time, strength and money to help the boys at the front. He was one of the pioneers in the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and assisted in the merging of the three original factions of this Order into the strong and united organization of today. In 1883 he helped organize General Garfield Camp No. 3, at East Liverpool, Ohio, and was its first Commander. He was elected Commander of the Ohio Department in 1884, and in the years that followed rarely missed a National or Department Encampment. While attending the National Encampment at Des Moines, Iowa, in 1926, he suffered a severe hemorrhage of the brain. He never fully recovered from it, but his interest and devotion to the Order he helped create, never abated, and though not able to attend the National or Department Encampments, his constant thought was for the growth and betterment of it. For years he has held his membership in Governor Dennison Camp No. 1, at Columbus, Ohio. On July 1st of this year he sustained another cerebral hemorrhage which resulted in his death two days later.

#### PENNSYLVANIA—

Past Commander-in-Chief Titus M. Ruch: I place this flower in loving memory of Past Department Commander Herman M. Rebele, and forty-four other deceased members.

Past Department Commander Herman M. Rebele served the Department of Pennsylvania as its Commander 1891-1892. He was an active member of Nevin Camp No. 33, at Pittsburgh, and was serving his twentieth year as Secretary of that Camp.

#### RHODE ISLAND—

Department Commander Charles T. Glines placed flower in memory of eight members.

#### VERMONT—

Department Commander Joseph M. Hodet: Past Department Commander Lucius H. Gordon was smitten by death from heart failure en route from Barre, Vermont, to his home in Melrose, Massachusetts, at White River Junction, Vt. He was born at Sutton, Vermont, June 23, 1872. An employee of the Boston and Maine Railroad for many years, he had lived at Lyndonville, Vermont, but was transferred in 1924 to Melrose, Massachusetts, serving as chief scale inspector, to the time of his death. He had always been active in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and had served the Department of Vermont as its Commander.

I place this flower in loving memory of Past Commander Lucius H. Gordon, and fourteen other members who have passed away.

#### WASHINGTON—

Past Department Commander Fred Dunster, of California & Pacific placed a flower in memory of departed Brothers from Washington.

#### WISCONSIN—

Past Department Commander C. D. Donaldson: I place this flower in loving memory of sixteen members who have answered the last roll call. (Recited "Crossing the Bar").



Hymn—"My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior Divine.

Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away, Oh, let me from this day Be wholly Thine.

When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold sul-  
len stream Shall o'er me roll;

Blest Savior, then in love, Fear and distrust remove; Oh  
bear me safe above, a ransomed soul."

National Chaplain Beardsley pronounced the benediction, the mem-  
bers standing for one minute in silent prayer.

Taps were sounded and the services closed.

## FEDERATED PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES

### OFFICIAL MINUTES—FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, AUGUST 12, 1934.

The Fifteenth Annual Conference of the Federated Patriotic So-  
cieties was called to order by the President, The Reverend Frank C.  
Huston, in the Ballroom of the Hotel Seneca, Rochester, New York,  
Sunday, August 12, 1934, at 3:30 p. m. The President read to the as-  
semblage the Article in By-Laws defining the voting and non-voting  
members, and stated that he would endeavor to carry out the program  
of the meeting so far as it was possible for him to do so, even though  
some on the program, delayed by other duties, were not present at  
opening of meeting.

The meeting opened with singing of "America," Mrs. H. Bolt pre-  
siding at the piano. Prayer by Comrade Bosworth; this was followed  
by singing of the Federation Song adopted at the Fourteenth Annual  
Conference—"Blest be the Tie that Binds."

Roll call of officers and voting members found voting members  
present:

Grand Army of the Republic .....	6
Woman's Relief Corps .....	9
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.....	10
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.....	8
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.....	3
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.	9

Obligation adopted by Fourteenth Annual Conference was read in  
unison.

President asked that Past Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army  
of the Republic, Judge Willett, and Col. Foster, who were present, be  
escorted to the platform. These honored members were introduced as  
were also Brother Park F. Yengling, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons  
of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Mrs. Margaret F. Anderson,  
National President of the Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary. Brother  
Huston asked if any Veterans in the room were over 95 years of age.  
Comrade Fairhead of New York responded saying that he was within  
five months of being 100 years old. This comrade was introduced, as

was also Comrade Foster of Indiana, 93 years old. The introduction of officers and National Heads was deferred until later in the afternoon, as these officers were detained at memorial dedications of their organizations.

The minutes of the Fourteenth Annual Conference were read by the Secretary, and there being no errors or omissions were adopted as read.

The following National Executives having arrived President Huston requested that they be escorted to the platform and introduced: Commander-in-Chief Russell C. Martin, Grand Army of the Republic; Mrs. Mae G. Lincoln, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Sarah J. Ehrmann, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Mrs. Dorothy Houghton, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Mrs. Annie Poole Atwood, Vice President of the Federated, having arrived, was presented at platform and introduced. The next order of business being reading of reports, Vice President Atwood took the chair while President Huston presented his report of the year's activities.

At the conclusion of the reading of the President's report, Mrs. Atwood, Vice President, stated that before taking up the motion to accept the report, she would like to recommend the adoption of a resolution: that the National Organizations allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, in National Convention assembled, place themselves on record as protesting against any form of propaganda that would tend to undermine the principles and institutions of our Government, and that any members allying themselves with such propaganda be immediately dropped from the Orders.

A motion was made by Comrade Merrill of Kansas, seconded by several, that such a resolution be adopted. Carried.

Motion by Mrs. Tompkins of New York, seconded by several, that the splendid report of the President, which was received with much enthusiasm, be accepted with a rising vote of thanks. The vote was called for and taken, which seemed almost unanimous, but before the result was announced Judge Willett asked to be heard.

He stated that while he felt that the President's report was a masterpiece, and one of the finest documents he had ever listened to, at the same time it seemed to him that many of the statements made were debatable and that he would object to the acceptance of the report as a whole. He felt that the report should be referred to a committee to consider same, and report on its cardinal features, and report to this body or at the next annual meeting concerning the same. He stated that he felt the report made suggestions as to method of procedure which would be binding to the organization, and that the committee should determine what part we want to agree to and what we want to modify. He stated that before the report be approved as a whole, in making a substitute motion, which he wished to submit, he wanted it distinctly understood that he did not desire a position on that committee, as his many engagements and health would not permit him to undertake any more arduous duties. He stated that he would be willing to advise with the committee, if they wished, provided the Federated saw fit to raise one consisting of membership made up of one member from each organization that is recognized by this body, as he stated he should like to see the business of the organization done in a manner and in accord with its standing and status in connection with other orders. He therefore moved that this report be submitted to a committee consisting of membership taken from

each of the allied organizations connected with this body, to report at such a future time and in such manner as may be for the best interest of the organization in connection with its management.

Judge Willett stated that this motion was to take the place of the previous motion which did not carry because Judge Willett objected before the result of the vote was announced. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Brady of New York. Judge Willett stated that he felt this report should have the earnest consideration of every member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and every member of the allied organizations, before it was passed upon.

At this time Mrs. Ethel Irish, Past National President, and Mrs. Mertie Perkins, National Chaplain, of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, requested that the voting membership be defined before the motion was put to a vote. President Huston stated that this had been thoroughly explained at the opening of the meeting, but said he would gladly read again from the By-Laws the provision for voting members, which he accordingly did.

President Huston stated that with all deference to Judge Willett, for whom he had the highest respect, both personally and as a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, he felt that we had been temporizing too long on many of the questions involved in his report, and the time had come when some definite stand should be taken by all patriotic organizations; however, he felt that he would like to withdraw the report as a whole before a vote was taken on the motion, and thus end the discussion, as he was an apostle of peace rather than disunity, and was pleading for closer harmony and less controversy.

Judge Willett asked if he might rise to a question of privilege, and stated that there were many things in the report that were splendid in detail and diction, and that he did not feel that it should be withdrawn, but should be preserved as part of the records of this organization. He asked that he might withdraw his motion with the consent of the second, and offer a substitute motion. The consent was given and Judge Willett then offered the following substitute motion: Moved that this report be not passed upon so as to bind the body and association, but as a matter of history and important subject matter that it be incorporated in the minutes of this association for future use as may be required by the association. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Margaret Grandle, Past National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. This motion was carried.

President resumed the chair and called upon the Vice President, Mrs. Atwood, for her report. Mrs. Atwood stated that she had not written a report as she had not been called upon to do any work under such an efficient President as Brother Huston. However, she had continued the usual line of endeavor and lost no opportunity to advance the interest of the Federated whenever it was afforded.

The Secretary's report and Financial Statement of Treasurer, which follows, were accepted by motion of Mrs. Bennett, seconded by several and carried.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Brought Forward—Balance as of September, 1933:

In Commercial Bank of Toledo .....	\$124.48
In hands of Treasurer .....	165.66
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	\$290.14



## Receipts:

Dues from Woman's Relief Corps.....	\$10.00
Ladies of G. A. R. ....	10.00
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War..	10.00
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.....	10.00
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans.....	10.00
	<hr/> \$ 50.00
	<hr/> \$340.14

## Disbursements:

Printing Letterheads and Envelopes.....	\$15.06
Printing Leaflets and By-Laws.....	10.50
Printing Circular Letters .....	2.00
Printing Notices and Cards for Annual Meeting and	
Banquet .....	7.84
Postage, Brother Huston .....	6.00
Postage, Secretary-Treasurer .....	7.00
	<hr/> \$ 48.40
Balance .....	\$291.74
In Commercial Bank of Toledo.....	\$104.41
In hands of Treasurer .....	187.33
	<hr/> \$291.74

You will note that amount held by Commercial  
Bank of Toledo.....\$124.48  
has been reduced by reason of payment of 20.07 Aug. 1st

To....\$104.41

The reports of the State Federations were then called for, President Huston stating that they would necessarily have to be brief as much time had already been consumed and the hour was getting late.

Indiana reported a very pleasant meeting and plans formulated for important work to be done in the Department.

No report at this time from Iowa or Kansas.

Comrade Bosworth reported for Missouri Federated that it was a live body and was doing good work.

New York reported through Mrs. Buhler, that the Federation was functioning, although it was impossible to hold a meeting at Convention in June. Officers were held over for another year. At this time it might be well to report that the New York Department Federation very graciously provided the floral decorations for our banquet, which was to follow the meeting.

A report was received from Mrs. Troutman, that Iowa was doing very good work.

Mrs. Riggs also reported for Missouri, stating that they had in that Department a very active organization and were hoping to form more units in the near future.

Mrs. Sadler reported that Ohio had a splendid organization and was carrying on with good results.

Oklahoma did not report.

The President of Rhode Island Federation stated that they had an organization that was very active; their slogan was "In union there is strength" and they would continue their efforts in the best interest of the National Federation.

Vermont reported progress in all patriotic work.

Through Mrs. Masaccar a report was received from Washington & Alaska that a profitable meeting was held at Everett in June. She stated that they were well organized and getting along finely and that all organizations were doing everything they could for the Home at Spokane and for the comfort of the inmates.

Mrs. Willard, President of the California Federation, not being able to be present, a report was received from this Department through Mrs. Mertie Perkins, that the Federation was moving along splendidly, that they held very successful meetings which were largely attended. She stated that Commander-in-Chief Martin and National Executives were present at their Annual Meeting.

Mrs. Bennett reported for Pennsylvania that the annual meeting was held at Reading and was attended by a large gathering, with Commander-in-Chief Russell C. Martin present. She reported three units in Pennsylvania. Through the efforts of the Federation memorial services were held for Past Commander Hancock and flowers placed; she said that to her knowledge it was the first time a memorial service was held jointly in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Helmrich brought a message from New Jersey where a Federation had been formed in April, 1933. Plans were made at a wonderful meeting for visiting rural and national cemeteries and placing flowers on Memorial Day.

Maine, Connecticut and Colorado did not report at this time.

Mrs. Ethel Irish stated that in Wisconsin the orders took part in all patriotic work but did not function as a Federated.

Minnesota reported that the allied orders were working together along patriotic lines and were interested in all patriotic activities. There had been a unit organized at St. Paul but the secretary had not been instructed when or where to call a meeting and the organization was not functioning as might be expected.

Mrs. Worrell of Washington, D. C., stated that while they did not have a Federation in the Capital City, there were many patriotic organizations there all working together and conducting appropriate ceremonies on patriotic holidays, visiting the National Cemetery and participating in all movements for the betterment of our soldiers and sailors.

A representative from Florida stated that only those who lived there could appreciate the difficulties experienced in trying to carry on the patriotic work in the South, but there is a splendid co-operation between the members of the several organizations in existence, although no federated unit has been organized.

The Secretary read a short note from Brother Pratt, also one from Brother Mohr, extending greetings and thanking the Federated for literature sent. Also a letter from Brother Barrows of California, stating that he would like to have the suggestion which he had put forth for change of the Federated name dropped without any further discussion. She also stated that a communication had been received from Mrs. Willard of California, presenting and authorizing Mrs. Perkins to report for the Federated of that Department.

Motion was made and seconded that greetings be sent to the Past Commanders-in-Chief who were not present at the Encampment. Carried.

Brother Huston stated that the committee appointed at previous conference to take up the question of changing the name of the Federated had no report to make, and that the matter would be dropped

in accordance with the request of Brother Barrows, who had suggested that the change be taken under consideration.

There being no further business to be taken care of President declared the meeting open for nomination and election of officers. Commander-in-Chief Russell C. Martin was nominated for Honorary President by Brother Yengling, and there being no further nominees, was declared elected.

Motion was made and seconded that where there was no competition for office the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot for the nominee. Carried.

The following officers were duly elected: Mrs. Margaret Anderson, President; Mrs. Dorothy Houghton, Vice President; The Reverend Frank C. Huston, Secretary-Treasurer; Chaplain, Mrs. Mae G. Lincoln; Patriotic Instructor, Mrs. Margaret Grandle, Past President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

President Huston declared these officers elected and all accepted, graciously pledging their best efforts for the interest of the Federated Societies. Business of the conference being closed, all joined in pledge of allegiance, singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" and the "American's Creed."

President Huston declared the meeting closed, and 167 guests planned to enjoy the banquet, which was served in the Ballroom at beautifully decorated tables. The decorations contributed by the New York Department Federated were greatly appreciated by all who had the privilege of attending the banquet, and listening to a very interesting program in which all of the National Executives participated. The above program was concluded in time for the guests to proceed to the Eastman Theatre, where the joint memorial exercises were held.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF TREASURER.

Balance as of August 12, 1934:

In Commercial Bank of Toledo .....	\$104.41
In hands of Treasurer .....	187.33
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	\$291.74

Receipts:

Cash over and above banquet expenses .....	22.00
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	\$313.74

Disbursements:

Printing Programs .....	\$7.50
Printing Pledge Cards .....	4.00
Typing Reports .....	5.00
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	\$ 16.50

Balance .....	\$297.24
In Commercial Bank of Toledo.....	\$104.41
In hands of Treasurer .....	192.83
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	\$297.24

The foregoing minutes of the Fifteenth Annual Conference of the Federated Patriotic Societies allied with the Grand Army of the Republic are approved as the official records of the said conference.

FRANK C. HUSTON,  
President.

EMILY J. TOMPKINS,  
Secretary-Treasurer.



## BANQUET PROGRAM

5:30 P. M.

Rev. Frank C. Huston, National President,  
Knightstown, Indiana, Presiding.

Mrs. Anna Poole Atwood  
Vice President  
Wollaston, Mass.

Mrs. Emily J. Tompkins  
Secretary-Treasurer  
New York, N. Y.

Doxology: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

"America the Beautiful" ..... Audience

"The Allied Orders".....Mr. Russell C. Martin  
Commander-in-Chief, Grand Army of the Republic

"The Grand Army of the Republic".....Mrs. Mae G. Lincoln  
National President, Woman's Relief Corps

"Fraternity" .....Mrs. Sarah J. Ehrmann  
National President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

"Charity" ..... Mrs. Margaret Anderson  
National President, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans  
of the Civil War

"Loyalty" .....Mrs. Dorothy Houghton  
National President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War

"The Tie That Binds".....Mr. Park F. Yengling  
Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

"The Future" .....The Newly Elected President  
Pledge to the Flag

"The Star Spangled Banner".....Audience

Mizpah Benediction

# COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENTS

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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
44th	1925	Sept. 1-3	Grand Rapids	Michigan
45th	1926	Sept. 21-23	Des Moines	Iowa
46th	1927	Sept. 13-15	Grand Rapids	Michigan
47th	1928	Sept. 18-20	Denver	Colorado
48th	1929	Sept. 10-12	Portland	Maine
49th	1930	Aug. 26-28	Cincinnati	Ohio
50th	1931	Sept. 14-17	Des Moines	Iowa
51st	1932	Sept. 19-22	Springfield	Illinois
52nd	1933	Sept. 19-21	St. Paul	Minnesota
53rd	1934	Aug. 14-16	Rochester	New York

# PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF

## Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Elected.	Name.	Department.	Address.
1881	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	
1882	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	
1883	*Frank P. Merrill	Maine	
1884	*Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania	
1885	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	
1886	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	
1887	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	
1888	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	
1889	*Charles F. Griffin	Indiana	
1890	*Leland J. Webb	Kansas	
1891	*Bartow S. Weeks	New York	
1893	*Joseph B. Maccabe	Massachusetts	
1894	*William E. Bundy	Ohio	
1895	William H. Russell	Kansas	La Crosse, Kan.
1896	*James Lewis Rake	Pennsylvania	
1897	*Charles K. Darling	Massachusetts	
1898	*Frank L. Shepard	Illinois	
1899	*A. W. Jones	Ohio	
1900	*Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania	
1901	Edward R. Campbell	Maryland	30 Elm St., Takoma Park, D. C.
1902	*Frank Martin	Indiana	
1903	*Arthur B. Spink	Rhode Island	
1904	*William G. Dustin	Illinois	
1905	*Harley V. Speelman	Ohio	
1906	*Edwin M. Amies	Pennsylvania	
1907	Ralph Sheldon	New York	Lyons, N. Y.
1908	*Edgar Allan, Jr.	Maryland	
1909	*George W. Pollitt	New Jersey	
1910	Fred. E. Bolton	Massachusetts	301 City Hall Annex, Boston, Massachusetts.
1911	*Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	
1912	Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	650 Main St., Hartford, Conn.
1913	John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania	
1914	Charles F. Sherman	New York	405 Hampton Ave., Wilkesburg, Pa. 22 East First St., Mt. Vernon, New York.
1915	*A. E. B. Stephens	Ohio	
1916	William T. Church	Illinois	2057 The Field Building, 120 W. Adams St., Chicago, Ill.
1917	*Fred T. F. Johnson	Maryland	
1918	*Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania	
1919	Harry D. Slisson	Massachusetts	Pittsfield, Mass.
1920	Pelham A. Barrows	Nebraska	5515 Corona Ave., Maywood, Calif.
1921	*Clifford Ireland	Illinois	
1922	Frank Shellhouse	Indiana	Spink-Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind.
1923	Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania	P. O. Box 51, Easton, Pa.
1924	Wm. M. Coffin	Ohio	3755 Oakley Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.
1925	Edwin C. Ireland	Maryland	321 St. Dunstan's Rd., Homeland, Baltimore, Md.



Elected.	Name.	Department.	Address.
1926	Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts	191 North Common Street, West Lynn, Mass.
1927	Walter C. Mabie	Pennsylvania	2227 South Ninth Street, Phila- delphia, Pa.
1928	Delevan Bates Bowley	Calif. & Pac.	2550 Pine Street, San Fran- cisco, Calif.
1929	Theodore C. Cazeau	New York	1101 Mercantile Bldg., Roch- ester, N. Y.
1930	Allan S. Holbrook	Illinois	Dwight, Illinois
1931	Frank C. Huston	Indiana	Knightstown, Ind. 314 North Jefferson Street,
1932	Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania	610 Main St., Hellertown, Pa.
1933	Park F. Yengling	Ohio	548 Bassett Road, Bay Village, Ohio.

#### **Sons of Veterans**

1881	†*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania	
1882	†*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania	
1883	†Edwin Earp	Massachusetts	Lynn, Mass.
1884	†Edwin Earp	Massachusetts	Lynn, Mass.
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
1890	†*George T. Brown	New York	

#### **Honor Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief**

1883	*A. P. Davis	Pennsylvania
1899	*R. M. J. Reed	Pennsylvania

#### **PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDERS**

- \*Frank H. Challis.... New Hampshire
- E. Howard Gilkey.....65 South High St., Columbus, Ohio

#### **CONSTITUTIONAL LIFE MEMBERS**

- O. B. Brown.....312 Harries Bldg., Dayton, Ohio
- \*Charles A. Bookwalter ..... Indianapolis, Ind.

†Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief.

\*Deceased.

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