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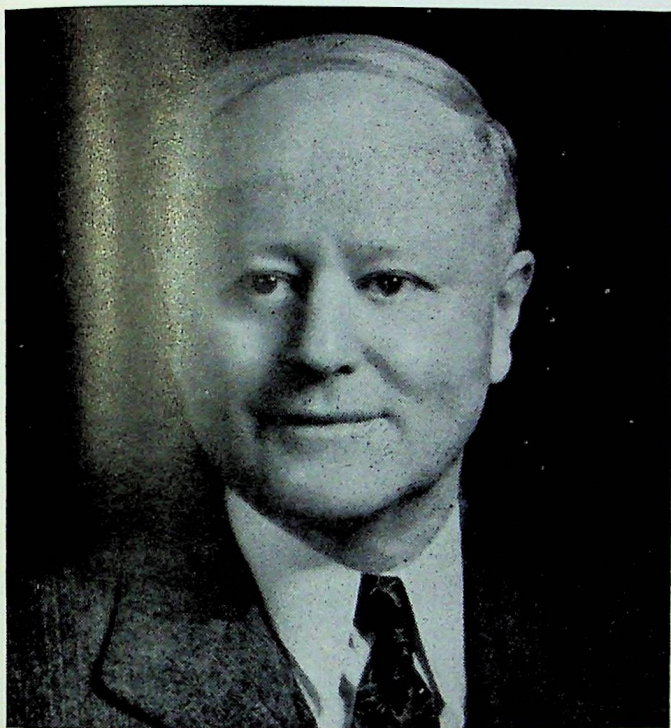
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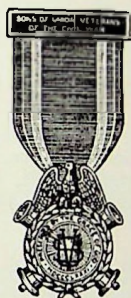




FREDERICK K. DAVIS  
Commander-in-Chief 1952 - 1953

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## National Officers — 1952-1953

### Commander-in-Chief—

Frederick K. Davis, 1193 Pearl St., Eugene, Oregon

### Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—

U. S. Grant, 3rd, Maj.-Gen., U.S.A., Ret.,  
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### Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief—

Andrew Richardson, 130 Slack Ave., Trenton, N. J.

### National Secretary-Treasurer—

Albert C. Lambert, 2772 So. Broad St., Trenton 10, N. J.

### Council of Administration—

James C. Tatman, 213 Concord Ave., Wilmington, Del.  
Laurence J. Parker, Bennington, N. H.  
Roy J. Bennett, 924 Loomis Ave., Des Moines, Iowa

### National Patriotic Instructor—

Albert DeHaven, 35 Berwick St., Sanford, Maine

### National Chaplain—

Rev. Herman Brockway, 201 E. Seneca St., Ithaca, N. Y.

### National Counselor—

Col. Frederic G. Bauer, 123 Heights Rd., Ridgewood, N. J.

### National Chief-of-Staff—

C. LeRoy Stoudt, 2540 Fairview Ave., Mt. Penn, Reading, Pa.

### National Personal Aide—

Dr. L. L. Baker, 1209 Pearl St., Eugene, Oregon

### National Musician—

John B. Davis, 9 Madison St., W. Medford, Mass.

## PRE-ENCAMPMENT ACTIVITIES

### COUNCIL-OF-ADMINISTRATION MEETING

In pursuance of regulations adopted in 1952 by the Seventy-First Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Atlantic City, New Jersey, the Council of Administration met at 2 p.m. in Hotel Lafayette to adopt a 3-Year Plan. The Plan to be considered had been under study and application during the year by Commander-in-Chief Davis. After thorough discussion and analysis, the Plan as offered by him was, after some modifications were embodied in it, given unanimous approval.

By authority of the Council, Allen F. Spink was appointed to serve on the Council of Administration in the stead of Laurence J. Parker. Other members of the Council were present, as follows: Commander-in-Chief Frederick K. Davis; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief U. S. Grant, 3rd; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Andrew Richardson; Past Commander-in-Chief Roy J. Bennett; National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert; and James C. Tatman.

### ADOPTED 3-YEAR PLAN

#### Main Objectives

1. Improve the appreciation and application by members, Camps and Departments of the principles of the Order, as defined in Article 2 of the C. & R.
2. Attain greater continuity of action by successive administrations.
3. Study and adopt methods helpful in gaining increased public recognition of favorable character.

#### First Year—1952-1953

1. Start modernizing printed forms and business practices to extent feasible — National, Department, Camp.
2. Submit a variety of suggestions and proposals to Departments for consideration with a view to obtaining widespread, "grass-roots" viewpoints.
3. Print leaflet giving some information regarding our Order and indicating our concern to maintain fundamental Americanism.
4. Cooperate to improve appearance and contents of The Banner, secure suitable pictures for it, and obtain subscriptions from more members.
5. Devote thought and study to developing a 3-Year Plan.
6. Encourage Camps to have open meetings as often as practicable—at least once a year—with good planned programs to which guests and eligibles are invited.
7. Recommend formation of new State Camps in Departments that have the personnel and conditions to undertake them. Suggest manner of functioning.
8. Try to analyze wherein our past methods are weak, inadequate, or failing to hold members or attract new ones.
9. Give full study to Ritual revisions and submit same for approval.
10. Start study and revision of C. & R., if need seems to exist.

11. Start inquiry as to availability of Grand Army programs, talks or broadcasts by Union Veterans, that have been recorded. This with a view of obtaining duplicates.
12. Launch definite publicity effort on behalf of Grand Army of the Republic Highway—publicity with which we are clearly and favorably identified. Solicit co-operation of National Highway 6 Association, with headquarters at Ely, Nevada.

#### Second Year—1953-1954

1. Continue modernizing efforts. Revise leaflet, *Keeping America American*.
2. Continue submitting proposals, if any, to Departments for consideration.
3. Print leaflet along lines of true Civil War information—possibly a new one in considerable detail to correct the erroneous use of "War Between the States." (A brief one by Michael G. Heintz is in stock.)
4. Campaign for more subscriptions to *The Banner*.
5. Continue and increase contacts with Departments to encourage them to study State Camp methods, and undertake formation of such Camps.
6. Issue ritual changes in an economic form so those receiving same may revise their Rituals.
7. Complete revision of C. & R. for approval by 1954 Encampment.
8. Locate, duplicate and establish a file of recordings reproducing talks and broadcasts of Union Veterans, programs by the Grand Army and our Order, etc., with the object of creating and maintaining a file of such recordings available to Camps and Departments. Camps and Departments desiring a recording would pay shipping expense and make a refundable deposit to cover replacement if the recording should be damaged.
9. Publish the 3-Year Plan as adopted. Include same with the Proceedings.
10. Start effort to prepare one or two picture-slide programs of historical nature for screen projection and accompanied by appropriate commentary, suitable for use by Camps as well as civic groups and schools.
11. With aid of Departments draw upon the cooperative offer of National Highway 6 Association and seek the cooperation of individual Chambers of Commerce in States through which the Route passes. Try to use their influence as well as that of the Order to obtain further State improvement of the Highway and placement and maintenance of official markers in adequate numbers.
12. Initiate a definite Americanism program (Americanism Committee) to study national issues of patriotic significance and report to the Order from time to time, with the object of promoting appreciation of our historical heritage and to alert members and the public to dangers that imperil that heritage.
13. Encourage projects interesting to younger people—Drill Teams, File and Drum Corps, Degree Team and Uniform.

#### Third Year—1954-1955

1. Print leaflet on true Civil War information—possibly dealing with the issue of "Sovereign States."
2. Continue campaign to increase *The Banner* subscription list.
3. Encourage Camps to have occasional open meetings with informative programs.
4. Continue the study and experiment with State Camp methods. Start a definite effort to help with programs by providing ideas, lists of speakers, any practicable aids.



5. Issue C. & R. revision material so the booklets can be made to conform; i.e., the possessor of a booklet can correct it.
6. Complete and make available one or more screen programs of historical nature, same to be subject to rental by Camps or Departments.
7. Further develop, perfect and publicize the Americanism program started the previous year.
8. Continue Highway publicity. Encourage Departments to locate historical sites for markers. Use influence to get States to develop picnic areas along the Highway, naming same for prominent Union people of the Civil War.
9. Survey progress that may have been made in carrying out the objectives of the Three-Year-Plan.

### JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES

The Joint Memorial Services of the Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary were held in the Ballroom of the Lafayette Hotel on Sunday, August 23 at 9 P.M., under the direction of National Chaplain Rev. Herman L. Brockway of the Sons; and National Chaplain Alice M. Odell of the Auxiliary.

#### Program

Sacred Music  
 Processional ..... Assembly Arises  
 Altar Ceremony  
 Invocation..... The Rev. Herman L. Brockway

National Chaplain, Sons of Union Veterans

Vocal Selection . . . "Prayer Perfect" ..... Mrs. Mary Mandeville  
 Tribute to Deceased Members—

#### Auxiliary:

Past National Presidents..... Katherine L. Joyce

1. Tribute to the Memory of Margaret Waters

2. Tribute to the Memory of Phyllis Dean

Past Department Presidents..... Ethelyn C. Tucker  
 Members..... Lela B. Shugart

#### Grand Army and Sons:

To the Memory of Comrade William A. Magee..... Earl Riggs, P.D.C.

To the Memory of Comrade William A. Hard..... Fred E. Colwell, P.D.C.

Department Commanders and Members..... Neil D. Cranmer  
 Past Commander-in-Chief

Floral Tributes placed by Department Commanders and  
 Department Presidents

Vocal Selection ..... Mrs. Mary Mandeville  
 (Assembly Rises and Remains Standing Until After Recessional)

Benediction ..... National Chaplain

Closing of Bible with Assembly singing "It Is No Secret What God Can Do,"  
 Led by Mrs. Mary Mandeville—Chorus only to be sung

Recessional

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Prior to the Joint Memorial Services, a concert was given by the Syl-  
 vania Choraliers of Buffalo.

Following the concert, a presentation was made by Past Commander-

in-Chief John H. Runkle, on behalf of Runkle's 1950 Club, to the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War of a Commandery-in-Chief Flag. It was accepted by Commander-in-Chief Davis, with sincere thanks of the organization. Runkle's 1950 Club is composed of the Department Commanders who were serving in office the year Brother Runkle served as Commander-in-Chief.

### ENCAMPMENT SIDELIGHTS

On Monday morning a Courtesy Breakfast for National Officers and Past National Presiding Officers of both organizations, as well as for the local Encampment Committee, was arranged by the New York Department. It was a well-planned, delightful beginning to a busy day, and much appreciated.

Monday evening at 7:30 a highly capable Degree Team from Rochester, N. Y., presented an exemplification of the initiation work, with a large group of candidates being received. It was an outstanding performance. Commander-in-Chief Davis had all the present 50-year members of the Sons escorted to a place of honor at the front. After they were briefly introduced—eleven were in the line—each shook hands with and welcomed the new members. Following this innovation, the Commander-in-Chief reproduced for the assembly four phonograph records made by Albert Woolson, last living member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

At 9 p.m., Ruth W. Muzzey, Chief-of-Staff for the Auxiliary, directed the activities of a very enjoyable Courtesy Hour in the Crystal Ballroom of the hotel. Earlier the same evening the Past National Presidents and Past Commanders-in-Chief held their annual banquet.

At the formal banquet on Tuesday evening, the main address was given by General U. S. Grant, 3rd, retired, who took for his subject "A Family Closeup." He gave an account of his personal experiences with his famous grandfather, and discussed in entertaining detail the characteristics and accomplishments of that great man.

The evening was enlivened by the amusing talks and tribal dances of a group of Indians of the Tuscarora Reservation, led by Chief Loud Voice, Sachem Chief of the Beaver Clan. He is a veteran of the Spanish-American War and Commander of Butler Camp of S. U. V. C. W. in Buffalo. Chief Loud Voice (Clinton Rickard) had with him his son, William, David Hill, Chief Eagle Feathers, and Chief Howard Sky.

Past Department Commander Fred Howe was in charge of the entertainment provided by the Indians.

Later in the evening a reception and dance were supervised by National Chief of Staff, Mrs. Ruth Muzzey.

A number of features made Wednesday notable. Delegates enjoyed an all-afternoon free ride in seven buses provided by the New York Department, the tour taking the visitors to view historic Old Fort Niagara, which dates from 1679, and the American side of Niagara Falls. In the evening the Sons' new National Officers were installed by Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, following services placing a wreath at the Civil War Monument in the public square in front of Hotel Lafayette.

The night's activities concluded with a floor show and dance in charge of National Chief-of-Staff C. Leroy Stoudt.

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SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
LAFAYETTE HOTEL — BUFFALO, N. Y.  
AUGUST 23-27, 1953

### MONDAY MORNING SESSION

AUGUST 24, 1953 — 10:15 A. M.

Commander-in-Chief Frederick K. Davis: The Officers and Members of the Seventy-Second Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will please come to order.

At this point, two members of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Hester Cook, Department President, Oregon and Washington; and Mrs. Barbara Davis, wife of the Commander-in-Chief, were escorted into the Encampment. They presented a vase of beautiful yellow roses to Commander-in-Chief Davis, with best wishes for a successful Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Davis: I appoint as Guide, Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts; Color Bearer, Past Department Commander Leslie W. More, New York; Guard, Delegate Truman A. Vincent, New York.

The Encampment then opened in Ritualistic form.

Roll call of officers showed all present except Council of Administration member Laurence Parker and National Personal Aide, Dr. L. L. Baker. The Commander-in-Chief appointed Past Department Commander Allen F. Spink, Connecticut, to the Council of Administration; and Past Commander-in-Chief Cleon E. Heald as National Personal Aide.

### COMMITTEES

Commander-in-Chief Davis: I wish to appoint the following Committees at this time:

#### Credentials

Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer, Chairman.  
Harold P. Shepardson, Department Commander, Massachusetts.  
Fred H. Combs, Jr., Department Commander, New Jersey.  
Jesse H. Taylor, Department Commander, California & Pacific.  
William J. Moore, Department Commander, Illinois.  
Bertram Isaacs, Delegate, New York.

#### Resolutions

Wm. M. Coffin, Past Commander-in-Chief, Ohio, Chairman.  
Charles C. Webster, Past Department Commander, Maine.



John A. Ruggles, Past Department Commander, Pennsylvania.  
 Walter S. Beilby, Past Department Commander, New York.  
 Fred E. Colwell, Past Department Commander, New York.

#### Officers' Reports

Allan S. Holbrook, Past Commander-in-Chief, Illinois, Chairman.  
 Homer L. Young, Past Department Commander, Iowa.  
 John G. Kernan, Department Commander, New York.  
 C. Lloyd Hooker, Department Commander, Maine.  
 John W. Emery, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.

#### Constitution and Regulations

Col. Frederic G. Bauer, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts, Chairman.

Richard F. Locke, Past Commander-in-Chief, Illinois.  
 Chas. H. E. Moran, Past Commander-in-Chief, Massachusetts.  
 Cleon E. Heald, Past Commander-in-Chief, New Hampshire.  
 Edward W. Carmichael, Delegate, California & Pacific.

#### Ritual & Ceremonies

Henry Towle, Past Commander-in-Chief, Maine, Chairman.  
 Fred Combs, Sr., Past Department Commander, New Jersey.  
 C. Edward Wetzell, Past Department Commander, Ohio.  
 Fred C. McGowan, Department Commander, Missouri.

#### Press

Willard B. Stephan, Past Department Commander, New York.

#### Restoration of Rank

Roy J. Bennett, Past Commander-in-Chief, Iowa, Chairman.  
 Earl F. Riggs, Past Department Commander, California & Pacific.  
 Carder A. Perkins, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.

#### Fraternal Relations

All Past Commanders-in-Chief, with John E. Sautter, Chairman.

#### 1954 Encampment

Cleon E. Heald, Past Commander-in-Chief, New Hampshire, Chairman.  
 Dewey B. Mead, Past Department Commander, Minnesota.  
 Louis T. Story, Delegate, California & Pacific.  
 Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer, New Jersey.

#### PRELIMINARY REPORT—CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Department Commander Harold P. Shepardson, Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, the Credentials Committee wish to report to you that there are 120 delegates registered.

Commander-in-Chief Davis: Thank you, Brother Shepardson. We are now ready for Reports of Officers.

The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief presided from his station, as Commander-in-Chief Davis read his report:

#### REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

One year ago I became Commander-in-Chief—but not without hesitation and many misgivings. Not only is this a burdensome undertaking, but I felt that more was expected of me than could be accomplished. After nearly 25 years of office-holding in our Order—including several national offices—I knew the folly of hopeful anticipations that would not materialize.

However, I have carried on the activities of the office with all practicable enterprise. One illness of a few weeks was acquired on a trip in unfavorable weather. Response to correspondence lagged temporarily.

Letters written during my term numbered many hundreds—most of them lengthy—and postals were as numerous. Miles traveled were more than at first contemplated, almost two months' time being consumed altogether by official trips, my wife accompanying me on all of these. In May and June we utilized 19 separate airplane flights, thus conserving much time on visits to Department Encampments—visits which began with California and ended with New York.

### State of the Order

Reports for the year will probably show the usual overall decline in Camps and membership. New Camps are one in New Jersey, one in Vermont, California, New Jersey, Oregon and Washington, showed membership gains.

Explanation of the continuing decline is simple. Our Camps consist largely of elderly men, many of whom have grown old in loyal, sacrificial service to the Order. As these older men "fade away" they are seldom replaced by younger men. If replaced, it is unlikely to be men of equivalent devotion. Thus Camps gradually weaken, finally pay no dues, and are dropped.

One (possibly both) of two conclusions seems to me inescapable: Either (a) there is no permanent place for an Order such as this in the national scene, or (b) we do not function in a manner that wins the sustained interest and action of enough men to maintain or increase our strength. I prefer to think that the answer lies with the explanation listed as (b).

On the whole, our membership is highly resistant to functioning in other than the traditional ways established 60 or more years ago when we drew vitality from the Grand Army of the Republic—then a powerful, greatly honored organization. Many Camps frankly desire to pass quietly into oblivion unbothered and undisturbed.

Other Camps offer this analysis: "We would be doing all right if we would just hustle out and get more members." This solution, of course, has been a standard exhortation for several decades. Recently I was in cities that once had Camps with as many as 200 members and now have no Camp at all! It seems strange that no one took the trouble to "hustle out and get more members." The long-crystalized notion that all we have to do is "get members" is obviously not the cure of the problem.

### Our 4-Fold Nature

Our principles and purposes as stated in our Constitution provide, in my opinion, adequate areas of action to insure a strong, thriving organization. If that opinion is true, however, then where have we been lacking? This is assuredly a sizable subject.

In my judgment we are constituted to be a combination of a (a) fraternal, (b) patriotic, (c) historical and (d) service organization. This is certainly a big scope. How well have we functioned under these heads?

(a) Fraternal: Under this head we must include not only brotherly cooperation but social activities.

Failure in brotherliness has lost us Camps, but on the whole fraternity has been well demonstrated.

Social activities have been a very important factor in the success of Camps; especially have these been valuable aids to Camp strength when



joined with the Auxiliary. Camps socially negligent may be listed among those that have declined most drastically or that are now non-existent. We may conclude that programs together with a dinner or refreshments are indispensable. Quality and nature of the programs are prominent considerations. Planning and producing entertaining programs demand confidence and dedicated effort. Camps without this leadership are seriously handicapped.

(b) Patriotic: Thoughtful reading of paragraphs 4 to 7, pages 2 and 3 of our organization's Constitution, would help us realize how deficient we have been in the area of patriotic influence. One of the most influential patriotic organizations in the nation is the Daughters of the American Revolution, a much newer society than ours. That organization has more members, reportedly, than all the Allied Orders combined! There must be a reason. It stands—and what is more important, fights—for fundamental Americanism. It is criticized, of course, by "liberals" and by persons who apologize for un-American Americans—but that attracts more members and increases solidarity.

Our patriotic activity is directed toward putting flags on graves, grave registration and care, presenting a flag now and then, conducting Memorial Day services, etc.—good works, surely, but not of a type to give us a potent influence in our community or the nation. Neither do these worthy activities carry out in an aggressive sense the purposes stated in our Constitution noted above.

(c) Historical: In this area I have learned of surprisingly little to our credit, except plaques and monuments, of permanent significance. Much historical material of value has passed through the hands of members concerning the Civil War and Abraham Lincoln, but little was done toward putting it into books or brochures for enduring use in school and public libraries. Our once large membership could have acquired an invaluable collection of museum items from their fathers. Obtaining a historic building at a historic site (or moving such a building to a historic site) would have afforded appropriate storage for a museum calculated to attract sight-seers at a small fee. (Museums in State capitol buildings are at a disadvantage because they lack the appeal that goes with a historic site.)

In a few localities we have annual Lincoln dinners and programs, an annual ceremony is held at Grant's tomb, some Camps observe various anniversary dates of events such as Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. The overall picture, however, does not reveal a serious, well-defined attention to Civil War history or Lincoln's life—subjects which have grown in fascination for the public in recent years.

(d) Service: Diminishing numbers and declining income impose strict restraint in this field. Men are not clever at raising money except by direct contribution. We left it to others to raise large funds from the public by such adroit methods as tag days, etc. Now an enlightened self-interest requires our applying service funds locally and nationally where we can at the same time obtain the greatest returns in publicity favorable to us. Our service effort should be as distinctive and peculiar to us as possible—not a mere tagging along behind big, wealthy organizations where our small endeavor is unnoticed, lost in their greater shadow. We cannot afford to be simply a "me-too" organization. Our funds do not permit of this nationally nor in most Departments.

#### Committee to Promote Americanism

There is little we can do to Americanize aliens. Over 5,000,000 are reported never to have sought citizenship. Those who do obtain citizenship, sometimes after long residence in this country without being known as aliens, often dislike publicity and public programs calling attention to them.



Also, they have taken examinations in American fundamentals that probably most of us could not pass.

To try, if possible, to quicken interest among our members in American problems of patriotic significance (this comes under subject (b) on page 3), I published a blue leaflet called "Keeping America American." In it I gave some account of the Grand Army and ourselves and mentioned some national issues. A copy was sent to all recipients of The Banner. A few Camps and Departments bought some. Probably three-fourths of our members have not seen it.

Recommendation No. 1. That the name of the Americanization Committee be changed to Americanism Committee and be assigned the duty of carrying out the proposals by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Grant on the front cover of the January 1953 issue of The Banner.

General Grant's proposals, according to records submitted to me, have been approved by 14 Department Encampments. One Department disapproved. The action, if any, of the other 7 Departments, is not known to me.

### Grand Army of the Republic Highway

Promotion by us of this highway, and publicity for it in combination with publicity for our Order and Auxiliary, offer ideal activity within the areas (noted on page 3) of both (c) historical, and (d) service.

Dedication activities on May 3 by many Departments were very outstanding achievements—I attended the superlative one at Long Beach—but they gained less than the hoped-for publicity.

That we might have a highway publicity folder, I gave considerable attention over a period of months to obtaining photos from Chambers of Commerce, selecting what seemed to be the best typical pictures, preparing the text, arranging a layout, and having a distinctive highway map produced. These were combined in a leaflet that is now available.

Small supplies of this folder, with a letter, were sent to the principal Chambers of Commerce along the route, names having been furnished by the Highway Association. Two hundred folders and 125 maps were provided the national convention of this National US-6 Highway Association for its convention at Ely, Nevada, June 8 and 9. The convention passed the following resolution: "Express appreciation to the Sons of Union Veterans for their fine work in completion of the designation and marking of US-6 Grand Army of the Republic Highway and in publicizing the route—and pledge cooperation and support in their future activities."

California Department has bought 500 folders, their Auxiliary 1400; Illinois Department, 2000.

Recommendation No. 2. Departments in each State through which the Grand Army Highway passes are encouraged to check with their Chambers of Commerce and AAA offices along the route and supply them with needed folders; also seek their cooperation for further highway improvement and to influence State highway authorities to erect and maintain the approved markers at 5-mile intervals on both sides of the highway—at close intervals in towns and cities.

### State Camps

Few flags fly in front of homes or places of business on July 4, Memorial Day, or Flag Day. This is only one of the evidences that patriotism expressed in sentimental activities is at a low ebb. Such a public attitude is unfortunate for an organization like ours that has based its policies and

practices largely on sentiment and little on instructional or intellectual methods (see analysis on page 3, subjects (b) and (c).

That difference in methods is exemplified by the growth in a number of cities of what are known as Civil War Roundtables—groups of men interested in Civil War History and battles from an intellectual standpoint. They meet at banquets and have highly qualified speakers on those subjects. The appeal of such a club is to men of sound financial means and alert, eager minds who want an improved knowledge of history. Group tours of the battlefields are among their projects.

The success of those groups is startling. I am told that the Chicago Roundtable group had to restrict membership and that its members number more than our Illinois Department! Surely there is a lesson in this for us.

Our lately formed State Camps are a move in this direction of appealing to intellectual interests. With capable leadership and good lecture programs it seems to me they offer the possibility of bringing new strength and prestige to our Order. The C. & R. Committee will submit suggestions on this subject. Our principal Departments should look into the State Camp angle without delay.

### The Banner

It is gratifying that National Secretary Lambert has been able to publish so attractive a paper. It is a highly creditable achievement. This makes it all the more disappointing that only a small fraction of members are on the subscription list.

On my official visits, if opportunity offered, I displayed The Banner and asked for subscriptions. In this way I obtained approximately 100 new names.

From my experience, I learned that many members of our Order—probably the majority—have never seen The Banner as now printed.

Recommendation No. 3. That Camp Secretaries regard themselves as agents for The Banner and personally solicit subscriptions under instructions from the National Secretary.

### Floral Tributes

On anniversaries of Lincoln's birthday a number of organizations place wreaths at the sarcophagus in his tomb at Springfield, Illinois. We do not do this. Nor do we place one at the Lincoln memorial in Washington.

Aided by Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook, arrangements were made this year for a wreath to be placed for me personally at Springfield. We do not have a Camp at Springfield, hence considerable expense was involved. When practicable, serious consideration should be given to providing such wreaths, including whether it might be an appropriate variation if we contributed a floral tribute to Lincoln's home instead of placing one at the tomb.

### Our Unknown Members

One of my first ideas on taking office was to send a questionnaire to all our members to learn, if possible, their views and suggestions. This proved impracticable. Our national organization does not have the names and addresses of members—only a minor fraction of them. I learned, also, that a number of Departments lack the same information—no roster of members of the Department being maintained. In many cases no one knows who are the members of a Camp except the Secretary-Treasurer. This may be an acceptable state of affairs, or no workable solution be apparent, but it seems to me to fall short of business-like technique. It should have further thought.



### Rear-of-the-Line Status

Printed programs of Allied Encampments that I visited, also programs sent me from other Allied Encampments, placed us and our Auxiliary on the back pages—the other Allied Orders at the front or middle.

This nation-wide custom was a surprise to me. I began wondering how we came to be assigned a “back-of-the-program” status. The psychological significance of being expected to follow after the others is tremendous, especially for a men’s organization. It has a lot of implications. We are the oldest of the Allied Orders.

### Encampment Date

Some of our biggest Department Encampments begin in midweek and close at the weekend, indicating that there is no special reason for starting on Sunday and ending in midweek. Now that airlines and some railroads grant a family half-fare rate for trips on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, it might be advisable to change our national encampments to start in midweek. The possible saving to a couple from this concession could be as much as \$160 roundtrip; even on a short trip of a few hundred miles it would be considerable.

### Commander Bars

Some Commanders wear a bar on their badge that shows their title. Others have asked how to get them.

Recommendation No. 4. That the National Secretary secure information as to where and at what price bars can be obtained on special order for Department or Camp Commanders, and assist in obtaining them when so requested.

### North vs. South

As a result of our years of “educational effort,” principal magazines seldom use an erroneous term for the Civil War. Now and then there is a slip. But our Northern papers are less well informed.

Now the South is developing another dubious issue. More and more frequently Southern clubs and people bring the Confederate flag North and display it at many places and occasions. People ask me if this is bravado, planned discourtesy, or a backward step toward a sectionalism that should have ended long ago.

Recommendation No. 5. That we continue efforts to impart true Civil War information and discountenance display of any flag in a manner that raises doubt of undivided loyalty to the United States or stimulates sectionalism.

### Appreciation of Staff

As stated in more detail in the last Banner, I have been fortunate to have such an outstanding staff of officers. Their unflinching consideration and effort are unforgettable. My thanks go to them all. As the years pass, I hope we do not lose contact. The helpfulness of National Secretary Lambert and the promptness with which he responded to every inquiry have been invaluable.

### Cooperation with the Auxiliary

Camps and Departments that have functioned in close cooperation with the Auxiliary are the most successful. All Camps known to me that have had no Auxiliary are now weak or dead. I can think of nothing so rewarding as harmonious cooperation between our Order and the Auxiliary at all levels—Camp, Department and National.



Applause followed the reading of the report of the Commander-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Grant: You have just heard this splendid report of Commander-in-Chief Davis. What is your pleasure?

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: I move that it be received, accepted, and referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports; and I wish to pay personal tribute to our Commander-in-Chief for his excellent work during this past year. We, of this organization, applaud him for his thoughtfulness, for his keen, intelligent consideration, at all times, to the problems confronting this organization. We should pay tribute to Commander-in-Chief Davis for the endless time, money and effort given this year; and even though we may not agree fully with him at all times, we must applaud his efforts in our behalf. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Fred E. Colwell, New York; and carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Davis: We will now have the report of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

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

Frederick K. Davis, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

College Hill,  
Clinton, New York,  
19 August 1953.

Dear Commander-in-Chief Davis:

The duties of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief are not arduous, but even so I am fearful of having fallen short in their performance because other obligations and duties of a similar character previously assumed prevented my attending a number of meetings of our own Order.

During the past year, I have represented the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the American Coalition of Patriotic and Civic Societies at numerous committee meetings and at the annual meeting. On such occasions, I voiced the views of our Order, after obtaining the approval of the Commander-in-Chief.

As Commander of the D.C. Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, I organized and presided at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington on President Lincoln's birthday, February 12th. I attended the luncheon in the Library of Congress to celebrate the publication of Benjamin P. Thomas' one volume "Life of Lincoln". I have been an active member of the Civil War Round Table in Washington, making the principal address on January 13th and presenting the gold medal to Dr. Douglas Southall Freeman on April 22nd.

The Civil War Round Table has undertaken a campaign to secure construction by 1961 of the Fort Memorial Drive, encircling the Nation's Capitol and making the remains of the old Civil War Forts accessible. I strongly urge that appropriate resolutions be passed by this Encampment expressing our hearty approval and backing of this project as a Memorial to those who took part in that great contest. This should include direction for our representatives to favor, before the appropriate committees of Congress, any legislation necessary to make the project effective.

It may be noted that, in his non-partisan address of acceptance of the medal, Dr. Freeman's main point was that the leaders on both sides were great because of their high character.

Finally, the following may be mentioned among my activities of interest to our Order but not directly pertaining thereto: An address on the significance and importance of Memorial Day at a churchmen's breakfast group, May 24th; participation in a broadcast from the Library of Congress relative to the new one-volume edition of General Grant's Personal Memoirs, March 26th; participation in ceremony of opening the Grant

Leather Store at Galena, Illinois, April 26th; Memorial Service for those lost at sea, organized by the United Spanish War Veterans and their Auxiliary on May 24th; address at opening of the exhibit of Brady Civil War Photographs to commemorate President Lincoln's stop-over on his way to Gettysburg at Hanover Junction, Pa., May 29th.

Directly connected with our Order, I had the honor of representing our Commander-in-Chief on the following occasions:

Nov. 16, 1952—Anniversary of Gettysburg Address ceremony at New Brunswick, N. J.

Nov. 22, 1952—The same anniversary, at Gettysburg, Pa.

Feb. 15, 1953—Lincoln Birthday ceremony at Newark, N. J.

Feb. 13, 1953—Lincoln Birthday dinner at Princeton, N. J.

May 1 and 2—Encampment of the Maryland Department at Wilmington, Delaware; acting as toast-master at the annual banquet.

Respectfully submitted,

U. S. GRANT, 3rd

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

National Counselor Bauer: I would move you, Commander-in-Chief, that all reports be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports without motion, except such portions of any report which may be referred to some other committee. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie, and carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Davis: Is the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief ready to report at this time?

## REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Frederick K. Davis, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

August 20, 1953

My dear Commander-in-Chief:

At our last Encampment, I had the honor of being elected to the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; and I have deeply appreciated the privilege of serving in this capacity, and submit the following report of my activities before relinquishing the office.

On October 18, 1952, I visited Gettysburg, Pa., to see the re-enactment of the pageant, "Mr. Lincoln Goes to Gettysburg", given by the Western Maryland Railroad Company, in honor of their One Hundredth Anniversary. This pageant was the re-enactment of President Lincoln's visit and his immortal Gettysburg Address, portrayed and given by Ray Middleton, and the citizens of Gettysburg. The Sons of Veterans Reserve of Pennsylvania Department, under the command of John A. Ruggles, Adjutant General, had a prominent part in the pageant. There were thousands of people in the streets to review this pageant and the silence, reverence and respect shown by the people were remarkable. This program was televised, and broadcast, and reporters from several newspapers and magazines were present. Words fail to give a true description of the effect this pageant had upon the people present, and the Western Maryland Railroad Company is to be commended for selecting an important page of the history of the United States in honor of their Hundredth Anniversary.

On the following events and occasions, I represented the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons:

October 25, 1952—Reception to the Department Commander and President of the Auxiliary of New Jersey Department.

November 16, 1952—Dedication Day Exercises; New Brunswick, N. J.



January 31, 1953—Past Presidents Club of Greater New York City.

February 12, 1953—Lincoln's Memorial in Washington, D. C.

April 18, 1953—Appomattox Day Banquet—Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, Reading, Pa.

April 25, 1953—The first meeting of the newly organized State Camp of New Jersey.

Week of May 30, 1953—Participated in several Memorial Day Exercises and Church Services in the State of New Jersey.

June 16, 1953—Military review given by New Jersey Military Artillery Units of the National Guards, at which time, a display of Civil War Relics was shown by the Sons which received very favorable publicity. The folder, "Keeping America American" was distributed to the reviewers.

June 22, 1953—The Encampment of the Ladies of the G.A.R., Woman's Relief Corps, and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the State of New Jersey.

June 23, 1953—New Jersey State Encampment of the Sons and Auxiliary.

Reverting back to the exercises held on Lincoln's Birthday at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., I wish to state that I had the honor to be the guest of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, who had complete charge of the exercises for that day. The President of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower, was in attendance; also Mrs. Eisenhower, and the President placed a wreath at the Lincoln Memorial. Several military organizations placed wreaths; also, the Allied Orders of our organization. It is my recommendation that the Sons of Veterans participate in this event by having a representative present each year to place a wreath, as the other Military Orders have been doing in the past years.

In closing, I want to commend you for your efforts in your excellent pamphlets, "Keeping America American" and the "Grand Army of the Republic Highway".

Faternally yours in F. C. & L.

ANDREW RICHARDSON

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.)

## REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

Trenton, N. J., August 1, 1953

Mr. Frederick K. Davis,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
My dear Commander-in-Chief:

As National Secretary-Treasurer I have the honor and responsibility to present to you, and to the members of the 72nd National Encampment, a report of the past year, with facts and observations that appear indicated.

After thirty years of membership and sixteen National Encampments, my efforts have been performed without desire for praise, or fear of blame. I feel that those matters over which I have some control have been handled for you efficiently during the past five years that I have acted in this capacity. Reference to the financial report will disclose improvement in this direction. This fact, along with modernization of forms, an improved Banner, and inspired leadership with worthwhile projects will eventually result in an enthusiastic membership. This is what is needed as a forerunner to an increase in membership. It is difficult to evaluate the psychological reaction to our new program, but I am confident that continuance of the program will secure recognition and results. In the two remaining years



that I am to serve in the office of National Secretary-Treasurer I trust that additional progress will be made in overall policy and procedure.

With but one member of the Grand Army of the Republic still living, we face the threshold of a new era. As the only male organization recognized by them, we must stand up and be heard—for our heritage, and our responsibilities. It has been suggested that we consider altering eligibility, but in my considered judgment, this would be a grave error. Our most valued possession is our eligibility clause. If we have not secured a larger membership, it is not because the eligibles are not available. It is so easy to lower standards rather than to acknowledge faults. If the incentive is not present to direct descendents, certainly it will not be present to any others. We must develop a militant, enthusiastic and aggressive organization.

During the past year, six issues of The Banner have been published at a modest cost to the Commandery-in-Chief. This has resulted in a favorable balance in the General Fund. However, the net loss of 700 members this year will result in a reduction in income in the amount of \$420.00 during the coming year. As The Banner is the principal means of communicating with the membership, all Department Commanders and Secretaries are urged to solicit subscriptions which are at the rate of \$1.00 yearly. The reaction to The Banner from our own membership as well as from other organizations with whom we exchange publications has been most favorable, resulting in a staggering amount of correspondence.

The Commandery-in-Chief Permanent Memorial Fund is progressing very slowly. \$190.00 was received during the past year, which has been acknowledged in various issues of The Banner. In donating to this fund, you will permanently register the name and military record of a Civil War Veteran and at the same time build up a permanent fund for the perpetuation of the principles and objects of our Order.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1952-June 30, 1953

	General Fund	G.A.R. Fund	Legisl. Comm.	Perm. Savings Fund	U.S. Govt. Bonds
Balance July 1, 1952.....	\$ 946.46	\$2,171.19	\$86.92	\$625.00	\$5,500.00
RECEIPTS					
Per Capita Tax.....	5,575.66				
New Members Fees.....	116.80				
Charter Fee .....	5.00				
Supplies .....	853.11				
Gift-Natl. Aux. ....	200.00				
Registration Fees .....	304.00				
Int. on U. S. Bonds .....	137.50				
Premium—					
Dept. Commdr. Bonds .....	5.00				
Banner Subscriptions .....	920.12				
Chief of Staff Stoudt .....	227.47				
Insurance Rebate .....	2.00				
C. in C. Davis—Refund.....	15.00				
Natl. Patr. Instr. Emery.....		472.80			
Natl. Patr. Instr. DeHaven .....		484.65			
Permanent Honor Roll Fund .....				\$190.00	
	\$9,308.12	\$3,128.64	\$86.92	\$815.00	\$5,500.00

## EXPENSES

Supplies .....	\$ 525.51				
Banner .....	1,861.59				
C. in C. Davis .....	867.52				
Printing—Off. Exp. & Supp....	474.92				
Salaries .....	1,150.00				
Social Security .....	34.50				
Express & Postage .....	110.90				
Encampment Exp.—					
Badge—Officers Reports ..	929.39				
Dept. Commanders Bonds ..	9.80				
Flowers .....	40.55				
1952 Proceedings .....	555.35				
Rent .....	400.00				
American Coalition .....	25.00				
Office Equipment .....	370.00				
Grave Marking Committee..		25.00			
Publicity Committee .....		25.00			
Highway Committee .....		137.50			
Lincoln University .....		50.00			
Natl. Patr. Instr.—					
GAR Fund Exp. ....		22.64			
Decalcomanias .....		206.25			
Legislative Committee .....		25.00			
Highway Folders .....		6.38			
Grand Army of the Republic		100.00			
Congressional Record .....			9.55		
	\$7,355.03	\$ 597.77	\$ 9.55		
Balance July 1, 1953.....	\$1,953.09	\$2,530.87	\$77.37	\$815.00	\$5,500.00

Stock & Supplies Account

Cost supplies on hand 6/30/52.....	
Cost supplies purchased.....	\$2,863.38
	<u>525.51</u>
Cost supplies on hand 6/30/53.....	\$3,388.89
Cost supplies sold.....	<u>2,689.34</u>
	\$ 699.55
Received for supplies.....	\$853.11
Cost supplies sold.....	<u>699.55</u>
Profit on supplies.....	<u>\$153.56</u>

Series G U. S. BONDS C-806230G-C805927G-C805926G-D333906G  
 -D333905G-D333904G-D333903G totaling \$2,300.00 expire Sept. 1954  
 C4077191G - C4077192G - D2125697G - D2125692G - D2125693G -  
 D2125694G-D2125695G-D2125696G-total \$3,200.00 expire Nov. 1957



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Departments	Good Standing June 30, 1952 Camps Members	GAIN Camps Members	LOSS Camps Members	Good Standing June 30, 1953 Camps Members	Balance Dept. Treasury	Delegate Represent- ation
At Large .....	1	16	.....	1	16	.....
Calif. & Pac. ....	18	461	42	18	467	10
Colo. & Wyo. ....	4	70	5	4	66	2
Connecticut .....	21	533	49	21	494	11
Illinois .....	15	182	19	11	168	4
Indiana .....	11	184	18	10	174	4
Iowa .....	13	172	47	10	132	4
Kansas .....	9	107	17	8	91	3
Maine .....	25	550	70	24	501	11
Massachusetts ..	7	139	10	7	131	4
Michigan .....	83	1647	147	82	1532	32
Minnesota .....	11	261	31	10	242	6
Missouri .....	6	99	8	6	91	3
New Hampshire ..	4	62	13	4	49	2
New Jersey .....	14	269	28	13	261	6
New York .....	16	417	21	17	431	10
Ohio .....	42	972	96	40	912	19
Ore. & Wash. ....	36	715	57	35	661	14
Pennsylvania .....	5	109	13	5	117	3
Rhode Island .....	65	1876	235	57	1667	34
Vermont .....	14	191	38	12	156	4
Wisconsin .....	19	355	39	20	341	8
	10	175	13	10	163	4
	449	9562	1016	425	8863	

RECAPITULATION		Camps		Members
Good Standing June 30, 1952.....		449		9,562
GAIN:		Camps		Members
Initiation .....	2	258		
Transfer .....		25		
Reinstatement .....		34	2	317
			451	9,879
LOSS:				
Death .....		355		
Disbanded .....	23	100		
Honorable Discharge .....		17		
Transfer .....		31		
Dropped .....	3	513	26	1,016
Good Standing June 30, 1953.....		425		8,863

### OUR AUXILIARY

Our Auxiliary has proven year after year to be a loyal supporter to the various Departments and Camps. To National President, Sister Lila Macey and through her to her entire membership we extend gratitude for cooperation.

### ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS

Although having little contact with the National Presidents of the Allied Orders, I fully appreciate the fine work of their organizations on behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic. Correspondence has been cordial and cooperative.

### GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Since 1949 we have had no definite policy regarding annual donations to the maintenance of Grand Army Headquarters with the result that each administration was forced to consult their Council-in-Chief. I feel confident that it is the desire of the membership that we do continue to support G. A. R. Headquarters—in fact that is what part of the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund is intended for. Therefore, I offer:

RECOMMENDATION No. 1 That this organization continue to give \$200.00 yearly toward the maintenance of G. A. R. Headquarters as long as there is one man alive of that organization, and for six months following his death, to allow for disposition of books, records, etc.

The distinction of being the last survivor of the Grand Army of the Republic as well as of the entire Union Army of 1861-65 has been bestowed on Comrade Albert Woolson, of Duluth, Minnesota. As Comrade Woolson is also a member of our organization, it behooves us to signally honor him. Fully realizing that such recognition is not given lightly, I offer:

RECOMMENDATION No. 2 That Comrade Albert Woolson have the title of Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War conferred upon him by action of this encampment, and that he be so informed along with greetings and best wishes of this encampment.

All correspondence and contact with the National Secretary of the G. A. R. Miss Cora E. Gillis has been cordial and cooperative for which I express appreciation.

### STATE OF THE ORDER

As previously mentioned, I feel that much is being accomplished to make ours a worth-while organization. Unfortunately we were late in accepting this challenge while "riding on the coat-tails of, and in the reflected glory of the G. A. R." Eventually we will reach a solid rock

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	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members		
At Large .....	1	16	..	.....	....	.....	1	16	.....	....
Calif. & Pac. ....	18	461	..	48	....	42	18	467	345.11	10
Colo. & Wyo. ....	4	70	..	1	....	5	4	66	19.92	2
Connecticut ....	21	533	..	10	....	49	21	494	124.50	11
Illinois .....	15	182	..	5	4	19	11	168	700.20	4
Indiana .....	11	184	..	8	1	18	10	174	160.01	4
Iowa .....	13	172	..	7	3	47	10	132	190.93	4
Kansas .....	9	107	..	1	1	17	8	91	132.45	3
Maine .....	25	550	..	21	1	70	24	501	169.56	11
Maryland .....	7	139	..	2	....	10	7	131	122.70	4
Massachusetts ..	83	1647	..	32	1	147	82	1532	436.28	32
Michigan .....	11	261	..	12	1	31	10	242	227.88	6
Minnesota .....	6	99	..	.....	....	8	6	91	121.43	3
Missouri .....	4	62	..	.....	....	13	4	49	80.96	2
New Hampshire ..	14	269	..	20	1	28	13	261	300.53	6
New Jersey .....	16	417	1	35	....	21	17	431	1172.14	10
New York .....	42	972	..	36	2	96	40	912	1751.78	19
Ohio .....	36	715	..	3	1	57	35	661	556.04	14
Ore. & Wash. ...	5	109	..	21	....	13	5	117	144.01	3
Pennsylvania ..	65	1876	..	26	8	235	57	1667	.....	34
Rhode Island ....	14	191	..	3	2	38	12	156	76.67	4
Vermont .....	19	355	1	25	....	39	20	341	232.28	8
Wisconsin .....	10	175	..	1	....	13	10	163	490.34	4
	449	9562	2	317	26	1016	425	8863		



foundation of Camps and Members that are sincerely interested, and from which we can expect to build an intelligent and aggressive organization. There is still apathy on the part of some Officers and Committee Chairmen — those who accept honors and appointments, and then do nothing to justify them. However they quickly reach their own level of mediocracy.

The matter of selling supplies to Departments, who in turn sell them to Camps should receive your consideration. I find that Departments do not wish to invest in quantities of various supplies, and many times do not order until they receive an order from a Camp, and then order exactly what is needed. This is duplication of effort, resulting in financial loss and loss of time in delivery of the supplies. In some instances Camps have written to say that their Department Headquarters make no effort to secure supplies for them. Therefore, I offer:

RECOMMENDATION No. 3 Amend Article 7, Chapter 1 of Regulations, on page 18, Section 4 to read: Camps must purchase all official supplies from National Headquarters.

If recommendation No. 3 is adopted, I then offer:

RECOMMENDATION No. 4 That the National Secretary-Treasurer prepare a new combination price-list and order form that Camps can use in ordering supplies.

In our organization there are now many men with membership of sixty years or more. These men are proud of their record, as are those having 25 or more years of service. It is impractical to have badges for each bracket of service, but it would be inexpensive and attractive to have a small numeral that could be attached to present badges. Therefore, I offer:

RECOMMENDATION No. 5 That the National Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to stock a supply of numerals 30-35-40-45-55-60 that could be purchased and attached to the badge of the Order.

### CONCLUSION

Since our last Encampment, many loyal Comrades and Brothers have answered the last "Roll Call." Tribute will be paid them at the Memorial Service.

As this year comes to a close, I wish to congratulate you, Commander-in-Chief, upon your unexcelled devotion, intelligent analysis, and forceful action on behalf of our organization. The G. A. R. Highway Folder is a graphic description of this undertaking and will reflect honor and glory on our fathers and grandfathers of the Civil War and a share of this honor and glory will reflect on the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as one more bit of service in keeping green the memories of our forebears. Your year of service is one that will have a decided effect upon the future of the Order. It has been a pleasure to serve with you.

To you, Commander-in-Chief Davis, and to all of my colleagues, I express appreciation and good wishes.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports)

## SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1953 to August 31, 1953

	General Fund	G.A.R. Fund	Legisl. Comm.	Perm. Savings Fund	U.S. Govt. Bonds
Balance, July 1, 1953.....	\$1,953.09	\$2,530.87	\$77.37	\$815.00	\$5,500.00
RECEIPTS:					
Per Capita Tax.....	1,328.85				
New Member Fees.....	29.50				
Supplies.....	64.75				
Charter Fee.....	5.00				
Chief of Staff Fund.....	33.50				
Chief of Staff Fund.....	52.95				
Banner Subscriptions.....	82.50				
Dept. Commanders Bonds....	47.50				
Gift - Auxiliary.....	200.00				
Registration Fees.....	272.00				
Restoration of Rank.....	10.00				
G.A.R. Fund - DeHaven.....		149.00			
G.A.R. Fund - Folders Sold		83.19			
Permanent Savings Fund.....				10.00	
	\$4,079.64	\$2,763.06	\$77.37	\$825.00	\$5,500.00

## EXPENSES:

The Banner.....	276.70	
C. in C. Davis.....	147.48	
Salaries.....	100.00	
Social Security.....	9.00	
Chief of Staff Fund.....	33.50	
Office Exp. & Supp.....	25.34	
Encampment Expense.....	453.89	
C. in C. Badge.....	151.80	
Shipping - Postage.....	128.21	
Nat'l. Hqrs. - G.A.R.....		100.00
G.A.R. Folders.....		317.72
Grave Marking Committee..		25.00
Gift--Comrade Woolson....		100.00
	1,325.92	542.72

Balance, Aug. 31, 1953.....	\$2,753.72	\$2,220.34	\$77.37	\$825.00	\$5,500.00
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Respectfully submitted in F. C. &amp; L.

Albert C. Lambert

National Secretary-Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief Davis: We will now recess until 1:30 P.M.

## MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

August 24, 1953

1:45 P.M.

The Encampment opened in regular form.

Commander-in-Chief Davis: We are now under the heading of Reports of Officers, and we will continue with these reports.

### REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Commander-in-Chief,  
Frederick K. Davis:

Sanford, Maine  
August 15, 1953

I herewith present to you, and through you, to the Seventy-second Annual Encampment a report of this office for the past fiscal year.

I was familiar with the office because of having filled it on two previous occasions, in 1938-1939 and 1940-1941. For this reason, I was able to more efficiently handle the duties of the office.

Great pains were taken to make an intense drive for donations to the G.A.R. Memorial Fund. The Grand Army of the Republic Highway, a project in memory of our fathers, the Union Veterans of the Civil War, is without doubt the finest and with which we have had the most success, than any our order has ever attempted.

To Highway Committee chairman, Vernon E. Cheney for his highway activity, to Commander-in-Chief Frederick K. Davis for his splendid contribution to the publicity of the highway, and to the many Brothers, Camps and Departments who donated to the G.A.R. Memorial Fund, out of which some of the expense for this project was taken, are all to be greatly commended.

The patriotic activities of this office during the past year has been along the lines, thoughts and ideas of our Commander-in-Chief. As drops of rain produce bodies of water, so, many small activities on our part towards KEEPING AMERICA AMERICAN will produce results.

The activities of our Camps and Departments are about what could be expected. I would like to mention the fine work the Regional Associations are doing. They are a great help to our order.

Recommendation: That the soliciting of donations by the National Patriotic Instructor's office for the G.A.R. Memorial Fund be continued another year.

Herewith is a condensed account of activities as reported by Department Patriotic Instructors:



## CONSOLIDATED REPORT DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS

(Departments of Colorado & Wyoming, Kansas and Nebraska not reporting).

Camps in Departments reporting.....	423
Camps included in this report.....	209
Members in good standing.....	6664
Number attending Memorial Sunday.....	2855
Participating Memorial Day.....	2842
Cemeteries decorated.....	1871
Flags placed.....	203,599
Headstones placed.....	32
Graves given special attention.....	657
Flag holders placed.....	1,266
Large flags presented.....	168
Radio Programs.....	20
Patriotic Programs sponsored.....	91
Visits to schools, etc.....	142
School children participating May 30th.....	405,216
Monuments erected.....	5
Funerals attended.....	228
Parades participated in.....	423
Camps taking lead Memorial Day.....	101
States requiring pledge of allegiance in schools.....	13

The American's Creed is generally used in fourteen States; and the United States Flag is displayed in all States when school is in session. Most schools, when in session, hold programs on Patriotic Days. Principal patriotic days are observed by a great many Camps.

The Patriotic Instructors of six Departments report activities, and offer suggestions:

California and Pacific — The establishment of a marker and tablet at the terminus of the G.A.R. Highway, and the work of raising funds for same.

Massachusetts — Reports many activities in various ways all over the Department.

Minnesota — Many personal contacts to make the remaining years of Comrade Woolson, the last Union Veteran of the Civil War, most pleasant and happy.

Oregon and Washington — Suggests more social Camp activities. Recommends Departments and Camps get subscriptions to The Banner.

Rhode Island—Patriotic Instructor A. Waller Lewis has organized a Grand Army Family, and hold gatherings once a month. Presented many large Flags.

Vermont—Suggests adult classes in patriotism.

The number of Brothers giving patriotic addresses were so numerous that space would not be available to list them. For instance, one Department sent thirty-five names and addresses.

### Donations to G.A.R. Memorial Fund

		Total
Department of California & Pacific:		
Camp No. 4, San Jose.....	\$ 3.15	
C. Wagner, Los Angeles .....	1.00	\$ 4.15
Department of Connecticut:		
Camp No. 7, Meriden .....	15.00	
Fred W. Wadhams—Camp No. 34 .....	5.00	20.00

Department of Illinois:		
Illinois Department .....	50.00	
Geo. W. Lovering, P.D.C., Camp 1, Chicago .....	1.00	51.00
Department of Indiana:		
Camp No. 1, Kokomo .....	2.50	
Camp No. 20, Muncie .....	2.50	
Camp No. 28, Richmond .....	2.50	
Camp No. 44, Winchester .....	2.50	
Camp No. 86, Connersville .....	2.50	
Camp No. 251, Lafayette .....	2.50	
Camp No. 356, Indianapolis .....	2.50	
W. Wellman .....	.50	
Alva Reef .....	.50	18.50
Department of Iowa:		
Camp No. 33, Waterloo .....	5.00	
Camp No. 75, Des Moines .....	2.50	7.50
Department of Maine:		
Maine Department .....	10.00	
Camp No. 3, Bangor .....	5.00	
Camp No. 44, Sanford .....	5.00	
Henry Towle, Portland .....	5.00	
Camp No. 69, South Paris .....	2.00	
Charles C. York, South Paris .....	2.00	
Walter Smith, South Paris .....	1.00	
Jesse Edwards, South Paris .....	1.00	
Arthur Hunt, South Paris .....	1.00	
Joseph N. Day, South Paris .....	1.00	
Charles C. Webster, Sanford .....	2.00	
Albert B. DeHaven, Sanford .....	2.00	
Norman Fossett, Augusta .....	1.00	
Henry J. Patten, Augusta .....	1.00	
Maurice J. Warner, Bath .....	1.00	
C. Lloyd Hooker, Bath .....	1.00	
Lynwood Miller, Bath .....	1.00	
Harold Higgins, Oakland .....	1.00	43.00
Department of Maryland:		
Camp No. 30, Washington, D.C. ....	5.00	
Ludwig Manoly .....	5.00	10.00
Department of Massachusetts:		
Massachusetts Department .....	87.00	
Massachusetts Department, in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic of Mass. ....	10.00	
Camp No. 26, Taunton .....	5.00	
Camp No. 109, Newburyport .....	2.00	
Camp No. 150, New Bedford .....	5.00	
Ira Buxton, Andover .....	1.00	
William L. Anderson, Sr. ....	1.00	
William O. Fuller, New Bedford .....	1.00	
Camp No. 105, Lexington .....	10.00	
Ira Buxton, Camp No. 21, Lawrence .....	2.00	124.00
Department of Michigan:		
Michigan Department .....	10.00	
Camp No. 8, Detroit .....	5.00	
Donald Peacock .....	5.00	
Edgar Linsley .....	7.50	
Charles F. Dexter .....	5.00	37.50
Donald F. Peacock, Camp 8, Detroit .....		

Department of Minnesota:		
Minnesota Department .....	10.00	10.00
Department of Missouri:		
Charles M. Krebs .....	1.00	
Fred Geldmacher, St. Louis .....	5.00	
Frank Stuhlman, Kansas City .....	1.00	
Robert F. Mohr, Ferguson .....	2.00	
George J. Vogel, Clayton .....	1.00	
Theo. H. Mohr, St. Louis .....	5.00	
William F. D. Ebmeyer .....	1.00	16.00
Department of New Hampshire:		
New Hampshire Department .....	17.00	
Camp No. 1, Manchester .....	2.00	
Rev. E. H. Brewster, Concord .....	1.00	
Robert A. Hicks, Granite State Camp No. 5 .....	1.00	21.00
Department of New Jersey:		
New Jersey Department .....	50.00	
Camp No. 5, Trenton .....	5.00	
Camp No. 8 .....	5.00	
Camp No. 43, Somerville .....	10.00	
Morgan Seifert, New Brunswick .....	5.00	
Dr. Karl Rothschild, Camp 20, New Brunswick .....	5.00	80.00
Department of New York:		
New York Department .....	50.00	
Camp No. 2, Dumont-Eiseman .....	2.00	
Camp No. 26, Tilden .....	4.00	
Camp No. 40, Ithaca .....	5.00	
Camp No. 93, Binghamton .....	2.00	
Camp No. 127, Beacon .....	2.00	
George Nunnold, N. Y. State Camp, Lake Placid .....	1.00	
William A. Hallock, Camp No. 6, Rochester .....	1.00	67.00
Department of Ohio:		
Camp No. 43, Salem .....	3.00	
Camp No. 91, Alliance .....	2.00	
Oscar Evans, Columbus .....	1.00	
C. Edward Wetzal, Dayton .....	5.00	11.00
Department of Oregon & Washington:		
Camp No. 17, Eugene .....	15.00	
Camp No. 4, Portland .....	5.00	
C. in Chief Davis, Eugene .....	5.00	
S. P. Olin .....	1.00	
William R. Baugh .....	1.00	27.00
Department of Pennsylvania:		
Camp No. 2, Philadelphia .....	10.00	
Camp No. 31, West Chester .....	2.00	
Camp No. 34, Mount Carmel .....	5.00	
Camp No. 40, Philadelphia .....	5.00	
Camp No. 160, Sunbury .....	10.00	
Camp No. 182 .....	5.00	
John E. Sautter, St. Petersburg, Fla. ....	5.00	
H. R. F. Oehmler .....	2.00	
C. E. Epright .....	1.00	
Eva Fisher .....	1.00	
R. G. Landis, Berlin .....	10.00	56.00



Department of Rhode Island:			
Rhode Island Department	.....	5.00	
Camp No. 7	.....	5.00	
Camp No. 12, Providence	.....	5.00	
A. Waller Lewis, Ashaway	.....	10.00	25.00
Department of Vermont:			
Vermont Department	.....	10.00	10.00
TOTAL	.....		\$638.65

The work this past year, while it has at times been arduous, has been one of pleasure. Working under our fine Commander-in-Chief has been a pleasure.

If I have helped a little bit, or even sustained the working of our order, my labors are well repaid.

Submitted in F. C. & L.  
ALBERT B. DEHAVEN  
National Patriotic Instructor.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports).

### REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

To: Frederick K. Davis, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

My dear Commander-in-Chief:

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to represent you and your staff on several occasions during my term of office — at Buffalo, Rochester, Troy, Albany, New York, Burlington, Vt. and Concord, N.H. Our correspondence has been helpful. Constantly, I had a sense of security that out in Eugene, Oregon, there was a master mind to direct and guide our Commandery-in-Chief toward a higher goal.

In the middle of the year, the Commander-in-Chief drafted me to act as Chairman of the Sons for this Encampment. I tackled the job with many misgivings, as I lived one hundred fifty miles distant from Buffalo. Immediately, I went to Buffalo, contacted the officers of the local Camp which included P.D.C. Willard Stephan, and Camp Commander Harry Gibbons; and was assured by them that they would do everything in their power to make this Encampment a success. They have fulfilled their pledge with ability and loyal enthusiasm. From Albert Lambert and our Commander-in-Chief, I received wonderful help through correspondence and telegrams. Immediately, in co-operation with Margaret Brady, the Auxiliary Chairman, we started a Booster Club in New York Department and, as the weeks and months went on, we received in contributions over \$1500.00 from the Camps and Auxiliaries and the Department Treasurers, to meet the various items of expense which the Program Committee is under obligation to pay.

In my home city, Ithaca, N. Y., we have an industry that manufactures precision instruments for ships and planes; and thinking of this one day, there flashed into my mind the thought that, way out on the Western coast — once the land of Indians, rough miners and starry eyed adventurers, there was another industry turning out precision plans and fitting together a master program to be fulfilled in the years ahead of us for the advancement of our beloved Order.

This program that our Commander-in-Chief has outlined, is jammed full of vital, tremendous positives which, if carried out to completion will, I am sure, strengthen our Order all along the line; and already, I have detected signs of a renewed life in our Department of the State of New York, and in the Vermont and New Hampshire Departments where I was privileged to represent our national staff last spring.

And, is it not true, when we think of the meaning of precision we think of something cold and impersonal; but what a different feeling we have when we think of this precision factory out there in Eugene, Oregon, where the wheels have been humming all the past year and the personnel superintendent has been mutually dependent upon the natures and choices of all of us with whom he has planned and worked.

Exploring below the surface of Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice" perhaps we find the true answer to the question, "How did he do it?"

"The man that hath no music in himself;  
Nor is not moved with concord of sweet sounds  
Is fit for treason, strategems and spoils,  
Let no such man be trusted.  
Mark the music."

Respectfully submitted,  
HERMAN L. BROCKWAY  
National Chaplain.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports).

### REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR

To the Officers and Members of the 72nd. National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

As Shakespeare said, "Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them." A heart attack prevented me from attending the 1952 Encampment and I first learned of my present office when I received the official stationery. Although on account of my then physical condition I should probably have refused the appointment, had I been asked in advance, I have such respect for our present Commander-in-Chief and the work he has done that I could not disappoint him, so I accepted the office and have tried to perform its duties.

Much of the work has consisted of drawing papers and giving informal opinions on matters involving legal questions. A few of these involving matters of general interest are here summarized:

1. A Pennsylvania Camp acquired some bank stock from the disbanded G.A.R. Post, but the stock certificate had never been formally transferred. After studying the Pennsylvania statutes and decisions under the Uniform Stock Transfer Act, I worked out a plan which met the approval of the Bank's attorneys, so the Camp now has full legal title to the stock.

If any other cases exist where property, real or personal, has been acquired, either from the G.A.R. or from any other source, a check should be made to see whether all legal formalities for a proper and complete transfer have been complied with, and if any doubt exists, the necessary steps should be taken at once.

2. The question has been put up to me whether the adopted son of one of our members is eligible to membership. Of course he is not. He is not a descendent of any one but his own blood ancestors. The fact that the Legislature creates for certain purposes a filial relationship between him and his adoptive parents does not and can not create any status which depends on blood kinship. Where property is given "to A and his issue", the courts have held, uniformly so far as I know that the word "issue" excludes any adopted children.

3. Questions which have arisen regarding use of funds for purposes outside the lawful objects of our Order emphasize the necessity, as was brought before the Encampment two years ago, of giving some one, presumably the new Council of Administration, visitatory powers to enforce, if necessary, the charitable trusts upon which we hold money.



4. A Department submitted a question regarding the right to use the G.A.R. badge on a program of memorial exercises in honor of the Grand Army of the Republic. A trip to the U. S. Patent Office revealed that the design was patented some eighty odd years ago, not by the G.A.R., but by an individual. Patents expire in 14 years. The official of the Patent Office with whom I talked said that, although their records in the early years are not so complete as those of the present day, he felt sure that Congress had never extended the life of the Patent. Unfortunately, I have not had time to search through all the private acts passed by Congress in all these years to verify that statement, which I have no doubt is true.

Some States have statutes protecting the G.A.R. insignia as well as that of our own Order, but these usually penalize the use of the insignia for purposes of gain or for falsely representing a person to be a member. In any given case the statutes of the State should be examined, but generally speaking there is no legal or moral reason why the G.A.R. badge should not be used where its use is non-commercial and for the purpose of commemorating them, any more than there is why a coat of arms should not be used in a book which has to do with the family owning it. I was chairman of the committee which erected the War Memorial in the town where I then lived, and on the bronze tablet which contains the name and record of each man who served in the Civil War, we put the Grand Army badge without question and with full tacit approval of the members of the Grand Army.

5. This question raised another related one. Our Order is the oldest society connected with the Grand Army to be organized on a national basis, and the only male organization carrying on its traditions. If any question concerning the Grand Army arises, the only person entitled to speak for them is Comrade Woolson, the sole survivor of the organization. Unless the matter is considered of sufficient importance to submit to him, our members should submit it through channels to the proper officers of our own Order and not consult outsiders.

At the Encampment last year I was "directed to make a temporary set of Rules and Regulations" to be in force until the next annual Encampment. I do not construe this as directing or even authorizing me to put in force a general revision of the Rules and Regulations, although I believe one is greatly needed to eliminate or change obsolete provisions, some of which have long been a dead letter, but only to make regulations regarding the new Council of Administration. The circumstances under which the vote was passed sustain this view. I accordingly prepared such a revision, but as no occasion has called for it to be put in force, I submit it in an amended form for action by the Encampment, some of the provisions being submitted in an alternative form.

Fraternally submitted,  
FREDERIC GILBERT BAUER  
National Counselor.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.)

The following Members of Council of the City of Buffalo were escorted in to the Encampment and introduced: Mr. Robert H. Childs and Mr. Edwin F. Ellis. They extended greetings, on behalf of the City of Buffalo, their good wishes for a successful Encampment and pleasant stay in their city; and issued an invitation to visit the Grand Army of the Republic Hall on Delaware Avenue, which is headquarters in the city of Buffalo for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and quite a number of military organizations.



## COMMUNICATIONS—GREETINGS

National Secretary Lambert read the following communication from Albert Woolson, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic:

August 12, 1953

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
Lafayette Hotel,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Sons and Brothers:

Please accept my hearty wishes for a very successful and harmonious convention. I only wish it were possible to be with you, but the distance is too great.

It is my hope that you will continue to carry on your good work for years to come, that the ideals of your Fathers may be upheld.

Yours in F. C. & L.

ALBERT WOOLSON

Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief  
Grand Army of the Republic

Additional communications, telegrams of greetings and best wishes for a successful Encampment, and regrets at being unable to attend were received from:

Ann Lockyer, Past National President, Auxiliary, Ohio  
Cora E. Gillis, Secretary, Grand Army of the Republic  
Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph M. Grant, Connecticut  
Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. L. Anderson, Sr., California  
Past Commander-in-Chief J. Kirkwood Craig, D.D., New Hampshire.  
Department Commander Clarence O. Roth, Wisconsin  
Past Department Commander Arthur M. Soule, Maine  
Commander L. B. Jones, Camp 33, Iowa  
James A. Davey, Detroit, Michigan

## RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions were presented by the National Secretary, after which they were referred to Committees:

(1) From the Departments of Massachusetts and New Jersey—"Relative to the Permanent Fund"—(Referred to Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations).

(2) From the Department of Massachusetts—relative to (a) Collateral membership, (b) Associate membership. (Referred to Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.)

(3) From the Department of New York—relative to the Burial Service revision. (Referred to Committee on Ritual.)

(4) From the Department of Ohio, Ernschaw Camp No. 89, relative to broadcast of funeral service for Comrade Hard. (Referred to Committee on Resolutions.)

(5) From National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert—relative to Department Commanders Bond. (Referred to Committee on Constitution, Rules & Regulations.)

(6) From the Department of California—relative to restoration of honors. (Referred to Committee on Restoration of Rank.)

(7) Resolution from the Department of Illinois—relative to the matter of Patriotic Education, Inc. (Referred to the Committee on Resolutions.)

Past Commander-in-Chief Heald: The Time and Place Committee will

be in a position to give their report tomorrow morning. I move you, Commander-in-Chief, that the report of the Committee on Time and Place for the 1954 Encampment be the first order of business tomorrow morning. (Seconded by Past Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota; and carried.)

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONGRESSIONAL CHARTER

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: It is now several years since the matter of securing a Congressional Charter has been under consideration by the Commandery-in-Chief. I have been mixed up with it to quite a considerable degree and, for the last two years, have been Chairman of that Committee. The other members of this Committee at the present time are General U. S. Grant, 3rd and General Amos A. Fries, both of the Maryland Department.

Such legislation as this always comes from the Judiciary Committee of the Senate or House. It was deemed advisable to bring it up first in the House—that is, have it originate there; by reason of the fact that Brother Fred Colwell, who has been a most capable Chairman of the Committee on Legislation has had such success in introduction of bills in this manner through the co-operation of Congressman Kenneth B. Keating.

During this past year, plans were formulated to present our legislation for a Congressional Charter to the present Congress. It happens that I live in the district represented in Congress by Chauncey W. Reed, who resides in West Chicago. Brother Reed, who is a member of Camp 100 in Illinois, and I have been close personal and political friends for thirty-five years. He is a very capable attorney, and is now the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee in the House. One of the most active members of that Committee is Congressman Kenneth B. Keating, not a member of our Order, but one who is deeply interested in our work; and one who has spearheaded many bills in the House, upon the suggestion of Brother Fred Colwell.

I discussed this matter, at length, with Congressman Reed in December. It had been deferred until that time because of the change of administration last November. At that time, Congressman Reed told me he thought it would be inadvisable to do anything during the early part of the present session of Congress. It was impossible for me to go to Washington until July and, at that time, I was not able to see General Grant, nor was I able to see Congressman Reed because he was in the hospital.

I think, however, that everything is now all in shape for us to go ahead. There had been some difficulty encountered in securing replies from a few of the Departments, who had failed to submit names of proposed incorporators from their Departments. Since I have been here in the Encampment we have it straightened out and, probably within two or three months, we will be given a complete list of those who we want to join us as incorporators in the proposed bill.

I think that covers the situation up to the present time, and I believe that in the second session of Congress we may be able to put it through.

In connection with assistance which might be given members of our Order in securing passage of this bill, it may be necessary for Departments, and members, to write to Senators who are members of the Judiciary Committee and solicit their support on the bill.

This report is not as complete as it might be; and I simply submit it to show you that we have not lost sight of the matter. By the time of the next Encampment, we hope to have a Congressional Charter, similar in character to the charter of the Grand Army of the Republic.

There has been some question as to the length of the charter of the



Grand Army of the Republic. Last year, following the Encampment, I went to the Library of Congress and secured a photostatic copy of the G.A.R. charter; and discovered that it continues in existence, as a corporation, until its last member shall have passed away.

I sincerely hope, and feel quite confident, that a year from now, we will begin to operate under the Federal laws, and not under the laws of the State of Illinois.

National Counselor Bauer: You spoke of the duration of the G.A.R. as specified by their charter, as a corporation. We can be of perpetual duration and there isn't any reason why we can't ask for that.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: I only brought that point out to get across the fact that the G.A.R. dies when the last member dies—that is all.

Commander-in-Chief Davis: Thank you, Brother Locke, for that report; and I hope that when we meet again we will have our Congressional Charter. Are there any other committees prepared to report at this time?

Past Department Commander Fred E. Colwell, New York: I wish to present the report of my Committee:

### REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Commander-in-Chief Davis:  
Officers and Delegates,  
72nd National Encampment,  
Assembled at Buffalo, N. Y.

August 21, 1953

The recently adjourned 83rd Congress followed the pattern of its predecessors when the House Committee of the Judiciary failed to report Congressman Keating's H.J. Res. 44—designating November 19th of each year, the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, as Dedication Day; and his H.R. 476—A bill to permit Union Civil War Veterans to receive treatment in hospitals of their choice if Veterans Administration facilities are not available in their locality.

Congressman Keating personally appeared before the House Committee of the Judiciary less than two weeks prior to adjournment and made a strong appeal for favorable reports on his two bills, but with no success. Every session of Congress is beset with bills seeking special days on the national calendar for some of the most unreasonable and fantastic "special days" imaginable. This year, there were forty-seven such bills, and they were gathered into one classification and thrown out the window.

It is politically possible that Congressman Keating may become Chairman of the powerful House Committee of the Judiciary of the coming 84th Congress, in which event, we feel his "Dedication Day" bill will receive favorable consideration we hope for.

Congressman Keating expressed to me his keen disappointment at the sudden turn of events which prevented his being with us at this Encampment as our speaker for the banquet on Tuesday evening, as he anticipated meeting with us and becoming better acquainted with our Order, which he holds in highest esteem.

We are agreed that the best way to secure "Dedication Day" as we desire it is to make repeated introductions of his same bill year after year, until we have convinced the House Committee of the Judiciary that we really aspire to, and deserve their favorable consideration.

Yours in F. C. & L.

FRED E. COLWELL, Chairman  
National Legislative Committee.

(Adopted as read.)



National Secretary Lambert: In the absence of the National Graves Registration Officer, I will read his report:

### REPORT NATIONAL GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

Commander-in-Chief Frederick K. Davis,  
67th National Encampment,  
Buffalo, New York

July 30, 1953

Dear Commander-in-Chief Davis:

Again it becomes my privilege and honor to render a report of the grave marking and registration activities over the months comprising the term now concluding. It has been requested that reports be brief, but to enumerate in detail every instance of progressive achievement in this field of endeavor, which has been recorded in this office during the term, would require a much more lengthy account of my stewardship.

Only occasionally does some outstanding achievement in this great, wide-reaching project, bring out publicity and particular attention. For the most part this work in which we are constantly engaged resolves itself into the regular routine channels of any business office; and the work done by its representatives in "the field", so-to-speak, moves steadily along with little fanfare or publicity—unheralded, unsung, but with positive, practical, and visible accomplishment. One by one, the graves of our veterans are being marked with a Federal or a State headstone, set there thru the fine efforts of Camp and Department grave marking committees, composed of loyal and faithful members of our Order.

The National Graves Registration office is kept constantly busy supplying headstone applications; answering correspondence with reference to various requests for information, for opinions, and for assistance with unusual difficulties encountered; also, in using the columns of The Banner whenever available, to propagate suggestions and advice concerning this work.

It all moves along in a continuity of effort, aimed toward the ultimate goal, that every last veteran's grave will be marked for posterity; and it is an all important and most worthwhile job.

In bringing this brief report to a conclusion, I wish to commend all of our members who are engaged in this work thruout the several Departments of the Commandery-in-Chief. We owe them the unreserved gratitude of our Order.

Special citation is hereby made for the outstanding job which is presently being accomplished by Sister Margaret Horn, P.D.P., of Indiana Auxiliary, and the good brothers of the "Hoosier" Department, who are assisting her to record and to compile in bound volumes for the Indiana State archives, the location of every veteran's grave within the bounds of their state, and the erection of memorials in these veterans' honor.

Special citation is made also for the untiring work being done by P.D.C. Charles C. Webster, Department Grave Marking Chairman of Maine Department, and those brothers and sisters of the "Pine Tree" state who are assisting him to have erected Federal head-stones on unmarked graves of veterans in a concerted drive to complete the project thruout the entire state of Maine.

Special citation is also made for the long and faithful service of P.C. Samuel W. Morrell of Connecticut Department, Registrar of Veterans Graves for the Central Veterans' Association of Stamford. Brother Morrell, over the past twenty-eight years, has located and marked with headstones the graves of more than 500 veterans thruout the Stamford area and has traveled a total of some 7,700 miles among the several cemeteries, by bicycle, to accomplish this splendid work.

The sincere thanks and commendation of the entire organization is due these loyal members, and I recommend that it be made a matter of official record upon the proceedings of this Encampment, that the thanks and appreciation of the Commandery-in-Chief be extended to them.

Finally, my sincere thanks to Commander-in-Chief Frederick K. Davis for the honor bestowed, and the confidence placed in me, by appointing me to this post. It is a work which I feel privileged to perform for the comrades of my honored grand-sires. I visited the National cemeteries at Arlington, Va., and at Gettysburg, Pa. a few short weeks ago, and experienced a feeling of great pride in our glorious nation that it has so provided, that our honored veteran dead shall never be forgotten. It was an incentive to me to go forth and do my small part to assist toward that goal.

The sum of \$25.00 allocated to this work has been necessary for supplies, postage, typing, and miscellaneous expense in the maintenance of this office.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.  
BERTRAND O. DEFOREST, Sr.  
National Graves Registration Officer.

(Adopted as read.)

The National Secretary then read the report of the Americanism Committee:

#### REPORT OF THE AMERICANIZATION COMMITTEE

Frederick K. Davis, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Dear Sir:

On my appointment to this office, I studied the reports of the Committees since it was authorized.

I find that, for several years, the Committee acted as judges in awarding the Grant trophy for Americanization work. Since the retirement of the trophy, the committee, with a few minor exceptions, has accomplished nothing.

Lack of money, interest and local co-operation in Departments and Camps seems to be the reason. I believe the time and money spent could be used to better advantage in some other way. Therefore, I recommend the discontinuance of the Committee.

Yours in F. C. & L.

ALLEN B. HOWLAND, Chairman  
Committee On Americanization.

National Secretary Lambert: I move that action be deferred on this recommendation. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Fred E. Colwell, New York; and carried.)

National Secretary Lambert then read the report of the Radio and TV Committee in the absence of the chairman of the Committee:

#### REPORT OF RADIO-TV COMMITTEE

(Eastern Area Division)

72nd National Encampment,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
Commander-in-Chief Frederick K. Davis:

Stoughton, Mass.  
August 21, 1953

The Radio-TV branch of our activities, far as this incumbent is concerned, remains about the same as of one year ago. Time has been con-

sumed heavily, as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee, on results with which apology is needed to no one. An exhaustive report has been submitted to National Chairman Cheney. Had appointment on this committee come earlier, would have declined serving in Radio-TV department, but it is recalled this was only "to be taken into my thinking" as requested by Commander-in-Chief Davis.

It is still convincing that time, effort, and finances can accomplish much in worthwhile features. Our late Past Commander-in-Chief H. Harding Hale proved this. His untiring labors were largely in the field of "human interest" stories, which producers require. DuPont Chemical Corporation of Delaware and like sponsors, dramatize episodes of this type, and often on the Civil War. So, why waste our resources?

Rather, endeavor should be on publicizing our Program—"objects and interests of our order"; and we have had little enough worthy promotion of the G.A.R. Highway, which should be classed as one of the nation's biggest events of all time, yet hardly recognized. Super-human effort, accompanied by a routine power program that would arrest attention, might be worth a try.

During the year, I have been a representative of Commander-in-Chief Davis on many occasions, and quite frequently the sole representative. My last appearance in this role was also the saddest—at the funeral rites of our beloved Past National President of the Auxiliary, Phyllis M. Dean.

It has been a pleasure to associate with Commander-in-Chief Fred Davis, and a regret on short-comings; for this leader embodies all the traditions established by the Grand Army of the Republic, which he has strived to keep alive.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD M. DROWN, Chairman

(Adopted as read.) Radio and TV Committee, Eastern Division.

#### REPORT OF WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Frederick K. Davis, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

I appreciated your kind thought in appointing me Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee during your year of Commander-in-Chief. However, during this past year my business activities were such that I found it impossible to give this important appointment due consideration. I must, therefore, regretfully, report to you no progress as Chairman of this Committee.

My sincere congratulations to you for the fine leadership you displayed as Commander-in-Chief of our great organization. Your term of office shall long be remembered.

Fraternally,

JOHN H. RUNKLE, P.C.C., Chairman  
Ways and Means Committee.

(Adopted.)

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF C. R. AND R.

August 27, 1953

To the Officers and Members 72nd Annual Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Frederick K. Davis, Commander-in-Chief,

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

We herewith submit our report as the Committee on Revision of C. R. & R.



Last year, at Atlantic City, we submitted certain recommendations concerning a long term program of policy which involved, among other things, objectives to be achieved in each of several succeeding years. The adopted recommendations also assigned certain definite duties and responsibilities to each of the elected and appointed officers of the Commandery-in-Chief. We await with eager anticipation the reports of the several officers on the progress of each to his assigned task in accomplishing the objectives of the first year of the plan.

During the past year, we have received several suggestions and requests that we offer recommendations which involved changes in our Constitution. With one exception, which will be noted later in this report, it is our belief and considered judgment that changes in our Constitution involving eligibility for membership would not solve our problems at this time. Rather, it is our conviction that our time and effort should be devoted to the successful prosecution of the three (3) year plan adopted at our 71st. National Encampment.

We note that the new State Camp in the Department of New Hampshire is showing a steady growth in membership and is solving the problem of gaining and holding members from localities where Camps do not now exist, and also is absorbing the membership of disbanded Camps. This Camp, known as Granite State Camp #5, holds quarterly dinner meetings in various parts of the State, all of which have had large attendance with worthwhile programs.

The Departments of Vermont and New Jersey have organized State Camps during the past year.

We find that a State Camp, to be successful, must be organized with a large percentage of dual members who are familiar with our order and are willing to take office for the purpose of instituting and promoting the Camp. Meetings should be open to members of any Camp, Auxiliary members, wives and eligible prospective members. The Camp should not resolve itself into a so-called exclusive social organization. A definite project of a State, rather than of a local nature, should be one of the first objectives of a State Camp. Dues should be at least \$5.00 per year and may include one complimentary dinner, preferably the annual meeting of the Camp.

We believe that the paramount problem facing our order is one of modernization so that we may put ourselves into a competitive position with conditions existing in this day and age.

We are extremely concerned with the average age of our membership and fully realize the inevitable results to a Camp and to our Order if we do not attract younger men into active membership. We believe that the promoting of our three (3) year plan with special emphasis on State Camps and other features intended to interest younger men, will result in our desired objectives. We offer the following recommendations:

1. Adoption of Associate and Honorary Membership which resolution was recommended in our 1952 Report, and which is being submitted by one or more Departments at this Encampment. (Note—#1 is exception noted earlier in this report).
2. Careful study and analysis of the first year's results of the three (3) year plan.
3. Added emphasis on the second year objectives of the three (3) year plan.
4. Candidates for office in the Commandery-in-Chief should be fully informed as to the required specific duties incumbent on the office under the three (3) year plan.
5. Issuing of detailed and specific instructions on organizing and conducting the program of State Camps.

6. That Camps be urged to include the cost of The Banner in their Camp dues to insure that every member receives our official organ.

Our Commander-in-Chief, Frederick K. Davis, has given us a year of unsurpassed service in these trying days of evolution which our Order is experiencing. His leadership, messages promulgated from his office and his business-like manner in conducting the affairs of his office, merit the respect and esteem of our entire membership.

The National Secretary-Treasurer, Albert C. Lambert, who is also a member of our newly created Council-of-Administration, has continued to conduct the affairs of his office in a most creditable manner. We are most impressed with the superb job which he has done as Editor of The Banner.

Brother Cheney and his Committee have given our Order national publicity as well as completing the initial project of the G.A.R. Highway.

In conclusion, we wish to congratulate all of the officers and members who have in any way contributed toward our Three Year Plan.

Signed:

CLEON E. HEALD, Chairman, N. H.  
CHAS. H. E. MORAN, MASS.  
CHARLES C. WEBSTER, MAINE  
THOMAS CHADWICK, VERMONT  
Committee On Revision of C. R. & R.

(Referred to Committee on Officers Reports.)

### G.A.R. HIGHWAY

Commander-in-Chief Davis: The report of the Committee on the Grand Army of the Republic Highway has not as yet been received. However, I included this project in my report, and it is covered in the last issue of The Banner.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: On my way to this Encampment, I traveled on U. S. Route 6, the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, from Illinois, through Indiana and Ohio. I noted that in Indiana and Ohio, there were six markers on that highway.

I think that the efforts which we have made to have U. S. Highway No. 6 named the G.A.R. Highway is about the finest accomplishment that has been made by this organization in the last fifty or sixty years; but the trouble is that like so many other things of an American nature, it will have little value, and will soon be forgotten if we do not continue to carry on this project—by having the proper markers, by maintaining these markers and retaining the highway in good condition. If we are going to do anything to maintain this G.A.R. Highway, in memory of the G.A.R., it is time we took positive steps to see that it is clearly and well marked from Cape Cod to Long Beach.

Past Department Commander Hugh I. Snider, Indiana: I can report to you that these signs were removed in Indiana for painting, but they will be put up again in the very near future.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: At the time of our Department Encampment in Illinois in June, we had quite a discussion as to the highway in Illinois—as to the markers, the up-keep of the highway, its beautification, etc. Two of our members who were at that Encampment agreed to make a survey of the highway, as it passes through the state of Illinois. Unfortunately, one of those members was taken ill and had to go to the hospital and, therefore, didn't complete his portion of the survey; but the other member did make an actual survey from LaSalle to the Iowa state line, approximately one half the route of the highway in Illinois.

He was to take particular pains as to the condition of the highway,



whether signs were erected, etc., so that after the survey we could go to the Highway Department, with one of the Highway Maps issued by the Commandery-in-Chief, and ask them if they were in a position to help us in any way to make this highway a more beautiful and more popular route.

The gentleman who made the survey told us that the signs were erected at a distance of five miles apart, on alternate sides of the highway—every ten miles apart on the same side of the highway. The road had been improved in some sections; and three or four signs had been taken down because of road improvements or for painting, but they were to be erected again. On that basis, he claims that the highway from LaSalle to the Iowa state line was in good condition; and that the signs were up, with three or four exceptions.

I am going to attempt to have a survey made from LaSalle to the Indiana state line sometime soon, after returning from this Encampment. I will then go to the Highway Department in Springfield, with the map and the leaflet on the G.A.R. Highway, show them what we are doing and ask if they can help us on the maintenance of the highway in Illinois. I shall be glad to do this, and make a report to the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

At the time we dedicated it, some three or four years ago, I did make a visit to the Highway Department and had an encouraging visit with officials there. They told me that they were wondering just what was expected of them, but had no information on what they were to do. I said that we propose to erect signs every five miles, on one side or another in accordance with the specifications you provided. They had them made in yellow, in accordance with the specifications as to size, etc. which I received from the Highway Committee active at that time. I presume that if any other signs are to be placed that I can secure those specifications from the Highway Department in Illinois. It seems to me that all the highway signs should be alike as it certainly will be better that way. If the G.A.R. Highway isn't properly marked in the various states, as it passes through those states, I think attempts should be made to have that done in a uniform manner so that they will be alike. Our signs, in Illinois, are in the national color of both our organizations—that of the Grand Army of the Republic and our own organization, which signifies the national body.

Past Department Commander William O. Fuller, Massachusetts: Our signs are blue, and blue only.

Commander-in-Chief Davis: It seems likely that, ten or twelve years ago, a marker was adopted. I made a search of some of the proceedings, but didn't find it. It appears to me that it might be well for the incoming administration, and the G.A.R. Highway Committee to do a little research on it.

Delegate Bertram Isaacs, New York: Commander-in-Chief, the Credentials Committee report a total of 127 registered at this time.

Delegate Louis T. Story, California: I move you, Commander-in-Chief that we recess until 9 A.M. tomorrow. (Seconded by Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts; and carried).



## TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

August 25, 1953

9:30 A.M.

The Encampment opened in regular form.

Commander-in-Chief Davis: The first order of business this morning is the report of the 1954 Encampment Committee.

### REPORT OF 1954 ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE

Past Commander-in-Chief Heald: It so happens that I am Chairman of the Time and Place Committee for the next National Encampment; and I think you will all agree with me that it is very important, for many reasons, that we make a decision as early in this Encampment as possible. So, your Committee has burned midnight oil, and we are prepared to give you our report.

I think you are entitled to know exactly what has transpired on the selection of the place in which to meet next year and, since we have no intention of withholding anything from you, I would, briefly like to make a few statements for the enlightenment of the Encampment.

I think we can feel very proud, and very fortunate indeed, that we are an organization which has been asked to meet in so many places. I do not know exactly the number of invitations which we received but I would say there were fifteen, more or less.

You will recall that we printed in The Banner certain regulations governing a bona fide invitation. Those regulations stressed the fact that it must be an invitation from the Department, from the Chamber of Commerce and from the City itself in which we were invited to meet. So, the first thing your Committee did was to eliminate those not meeting our requirements.

Three met the requirements in every detail. All three were very fine invitations, and we felt that each of these merited our consideration. These were from the following:

(1) From Grand Rapids, Michigan—The Hotel Pentland had a representative from the hotel meet with the Committee. This was a very fine invitation, with many inducements. It was quite difficult for us not to be influenced by all the things being offered to us, but we finally eliminated Grand Rapids, Michigan for 1954.

(2) From the Department of California and Pacific, and backed up by Oregon and several of the far west Departments, inviting us to meet in Long Beach, California.

(3) An invitation from Minnesota, to which we gave considerable time and thought.

I might add that the Committee is giving an unbiased report, based upon what we believe to be for the best interests of our Order.

California has presented a very unusual invitation to us, one meeting all our requirements, making us offers not required and, in addition, guaranteeing a check for \$1,000.00 to help defray any added expense the Commandery-in-Chief and Auxiliary might have. Here was an invitation that we could not treat lightly and I do not believe that, in the history of the

Commandery-in-Chief, we have had any Department which has offered an invitation to compare with it.

Then, we had the Minnesota invitation. The Minnesota Department has the last surviving member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Comrade Albert Woolson, who is a member of our Order.

We recognize the fact that the Department of Minnesota cannot begin to offer us what California offered, other than having in that Department the last surviving member of the Grand Army of the Republic. We are well aware that many of our members would like to go to California, and we have taken all these things into consideration.

The boys from California, who have been working so hard getting this wonderful invitation to us from their Department are as fine a bunch of boys as we have in this organization, always taking into consideration the best interests of the organization itself, and they said to this Committee, "If your Committee feels that some other place is better for this organization and its interests, we would be the last ones to object." As to the \$1,000.00 which accompanied their invitation, \$700.00 comes from the Department of California and \$300.00 from the Department of Oregon. If it is not used it presents a problem, because it was raised for a specific objective—to entertain the next National Encampment. If we turn it aside, we have created a serious problem for the Departments of California and Oregon. However, in spite of all that, they said that if it were in the interest of our organization not to accept California, they would be the last ones to urge it.

In the invitation from Minnesota we have a letter from Comrade Woolson inviting us, and expressing his hope and desire that we will bring the next National Encampment to Minnesota. He cannot come to us, but we can go to him—and there isn't a man on our Committee who would deny a request from a member of the Grand Army of the Republic; especially from the last surviving member of that organization.

For that reason, I am reporting to you the unanimous recommendation of your Time and Place Committee that our next Encampment be held in Duluth, Minnesota; and I move that the report of the Committee be adopted. (Seconded by Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts; and carried.)

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: Our Auxiliary is as deeply interested in this matter as we are. I move that we send our Committee on Time and Place to the Auxiliary now, in order that they may be advised what action we have taken here. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt. and carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Davis: We are now ready for other Committee reports.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

To the Officers and Members of the  
Seventy Second Annual Encampment,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Buffalo, N. Y.  
August 24, 1953

We, your Committee, have gone carefully over the reports of officers, as rendered, and wish to report as follows:

#### Commander-in-Chief's Report

Commander-in-Chief Davis, than whom a more earnest and sincere officer never served this body, has given a year of outstanding effort. A student of civil and historical affairs, he carefully analyzes his subject matter, gives everything serious and thoughtful consideration, and when

finally arriving at a conclusion, gives the answer as his firm and full conviction. His analysis of the needs of the Order was an interesting document, and his remedies a valuable treatise to be followed.

He has traveled extensively among the Departments, given advice and aid to many brothers who gained inspiration from his enthusiasm, and brought cheer to many who were showing discouragement.

As to recommendations, he offers the following, and we report:

(1) That the name of the Americanization Committee be changed to Americanism Committee.

Your Committee concurs.

Chairman Holbrook: I would move, Commander-in-Chief that, unless there are objections, the action of the Committee be adopted.

National Counselor Bauer: I would like to amend that to include reports of all Committees. (Seconded by Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts, and carried.)

(Committee sustained.)

(2) Departments in each State through which the Grand Army Highway passes are encouraged to supply needed folders to Chambers of Commerce and AAA offices; also seek their co-operation for further highway improvement and to influence State highway authorities to erect and maintain approved markers at 5 mile intervals on both sides of the highway.

Your Committee concurs. (Committee sustained.)

(3) That Camp Secretaries regard themselves as agents for The Banner and personally solicit subscriptions under instructions from the National Secretary.

Your Committee concurs. (Committee sustained.)

(4) That the National Secretary secure information as to where and at what price bars can be obtained on special order for Department or Camp Commanders.

Committee concurs.

National Secretary Lambert: May I give a word of explanation, and I am now talking about Department badges. Some five years ago, the Commander-in-Chief took action whereby the Departments could secure badges for the Department Commanders, and it was presumed that it would be passed on to his successor. I understand that, however, in some Departments the badge has been lost or mislaid. I have a small supply of these badges on hand, with bars, which can be purchased. As to the Camp Commanders, this would have to be a new die and, as you know, a quantity would be needed to make it worthwhile. If there is sufficient demand for it, and it is approved by this body, we will be glad to stock them.

Past Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota: If I remember correctly, I made the motion about the badge of the Department Commander being passed on to his successor; and if that had been done, there wouldn't be any shortage.

Commander-in-Chief Davis: It is my understanding that just one bar can be made up if ordered, but it would be relatively expensive.

(Committee sustained.)

Chairman Holbrook continues.

(5) That we continue efforts to impart true Civil War information and discountenance display of any flag in a manner that raises doubt of undivided loyalty to the United States or stimulates sectionalism.

Your Committee concurs. (Adopted.)



### Report of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Your Committee feels with Brother Grant that while the duties of this office are not arduous, he has very faithfully carried out all duties assigned to him in a very creditable manner. His attendance at many important functions has put our organization before the public in such a way that we are better known to more people, and his clarifying of our views at these times has improved our standing as an organization.

We feel that we owe Brother Grant a vote of appreciation for his endeavors in our behalf.

### Report of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

This report shows that this brother has very enthusiastically carried out all assignments given him. Could not some of this enthusiasm be caught by others for the welfare of our Order? To this brother we say, "thanks sincerely for a job well done."

### National Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Again has our Secretary-Treasurer rendered a report which is concise, to the point, and shows clearly the condition of our Order. To one who has known him as long as has the Chairman of this Committee, it is just such a report one would expect from so faithful and conscientious a brother. There are no words adequate enough to describe such services to any organization. Our commendation, Albert, and we feel we can speak for every brother when we say a hearty "thank you."

His report shows an enlarged balance which shows careful and conscientious financial handling. His work on The Banner, which shows improvement in every issue, denotes careful and painstaking effort.

As to recommendations, he offers:

(1) That this organization continue to give \$200.00 yearly toward the maintenance of G.A.R. Headquarters as long as there is one man alive of that organization, and for six months following his death, to allow for disposition of books, records, etc.

Your Committee concurs.

National Counselor Bauer: I object.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I move you the adoption of the report of the Committee.

National Secretary Lambert: With the permission of Brother Sautter, I would suggest this insertion, "six months, at the same rate, following his death."

(Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter agreed, the motion was seconded by National Secretary Lambert, and carried.)

(The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief presided, so that the Commander-in-Chief might rest.)

(2) That the title of Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War be conferred upon Comrade Albert Woolson by this Encampment.

Your Committee concurs, and moves that, by a standing vote, such action be ratified by this Encampment. The Committee further recommends that following this Encampment, the National Secretary notify Comrade Woolson of the action taken, and welcome him into the ranks of the Past Commanders-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: There is only one objection which I have. It seems to me that, in taking this action only as a part of the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports, we are not giving it the

prominence it deserves. Therefore, I suggest that the Committee omit this particular provision from their report; and present a formal resolution covering it, to give it the distinction which it deserves.

Chairman Holbrook: As Chairman of the Committee, I will speak for the Committee and agree to do that. We will forget the recommendation, and the action on it for the present, and the resolution will be presented later to cover it.

(3) Amend Article 7, Chapter 1 of Regulations, Page 18, Section 4—Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations by this Committee. (No objection.)

(4) That the National Secretary-Treasurer prepare a new combination price list and order form for Camps.

Your Committee refers this matter to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations. (No objections.)

(5) That the National Secretary be authorized to stock a supply of numerals 30-35-40-45-55-60 that could be purchased and attached to the badge of the Order.

Your Committee concurs. (Committee sustained.)

### National Patriotic Instructor's Report

Your Committee commends the National Patriotic Instructor for the fine manner in which he has executed his duties in the past year. He has shown he has a definite feeling at heart in commemorating the memories of the Grand Army of the Republic. He has made clear to the members of the organization the importance of the office of Patriotic Instructor in the Commandery-in-Chief, Departments and Camps.

Your Committee further commends the Patriotic Instructor for his work on the G.A.R. Highway and the G.A.R. Memorial Fund. His report shows hard work, and effort on the latter by the amounts received.

### Report of National Counselor

Your Committee commends National Counselor Bauer for the wise and efficient manner in which he answered all questions that were referred to him during the year by Departments, Camps and individuals of our organization.

His replies to such letters and questions show that he is thoroughly enlightened to the needs and requirements of our present day organization.

He is to be highly commended for his year of work, and the efforts he has put forth to fulfill the duties and obligations of his office as National Counselor.

### National Graves Registration Officer Report

Past Department Commander Bertrand O. DeForest, Sr., has once again submitted a fine encouraging report of his activities and those of his brother field workers. This is one project that receives little publicity, and no more attention, but is certainly reaching onward toward its goal.

We concur with Brother DeForest in giving special citations to Sister Margaret Horn, Past Department President of the Indiana Auxiliary and the Brothers of the Indiana Department, Past Department Commander Charles C. Webster, Maine and his co-workers; and to Past Department Commander Samuel W. Morrell of the Connecticut Department. These Brothers and Sisters are doing outstanding work for our organization.

### Report of Committee on Revision of C. R. & R.

The report of this Committee shows careful consideration of the

matters before them. We believe with them that a change in our eligibility clause is not the answer to our problem, and further agree with them that all our efforts should be devoted to the prosecution of the plan which has brought some advancement this year, and seems to offer a greater advancement in the next year or two.

The State Camp idea seems to have proven successful in some Departments; perhaps the dissemination of experiences of this success to other Departments, together with modernization of our present system, may bring about what we are all hoping for.

The recommendations offered in this report are referred by this committee as follows:

- (1) Referred to Committee on Constitution and Regulations.
- (2, 3, 4, 5, 6) Referred to the Council of Administration.

### Report of the Radio TV Committee—Eastern Area

Your Committee is sorry that this report is so inconclusive. Apparently, this has been a year lost in this effort.

Respectfully submitted,  
 ALLAN S. HOLBROOK, Illinois, Chairman  
 JOHN W. EMERY, Massachusetts,  
 C. LLOYD HOOKER, Maine,  
 HOMER L. YOUNG, Iowa,  
 JOHN G. KERNAN, New York,  
 Committee On Officers' Reports

Chairman Holbrook: I move the adoption of the report, as a whole. (Seconded by Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts, and carried.)

National Patriotic Instructor DeHaven: You omitted to report on the recommendation in my report relative to the fund for the G.A.R.

Chairman Holbrook: Sorry we missed that, Brother DeHaven. I feel sure that I can speak for the members of the Committee, and say that the Committee concurs in that recommendation contained in the report of the National Patriotic Instructor—that the soliciting of donations by the National Patriotic Instructor for the G.A.R. Memorial Fund be continued another year.

(No objections—committee sustained.)

### REPORT OF NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF

Frederick K. Davis, Commander-in-Chief,  
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
 Buffalo, New York.

Buffalo, New York  
 August 25, 1953

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

Having been appointed National Chief of Staff at the Encampment held at Atlantic City last year, I hereby submit a report of the monies received incident thereto and the subsequent disbursement of the same.

Receipts:

New Jersey		
Department of New Jersey .....	\$25.00	
Camp 4, Trenton .....	5.00	
Camp 5, Trenton .....	5.00	35.00



Pennsylvania		
Camp 120, Sunbury .....	10.00	
Camp 15, Harrisburg .....	10.00	
Camp 40, Philadelphia .....	5.00	
Camp 16, Reading .....	5.00	30.00
Vermont		
Barre .....	3.45	
Springfield .....	10.00	
Morrisville .....	10.00	23.45
New Hampshire		
Not itemized .....	20.00	
Mrs. Ruth Muzzey, Nat'l. Chief-of-Staff, Auxiliary .....	2.00	22.00
Rhode Island		
Camp 12, Providence .....	5.00	
Not Itemized .....	15.00	20.00
California and Pacific		
John Honn, Camp 4 .....	2.50	
Ralph Garwood, Camp 7 .....	2.00	
Roy Kelchener, Camp 12 .....	5.00	
J. Wilbur Coursey, Camp 17 .....	2.00	
Hale Christman, Camp 17 .....	1.00	
Arthur Laughlin, Camp 19 .....	2.50	
Hale Christman, Camp 21 .....	1.00	
Vernon E. Cheney, Camp 21 .....	4.00	20.00
Oregon		
Camp 17, Eugene .....	10.00	
Camp 4, Portland .....	5.00	
Dr. L. L. Baker .....	1.00	16.00
Iowa		
Camp 33, Waterloo .....	5.00	
Camp 75, Des Moines .....	2.50	
Camp 54, Ft. Dodge .....	6.00	13.50
Illinois		
Camp No. 1, Chicago .....	5.00	
\$1.00 from each Camp in the Department .....	8.00	13.00
Maine		
Garfield Camp, Waterville .....	6.00	
T. W. Hyde Camp, Bath .....	5.00	11.00
Michigan		
Camp 8, Detroit .....	5.00	
Donald Peacock .....	5.00	10.00
Connecticut		
Fred U. Wadkins, Torrington .....	10.00	10.00
Massachusetts		
Bay State Camp No. 61, Boston .....	2.00	
Camp 24, Gloucester .....	3.00	
Howard E. Waite, Worcester .....	2.00	9.00
John W. Emery .....	2.00	
South Carolina		
Beaufort .....	5.00	5.00
Ohio		
C. Edward Wetzel .....	5.00	5.00

Total .....	\$242.95
Disbursements:	
Orchestra and Floor Show .....	190.00
Amount turned over to National Secretary-Treasurer .....	\$ 52.95

I wish to express to you my sincere appreciation for the honor of this appointment, and to the above Departments and individuals, for their support of this fund.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

C. L. STOUDT

National Chief-of-Staff

(Adopted.)

National Secretary Lambert: Through the efforts of the National Chief of Staff, for the past two or three years, we have had a program of music and entertainment during one evening of the Encampment. The National Chief of Staff, in the report just presented, has not recommended the solicitation of funds for this purpose be continued next year. That will mean one night less of entertainment next year at the Encampment. If you want that entertainment, you better provide for a method to raise the money for it.

National Chief-of-Staff Stoudt: May I just bring this to your attention. Monday and Wednesday were always dead nights at the Encampments. We felt that you spend a lot of money to come to these Encampments, and should have some entertainment. The project to raise money to pay for your entertainment was originated three or four years ago by the Sons of Veterans Reserve. We sold tickets, on which you could win prizes. We were slapped in the face for it, as some of you considered it was gambling and raised considerable objection to it; so we stopped, and that stopped your entertainment. For that reason, I started the plan of the National Chief-of-Staff making the solicitation of funds for this purpose.

Monday night is devoted to exemplification, although all of you do not attend. In many cases, if we didn't provide this additional entertainment on Wednesday night, you would have nothing to do that night—and that is why I suggested it.

In the Auxiliary, the National Chief-of-Staff raises approximately \$2,000.00; and I felt that through this fund, we certainly could raise enough for this purpose. I didn't want this money to come out of the treasury of the Camps, but wanted the Senior Vice Commander of the Camps to raise a few dollars for this purpose through some sort of project. For example, in Vermont, in one Camp they held an auction, and sent in \$3.45. If other Camps had done something similar to that, we would have a fine fund to turn over. That is why we started the thing; and I certainly didn't feel that we were asking too much when we appealed to you for a \$3.00 to \$5.00 contribution to that fund. A South Carolina Camp sent in \$5.00. I didn't know that we had any Camps there, but they responded whereas, in many cases, the Camps in our old established Departments did not respond at all. If the Camps would have a special project for this fund, I am sure that it could be successfully carried out.

Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts: I move that we continue this fund, and that the National Chief-of-Staff solicit these contributions. (Seconded by Past Department Commander William C. Rule, Massachusetts, and carried.)

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: Your Committee on Resolutions, last night, considered those matters referred to it up to that time, and wish to present the following:

(1) From Earnshaw Camp No. 89, Department of Ohio—with reference to the matter in connection with the obsequies at the death of Comrade Hard, that the broadcast of this service did not have the decorum that it should and that, in the future, on such an occasion that the radio and TV coverage of this event should have the honor and dignity of the ending of this most glorious epoch.

It happened that there were two members on this Committee who were present at the funeral of Comrade Hard, but they were not familiar with the radio or TV coverage. Therefore, we recommend that it be referred to the incoming administration, and its Radio Committee, for appropriate investigation and action, should the last member of the Grand Army of the Republic pass away during the next administration.

(Committee sustained.)

(2) The recommendation contained in the report of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Grant that appropriate resolutions be passed by this Encampment relative to the Fort Memorial Drive.

Your Committee approves this recommendation, and presents the following:

**"RESOLVED**, by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in annual Encampment assembled, that we heartily endorse the project for a Fort Memorial Freeway, encircling our Nation's Capitol, and making the remains of the Civil War forts accessible to all Americans.

**AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we urge such legislation and appropriations as may be necessary to complete this project by 1961, the centennial of the start of the Civil War; and that the Commander-in-Chief is hereby requested to take appropriate steps to make these resolutions effective."

(Adopted.)

(3) From the Department of Minnesota—relative to wrong expressions used regarding the Civil War; and suggesting that the incoming Commander-in-Chief should be requested to appoint a committee, well informed regarding Civil War history, to contact Field Enterprises, Inc., of Chicago, Ill., relative to their publication known as the World Book, in which the term "The War between the States" is used, and have it changed to its proper name, "The Civil War."

Your Committee feels that it is unnecessary, and improper to appoint a National Committee to deal with just one situation. We would prefer to see a carefully written, attractive leaflet covering this subject; and then alert our members to have this leaflet sent with a letter to every paper and publisher who makes this error.

We recommend that it be referred to the incoming Commander-in-Chief and, should such a case arise, this leaflet concerning the Civil War should be sent to those who mis-use the term.

Commander-in-Chief Davis: That is included in my report on page 8, recommendation No. 5.

Chairman Coffin: How short is the memory of man. We had quite a discussion on this very thing just a few years ago. I am not quite sure, but I believe it was about 1949 that Brother Heintz spoke to you about having quite a quantity of leaflets on this subject. He brought them to Encampments, and they were distributed to the Encampment membership repeatedly. Many of us were present in Columbus two years ago, and Brother Heintz's old side kick, Brother Louis Blair gave an eloquent talk on the subject, and offered to reproduce these leaflets and make them available, to be sent to anyone who mis-used the term. This was offered and accepted by the Encampment two years ago. He tells me that Mrs.



Heintz discovered a quantity of these leaflets among Brother Heintz's effects. Therefore, I make this statement so that this Encampment may know that provision is already made, and a leaflet is already in existence which covers the subject.

The Committee, with this explanation, refers this communication, as well as the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief to the incoming Commander-in-Chief, suggesting that one of these leaflets be sent to this concern; or better still, to Brother Locke who can then present it to this enterprise—and that the Brothers here present be advised that if they discover any mis-use of this phrase, and wish to have it challenged, to call it to the attention of the Commander-in-Chief or Brother Blair.

Past Department Commander Louis G. Blair, Ohio: Am I to understand that we should send these leaflets to the Congress of the United States? You will find that, in the Congressional Record, this war is referred to as the "War between the States," "War of the Rebellion," and the "Civil War."

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: I think the distribution of these leaflets, and advice against the use of the term, "War between the States" has been taken care of very well. The Congressional Record is merely a report of what was said by those who represent us in Congress, and I do not think that we can control the speech of our citizens. We can call it to their attention, but I don't think it would do any good to forward it to Congress.

Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts: Would it not be more advisable to have these leaflets in the hands of the National Secretary?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Grant: It might be well to do that.

(4) Recommendation No. 2 in the report of the National Secretary-Treasurer—relative to conferring title of Past Commander-in-Chief on Comrade Woolson.

Your Committee believes that this matter is in the hands of the Committee on Officers' Reports and, therefore, recommend no action at this time. (Committee sustained.)

The next several matters grow out of the mimeographed sheets which were distributed to all Departments in April or May, covering suggested changes to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, to the Ritual and general matters for the good of the organization. These mimeographed sheets are entitled, "Proposals for the Action of the Department Encampments", and from these we present:

(5) It is recommended that Camps, which are not prepared to do high-class initiatory ceremonies every month, adopt the policy of but two or three such ceremonies a year, making them real events, and giving only the obligation to new members in the meantime. The Committee approves the recommendation, naturally, with the feeling that we can't legislate judgment, common sense or adaptability into the Camps. Provision has been made long since for obligation of new members simply by signing the application form, and giving only the obligation.

As Brother Stoudt just recalled to us, most of us do not even attend the ritualistic ceremonies at the National Encampments; and there are very few of the Camps who perform them.

Your Committee was certainly unanimous in the feeling that it would be a fine thing, but we know that many of the Camps can't do it right. Your Committee would say to you that you put it on right, or not at all.

Your Committee, after full consideration, recommends that this suggestion be adopted. (Adopted.)

(6) Resolution: To strengthen State and local camps:

(a) We should develop a qualified member speaker (or speakers) to present from time to time lectures on the causes of the Civil War and the principles involved, with subjects such as (1) How We Got our Nation Indivisible; (2) Why we had a Civil War; (3) Why Keep our Nation Unimpaired?; (4) Why Cherish our Great Heritage?;

(5) The Grand Army—Why, What, Who? (b) The lecturer might well be equipped with historic type subjects illustrated by screen projected pictures.

(c) The National Organization should provide each lecturer with suitable text and commentary to do his work well.

This is presented because it is felt that most Camps and Departments do not function in a manner interesting to young people. The Committee feels that discursive matters would be of great interest, but they are of an administrative field rather than a legislative field. We cannot legislate such action into our State and local organizations—it is up to them to conduct their business. If you have the material there to work with, it is all right. If not, we can talk until we are blue in the face and there will be no result. These are worth-while thoughts to create and continue interest on the part of our membership, but it is administrative rather than legislative, and we can't do anything about it here. The Committee approves the resolution, as far as it goes; and leaves it to the incoming administration for action, with the approval of the Encampment. (Committee sustained.)

(7) We support General Grant in urging specific action, beginning at the National level, to keep our Constitution unimpaired, withstand foreign encroachments and keep America American. Your Committee approves this resolution.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Grant: I think it might be explained that we propose to institute a program in Camps where, as far as they can, they carry out the purposes stated in our Constitution by taking a stronger patriotic position, in our own locality, in the Departments, and on a National level to oppose all movements and efforts for destruction of our Constitution. The proposal was that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War take part in such a program, on a national level, to make it worth-while; and to make doubly sure that the men who have fought in our wars should not have sacrificed their lives or bodies in vain.

Delegate Erich P. Kruss, Pennsylvania: I move the resolution be adopted as read, and approved by the Committee. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Dewey B. Mead, Minnesota, and adopted.)

(8) Relative to the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, and our future work relative to this project. Resolution: We invite our Auxiliary to consider joining with us to make the development of this project a national objective of both orders.

Your Committee approves this resolution. (Adopted).

Chairman Coffin: That concludes the material we have available at this time. This is only a partial report, and we will report on other matters referred to us later.

National Patriotic Instructor DeHaven: I have a supplemental report which I would like to submit at this time:

#### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

The 1952 Encampment adopted a Resolution from the Department of Illinois requesting that the Commander-in-Chief appoint a Committee to inquire into the program of Patriotic Education, Inc., and report to me the possibilities of the Illinois Department participating in that program. The



Commander-in-Chief appointed as Chairman Mattis Schesley 3rd, now Senior Vice Department Commander of Illinois, and instructed him to select his own Committee.

Patriotic Education, Inc., is a project initiated after a 2 year study by the National Society of the Sons of The American Revolution. It was incorporated under the laws of Illinois on January 31, 1952. Board members and officers consist of eight prominent members of the Sons of the American Revolution. The Executive Vice President is Clarence E. Shriner, Penobscot Bldg., Detroit 26, Michigan.

Objects are:

- (1) Encourage the proper observance of American Patriotic Anniversaries.
- (2) Discuss with qualified educators means to provide watchfulness over text books used in the American School System. Conduct research on citizenship training in general and seek to aid it.
- (3) Vigilantly analyze legislation affecting the American way of life and its traditions.
- (4) Provide patriotic material for News, Radio and Television releases, to be used by all organizations engaged in Patriotic work.
- (5) Constantly study and survey other opportunities for furthering patriotic education.
- (6) Organize and maintain local Outposts to carry out the above objectives.

The overall cost and budget proposed to be raised 1953-1958 is \$5,060,000. The first phase of the project is to prepare one large, and four small albums, the purchaser to make his choice, these albums to provide space for 240 small pictures in color dealing with American history. The text on the back of the pictures will correspond with the text in the albums.

It is anticipated that these albums will be purchased for young people such as Boy and Girl Scouts and the pictures will be sent out to them on the installment plan. As these young people examine their albums and place the pictures in the proper spaces, it is thought they will study, or at least read, the text and become appreciative of American history. This effort, however, has now come to a stop. Mr. Shriner states that \$15,000 is needed to continue further with the project. They would appreciate having us contribute toward this either as an organization, or individually. A loan of \$15,000 would also be acceptable.

Patriotic Education, Inc. seems to be a very worthy project, but I am not sufficiently familiar with the affairs of the Illinois Department to be able to advise whether it should help finance their undertaking.

ALBERT B. DEHAVEN  
National Patriotic Instructor

(Referred to Committee on Resolutions).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Grant: Is the Committee on Constitution and Regulations ready to report?

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS

National Counselor Bauer: The first matter referred to this Committee is the amendment to the Constitution, submitted by the Departments of New Jersey and Massachusetts, which will safe-guard our permanent fund. It is adapted from a similar provision which has been working well in Massachusetts for many years; as follows:

"The Constitution is hereby amended by re-numbering ARTICLE VIII, as ARTICLE IX, and by adding the following new ARTICLE:



## ARTICLE VIII — PERMANENT FUND

Section 1—The Permanent Fund of the Order shall consist of funds now invested in United States Saving Bonds, such moneys as have been given or may be given or bequeathed to the National Organization in memory of a Civil War Veteran, all moneys given or bequeathed to the National Organization and not designated for some other purpose by the donor or testator, and such other moneys as may be added thereto by vote of the Commandery-in-Chief, or of the Council of Administration. Moneys given or bequeathed in memory of a Civil War Veteran shall be accounted for under a separate heading, as the "Honor Roll Fund."

Section 2—Such funds shall be kept on deposit in some one or more banking institutions whose deposits are fully insured to the amount of the deposit, or invested in obligations of the United States or in the securities of corporations or trusts located in the United States, which securities are listed or admitted to trading privileges on the New York Stock Exchange, or are registered under the so-called "Blue Sky Law" in the State where such corporations or trusts are located; and no investment shall be made in the securities of any corporation or trust which has not paid regular dividends on its common stock, or on its capital stock if it has only one class, for at least three years prior to such investment.

Section 3—All moneys shall be deposited and all investments made in the name of the Order.

Section 4—All moneys given or bequeathed to the National Organization upon any express trust shall be held, and the income and principal thereof shall be used only in accordance with the terms of the trust, but the restrictions in this Article upon the investment and use of Funds shall apply to Trust Funds in so far as they are consistent with the terms of the trust.

Section 5—Except as may be provided in the will or donation giving trust funds, no part of the principal of any of the funds covered by this Article shall ever be spent, and all moneys accruing from the sale of rights and all stocks received as a dividend shall be held as a part of the principal of the fund to which they accrue.

Section 6—By vote of the Commandery-in-Chief or of the Council of Administration and subject to the restrictions governing any trust funds, the income of the funds covered by this Article accruing in the year in which such vote is passed, or any portion of such income, may be transferred to the General Fund and used for the expenses and purposes of the Order, but any income not so transferred shall be added to the principal."

The Committee unanimously recommends that these amendments, regarding the permanent fund ought to pass, and it should be a record vote since it affects our Constitution. (Rising vote taken—the vote of the Encampment was unanimous).

(2) Relative to admission of collateral descendents to our Order—

Your Committee recommends that it ought not to pass. (Committee sustained).

(3) There are proposed changes in the Regulations, to provide for the Council of Administration. I will not read most of these amendments, as they merely have to do with the wording in our Regulations:

"Sections 2 and 5 of Article III and Item II of Article VIII of Chapter III and Section 7 of Article VI of Chapter V of the Regulations are hereby amended by striking out, in each case, the words "Council-in-Chief" and inserting in place thereof the words "Council of Administration."

Section 4 of Article I of Chapter V is amended by striking out the words "shall be approved and held by the Chairman of the Council in Chief" and inserting in place thereof the words "shall be approved by the Council of Administration and held by the National Secretary-Treasurer."

Section 5, Article I, Chapter V is amended by striking out the words "Council-in-Chief" and inserting in place thereof the words "Council of Administration."

Section 1 of Article IV of Chapter III is amended by striking out the words "three members of the Council-in-Chief" and inserting in place thereof "a Council of Administration, to be constituted as hereinafter provided."

Section 2 of said Article is amended by striking out the words "the members of the Council-in-Chief" and inserting in place thereof the words, "the elected members of the Council of Administration."

Section 4 of said Article is amended by inserting after the words "elective or appointive officers" a comma, and the words "except elected members of the Council of Administration," and by inserting at the end of said section the words "The Council of Administration shall consist of the Commander-in-Chief, the two vice Commanders-in-Chief, the National Secretary, the National Treasurer, (or the National Secretary-Treasurer), and the immediate Past Commander-in-Chief, ex officio, and two other persons. The member elected in 1952 for the two year term shall continue to serve for the term for which he was elected; and at the National Encampment in 1953 there shall be elected one member for two years, and at each annual Encampment thereafter there shall be elected one member for two years."

Section 5 of said Article is amended by striking out the words "Council-in-Chief" and inserting in place thereof "Council of Administration."

Section 6 of Article V of Chapter III of the Regulations is amended by striking out said entire section and inserting in place thereof the following:

"Section 5. The Council of Administration shall have and exercise all the powers of the Board of Directors of an Illinois Business Corporation, except in so far as such powers may be assigned to other persons in these Regulations.

Without in any way limiting the generality of the foregoing language, they shall:

(a) Fix the penal sums of the bonds to be given by all bonded National Officers, which bonds shall cover the office and not the individual.

(b) Present to each annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief a budget of the estimated receipts and of the amounts necessary to conduct the affairs of the Commandery-in-Chief for the ensuing year, and shall recommend the amount to be appropriated for each of the activities of the Commandery-in-Chief and the amount necessary to be raised by per capita tax to meet the same; and no Officer or Committee shall spend any amount or incur any indebtedness beyond the sums so appropriated, except by a vote of five (5) members of the Council of Administration.

(c) Review and extend the plan covering the present and future activities and objectives of the Order.

(d) They shall exercise visitatory powers to enforce any express or implied trust on which property is held by Camps or Departments.

The two elected members of the Council of Administration shall audit the accounts of all National Officers handling money.

The Commander-in-Chief shall be chairman, and the National Secretary shall be Secretary of the Council of Administration, and shall keep a record of the votes of each member, except on parliamentary questions.

Four members of the Council shall be a quorum, but a less number may meet and transact business provided a majority of those present shall vote in the affirmative on the question to be decided, and five members by personal vote or in writing over their signatures shall assent to any final action taken."



Your Committee recommends that these changes to the Regulations, most of which are not really amendments, be adopted. (Adopted.)

(4) Resolution submitted by National Secretary Lambert—relative to elimination from Chapter 5, General Regulations, Pages 41 and 42 of the C. & R:

Section 1—Eliminate the words, "Department Commander" on line 5.  
Section 3—Eliminate this section entirely.

Your Committee recommends that it be left to Departments; and that Section 1 of Article 1 of Chapter V of the regulations be hereby amended by inserting after the words, "Department Commander," the words, "if so ordered by the Department."

Section 3 of said Article is amended by striking out, at the beginning of said section the words, "In the event of failure or neglect of any Department Commander," and substituting in place thereof the words; "When a Department Commander is required to be bonded, failure or neglect on his part."

We recommend that these amendments, submitted by your Committee, be adopted. (Adopted.)

(5) Resolution from the National Secretary, relative to Chapter V, Section 4, page 42 to eliminate the words, "the bond of the Department Commander shall be approved by the Commander-in-Chief and held by the National Treasurer,"—starting on line three.

Your Committee recommends no other change, as it is left to the Departments. (Committee sustained.)

(6) The matter of Associate membership, as published in the last issue of The Banner—addition to Article VII of the Constitution by adding a new section, to be known as Section 3:

"Department and Camps may establish Associate membership. Said Associate Member must be ineligible for full membership due to lack of lineal descent from a Union Veteran of the Civil War. Said Associate Member shall not hold elective office, or be entitled to vote, but he may serve as an appointive officer, or as a member of a committee. The wearing of the membership badge is prohibited." Your Committee recommends adoption, with this modification, "The wearing of the membership badge is prohibited, except with some distinguishing mark, to be prescribed in Regulations.

"No Camp shall, at any time, elect Associate members, when the number of Associate members will exceed one half the number of regular members at the time of such election."

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: Do I understand correctly that this is to be an amendment to the Constitution?

Chairman Bauer: Yes, I think it is; and it has been published in the July issue of the Banner.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: In that case, I move that it be passed over until this afternoon, and a roll call vote be taken at that time. I think the membership of the Encampment should have an opportunity to consider this matter at some length before voting on it. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota, and carried.)

Past Commander-in-Chief Towle: I am ready to report for the Committee on Ritual at this time.



## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL

Frederick K. Davis, Commander-in-Chief,  
Officers and Members of the 72nd Annual Encampment,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Your Committee on Ritual recommendations offer the following report.

We now have on hand a large number of rituals. Our finances are low. The Council of Administration will undoubtedly, request a new C. R. & R. These facts preclude any possibility of a new ritual being issued in the near future. Therefore, we would make the following recommendations:

Those now possessing rituals, and those who will obtain them later, will correct same by striking out with pen or pencil, words and phrases as designated in the following:

Page 4, Article 9—Balloting for Candidates, line 10, beginning with the word "If," strike out the remainder of the paragraph.

Page 4, Article 11—Strike out the word "being," the sixth word in the first line, and write "is," making it read, "The use of the ritual is prohibited," etc.

Page 5—Eliminate the cipher entirely.

Page 6—Commander's Instructions to the Guide—Strike out, "And in possession of the proper password."

Page 6—Guide reporting to the Commander—Strike out the seven words after station.

Page 7—Strike out the entire second paragraph.

Page 7—Change to read, as follows: "Guide—Commander, I find Brother ..... without a visiting card or receipt for dues." If it be a visiting Brother and he can be vouched for, the Commander may permit him to be seated.

Page 7—Strike out the entire fourth paragraph.

Page 9—In the American's Creed, strike out the word "sovereign" before the word "States." Webster defines sovereign as "supreme or highest in power, superior to all others. Independent of and unlimited by any other." That is the position of the United States of America, but the States do not come within that category.

Your Committee does not concur on that, and recommend that it be passed over for later discussion. (Committee sustained.)

Page 9—Pledge of Allegiance—It has been erroneously stated that the Grand Army of the Republic originated the out-stretched arm while giving the pledge. Your Chairman has copies of the first and last rituals issued by the Grand Army of the Republic, and in neither of them is any mention made of the Pledge of Allegiance. The original pledge read, "I pledge allegiance to my flag," and it was, perhaps, necessary to point. Later, the pledge was revised to read, "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America," and it is no longer necessary to point. In fact, the pledge may be given when no flag is in evidence. The Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary are the only Orders using the out-stretched arm and, as in the American's Creed, we state that we believe it is our duty to our Country to obey its laws, it is recommended that we comply with "Public Law 829, 77th Congress, House Joint Resolution 358. Joint resolution to codify and emphasize rules and customs pertaining to the use and display of the flag of the United States of America." Section 7 of the aforementioned law is as follows: "That the pledge of allegiance be rendered by standing with the right hand over the heart. Persons in uniform should render the military salute. Civilians will remove head-dress and hold in front of left shoulder."

Page 11—Order of business; strike out line four relative to sick veterans.

Initiation—Camps are permitted to use either short or long form.

Page 15—Commander's charge when presenting badge to candidate—in line ten, insert the word "fore" before the word, "fathers."

Page 16, second paragraph—Commander's instructions to candidate when giving the pledge of allegiance; Stand with right hand over heart and remain in this position until the end of the affirmation, when hand is immediately dropped to the side.

Page 16, fourth paragraph—omit references to the password.

Page 16, fifth paragraph, third line—Strike out nine words, beginning with "communicate," and substitute "present your visiting card or receipt for dues."

Page 16, fifth paragraph, last line—Strike out "The password is changed, etc." and the remainder of the sentence on page 17.

Page 23—Initiation, long form. Guide's instructions to candidate, fifth line—strike out: "Communicate in a whisper the current password, which is" and substitute, "present your receipt for dues." Eliminate next to last paragraph beginning, "The password is changed every six months."

It is also recommended that if and when a new ritual is issued, that the aforementioned changes and corrections be incorporated therein.

It is further recommended that if and when a new ritual is issued, that it be in a loose leaf form, thus eliminating the use of stickers for subsequent changes, which, in the past, have not proven satisfactory. This was suggested by Past Commander-in-Chief Heald.

Copies of the foregoing have been sent to Past Commander-in-Chief Craig, and Past Department Commander Starr, members of the Committee.

### Appendix

Past Department Commander Starr of the Committee has suggested a revision of the Sons of Union Veterans burial service.

Past Commander-in-Chief Craig, and your Chairman, agree that the few Sons of Veterans burial services which we have witnessed, have been decidedly unimpressive, due doubtless to the fact that the different speaking parts had not been committed to memory; and also it was apparent that they had not been carefully studied before the time of the services. We are of the opinion that it is best to let him who is in the habit of burying the dead perform that ceremony.

We would recommend that the firing squad be eliminated, except when the deceased had been a former member of the armed services of the United States. Let us reserve that honor for those who have served under our Country's flag.

We can see no objection to an armed color guard.

Your Committee recommends adoption of the above, with the suggestion that the burial services be left up to the Camps. If they have the capacity of putting it on in a dignified and appropriate manner, it is perfectly all right to do so. (Committee sustained.)

A note of explanation from the Chairman:

Immediately upon receiving notice that I had been appointed Chairman of the Committee on Ritual recommendations, I mailed seventy-one letters to what I considered a cross section of our membership, which included National Officers, and, in spite of the fact that I enclosed a stamped and addressed envelope with letter, to date but sixteen have been returned. In these letters, I asked for suggestions as to changes in the ritual.

In April, copies of changes as suggested by the Committee were sent to each Department with the request that they be answered by a "yes" or "no." To date, only thirteen have been received. Of the several changes suggested by the Committee, only five received "No." The "Yeses" on the same changes were about two to one in favor.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.  
 HENRY TOWLE, Chairman, Maine,  
 FRED COMBS, SR., New Jersey,  
 C. EDWARD WETZEL, Ohio,  
 FRED C. MCGOWAN, Missouri  
 Committee On Ritual.

Chairman Towle: I move that this report, as presented, be accepted as a whole. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Moran, and carried.)

# **SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

Delegate Bertram Isaacs, New York: The Credentials Committee wish to report that we have a total of 135 registered at this time.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you for that report. We will now recess until 1:30 P.M.



## TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

August 25, 1953—1:45 P.M.

The Encampment opened in regular form.

### GREETINGS FROM THE LADIES OF THE G.A.R.

Mrs. Sarah J. Ehrmann, Past National President of the Ladies of the G.A.R., and wife of Brother Coleman J. Ehrmann, was escorted into the Encampment and introduced.

She extended the greetings of her National President, Mrs. Wilma Hankins of Chicago, Illinois; together with her personal wishes for a successful Encampment.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, RULES & REGULATIONS (Cont'd).

Commander-in-Chief Davis: The next order of business is the vote on the recommendation for Associate Membership, as presented by the C. R. & R. Committee.

Chairman Bauer: Perhaps I had better re-state the question which is now before the Encampment—which is to amend the Constitution, to include Associate Membership, as published in the July issue of The Banner (reads from The Banner, as printed).

Your Committee recommends adoption of Associate membership, with the modification as to the badge.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: This matter, of course, must be approved by ten Departments.

Chairman Bauer: Any amendments to the Constitution, including those affecting the funds of the Commandery-in-Chief do not become effective until adopted by this body by a two thirds vote, and until ten (10) Departments have ratified it in their Department Encampments. Therefore, we only approve the amendment and send it to the Departments; and ten of them must approve it in their Encampments, after which it becomes effective as part of the Constitution of our Order. The question now comes on the approval of our recommendation.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: I agree with you, except for this—that, in the event you voted on this proposition at your mid-winter Encampment, it would be different. I think Brother Bauer stated the law, except for this—that if the approval of this amendment to the Constitution should be voted on at your mid-winter Encampment, then any action which you might take would not be effective under the law unless the call for the mid-winter meeting gave specific notice that this proposition would be presented at that meeting. Of course, at your annual meetings in the spring of the next year, you could transact any business which might come before the Encampment, but at mid-winter meetings such a proposition must be included in the call for that meeting.

Commander-in-Chief Davis: I will appoint as tellers Past Department

Commander William O. Fuller, Massachusetts; and Past Department Commander Leslie W. More, New York.

The National Secretary called the roll, by Departments, with the following vote on the Matter of Associate Membership:

Department	For Adoption	Against Adoption
California & Pacific	9	1
Colorado & Wyoming	0	0
Connecticut	3	0
Illinois	5	1
Indiana	1	0
Iowa	0	4
Maine	1	4
Maryland	6	0
Massachusetts	15	0
Michigan	3	0
Minnesota	2	0
Missouri	2	0
New Hampshire	5	0
New Jersey	9	0
New York	14	5
Ohio	1	6
Oregon & Washington	1	0
Pennsylvania	0	18
Rhode Island	1	0
Vermont	1	0
Total	79	34

Commander-in-Chief Davis: You have a two thirds affirmative vote, so the recommendation of the Committee is adopted; and the incoming administration will submit this change in the Regulations to the Departments, and it will come before the various Encampments for their acceptance.

Chairman Bauer: Since you have just adopted our recommendation on Associate Membership, we present:

(7) Section 6 of Article II of Chapter V of the Regulations is hereby amended by striking out the word "three" in the first line and substituting in the place thereof the word "four," and by adding at the end of said section the words: "Associate members shall wear a plain blue ribbon with the word "Associate" printed or stamped in plain block letters thereon."

I recommend adoption of that amendment to the regulations.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: I move that this recommendation for this proposed change in the Constitution be laid over until the next Encampment, because it is not in order until the ratification of the Associate Membership by at least ten Departments. Therefore, I feel that it should be laid on the table.

Chairman Bauer: I agree with what has been said, but I am going to make a motion to cover it as soon as our recommendations are acted upon.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: Question on the motion.

Commander-in-Chief Davis: This Associate Membership proposition becomes operative after it is approved by ten Departments, and is printed in The Banner. That might be before our next National Encampment, and then there is no provision for this ribbon. That, I believe, is the reason for this recommendation on the ribbon.

Chairman Bauer: Anything we adopt as to Regulations does not become effective until we are legally entitled to use it.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: In that case, I will withdraw my motion.

Chairman Bauer: "Section 3 of said Chapter is amended by adding at the end thereof the words; "Associate members entitled to wear this badge shall wear the same with the ribbon prescribed for them in Section 6."

I move the adoption of these amendments, the same not to become effective until the amendment to the Constitution authorizing Associate Membership shall be duly promulgated, and take effect. (Seconded by Past Department Commander John M. Emery, Massachusetts, and several.)

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: What I have to say is subject to correction by the learned gentlemen who are versed in the law; and my remarks are directed to Brother Coffin. I do not think we are looking for trouble, or just something to disagree about. The difficulty which would arise, in the event that the amendment to the Constitution on Associate Membership is passed by the several Encampments, and our deferring action on this badge motion would be that when the amendment became effective there would be no badge to be worn by the Associate Member until our next National Encampment had taken action on it. I think that if you attempt to defer action on the badge, you might run into some trouble in tabling this particular amendment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: I withdrew my motion, and have not renewed it. I have been listening to the comments of Brother Bauer, who expresses some fear that, between the time of the adoption of the Associate Membership recommendation and the time of another National Encampment, there will be a lot of Associate Members, and badges will not be authorized for them.

It occurred to me that the badges will have to be provided by the Commandery-in-Chief, and arrangements will have to be made for the National Secretary to have them for that brief interval. He would have to get them ahead of time in order to be prepared, yet he would not do that until he has something definite in the way of action, it seems to me.

However, I have not renewed my motion; and if Brother Locke wants to table it, let him renew the motion to table.

Commander-in-Chief Davis: You have a motion before the house—that these amendments relative to the ribbon for Associate members be adopted, the same not to become effective until the Associate Membership amendment shall be duly promulgated, and take effect. (Motion carried, and amendments adopted.)

Chairman Bauer: We have nothing more to submit at this time; and will ask leave to make a further report tomorrow morning.

Commander-in-Chief Davis: Thank you, Brother Bauer; and you will complete your report tomorrow morning.

## SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT—COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: I wish to present a supplementary report for the Committee on Officers' Reports. In accordance with the wishes of this Encampment, we have prepared a resolution covering the matter of conferring the title of Past Commander-in-Chief of this organization on Comrade Woolson, as follows:

"WHEREAS, Albert Woolson, sole surviving member of the Grand Army of the Republic, as well as a brother member of the Minnesota Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, by reason of his intense loyalty, his devotion to the principles of government, held and



maintained by his comrades of the Civil War, all of which inspires in us the highest type of respect and affection;

THEREFORE, as an evidence of our feelings toward him

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at its 72nd Annual Encampment, that there is hereby conferred upon our fathers' comrade and on Brother Albert Woolson the title and rank of Past Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War."

Chairman Holbrook: I move the adoption of this resolution, as read. (Seconded by Past Department Commanders Dewey B. Mead, and Chester L. Charter, Minnesota; and carried.)

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: In view of the action we have just taken, I offer this motion—that, as further evidence of our love for the comrade of our fathers, and Brother, there be presented to Comrade Woolson, by this Encampment, a check in the amount of \$100.00, to be drawn from the G.A.R. fund. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook, and carried.)

### GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM THE AUXILIARY

The Greetings Committee from the Auxiliary, consisting of the following were escorted in and presented:

Mrs. Edith Nile, Past National President, Ohio,  
Mrs. Beatrice Riggs, National Vice President, California,  
Mrs. Lena Barrett, Past National President, California,  
Mrs. Hester Cook, Department President, Oregon,  
Mrs. Pearl Freeman, Department President, California,  
Mrs. Barbara Davis, wife of the Commander-in-Chief, Oregon,

and a large delegation from the Oregon and California Departments.

Commander-in-Chief Davis: It is a pleasure and great honor to have this large Greetings Committee come to us from our Auxiliary. We are happy to have so many ladies, and wish to extend to you a warm welcome. First, I present to this Encampment, the Chairman of the Committee, Past National President Edith Nile.

Past National President Edith Nile: Commander-in-Chief and members of this organization, I was indeed proud and happy when I learned that I would have the opportunity given me to come with the Washington, Oregon and California girls to bring the greetings of our National organization to you.

When I was National President, I had a marvelous time on the West Coast; especially did I enjoy knowing and becoming better acquainted with Brother Davis—so, for those reasons, I am more than happy to come here to you boys today.

You Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have just completed a wonderful project—the G.A.R. Highway of which we, your Auxiliary, are as proud as you are. Even though you have completed that project, there still will be much work to be done on it. With that project, and your many others, we of the Auxiliary would be glad to help you. We will help to keep the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the lime-light in this nation. It was your fathers and grand-fathers who wore the Union Blue to make this nation what it is today; but it is up to your organization and mine to keep it that way. We, your Auxiliary, are willing to do our part in whatever project you undertake; and you can depend upon us to stand beside you and help you whenever it is possible to do so.

Commander-in-Chief Davis, to you and your group assembled here, I have the honor to bring you this love token from our National organization—a check for \$200.00. (Applause.)

Your National President, Sister Lila Macey, and all the sisters of our organization wish for you a marvelous Encampment in every respect. Brother Davis, we hope that you won't be too tired when it is over; and that there will be many more years during which we shall meet again.

Commander-in-Chief Davis: Edith is one of the Auxiliary girls that we became very fond of out in Oregon when she was National President, and it is a memorable pleasure to have her here today.

I want her to know that we are deeply grateful for the check she conveyed to us and that our best wishes go to the Auxiliary and National President Lila Macey. I hope that the Auxiliary will always keep us close to their hearts, so that the things we attempt to do can be done jointly. By joint action our projects will flourish.

There are three States on the West Coast which have been hopeful for a long time that our National Encampment would care enough about us to come and see us; and it will take a long time to forget the discouragement felt here today when you did not see fit to accept the invitation to meet next year in California. I want to present to you, at this time, a girl who did a lot of work in anticipation of that Convention we had hoped to have next year in California—Beatrice Riggs, National Vice President of the Auxiliary.

National Vice President Beatrice Riggs: Brother Davis, and members of this Encampment, as to the invitation to come to California, I did spear-head the invitation by the Sons and Auxiliary last year, and again this year; and did everything I could to help make it an attractive one. I am very sorry that you are not coming to California next year.

If I had known that it would have influenced your decision to have a Comrade of the Civil War, I could have told you, last year, that we still had Comrade Magee and I am sure that you would have enjoyed him. He was a little man in stature, but willing to give his life for his country. He lived through five wars and was in the Civil and Spanish-American Wars and was always very proud to say, "I am a retired veteran." Perhaps we made a mistake in not telling you about him last year—it might have helped.

However, it is now decided that we are going to Duluth. I hope and pray that Comrade Woolson will be alive, and while I am broken hearted that you are not coming to California, I will try, in every way, to urge everyone to go to Duluth and we, in California, will do all that we can to help you.

Brother Davis, I have learned to love you and your wife; and although the distance is great from California to Oregon, I hope that some day we can become better acquainted.

Commander-in-Chief Davis: Thank you so much. The next lady I am about to introduce is one we also admire. She is a Past National President, and the wife of one of our Past Commanders-in-Chief. I present Lena Barrett, wife of Dr. Ralph R. Barrett.

Past National President Lena Barrett: Commander-in-Chief Davis, I am very happy to be in your Encampment today. There is one thing I know—that on such a hot, uncomfortable day as this, Doctor would tell you men to take off your coats and try to be comfortable.

I want to tell you a little about Dr. Barrett. He wanted to come so badly. When I said good-bye to him on Saturday, he said, "Oh, how I wish I could go with you." He was wondering if I would be all right on my flight here to Buffalo, and a bit worried about it. He is very ill, and I am afraid that he will have to go to a hospital as I am very nervous and must have rest. It just about broke his heart to see me come to Buffalo



without him. He loves all of you boys in this organization, and I bring his greetings to you.

Department President Hester Cook, Oregon: Commander-in-Chief Davis, I bring you greetings from the Department of Oregon and Washington, and wish for you a successful and happy Convention.

Department President Pearl Freeman, California: I certainly have had a thrill out of this Encampment. It is my first National Convention and I hope that it won't be my last, because we are still hoping that, some day, you will come to California. We have fine Departments in California, Oregon and Washington and we do want you to come and meet with us sometime.

(The remainder of the delegation added their personal greetings, and best wishes.)

Commander-in-Chief Davis: At this time, it is a privilege to present to this Encampment the Commander-in-Chiefess, my wife.

Mrs. Barbara Davis: Brothers and Sisters, I had intended not to say anything; but perhaps it is time that I should say something, after last night and today. To see so many of you paying your respects to the Commander-in-Chief, especially the Sisters of the Auxiliary, has been quite a thrill to me. Jealousy is not one of my faults, and if the girls have been a little bit demonstrative, that is all right. There is one thing that pleases me more than anything else and that is to see my husband appreciated.

A year ago, I stood before you and pledged my loyalty and support to my husband and I think that he has received these to the extent of which I was capable. On his travels of over 15,000 miles I have been always with him. I sincerely feel that your Commander-in-Chief has done a wonderful job. I congratulate him, and wish him success in his Convention.

Commander-in-Chief Davis: Thanks to all the Committee for visiting this Encampment. It has been a great joy to have you girls from the Auxiliary with us.

(The Committee was then escorted out.)

Commander-in-Chief Davis: Has everything been taken care of by the Ritual Committee, or do they have an additional report at this time?

Past Commander-in-Chief Towle: There is one matter which was held open—that of the American's Creed. The Committee, on that particular portion regarding omission of the word "sovereign" before "states," is undecided. It could be brought up before the Encampment and action taken here on it, if desired.

Commander-in-Chief Davis: The proposal need not be submitted at this Encampment, perhaps. Further preliminary analysis might be advisable.

Brother Coffin, does the Committee on Resolutions have anything additional to report at this time? (The reply was "No.")

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: Commander-in-Chief, I am on the floor for the purpose of making a most unusual motion.

The time has arrived, in this country of ours, when American-minded men and women must unite in a common cause for a common good. We are descendants of men who served in the Union Army and, by this time, there have been at least three generations since our fathers and the Confederates were engaged in the Civil War.

It was my privilege, at one time, to occupy the office of Commander-in-Chief of this organization. At that time, I carried on quite an extensive correspondence with the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans, and I found this to be true—that there was no funda-



mental difference in the purposes for which we are organized and the purposes for which the Sons of Confederate Veterans are organized.

There is an organization, with headquarters in Washington, known as the American Coalition, composed of representatives of nearly one hundred different patriotic organizations in America.

It seems to me that, in view of our efforts to obtain a Congressional Charter, it would be very much to our interests to have the Sons of the Confederate Veterans join the American Coalition; and the unusual request is that you give me authority to invite the Sons of Confederate Veterans to become affiliated with the American Coalition. I am sure it will react, to our benefit, to a great degree.

National Counselor Bauer: I would like the honor to second that motion, for many reasons. I have been a speaker for the Sons of Confederate Veterans on many occasions, and I am personally an honorary member of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I also desire to second that motion.

Commander-in-Chief Davis: The motion is that the Sons of Confederate Veterans identify themselves with the American Coalition; and that we give Brother Locke authority to invite them to become affiliated with the American Coalition. (Motion carried).

(Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Grant presided, as Commander-in-Chief Davis left the Encampment, with the Fraternal Relations Committee, to visit the Auxiliary.

#### GREETINGS FROM THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

Mrs. Ethel Howe, representing the National President, Miss Grace L. Johnson of Toledo, Ohio was escorted in and presented to the Encampment.

She extended the greetings of her National President, and her organization, expressing best wishes for a successful and harmonious Encampment.

Past Department Commander Earl F. Riggs, California: In the absence of the Chairman of the Committee on Restoration of Rank, Brother Bennett, who has gone to the Auxiliary, I will present that report:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESTORATION OF RANK

Commander-in-Chief Frederick K. Davis, 72nd. Annual Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

We, the Committee on Restoration of Rank wish to recommend that the honors of Charles C. Stull be restored, as Past Department Commander; who is now serving in the California Department.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY J. BENNETT, Chairman, Iowa

EARL F. RIGGS, California

CARDER A. PERKINS, Massachusetts.

Past Department Commander Riggs: I move that this request be granted, and the report of the Committee be accepted. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota, and carried).

Council of Administration Member Tatman: At this time, I would like to present our preliminary report.

## PRELIMINARY REPORT – COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Commander-in-Chief Frederick K. Davis,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

The Council of Administration held a meeting and examined the books and accounts of the National Secretary-Treasurer; and found them properly kept and in perfect balance.

We found that the balance in the checking account of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1953, was \$4,561.33.

We wish to commend the National Secretary-Treasurer for the excellent and most capable performance of his duties.

Respectfully presented in F. C. & L.

JAMES C. TATMAN,

ALLEN F. SPINK,

ROY J. BENNETT.

Members Council Of Administration

Council of Administration Tatman: I move the acceptance of this report. (Seconded by Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts, and carried).

(A five-minute recess was declared, to await the return of the Fraternal Relations Committee from its visit to the Auxiliary.)

The Committee returned, and the Encampment was called to order by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Grant in the absence of the Commander-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Grant: Is the Fraternal Relations Committee ready to report at this time?

## REPORT OF FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I am very happy to report to you that the fraternal relations Committee has just returned from their visit to the Auxiliary. For the first time within my recollection, or second at most, we had the pleasure of having the Commander-in-Chief accompany us.

I need not say to you how we were received because our partners, the Auxiliary, always receive us well—we all know they do. It is not necessary to say anything further as to the greetings they send to us, because their Greetings Committee has been here and performed that duty.

They made certain pledges to us which, perhaps, were not necessary for them to repeat; because we know that they will stand, side by side, with us in anything we do. However, I want to say this to you, and place special emphasis on it—I wonder where we would be, as an organization, were it not for our partners, the Auxiliary. In a sense, they are the majority stock-holders of our corporation, because they have a membership in excess of ours; but I feel sure of this—we can count on them, in the days which lie ahead to help us in anything which this organization sets out to accomplish. I also want to say to you that the best Camps in existence in our organization are the Camps that have an Auxiliary attached to them.

We had a wonderful visit with them, and were happy to have had the pleasure of going over to extend our greetings and pay our respects.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Something just dawned on me, as the ladies were escorted out, and I want to bring it to your attention. I feel it is time that we give up the practice of escorting guests with the colors. In the first place, it does not add anything to the appearance of escorting guests in and out of the Encampment. In the second place, most

of the rooms in which we hold our sessions are very much like this one—too low to use the colors and have it look well. Where you have the small colors, it is all right; but I can't convince myself that with colors as large as we have here, which sometimes drag on the floor, that it adds anything at all. I think it is certainly out of order, and we should not continue to do it.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Grant: Is there any discussion on this matter?

I must say that I rather agree that it is unusual to carry colors, as we do, just for visiting committees. I think that the more proper thing would be to take the Commandery-in-Chief flag and salute as they are brought in; and I would suggest that we do that.

Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts: I would say that the colors are being used at the request of the Commander-in-Chief; and that also will be the privilege of the next Commander-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Grant: Is there anything more to come before the Encampment at this time?

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I move that we recess until 9 A.M. tomorrow morning; and then remain in session continuously until all of the business of this Encampment is completed, including nomination and election of officers. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie, and carried).



## WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

August 26, 1953

9:15 A.M.

The Encampment opened in regular form.

Commander-in-Chief Davis: Committee Chairman Bauer is ready to complete his report.

### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

#### COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, RULES & REGULATIONS

Chairman Bauer: Brother Commander-in-Chief, your Committee on Constitution and Regulations has received a suggestion from the National Secretary-Treasurer, referring to the purchase of supplies. On pages 19-20 of the C. & R., Article 9, Camp Supplies, there appears the following list of different blanks which are for sale, and can be purchased through the National Secretary-Treasurer. (Reads list in C. & R.) Many of these blanks are obsolete, and no prices are given, so the list is of no use.

Your Committee recommends that the list be eliminated and the following be adopted, in accordance with the suggestion of the National Secretary:

(8) Article IX of Chapter I of the Regulations is hereby amended, by striking out the present list and inserting in place thereof the following:

"Camps and Departments shall purchase all official supplies directly from the Commandery-in-Chief, provided that Camps and Departments may continue to issue and use supplies in stock until the same are exhausted."

Chairman Bauer: The reason for the suggestion of the National Secretary-Treasurer is that the present system is not working. He gets applications from Camps for supplies, and they say they can't get them from the Department. This eliminates the Departments in the issue of supplies, and they are to be obtained directly from the National Secretary-Treasurer.

Past Department Commander William O. Fuller, Massachusetts: May I ask a point of information? When does this go into effect, insofar as the supplies now on hand are concerned?

Chairman Bauer: That is covered in our recommendation (reads the Committee recommendation). It says that the Departments and Camps may issue and use what is now on hand. (Committee sustained).

(9) On the matter of Honorary Membership, this Committee believes it unwise to make any recommendation at this time—until we see how the amendment for Associate Membership works out. (Committee sustained).

(10) On the matter of dual membership which was considered by us, the Committee feels that this involves some complications. We considered it to be unwise, at this time, particularly in view of the action taken on Associate Membership to make any recommendation as to the regulation of dual membership.

Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts: I understand it is permitted, is now used in the instance of State Camps, and is of definite benefit to the Departments.

Chairman Bauer: I think I can reply to that. Both the Commander-in-Chief and the Committee on the revision of the C. R. & R. spoke of State Camps, and said that to organize a successful State Camp, it is necessary to have a large percentage of dual members, familiar with our Order, and willing to take office for the purpose of instituting and promoting the Camp. Dual membership works out quite well in the case of State Camps for the reasons just stated.

State Camps will solve the problem of getting members in localities where Camps do not now exist, or in absorbing the membership of disbanded Camps.

There is no legal sanction for it; and there is nothing forbidding it.

In view of the shortage of time, we believe it unwise to make a recommendation on the regulations for dual membership; and feel that we should let the thing go on as it has existed for years. (Committee sustained).

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERIC G. BAUER, Chairman, Massachusetts.

RICHARD F. LOCKE, Illinois.

CHAS. H. E. MORAN, Massachusetts.

CLEON E. HEALD, New Hampshire.

EDWARD W. CARMICHAEL, California.

Committee On Constitution, Rules & Regulations

Chairman Bauer: That being all the matters before this Committee, I move the committee be discharged. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Davis: Thank you, Brother Bauer. The Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations is hereby discharged, with the thanks of the Encampment.

#### PRESENTATION OF RECORDINGS FOR RADIO LIBRARY

Past Department Commander Fred E. Colwell, New York: Commander-in-Chief Davis, I know that it is your ambition to establish a radio library of broadcasts by and interviews with, members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In the past few years, I have collected a few of these. Commander-in-Chief, there are six records here in one envelope, and five in the other one, which date back to 1905-1906. The two tapes are of more recent origin, and have to do with the Memorial Program given in Rochester, the day before the burial of Comrade Hard. I wish to present them to you for your library.

Commander-in-Chief Davis: I am very grateful to get these recordings. We want to create a file of recordings made by Union Veterans; also of memorials, programs of our own organization, or anything that has direct historical significance for us. It is my objective to try to locate these, and preserve them so that Departments and Camps can obtain them, presumably on a rental basis. Or they can buy them, perhaps.

I already have a number of records, and now Fred Colwell has added to this collection. I will duplicate them, and then present the master file to the office of the National Secretary-Treasurer, where they will be preserved.

Department Commander Charles H. Langlet, Maryland: Since we are running short of time, I move that we limit each speaker to three minutes on any subject, in order to get through. (Seconded by Department Commander Wm. J. Moore, Illinois, and carried.)

National Secretary Lambert: We have received the report of the

Chairman of the G.A.R. Highway Committee. There are four recommendations contained in this report. The Commander-in-Chief has asked that I read the report, and that we act upon the recommendations immediately.

### REPORT OF GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Frederick K. Davis, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
72nd Annual Encampment; Buffalo, N. Y.  
August 23-27, 1953.

Dear Commander-in-Chief and Brothers of this Encampment:

Your National Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway—U. S. No. 6—is pleased to submit to you the following report:

Due to the nation-wide dedication to be observed on May 3rd of this year, involving all twelve Departments situated on the Highway, it was deemed wise to have a committee member in each Department, so each could be responsible for the service of his respective Department. Therefore, eleven Committee members were appointed, Nebraska Department being inactive.

Co-operation and support from my Committee; Commander-in-Chief Davis; National Secretary Lambert and the Banner; our Auxiliary; the Woman's Relief Corps; Ladies of the G.A.R.; Daughters of Union Veterans; other veteran organizations; Government and State, as well as local Officials, and many thousands of our members and added citizens, has been most gratifying and a great help to us.

#### Special Issue Commemorative Stamp

It is a great disappointment to all that we were unable to secure the issue of a commemorative stamp on the occasion of our dedication May 3rd. Perhaps no request in our history for such an issue brought forth such a flood of letters and resolutions to the Post Office Department as did this one. They were received into the hundreds of thousands—all orders of the Grand Army family, many other organizations throughout the country, and thousands of citizens responded. In fact, such volumes of letters went to Washington that my own Senator, William F. Knowland, suggested to me over the telephone that we discontinue sending them, as they were receiving them in such quantities that additional letters would not make our requests any stronger; but the letters continued to pour in. Many Senators and Representatives did all they could for us, but unfortunately it all happened at a most inopportune time.

Postmaster Donaldson approved four issues for January and February, and deferred the remaining eight for the new administration to decide on after January 20th this year.

Postmaster Summerfield advised me that time was too short for the department to make designs and dies in time to issue a stamp by May 3rd. The Assistant Postmaster advised that our request did not fall within the category provided by postal regulations, as only 25th anniversaries and greater, were supposed to be so honored. Senators Nixon of California, Millikin of Colorado, and several others, sent me just about the same information.

Even though we failed in our request, many thousands of citizens, as a result, came to know about the Sons of Union Veterans, resulting in good advertising for our Order.



## Dedication, May 3rd, 1953

Our greatest appreciation and thanks go to the committee members of the States where dedication services were held and to the many individuals who helped with their time and money to so loyally support our efforts.

Under the leadership of Brother Harold M. Drown, Massachusetts Department presented to the citizens of their State a very efficiently planned program, held at New Bedford. Brother Drown saw to it well that publicity was very extensively provided. It must be said that a remarkable job of publicizing the dedication was done. Several hundred attended, in spite of very inclement weather, and enjoyed an impressive program. An appropriate feature was that the dedication was held in the G.A.R. Park. The Mayor of New Bedford became so inspired thereby that, at the close of the service, he instructed the Park Superintendent and Chief of Police to remove all signs and install a new type reading, "Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Highway Park on G.A.R. Highway, Route U.S. 6."—Thanks, Harold, for a grand job well done.

## Indiana:

Brother Noah C. Brown, assisted by Sister Margaret Horn arranged and rendered a most appropriate and history-making program on the occasion of the dedication day services at Walkerton, Indiana. State Senator Richard Ristine was orator of the day, delivering a very inspiring and patriotic address, eulogizing the Grand Army and pointing out the great historical significance of the Highway, and how appropriate that it should be dedicated while one Grand Army Comrade is still living. A large attendance was reported, consisting of Sons and Auxiliary, many from our allied orders, and a good attendance from the Veteran groups, together with many representing Veteran organizations. A fine report from Indiana shows by pictures and clippings that our Order was well publicized and presented to the people of Indiana.

## Ohio:

Ohio joined our dedication services and loyally supported the efforts of your committee to make the dedication an unbroken chain of service from coast to coast. Brother R. J. Williams, of the G.A.R. Highway Committee, promulgated the program which was held on the Public Square in Cleveland. William G. Rose, as the representative of the Chamber of Commerce, was principal speaker, and said, "We predict the usefulness and beauty of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, developing the resources of the great nation we love." I regret my inability to make a more complete report from the Ohio Department, but have not received the report of their dedication so have no further information at hand.

## Iowa:

Past Commander-in-Chief Roy J. Bennett presided at a dedication service, held in St. John's Lutheran Church, adjacent to the Grand Army Highway in Des Moines. Rev. Frederick J. Wurtz gave the address. The history of the Highway was given by Department Junior Vice Commander Edmund Kuba. Appropriate patriotic music was rendered, and the service closed with the benediction. Our appreciation and gratitude go to Past Commander-in-Chief Bennett, for his devoted efforts and service in bringing an outstanding dedication service to more than a hundred of Des Moines citizens, and so loyally assisting in making the G.A.R. Highway dedication the success it was.

## Colorado:

Past Commander J. B. Fuller of Colorado, assisted by Auxiliary member Orpha Cheney Hall, Past Department Commander Mark Harnard and A. G. Meyers, with some 125 members and citizens observed dedication services on the G.A.R. Highway west of Denver where No. 6 starts into the Rocky Mountains—the beginning of one of the most scenic stretches on its route, climbing over the Continental Divide and on westward through the mountains to the Utah line. Even though the snow was falling, the dedication was conducted at the location where Colorado Department proposes to build an appropriate Memorial to the Grand Army and permanent marker on the highway route.

Earl E. Ewing spoke, representing Governor Dan Thornton. The principal dedicatory address was given by General Henry Larson, U. S. Marines, Ret. The ribbon was cut by Department Commander W. R. Coffee, assisted by Ethel Meyers, Department President of the Auxiliary and Past Department President Ann Tarlton. Music was by the 75 piece Westminster Band. We admire Colorado Department and express our thanks for joining Colorado and Utah Departments in the chain of states observing this occasion.

## California:

Bathed in the sunshine of a perfect California day and invigorated by the gentle breezes of the blue Pacific, some twenty-five hundred patriotic citizens assembled on the beach where the Grand Army of the Republic Highway meets the waters of the Pacific, ending its long journey of some 3600 miles from the historically famous tip of Cape Cod. They listened intently during an outstanding dedication service presided over by Brother Glenn Skogman of Pasadena, Camp 14. On the rear of a very large speaker's platform stood the massed colors and Color Guards of each branch of America's Armed Forces, a most inspiring sight with the ocean for a background. Six Commanders of our Armed Forces were on the speaker's platform; Major Lyman B. Sutter of Long Beach; our Commander-in-Chief Frederick K. Davis; Past Commander-in-Chief William L. Anderson, our first National Highway Chairman; Beatrice S. Riggs, National Vice President of the Auxiliary; our Department Commander Melville E. Riggs; Wilbur Feineman of Long Beach Chamber of Commerce, Highway Committee Department; Heads of our Allied Orders; representatives of many Veteran organizations; and Department Officers of the Sons and Auxiliary. Most timely remarks were spoken by many of those present, including a short address by Major General Herbert R. Gray, Commanding General, 11 Corps Area.

It is regrettable that everyone could not have heard the inspiring and most capable addresses of our Commander-in-Chief Davis and Past Commander-in-Chief Bill Anderson—never to be forgotten by many of us.

Incidentally, a recording of the entire program was made for our future use.

A very beautiful and appropriate unveiling service had been planned for the occasion. The distinctive honor of placing the wreath was accorded to Past National Chairman William Anderson, and your present National Chairman of the Highway Committee.

Past Department Commander Frank Woerner placed the Memory Book in the monument. After the services ended, it was removed to be preserved until the final monument is built, when it will be sealed inside to remain on through the future years.

The Color Guards of our Armed Forces stood at attention around the monument while the unveiling and dedication took place—a great and never



to be forgotten final tribute to the honor and memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Music for the dedication was furnished by the Air Force Band of the Pacific.

Our one disappointment is that President Dwight D. Eisenhower could not accept our invitation as speaker of the day and be with us, but he did send his personal greetings and complimentary statements with best wishes in a telegram, which was printed in The Banner.

California did a great and lasting service to our highway project and to the perpetuation of the memory of the Grand Army Comrades. The monument is situated where no less than a million people will see it every month, according to information obtained from the Chamber of Commerce.

Due to the magnitude of the job of conducting the Stamp Issue project and building the Monument and arranging the dedication as a nation-wide event, some phases of our highway project had to be neglected this year, but let it be hoped that whoever is in charge the coming year will see to it well that the work is carried forward to the end that through the years we may attain greater heights and each year do a better and greater job, thereby emulating the name of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Much more could be said of both the past and the future, but space does not permit.

### Recommendations

(1) It is my belief that with proper study and research on the part of our members everywhere, some worthwhile project can be accomplished each year. Therefore, I recommend that all members from Maine to California interest themselves in the Grand Army Highway, give it thought and earnest study, become a part of the great working force we can and should be; so, as time goes by, we may grow in public observation and the Highway may move forward both in improvement and popularity, and never be permitted to lose its forward march to victory, but push forward as did our Daddies in 1861 to 1865. (No objections; adopted).

(2) I recommend that the National Chairman, each year, be permitted to appoint his own Committee and, as needed, add to it, when and where help is needed, as projects develop and activities shift from place to place. (Adopted).

(3) Through the past two years a very friendly and co-operative attitude has developed between the National Organization of Highway Associations and Chambers of Commerce and your National Committee; so, therefore, I recommend:

That we work with those organizations in any way we can to further develop this relationship; believing that, to a great extent, our hoped-for accomplishment of both the Sons of Union Veterans and these civic groups are somewhat mutual, and they are in a position to be of great assistance to us. (Adopted).

(4) I recommend that each Department Commander of the twelve Highway Departments appoint a committee to be known as THE GRAND ARMY HIGHWAY MARKER COMMITTEE, immediately after this Encampment, to investigate the number and condition of the markers in his Department, whose duty it shall be to do all possible to have the highway properly marked on both sides, every five miles from State line to State line. I can furnish you with exact size blueprints of our official Highway Marker, if they can be of help to any such committee. This committee to serve the full year, the same period as the National Highway Committee does.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Grant: I think that it is somewhat inconsistent to let it be the privilege of the Chairman of this Committee to



select his own Committee; and then have each Department establish a Committee in that Department. I think you might modify that by saying that the Department Commander will appoint a Committee, after consulting the National Chairman of the Highway Committee.

Commander-in-Chief Davis: Brother Cheney's proposal covers a rather broad scope—one committee is from a national point of view, whereas the other Committee would be on a State basis. They could interlock through the national member.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Grant: I think it should be done after consultation with the G.A.R. Highway Committee chairman.

Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts: Does that marker correspond with what was adopted in 1943?

Commander-in-Chief Davis: We do not know, as we do not have a detailed blueprint here at this Encampment.

Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts: Then it is assumed that it will be the same as those adopted?

Commander-in-Chief Davis: I would assume that it is the same as the photographic reproductions which appear on the G.A.R. Highway folder recently printed. (No further objections—adopted).

### In Closing

May I express my most sincere gratitude and appreciation to Commander-in-Chief Davis for his wonderful interest and support in the work of the past year.

Brother Davis, you are to be commended in the highest terms for the fine highway folder you published. It is an outstanding accomplishment and goes far beyond anything produced heretofore along the line of promoting the highway, placing it in the public view and carrying to the public the story of the Grand Army, and the name of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We shall see great results come to pass through your loyal work.

Brother Lambert has, in The Banner, supported our efforts in a most commendable way, unselfishly giving us a large part of the front page items and pictures, and doing all in his power to make our highway project a matter of first importance to our Organization. Brother Lambert, we do most earnestly and sincerely express our gratitude.

My sincere thanks and expression of appreciation is hereby given to all who so loyally supported our efforts the past year, and to the Departments and Camps who passed resolutions commending me for the work of the Highway Committee. Also, the many members who wrote me expressing their personal thoughts of appreciation, and speaking so highly of the work being done. It was only through those who assisted that the things accomplished could have been done; so the greatest thanks you could ever express to me will be to devote your future efforts to this great project and never let it be said that we, as an organization and individual members, have, in any way, permitted the progress of our highway development to slow down.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

VERNON E. CHENEY, National Chairman  
Grand Army of the Republic Highway U. S. 6 Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: The Committee on Officers' Reports has no other matters before them; and I would move you that the Committee be discharged. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Mabic, carried, and the Committee discharged).

Commander-in-Chief Davis: If there are no objections, we will change

the order of business and have the report of the Council of Administration at this time.

### REPORT OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Council of Administration Member Tatman: The Council of Administration wish to present the proposed budget for 1953-1954, together with our recommendations at this time:

#### Proposed Budget 1953-1954

#### RECEIPTS:

Per Capita Tax—8,500 members at .60¢	\$5,100.00
Membership Fees—200 Members at .50¢	100.00
Registration Fees—150 Members at \$2.00	300.00
Sale of Supplies	1,000.00
Total	\$6,500.00

#### DISBURSEMENTS:

The Banner (Incl. Supervision \$400.00)	1,400.00
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses	1,000.00
National Secretary-Treasurer Salary	1,200.00
Supplies	650.00
Encampment Expense (1954)	800.00
Shipping Expense (Supplies)	50.00
Rent for National Headquarters	400.00
Miscellaneous (Incl. P. C. in C. Badge)	200.00
Printing, Stationery, Postage	200.00
Proceedings	600.00
	\$6,500.00

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That the following appropriations be made from the G.A.R. Memorial Fund:

- \$50.00 for Lincoln University.
- \$25.00 for Committee on Marking Graves.
- \$25.00 for Legislative Committee.
- \$25.00 for American Coalition.

(2) That travel expenses to the 1954 Encampment be allowed as follows:

- (a) Coach fare for Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary Treasurer.
- (b) Mileage at the rate of two cents (.02) per mile for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, two elected members of Council of Administration, Patriotic Instructor, Chaplain, Chief of Staff, and Counselor.

Respectfully submitted,  
 JAMES C. TATMAN,  
 ALLEN F. SPINK,  
 ROY J. BENNETT.  
 Council Of Administration

Council of Administration Member Tatman: The Commander-in-Chief has just brought up the question as to whether this budget included expected revenue in the permanent fund; and he also called attention to the fact that we failed to include any expenses for the Americanism Committee.

We cannot anticipate any income in the permanent fund, and no expenditures can be made from that fund. We have no way of guessing how much money will come into the G.A.R. fund.

The matter of the Americanism Committee was discussed and, in view of the fact that the Committee will be functioning for the first time, we had no way of knowing how much they will need. Therefore, the Americanism Committee was not mentioned in the expected expenses. Should they incur any expense, it will be left up to the incoming administration to determine how this expense should be met.

Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts: Is the \$100.00 which we gave to Comrade Woolson included?

Council of Administration Member Tatman: The \$100.00 voted yesterday for Comrade Woolson did not have to be included in this report. It is a separate transaction, and will be taken out of the G.A.R. fund. There is nothing we would have to say about that, as the Encampment has already taken the necessary action.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I move that the report of the Council of Administration be accepted, as read. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle, and carried).

#### PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR OF THE AUXILIARY

Mrs. Margaret Brady, National Counselor of the Auxiliary was escorted into the Encampment and introduced.

National Counselor Brady: Brother Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I only came over to take a few minutes of your precious time. I was afraid that tomorrow I would not have the time, because of things to be done over in the Auxiliary sessions, so I just slipped out for a very, very short time today.

In my capacity as National Encampment Chairman for the Auxiliary, I wanted to come over to express to the Brothers of Cook Camp of Buffalo my heart-felt appreciation for their fine cooperation. I feel that we have had a very splendidly arranged convention. I think you will better understand my deep gratitude when you realize that I was 375 miles from this city. You can readily realize what had to be accomplished by writing, and how much time and effort it could take, with loads of correspondence back and forth, to arrange for a convention such as this. However, I must say that there was little correspondence, and I only made one trip to Buffalo last January. At our Department Convention in June, I talked with these Brothers and they told me that everything was being taken care of, and that we could look forward to having a fine National Convention here in Buffalo. So, I wouldn't dream of leaving this city without coming over to these Brothers and saying sincerely, "Well done."

I do hope that you boys are having a good convention, good legislation, and that everything that you do here will be for the ultimate good, success and happiness of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Again, to the Brothers of Buffalo, my heart-felt gratitude and sometime, in some way, large or small, I hope I shall be able to show them how deeply appreciative I am.

(She was then escorted from the Encampment.)

Past Department Commander Willard B. Stefan, and Mrs. Stefan, of the local Camp and Auxiliary in Buffalo were then escorted in, and presented to the Encampment. (A rising vote of thanks was given to them for their efforts in making this Encampment such a pleasant one).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: The Committee on Resolutions submits the following supplementary report:

Before presenting this resolution, I would suggest that a sufficient number of copies be made so that it can be given to the newspapers immediately after this session of the Encampment.



(9) A resolution from the New York Department delegation was quoted in an article appearing in the local newspapers pertaining to the action of Senator Joseph McCarthy in his exposure of Communists and Fellow Travelers in high positions of our government. Your Committee presents the following resolution covering this matter:

WHEREAS, declared purposes of this Order are: To oppose to the limit of our power and influence all movements, tendencies, and efforts that make demand of all citizens undivided loyalty and the highest type of Americanism,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in seventy-second National Encampment assembled, (A) That we heartily commend the objectives of the Committees and Sub-Committees of the Senate and of the House of Representatives of the United States in their efforts to weed out subversive elements in all branches of the government;

(B) That we further commend the courage and perseverance of the personnel of these committees in exposing such influences and tendencies wherever appearing in the nation;

(C) That we applaud the announced intention of the Executive branch of the Government to eliminate from the service all such subversive elements and influences; and we call upon all Executive Departments for vigilant, and vigorous action in giving speedy effect to that declared purpose;

(D) That we endorse and call for early action on the proposed constitutional amendment, commonly known as the Bricker Amendment, so phrased as to prevent beyond peradventure of doubt the frittering away, by devious interpretation, of the rights of the people clearly reserved to them by explicit constitutional provisions;

(E) That copies of this Resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the head of each Executive Department, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to the Chairmen of the Congressional committees concerned.

Chairman Coffin: I move the adoption of this resolution. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Leslie W. More, New York, and carried).

(10) A resolution from the Committee appointed, by action of the 71st. National Encampment, to study the full program of Patriotic Education, Inc. and report to the Patriotic Instructor the possibilities of participation by the Illinois Department in the program of that organization; and explanation given in the supplemental report of the National Patriotic Instructor.

Your Committee offers the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Patriotic Education, Inc. is a non-profit corporate entity originally sponsored by the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution, whose declared objectives are parallel with the purposes and objects of this Order; and

WHEREAS, this institution is engaged in a project designed to provide one practical means of teaching American history to the youth of our country,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we endorse the objectives of Patriotic Education, Inc. and commend its projects to the thoughtful consideration of our individual members; further

BE IT RESOLVED, that this subject matter be referred to the Commander-in-Chief and the Council of Administration for future study and such further action as may be appropriate by the Commandery-in-Chief.

Chairman Coffin: I move the adoption of this resolution. (Seconded by Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts, and carried).

(11) The following Resolution of thanks is presented by our Committee:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in its 72nd. Annual Encampment, assembled in the city of Buffalo, N. Y., this 26th day of August, 1953;

That we hereby express our grateful appreciation to all individuals and institutions who have contributed in any way toward making this Encampment the success that it has been;

To Messrs. Robert Childs and Edwin C. Ellis, Members of the Common Council of the City of Buffalo, who honored us by their presence at the first session of this Encampment, we express especial commendation for the efforts they have put forth looking to the preservation and continued maintenance of the G.A.R. Memorial Hall, in the city of Buffalo;

To representatives of the public press in the City of Buffalo—The Courier-Express and the Buffalo Evening News—for their coverage of the Encampment activities;

To the Manager of the Hotel Lafayette for the accommodations afforded for the entertainment of our delegates;

To the Encampment Committees of the New York Department; To Herman L. Brockway, National Chairman for the Sons; and Margaret C. Brady, National Chairman for the Auxiliary, for their preliminary arrangements and over-all supervision;

To the officers, members and committees of Chaplain P. G. Cook, Camp #223 in the City of Buffalo, and particularly, Commander Harry E. Gibbons, Mr. & Mrs. Willard Stephan, Elliot Sanford and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilson for their excellent handling of the manifold details in the local arrangements for the Encampment; and we hereby request and authorize Commander Gibbons to express, on behalf of this Encampment, the thanks of the Commandery-in-Chief to all individuals and institutions who co-operated in any way toward the success of the Encampment.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. COFFIN, Ohio, Chairman  
CHARLES C. WEBSTER, Maine,  
JOHN A. RUGGLES, Pennsylvania,  
WALTER S. BEILBY, New York,  
FRED E. COLWELL, New York,  
Committee On Resolutions

Chairman Coffin: I move the adoption of the Report of the Committee on Resolutions, and ask that we be discharged.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Grant: I would like to offer an amendment to that motion. I would like to add to that list the thanks of the Commandery-in-Chief to the Resolutions Committee for the excellent manner in which they handled several matters referred to them. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Bennett, and carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I desire to make a motion that an appropriation, not to exceed \$200.00, be drawn from the G.A.R. Fund, to meet the needs of the G.A.R. Highway Committee. (Seconded by National Secretary Lambert, and carried).

#### PRESENTATION OF COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF FLAG

Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle: I don't know whether everybody in the room knows that Runkle's 1950 Club, composed of Department Commanders who served in that office during my term as Commander-in-Chief, presented this Commandery-in-Chief flag Sunday evening (displays flag).

There have been some people who said they would like to contribute

to it. Rather than have you offended, the members of Runkle's 1950 Club will accept donations, in order to defray the expenses of this flag, if you desire to give them.

### CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE—FINAL REPORT

Department Commander Harold P. Shepardson, Massachusetts: The Credential Committee presents a final report:  
Number of members enrolled, 136, composed of:

Past Commanders-in-Chief .....	14
Past Commander-in-Chief (Registered, not present) .....	1
Past Department Commanders .....	42
Department Commanders .....	15
Delegates .....	64

Total

136

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT C. LAMBERT, Chairman, New Jersey.  
HAROLD P. SHEPARDSON, Massachusetts.  
FRED H. COMBS, JR., New Jersey,  
JESSE H. TAYLOR, California,  
WILLIAM J. MOORE, Illinois,  
BERTRAM ISAACS, New York.

Report adopted on motion of Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook, seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter, and carried. (Complete report as per Encampment roll).

Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts: If there is no further business to come before this Encampment, I move that we proceed with the nomination and election of officers and that we install these officers tonight as a preliminary order of business to the Military Ball. (Seconded by Past Department Commander William C. Rule, Massachusetts, and carried).

### NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

#### Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Davis: National Secretary, you will call the roll for nominations for Commander-in-Chief.

The National Secretary called California & Pacific. Department Commander Jesse H. Taylor yielded to Maryland.

Past Department Commander James C. Tatman, Maryland: The Department of Maryland, one of the smallest Departments in the Commandery-in-Chief, is very proud of several of our members. We have one, particularly, who seems to stand out in service to his Camp, to his Department, to this Commandery-in-Chief, to the United States of America, and to quite a number of civic organizations.

Last year, under the nomination for officers, the Department of Maryland yielded to Pennsylvania, in order that a personal friend of our candidate might give you a little bit about his personal life, his history, and his activity in the Order.

Many times, we have asked this Brother to consider a position among the National Officers of this organization. Several times, he has thought it over and has taken the stand that he must turn it down, due to pressure of other activities. However, last year, he saw fit to allow us to present him for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Everyone in the room has seen this Brother during the past year and knows the type of work he has



done in the capacity of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Therefore, I will not dwell on his accomplishments, because we all know them. At this time, it gives me great pleasure, on behalf of the Department of Maryland, to present in nomination for Commander-in-Chief of this organization Major General U. S. Grant, 3rd., U.S.A., Retired.

(Nomination seconded by Past Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota; Past Commander-in-Chief Heald, New Hampshire; Department Commander Fred H. Combs, Jr., New Jersey; and Commander-in-Chief Davis, Oregon & Washington).

Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle: It is with the greatest of pleasure, feeling to some degree, personally responsible for helping to talk him into considering the office of Commander-in-Chief, that I second the nomination of U. S. Grant, 3rd; and I feel sure that he will be a fine leader for this organization.

### Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Davis: Nominations are now open for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The National Secretary called California & Pacific, when Department Commander Jesse H. Taylor gave way to Illinois.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, many years ago it was my privilege to become acquainted with a young man in Minnesota who wrote me of his desire to learn more about our organization, and told me he would appreciate receiving the names of those near to him who might be interested in giving him some instruction. It was my happy privilege to give him such information.

That he is a true member of our Order, that he has made good in his Camp and his Department is best proven by his record of service given to the organization. He has served his Camp and Department in various offices, has served two terms as Department Commander of Minnesota and, for fifteen years, has been the able, efficient and hard working Secretary to that Department.

Because you all know this man, because you honor and respect him for his ability and his service, and because he will be an excellent Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I am happy to present, on behalf of the Departments of Minnesota and Illinois, Dewey B. Mead, for that office.

(The nomination was seconded by Department Commander Alonzo R. Stanfield, Indiana; Past Commander-in-Chief Bennett, Iowa; Past Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota; Past Commander-in-Chief Heald, New Hampshire; Department Commander Fred H. Combs, Jr., New Jersey; Commander-in-Chief Davis, Oregon & Washington and Department Commander Howard Dissinger, Pennsylvania.)

### Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Davis: Nominations are now open for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The National Secretary called California & Pacific, when Department Commander Jesse H. Taylor yielded to New York.

Past Commander-in-Chief Cranmer: Commander-in-Chief, and Brothers of the Encampment, for a number of years it has been customary to permit, with a few exceptions, the entertaining Department of the Commandery-in-Chief to name the candidate for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. It is in keeping with that custom, and because the man I am about to nominate is fully qualified for the office, that I am making this nomination.

In the seventy year history of the Department of New York, Brother Hermon Brockway has been one of the most outstanding Department Commanders we have ever had. In the past year, he has served as your National Chaplain; and those of you who were present at the Memorial Service will bear testimony to his efficiency in that office. He has also served as Chairman of local arrangements committee for the Department of New York, although he lives 150 miles from Buffalo. He has put in a lot of time and hard work, in co-operation with the *Auxiliary Committee*, and the local Camp Committee on this Encampment.

I count it a high privilege to name for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Past Department Commander Hermon L. Brockway.

(The nomination was seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Towle, Maine; Past Commander-in-Chief Moran, Massachusetts; Past Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota; Past Department Commander Heald, New Hampshire; Department Commander Fred H. Combs, Jr., New Jersey; Commander-in-Chief Davis, Oregon & Washington; Department Commander Charles H. Langlet, Maryland; and Delegate Frank Dern, Pennsylvania.)

### Member—Council of Administration

#### Two Year Term:

Commander-in-Chief Davis: Nominations are now open for a two year term to the Council of Administration.

The National Secretary called the roll to Massachusetts.

Past Commander-in-Chief Moran: Massachusetts has a candidate for the position as a member of the Council of Administration. This Brother, whom it is my privilege to nominate, has worked for his Camp, Department and the Commandery-in-Chief for almost fifty years. He has served his Camp in many capacities, has served his Department up to, and including, Department Commander; and is the best Secretary this organization has. His Camp records are unique, in that they are perfect in every detail; and are used as an example for other Camps to follow.

He is a retired business man and, if you elect him, he will certainly prove that he can do the work required; and will do it well.

I present, with pleasure, the name of Past Department Commander George W. Kimball of Massachusetts for a two year term on the Council of Administration.

(The nomination was seconded by Past Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota; Past Commander-in-Chief Heald, New Hampshire; Department Commander Fred H. Combs, Jr., New Jersey; Department Commander John G. Kernan, New York; Delegate Erich P. Kruss, Pennsylvania; and Past Department Commander George E. Burrows, Rhode Island.)

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: The roll having been called for all elective offices, and there being but one nomination for each of these offices, I move that the nominations now be declared closed. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook, and carried.)

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: I now move you that, there being but one nominee for each of these offices, the respective nominees be declared elected; and the National Secretary cast the unanimous ballot of the Encampment for each of these offices respectively. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Moran and carried; and the National Secretary cast 135 votes for each of the nominees.)

Commander-in-Chief Davis: You who have been elected to your respective offices—do you accept? (Each replied in the affirmative.)

Guide, please escort the Commander-in-Chief elect to my station.



(Commander-in-Chief elect Grant was escorted to the station of Commander-in-Chief.)

Commander-in-Chief elect Grant: I am deeply touched by the honor you have conferred upon me, and the confidence you have placed in me; and I can promise you that I will do the best I can to fulfill the duties of the office I have just accepted. Perhaps I can't hope to approach, or equal the record of the outgoing Commander-in-Chief; but I will certainly do all that I possibly can.

The one handicap under which I will be working will be lack of time, having had the honor of being made the head of two or three other organizations and vice president of several others; but all connected with the same principles which this Order means and works for as an organization. My being retired has permitted me to obligate myself to these organizations in that way; and the greater part of my time is devoted to them, so that I am handicapped in lack of time, for which I apologize. I also want to apologize to you for my poor ability to remember names; so that I hope you will forgive me if I do that during this year.

I think we can look forward to a successful year with the very fine officers you have elected. There are certain appointive officers, which I have selected, which are as follows:

National Patriotic Instructor—Harold E. Arnold, Rhode Island.

National Chaplain—Louis T. Story, California.

National Counselor—I talked this matter over thoroughly with Past Commander-in-Chief Locke, and asked him to be the Counselor; and asked his advice on the Committee on Congressional Charter. Since the G.A.R. Highway project has been successfully adopted, I feel the next important program for us is the Congressional Charter. Now, that we have a Republican Administration in Washington, we ought to be able to get something accomplished; and I feel that we should have the advice of Brother Locke on this program. I am appointing a Chairman of the Committee on Congressional Charter, and I would like to add to the committee personnel Brother Locke, the National Counselor.

National Chief of Staff—John H. Runkle, Pennsylvania.

Personal Aide—James C. Tatman, Maryland.

Musician—John B. Davis, Massachusetts.

Chairmen of Committees:

G.A.R. Highway—Allan S. Holbrook, Illinois.

Legislative Committee—Fred E. Colwell, New York.

Americanism Committee—John W. Emery, Massachusetts.

Congressional Charter—Col. Frederic G. Bauer, Massachusetts.

National Graves Registration Officer—Bertrand O. DeForest, Connecticut.

I sincerely hope, with the help of these officers and the backing of the Past Commanders-in-Chief, that I can give you a satisfactory, and perhaps successful, administration.

The installing officer, who will install the officers tonight in the ball-room, just prior to the military ball, will be Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter.

Thank you very much for your confidence, and I shall do my best.

National Secretary Lambert: Brother Commander-in-Chief, if there is no further business, I move you that the minutes of the Encampment, as taken and transcribed by the stenographer, after being approved, be



the official proceedings of this Encampment. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook, and carried.)

National Secretary Lambert: I move that we now recess, to meet at 8 P.M. tonight in the ballroom for the purpose of Installation of Officers, and that following that installation, this Encampment is officially adjourned. (Seconded by Past Department Commander William C. Rule, Massachusetts, and carried.)

## WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION

August 26, 1953—8 P.M.

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

In accordance with action taken at the morning session, this was a special session for the purpose of Installation of Officers; with Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter as Installing Officer, and Past Commander-in-Chief Cleon E. Heald as Installing Guide.

Commander-in-Chief elect Grant appointed:

National Patriotic Instructor—Past Department Commander Harold E. Arnold, Rhode Island.

National Chaplain—Louis T. Story, California.

National Counselor—Past Commander-in-Chief Richard F. Locke, Illinois.

National Chief-of-Staff—Past Commander-in-Chief John H. Runkle, Pennsylvania.

National Personal Aide—Past Department Commander James C. Tatman, Maryland.

National Musician—Past Department Commander John B. Davis, Massachusetts.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: The National Secretary will call the names of the newly elected officers (complied with, and

Commander-in-Chief U. S. Grant, 3rd, Major-General, U.S.A., Ret., Maryland;

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Dewey B. Mead, Minnesota;

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Rev. Herman L. Brockway, New York;

Council of Administration Geo. W. Kimball, Massachusetts (2 Yrs.);

National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert, New Jersey;

National Chaplain Louis T. Story, California;

National Counselor Richard F. Locke, Illinois;

National Chief of Staff John H. Runkle, Pennsylvania;

National Personal Aide James C. Tatman, Maryland;

National Musician John B. Davis, Massachusetts;

were installed in Ritualistic form.)

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you, Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter for the fine Installation ceremony.

I would be surprisingly without feeling if I did not realize, to the fullest extent, the honor done me and the responsibilities which I have just taken over. With such a good installing officer, who has had the honor and privilege of installing so many of my successful predecessors; and with his good wishes that I shall follow in their foot-steps, I sincerely hope that this administration will be a succesful one. To do that, I shall certainly need

the help of all the Officers, the Members; also the members of our charming, and effective co-workers, the Auxiliary. I am more and more impressed with what is accomplished by our Auxiliary; and I ask for their co-operation.

This is not a change of administration, such as we had in our National Government last November. Rather, I hope that it is a continuation of the successful administration of Brother Davis. I would like to say that, during the year as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I have had the privilege of becoming somewhat better acquainted with the members of his staff who were "on the team" last year. I hope they will consider that they are still "on the team" and will help me as generously as they helped Brother Davis.

I want to thank the Encampment for electing helpers who are going to be useful to the Order in telling me what I ought to do, if I don't know, and help to carry it out.

I do not know and could not see when I stood at the altar for the obligation to what chapter and verse the Bible was opened; but I was reminded of the time when I was a cadet at West Point and one of my classmates, whose standing was very low in the class, was preparing for an examination. After doing all the hurried reviewing of his subjects in the short time he had before the examination, he opened the Bible, with his eyes shut, and stopped at a verse without knowing where he stopped. When he opened his eyes, he read, "And a goat was led forth to slaughter." I hope there is no such prediction for us on the altar tonight.

Thank you very much for being so patient, and so kind. I shall be very grateful for good advice, your suggestions and your co-operation. I hope that those of you who are here from distant Camps and Departments will carry back this message to your Brothers at home—that we want to work together, meet our problems and become successful from the grass roots up—to the Camps, the Departments and the Commandery-in-Chief. We can only do what is to be done on a national level in the Commandery-in-Chief; so we count on, and ask for team work, resourcefulness, and good work on the part of our entire membership.

Thank you very much.

### Presentations

Past Commander-in-Chief Davis: I know that, during your lifetime, you have had many honors; but it is my privilege to add one more, and I do this with special pleasure. (Pins the badge of the Commander-in-Chief on General Grant).

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you, very much, Past Commander-in-Chief Davis. I only hope that I may wear it with as much credit and honor to the Order as you did.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Past Commander-in-Chief Davis, will you please rise. It gives me the greatest of pleasure to be among the first to address you by that title.

I, once again, have a duty to perform that, to me is always a very great pleasure. I am about to present to this good Brother of our organization the badge of a Past Commander-in-Chief.

In doing so, I want to acknowledge, for myself and for every member of the Order, our appreciation for the manner in which you have met the duties you were called upon to perform in the past year. The Report of the Committee on Officers' Reports expressed the gratitude and sentiment of our Brothers in your work. Sometimes, there is a disposition upon the part of people to measure the success of a man, who has been called upon to perform strenuous and important duties, only by figures. To me, that is altogether a wrong yardstick. A man can have a very successful admini-



stration without our first having to consult the report of the National Secretary-Treasurer to see what the figures say. Especially in this case, I am completely satisfied that you have laid the ground work for your successor, and his successor, and many Brothers who will be called upon to fill the office of Commander-in-Chief in the future. That ground work shall and will bring this organization to a point of influence in this great nation of ours, in carrying on the projects and purposes of this Order; and will help to make this a better nation in which to live.

I have had the pleasure of knowing this young fellow for quite a number of years. I know what he has done, in that time, in the interest of this organization; and I know how he has worked in the past year. There is a distance of about 3,000 miles from Oregon to Florida but it hasn't been far, in the last year, because I had the pleasure of hearing from Brother Davis quite frequently; and I have some knowledge, through that correspondence and reports presented at this Encampment, of the efforts which he has put forth.

Perhaps you have not met with all the success for which you had hoped, but very few of us have ever done that. I did not, forty years ago, when I had the honor of being Commander-in-Chief. However, I am sure that you have done work which will tell in the future and we, your Brothers will look back to 1952-1953 in my judgment as the beginning, in a sense, of a new order of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War which will go forward—through that which you have accomplished this year.

May God, in His goodness, Brother Davis, permit you to live as a past Commander-in-Chief, at least as long as he has permitted me to live—for thirty-nine years. It is, with the greatest of pleasure, that I pin upon you this emblem. And now, in the presence of your good help-mate, you are a Past Commander-in-Chief of this organization. You need not give us any assurances as to what you will do, in the future, as we all know that you will continue your love and devotion in the work of our Order.

Past Commander-in-Chief Davis: Commander-in-Chief, and Brother Sautter: I very much appreciate the very kind things you said, Brother Sautter, out of the goodness of your heart. It has meant a lot to have your letters from time to time, and to be sustained in my efforts by your interest during this past year. You have a deeply religious faith that all things kept in God's care will work for good. From your faith I drew much encouragement. Thank you.

I think we have had a great Encampment here and I want to thank each one of you for making it so. I have been very proud of my staff during this past year and deeply grateful for the zealous cooperation. I expressed my gratitude to the staff in the General Orders, but I wish to emphasize it now. I will always treasure the memories of this year; and I hope we do not lose contact in the years to come. I stand before this assembly with mixed feelings—first, a feeling of sadness because many of you whom I have learned to know and to esteem are here tonight and we may never all be together again. Then, I have a feeling of gladness that my responsibilities may now be laid aside. One thing stands out in my mind and warms my heart. It is the gratitude I feel for having had the friendship of so many kind, considerate, and helpful people in our two organizations, the Sons and the Auxiliary.

National Secretary Lambert: Past Commander-in-Chief Davis, every Past Commander-in-Chief in the room has received one of these lapel buttons, which is a miniature of the Past Commander-in-Chief's badge, upon his retirement from that office.

Before it was my privilege to do this, the tradition was started by the late Horace H. Hammer who, for many years, personally made this presen-

tation. It is my pleasure to present it to you at this time. Accept it with my great admiration, and best wishes.

Past Commander-in-Chief Davis: Thank you, Brother Lambert. I do appreciate it very much.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Is there anything else at this time? If any of the Officers wish to make a few remarks to tell us how they expect to do their jobs, I would be happy to have a word from them.

Before we close, I would like to say that I think we owe a great deal of appreciation to Rev. Herman L. Brockway, who has done so much for us while here in Buffalo. We heartily thank him for the very fine way in which he has handled our Encampment affairs, for the comforts furnished to us, and for our splendid time here in this city.

(The Encampment closed in Ritualistic form.)

Certified as a true and correct transcript of the Proceedings of the Seventy-Second Annual Encampment.

Frederick K. Davis  
(Commander-in-Chief)

Attest:

Albert C. Lambert  
(National Secretary).

Annamae Berhalter  
(Official Stenographer).

## Representation

Chapter 3, Article 2, Section 1, Constitution and Regulations: "° ° °  
one delegate from each Department, whatever its membership, and one  
additional delegate for every fifty members or major fraction thereof ° ° °"

Department	Seniority Rank	Date Instituted	June 30, 1953 Membership	Delegates
California and Pacific	19	July 1, 1886	467	10
Colorado & Wyoming	23	Mar. 22, 1929	66	2
Connecticut	5	May 15, 1883	494	11
Illinois	10	July, 1883	168	4
Indiana	18	June 12, 1885	174	4
Iowa	6	June 2, 1883	132	4
Kansas	9	June, 1883	91	3
Maine	4	Apr. 10, 1883	501	11
Maryland	20	June 15, 1887	131	4
Massachusetts	2	July 17, 1882	1532	32
Michigan	15	June 24, 1884	242	6
Minnesota	17	Jan. 1, 1885	91	3
Missouri	7	June 2, 1883	49	2
New Hampshire	11	Aug., 1883	261	6
New Jersey	8	June 14, 1883	431	10
New York	13	Nov. 6, 1883	912	19
Ohio	3	Aug. 1, 1882	661	14
Oregon & Washington	22	June 8, 1923	117	3
Pennsylvania	1	July 4, 1882	1667	34
Rhode Island	14	Feb. 14, 1884	156	4
Vermont	12	Oct. 1883	341	8
Wisconsin	21	Sept., 1887	163	4



## SEVENTY-SECOND ENCAMPMENT ROLL

Buffalo, N.Y.—August 23-27, 1953

## Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War

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## 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	
1892	*Marvin E. Hall	Michigan	
1893	*Joseph B. Maccabe	Massachusetts	
1894	*William E. Bundy	Ohio	
1895	*William H. Russell	Kansas	
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	
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	
1908	*Edgar Allan, Jr.	Maryland	
1909	*George W. Pollitt	New Jersey	
1910	*Fred E. Bolton	Massachusetts	
1911	*Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	
1912	Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	18 Asylum St., Hartford 3, Conn.
1913	John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania	4110 S. Tangerine Ave., St. Petersburg, Fla.
1914	Charles F. Sherman	New York	51 Woodridge Circle, Trumbull 19, Conn.
1915	*A. E. B. Stephens	Ohio	
1916	*William T. Church	Illinois	
1917	*Fred T. F. Johnson	Maryland	
1918	*Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania	
1919	*Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts	
1920	*Pelham A. Barrows	N. Braska	
1921	*Clifford Ireland	Illinois	
1922	*Frank Shellhouse	Indiana	
1923	*Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania	
1924	Wm. M. Coffin	Ohio	3755 Hyde Park Ave., Cincinnati 9, Ohio
1925	*Edwin C. Ireland	Maryland	
1926	*Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts	
1927	Walter C. Mabie	Pennsylvania	2227 S. 9th Phila. 48, Pa.
1928	*Delevan Bates Bowley	Calif. & Pac.	



Elected.	Name.	Department.	Address.
1929	*Theodore C. Cazeau	New York	
1930	Allan S. Holbrook	Illinois	Dwight, Illinois
1931	Frank C. Huston	Indiana	1071 Edgewood Ave., Jacksonville, Fla.
1932	*Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania	
1933	*Park F. Yengling	Ohio	
1934	*Frank L. Kirchgassner	Massachusetts	
1935	Richard F. Locke	Illinois	Glen Ellyn, Ill.
1936	*Wm. Allan Dyer	New York	
1937	*Wm. Allan Dyer	New York	
1938	Wm. L. Anderson, Sr.	Massachusetts	3618 5th Ave., Highway Highlands, Cal.
1939	Ralph R. Barrett	California	7118 Rita Ave., Huntington Park, Cal.
1940	J. Kirkwood Craig	New Hamp.	123 Union St., Manchester,
1941	Albert C. Lambert	New Jersey	2772 So. Broad St., Trenton 10, N. J.
1942	Henry Towle	Maine	13 Free St., South Portland 7, Me.
1943	C. LeRoy Stoudt	Pennsylvania	2540 Fairview Ave., Mt. Penn, Reading, Pa.
1944	Urien W. Mackey	Michigan	417 Ardmore St., S. E., Grand Rapids, 7, Mich.
1945	*H. Harding Hale	Massachusetts	
1946	Neil D. Cranmer	New York	300 Robinson Bldg., Elmira, N. Y.
1947	Charles H. E. Moran	Massachusetts	72 Carlton St., Holyoke,
1948	*Perle L. Fouch	Michigan	
1949	John H. Runkle	Pennsylvania	814 N. 2nd St., Harrisburg,
1950	Cleon E. Heald	New Hamp.	21 High St., Keene, N. H.
1951	Roy J. Bennett	Iowa	924 Loomis Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa
1952	Frederick K. Davis	Oregon	1193 Pearl St., Eugene, Ore.

## Sons of Veterans

1881	†*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania
1882	†*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania
1883	†*Edwin Earp	Massachusetts
1884	†*Edwin Earp	Massachusetts
1884	†*Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania
1885	†*Louis M. Wagner	
1886	†*Louis M. Wagner	

## The Post System

1887-90	†George W. Marks	New York	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1890	†George T. Brown	New York	

## Honor Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief

1883	*A. P. Davis	Pennsylvania	
1899	*R. M. J. Ræd	Pennsylvania	
1939	*Horace H. Hammer	Pennsylvania	
1953	Alfred Woolson	Minnesota	215 E. 5th St., Duluth, Minn.

## PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDER

E. Howard Gilkey Ohio

\* Deceased.

† Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief.

## Commandery-in-Chief Encampments

No.	Year	Date	State	Place
1st	1882	Oct. 18	Pennsylvania	Pittsburgh
2nd	1883	Aug. 6-7	Ohio	Columbus
3rd	1884	Aug. 27-30	Pennsylvania	Philadelphia
4th	1885	Sept. 17-18	Michigan	Grand Rapids
5th	1886	Sept. 1-2	New York	Buffalo
6th	1887	Aug. 17-19	Iowa	Des Moines
7th	1888	Aug. 15-17	West Virginia	Wheeling
8th	1889	Sept. 10-13	New Jersey	Paterson
9th	1890	Aug. 26-29	Missouri	St. Joseph
10th	1891	Aug. 24-29	Minnesota	Minneapolis
11th	1892	Aug. 8-12	Montana	Helena
12th	1893	Aug. 15-18	Ohio	Cincinnati
13th	1894	Aug. 20-23	Iowa	Davenport
14th	1895	Sept. 16-18	Tennessee	Knoxville
15th	1896	Sept. 8-10	Kentucky	Louisville
16th	1897	Sept. 9-11	Indiana	Indianapolis
17th	1898	Sept. 12-14	Nebraska	Omaha
18th	1899	Sept. 7-9	Michigan	Detroit
19th	1900	Sept. 11-13	New York	Syracuse
20th	1901	Sept. 17-18	Rhode Island	Providence
21st	1902	Oct. 7-9	D. C.	Washington
22nd	1903	Sept. 15-17	New Jersey	Atlantic City
23rd	1904	Aug. 17-19	Massachusetts	Boston
24th	1905	Sept. 18-20	Pennsylvania	Gettysburg
25th	1906	Aug. 21-23	Illinois	Peoria
26th	1907	Aug. 20-21	Ohio	Dayton
27th	1908	Aug. 25-27	New York	Niagara Falls
28th	1909	Aug. 24-26	D. C.	Washington
29th	1910	Sept. 20-22	New Jersey	Atlantic City
30th	1911	Aug. 22-25	New York	Rochester
31st	1912	Aug. 27-29	Missouri	St. Louis
32nd	1913	Sept. 16-18	Tennessee	Chattanooga
33rd	1914	Sept. 1-3	Michigan	Detroit
34th	1915	Sept. 28-30	D. C.	Washington
35th	1916	Aug. 30-31	Missouri	Kansas City
36th	1917	Aug. 22-23	Massachusetts	Boston
37th	1918	Aug. 20-21	New York	Niagara Falls
38th	1919	Sept. 9-11	Ohio	Columbus
39th	1920	Sept. 22-24	Indiana	Indianapolis
40th	1921	Sept. 27-29	Indiana	Indianapolis
41st	1922	Sept. 26-28	Iowa	Des Moines
42nd	1923	Sept. 4-6	Wisconsin	Milwaukee
43rd	1924	Aug. 12-14	Massachusetts	Boston
44th	1925	Sept. 1-3	Michigan	Grand Rapids
45th	1926	Sept. 21-23	Iowa	Des Moines
46th	1927	Sept. 13-15	Michigan	Grand Rapids
47th	1928	Sept. 18-20	Colorado	Denver
48th	1929	Sept. 10-12	Maine	Portland
49th	1930	Aug. 26-28	Ohio	Cincinnati
50th	1931	Sept. 14-17	Iowa	Des Moines
51st	1932	Sept. 19-22	Illinois	Springfield

No.	Year	Date	Place	State
52nd	1933	Sept. 19-21	St. Paul	Minnesota
53rd	1934	Aug. 14-16	Rochester	New York
54th	1935	Sept. 9-12	Grand Rapids	Michigan
55th	1936	Sept. 22-24	Washington	D. C.
56th	1937	Sept. 6-9	Madison	Wisconsin
57th	1938	Sept. 5-8	Des Moines	Iowa
58th	1939	Aug. 29-31	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
59th	1940	Sept. 10-12	Springfield	Illinois
60th	1941	Sept. 15-18	Columbus	Ohio
61st	1942	Sept. 15-17	Indianapolis	Indiana
62nd	1943	Sept. 20-23	Milwaukee	Wisconsin
63rd	1944	Sept. 12-14	Des Moines	Iowa
64th	1945	Oct. 1-4	Columbus	Ohio
65th	1946	Aug. 25-29	Indianapolis	Indiana
66th	1947	Aug. 10-14	Cleveland	Ohio
67th	1948	Sept. 26-30	Grand Rapids	Michigan
68th	1949	Aug. 28-31	Indianapolis	Indiana
69th	1950	Aug. 20-24	Boston	Massachusetts
70th	1951	Aug. 19-23	Columbus	Ohio
71st	1952	Aug. 24-28	Atlantic City	New Jersey
72nd	1953	Aug. 23-27	Buffalo	New York



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