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NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 1976 - 1977

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Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief	Harold T. Beilby
Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief	Richard Greenwalt
Council of Administration	Joseph S. Rippey
Council of Administration	William C. Role
Council of Administration	Clarence J. Riddell
National Secretary-Treasurer	Fred H. Combs, Jr.
National Counselor	William W. Haskell
National Chief of Staff	John C. Yocum
National Patriotic Instructor	Charles A. Brady, Jr.
National Chaplain	Richard E. Wyman
National Historian	Edmund Butler
National Graves Registration Officer	William W. Vanderhoof, Jr.
National G. A. R. Highway Officer	Wallace Macomber
District of Columbia Representative	Arthur R. Glenum
Personal Aide	Wallace Hooper

ENCAMPMENT ACTIVITIES

August 14, 1977

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

A meeting of the Council of Administration of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held on Sunday, August 14, 1977 in the Headquarters Suite of the Hotel Savery, Des Moines, Iowa. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following persons present:

Commander-in-Chief	Kenneth T. Wheeler
Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief	Harold T. Beilby
Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief	Richard Greenwalt
Council of Administration Member	Clarence J. Riddell
Council of Administration Member	William C. Rule
Council of Administration Member	Joseph S. Rippey
National Secretary-Treasurer	Fred H. Combs, Jr.
National Counselor	William W. Haskell
Past National Secretary-Treasurer	Chester S. Shriver
Editor of The BANNER	Albert W. Lambert

1. The minutes of the previous meeting of the Council of Administration held in Columbus, Ohio on August 18, 1976 were read by National Secretary-Treasurer Fred H. Combs, Jr. and approved as read on a motion by William C. Rule, seconded by Harold T. Beilby and unanimous action of members of the Council.

2. Copies of the printed resume of the financial and membership reports for the year ending June 30, 1977 were distributed by National Secretary-Treasurer Combs. Copies of the C. P. A. Audit Report were also reviewed by members of the Council.

3. The report of the Organization's publication, The BANNER, was given by the Editor, Albert W. Lambert, who made three recommendations:

Recommendation #1: That the amount of the contribution from the National Organization to support The BANNER be increased to \$750.00 per issue or \$3,000 per year, payable quarterly to the Editor, and further that any monies not expended by him shall be returned to the National Organization at the time of his annual report; and

Recommendation #2: That the annual subscription rate remain at \$2.00 per year; and

Recommendation #3: That the present methods of distribution and the present quality of printing and paper used should remain unchanged.

A motion was made by Brother Rule, seconded by Brother Beilby, and passed unanimously by the Council that the report be accepted, the recommendations complied with, and a rising vote of thanks be given to the Editor for the tremendous job he has done with The BANNER.

4. The action taken by the Council at its meeting on August 18, 1976 to increase the Encampment registration fee from \$2.00 to \$4.00 was discussed from the point of view of dissatisfaction on the part of some members but no action was taken.

5. Commander-in-Chief Kenneth T. Wheeler appointed Brothers Richard Greenwalt and Clarence J. Riddell as the Auditing Committee. He also appointed Brothers Rippey, Rule and Combs as the members of the Budget Committee.

6. On a motion made by Brother Rippey, seconded by Brother Beilby and adopted unanimously, no action was taken on the matter of the acceptance into membership, by the Reading, Pa. Camp, of Bert Sack, formerly a member of the Oliver Tilden Camp of New York.

7. A letter was read from Charles H. Glatfelter, Professor of History, Gettysburg College, asking whether the Organization objected to the selection of ANY student regardless of sex for recommendation as the recipient of the annual Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Scholarship. Brother Rule moved, Brother Rippey seconded, a motion which was adopted unanimously that the National Secretary-Treasurer acknowledge Dr. Glatfelter's letter and inform him that the Organization did indeed not have any such objection.

8. Brother Combs informed the members present that the Position and Surety Bonds for the positions of National Secretary-Treasurer (\$10,000) and the Commander-in-Chief (\$1,000) had been renewed for the period August 1, 1977 through July 31, 1980.

9. The National Secretary-Treasurer informed the members of the Council that, although Camp-at-Large #21, Beaufort, S. C. had made a rather substantial payment on its delinquent per capita tax, a balance of \$16.80 is still due through June 30, 1977. Commander-in-Chief Wheeler offered to contact members of the Camp for the purpose of urging them to bring themselves fully up-to-date.

10. The National Secretary-Treasurer informed members of the Council that the Life Membership voucher system approved at the Council Meeting of August 15, 1976 had been instituted and was working well and effectively.

11. Members of the Council were asked by the National Secretary-Treasurer to stress with all Camp and Department Secretaries to the extent possible the importance and urgency of filing the required Forms 990 with the Internal Revenue Service at the proper time each year.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m. on a motion by Brother Rule, seconded by Brother Beilby and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred H. Combs, Jr., Natl. Secy-Treas.
Kenneth T. Wheeler, Commander-in-Chief

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

The Savery Hotel

Des Moines, Iowa

Sunday, August 14, 1977—3:00 p.m.

Musical Prelude	Emma Wheeler, P.N.P.
Processional	"Pomp and Circumstance" by Edward Elgar
Lighting the Candles	Kenneth T. Wheeler, Commander-in-Chief Minnie E. Madeiros, National President
Invocation	Margaret Beilby, National Chaplain
Solo—"How Great Thou Art"	Richard E. Wyman, National Chaplain

MEMORIAL TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Joseph S. Rippey, P.C. in C.

TRIBUTES TO THE MEMORY OF

Past National Presidents	Edith L. Snyder, P.N.P.
Past Commanders-in-Chief	John C. Yocum, P.C. in C.
Solo—"Beautiful Isle of Somewhere"	Richard E. Wyman, National Chaplain

TRIBUTES TO THE MEMORY OF

Deceased Officers and Members of the Auxiliary	Dorothy L. Hilyard, P.N.P.
Deceased Officers and Members of the Sons	George L. Cashman, P.C. in C.
Necrology and Placing of Flowers	Department Presidents Department Commanders
Solo—"An Evening Prayer"	Richard E. Wyman, National Chaplain
Benediction	Richard E. Wyman, National Chaplain
Extinguishing of Candles	Kenneth T. Wheeler, Commander-in-Chief Minnie E. Madeiros, National President
Recessional	"Battle Hymn of the Republic"

CAMPFIRE PROGRAM

(Grand Army of the Republic Tradition)
 Sunday, August 14, 1977 — 7:00 P.M. Hotel Savery
 Ballroom

Concert of Selected Military Music	34th Army Band, Iowa Army National Guard, CWO Ronald Prill, directing
8:00 P.M.	
Call to Order & Introductions	Major Gen. Joseph Flati Presiding
Sounding "To the Colors"	34th Army Band
Advance of the Colors	Cadets, Iowa Military Academy Iowa Army National Guard
National Anthem	34th Army Band
Pledge of Allegiance	Assembly Led by: Mrs. Ethel Jones National Council Member
Invocation	Richard Wyman National Chaplain, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War
Welcome	Commander Richard McCoy Iowa Dept., Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Remarks	Mr. Kenneth T. Wheeler of New Hampshire Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW
Remarks	Minnie E. Madeiros of Mass. National Pres., Aux. SUVCW
Remarks	Elizabeth B. Koch National Pres., Ladies of GAR
Selections of "Civil War Tunes"	34th Army Band
Address	Brigadier General Ronald Woodfin Deputy Adjutant General of Iowa
"The Battle Hymn of the Republic"	34th Army Band
Benediction	Natl. Chapl. to the Aux., SUVCW
Retirement of Colors	Cadets, Iowa Military Academy
Taps	34th Army Band

GRAND BANQUET

Terrace Room

Hotel Savery, Des Moines, Iowa

Tuesday, August 16, 1977

6:30 P.M.

Welcome by Chief of Staff, Aux. to S.U.V.C.W.	Leila M. Turner
Master of Ceremonies	P.C. in C. John C. Yocum Chief of Staff, S.U.V.C.W.
The National Anthem	
Pledge of Allegiance	
Invocation	Margaret Beilby National Chaplain, Aux. to S.U.V.C.W.
Dinner	
Remarks	Kenneth T. Wheeler C. in C., S.U.V.C.W. Minnie E. Madeiros N.P., Aux. to S.U.V.C.W. Elizabeth Koch N.P., Ladies of the G.A.R.
Introduction of National Officers, Sons and Auxiliary	
Introduction of Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents	
Presentation of Guests	
Announcements	
Benediction	Richard E. Wyman National Chaplain, S.U.V.C.W.

BALLROOM

Grand March

Reception by National Officers

Dancing

ENCAMPMENT ACTIVITIES

Monday, August 15, 1977

Annual Dinner

Past National President Viola Bremme of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, presided at the annual dinner of the Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents. A ceramic Civil War figurine was presented to each Past National President and Past Commander-in-Chief by Sister Bremme. Following the dinner, the two respective groups adjourned to separate rooms for discussions.

Exemplification of Ritual

At the conclusion of the Exemplification of the Ritual by the Auxiliary, the Sons' team also performed the Ritualistic Work of our Order.

Sister Ethel Jones Honored

A devoted member and dedicated worker for many years, Sister Ethel Jones of Iowa, was honored at a surprise "This is Your Life" program during which many of her friends each presented her with a rose and told of an event in her life. When all was said and done, Sister Ethel was holding a beautiful bouquet of roses.

Courtesy Hour

National Chiefs of Staff Leila Turner and John Yocum were in charge of the Courtesy Hour honoring National President of the Auxiliary Minnie E. Madeiros of Massachusetts and Commander-in-Chief Kenneth T. Wheeler of New Hampshire. They were greeted by their officers who were seated in two rows before them. As the roll was called by States delegates marched in to present their congratulations and gifts.

ENTERTAINMENT

Wednesday, August 17, 1977

The Iowa Department Encampment Committee is commended for arranging a most enjoyable program on Wednesday evening for the delegates in attendance at the 96th Encampment.

BUS TRIP

Thursday, August 18, 1977

The Encampment Committee planned a full day for those remaining in Des Moines on Thursday, August 18. Buses left the Hotel in the morning for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument where P.C. in C. Kenneth T. Wheeler and the newly-elected Auxiliary President, Marion E. Combs, participated in the re-dedication ceremonies. The group then visited the State Capitol and the State Museum before returning to the hotel for a buffet luncheon. At 1:30 p.m. the buses departed for the Living History Farms before returning to Des Moines for a buffet dinner which included lots of corn and corn bread. Everyone was then invited to the Ballroom of the Hotel for dessert and coffee and an evening of fellowship which provided a relaxing grand finale to a most wonderful encampment.

PROCEEDINGS

Ninety-sixth Annual National Encampment

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

HEADQUARTERS: Hotel Savery
Des Moines, Iowa

Sessions: Des Moines Room
Monday, August 15, 1977

The Officers and Delegates of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its Auxiliary assembled in the Ballroom of the Hotel Savery for their traditional Joint Opening at 9:30 a.m. under the direction of Mrs. Lelia Turner of Mass. and John C. Yocum of Penna., National Chiefs of Staff for the Auxiliary and Sons, respectively.

The National President of the Auxiliary Minnie E. Madeiros and Commander-in-Chief of the Sons Kenneth T. Wheeler were escorted down an aisle formed by the National Aides of the Auxiliary who were dressed in long white gowns. The Past National Presidents and Past Commanders-in-Chief were then received. The Chief of Staff pinned a corsage on her National President and Sister Marion Young sang a song which had been written by Brother Ernest Wells of Mass.

Words of greeting and expressions of appreciation were voiced by the National President and Commander-in-Chief, and the Sons then retired to the Des Moines Room to conduct their business sessions.

MONDAY SESSIONS

August 15, 1977

The ninety-sixth annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was called to order in ritualistic form at 10:25 a.m. Commander-in-Chief Kenneth T. Wheeler presided and asked the Guide and Color Bearer to ascertain if all present were entitled to remain.

Floor officers appointed to serve this Encampment were:

Guide	Richard Schlenker, D.C., Md.
Color Bearer	James Ledwith, P.D.C., Conn.
Guard	Eugene Russell, P.D.C., Mass.

The roll call of Officers by the National Secretary-Treasurer was answered by all except Brothers Wallace Macomber, National G.A.R. Highway Officer; Arthur R. Glenum, District of Columbia Representative; and Wallace Hooper, Personal Aide.

Commander-in-Chief Kenneth T. Wheeler: At this time the Secretary-Treasurer will read the appointment of the Committees of the Encampment.

Secretary-Treasurer Fred H. Combs, Jr.: First, I will announce the Credentials Committee which is composed of the following: Miles Harrington, Chairman, P.D.C., Mass.; Charles Hooper, P.D.C., Mass.; Rev. Alvin L. Baker, Del., Kansas; Gordon R. Bury, II, P.D.C., Ohio; and Harry E. Gibbons, P.D.C., N.Y.

C.-in-C. Wheeler: May we have the Report of the Credentials Committee at this time?

Past Department Commander Miles Harrington: There are seventy-one members registered and present; twenty-six members registered, not present; the total number registered is ninety-seven. There are present: 1 Commander-in-Chief, 11 Past Commanders-in-Chief, 9 Department Commanders, 32 Past Department Commanders and 18 Delegates, for a total of 71.

C.-in-C. Wheeler: Thank you. At this time we will have the appointment of the remaining committees.

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank M. Heacock, Sr.: Commander-in-Chief, you have skipped an order of business, Sir.

C.-in-C. Wheeler: Will the Credentials Committee read the list of members registered by name and State?

The Chairman of the Credentials Committee then called the roll of registered delegates by States—a complete list appears elsewhere in these Proceedings.

P.D.C. Harrington: That completes the Report of the Credentials Committee, Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Allen B. Howland: Brother Commander-in-Chief, the Encampment Committee from the Iowa Department would like to make a presentation at this time.

Richard McCoy, Department Commander, Nellie Hawley, Department President, and P.D.P. Ethel Jones were escorted in and presented the Commander-in-Chief with a large basket of flowers. Expressions of greetings and appreciation were exchanged.

Past Commander-in-Chief C. LeRoy Stoudt: Before we get away from the report of the Credentials Committee—I notice we have a number registered but not present. May I ask what registration fee they paid?

P.D.C. Harrington: Every registrant paid \$4.00

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: I don't mean to imply that the Credentials Committee is inaccurate, but I did not hear the name of the National Counselor, P.C.-in-C. William Haskell, read as having registered.

P.D.C. Harrington: In answer to that, Commander-in-Chief, Brother Haskell is not registered.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: Commander-in-Chief, you mean that your Counselor is not a member of your Encampment? It seems to me that I could inquire through you as to why?

C.-in-C. Wheeler: He's right here; I'll let him answer.

National Counselor, P.C.-in-C. William Haskell: Brothers, I'm in a ticklish position, but I think I can make it clear.

(Brother Haskell then explained at length that he was appointed to a committee of the New England Regional Association opposing the increase in the registration fee, and it was agreed that their members would not register at the National Encampment, but since he had attended the Council of Administration meeting on Sunday, August 14, 1977 and understood why the increase was necessary, the New England delegation had been released to do as they wished. Brother Haskell said that he could not register until after he explained why he had not registered, but that he now felt that he had done his part both to the New England Regional Association and as Massachusetts Department Secretary and that he would register before this session was over.)

C.-in-C. Wheeler: At this time we will continue with the appointment of committees.

Secy.-Treas. Combs: It is my pleasure to continue with the reading of the committees appointed by the Commander-in-Chief as follows:

ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEES OFFICERS' REPORTS

Allen B. Howland, Chairman	P.C.-in-C., Mass.
Chester S. Shriver	P.C.-in-C., Penna.
Wilbur Haueter	D.C., Ohio
Richard Wyman	P.D.C., N.H.
LTC John H. Jeffries	Del. Ft. Chickamauga Camp-at-Large #1, Okla.

RESOLUTIONS

John H. Stark, Chairman	P.C.-in-C., Penna.
Robert Lawrence	P.D.C., N.H.
Grover R. Huff	D.C., Wisc.
Goodling Dugan	D.C., Penna.
Louis Garney	D.C., Mass.

CONSTITUTION & REGULATIONS

Joseph S. Rippey, Chairman	P.C.-in-C., N.Y.
Fred H. Combs, Jr.	P.C.-in-C., N.J.
Chester S. Shriver	P.C.-in-C., Penna.
John H. Stark	P.C.-in-C., Penna.
John C. Yocum	P.C.-in-C., Penna.

RITUAL & CEREMONY

Norman R. Furman, Chairman	P.C.-in-C., N.Y.
C. LeRoy Stoudt	P.C.-in-C., Penna.
Clarence J. Riddell	P.C.-in-C., Penna.
Cecil Baer	D.C., N.Y.
Clayton Verrill	D.C., Maine

C.-in-C. Wheeler: At this time we will have Officers' Reports. I will ask the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief if he will take over while I read my report.

REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

To the Officers and Members of the
96th Annual Encampment Sons of
Union Veterans of the Civil War—
Greetings:

It is my pleasure, as well as an honor and privilege, to submit the following report of my activities during the year. I sincerely hope I have fulfilled the responsibilities of the office. I want to thank all the Brothers for electing me to the office of Commander-in-Chief, the highest office than can be attained in the Organization.

August 21: My first official visit was to the New Hampshire Veterans Association's annual meeting at the Weirs.

September 16: Attended the Troy and Keene Auxiliaries' inspections. A pot luck supper at Harriet Brown's preceded the meetings.

September 18: Traveled to Holyoke, Mass. for a reception for Dept. Pres. Wilma Murphy.

September 19: Helped the William Johns celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Both are officers in the New Hampshire Department.

September 22: Attended Penacook Auxiliary's inspection. That same week attended inspection at Hillsborough.

September 24: Went to W. Orange, N.J. to Dept. Pres. Lydia Browne's reception. Had a wonderful time.

September 25: Attended Dept. Pres. Frances Murray's reception in Bath, Maine. Had a terrific program.

September 26: Journeyed to Rockland, Mass. to be with Dept. Cmdr. Miles Harrington at his reception.

October 2: I cannot thank my Camp enough for the wonderful testimonial they arranged for me at the Chateau in Manchester, N.H. Had about 200 people present from New England, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois.

It was a great pleasure to have Governor Meldrim Thomson, State Senator Al Rock, and Council Members Bernard Streeter and Lou D'Allesandro present for the evening.

I want to thank all the Brothers and Sisters who traveled many miles to be with me, including my family and friends.

October 16 & 17: Attended the New England Regional Meeting in Hartford, Conn.

October 31: Helped initiate a new member into the State Camp at Penacook, N.H.

November 4: Went to Keene, N. H. to installation of Keene Auxiliary.

November 6: Dedication Day exercises at Holyoke, Mass. were the usual success.

November 11: Took part in Veterans Day Program in Milford.

November 13: Attended testimonial for Natl. Pres. Minnie Madeiros in Boston, Mass.

November 14: Attended Testimonial for Syrenia Chick, Natl. Pres. of Woman's Relief Corps, in Portland, Maine.

November 18: Participated in Dedication Day program in Manchester, N. H., also Dedication Day program by J. W. Spaulding Camp #38 in Milford.

November 19: Had the honor of being the first Commander-in-Chief to march in the parade prior to Dedication Day Exercises at Gettysburg National Cemetery. This is an annual affair. A terrific occasion. Was a

guest of the Past Commanders and Past Presidents of Pennsylvania at their banquet, evening entertainment and ball. During the program I presented a scholarship to an honor student at Gettysburg College.

December 31 & January 1: Had a called meeting with R. M. Smith Camp #21 in Beaufort, S.C. Another first, as far as I know.

February 12: Had the honor of placing the wreath at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C. Then proceeded to Philadelphia to attend Lincoln Day Dinner.

March 5: Attended testimonial for Natl. Pres. Betty Koch of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

March 8 & 9: Spent two days at Fort Chickamauga with Fort Chickamauga Camp #1. Initiated three new members into the Camp. Was given a royal reception. These two days were most informative and enjoyable. I believe this Shrine has a great future and will do much good for our Organization. This is another first for a Commander-in-Chief.

March 13: Natl. Pres. Minnie Madeiros and I had a very interesting and informative meeting with the California Dept. in Fresno. It was a dinner meeting, and a good group from the northern part of California were present.

March 15: Arrived in Portland, Ore. for a week's stay. Dept. Cmdr. and Mrs. Allison showed us many interesting places in Oregon. Had a large turnout for the Sons' Encampment and a very prosperous meeting. Initiated six new members and helped to straighten out a few problems. Want to thank the Brothers and Sisters in Oregon for a most enjoyable stay that will be long remembered.

March 24: Much to the surprise of Brother Goodell we arrived in Overland Park, Kansas early as he didn't expect I would make it. Had a very enjoyable meeting with the Brothers that live in that vicinity. Their members are scattered over a long distance, so it is hard for them to meet. They would very much like to become a part of a Department. Curtis Warner Camp #64 seems to be progressing nicely.

March 26: Had a very enjoyable time at the reception for the Dept. Cmdr. and Dept. Pres. of the N.Y. Dept. An added attraction, which I didn't know about, was that the speaker of the evening was my son, Kenny.

April 2: Attended the Rhode Island Encampment. Although they are a small Department they accomplish a great deal of a patriotic nature.

April 15, 16 and 17: I was able to attend all of the Massachusetts Encampment. As usual, they carried out their duties in a very efficient manner.

April 22 & 23: The N. H. Encampment was held in Concord. There was a large turnout of members and a very interesting meeting. As Department Commander, I initiated a new member on Saturday. A very large turnout for the Campfire on Friday evening enjoyed an outstanding program.

April 30 & May 1: Attended the Maryland Dept. Encampment, and was happy to see a very active group. Although small, they carry out the work in a grand manner.

May 7 & 8: It was my pleasure to be present at the Dept. Encampment in Conn. Their reports show that they are working to carry out the purposes of the SUVCW.

May 15: I took part in ceremonies dedicating a room in the State House in Boston, Mass. as a museum for the Grand Army of the Republic. Had the honor of helping to cut the ribbon.

May 22: Had a called meeting of the Vermont Dept. in Burlington. A very good turnout and a lively meeting. Hope to see the Sons get back to normal soon.

May 29 & 30: I took part in all the Memorial activities in Milford on Memorial Sunday and Memorial Day. The Sons put on the Memorial Services at the G.A.R. Memorial at the Wadleigh Memorial Library and Riverside Cemetery. I am a member of the Allied Council that makes all the arrangements for Memorial Day.

May 31: Left Milford on my midwestern swing.

June 2 & 3: Attended the Iowa Dept. Encampment where they had the most beautifully decorated hall for the joint opening I have ever seen. I received many honors on behalf of the State and City. The highlight was the instituting of a new Camp with a good cross section of members in age. In the group were four teenagers. I will long remember this Encampment, and want to thank everyone for all the courtesies shown me. Their Dept. Cmdr. Mr. McCoy is to be congratulated for everything he did.

June 4: Flew to Milwaukee, Wisc. to attend their Encampment. A good turnout and very interesting meeting.

June 5 & 6: Flew from Wisc. to Manitou Springs, Colo. for their Encampment. Had the pleasure of being their banquet speaker. Manitou is a beautiful city to meet in.

June 9 & 10: Spent two days with the Ill. Department. Thursday night I went to a military ball which was a kickoff affair for the re-enactment of Grant's march through Ill. Attended opening day of the Encampment.

June 11: Attended Department of Ind. Encampment meeting. A nice group of men carried on a lively business meeting. Enjoyed a fine banquet and guest speaker who spoke on law enforcement.

June 12: Arrived in Grand Rapids, Mich. about noontime Sunday. Attended part of their Encampment on Monday and left at noontime for Buffalo, N. Y.

June 13: I spent two days at N. Y.'s Encampment. They had a good business meeting. After the banquet on Tuesday I left for home, and arrived in Milford at 6:45 a.m.

June 16: Went to Avon, N. J. for their Dept. Encampment. Had a good time at their fun night on Thursday. Was unable to stay for their business meeting which was held on Saturday. After the banquet Friday night I left for Portland, Maine.

June 18: I managed to arrive in Portland, Maine before noon. Attended the remainder of their meeting in the afternoon. The banquet and program Saturday night was a lovely affair.

June 19: Left Portland Sunday for Monroeville, Penna. Stayed through the rest of their Encampment.

June 24, 25 & 26: Attended Ohio Dept. Encampment in Alliance. They had a good turnout with lively meetings. This completed the Dept. Encampments.

July 16: I attended the New England Regional at the Weirs, N. H.

July 17: Helped celebrate the 200th anniversary of the N. H. Legislature's signing the resolution to send troops to help Vermont turn back the British in 1777.

July 23: I attended the Dept. Cmdr. and Dept. Pres.' reception in Milford, N.H.

I wish to express my deep appreciation and thanks for the many courtesies shown me throughout my travels around the country. I made visitations to all the Departments and all the camps-at-large. It is impossible to thank each one individually, so am taking this way of thanking you, each and everyone, and ask you to please accept it with my extreme gratitude.

Special thanks to the Shrivvers, Kochs, Allisons and Ralph Marshall for everything they did for me.

Especially, I want to thank my wife, Emma, for making this year a great one. I couldn't have done all that traveling without her help.

A thank you to all my officers and committeemen for their cooperation.

It was a pleasure to meet with the Reserves in Gettysburg. I want to wish for you many more fruitful years. You are the show piece of the Organization.

To my Natl. Pres., Minnie Madeiros, many, many thanks for your cooperation in helping me to carry out the duties of my office. I hope and wish for you a very successful and harmonious convention.

To Betty Koch, Natl. Pres. of the Ladies of the G.A.R.; Syrenia Chick, Natl. Pres. of the Woman's Relief Corps; and Lyla O'Donnel, Natl. Pres. of the Daughters of Union Veterans; I express my thanks and appreciation for the many good times we had together.

I wish to commend Albert W. Lambert for the fine job he has done in preparing *The BANNER* for publication.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation #1:

Due to the great increase in the cost of travel, food, lodging and postage, I believe the Commander-in-Chief's expenses should be increased to at least \$1,400 for the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

Recommendation #2:

That we continue our program at Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C. on February 12th.

Recommendation #3:

That we continue our program at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Ill. on April 15th.

Recommendation #4:

That we continue our program and give \$300 to the scholarship fund, the Commander-in-Chief to have the option as to where it is to go.

Recommendation #5:

That we continue our program at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, N. H. on Memorial Day.

Recommendation #6:

Due to the fact that Natl. Encampments are usually planned two or three years in advance, I recommend that all future Natl. Encampment sites be voted on at the annual meeting before any contracts are signed, as provided for in the C.R.R.

Recommendation #7:

Due to the amount of time necessary to prepare the material for *The BANNER* before it goes to the printers, I recommend that the material to be put into *The BANNER* arrive at Albert Lambert's place the first of the month instead of the fifteenth.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth T. Wheeler
Commander-in-Chief

Upon the completion of the reading of his report, the Commander-in-Chief received a loud round of applause.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Harold T. Beilby: Brothers, you have heard this very full and complete report from our Commander-in-Chief. What is your pleasure?

Past Department Commander William C. Rule: I move that it be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports and where there are no objections all future Officers' Reports be referred to the same committee. Motion seconded by Past Department Commander Elton P. Koch and carried.

Past Department Commander J. B. Johnson then rose to express appreciation for the visit paid to the Iowa Department during the past year by the Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

To Commander-in-Chief Kenneth T. Wheeler
and Assembled Officers and Members of this
96th National Encampment—
Greetings:

First, I want to express my sincere gratitude to the members of our Order who elected me to the high office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief in Columbus, Ohio last year.

It has been a year in which I have tried to promote the interests of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in every way possible, which I have been doing for over fifty years.

During the past year it was my pleasure and that of my wife, National Chaplain of the Auxiliary, to attend the receptions and dinners honoring Commander-in-Chief Wheeler and National Auxiliary President Minnie Madeiros.

I also had the honor of representing Commander-in-Chief Wheeler at numerous dinners and receptions and various patriotic functions throughout the New York Dept., especially the one in New York City, commemorating the birthday of Gen. U. S. Grant at his Tomb on Riverside Drive. I brought the greetings from the National Organization on all of these occasions. This included the Campfire Program at our Dept. Encampment in Buffalo. We were happy to have Commander-in-Chief Wheeler and National President Madeiros in attendance at the rest of our Encampment.

As Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I had the added responsibility of collecting contributions for the 100th Anniversary celebration of our National Organization.

This was accomplished by an appeal in the January and April issues of *The BANNER* as well as contact with each Department. It was emphasized in a communication to the Departments that this appeal was in no way to conflict with our National Patriotic Instructor's Fund. The response was most gratifying. All of the Departments, Camps, Brothers and Sisters who contributed made it possible for the goal of \$200.00 to be exceeded. Many thanks to all of you.

As we near the year 1981, our Centennial Year, I would like to make one recommendation:

That a portion of the funds that have been accumulating in this 100th Anniversary Fund be appropriated for an advertising promotional campaign through the news media and TV, if possible, to increase our mem-

bership and so that the principles of Patriotism and Americanization as promoted by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be known throughout the entire country, particularly in these days of indifference and open hostility to our government displayed by many even though they constitute a minority.

I feel this would be a most proper and fitting method to help celebrate our Centennial as well as help build our membership.

Commander-in-Chief Wheeler, it has been an honor and a privilege to have served under your leadership this past year and I wish for you a most harmonious Encampment. Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

Harold T. Beilby

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

The following represents the financial report of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Beilby for 1976-77 (100th Anniversary Fund Contributions).

Several years ago the Council of Administration established this fund for the 100th birthday celebration of our Order and established a goal of \$200.00 per year.

CONNECTICUT

Dept. of Connecticut \$ 5.00

ILLINOIS

George L. Cashman, P.C.-in-C. 10.00

Charles A. Brady, P.D.C.,
Natl. Patr. Instructor 25.00

IOWA

J. B. Johnson, P.D.C. 5.00

MAINE

Edmond Butler, Natl.
Historian 10.00
Gilman Camp 5.00

MARYLAND

Dept. of Maryland 5.00

MASSACHUSETTS

Minnie Madeiros, National
President, Auxiliary 20.00

William C. Rule, P.D.C. and
Member of Natl. Council 1.00

Eugene F. Russell, P.D.C. 2.00

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dept. of New Hampshire 10.00

Cleon E. Heald, P.C.-in-C. 5.00

Kenneth Wheeler,
Commander-in-Chief 2.00

Richard E. Wyman, P.D.C.
and National Chaplain 5.00

NEW YORK

N. Y. Delegation at Columbus,
Ohio Encampment \$17.00

Joseph S. Rippey, P.C.-in-C. 10.00

Norman Furman, P.C.-in-C. 6.00

Harry E. Gibbons, P.D.C. 2.00

Robert Schweitzer 2.00

Harold Gill 2.00

Leonard Holmes 1.00

Joseph Wylie 1.00

Frank Bellinger 5.00

Caroline McGowan, P.D.P. 1.00

Jerome Orton 5.00

Margaret Beilby, P.D.P. and
National Chaplain, Auxiliary 5.00

Edson Baker, P.D.C. 5.00

Chester E. Hudson, P.D.C. 5.00

Raymond Foulkrod, P.D.C. 5.00

Donald Roberts 5.00

Royce Roberts 5.00

Robert H. McMahon 2.00

Harry Furman, P.D.C. 2.00

Raymond Hightree, P.D.C. 3.00

Devene Williamson, P.D.C. 5.00

Robert Wagoner, P.D.C. 5.00

Harold Goodman 5.00

Beatrice Terry, P.D.P. 1.00

Jean Dickinson 1.00

Grover C. Scott 2.00

Albert Morey 2.00

John Kernan, P.D.C. 3.00

Irwin Humphrey 5.00

Abraham Lincoln Camp #6 10.00

NEW JERSEY

Fred H. Combs, Jr., P.C.-in-C.	10.00
Wm. W. Vanderhoof, Jr., Natl. Graves Reg. Off.	5.00
Daniel P. George, D. C.	5.00
Albert W. Lambert, P.D.C.	1.00
Percy C. Davenport	5.00
A. Lincoln Camp #100	10.00

OHIO

Richard Greenwalt, P.D.C. and Jr. Vice C.-in-C.	\$ 5.00
Fred Pfister, Jr., P.D.C.	3.00
Robert Wolz, P.D.C.	10.00
Given Camp #50	5.00

PENNSYLVANIA

Dept. of Pennsylvania	15.00
Clarence J. Riddell, P.C.-in-C.	10.00
Robert Werkheiser, P.D.C.	2.00
Wm. Simpson, P.D.C.	2.00

VERMONT

Dept. of Vermont	5.00
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OKLAHOMA

Fort Chickamauga Camp-at- Large #1	5.00
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MISSOURI & KANSAS

Curtis Warner Camp-at- Large #64	10.00
Total	\$346.00

By unanimous action of the Encampment, the report was accepted with sincere appreciation and commendation.

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

To Commander-in-Chief Kenneth T. Wheeler
and Assembled Members of the Sons of
Union Veterans of the Civil War—
Greetings:

I want to express my thanks for the opportunity to have served the Organization as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief during the past year. Many thanks to all members who recruited new members and also to those who attempted to do so. Some of the men you contacted may join at a later date.

I contacted each Department Secretary asking for the name of their Junior Vice Department Commander. I received the names of seventeen. I contacted these officers urging them to encourage the Junior Vice Commanders of the Camps in their Departments to endeavor diligently to increase the membership in their respective Camps. I suggested that this might be accomplished by having guests at a Lincoln Day Observance or a similar patriotic function. I also requested that each Department Junior Vice Commander send me a report as to membership in his Department for the year. The Departments of Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania responded and commented on their attempts and activities designed to increase membership and interest.

I trust that Department Reports to our Secretary-Treasurer will show an increase for the year.

The means to get new members seem to boil down to three: "Ads" in the news media, the SVR program, and personal contact or a combination of these. I can only hope that some of the seeds that have been sown this year can be harvested at a later date, not for our personal benefit, but for the good of our Organization.

I had the privilege of representing our Commander-in-Chief at the Central Regional Conference in East Peoria, Illinois, October 9 and 10. I helped install officers for Phillip Triem Camp No. 43 in Salem and my own Camp, McClellan No. 91, in Alliance. I served the Organization as Ohio Department Secretary-Treasurer, my Camp as Secretary-Treasurer, and I have fulfilled various SVR duties to the best of my ability.

Membership is our life blood. We must keep asking men interested in patriotism to join our Camps.

Yours in F., C. and L.,
Richard L. Greenwalt
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

C.-in-C. Wheeler: At this time we will listen to the National Secretary-Treasurer's Report.

Secy.-Treas. Combs: Brothers, this report is about as concise as one could make it serving in the office of National Secretary-Treasurer, but it is not as short as some of those that you have heard to this point. There is only one way to explain to the membership what the state of the Organization is, what it is hoped to be in the future and what the facts actually are and that is to include it in a report as succinctly stated as possible but complete enough to make sense.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

TO: Kenneth T. Wheeler, Commander-in-Chief
96th Annual National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War—

Dear Commander-in-Chief and Brothers:

It is my great privilege and pleasure to submit to you this annual report on the fiscal transactions and the administrative activity of the office of National Secretary-Treasurer as well as the annual membership report. It is my hope that you will find the information contained herein not only challenging but also enlightening and indicative of progress of our Organization during the past year. The year ended on the bright note of a net gain in membership of 81. This has been a year during which general operational expense has been kept fairly well under control, despite continuing rising costs and far from ideal economic conditions, and our financial reserves are in good condition. It would be foolhardy for any of us to expect this to continue, however. The coming year, for example, shows many signs already of proving to be a year when further sharply increasing costs in materials and services could well depict a much less encouraging report at the year's end. It is for reasons such as these that the action of the Council of Administration in increasing the registration fee for this Encampment was a sound one. As soon as I began to hear murmurs of dissention regarding Council's action to increase the Registration Fee to \$4.00, I telephoned Commander-in-Chief Wheeler and asked him if he would fully explain to the various Departments which he would visit from that point on that the cost of printing and mailing the Proceedings had already risen to approximately \$3.75 per copy and that since each person registered at the National Encampment receives a free copy

of the Proceedings, a \$4.00 Registration Fee is reasonable and not exorbitant and would help to offset these excessive printing and mailing costs. It must be said at this time, also, that the cost of printing and mailing the Proceedings of this 96th Annual National Encampment will increase drastically over the cost of the current year. In my judgment, therefore, it will be necessary that we do everything within our power to prevent the development of an unfavorable financial picture in the future. Each and every officer and member will have to exert utmost effort to bring about a large net increase in our membership to forestall such a development. Still, we must be realistic and face the fact that at some point in the not-too-distant future, despite careful budgeting and expenditure of funds, an increase in the amount charged per member for per capita tax may have to be considered very seriously.

1. ADMINISTRATION—The financial books, records, assets, etc. have been audited by James Hartcraft, C.P.A., of Hamilton Township, New Jersey for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977 as required by our Congressional Charter. His certified audit has been reviewed by the Council of Administration and, subject to the approval of this Encampment, a copy will be sent to the Congress of the United States, thus meeting another Congressional Charter requirement. A summarization of the financial report, as well as the annual membership report, will be distributed to every delegate attending this Encampment.

Quarterly per capita and membership report blanks were furnished each Quarter to each Department and Camp-at-Large. I wish to commend those Secretaries or Secretary-Treasurers as the case may be who have returned accurate reports promptly. However, I regret that the reports of a few Secretaries or Secretary-Treasurers are frequently late and inaccurate, thus creating a problem in the compilation of information at the National level. I urge ALL Department Officers to continue to keep in mind the importance of filing accurate reports promptly, at all times, to eliminate unnecessary, time-consuming and costly follow-up at the National level.

The volume of correspondence sent to National Headquarters continues to increase rapidly. Such correspondence relates to supply requisitions, membership inquiries, requests regarding search of military records of Civil War veterans, and numerous matters of a miscellaneous nature. Correspondence, as nearly as possible, has been answered daily or as rapidly as conditions existing at the time will permit.

Proceedings of the 95th Annual National Encampment held in Columbus, Ohio, August 15-19, 1976 were prepared, edited and published promptly, and actions of the Council of Administration and minutes of its meetings were reported in the Proceedings. An inventory of supplies has been set up and is being perpetually maintained for the purpose of having complete and accurate records of supply and demand matters close at hand at all times, and an increased volume of requisitions for supplies was filled as expeditiously as possible.

I commend the Editor of The Banner, Albert W. Lambert, for his maintenance and retention of the long-standing high quality of our Organization's national publication. Although he has had to prepare The BANNER under stringent and restrictive time limitations related to his employment, he has done extremely well and deserves the accolades of each and every member and subscriber.

I sincerely hope that contributions to the G.A.R. Memorial Fund for 1976-77 will prove to be sufficient to enable the National Patriotic Instructor to meet the goal of \$1,500, thus guaranteeing that patriotic and public relations activities can be continued at a level commensurate with the prestige of our National Organization and its endeavors to honor the Grand Army of the Republic in constructive, meaningful and patriotic ways. National Patriotic Instructor Charles A. Brady, Jr. is to be commended for the conscientious manner in which he has endeavored to fulfill his obligations and responsibilities with the help of members and other interested persons.

2. MEMBERSHIP—The net gain of 81 members this year is indeed gratifying, and it should encourage us to strive for still greater heights. Six Departments, two Camps-at-Large and the National Membership-at-Large showed gains in membership; the opposite was true in thirteen Departments and one Camp-at-Large, largely because of deaths and the necessity for dropping members. Actually, a total of 345 members were lost, but the total gain of 426 exceeded the loss. Sons of Veterans Reserve activities, national advertising promotion, and diligent membership recruitment were responsible for the acquisition of many new members. The fact that there is much genuine interest in our Organization throughout the Country is clear and evident. Many inquiries about membership are received at National Headquarters with regularity, and many of those who inquire are referred to Department Secretaries for follow-up. I feel confident that if members of all Camps and Departments continue to put their shoulders to the wheel and push hard on membership with diligence, imagination and initiative, we can continue the growth that has occurred this year. It is important that we be encouraged by this gain and by the wide-spread interest in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War that exists. It is equally important that a concerted effort be made to continue to seek new members out and to make certain that all members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve are members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War *as required* to increase our ranks still further and to continue to revitalize our Organization.

3. FINANCES—As already stated, the costs of postage, printing, supplies and services continue to rise, thus creating more of a financial burden on our Organization, and also, as already stated, this problem will become increasingly serious and must be considered fully by the Budget Committee and this Encampment. During 1976-77 the receipts from Life Memberships totaled \$725.00, and contributions to the Honor Roll Fund amounted to \$380.00. \$1,646.50 was realized in dividends from 2,225 shares of Wellington Fund. It must be noted, however, that FIVE dividend payments were received during the past fiscal year instead of the usual FOUR, as a result of the timing of payment of the fifth dividend by the Company. Thus, only THREE such payments can be anticipated during the coming fiscal year. Continued placement of certain amounts from the G.A.R. Memorial Fund, Permanent Fund and 100th Anniversary Fund in special savings accounts where guaranteed interest can be earned instead of having these Funds accumulate in the general checking account has proved to be a beneficial financial asset. During the past fiscal year \$740.69 accrued from deposits in savings accounts.

4. **SUPPLIES**—The establishment of relationships with reliable and very cooperative manufacturing sources for our medals and other supplies has been stabilized; thus, it has been possible to fill supply requisitions quite promptly in almost all cases.

The length of time required for receipt of badges and medals from our suppliers, because of other obligations the suppliers have, makes it essential, however, that all requisitions by Departments, Camps and individuals never cease to be submitted to National Headquarters well in advance of anticipated needs. An overall total of \$2,308.95 was realized from sales during the past fiscal year. Every attempt will have to be made to continue to keep sufficient quantities of the respective items on hand to make possible the filling of requisitions in as timely a manner as possible.

5. **PHOTO COPIES OF DEPARTMENT AND CAMP CHARTERS**—Action taken at the 94th Annual National Encampment required each Camp to forward two (2) photo copies of its Camp Charter to the Department Secretary by June 30, 1976. Since all Camps had not complied, action taken at the 95th. Encampment required that this be done by December 31, 1976. One copy of each charter should remain in Department Headquarters and the other copy should have been forwarded to National Headquarters by the Department Secretary prior to December 31, 1976. The reason for this action continues to be a sound one. It is to provide for the permanent filing and safe-keeping of the Charter copies in the Department and National Headquarters so that copies will be available to provide essential information in the future in case Camp property is misplaced, destroyed by fire, or some other cause, or filed or stored in places that subsequently become generally unknown.

To date, copies of 14 of a total of 19 Department Charters, 80 of a total of 159 Camp Charters and 2 of a total of 3 National Camps-at-Large have been forwarded to National Headquarters (The Members-at-Large have no Charter but are counted as a Camp, making the total of 163 Camps). The cooperation of those Departments and Camps that have complied is greatly appreciated. The cooperation of those Camps and Departments which still have not complied is urgent and essential. Since, in my judgment, the purpose underlying this requirement continues to be in the best general interest of our Organization, I include recommendations pertinent thereto in this report.

6. **RECOMMENDATIONS**—In the interest of the good and general welfare of our Organization, I offer the following recommendations:

Recommendation #1:

That the Per Capita Tax per member continue to be 55¢ per Quarter per member for 1977-1978.

Recommendation #2:

That as in the past three years authorization be granted for purchase of an "ad" in an early issue of the *Civil War Times* for the purpose of continuing the advertising of our Organization and its purposes and encouraging eligible persons to apply for membership.

Recommendation #3:

That each Camp that has not already done so forward no later than December 31, 1977 two (2) photo copies of the Camp Charter to the Department Secretary who will retain one (1) photo copy for the Department files and forward without delay the second photo copy to the National Secretary-Treasurer for the National Organization's files.

Recommendation #4:

That each Department that has not already done so retain the original copy of the Department Charter in the Department files and forward no later than December 31, 1977 one (1) photo copy of the Department Charter to the National Secretary-Treasurer for the National Organization's files.

7. LIFE MEMBERSHIPS: The following Brothers have purchased Life Memberships in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War during the 1976-1977 fiscal year:

Thomas W. Graham	\$150.00
Lester M. Clark	125.00
Martin L. Schultz	150.00
Carl R. Latham, III	150.00
Cleon E. Heald	100.00
Total	\$675.00*

NOTE: Life memberships were purchased, also, by George J. Hassinger (\$100.00) on July 7, 1977; Ned L. Durkee (\$100.00) on July 25, 1977; and Elton P. Koch (\$150.00) on August 1, 1977; too late, of course, to be recorded officially as a part of the business of the 1976-77 fiscal year.

*The difference between this figure and the audit report figure is \$50.00 which has been paid by Forest F. Altland—the full amount will be paid during the fiscal year 1977-78 and his life membership will be included in next year's Encampment report.

8. HONOR ROLL CONTRIBUTIONS: Also, during the 1976-77 fiscal year, the following have made memorial contributions to the Permanent Fund by entering names on the Permanent Honor Roll:

Marion E. Combs and Fred H. Combs, Jr.	\$10.00
In memory of Harrison M. Williams, P.D.C., N.J.	10.00
Ruth Daly, in memory of maternal grandfather, Sgt. Emrai Roehner	10.00
John Charles Engel, Sr., in memory of Edwin D. Butler	50.00
Martin L. Schultz, in memory of John Grove Hammons	10.00
George E. Kammerer, in memory of Frank W. Clark	10.00
Jean B. Lemelle, Jr., in memory of Jean Baptiste Lemelle, Sr.	20.00
James M. Hamer, In memory of John C. Reeger and James M. Hamer	10.00
John H. Hartford, in memory of Lt. Col. Henry Hartford	50.00
Martin L. Schultz, in memory of 1st Sgt. Samuel Rork, II	10.00
Weldon E. Howitt, in memory of Cpl. William Willison	10.00
Daniel P. George, in memory of Cpl. William Van Horn	10.00

Dennis R. Briggs, in memory of Albert Frost Briggs	10.00
Rose M. Brandt, in memory of 2nd Lt. Henry N. Brandt	10.00
Joseph Ross Spencer (age 9) in memory of William Mabee	10.00
P.N.P. Edna S. Lambert,	
In memory of P. C. in C. Albert C. Lambert	25.00
Kenneth Graham Petrie, in memory of Amos S. Petrie	10.00
Kenneth Graham Petrie, in memory of William H. Graham	10.00
Norman Combs and Fred H. Combs, Jr.	
In memory of Fred H. Combs, Sr., P.D.C., N. J.	50.00

Total Contributions \$325.00**

The names of the above-listed persons, who have purchased Life Memberships or contributed to the Honor Roll, have been recorded in the National Headquarters Archives and printed in The BANNER.

**The difference between this figure and the audit report figure is \$55.00 and is accounted for by the fact that four contributions received between July 1, 1976 and August 5, 1976 were included in last year's Encampment report. These were the following contributions—Mrs. Laura Combs—\$10.00; John Leitzmann—\$10.00; Alden Skinner Camp #45—\$25.00; and John Herman Penn—\$10.00. This year only contributions received through June 30, 1977 have been listed, thus eliminating this confusion.

9. 100TH ANNIVERSARY FUND—This Fund was established by the National Organization at the 90th Annual National Encampment for the purpose of providing a depository for donations and contributions received annually by the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief for subsequent use for an appropriate observance or appropriate recognition of the 100th anniversary of the National Organization in 1981 (such observance and/or recognition to be determined at a later date).

The balance in the fund as of June 30, 1977 was \$1,371.41, which represents a gain of \$515.41 for the past fiscal year. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Harold T. Beilby has been in charge of receipt of contributions for the 1976-77 fiscal year and has done a very commendable job.

10. CONCLUSION—Finally, as we approach another year of activity, may I suggest that we continue to dedicate ourselves to the objective of proving ourselves worthy of the heritage bequeathed to us. Let us endeavor, as did our forefathers of the Grand Army of the Republic, to create greater public consciousness of patriotism and loyalty to our Country and our Flag, and let us strive to increase our ranks so that we may be able to fulfill our mission with the highest degree of effectiveness.

Commander-in-Chief Wheeler, I commend you for your devotion to duty. I thank you and your staff of officers for your courtesies. You have had an interesting year—may the memories of it linger in your mind for a long time to come.

In conclusion, I should like to say that it has been an honor and pleasure to work in cooperation with all the officers and members of our Organization as Secretary-Treasurer this year, and this report is

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,
Fred H. Combs, Jr.
National Secretary-Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, I will be guided by your discretion. It is now 11:40 a.m. If you would rather, I will hold the distribution of the Statistical Reports pertaining to finances and membership until the beginning of the afternoon session.

C.-in-C. Wheeler: Brother Fred, I think it would be a smart move to wait and to continue your report after lunch. I think that we should really give Fred a tremendous rising vote of thanks for this fine and complete report that he has made.

(all present rose for a round of applause)

It shows a lot of dedication. Now, I will await a motion to recess.

P.D.C. Rule moved, seconded by P.C.-in-C. Heacock, to recess until 1:15 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Past Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey: Commander-in-Chief, your Committee on Constitution and Regulations has made available copies of their report, including a reprint of our Federal Charter, so that each one of the members will be able to see it. On the table in the back of the room are copies for each one to pick up on the way out.

National Chaplain Richard E. Wyman closed the Bible at 11:45 a.m.
1:25 p.m.

(The National Chaplain opened the Bible)

C.-in-C. Wheeler: The afternoon session will now begin with the Financial and Membership Statistical Reports of the Secretary-Treasurer.

Secy.-Treas. Combs completed his report by explaining the data on his Financial and Membership Statistical Reports which were distributed to members present at this session.

STATEMENT — CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1977

	Total	General Fund	G.A.R. Memorial Fund	Perma- nent Fund	100th Anniv. Fund
<i>Cash Balance,</i>					
<i>June 30, 1976</i>	\$ 5,136.59	\$ 3,364.77	\$1,564.26	\$ 192.56	\$ 15.00
<i>Transfer of Funds,</i>					
<i>From Passbook</i>					
<i>Savings Accts. . . .</i>	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00			
RECEIPTS					
<i>Per Capita Tax</i>					
<i>(Sch. 1)</i>	\$ 5,438.65	\$ 5,438.65	\$	\$	\$
<i>Registration Fees . .</i>	279.00	279.00			
<i>Supplies Sold</i>	2,308.95	2,308.95			
<i>Gift from Auxiliary</i>	500.00	500.00			
<i>National Patriotic</i>					
<i>Instructor 1975-76</i>	1,231.30		1,231.30		
<i>National Patriotic</i>					
<i>Instructor 1976-77</i>	844.00		844.00		
<i>Dividends,</i>					
<i>Wellington Fund .</i>	1,646.50	1,646.50			
<i>Donations,</i>					
<i>Honor Roll Fund .</i>	380.00			380.00	
<i>Life Memberships .</i>	725.00			725.00	
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	108.00	108.00			

100th Anniversary					
Fund	464.50				464.50
Refund					
(The Banner) ..	148.03	148.03			
Gift—					
Arthur Glenum ..	100.00	100.00			
Interest, Passbook					
Savings Accounts	740.69	40.58	243.51	405.69	50.91
Total Receipts .	\$14,914.62	\$10,569.71	\$2,318.81	\$1,510.69	\$515.41
Total	\$21,051.21	\$14,934.48	\$3,883.07	\$1,703.25	\$530.41

DISBURSEMENTS

Supplies Purchases					
for Resale	\$ 3,007.64	\$ 3,007.64	\$	\$	\$
The Banner	2,800.00	2,800.00			
Commander-in-Chief					
Expense 1976-77 .	1,200.00	1,200.00			
Nat'l Secretary-					
Treasurer					
Expense 1976-77 .	1,000.00	1,000.00			
Encampment Exp.					
1976	364.56	64.56	300.00		
Proceedings 1976 .	1,187.55	1,187.55			
Miscellaneous	50.55	50.55			
Printing, Postage					
& Stationery	667.04	667.04			
C.P.A. Audit	430.00	430.00			
Stenographer	200.00	200.00			
Special Multi-Peril					
Insurance	191.96	191.96			
Scholarship Fund ..	250.00		250.00		
Testimonial for					
Commander-in-					
Chief	269.70	269.70			
Remembrance Day					
Expense	206.65		206.65		
Lincoln Tomb Exp.					
—Illinois	366.54		366.54		
Cathedral of the					
Pine Memorial ...	25.00		25.00		
National Mil. Dept.					
SVR	150.00		150.00		
Lincoln Memorial					
Expense	50.00		50.00		
Life Membership					
Interest Paid	426.00			426.00	
Life Membership					
Printing Costs ..	52.51			52.51	
Appeal for Funds,					
Printing	59.07		59.07		
Restoration of					
Memorial Day ...	259.27		259.27		

Restoration of Gen. Hancock's Tomb .	150.00		150.00		
<i>Total</i>					
<i>Disbursements</i> .	\$13,364.04	\$11,069.00	\$1,816.53	\$ 478.51	\$ -0-
Transfer of Funds to Passbook Sav. Accts.	4,869.02	1,500.00	1,937.50	1,105.00	326.52
<i>Cash Balance,</i>					
<i>June 30, 1977</i>	2,818.15	2,365.48	129.04	119.74	203.89
<i>Total</i>	\$21,051.21	\$14,934.48	\$3,883.07	\$1,703.25	\$530.41

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	June 30, 1977	June 30, 1976	Increase (Decrease)
<i>General Fund</i>			
Cash	\$ 2,365.48	\$ 3,364.77	\$ (999.29)
Inventory — Supplies (at Cost)	5,498.08	4,799.39	698.69
Cash in Bank—Savings Account	500.00	-0-	500.00
<i>Total General Fund</i>	\$ 8,363.56	\$ 8,164.16	\$ 199.40
<i>G.A.R. Memorial Fund</i>			
Cash	\$ 129.04	\$ 1,564.26	\$ (1,435.22)
Cash in Bank — Savings Account	6,030.92	4,093.42	1,937.50
<i>Total G.A.R. Memorial Fund</i>	\$ 6,159.96	\$ 5,657.68	\$ 502.28
<i>Permanent Fund</i>			
Cash in Bank — Savings Account	\$ 8,734.22	\$ 7,629.22	\$ 1,105.00
Cash	119.74	192.56	(72.82)
Investments (at cost)			
Common Stocks	31,275.84	31,275.84	-0-
Market Value			
June 30, 1976—\$22,472.50			
June 30, 1977—\$21,849.50			
<i>Total Permanent Fund</i>	\$40,129.80	\$39,097.62	\$ 1,032.18
<i>100 Anniversary Fund</i>			
Cash in Bank — Savings Account	\$ 1,167.52	\$ 841.00	\$ 326.52
Cash	203.89	15.00	188.89
<i>Total 100th Anniversary Fund</i>	\$ 1,371.41	\$ 856.00	\$ 515.41
<i>Total</i>	\$56,024.73	\$53,775.46	\$ 2,249.27
<i>Funds</i>			
General Fund Surplus	\$ 8,363.56	\$ 8,164.16	\$ 199.40
G.A.R. Memorial Fund	6,159.96	5,657.68	502.28
Permanent Fund			246.49
Unrestricted Surplus	31,512.94	31,266.45	405.69
Interest—Savings Account	723.11	317.42	380.00
Honor Roll	4,623.00	4,243.00	-0-
Dividends, Wellington Fund	3,270.75	3,270.75	515.41
100th Anniversary Fund	1,371.41	856.00	
<i>Total</i>	\$56,024.73	\$53,775.46	\$ 2,249.27

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP STANDING 1976 - 1977

	<i>Good Standing</i> <i>June 30, 1976</i>		<i>GAIN</i>		<i>LOSS</i>		<i>Good Standing</i> <i>June 30, 1977</i>		<i>Asso.</i>	<i>Dele.</i>
	<i>Camps</i>	<i>Members</i>	<i>Camps</i>	<i>Members</i>	<i>Camps</i>	<i>Members</i>	<i>Camps</i>	<i>Members</i>	<i>Incl.</i>	<i>Repr.</i>
<i>Departments</i>										
Calif. & Pac.	11	98	0	7	0	10	11	95	0	5
Colorado & Wyo.	1	17	0	1	0	3	1	15	2	2
Connecticut	6	47	0	0	0	1	6	46	3	3
Illinois	10	152	0	21	0	16	10	157	13	7
Indiana	5	63	1	22	0	10	6	75	10	4
Iowa	6	47	1	30	0	0	7	77	0	4
Maine	8	100	0	5	2	9	6	96	6	5
Maryland	4	65	0	4	1	5	3	64	6	4
Massachusetts	28	284	0	28	3	28	25	284	10	12
Michigan	5	61	0	0	0	1	5	60	0	3
New Hampshire	7	86	0	6	0	2	7	90	3	5
New Jersey	7	233	0	40	0	41	7	232	45	10
New York	16	227	0	36	0	36	16	227	15	10
Ohio	9	135	0	23	0	23	9	135	16	6
Oregon & Wash.	2	60	0	0	0	4	2	56	17	3
Pennsylvania	29	450	0	86	2	69	27	467	37	20
Rhode Island	6	75	0	0	0	30	6	45	3	3
Vermont	2	29	0	0	0	1	2	28	0	2
Wisconsin	3	66	0	5	0	2	3	69	4	4
Chickamauga										
Camp No. 1	1	19	0	25	0	18	1	26	1	1
R. M. Smith										
Camp No. 21	1	6	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	1
Curtis Warner										
Camp No. 64	1	22	0	21	0	1	1	42	0	1
Membership at										
Large	1	126	0	66	0	35	1	157	7	7
Totals	169	2,468	2	426	8	345	163	2,549	198	122

TOTAL NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP INCREASE—81 MEMBERS

Departments Showing Membership Increase

Illinois	5	Pennsylvania	17
Indiana	12	Wisconsin	3
Iowa	30	Chickamauga	7
New Hampshire	4	Curtis Warner	20

Membership-at-Large 31
Total 129

Departments Showing Membership Decrease

Calif. & Pac.	3	Maryland	1
Colo. & Wyo.	2	Michigan	1
Connecticut	1	New Jersey	1
Maine	4	Ore. & Wash.	4

Rhode Island 30
Vermont 1
Total 48

NO DEPARTMENTS GAINED OR LOST DURING FISCAL YEAR 1976-1977

Camps Gained Between July 1, 1976 and June 30, 1977 Total 2

Porter Camp No. 116, Indiana 17 members 3/31/77

Epps, Henderson, Hester Camp No. 91, 15 members 6/4/77, plus 7

Iowa members 6/19/77

Camps Lost Between July 1, 1976 and June 30, 1977 Total 8

Garfield Camp No. 1, Maryland 1 member—Disbanded 9/30/76

Walker Camp No. 127, Massachusetts . 1 member—Disbanded 9/30/76

Belcher Camp No. 8, Maine 1 member—Dropped 6/30/76
(Reported 4/21/77)

Grant Camp No. 51, Maine 3 members—Disbanded 10/2/76

Taylor Camp No. 2, Pennsylvania 1 member—Dropped 12/31/76

Conynham Post Camp No. 169,

Pennsylvania 3 members—Disbanded 3/7/77

Curtis Camp No. 143, Massachusetts . 0 members } These two camps

Custer Camp No. 11, Massachusetts . 0 members } were consolidated
with Hartsuff
Camp #50 6/30/77

REPORT OF THE COUNSELOR

To Commander-in-Chief Kenneth T. Wheeler
and Members of the 96th Annual Encampment—
Greetings:

In reporting as your National Counselor for the past year, I wish to thank you for the appointment which I was glad and honored to accept. During the past year, there have been disputes and misunderstandings, but I have not been called upon to give any official decisions. I sincerely thank you for giving me the honor of serving you as your Counselor, and I wish to thank you for the many courtesies extended to me during the year.

Yours in F., C. & L.,
William W. Haskell
National Counselor

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Commander-in-Chief Kenneth T. Wheeler
and Brothers—
Greetings:

On behalf of myself and my Department, I wish to thank you for my appointment to this office. As in the past, the duties required have made the work very easy and light for the year. We are now in session for our 96th National Encampment, and this is where my work starts and ends as I will be assisting the National Chief of Staff of our Auxiliary with some of her duties. It is my fervent prayer that anything both she and I do will meet with your approval and also help to make a fine Encampment.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,
John C. Yocum
National Chief of Staff

C-in-C. Wheeler: Does the National Patriotic Instructor wish to give a partial report now?

Patriotic Instructor Charles A. Brady, Jr.: Brother Commander-in-Chief, in accordance with tradition, I respectfully request that I be allowed to give my report later.

REPORT OF THE CHAPLAIN

To Kenneth T. Wheeler, Commander-in-Chief
96th Annual Encampment, Sons of Union
Veterans of the Civil War—
Greetings:

To Commander-in-Chief Kenneth T. Wheeler I wish to express my sincere thanks for the appointment as National Chaplain. The office is a challenge, and it was a double privilege to serve with a Commander-in-Chief who is a resident and member in the Granite State.

I have endeavored to send sympathy letters or cards to all who have experienced the loss of a loved one, and I sincerely hope that some degree of comfort has been granted those in sorrow. To those whose grief I did not hear about, I would like to offer this prayer as consolation to all who have lost dear ones during the past year:

God of our life, there are days when the burdens we carry chafe our shoulders and weigh us down; when the road seems dreary and endless, the skies gray and threatening; when our lives have no music in them, and our hearts are lonely, and our souls have lost their courage. Flood the path with light, we beseech thee; turn our eyes to where the skies are full of promise; tune our hearts

to brave music; give us the sense of comradeship with heroes and saints of every age; and so quicken our spirits that we may be able to encourage the souls of all who journey with us on the road of life, to thy honor and glory. Amen.

I have traveled extensively in the New England area and have brought the greetings of the National body whenever I was the ranking National Officer present. Again I had the honor to represent the Commander-in-Chief at the services held in the Cathedral in the Pines in Rindge, N. H. Such joy one experiences standing there in the serenity and solemnity of those towering pines and presenting our gift in memory of those dear Boys in Blue. It is a memory unequaled, and an honor I sincerely hope each one of you sometime has.

It has been a pleasure to work with Margaret Beilby, Auxiliary National Chaplain. The usual and splendid Auxiliary cooperation prevailed throughout our year of joint service. I wish to express my sincere and heartfelt thanks to her.

To all members who assisted me in any way in preparing the Memorial Service presented yesterday, I extend my sincere and humble thanks. Cooperation is the key to success.

As National Chaplain it is my sincere prayer that we of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War strive to live sincerely and humbly within the laws of God and man, and are above all kind to one another as we work together for the betterment of our organization. May we sincerely request that God—

Make us always ready to come to you
with clean hands and straight eyes,
So when life fades as the fading sunset
our spirits may come to you without shame.

Amen.

Respectfully and sincerely submitted,
Richard E. Wyman
National Chaplain

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

To Commander-in-Chief Kenneth T. Wheeler:

Last year at Columbus, Ohio you appointed me National Historian. I was honored to accept this office.

I have a copy of a letter in remarkable condition about a young soldier writing home; it was found by Mr. Godfrey King, Winslow, Maine. The letter was written 107 years ago by a young Union soldier from this area. The letter describes the horrors of war and a soldier's longing for his Maine home.

The sad letter is more than a century old, but it speaks vividly of the hell of war, of bravery under fire and of a young man's yearning for home. It is being kept by Mrs. Godfrey King of Winslow, Maine in memory of the writer, Melville Darius Emery. With an eerie sense of immediacy, it speaks of the terrible Civil War battle of May 27, 1863 when Union soldiers from the Waterville area were killed or mortally wounded. Written to his sister by the writer from Baton Rouge, La., and carrying the date of June 20, 1863, it is signed M. D. E. and describes in much detail the horrible slaughter conditions of war as they occurred in the above-mentioned battle and informs her that he does not know when he will be released to return home.

As I was looking for new members to join our Camp, I came across the grandson of the young soldier that wrote the letter. The grandson's name is Erban Emery, age 79, of Norridgewock, Maine. He showed me the buckle with the dent in it where the bullet had hit it and prevented more serious injury or death to Melville Darius Emery. He has cleared up the riddle of the letter's origin. He and his two daughters, Avis and Alice Emery, also cherish Melville Emery's Civil War musket and ten or twelve letters also written by young Melville as he described his close calls on the battlefield, the death or injury of his comrades and his deep yearning for the fields of home.

Melville Emery died before Erban was a year old and the war souvenirs were handed down to him. Melville was born July 28, 1842 and resided on a Fairfield farm until he enlisted in the Union Army on September 10, 1862 in Co. B, 1st Regiment, Maine Volunteer Infantry, for a period of nine months. He was discharged August 25, 1863. He died in 1897 at the age of 55 and is buried with his wife, Mary, in Maplewood Cemetery in Fairfield.

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

REPORT OF THE GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

Mr. Kenneth Wheeler, Commander-in-Chief
and Officers and Delegates of the
96th National Encampment—

Greetings:

All requests for locations of Civil War Veterans' graves have been answered. Replacements for damaged and illegible headstones can and will be secured by applications which have been approved by a Cemetery Officer. All requests have been completed—two each from California, Kansas, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Ohio; one each from Indiana, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York.

Application Forms 40-1330, Veteran's Application for Government-Issued Headstone or Marker, are issued and delivered free by the Veterans Administration.

I suggest that delegates inform members of their respective Camps of the difference between headstones and markers. Also, the difference of a flag holder. Headstones or markers are issued by the Veterans Administration at Government expense. Flag holders must be purchased.

Brother Charles R. Harrison of Baltimore has been awarded a Maryland Citation from Governor Mandell for his meritorious deeds in restoring headstones and markers in private and national cemeteries. Brother Harrison is a student at the University of Maryland.

I have two recommendations:

1. That each Department advise the National Graves Registration Officer of the name and address of their designated officer, and in that way and manner we can cooperate more closely.

2. That National Headquarters purchase 50 bronze G.A.R. flag holders 1861-1865. Furthermore, all delegates contact foundries as to cost of same and advise National Headquarters as to cost.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.
William W. Vanderhoof
National Graves Registration Officer

REPORT OF THE G.A.R. HIGHWAY OFFICER

(Read by Secy.-Treas. Combs in his absence)

To Commander-in-Chief Kenneth Wheeler and
Officers and Members of the 96th National
Encampment—

Greetings:

One year ago at Columbus, Ohio I was appointed to serve on your staff as G.A.R. Memorial Highway Officer. I was honored to serve you for the year.

I sent some letters for information about condition of markers to the different Departments through which the G.A.R. Memorial Highway passes. I have heard only from Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania so far. Massachusetts reported that the markers in that State are in good condition. I know that Rhode Island and Connecticut have markers at the sides of the roads. Rhode Island was the first State to dedicate the Highway on Sunday, August 30, 1936.

I visited all of the Department Encampments in New England except Maine, which I could not attend because I was at the Vermont Encampment at that time. I helped to take in a new member while I was at the Vermont Encampment and also installed their new Department Officers.

Yours in F., C. & L.,

Wallace J. Macomber

National G.A.R. Highway Officer

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA REPRESENTATIVE

(Read by Secy.-Treas. Combs in his absence, who informed the delegates that Brother Glenum had generously contributed \$100.00 to the National Organization for use as it sees fit.)

To the Commander-in-Chief and Members
Present at the 96th National Encampment,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

I was happy to see our Commander-in-Chief Kenneth Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief Chester Shriver, and others from our Order who were present at the Lincoln Memorial on February 12th in Washington, D. C. I was sorry that more people were not present at this impressive service.

Although the Memorial Day observance in Washington has lost much of the vigor of the past, it was still impressive. The Airborn Division was holding its convention at that time and added much to the occasion. Arlington Cemetery is filled completely and the field down by the river is now being used for burials. Cars are not permitted to go through the grounds.

I have tried for many years to find out how many of the dead in Arlington Cemetery and other cemeteries in the Washington area are Civil War veterans but have been informed that no record of these figures is kept. Arlington and the small cemeteries are well cared for by the Government.

Although I am now past ninety years of age and unable to travel to Des Moines, I am most honored to serve our Organization as District of Columbia Representative and wish that I were there to renew friendships of years past.

Sincerely in F., C. & L.,

Arthur R. Glenum

District of Columbia Representative

REPORT OF THE PERSONAL AIDE

In the absence of his Personal Aide, Commander-in-Chief Wheeler reported that the assistance and cooperation he received during his term of office from his Personal Aide were very beneficial and helpful and indeed greatly appreciated. He also expressed sincere appreciation and commendation to all the officers for their service and their fine reports.

C.-in-C. Wheeler: We will now have the reading of the Communications.

Secy.-Treas. Combs: I have had several communications from Brother John Davis, Past National Chaplain, who has moved to Virginia Beach, Virginia, about attempts and efforts to salvage the sunken Civil War gunboat, Monitor, the world's first ironclad warship to see combat. The Monitor has, according to the researchers, apparently survived 114 years under the water. From what the reports so far seem to indicate, there hasn't been success to date in lifting it, but experts seem to think that the Monitor is in pretty good condition and, hopefully, they will be successful in raising it so it can be preserved for posterity as a monument. Further information will be forthcoming in *The BANNER* from time to time.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT

Fred H. Combs, Jr., National Secy.-Treas.
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War—

The Ohio Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has initiated a speakers bureau for the public schools of Ohio. Attached is a report on this speakers bureau. I would ask that this letter and report be read on the floor of the National Convention so that other departments may hear what Ohio is doing. I would also ask that other departments who have a similar program contact P.D.C. Gordon R. Bury for coordination. I would like guidance and assistance from the National Organization in my efforts to establish some sort of National Coordinating Body of speakers.

Last May I went to the Ohio Convention of the Ohio Social Studies Teachers. I spoke on our Order, the Sons of Union Veterans, and answered many questions. This Fall, in November, I have been invited by the National Council of the Social Studies to attend its National Convention and speak on the Sons of Union Veterans. At this convention there will be Social Studies Teachers from all across the Nation. As this organization is the representative body for teachers of American History, there is the opportunity for the Sons of Union Veterans to influence the way, time devoted to, and scope of teachings on the Civil War in our Nation's schools.

As a recent winner of the Social Studies Teacher of the Year Award, State of Ohio, I feel that there are many teachers of American History who want and need to know about the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I ask for guidance and assistance from our National Organization for my presentation to the National Council of Social Studies at its November Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Yours in Fraternity, Loyalty, Charity,
Jerry L. West, Junior Vice Commander
Given Camp #50, Wooster, Ohio

REPORT ON SPEAKERS BUREAU—JUNE, 1977

Ohio Department Commander Gordon R. Bury appointed Brother Jerry L. West of Given Camp 50 to be the head of the newly-formed Speakers Bureau. Brother West recently won the outstanding Social Studies Teacher of the Year Award and is a member of the Executive Council of the Ohio Council of the Social Studies. Department Commander Bury was concerned that there was no means whereby the Sons of Union Veterans was getting exposure in the public education system in Ohio, other than efforts by Brother West, Brother Tom Hoffman of Mansfield, and Brother Robert Wolz of East Palestine. Department Commander Bury suggested that a speakers bureau be set up.

The speakers bureau started with a story in *Ohio Schools*, a teacher magazine that reaches over 92,000 teachers in the State of Ohio. In this article it was announced that the Sons of Union Veterans had a speakers bureau, and for teachers to write Brother West. There were follow-up articles in the Ohio Council of the Social Studies Newsletter with a circulation of 982, and the OCSS Review that went to all Colleges and Universities in Ohio. There were also articles in the *Akron Beacon Journal* and *Cuyhoga Falls News*.

From this publicity, over 50 requests were made to have a speaker come to a public school and make a presentation. Of these requests, 43 were actually filled. In some cases there were no speakers in the geographical area of the school.

As of this date the speakers list has 21 people on it, spread out geographically over Ohio, with the exception of Southeast Ohio. These people either make the presentation themselves, or contact people in the local area who can work with the schools.

It is the suggestion of Brother West to this convention that an effort be made to establish some sort of coordination between all camps, that names of speakers from each camp be submitted, and that an effort be made to reach the hundreds of thousands of public school children in Ohio who have never heard of the Sons of Union Veterans, who have no idea of what we do, and know very little about the soldiers and sailors that fought in the American Civil War 1861-1865.

The convention should recognize the efforts of Department Commander Bury and Brother West, Brother Hoffman, and Brother Wolz for their past efforts in this area. The convention should also ask any other Brother to share his experiences with the public schools so that he may receive the recognition due him.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry L. West
Speakers Bureau

(Turned over to the Council of Administration for its consideration.)

COMMUNICATION FROM SONS OF VETERANS RESERVES

(handed in by P.C.-in-C. Norman Furman)

Gentlemen:

We would like to put forth a request which we would like you to consider.

Women becoming a part of the Civil War S.V.R. again. We would like to become an auxiliary to the S.V.R., keeping the S.V.R. an all male organization.

Women were a great part of the Civil War and we would like to relive their part—such as nurses, wearing dresses of the period, helping with crowd control, doing demonstrations. Also, instead of standing provost, having women take shifts at a first-aid tent.

We would like to see this as a chartered organization and any women who belong to be able to register at any event and be given the same things as the men (patch, medal, certificate). The S.U.V.C.W. has an auxiliary which we believe greatly benefits the Sons, so we would like to do the same for the S.V.R. We would like to have minimal dues and no rank—everyone is equal.

Please consider this request as we truly think women are and were then a great asset to the men!

Also, please consider having an area set aside at all S.V.R. events for the family members of participants for battles, drills, demonstrations, etc. Families enjoy being able to see and it is very discouraging when they cannot get close enough. They, too, are important to the reenactments.

NOTE: The petition which was submitted bore the following introduction: "We, the undersigned, would like to see the women recognized as an extension of the SVR as a women's re-enactment corps. This will entitle us to register at all re-enactments (receiving all that the men receive). All women participating will be authentic, participating exactly as women did during the war. We will abide by all age and safety regulations set forth by the SVR." There were 128 signatures.

(Referred to Committee on Constitution and Regulations)

Secy.-Treas. Combs: These I am about to read have to do with Endorsements. Both of these endorsements have appeared in *The BANNER*.

96th Annual National Encampment,

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

c/o Fred H. Combs, Jr., National Secretary—

Officers and Brothers:

At the 95th Annual Encampment of the Illinois Department, held June 10 and 11, 1977 at Springfield, Illinois, the following motion was passed unanimously:

The Illinois Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, hereby endorses for the office of Commander-in-Chief of our Order P.D.C. Charles Allen Brady, Jr. Brother Brady's years of dedicated service to our Order—including one year as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, two years as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and one year as National Patriotic Instructor—make him an excellent candidate for the 1977-78 term.

Yours in F., C. and L.,
Cyril C. Gumbinger
Department Commander

Attest:

Charles A. Brady, Jr.
Department Secretary

To Whom it May Concern,

We, the Department of New York, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, do hereby endorse Past Dept. Commander Bro. Harold Bellby for the office of Commander-in-Chief. He has been a member of this Dept. for over fifty years. He has served the Dept. in many capacities. As of now, he is serving as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The New York Dept. does heartily endorse this man for the highest office of the Organization.

Yours in F., C. & L.
Cecil M. Baer
Department Commander

Attest:
Lawrence Isaacs
Department Secretary

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OHIO DEPARTMENT SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Fred H. Combs, Jr.,
National Secretary-Treasurer
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War—

I am writing this to you as the Ohio Department Secretary-Treasurer.

The following endorsements were made legally and in the presence of Commander-in-Chief Kenneth Wheeler. There was some discussion as to whether or not one Department should send into National endorsements for so many Brothers. In light of this, I was instructed to send you the following two motions so that National might be better aware of the feelings of the members of the Ohio Department in attendance.

1. It was moved by Brother James Perkins and seconded by Past Department Commander Ralph Shadel that all the endorsements passed by the Ohio Department as submitted be forwarded to the National Secretary-Treasurer.
2. It was moved by Past Department Commander Robert J. Wolz and seconded by many, including Brothers Perkins, Shadel and Graham, that the Ohio Department ask all other Departments to fully submit all endorsements of candidates for National offices in compliance with recommendation No. 2 from the National Secretary-Treasurer's report in the proceedings of the 92nd National Encampment. The Ohio Department feels this should provide a broader choice of qualified candidates for each National office.

It is the wish of the Ohio Department that the National Membership should be aware of the Department's feelings on No. 2.

Each of these motions and the following endorsements were passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,
Richard L. Greenwalt, Secretary-Treasurer
Ohio Department, SUVCW

Given Camp 50 would like to re-affirm its endorsement of Robert J. Wolz as a future Commander-in-Chief from Ohio, due to his extraordinary service to the Order in the past year. These services included personally paying for a G.A.R. commemorative spoon for each member of the three allied orders meeting in Columbus, Ohio last August for the National Encampment, and incurred personal cost in this one item alone which was well beyond that which the entire Department of Ohio spent on the entire encampment. In addition, Brother Wolz, also at his own expense, provided reprints of the 1888 G.A.R. Encampment Programs for the Sunday evening Campfire at Columbus, formal invitations which were sent to all State officials and patriotic and veterans' organizations, as well as spend-

ing many, many hours with the help of his wife in the complete manufacture of artificial floral centerpieces for each banquet table Tuesday evening at the Columbus Encampment which were given as door prizes. He also attended the National Encampment and never received any credit for these things, but let the Department and the Encampment Committee enjoy such. It is such items as the above which make an Encampment memorable. Due to such generous hospitality as this, we are still receiving compliments on last year's National Encampment.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Forest Atland, Commander, Given Camp No. 50
Charles Corfman, Senior Vice Camp Commander
Jerry West, Junior Vice Camp Commander
Gordon R. Bury, II, Camp Council Member
James Perkins, Camp Secretary-Treasurer

To Commander Bury and all Sons of Union Veterans
Assembled in the Ohio Department Encampment—
Greetings:

We, the members of McLaughlin Camp No. 12, Mansfield, Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, wish at this time to present the name of Richard Greenwalt for endorsement for the high position of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the forthcoming National Encampment in Des Moines, Iowa. Brother Greenwalt, in his present position as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, has done a creditable job and we feel would, without a doubt, perform the duties of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief with equal zeal and enthusiasm.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Ralph Shadel, Commander
McLaughlin Camp No. 12
Mansfield, Ohio

McClelland Camp No. 91 is asking your endorsement and seeks your support for Past Department Commander Richard Greenwalt for National Senior Vice Commander.

He has served his camp, his district, his department and his region in all of the presiding offices. He has served as National Patriotic Instructor, General Chairman of Arrangements, and is presently serving as National Junior Vice Commander. We feel he has all the qualities to serve our National Organization in its top offices.

We ask for your support and trust that this Encampment will look favorably and grant this endorsement.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,
Thomas W. Graham, Senior Vice Commander
McClellan Camp No. 91
Acting Camp Commander

Increasing the membership rolls of the Sons of Union Veterans should be one of our primary concerns. The rolls of the Department of Ohio have increased over the past four years in great part due to the work of one member of Given Camp No. 50. Through his efforts more than fifty individual membership affiliations were processed, and a new camp was not only founded but has also flourished to a level of thirty-five members who are active on both the local and the Department levels. In addition, this individual has served as Camp Commander for three years, Department Chief of Staff, Junior Vice Commander, and Department Commander.

He has served the National Commandery on the Ceremony and Ritual Committee, the Memorial Day Restoration Committee, and two years on the National Military Affairs Committee.

Due to this fine record of service to our order, it is the pleasure of Given Camp No. 50 to endorse its Past Camp Commander, Brother Gordon R. Bury, II, as the next National Junior Vice Commander. It is felt that, since the responsibilities of National Junior Vice Commander are directly related to increasing membership in our order, Brother Bury would be well fitted to the position.

Yours in F., C. and L.,
 Forest Atland, Commander
 Given Camp No. 50
 Charles Corfman
 Senior Vice Camp Commander
 Jerry West
 Junior Vice Camp Commander
 James Perkins
 Camp Secretary-Treasurer

COMMUNICATION FROM MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Benjamin Franklin Edge, II, having joined the Robert Finch Camp #14, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Grand Rapids, Michigan, on the 9th day of April 1964, and becoming a Life Member (holding Life Member Card #19 of the National Organization for the National SUVCW), and having been elected and having served for three consecutive one-year terms as the Michigan Department Commander, do hereby ask that the Robert Finch Camp #14 do hereby back me in seeking the 1978 election to the position of National Junior Vice Commander, by hereby passing a resolution to be sent to the Michigan Department Encampment to be held in the city of Grand Rapids, Michigan in June 1977, and urging the Michigan Department Encampment to pass a resolution nominating through them, my name for the above-fore-named national office.

Signed on this 20th day of April 1977.

Benjamin Franklin Edge, II

6/13/77 The Michigan Department concurred
 in this Resolution.

Past Department Commander Carl Smith: Commander-in-Chief, I am from Grand Rapids, and we have endorsed Benjamin F. Edge, II, but he is not present. Would he be eligible if he is not present to be endorsed for National Junior Vice Commander?

Secy.-Treas. Combs: The Counselor should answer that question, but my answer would be no. It was necessary for me to read the endorsement, however.

C.-in-C. Wheeler: No, he would have to be present.

Secy.-Treas. Combs: Now, these are the Resolutions:

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR Resolution No. 1

WHEREAS, the Council of Administration voted to raise the registration fee for delegates from \$2 to \$4; and

WHEREAS, the small amount raised by such action is not necessary for operating the Order; and

WHEREAS, this matter should have more properly been presented to the delegates assembled at Columbus, Ohio for their consideration;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Department of Massachusetts hereby requests that this action be rescinded and the registration fee remain at \$2.00 effective immediately.

William W. Haskell
Department Secretary

Attest:

Lewis E. Garney
Department Commander

(Referred to Committee on Resolutions)

**NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
Resolution No. 2**

At the 95th Encampment of the New Hampshire Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it was brought to the attention of the Encampment that the Registration Fee at the National Encampment was to be doubled.

RESOLVED: That this information was not received in a favorable light.

RESOLVED: That discussion of the issue failed to disclose a need for the increase.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the 95th Encampment of the New Hampshire Department voted to go on record as opposing such an increase in the Registration Fee and to submit a Resolution to the National Encampment to that effect.

Accordingly, this Resolution is hereby submitted.

Alfred J. Clark
Department Secretary
(Referred to Committee on Resolutions)

**OHIO DEPARTMENT
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
Resolution No. 3**

WHEREAS, The Department of Ohio recognizes that a fine line divides Associates from full membership in many areas; and

WHEREAS, many Civil War Societies, including our own Auxiliary, the Ladies of the G.A.R., the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the Order of Stars & Bars, and the United Daughters of the Confederacy include in their full memberships collateral as well as lineal descendants;

THEREFORE, WE, THE DEPARTMENT OF OHIO, RESOLVE, that the National Constitution be amended to read: Article III—Eligibility to Membership

"All male blood descendants, whether lineal or collateral, not less than fourteen years of age, etc."

Gordon R. Bury, II
Dept. Commander 1976-77

Thomas E. Hoffman
Dept. Commander 1975-76
(Referred to Committee on Resolutions)

**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
Resolution No. 4**

At the 95th Annual Encampment of the Illinois Department, held June 10 and 11, 1977 at Springfield, Illinois the following resolution was passed and is forwarded for consideration at the 96th Annual National Encampment:

WHEREAS, the October, 1976 issue of *The BANNER* contains a copy of a resolution from the Ohio Department in support of descendant membership in our Order being defined as blood descent through lineal or collateral line, and

WHEREAS, our National Organization clarified this to be correct as printed in the 1952 Proceedings of the National Encampment, and

WHEREAS, the 1956 copy of the Constitution and Regulations of our Order is worded so that it is interpreted differently by individual Departments of our Order, and

WHEREAS, our National Organization is preparing to have a revised edition of the Constitution and Regulations printed, and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department has for some years been admitting applicants on the basis of the National Organization's 1952 ruling acknowledging both lineal and collateral descent for descendant membership,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Illinois Department hereby resolves that the Constitution of our Order be amended to read:

**ARTICLE III
ELIGIBILITY TO MEMBERSHIP**

All male blood descendants, whether through lineal or collateral line, not less than fourteen years of age. . . . etc.

**ARTICLE VII
MEMBERSHIP**

Section 3. Departments and Camps may establish Associate Members. Said Associate Members must be ineligible for descendant membership by either lineal or collateral descent from a Union Veteran of the Civil War. Said Associate Members shall not hold elective office, nor be entitled to vote, but may serve as an appointive officer or as a member of a committee. The membership badge for an Associate Member shall be the medal of our Order with a ribbon of solid blue. No Camp shall, at any time, elect Associates to membership when the number of Associate Members would exceed one-half the number of regular members at the time of such election.

**CHAPTER V
GENERAL REGULATIONS**

**ARTICLE III
BADGES AND DECORATIONS**

Section 4. Brothers (who are not Associate Members) may wear the recognition button. . . . etc.

Section 6. Associates shall wear a plain blue ribbon attached to the membership badge.

Yours in F., C. and L.,
Cyril C. Gumbinger
Department Commander

Attest:

Charles A. Brady, Jr.

Department Secretary

(Referred to the Committee on Resolutions)

**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
Resolution No. 5**

WHEREAS, The Eternal Peace Memorial is a magnificent memorial on Oak Hill, scene of the first day's clash in the Battle of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Eternal Peace Memorial was dedicated by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg; and

WHEREAS, the inscription on the Eternal Peace Memorial reads "Peace Eternal in a Nation United"; and

WHEREAS, on the day of the Eternal Peace Memorial's dedication a gas flame was lighted to burn eternally in dedication to eternal peace in a United Nation; and

WHEREAS, some months ago this gas flame was extinguished in the interest of conservation of energy; and

WHEREAS, memorial gas flames still burn without ceasing on the graves of President John F. Kennedy and Robert Kennedy in Arlington National Cemetery and Martin Luther King, Jr. in Atlanta, Georgia, and at additional sites throughout the Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War does not object to the burning of the memorial flames on those existing sites, it does object vigorously to the fact that the flame no longer burns in the Eternal Peace Memorial on the Gettysburg Battlefield; and

WHEREAS, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, although indeed interested in the conservation of energy believes that there should be consistency of action and that either all of the above-mentioned flames or none should burn; and

WHEREAS, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War feels that the memorial aspect far exceeds the minimal saving of energy in this instance;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the National Parks Service reconsider its decision to discontinue the burning of the flame at the Eternal Peace Memorial on the Gettysburg Battlefield and rekindle said flame so that it will burn eternally in memory of those many fighting men who struggled and died in that fierce battle in everlasting dedication to "Peace Eternal in a Nation United"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the United States Parks Service, Department of the Interior, and to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and the President of the United States Senate (Vice President Mondale) urging that appropriate steps be taken to direct the United States National Parks Service to rekindle the flame even though lesser in volume of consumption of fuel so that the Eternal Peace Memorial will once again symbolize the full purpose for which it was intended at the time of its dedication.

(This Resolution was adopted unanimously by the New Jersey Department, SUVCW, at its annual encampment held in Avon, New Jersey, June 18, 1977 and it was directed that the Resolution be sent to the

National Secretary-Treasurer for presentation to the 96th Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for consideration and action.)

Daniel P. George, Commander
Department of New Jersey, SUVCW
Richard D. Hines, Secretary
Department of New Jersey SUVCW

(Referred to Committee on Resolutions)

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Resolution No. 6

WHEREAS, the young men of Gettysburg College who have been the recipients of our National Student Scholarship Fund, have, almost without exception, been outstanding students, both scholastically and morally, and have shown unquestionable patriotism,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE SUPPORT:

The raising of the National Student Scholarship Fund from \$250 to \$500 in view of the rising costs of education.

WHEREAS, this country has, from its inception, depended on the civilian soldier and sailor to serve in the Armed Forces of our country by means of a draft, which was evaded by large numbers in the recent Vietnam Conflict. We feel the news media has raised these deserters to hero status while those who served honorably have been forgotten and even vilified by the press. We realize that to give pardon or amnesty to these draft evaders and deserters is to set a precedent that will make almost impossible the raising of an army by draft in any future crisis this country may enter into.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE DENOUNCE AND CONDEMN:

1. The recent pardoning of draft evaders by the President of the United States.
2. Any future pardoning or amnesty for deserters from the Armed Forces which then make them appear in the right and those who did honorably serve to be wrong.
3. The upgrading of any discharge less than honorable to that of honorable so that the recipients of such discharges would receive the same benefits as those who served honorably.

Adopted unanimously, June 18, 1977
Department of New Jersey, SUVCW
Daniel P. George
Commander

(Referred to Committee on Resolutions)

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Resolution No. 7

WHEREAS, THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED FROM PHILADELPHIA CAMP NO. 200, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, OF PHILADELPHIA:

WHEREAS, the true meaning of Memorial Day should not be observed with the flood of "Memorial Day Sales" in Department Stores, Discount Houses and Super Markets, nor advertised in the news media or on television; and

WHEREAS, we firmly believe the above to be the desecration of Memorial Day and not a fitting way to honor the memory of our heroic dead who died on a thousand battlefields in defense of their and our Country;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Pennsylvania Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in this our 97th annual Department Encampment assembled protest the manner in which Memorial Day is desecrated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the National Secretary-Treasurer for presentation at the forthcoming National Encampment in Des Moines, Iowa.

Committee on Resolutions
Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Chairman
C. LeRoy Stoudt
George W. Long

Attest:

Ivan E. Frantz

Department Secretary-Treasurer

(Referred to Committee on Resolutions)

**PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
Resolution No. 8**

WHEREAS, an effort is on foot to replace the STAR SPANGLED BANNER as our National Anthem; and

WHEREAS, written as it was and observed as it has been, we believe it should not be changed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Pennsylvania Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in this our 97th annual Department Encampment assembled make it known to all responsible persons, now or in the future, that we firmly believe the STAR SPANGLED BANNER should be retained as our National Anthem; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the National Secretary-Treasurer for presentation at the forthcoming National Encampment at Des Moines, Iowa.

Committee on Resolutions
Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Chairman
C. LeRoy Stoudt
George W. Long

Attest:

Ivan E. Frantz,

Department Secretary-Treasurer

(Referred to Committee on Resolutions)

**PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
Resolution No. 9**

WHEREAS, Veterans' Benefits are due any and all deserving Veterans; and

WHEREAS, these benefits should not be made available to any Veteran with anything but a full and honorable discharge;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Pennsylvania Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in this our 97th annual Department Encampment assembled disapprove the upgrading of Veterans'

discharges for the purpose of permitting them to be eligible for any Veteran benefits which they do not deserve; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the National Secretary-Treasurer for presentation at the forthcoming National Encampment in Des Moines, Iowa.

Committee on Resolutions
Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Chairman
C. LeRoy Stoudt
George W. Long

Attest:

Ivan E. Frantz

Department Secretary-Treasurer

(Referred to Committee on Resolutions)

**PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
Resolution No. 10**

WHEREAS, we the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War believe, as did our fathers and grand-fathers, the Grand Army of the Republic, first and foremost in our great Republic, the United States of America:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Pennsylvania Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in this our 97th annual Department Encampment assembled:

1. Oppose the recognition of Communistic Cuba;
2. Oppose the placing of women in combat jobs;
3. Oppose the relinquishing of the United States sovereignty over the "United States Canal" located on the Isthmus of Panama;
4. Oppose the unionization of the Military Service;
5. Pledge support to the C.I.A. and the F.B.I.;
6. Pledge unwavering support for the Republic of Korea;
7. And, never, never forget AMERICANS MISSING IN ACTION;

and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the National Secretary-Treasurer for presentation at the forthcoming National Encampment in Des Moines, Iowa.

Committee on Resolutions
Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Chairman
C. LeRoy Stoudt
George W. Long

Attest:

Ivan E. Frantz,

Department Secretary-Treasurer

(Referred to Committee on Resolutions)

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA REPRESENTATIVE
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
Resolution No. 11**

WHEREAS, continued pressure of legal and illegal immigration into the U. S. continues to erode our living standards, and there is no plausible estimate of the number of illegal aliens in the United States, and no official records are kept of the number of emigrants from the United States; and

WHEREAS, there are serious proposals to give "amnesty" to substantial numbers of such immigrants, and there are at this time no criminal penalties against knowing employment of illegal aliens, and it appears many temporary entrants to the United States simply remain and become permanent illegal immigrants; and

WHEREAS, there are various ways in which the process of issuing Social Security Cards needs to be made more secure to prevent issuance to illegal aliens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at its 96th Annual National Encampment go on record as being unalterably opposed to the concept of "amnesty" to illegal immigrants and in favor of Legislation imposing sanctions on employers of illegal aliens such as House Resolution 982 and House Resolution 257, which should be sufficient; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Legislation should be passed which will permit more careful scrutiny of applicants for temporary visas, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War go on record as being in favor of the provisions of House Resolution 3737 that require specific alien and citizenship information be provided prior to the issuance of a Social Security Card, that tamperproof Social Security Cards be so marked, and that cards issued to aliens that are not permitted to work be so marked also, and cards be presented by prospective employees to employers before obtaining employment, and that criminal penalties are provided for employers who violate its provisions.

Arthur R. Glenum, P.D.C.

District of Columbia Representative

Resolution No. 12

WHEREAS, the Battle of Fort Stevens was the only battle of the Civil War that was fought within the District of Columbia and the only battle at which a President was present; and

WHEREAS, part of the Fort is preserved in the memory of President Lincoln and the soldiers who defended the Capital, forty-two of whom lost their lives in that battle; and

WHEREAS, the rest of the Fort is fastly deteriorating because of its use by children as an unofficial playground;

BE IT RESOLVED that the National Capital Regional Park Service be requested to protect the area around the Fort in general as it was when restored twenty-five years ago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this area also be given the same care that would be given to any great monument to preserve the dignity and respect; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable enclosure be erected that will encourage respect from visitors who come to observe the Fort that defended the Capital against General Early's attack; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National Capital Regional Park Service be requested to place markers or signs designating that the Fort is under their protection and that these markers or signs be protected from theft or vandalism such as was the fate of markers and signs placed there in the past.

Arthur R. Glenum, P.D.C.

District of Columbia Representative

Resolution No. 13

WHEREAS, the National Archives and the Library of Congress have both been vandalized and had records stolen from them, some of which pertained to the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, pages have been torn from some books and documents; and

WHEREAS, most of these crimes have never been solved and the criminals apprehended;

BE IT RESOLVED that closer security be maintained at these and other public buildings which house the records and historical data of our great Country and that positive action be taken to preserve the historical records and artifacts of the United States and its citizens.

Arthur R. Glenum, P. D. C.

District of Columbia Representative

NOTE: Resolutions No. 11, 12 and 13 were referred to the Committee on Resolutions. Brother Glenum also submitted two or three resolutions adopted by the American Coalition of Patriotic Societies having to do with United States and world currencies and monetary exchange values, inflation, bureaucracy, United States' sovereignty, etc. which were also referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Resolution No. 14

December, 1976

Madelyn Murry O'Hair, whose efforts successfully eliminated the use of Bible reading and prayers from all public schools, has been granted a Federal hearing in Washington, D.C., on the subject of religion and airwaves by the Federal Communications Commission. This petition (Number 2493) would ultimately pave the way to eliminate the proclamation of the Gospel via airwaves of America. She took her petition bearing 27,000 signatures to back her stand.

If her attempt is successful, all Sunday worship services that are currently being broadcasted either by Radio or Television, would cease. Many elderly people and shut-ins, as well as those recuperating from illness or hospital visits depend on the Radio and Television to fulfill their worship needs every week.

Her petition also protests the decision of the Astronauts to read the Bible as a Christian message to the world from their Spacecraft while orbiting the moon in 1968.

You can stop her this time. We need 1,000,000 signed letters. This would defeat Mrs. O'Hair and show her there are still many Christians alive and well in our great country. **WHAT CAN WE DO? IMMEDIATELY SEND A LETTER IN FAVOR OF RELIGIOUS BROADCASTING TO:**

Federal Communications Commissions

1919 'M' Street N.W.

Washington, D.C., 20036

This Petition number is R.M. 2493. Please put this number on the envelope you use to mail your letter.

ALL CHRISTIANS ACT NOW FOR GOD!

(This Communication was not submitted in Formal Resolution Manner but was Referred to Committee on Resolutions)

Secy.-Treas. Combs: That ends the reading of the Resolutions.

C.-in-C. Wheeler: These resolutions will all be turned over to the Resolutions Committee, if there is no objection. Is there any unfinished business on the records? Does anyone know of any unfinished business to be brought up?

C.-in-C. Stoudt: Commander-in-Chief, this is not unfinished business, but may I have the floor?

For the past fourteen years it has been my privilege to be reappointed Chairman of the National Encampment Site Committee. I will no longer accept that appointment if it is offered to me. At this time I do not know who the new Commander-in-Chief will be, so there is nothing personal in my resigning at this time. By resigning now, it will give the new Commander-in-Chief a chance to appoint a new chairman for the Site Committee for publication in *The BANNER*.

C.-in-C. Wheeler: Thank you, Brother Stoudt. Brothers, it is now approximately ten minutes past three. Would you like to go into Committee Reports?

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: Commander-in-Chief, I have a short report I'd like to dispose of this afternoon, if I might.

C.-in-C. Wheeler: We will now hear the report of the Memorial Day Restoration Committee.

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL DAY RESTORATION COMMITTEE

To the Officers and Members of the
96th National Encampment Sons of
Union Veterans of the Civil War—
Greetings:

The MEMORIAL DAY RESTORATION COMMITTEE authorized by legislation enacted at the 95th National Encampment pursuant to the Resolution as adopted, submits the following report:

H. R. 7232 was introduced by the Hon. William Goodling (19th Penna. Congressional Dist.), was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service (Chaired by the Hon. Robert N. C. Nix, of Penna.) and in turn, referred to the sub-committee on Census (Chaired by the Hon. William Lehman, of Fla.).

All Representatives in the House (except 1st Dist. of Louisiana, to be filled Aug. 27th) were mailed letters over the signature of the Chairman, urging support of this particular bill. It was indeed heartening to receive, prior to leaving for the Encampment, two replies, one of which I quote in part: "I voted against the transfer of the dates on which we celebrate our national holidays. I think it is an outrage and I think it destroys the whole concept of a commemorative date and certainly I would expect to vote to repeal this ill-advised legislation if I have the chance."

The ground-work has been laid and we need some follow-up, as a matter of fact, plenty of it.

We therefore recommend that the in-coming Commander-in-Chief be requested to include in his first General Orders and all Department Commanders in their subsequent Department Orders, the request that each Camp purchase 301 postcards (cost \$27.09), have the Secretary (or someone so designated) address 100 to Hon. Robert N. C. Nix, 2201 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515, 100 to Hon. William Lehman, 236 Cannon Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 and 101 blank (unaddressed). In "batches" of 3 (1 to Nix, 1 to Lehman and 1

blank), hand out to members, neighbors, relatives, friends, co-workers, asking each person to drop a few lines asking support for H. R. 7232. It is very important to note that the name and address of the SENDER be included on the card. As to the 101 unaddressed cards, 100 are for the individual's Congressman and the 101st card, merely a note to the Chairman,—“They Have Been Sent”.

I will be asking the Auxiliary to do this as well as the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. This was included in a letter to the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War which convened last week and in a letter to the Woman's Relief Corps which is meeting next week.

Permission is being sought to have “open letters” published in the publications of the Veterans' and fraternal organizations publications in order to publicize the importance of the often used phrase of “Teddy” Roosevelt, “Get the message to Garcia”, by getting the message to the Congressmen.

You may rest assured, the Committee stands ready to keep this proposal alive and moving to accomplish that which not only we desire, but that which hundreds of thousands of Americans desire, observe Memorial Day on May 30th and adhere to all American traditions to help keep America American.

It is further recommended the sum of \$350 from the Grand Army of the Republic Fund be authorized for the necessary expense in conducting the responsibilities of the Committee.

Fraternally yours,

Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Chairman (5 yrs.)

Harry E. Gibbons (4 Yrs.)

William C. Rule (3 Yrs.)

Gordon Bury II (2 Yrs.)

Richard C. Schlenker (1 Yr.)

C-in-C. Wheeler: You've heard the report of the Memorial Day Restoration Committee. What is your wish?

P.D.C. Cecil Baer: Brother Commander-in-Chief, I'll make a motion that the report be accepted, that the financial part be referred to the Budget Committee and that the other recommendations be concurred in. Seconded by Dept. Commander Wilbur Haueter.

P.C.-in-C. Stoudt questioned whether ALL camps could afford the expense involved in the recommendation that each Camp purchase 301 post-cards. Brother Heacock expressed the opinion that \$27.09 is a lot of money for the small camps but the work to secure the return of Memorial Day to May 30 and adhere to the philosophies of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his opinion, are worth a lot more than that if the camps can afford it. He expressed the hope that at least 50% of the Camps would do it. Several members expressed opinions regarding the proposal of the Memorial Day Restoration Committee and pledged their support. The motion was passed unanimously.

C-in-C. Wheeler: Brother Rippey has told me that the Report of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations will not be ready until tomorrow, so we will by-pass that until then. Next is the Legislative Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

(Read by Secy.-Treas. Combs in the absence of Chairman

Thomas L. W. Johnson)

TO: Kenneth T. Wheeler, Commander-in-Chief—

Greetings! Your Committee, appointed to study legislation of interest

to our Order, begs leave to submit the following Report to you and thru you to the officers and delegates attending the 96th Annual Encampment. Your chairman would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the fine cooperation he has received from Brother Albert W. Lambert, in printing the interim reports each quarter in *The BANNER*.

STATUS OF MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE—Despite the introduction of several bills and resolutions to return Memorial Day to May 30, (H.R. 2467, H.R. 7232, H.J.R. 100 and H.J.R. 356) in the House of Representatives, no hearings have been scheduled by the Subcommittee on Census and Population to which the measures have been referred. This panel is chaired by Rep. William Lehman of Fla., and includes Reps. James J. Howard, N.J., Leo J. Ryan, Calif., Patricia Schroeder, Colo., Stephen J. Solarz, N.Y., John H. Rousselot, Calif., and James A. S. Leach, Iowa.

Your chairman joins Brother Frank M. Heacock, Sr., in an appeal to our membership to contact members of the Subcommittee and their individual Representatives as well and request that a hearing be scheduled on the merits of the legislation proposed to return the observance of Memorial Day to May 30. However, your chairman also believes that Congress will be most likely to respond if it can be shown that the States are returning their observances to the traditional date. This was clearly demonstrated in the case of Veterans Day as the Congress acted only after 46 States had done so. Therefore, our energies should also be directed to our State legislatures in an effort to nurture a "grass roots" approach to the problem.

CREATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF HISTORIC SITES—Under terms of H.R. 2437, Manasses (Bull Run) National Battlefield Park in Virginia would be enlarged by about 1,800 acres and the site enhanced. In the 94th Congress this measure passed the House on September 29, 1976, but its provisions were deleted from the omnibus parks bill when it reached the Senate. George Washington's boyhood home in Virginia would become a National Historic Site under terms of S. 830.

CREATION OF HISTORIC MONUMENTS—H.R. 2960 would authorize the erection of a memorial to the Signers of the Declaration of Independence. Yugoslavian General Draza Mihailovich would be memorialized by the construction of a monument in Washington, D.C. according to S. 244. General Mihailovich and his forces were credited with saving the lives of some 500 U. S. airmen downed in southern Europe during World War II.

RESTORATION OF CITIZENSHIP—A number of measures introduced in both houses of Congress would restore full rights of citizenship posthumously to Jefferson Davis. On April 27, the Senate passed S.J.R. 16 designed to accomplish this objective. The measure is now before the House Judiciary Committee. A precedent for this legislation was set in 1975 when Congress voted to restore full rights of citizenship to Gen. Robert E. Lee.

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES OR CELEBRATIONS—The Sousa march, "The Stars and Stripes Forever," would be designated as the national march according to S.J.R. 59 and H.J.R. 194. The third week of February would be designated as "National Patriotism Week" under terms of S.J.R. 34 and H.J.R. 259, 283, and 287. H.J.R. 246 would designate the week in which Veterans Day is observed as "Love America Week." Flag Day, June 14, would be a legal federal holiday and the week of June 13 to 19 would be known as "Flag Week" under provisions of S.J.R. 57. H.R. 107 would also make Flag Day a legal public holiday. S.J.R. 9 would designate

January 15 as "Martin Luther King Day" and several House measures (H.R. 2972 thru 2976, 3431, and 3737) would declare January 15 to be a legal public holiday in honor of the slain civil rights leader. April 9 would be designated as "Bataan-Corregidor Day" under provisions of S.J.R. 41 and H.J.R. 364. H.J.R. 411 would designate April 30 as "Vietnam Memorial Day."

The foregoing recital of bills and resolutions dealing with historic sites, monuments, and special observances is not intended to be an exhaustive list but rather should be interpreted as suggestive of the range of legislation on such matters which is introduced in Congress each year. Your chairman urges those Brothers with an interest in particular items of legislation to make their views known to their Representatives and Senators.

REVIVAL OF SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY PANEL—In March of this year it appeared that the Subcommittee on Internal Security of the Senate Judiciary Committee has become a victim of efforts in the Senate to reform its committee structure. More recently however, Sen. James Eastland of Miss., chairman of the Judiciary Committee, arranged with Sen. John McClellan of Ark., to have the Subcommittee on Criminal Laws and Procedures assume responsibility for internal security matters to include the addition of specially trained staff to permit continuity of ongoing investigations. This means that the work of the old Subcommittee can continue as a part of Sen. McClellan's panel rather than becoming dormant. In addition to McClellan, the members of the Subcommittee on Criminal Laws and Procedures include Sen. Eastland, Sen. Edward Kennedy of Mass. Sen. Strom Thurmond of S. C. and Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah.

Efforts to restore the House Committee on Internal Security as a standing committee of that body have been unsuccessful to date. In January of 1975, the House of Representatives transferred the functions of the Internal Security Committee to the Judiciary Committee. Attempts were made in the 94th Congress and now again in the 95th Congress to restore the HCIS to its former status. At present 149 members of the House are listed as co-sponsors of H.R. 48 which would realize this goal. Supporters of the bill believe that the files and records of the old panel should be kept intact and that a new and free standing committee would have much to do in investigating acts of terrorism and exposing possible subversion and espionage. In March, however, the House refused to appropriate \$300,000 for the conduct of a series of investigations into subversive activities by the Judiciary Committee as requested by Rep. John Ashbrook of Ohio.

STATUS OF PANAMA CANAL—Negotiations continue on the future status of the Panama Canal. It is believed that the eventual treaty will call for Panamanian control of the Canal by the year 2000 but with Panama gaining increasing operational responsibilities until the turn of the century. It is believed that the United States will press for a hand in the defense of the Canal until well into the 21st century or until the Canal is no longer considered vital for economic and military purposes.

In mid June four former Chiefs of Naval Operations, Admirals George Anderson, Arleigh Burke, Robert Carney, and Thomas Moorer signed a statement in which they advised the President to retain full control over the Canal as an essential element in the maintenance of our nation's security and that of the free world. Their joint statement read in part:

Our experience has been that as each crisis developed during our

active service—World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and the Cuban missile crisis—the value of the canal was forcefully emphasized by emergency transits of our naval units and massive logistics support for the Armed Forces.

The canal provided operational flexibility and rapid mobility. In addition, there are the psychological advantages of this power potential. As Commander-in-Chief, you will find the ownership and sovereign control of the canal indispensable during periods of tension and conflict.

The Panama Canal represents a vital portion of our U.S. naval and maritime assets, all of which are absolutely essential for free world security. It is our considered individual and combined judgment that you should instruct our negotiators to retain full sovereign control for the United States over both the Panama Canal and its protective frame, the U.S. Canal Zone, as provided in the existing treaty.

Any treaty that is negotiated must be ratified by a two-thirds vote of the Senate before it can become law. How the Senate will view the issue is a matter of conjecture at this point. But it seems clear that the Administration will have a difficult time convincing one-third of the Senate plus one to vote for a treaty if that treaty gives away *practical* control over the Canal. And under the rules of the Senate, one third plus one of its membership can block ratification. In the judgment of your chairman, the United States must not bargain away practical control of the Canal Zone for the foreseeable future.

PARDON PROGRAM FUNDING—The Senate by a 38-aye, 44-nay vote on June 24 refused to delete Section 606 from H.R. 7556, the amendment to the appropriations bill for the Departments of State, Justice, Commerce, and the Judiciary banning the use of funds for President Carter's program of amnesty for Vietnam Era draft dodgers. Sponsored by Rep. John Myers of Indiana, the amendment passed the House on March 16. The legislative action may have limited impact, however, as it cannot reverse a presidential pardon.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1977-78—In recognition of some of the issues discussed in this Report, the following recommendations are made on behalf of the Committee on Legislation:

Recommendation #1: That our Order give full support and encouragement to efforts to return the observance of Memorial Day to May 30 at both federal and State levels.

Recommendation #2: That our Order commend Senators Eastland and McClellan for their efforts in restoring the responsibility of oversight for internal security matters to a subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Recommendation #3: That our Order urge the House of Representatives to restore the House Committee on Internal Security to its former status as a standing committee.

Recommendation #4: That our Order oppose all efforts to dilute United States control over the Panama Canal Zone.

It is a pleasure for your chairman to acknowledge the support given him by his colleagues on the Committee: C. LeRoy Stoudt, Cleon E. Heald,

the Rev. Richard O. Partington and John Junge. It has been an honor and a personal privilege for him to serve our Commander-in-Chief in this capacity during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
FOR THE COMMITTEE
Thomas L. W. Johnson, Chairman

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: Commander-in-Chief, I would move you that the report be accepted and where there appear no objections the recommendations be approved upon the sound of the gavel. Motion seconded by P.D.C. Grover R. Huff and carried unanimously.

Recommendation #1—concurred in

Recommendation #2—concurred in

Recommendation #3—concurred in

Recommendation #4—concurred in

Brother Heacock commended the Chairman of the Committee on Legislation for his comprehensive and excellent report. Brother Heacock urged all delegates to emphasize with their legislative representatives in Congress the importance of restoring the observance of Memorial Day to May 30 so that the tradition established by General John A. Logan will be kept alive.

C.-in-C. Wheeler: I think that about 2:30 tomorrow afternoon may be a good time to visit the Ladies of the G.A.R. and the Auxiliary. I think that for the visitation to the Ladies of the G.A.R. all the P.C.-in-C's. will be the Committee, and I would like to have P.C.-in-C. Frank Heacock be the Chairman. With regard to the Auxiliary, it is custom for the whole convention to go in, and being that Minnie Madeiros is from Massachusetts, I would like to have Brother Haskell be chairman of the visiting committee. When it comes time for the responses when the visitation committees come in here, I would like to have Brother Allen Howland respond to the Auxiliary Committee and Brother John Stark to the Ladies of the G.A.R. I will now entertain a motion to recess.

P.C.-in-C. Stoudt: Before we recess, Commander-in-Chief, in past years it would require about two minutes' time for the Site Committee to present their report and be accepted. This year it could require two hours, so may I respectfully request that the report of this Committee be the first order of business tomorrow morning so I might get to the Ladies of the Auxiliary and the Ladies of the Grand Army after we have disposed of it.

C.-in-C. Wheeler: It is agreed, Brother Stoudt.

P.C.-in-C. Stoudt: Thank you, Sir.

C.-in-C. Wheeler: I will entertain a motion to recess.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: I move we recess to reconvene tomorrow morning at 9 a.m. The motion was seconded by P.C.-in-C. Haskell and carried unanimously.

The Bible was closed by the National Chaplain at 3:50 p.m.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

August 16, 1977

9:06 a.m.

National Chaplain Wyman opened the Bible.

C.-in-C. Wheeler: Our first business this morning will be the Report of the Site Committee.

P.C.-in-C. Stoudt: Your Site Committee is comprised of P.C.-in-C. and National Secretary-Treasurer Fred H. Combs, Jr. of New Jersey; P.C.-in-C. William Haskell of Massachusetts; and myself of Pennsylvania. Your Committee this year has been faced with the fact that we did not have an invitation. I was cognizant of the fact that each year more of our people are traveling by air and that most of our delegation come from Pennsylvania and east. For many of our members, the Encampment is their only vacation and their only opportunity to get to other cities. I had heard from several sources that Toronto is a beautiful convention city, so I checked the mileage to Toronto and found that it wasn't as far as some of the other places we have gone. One member of my committee said he was 100% in favor and the other said he was very much in favor of it. Last December Brother Combs and I spoke to several who were at a dinner and not one, including the Commander-in-Chief, was opposed to it. The regulations say you should meet at a time and place decided by your Site Committee. We now had a place in mind and no objections. However, I waited until after the first of the year to give anyone a chance to contact me who felt that we should not go out of the Country. I heard nothing. So I started to contact hotels in Toronto. One was far too expensive for our group. After three telephone conversations with another hotel, I struck a bargain with them; they will give us all the complimentary rooms and concessions we asked for, and the prices are reasonable. I then contacted the committee and said I felt that we could not do better any place and the committee members were in agreement, so on March 28 I consummated the deal. Back in December, I spoke to the Commander-in-Chief and heard nothing at all against it until in April when I heard from Brother Shriver saying he had received a letter from the Commander-in-Chief saying the Massachusetts Department was in an uproar about it. Some of the objections stated were:

- a. We should not go out of the country
- b. We should not go to a country which accepts draft dodgers from the U.S.
- c. Toronto is too far
- d. By staying in the States we would conserve energy

(Brother Stoudt commented that Toronto would be closer for the greater majority of delegates than were Columbus and Des Moines.)

In a publication which lists where conventions are held throughout the world, Toronto covered four pages; 121 were from the United States in 1978. Apparently, others do not feel that Toronto is objectionable. I will, therefore, recommend on behalf of the Site Committee that we meet in the Lord Simcoe Hotel in Toronto next year, the same week as this.

P.D.C. Elton Koch moved, seconded by P.D.C. Richard Partington, to accept the recommendation of the Site Committee that we go to Toronto in 1978 for our Encampment.

During the lengthy discussion which followed, Brother Brady inquired about the Illinois invitation to meet there in 1978 and Brother Stoudt replied that the invitation was not received until after the Toronto contract was signed. Illinois and Iowa both discussed the subject with Brother Stoudt two years ago. Illinois did not follow through, but Iowa did, and we are meeting in Iowa this year.

P.C.-in-C. Rippey: Commander-in-Chief, as part of the work that was delegated to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations, we looked up the Charter, that is the Act of Congress by which we exist, and I feel that I do have to point this out. As far as I am concerned, personally, Toronto is a very fine city and I indicated to Brother Stoudt last November that I had no objection myself to going there. However, the following provisions in the Charter are significant:

1. "The meetings of the National Encampment *MAY* be held in any State or territory or in the District of Columbia."

2. "The principal office of the corporation shall be located in Trenton, New Jersey or in such other place as may be determined by the Council of Administration, but the activities of the corporation shall not be confined to that place but may be conducted throughout the various States, the District of Columbia, and territories and possessions of the United States."

Throughout the Charter the word "shall" is used in different parts of the record, and the part I've just read uses the word "may" which is legally permissive. However, it is a general principal of interpretation of Acts of Congress that when they specify certain places, that is exclusive of all other places. I don't know the extent of the provisions of any contract that may have been signed as of this time by Brother Stoudt. If there is a contract that is binding, then it is binding on our entire Organization because he speaks for the Organization, and it's provided that anyone acting within the scope of his authority does bind the entire Organization. However, Congress has provided also the right to alter, amend or repeal this Act is expressly reserved. It is very possible that Congress may make no objection at all if we go to Toronto. However, they might because we have to provide copies of our Proceedings each year to Congress; that's provided in the Charter. As to my own personal feelings on this, I have been in Toronto to other conventions; however, the circumstances were a little bit different, and I feel that I have to point this out to you.

P.C.-in-C. Stoudt: I was aware of this, but as long as it didn't say "shall" I was not too concerned with it. I will ask the Secretary to read from the Proceedings of the 1972 Philadelphia Encampment. I had served about nine years at that time, and, as I said before, the report of the Encampment Site Committee each year took only about two minutes to accept. However, I felt sure that at some time someone would raise the question, "What right does that Committee have to do this and that?" I was right. So in 1972 in Philadelphia I asked you to tell us what we can do.

Secy.-Treas. Combs: I am reading from page 52 of the 1972 Proceedings, P.C.-in-C. Stoudt speaking—" Now that you have bound our Organization to these dates and places (New York—1975; Ohio—1976) what is your desire as to who will arrange the Encampment site locations in the future? Following some discussion on pros and cons, a motion was made by P.D.C. Allen B. Howland, seconded by P.C.-in-C. Arnold that the entire matter of selecting the Encampment site hotel for all National Encampments be left in the hands of the National Encampment Site

Committee. This is to include rates, concessions, complimentary rooms, etc. The motion was carried."

P.C.-in-C. Stoudt: I just wanted to refresh your memories on that, Brothers, to show that this year your committee did nothing they were not authorized to do.

P.D.C. Brady: The reason the Illinois invitation was so late was because the Ladies do not have a mid-winter meeting, and we could not extend the invitation until after their meeting in June.

Secy.-Treas. Combs: Commander-in-Chief, Brothers, I could not sit down here any longer and let Brother Stoudt take all the criticism. I was a member of that Committee appointed by the Commander-in-Chief. When I was asked my feelings about going to Toronto, my answer was the same as that expressed just a few minutes ago by P.C.-in-C. Rippey—I saw no objections to it. And I don't have any objections now, except I believe we must be aware of things that are brought to our attention. A question as to legality has been brought to our attention and should be given careful consideration.

Brother Robert McCandless: Brothers, wherever you find two lawyers you find two opinions on the law, but I think you're overlooking the legal point. In law, we say *expressio unius est exclusio alterius*. That means, when it says you can do 1, 2, and 3, you can't do 3 and 4. Now it says in our Charter of Incorporation, you MAY hold your business throughout the United States, the District of Columbia, the territories and possessions of the United States, and that excludes Canada, Italy, Spain, or wherever you want to go, and the other thing to remember is that if we don't decide the legal question and decide it right, Congress will slap our hands before we get there.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: Next June, God willing, will be my 50th consecutive Department Encampment. Since I was Department Commander 35 years ago, I'm sure the Proceedings will show that LeRoy Stoudt and I have opposed each other on more issues than we have agreed upon. But when the law of the point of order or the law of the Organization is concerned, I will stick with the devil if he is right! The committee has acted within its jurisdiction. Anyone of you who has never served on a Site Committee has no idea how hard their job is, and you can't wait until the middle of this year to decide where you're going to go next August. You have to get what you can when you can and bind it down. Keep in mind when you cast your vote that the committee did for this Organization what each and every one of us is bound to do—abide by the rules and regulations.

At this point, Dept. Commander McCoy of Iowa announced that if we wanted to come back to Iowa next year, the Iowa Department and the Savery Hotel would be happy to have us hold our Encampment in Des Moines.

C.-in-C. Wheeler: Brother Rippey, is there really a legal problem?

P.C.-in-C. Rippey: I must remind you again that when Congress undertakes to enumerate certain places, it is considered to be exclusive of all other places. We could ask Congress to grant us permission, and they might get to it in time or they might not. The other point is that Congress might not object to our going to Canada, and if we went they might say we shouldn't have done it and let it go at that.

Brother McCandless: Meeting outside of the United States in this case is *ultra vires* (beyond the scope of authority), and if we say to Congress,

"We're going to do as we please," they have every right to take away the Act of Congress that legalized it.

P.C.-in-C. Rippey: I do not know to what extent we are definitely committed to Toronto or what we could do to get out of it, so that remains to be seen to. Brother Commander-in-Chief, there is one other thing we can do, and that is pass a motion that we accept that and go to Toronto on condition that Congress will give permission to do so. Now, that will take time.

C.-in-C. Wheeler: If you boys want to take the chance of losing your Congressional Charter, then its up to you. Actually, Brother Rippey hasn't said that we can go to Toronto legally, and I don't think he wants to take the responsibility of doing so.

P.C.-in-C. Howland: Commander-in-Chief, it seems to me that we've discussed this matter enough, and I'm sure every Brother in the hall knows how he's going to vote. The question is, "Is it legal or is it not legal?" No, it's not legal. The motion was that we go to Toronto, and it was seconded.

After much discussion, the motion was withdrawn by the maker, P.D.C. Elton Koch, with the approval of P.D.C. Richard Partington, who had seconded the motion.

The following motion was then made by P.D.C. Koch, seconded by P.D.C. Partington:

"That we accept the recommendation of the Encampment Site Committee that we go to Toronto for the 1978 Encampment, subject to the approval of the Federal Government to be obtained by December 31, 1977, such contact to be made by P.C.-in-C. Rippey."

There was a call for a roll call vote. P.C.-in-C. Chester S. Shriver and P.D.C. Albert W. Lambert served as recorders of the votes cast orally by the individual delegates. This final tally was 31 in favor of the motion; 25 opposed. The motion carried.

P.C.-in-C. Stoudt: Commander-in-Chief, we have two invitations from Connecticut, one from Michigan, one from Illinois, and one from Iowa which we wouldn't consider under any circumstances because it would not be fair to the Department to come back two years in a row. May I retire, Sir, to go to the Ladies with our decision.

C.-in-C. Wheeler: Yes, Brother Stoudt, you may. Brothers, we'll take one or two quick committee reports. First, we'll have the report of the Lincoln Tomb Committee. (The following report was read by P.C.-in-C. George Cashman.)

REPORT OF LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY COMMITTEE

TO: Kenneth T. Wheeler, Commander-in-Chief -

Greetings: Your committee, appointed to conduct the annual Deathday ceremony on April 15 at the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois, begs leave to submit the following report.

1. The 21st Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony sponsored by our Order with the active assistance of The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States recorded the presentation of 75 commemorative wreaths and the presence of 125 luncheon guests who gathered at the State House Inn following the rites at the tomb.

2. Representing Commander-in-Chief Kenneth T. Wheeler who was unable to be present, were National Patriotic Instructor Charles A. Brady, Jr., who presented the wreath for the Commandery-in-Chief, and Past Commander-in-Chief George L. Cashman who delivered the Commander-in-Chief's address. They were joined by Col. Joseph B. Daugherty, Commander-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion, who represented that worthy Order.

3. Under the talented command of Capt. Robert M. Graham, a co-chairman of the ceremony, the 114th Regt., Ill. Vol. Inf. (Reactivated) served as the official honor guard for the ceremony and provided escorts for the wreathbearers.

4. Mr. John W. Cox, superintendent of Camp Butler National Military Cemetery, Springfield, was the luncheon speaker and he described the history of Camp Butler as a Civil War cantonment. He also discussed the development of military cemeteries in the United States.

5. Departments of our Order and/or its Auxiliary which took part in the ceremony were Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin. In addition, Camps from Peoria and Springfield, Illinois, and Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, and the new Auxiliary from Springfield also took part. For the first time at the ceremony, a Camp from the Sons of Confederate Veterans was represented among the wreathbearers.

6. Through the exercise of careful planning and budgeting, your committee spent the net sum of \$366.54 from its appropriation for the conduct of the ceremony. The largest single saving this year was represented by the use of 200 folding chairs on free loan from the Springfield Election Commission through an agreement negotiated by Robert Graham. Other savings came in the form of donated secretarial services and duplicating service.

7. Due to the death of his mother on the day preceding the ceremony, Wayne C. Temple, a co-chairman, was unable to participate this year.

8. **RECOMMENDATIONS for 1978**—Your committee continues to be grateful and proud of the generosity of the National Organization in providing funds for the operation of the ceremony each year. We believe this event remains one of the prime attractions on our patriotic calendar each year.

In keeping with this observation and to help insure that the quality of the ceremony remains undiluted, we recommend that the appropriation of \$400.00 granted for 1976 be continued at that level for 1977. In return, we pledge the continuation of careful and prudent management that should enable us to stay within the limits of the funds provided.

9. For a complete account of the 1977 ceremony, your attention is invited to the July 1977 issue of *The BANNER*.

Respectfully submitted,
George L. Cashman, Co-chairman
Thomas L. W. Johnson, Co-chairman
Robert M. Graham, Co-chairman
Wayne C. Temple, Co-chairman

P.D.C. Eugene Russell: Commander-in-Chief, a member of the Ladies of the G.A.R. just handed to me a statue of Jefferson, indicative of the fact that, although we're not all Democrats, we do believe in the democratic process.

C-in-C. Wheeler: Thank you, Brother Russell, and very sincere thanks to the donor. Brothers, the recommendation contained in the report of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committee must be voted on.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: Commander-in-Chief, I move you that the very fine report of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committee be accepted and the recommendation for the appropriation for 1978 be referred to the Budget Committee; seconded by P.D.C. Thomas Monahan. The motion passed unanimously.

C.-in-C. Wheeler: We'll now have the report of the Remembrance Day Committee.

P.C.-in-C. Shriver: Commander-in-Chief Wheeler, it is my pleasure to present to you this short report on behalf of Camp No. 112 in Gettysburg regarding the 20th annual G.A.R. Remembrance Day at Gettysburg held last November 20th. Before I submit this report to you, may I ask each one of you who has never been there to try to arrange your itinerary to include a visit to Gettysburg and to do so while you remember the battlefield as it is now, because the Federal Government is sure tearing "heck" out of the battlefield at Gettysburg under the Master Plan. I am sorry I have to add this, but there is a possibility that some day Zeigler's Grove might not be Zeigler's Grove in the Plan. There are copies of the 1976 Remembrance Day program on the table. Please feel free to pick one up and take it back to your Department.

REPORT OF G.A.R. REMEMBRANCE DAY COMMITTEE

TO: Commander-in-Chief Kenneth T. Wheeler and the
Officers and Delegates Assembled for the 96th Annual National
Encampment:

1. The National GAR Remembrance Day Committee, appointed by Commander-in-Chief Wheeler one year ago as per General Order No. 1, Series 1976-1977, submits this report of activity for the records of this Encampment.

2. Amid beautiful late fall weather, the 20th Annual Grand Army of The Republic programs were held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania at the site of the Albert Woolson Monument and in the National Park Service Visitors Center located in Zeigler's Grove on Saturday November 20th, 1976. Representatives of the National Organizations' Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Pennsylvania Department Heads, or their representatives, placed Memorial Wreaths for their respective Organizations. The Master of Ceremonies was Atty. Joseph S. Rippey, Past Commander-in-Chief. Dr. Robert A. MacAskill, Pastor of the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church and former Pastor for General and President Eisenhower, delivered the opening and closing prayers.

Lieutenant Colonel Francis C. Vossen, Professor of Military Science of Gettysburg College, delivered the Tribute to the occasion, recalling those "Deeds of both Armies that served in the American Civil War, and especially to those men who fought on these fields here at Gettysburg".

The presentation of the Commandery-in-Chief's Colors was conducted by the 11th Pa. Vol. Inf., SVR, at Gettysburg. Music of the Civil War era was presented by the Lancaster Fencibles Fife and Drum Corps. The wreath-laying Ceremony was witnessed by approximately 800 people, including nearly 500 Civil War Re-activated Troops, who advanced to the Woolson Statue following the traditional Parade from the Streets of Gettysburg. The auditorium was filled for the formal remarks by the National and Department Heads.

3. Your Committee expresses its thanks for the special Invitation Notice carried by *The BANNER* in the October 1976 issue as well as the front page coverage in the January 1977 issue. This means of communication

reaches those of our membership who cannot be present for this traditional and meaningful ceremony which has been acclaimed as the only program in completeness by the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic for their REMEMBRANCE. With limited expenses, this Program still rates No. 1 on the priority for future years. For complete coverage of the 20th Annual Observance, refer to those issues of *The BANNER* noted above.

YOURS IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY AND LOYALTY,

Arthur W. Warman, Chairman
John H. Stark, P.C.-in-C.
Barry E. Snyder, Secy.
Dr. Joseph L. Riley, Camp Cmdr.
G. Henry Roth, Past Camp Cmdr.

(Members of Gettysburg Camp No. 112, Gettysburg, Pa.)

C.-in-C. Wheeler: Brothers, you've heard this excellent report, what do you wish to do with it?

P.D.C. Koch: Commander-in-Chief, I move the report be accepted and that the \$200 be appropriated toward the 21st G.A.R. Remembrance Day; seconded by Brother Bury. Motion carried.

C.-in-C. Wheeler: We will now have the report of the Fraternal Relations Committee by P.D.C. Miles Harrington of Massachusetts.

REPORT OF FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

To the Officers and Members of the
96th Annual Encampment—
Greetings:

The report of the Fraternal Relations Committee is as follows:

The New Hampshire Department is very happy to report that our Fraternal Relations Committees meet three times a year for meetings, with all five G.A.R. Orders represented, and they are all very friendly.

This Committee feels that this same Fraternal Relations with all five G.A.R. Orders should exist *Nationally* as well as *Departmentally*.

Recommendation: That the National Encampment should draw up guidelines for future National Fraternal Relations Committees to follow in securing fraternal relations information from the various Departments and in providing possible leadership in the development of improved relations with the Allied Orders.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,
Robert Lawrence, Chairman
Edwin K. Kramer
Robert Wishart
Eugene E. Russell
Miles Harrington

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: Commander-in-Chief, I would move you the report be accepted and the recommendation be referred to the Council of Administration for proper implementation thereof; seconded by P.D.C. William Rule. Passed unanimously.

The Encampment recessed at 11:45 a.m. Chaplain Wyman closed the Bible.

The Encampment opened again at 1:15 p.m. with the Bible being opened by the Chaplain, Brother Wyman.

C.-in-C. Wheeler: Would the Iowa Encampment Committee have anything that they would like to say at this time?

D.C. Richard McCoy gave details of the historical tour planned for Thursday, including the dedication of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Monument at the Capitol Building in Des Moines.

C.-in-C. Wheeler: Brother Rippey, do you suppose we could have your report now?

P.C.-in-C. Rippey: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, this is an interim report. Our committee was charged with the duty of preparing a Constitution and Regulations in up-to-date and rather easy to read form and also to duplicate for you the Charter of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War which was granted by Congress. The reason for that is because most of us, as I understand, have heard of the Charter but have never seen one. The first six pages of this booklet do contain the complete transcript of our original Charter which is equivalent to the Certificate of Incorporation. As to the papers which we are concerned with, there are a total of four. The Charter, the Constitution (consisting of one sheet of paper, pages 1 & 2), the Regulations which consist of the balance of the booklet up to page 12 at the end. I also bring to your attention that the Ritual is also made a part of the Regulations, but we were not concerned with the Ritual so nothing was done about that. The booklet which you have is the Constitution and Regulations up to date. It's dated on August 10th because that's the time when it was duplicated, but nothing has transpired in the meantime. As to the Certificate of Incorporation, that is for information only because, of course, there is nothing that we can do about that here. As to the Constitution, I remind you that if any amendments are reported, they have to be submitted by a Department at least forty days before an Encampment and published in General Orders and then any change has to be approved by a 2/3 vote of the Encampment and later ratified by at least 50% of the Departments so that a change in the Constitution would not become effective at this Encampment. As to the Regulations, changes can be made at any Encampment by a majority vote. An advantage of the method in which this was duplicated is that the printed part is all from the 1956 edition. The typed part you can easily distinguish, and these are all of the changes that were made in the meantime from 1956 up to the last Encampment last year. Our committee, of course, could not by themselves make any change; that is up to the Encampment. We can, however, make suggestions and propose changes to bring it up to date. As to the Constitution itself (pages 1 and 2) after the Charter, that seems to be in pretty good shape, but we do suggest this: on page two, Article Seven, called Membership, Section Three, under the end of that section. You can follow in your booklets as I go along. This is a suggestion—in the last sentence of Section Three it provides that "said associates shall be ineligible for full membership due to lack of lineal descent from a Union veteran of the Civil War." We propose to add right at that point "and shall not be eligible to hold the office of Commander-in-Chief." As it stands right now, associates can hold any elected or appointed office. It seems that the office of Commander-in-Chief was accepted at one time but some way or other it got lost in various amendments that were made to that particular section. I'll read those words

again that we would add after the Civil War—"and shall not be eligible to hold the office of Commander-in-Chief." The reason it is worded that way rather than wording such as "shall be ineligible for election to the office of Commander-in-Chief" is because it is possible that a Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief might succeed to this office and that is not intended. So it's worded that way that he shall not be eligible to hold the office. Commander-in-Chief, I can read all of our changes and then go back to them or we can consider them separately, whichever is most reasonable.

C.-in-C. Wheeler: As far as I'm concerned, I think it might be better to take them separately because then if we have to interrupt we will be at a point.

P.C.-in-C. Rippey: This particular one is the only change we have to suggest to the Constitution and all we can do if we do anything is to pass it at this meeting by a 2/3 vote and then it has to be submitted to the Departments.

C.-in-C. Wheeler: What do you wish to do with this?

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: Commander-in-Chief, in view of the proposal that is coming in from Ohio pertaining to the eligibility of collateral descendants, wouldn't the chairman think it might be well that in this same paragraph to which he is referring that the sentence that ends with "Civil War" should read "Associates shall not be ineligible for membership due to lack of lineal or collateral descendants from a Union Veteran of the Civil War."

P.C.-in-C. Rippey: I was going to come to that but so far there has only been one proposed change submitted to the committee during this Encampment. But I'm aware of that because it was published in *The BANNER*. I was going to discuss it later but I will be glad to discuss it with you right now.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock questioned lineal and collateral descendants and Brother Rippey explained that lineal descendants go down from a specific starting point, down the line, so to speak, and collateral descendants go sideways, like brothers and sisters. By not having the word "collateral" all you do is eliminate descendants from his brothers and sisters or uncles and aunts because they are collaterals at that point. If we would allow them to start the line of descent, then we would go all the way back to Adam and Eve. Now, if the starting point is the Civil War veteran himself and we only eliminate the collaterals in his own generation and we go down to the next generation there would be brothers and sisters that would be collateral among themselves, but they would still be eligible because they would have direct descent from the veteran. We also feel that we have so many people in this country who are eligible for our Organization that if we can get them in we don't have to go into Associates. Likewise, if we change it to allow collaterals all the way along the line we're diluting our membership, so the committee feels that it is all right as it is and we should not add collaterals there.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: Commander-in-Chief, is a collateral descendant considered a blood relative?

P.C.-in-C. Rippey: Not in the first generation.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: What is a blood relative of a veteran?

P.C.-in-C. Rippey: That includes going up the line as well as down, because they're blood relatives, too.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: Our Charter says we should admit blood relatives.

P.C.-in-C. Rippey: It limits it to blood relatives; in other words, that would eliminate people by marriage.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: Is not a veteran's brother's grandson a blood relative of that veteran?

P.C.-in-C. Rippey: That is true, he is, but the Charter puts a limitation on blood relatives in this way. They call them blood relatives, which eliminates marriage, for example. Our Charter is a limitation proposition; it states that eligibility for membership in the corporation shall be limited to male blood descendants of those who served between specific dates.

C.-in-C. Wheeler: May I interrupt just a minute. Is there a National President waiting to come in?

P.D.C. Russell: Yes, Commander-in-Chief, there is.

The National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans, Leila O'Donnell, was escorted in, after which she was introduced to the Encampment by J. B. Johnson, P.D.C., Iowa. She made some very complimentary and appropriate remarks. P.C.-in-C. George Cashman responded.

P.D.C. Rule: I think there is one matter of unfinished business from this morning and since the Chairman of the Site Committee is in the room now, I will make a motion that we give a rising vote of thanks to the Chairman and the entire committee for the excellent work that they did throughout the year; seconded by Albert Lambert and passed unanimously.

P.C.-in-C. Stoudt: Thank you, Brothers.

C.-in-C. Wheeler: We had planned on making our visitations to the Ladies of the G.A.R. and to the Auxiliary within this time span and we're on the subject of blood relatives. We should recess in five or ten minutes to make these visitations.

Following further discussion regarding changes in the Constitution and Regulations by Brothers Wolz, Lambert, Shriver and others, Brother Rippey re-stated the fact that this was an interim report and his Committee's final report would be presented on Wednesday. (This final report and action taken by this Encampment appear as part of Wednesday's Session in these Proceedings.)

C.-in-C. Wheeler: I think at this time we will recess and anyone who wants to go to visit the Ladies of the G.A.R. is welcome to go. We will first go to the Ladies and then to the Auxiliary. We will re-convene at 3:00 p.m.

Brother Wolz moved, seconded by Brother Edson Baker of New York, that we recess until 3:00 p.m. Motion passed. National Chaplain Wyman closed the Bible.

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3:40 p.m.

Reconvened with the opening of the Bible by the National Chaplain.

A delegation from the Ladies of the G.A.R. visited the Encampment immediately following the recess and were introduced individually. The National President, Elizabeth Koch, and all Past National Presidents of the delegation were escorted to the podium where they made appropriate remarks, as did other members of the delegation. P.C.-in-C. John C. Yocum responded.

C.-in-C. Wheeler: We will now hear the Report of P.C.-in-C. Howland, Chairman of the Committee on Officers' Reports.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock moved, seconded by P.C.-in-C. Haskell, that where there be no objections to the report as given by the committee, their recommendations be approved by the sound of the gavel. Motion passed unanimously.

P.C.-in-C. Howland: The committee wishes to compliment all officers for excellent reports which display sincere interest and genuine forethought.

Commander-in-Chief's Report:

1. that funds for the Commander-in-Chief be increased to \$1,400.00
non-concurrence
2. continue to participate in services at Lincoln Memorial
concur
3. continue to participate in services at Lincoln's Tomb
concur
4. that a \$300.00 scholarship be presented to student at college chosen by Commander-in-Chief
We concur and refer to the budget committee for the amount of said scholarship.
5. that we continue to participate in services at Cathedral in the Pines
concur
6. convention site (passed over—already taken care of)
7. concerning deadline for articles to be published in *The BANNER*
We agree in principle, but feel that the Editor should establish his own schedule.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Report:

1. that a portion of the Centennial Fund be expended for promotional program
We agree in principle but recommend that such funds come from other sources.

National Graves Registration Officer's Report:

1. that local Graves Registration Officers lend support to the National Graves Registration Officer
concur
2. that the National Organization purchase 50 flag holders
non-concurrence

National Secretary-Treasurer's Report:

1. that per capita tax remain at 55¢ per quarter per member
concur
2. that we continue our ad in the *Civil War Times*
concur
3. that each camp that has not complied have two copies of its Charter made and send one to Department and one to National by December 31, 1977
concur
4. that each Department that has not complied have two copies of Charter made and retain one and send one to National by December 31, 1977
concur

That completes the report. I make a motion that the committee's report be accepted as agreed on by this Encampment. Motion seconded by P.D.C. Rule and passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AMERICANISM AND EDUCATION

To Kenneth T. Wheeler, Commander-in-Chief
and the Officers and Members of the 96th Annual

Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

I have received two reports from the members of our Americanism and Education Committee, both from the State of Ohio, and my own report from New York, proving that our Organization needs better cooperation with members and the committees.

The reports are submitted for filing with the materials of this 1977 Encampment, along with a copy of the American Legion Joint Patriotic Project that was carried out in Buffalo, N. Y. and Western New York in various cemeteries where the Sons and Legionnaires were flagging veterans' graves. This petition was for the public to sign for the *American's Creed*, "to support the Constitution, respect its Flag, and defend it from all enemies". Many people refused to sign this, and gave many excuses to all veterans and our Sons of Union Veterans, having our Memorial Day Services at that cemetery.

In our area—New York State, Buffalo, Western New York—I interviewed high school principals, history teachers, social subjects teachers, now called Cultural Development and Current Events, which contains history of all wars, including Civil War. This curriculum covers patriotism, respect of our Country, Flag and Americanism. The new type of school is called middle school or magnet school to balance the integration and busing of children to various districts. The teachers stress all the holidays, such as Memorial Day, Flag Day, Lincoln's Birthday, and speakers talk in the assemblies on that subject. This type of teaching, along with ceremonies at cemeteries on Memorial Day when Camp 223 of Buffalo has two high school bands and their teachers to help flag Civil War Graves at the Civil War Monument with a speaker on the Civil War and G.A.R., gives our Organization a very big boost, especially when the TV cameras and press photographers print the pictures in the daily papers. Politicians like to be asked to speak, also.

The Sons of Veterans Reserve Troops in parades and color guards create attraction and interest the public wherever there are ceremonies or parades. Our annual Lincoln Day dinners held in Buffalo bring new members and provide an excellent time to invite the public and again publicize our Organization.

May 5, 1866—the Memorial Day Parade and Services at Waterloo, New York—is the birthplace of the first Memorial Day, and a service and parade of SVR troops is held there each year on the 30th of May. The Civil War Round Table and Military History Chapter held in Buffalo each month is another promoting of Americanism and Education in the public eye; this is held in our Historical Building.

We, in Buffalo, may not be able to flag Civil War Graves next year, due to the lack of funds for flags supplied by County and American Legion Organizations. We are trying to get the public officials educated in Americanism and Patriotism and what our Organization stands for—*Keeping America American*.

New York State has passed the Bill and the Governor signed it May, 1977 on the Restoration of Memorial Day to May 30th. We are now working on the Federal Bill, H.R. No. 7232, pending in the House Subcommittee on Census and Population. Every member of this organization should help by writing to his Congressman to pass this Bill restoring Memorial Day to May 30th. Your Committee on Memorial Day Restoration

with P.C.-in-C. Frank Heacock, Chairman, has been working very hard to get this Bill passed.

This Committee on Americanism and Education, feeling the importance intended for it in assisting our Organization to uphold our obligations as true members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, submits the following recommendation:

That each Department of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, send a Report on Americanism and Education to this Committee so a better and more complete report can be given to the members attending the annual Encampments.

Respectfully submitted,
FOR THE COMMITTEE
Harry E. Gibbons, Chairman
P.D.C., New York Department

A motion was made by National Junior Vice C.-in-C. Richard L. Greenwalt and seconded by Department Commander Cyril C. Gumbinger of Illinois, that the report be received. The motion passed.

P.C.-in-C. Norman Furman: Two years ago, when I first became Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee, I found out through one of the members of my committee that the Pennsylvania Brigade was not governed by the National Organization, SVR, but was instead governed by the Military Affairs Committee of the Pennsylvania Department, SUVCW, and I ask you to bear this in mind as I read this report.

REPORT OF THE MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

TO: Commander-in-Chief Kenneth T. Wheeler,
and Officers and Members in Convention Assembled at Des Moines, Iowa, August, 1977:

Once more it has been an honor, Commander-in-Chief, to serve as Chairman of the National Military Affairs Committee of the Sons of Union Veterans.

The Sons of Veterans Reserve, under the able leadership of Brigadier General Chester S. Shriver, has made great strides in membership, and in service to the Parent Order, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

General Shriver has submitted to me very comprehensive reports on the Administration of the National Military Department, Sons of Veterans Reserve, but I am still looking forward to his ANNUAL report to this Encampment, and to that of The Adjutant General.

I have suggested to General Shriver that DUES and FEES FOR COMMISSIONS be increased, to try to make the Reserves more self-supporting, but until this can be implemented, I recommend (1) that the sum of One Hundred Fifty (\$150.00) Dollars be paid to the National Military Department to partly cover the cost of Administration of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

For several years we have had problems with the PENNSYLVANIA BRIGADE, such as failure to submit reports and dues, lack of communication with Units in the Pennsylvania Brigade, and a TOTAL LACK OF RESPECT AND COOPERATION with the National Military Department, Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Therefore, I recommend (2) that the PENNSYLVANIA BRIGADE be regarded as an ELITE unit, similar to the OLD GUARD of New York, answerable ONLY to ITSELF and the Pennsylvania Department, Sons of

Union Veterans of the Civil War, and that UNITS within the Department of Pennsylvania be given their choice of joining EITHER the Pennsylvania Brigade (with their consent) or the Second Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve.

During the past year, I have investigated thoroughly the formation, by General Shriver, of TWO BRIGADES within the Department of New York, and have come to the conclusion that it would be in the best interest of the Sons of Veterans Reserve to RETAIN the two Brigades, and I hereby recommend (3) that this be done.

I have heard, from all over the country, complaints about the action taken in eliminating FEMALES from the RANKS of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, and I recommend (4) that this action be RECONSIDERED.

Our Commander-in-Chief has submitted a very favorable report on Fort Chickamauga, the Headquarters of our FIFTH MILITARY DISTRICT, Sons of Veterans Reserve, and several of our Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are members of the Fort Chickamauga National Historical Society. I would like very much to see the establishment of something SIMILAR to Fort Chickamauga in the EASTERN part of the United States.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Norman R. Furman,
Chairman, N.M.A.C.

Note: The Chairman of the N.M.A.C. also informed the Encampment of changes in the SVR Standard Operating Procedure which were approved unanimously by the Committee on November 20, 1976.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock moved, seconded by Brother McCandless, that the report be accepted and that the recommendations be approved, where there be no objections, by the sound of the gavel.

C.-in-C. Wheeler: Are there any objections on the recommendations?

Rec. #1—no objection

Rec. #2—no objection

Rec. #3—no objection

Rec. #4—non-concurrence (see discussion immediately below)

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: I'm not opposed to the Ladies—in many cases our Allied Orders could not survive without them, but nowhere have I been able to find that during the Civil War there was such a thing as a WAC or whatever terminology you want to use. True, there were a few who donned men's uniforms and got into the Civil War. I think history will show that during the Civil War there were women nurses. However, I move you, sir, that we do not concur in Recommendation #4. The motion was seconded by Brother Stoudt, who asked: "Did we not last year act on the recommendation of the Reserves to eliminate the WACS and instead have the nurses?"

P.C.-in-C. Furman: I am not referring to WACS. I have had pressure from all over the Country put on me by the Reserves as well as the Sons, and I have presented a stack of petitions stating that they would like to become a member of the SVR in the capacity that they participated in the Civil War. The SVR does recognize the nurses, but they are not recognized by the parent body—the SUVCW—and they want to be recognized by the SUVCW.

P.C.-in-C. Stoudt: If we approved it last year did we not recognize them?

P.C.-in-C. Shiver: I would like to ask your permission for Brother Rippey to give an explanation.

After this explanation and a lengthy discussion, including the question of liability of the SVR and Sons of Union Veterans if women were admitted, the motion not to concur with Recommendation #4 was carried by a standing vote.

C.-in-C. Wheeler: We will now have the report of the Commanding Officer, National Military Department, S.V.R.

REPORT OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER, NATIONAL MILITARY DEPARTMENT, S.V.R.

1. It is my pleasure and honor to submit this formal report of the operations of the National Military Department—SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE to you, Commander-in-Chief; Bro. Norman R. Furman, Col. SVR, Ret.; members of the National Military Affairs Committee; and to all Brothers here assembled at Des Moines, Iowa. This report constitutes a general overall submission of activities, programs, organization and finances since the last report was submitted at the 95th Annual Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in August 1976. I can assure you that this report will not be as lengthy as that submitted at Columbus, Ohio one year ago; however, be advised that the purposes of the Sons of Veterans Reserve are to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic by reason of authorization of the parent Order, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as a means to "promote membership in the parent Order, to provide a program of activity and training for those members who are dedicated to wearing the blue uniform of the period of the Civil War 1861-1865 as a showpiece of the Order and to educate the American people to protect our heritage and respect our Nation's patriotism."

2. Semi-annual reports from officers and enlisted men via their respective units, proved the commemoration of Memorial Day as the number 1 event of the year. Also, there were various participations at Flag Day, July 4th and Veterans Day parades and programs all over the Country. It was a pleasure to provide a 500-man Honor Guard and Parade of re-activated Civil War troops, of which one-half were members of the SVR, for you, Commander-in-Chief, at the 20th Annual G.A.R. Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, Pa. on Saturday, November 20, 1976, at which time the Commandery-in-Chief's Colors headed the parade. The SVR Honor Guard provided your Colors and Escort at the annual Lincoln Memorial observance last February 12 in Washington, D. C.

3. Commendations must be given to those men assigned to the General's Staff and specially-appointed SVR Reenactment Staff, for the diligent efforts and sacrifice of time and money to perform their duties. At present, no finer staff of men could be serving in these appointments. The leadership of men, training of units, handling of administrative forms and finances and the spiritual help provided, has been proven in outstanding safe programs.

4. By strict enforcement of Orders made mandatory by General Orders of this Command, every member of the Sons of Veterans Reserve from 1 January 1977, is a member of a Camp of the parent Order. Camp location and numbers are required on all renewal reports and ID Cards. As of 1 July 1977, there are 544 members of the SVR in good standing, of which

51 hold commissions of leadership. Twenty-one others are Commissioned who are assigned to the General's two staffs. Updated forms for recording every member's status and dues have been replenished by the Adjutant General. A report of the financial status will be submitted at the conclusion of this report.

5. Many weekend Field Days were staged in various parts of the Nation during the past fiscal year. These ranged from attendance of a few hundred to large events where 1,000 or more "troops" were present. The Sons of Veterans Reserve has maintained the prestige of being looked up to, regarding the planning and execution of comfortable and safe events. The utmost interest the last several years has been the fellowship of the SVR Troops and their families, the hard line rules regarding competition between units, a requirement where all present are urged to attend "Colors", both morning and evening, the setting aside of the weekend for the ladies to show off their Civil War style daytime and evening gowns, which each has made herself. Battle Reenactment is a semi-climax to activity and, effective 1 September 1976, a standard SVR Liability Release Form has been made a requirement of every man who participates. This Form was originated and submitted by the SVR Judge Advocate General, Atty. Joseph S. Rippey. 5,000 of these forms have been printed and released. A copy is filed with this Report.

6. Recognition must be given to the 8th SVR National Encampment held at Gahanna, Ohio 14-17 July 1977. The Host Unit was the 4th U.S. Artillery, Battery A, under Command of Sgt/Maj Alan K. Little. This Unit of 9 men is one of the newest SVR members, all submitting into SUVCW membership in the Department of Ohio. The weekend of nearly 800 participants plus 400 members of families experienced extreme heat and humidity. Friday's and Saturday's activities were well executed. The hard rains of early Sunday morning cancelled the Battle early; yet some 300 "Troops" who planned to stay over, staged a small reenactment of the "Battle of Blood Shiloh". To those who worked and entertained the 8th SVR Encampment, the highest commendation for overcoming the many hard knocks leading up to this weekend.

7. Through regular communications with Staff Officers, District Commanders and Unit Commanders, there has been a very small number of weaknesses. Rather, it has been proven to eliminate many problems. Likewise, this Command has submitted quarterly reports to the Chairman of the NMAC in addition to photo copies of many letters received. This proved to be of equal consideration and assistance to all Units from Maine to Oregon. It kept the next Chain of Command informed of all operations. It also contained several recommendations for consideration, to up-date the SUVCW/SVR Regulations and Standard Operating Procedures.

8. To Brother Norman R. Furman and the members of the National Military Affairs Committee, may I convey thanks for your help and assistance during the past year. It was a challenge to have submitted the progress reports to you.

9. On behalf of all members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, may I convey our deepest congratulations to you, Commander-in-Chief Wheeler, for your recognition of your Military Department. We have accorded you the Honors of your Office and bestowed our respects. We trust that you have accepted this with your appreciation.

10. To you Brothers here assembled: May we, in the uniform of our Order, prove that all have served his Organization in the Camp, Depart-

ment or the National Organization, and recognize the fact that the SVR does attract the new blood needed in our Order, does portray a good image and provides activity that keeps our membership interested. May you continue to give the SVR the support needed to carry on. May God bless you.

Respectfully submitted in
Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
C. S. Shriver
Brigadier General, SVR
The Commanding Officer

C.-in-C. Wheeler: You've heard this report, what do you wish to do? It was moved by D.C. Baer, seconded by LTC John H. Jeffries, to accept the report. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL MILITARY DEPARTMENT, S.V.R.

(read by P.C.-in-C. Shriver)

The following is the Financial Report, National Military Department, Sons of Veterans Reserve for the period 1 July 1976 to 1 July 1977:

Balance—1 July 1976	\$373.11
Receipts:	
1976 National Encampment Donation	\$150.00
Dues	\$260.50
Commissions	\$ 80.00
Total Receipts	\$863.61
Expenses:	
Printing (Envelopes, Letterheads, Xerox Copies)	\$489.87
Certificates	\$ 62.53
Ribbons & Streamers	\$ 72.72
Postage	\$129.51
Office supplies	\$ 30.06
Total Expenses	\$784.69
Balance—1 July 1977	\$ 78.92

Charles H. Lilienthal
Captain SVR
The Adjutant General

C.-in-C. Wheeler: What do you wish to do with this report?

It was moved by LTC Jeffries, seconded by Howard Wheeler, and carried unanimously to accept the Financial Report.

At this point, Brother Combs reviewed the work still to be done by the Encampment and recommended an early start Wednesday morning. He then read a letter from P.D.C. Thomas L. W. Johnson of Wisconsin expressing regrets that he was unable to attend and best wishes to the Commander-in-Chief for a harmonious and productive Encampment. A letter was also read from Past Commander-in-Chief Cleon E. Heald of New Hampshire explaining that conditions over which he had no control prevented his attendance and expressing sincere regrets to the Commander-in-Chief and all in attendance. The following letter was then read by the National Secretary-Treasurer:

To the Officers and Members of the
96th Annual National Encampment of the

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War—

Dear Brothers:

For the past two years following election by this body, I have served as the Secretary-Treasurer of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and have found the position to be most interesting and gratifying. I have been most appreciative of the confidence placed in me and the cooperation and support I have received from the officers and members of this great Organization.

My term has three more years to run; however, I am compelled to inform you that I shall be unable to continue in the position and that I must submit my resignation, although reluctantly and sadly, for I have dearly loved the performance of the duties of the office and the fulfillment of the responsibilities related thereto.

My personal physician has deemed it advisable that I should cut back on my activities in the best interest of my health and physical well-being. I have given the matter much thought and feel that it is not only advisable but necessary to heed his advice and to follow his recommendation. Thus, I am submitting my resignation as National Secretary-Treasurer. With your permission, I should like to continue my duties in connection with the National Membership-at-Large.

My decision to take this step was reached with sincere reluctance; however, I must add that the decision is final and irrevocable. I regret that my physician's advice was not received until mid-July, which was too late for me to make this decision prior to the Department Encampments and publication of the July issue of *The BANNER*.

My resignation is submitted to be effective at the proper and appropriate time in the course of the deliberations of this 96th Annual National Encampment with the proviso, however, that in the interest of the good and welfare of our fine Organization, I will continue to fulfill the functions and responsibilities of the office until December 31, 1977 or as soon thereafter as the appropriate bank statements can be prepared. At that time, all responsibility and property will be turned over to my successor. The transfer of responsibilities was handled in this manner by my two immediate predecessors. In order to provide a smooth transition period and to be of help to my successor, I feel that I, too, should do this. My predecessors received one half of the salary for the half year of transition and I feel that this procedure should be followed once again. I will be responsible for the publishing of the Proceedings of this 96th Encampment.

To my successor, whoever he may be, I willingly offer to be of as much assistance, cooperation and help as he may wish of me just as I was assisted and cooperated with when I assumed the duties of this office two years ago.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,
Fred H. Combs, Jr.
National Secretary-Treasurer

C-in-C. Wheeler: I don't know what to say. I know how I feel, and I'm sure every brother in this room feels the same way I do, that we want to wish for Fred a very fast recovery to good health. It's a shock to me and it must be a shock to you, but we all wish Fred the very best, I am sure of that. We will have to act on this letter.

P.C-in-C. Stoudt: It is with profound regret that I move that we accept this resignation and at the same time express our deepest thanks to Brother Fred for his service during the past two years.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: I rise to reluctantly second that motion. Unanimously passed.

P.D.C. Wolz: Commander-in-Chief, I move that we recess to reconvene at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow morning with the first order of business being the Constitution and Regulations. The motion was seconded by Brother Carl Smith and passed unanimously.

The Commander-in-Chief asked National Chaplain Wyman to close the Bible.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION**August 17, 1977****8:30 a.m.**

The Bible was opened by National Chaplain Richard E. Wyman.

The first business of the session was the presentation of the Report of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations by the chairman, P.C.-in-C. Joseph S. Rippey.

After prolonged discussion and consideration of proposed amendments to the Constitution and the Regulations and a series of motions related thereto, with Chairman Rippey and Brothers Heacock, Stoudt, Hooper, Gumbinger, Wolz, Rule, Schlenker, Lambert, Greenwalt, Haskell, Shriver, Ledwith, Howard Wheeler, McCandless, Bury, Riddell and Simpson participating, the sections as amended and adopted by the Encampment are as follows:

CONSTITUTION

(Adopted on August 17, 1977 by the required two-thirds vote of the members present and entitled to vote at the National Encampment.)

ARTICLE III**Eligibility to Membership**

All male descendants, whether through lineal or collateral line, not less than fourteen years of age, that are blood relatives of soldiers, sailors, marines or members of the Revenue Cutter Service, who were regularly mustered and served honorably in, or who were honorably discharged from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of America, during the War of the Rebellion of 1861-65; and who have never been convicted of any infamous or heinous crime; or who have, or whose ancestors through whom membership is claimed have, never voluntarily borne arms against the Government of the United States of America.

ARTICLE VII**Membership**

Section 3. Departments and Camps may establish Associates, provided that the number of Associate Members in any Camp shall not exceed one-third of the total membership of the Camp at the time of election. At no time during a meeting of a Camp, a Department, or the National Organization can business be transacted if the number of Associate Members in attendance exceeds forty-nine per cent of the total attendance then present at said meeting. Said Associates shall be ineligible for full membership due to lack of lineal or collateral descent from a Union Veteran of the Civil War, and shall not be eligible to hold the office of Commander-in-Chief.

NOTE: In accordance with the provisions of Article IX of the Constitution of our National Organization, the above-adopted amended sections of the *Constitution* will become effective upon favorable action upon and ratification by not less than 50% of the Departments and proclaimed in general orders, whereupon they shall be and become a part of the *Constitution*.

REGULATIONS

(Adopted by a majority vote of all members present and entitled to vote as reported on the roll of the National Encampment.)

Chapter I, Article VI, Duties of Officers, Section 7, which read "Each Camp shall have a Welfare Committee. . . .", the word "shall" is changed to "may", so that the section now begins "Each Camp may have a Welfare Committee. . . ."

Chapter II, Article II, Membership, last paragraph of Section 1, which read "Any member serving as Camp Secretary or Camp Treasurer continuously in office for a period of ten years shall have conferred upon him. . . .", the word "shall" is changed to "may", so that the paragraph now reads "Any member serving as Camp Secretary or Camp Treasurer continuously in office for a period of ten years may have conferred upon him the rank of Past Camp Commander with its voting privileges at Department Encampments."

Chapter II, Article IV, Officers, Section 1, the concluding part of which read ". Department Historian", is changed to read ". Department Historian, Department Counselor, and at the option of the Department a Department Organizer, a Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer and a Graves Registration Officer."

Chapter III, Article V, Duties of Officers, Section 11, which read ". he shall accept on behalf of the Order service of legal papers or summons and promptly transmit their import to the Commander-in-Chief, or other appropriate officer for action.", is changed to read ". he shall accept on behalf of the Order service of legal papers or summons and immediately transmit the same to the Commander-in-Chief for action", and at the end of the same section the words "(Article VII, Section 3)" are eliminated.

Chapter III, Article VI, Finances, Section 5, the words "Article VII" are changed to "Article VI".

Chapter III, Article VII, Committees, new sections 4 and 6 are added as follows, and former Section 4 is renumbered 5:

Section 4. The Standing Committee on Constitution and Regulations shall have continuity of membership. The Commander-in-Chief shall appoint each year two members to hold office for two years. The retiring Commander-in-Chief shall be a member, to hold office for one year.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the Encampment Site Committee to select the Encampment site for the National Encampment and to arrange for sufficient room accommodations, costs, concessions, complimentary rooms and necessities for a comfortable Encampment, and in the absence of a local encampment committee to make and carry out appropriate plans for the Encampment.

Chapter IV, Sons of Veterans Reserve, Section 2, the effective date of 1 January 1977 is eliminated.

Chapter V, General Regulations, Article I, Section 1, is changed to read in its entirety "The Commander-in-Chief shall issue "General Orders", Department Commanders "Department Orders", and Camp Commanders may issue "Camp Orders", and all may issue Official Circulars, all attested by the respective Secretaries."

Chapter V, General Regulations, Article I, Section 2, Subdivision D, the reference to page 15 is eliminated.

Chapter V, General Regulations, Article I, Section 2, a new subdivision (G) is added as follows:

(G) At such time as *The BANNER* may not be published, the Commander-in-Chief may issue and promulgate his General Orders and communicate with the membership in writing in any other effective manner.

NOTE: The foregoing amendments to the **Regulations** adopted by the National Encampment on August 17, 1977 became effective immediately upon their adoption as provided in Article XI of the **Regulations**.

Upon completion of action on the above-stated amendments by the Encampment, Chairman Rippey expressed, on behalf of the members of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations (Brothers Yocum, Shriver, Stark, Combs and Rippey), appreciation for the opportunity of serving the Encampment and the National Organization.

A motion was then made by P.C.-in-C. Heacock, seconded by several and carried, that the report of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations be accepted, and that the Committee be discharged with thanks.

P.C.-in-C. Stoudt: May I ask your indulgence to make a motion which, if adopted, would require my going to the two other Organizations soon since they are about to close. I've given a lot of thought to this Toronto deal and, with the approval of our committee, I would like to move that we endeavor to get out of our contract in Toronto for this reason—to enable the incoming committee to start working immediately on a new site rather than having to wait until the end of the year when we can get clearance from the Government to go to Toronto. We think this is in the best interest of the Organization. Seconded by P.D.C. J. B. Johnson.

P.C.-in-C. Rippey: Are you obligated in anyway financially?

P.C.-in-C. Stoudt: I have made no commitment. It was stated that if we can't get out of the contract we have to wait until we get approval from Congress to go to Toronto.

P.C.-in-C. Rippey: I would hope that we will hear from Brother Stoudt promptly.

P.C.-in-C. Stoudt: I'll let you know right away, and we'll publish it in the next issue of *The BANNER*, too.

P.C.-in-C. Rippey: If we can get out of it, fine. If we can't get out of it, then it remains as stated yesterday.

The motion passed unanimously.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The National Organization was notified in writing by Brother Stoudt under date of September 1, 1977 that a release had been obtained from the hotel in Toronto. By September 20, 1977 arrangements had been made by the newly-appointed Encampment Site Committee to hold the 1978 National Encampment in Grand Rapids, Michigan, August 13-17, 1978.

C.-in-C. Wheeler: I will now call on the Brother who I promised faithfully that if he could get to this Encampment I would let him speak to you about the work he is doing at Fort Chickamauga—LTC John Jeffries.

LTC John Jeffries, Secretary-Treasurer, Fort Chickamauga Camp-at-Large No. 1, Cookson, Oklahoma, told of the work and plans for Fort Chickamauga. He said they are getting coverage by the news and TV media and have just completed a 6-minute CBS Special. They have 15 buildings up and more to go and are still trying to recruit people to help

in their work at the Fort. He thanked the Sons for their support and invited all to come down and see the plaques and the Fort. They expect several million people each year to visit the Fort, and they are going to give this G.A.R. product that means so much to the men at Fort Chickamauga to the American people as something tangible with which to identify. Hope that, in the not-too-distant future, this Organization will grow by leaps, by bounds and by the thousands, was expressed by Brother Jeffries.

P.C.-in-C. Shriver rose to speak very favorably and with much commendation regarding the efforts being made and work being done at Fort Chickamauga and also of the assistance being rendered by the SUVCW and organizations allied to it.

A subsequent motion was made by P.C.-in-C. Yocum, seconded by P.D.C. Rule, and passed, that a contribution in the amount of \$50.00 be appropriated by this Encampment from the G.A.R. Memorial Fund toward the placing of the plaque (estimated to cost between \$650 and \$800) at Fort Chickamauga in memory of the G.A.R.

C.-in-C. Wheeler: May I now call on the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, P.C.-in-C. John Stark, for his Report?

P.C.-in-C. Stark: Your Committee has met and considered the many Resolutions presented to it and we submit our report as follows:

Resolution #1 from the State of Massachusetts. Nonconcurrence.

A motion was made by P.C.-in-C. Heacock, seconded by P.C.-in-C. Shriver, that, as the recommendations were read, where there be no objections, they be approved by the sound of the gavel. Motion carried.

Resolution #2 from the State of New Hampshire. Nonconcurrence.

Resolution #3 from the State of Ohio and Resolution #4 from the State of Illinois were turned over to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations on a motion by P.C.-in-C. Heacock, seconded by several, and passed unanimously.

Resolution #5 from the State of New Jersey. Concurrence.

Resolution #6 from the State of New Jersey. First part referred to Budget Committee—scholarship increase. Second part—draft evaders' pardoning—concurrence.

Resolution #7 from the State of Pennsylvania. Concurrence.

Resolution #8 from the State of Pennsylvania. Concurrence.

Resolution #9 from the State of Pennsylvania. Concurrence.

Resolution #10 from the State of Pennsylvania. Concurrence.

Resolution #11 from the District of Columbia Representative. Concurrence.

Resolution #12 from the District of Columbia Representative. Concurrence.

Resolution #13 from the District of Columbia Representative. Concurrence.

NOTE: There were other resolutions presented by the District of Columbia Representative which pertained to several subjects as mentioned elsewhere in these Proceedings. No action was taken on these resolutions because this Organization is not a member of the American Coalition of Patriotic Societies. Nonconcurrence.

Resolution #14 was not presented in Resolution Form. Agree in principle to it.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: I would move you that this Organization endorse that theory and the incoming National Secretary-Treasurer comply with

that in a letter on National stationery. Seconded by Edson Baker of New York and passed in the affirmative.

The Committee was sustained in all of the above actions.

P.C.-in-C. Shriver: Brother Commander-in-Chief, I move you, sir, that the Report of the Committee on Resolutions be accepted and the committee discharged with a vote of thanks of this Encampment. Seconded by P.D.C. Lambert, and passed.

At this point, a delegation from the Auxiliary was escorted in consisting of National President Minnie E. Madeiros of Massachusetts, Past National Presidents of the Auxiliary, and a delegation from the New England Region. Appropriate greetings and congratulations were exchanged.

By action of the Encampment Keith Johnston, the grandson of Commander-in-Chief Wheeler, was made an honorary member of the 96th National Encampment.

C.-in-C. Wheeler: We will proceed with the Report of the Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies. Brother Furman, are you ready to give this report?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND CEREMONY

WHEREAS, we believe the ritualistic ceremony for the installation of National and/or Department Officers should recognize in some manner, the retiring Commander-in-Chief and/or Department Commander; and

WHEREAS, we further believe that the ever ruling hand of the all-wise Providence should be recognized and included in the ritualistic closing of our National and/or Department Encampments; and

WHEREAS, we fully recognize the fact that any of the above has not been a part of our existing or prior rituals and that we have successfully conducted all prior Encampments; and

WHEREAS, resolving as we have in the past, our strong opposition to the abolition of public school prayer and Bible reading and the recent adoption of the Installation Prayer, we believe we should incorporate the above in our ritualistic ceremonies:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in this our 96th annual National Encampment that we adopt and include in the Installation Ceremony (Page 42, 1957 edition of the Ritual), immediately prior to:

INSTALLING OFFICER—The Department Secretary (or National Secretary) will call the roll of officers-elect, who as their names etc., etc. and incorporate therein, the following:

"INSTALLING OFFICER—Department Commander (or Commander-in-Chief) _____, in relieving you of the command of this Department (the National Organization) on behalf of the national officers, I convey to you their thanks for the manner in which you have discharged your duties. I trust that in surrendering the command of this Department (the National Organization) your interests in the welfare of this Order will not cease. Having received the highest honors which your fellow members can confer upon you, your gratitude will point a way to still serve the Order. Please be seated upon my left."; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we include in the Closing Ceremonies (Page 46, 1957 edition of the Ritual) immediately following:

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER (OR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF)—(One rap*)—There being no further business to come before this Encampment, we will proceed to close. Strike out "Encampment, Attention". and insert the following:

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER (OR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF): You will give attention while the Department (or National) Chaplain asks the blessing of God on our deliberations. (The Chaplain will approach the Altar and salute the Department Commander or Commander-in-Chief.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER (OR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF): Parade Rest.

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN (OR NATIONAL CHAPLAIN): Our Father in Heaven, we pray Thee to deal with the events of this Encampment as may seem well and fitting in Thy sight. Answer the honest petitions and desires of each one of us as may be most expedient for us. Keep us ever mindful of our duties to our God, our Country and its flag and to instill in the hearts of all mankind the ideals of the Grand Army of the Republic. Preserve us in health, strength and integrity while Thou keepest us here, and when our mission on earth is ended take us to a better world. Amen.

(All will respond and say) Amen.

(The Chaplain will slowly close the Bible and return to his station.)

(The balance of the closing ceremonies will be adhered to.)

Respectfully submitted,
Committee on Ritual and Ceremony
Norman R. Furman, P.C.-in-C., Chairman
Clarence J. Riddell
Cecil M. Baer
Clayton C. Verrill

P.D.C. Elton Koch of Pennsylvania moved, seconded by P.D.C. Charles Hooper of Massachusetts, that the report of the Committee on Ritual and Ceremony be accepted and the Committee's recommendations be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Jr. V. C.-in-C. Greenwalt: Brother Commander-in-Chief, your Auditing Committee, consisting of P.C.-in-C. Clarence Riddell and myself have perused the Audit Report and find it to be in excellent shape, ready to go to the proper officers. We recommend that the Audit be approved as is and that it be forwarded to the proper places.

A motion by P.C.-in-C. Heacock, seconded by P.D.C. Gordon Bury, II of Ohio, that the report be accepted was passed unanimously.

C.-in-C. Wheeler: We will now have the Report of the Budget Committee.

REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

RECEIPTS:

Per capita tax from 2,549 members at \$2.20 per year	\$ 5,607.80
Registration Fee from 100 members at \$4.00 each	400.00
Sales of supplies	2,000.00
Auxiliary gift	500.00
Income from Permanent Fund	1,600.00
Income from interest on Savings Accounts	750.00
From Reserve Funds (prior year)	315.20
Gift from Arthur Glenum	100.00
TOTAL	\$11,273.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Commander-in-Chief's Expenses	\$ 1,200.00
Secretary-Treasurer's Expenses	1,200.00
Purchase of Supplies	2,300.00
Printing, Stationery, Postage, and Telephone	750.00
Proceedings—1977	1,600.00
Encampment Expense	75.00
The BANNER	3,000.00
Past Commander-in-Chief's Testimonial	225.00
Miscellaneous Expense	350.00
Certified Public Accountant Fee	450.00
Fidelity & Surety Bond (C.-in-C. & Natl. Secy.-Treas.)	123.00
TOTAL	\$11,273.00

APPROPRIATIONS FROM G.A.R. FUND

Lincoln Memorial Expense	\$ 50.00
Lincoln Tomb Expense	400.00
G.A.R. Remembrance Day Expense	200.00
Memorial for the Cathedral of the Pines	25.00
National Military Department, SVR	150.00
Student Scholarship	300.00
G.A.R. Campfire Program Expense	300.00
Promotion—Restoration of Memorial Day	100.00
Fort Chickamauga	50.00
TOTAL	\$1,575.00

Submitted by: Joseph S. Rippey
 William C. Rule
 Fred H. Combs, Jr.

P.C.-in-C. Rippey: The Budget Committee has considered all of the necessities of the Encampment and the various Departments for the coming year and we have come up with the figures just read. I move it be so adopted.

The motion was seconded by Department Commander Richard C. Schlenker of Maryland and carried unanimously.

P.D.C. Gordon Bury moved that the budget be amended to increase the Memorial Day Restoration Committee allocation from the proposed \$100 to \$300. The motion was seconded by Brother Baker of New York and the amendment was defeated.

P.C.-in-C. Howland: I'll make a motion that the Registration Fee for next year be \$4.00. The motion was seconded by Department Commander Cecil Baer of New York and carried unanimously.

P.D.C. Rule: I make a motion that we continue in session until our business is completed. Seconded by several. Passed unanimously.

C.-in-C. Wheeler: Brother Patriotic Instructor, are you ready to present your report to the Encampment at this time?

Patriotic Instructor Brady: Sir, I am.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

To the 96th Annual Encampment,
 National Organization, Sons of
 Union Veterans of the Civil War—
 Greetings:

Had I known one year ago, when I accepted the office of National Patri-

otic Instructor, that I was shortly thereafter to experience an emotional reaction which would adversely affect my health and restrict my activities for several months, I probably would not have accepted the office so brief a time following my bereavement. This unexpected situation caused me to delay getting my fund-raising activities underway, and consequently, while I have reached the financial goal assigned me, I have neither set any new records nor matched the old ones as might have been hoped.

Prior to my illness, I had the privilege of representing our National Organization at two organizational functions—the Central Region Conference at Peoria, Ill., in October, and the Midwinter Encampment of the Wisconsin Department at Milwaukee, Wis., in November. Later in the term, on April 15, I placed the National Organization's wreath at the Lincoln Tomb on behalf of Commander-in-Chief Wheeler.

I do wish to thank all who have assisted me in reaching my goal, though, for I could never have done so without the very fine support of brothers from nearly all the departments and many of our members at large. I especially want to acknowledge the most helpful assistance given me by Albert W. Lambert in the preparation and inclusion in the Banner of messages concerning the making of contributions to my fund. I also offer my special thanks to my own department and its auxiliary for the fine support given me.

I have never felt, however, that the office of National Patriotic Instructor should be confined primarily to the assigned functions of fund-raising—important though I know this function to be. I believe it is the duty of the National Organization to give direction to the patriotic work of our Order. With this in mind, I designed an award certificate for presentation by local camps and/or departments to individuals or business firms which regularly fly the American flag from an outdoor pole. The certificates, known as the "Star Spangled Salute Award," have been furnished the National Organization without charge, and are likewise being distributed to the camps and departments without charge upon written request.

To assist in collecting funds for the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund over and above that received through the Banner's appeal for contributions to the G.A.R. Memorial Fund, I had decals prepared (designed for use on the windshield of an automobile), one style featuring the Sons of Union Veterans' emblem and the other the Auxiliary's emblem, which have proven to be a popular sales item.

In discussions with brothers from certain other departments, and through the experiences of my own Illinois Department, I am aware that a few departments presently participate in the R.O.T.C. awards program. However, where this is done, the award from our Order has had to be individually developed by the participating department, there being no single standard-type award available to the departments through our National Organization to be purchased for this purpose. Believing that participation by our Order on a nationwide basis in such award ceremonies would be a worthwhile undertaking, and that a uniform award comparable to that given by the major veterans and hereditary societies is essential to the effectiveness of such a program, I would offer the following recommendation, realizing full well that its adoption would require adjustment of the Order's budget to accommodate the extra expense and a means found for covering financially the extra expense such participation would entail:

RECOMMENDATION

That a medal to be known as the "Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Award" be designed and dies struck, a supply of said medals to be made up with short ribbons in military style and a supply with neck ribbons—the former for presentation by camps and departments at R.O.T.C. award programs and the latter at "Good Citizenship" recognition programs at schools and colleges of the camps' and departments' choosing, upon purchase of the medals from the National Organization.

And now for the detailed financial report on funds donated to the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund—either through contributions specifically earmarked for the "Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund" or unrestricted contributions—and money gained for the fund through the sale of decals.

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

G.A.R. Fund—	Jean B. Lemelle	\$ 5.00	
	Robert Sikes	5.00	
	Donald D. Goodnow	5.00	(Total \$15.00)
Decals—	Beatrice Riggs	\$ 1.00	(Total \$1.00)
			Grand Total \$16.00

CONNECTICUT

Unrestricted—	Connecticut Dept.	\$10.00	
	James Y. Ledwith,		
	PDC	10.00	Grand Total \$20.00

ILLINOIS

G.A.R. Fund—	George L. Cashman,		
	PC-in-C	\$20.00	
	Marie Doran, PDP	5.00	
	Elsie Evans PDP	5.00	
	Kathryn Van Trump	10.00	
	Paul E. Herschel, Jr	25.00	
	Aylmer M. Gifford	3.00	
	Mark G. Alsterda	3.00	
	Kenneth R.		
	Childerson	6.00	
	Kenneth V. Schar	5.00	
	Harry J. Lessig	1.00	
	Merrille M. Miller	5.00	
	George R. Balling	25.00	
	John Brooks Davis	5.00	
	Richard L. Holland	2.50	
	Charles H.		
	Bournstine	5.00	(Total \$125.50)
Unrestricted—	Viola E. Hartwig	\$10.00	
	Genl. Geo. A. Custer		
	Aux. 30	5.00	
	Illinois Dept.,		
	A.S.U.V.	25.00	
	G. Edward Coltrin,		
	PDC	10.00	

	Col. Thrush		
	Camp 25	10.00	
	Illinois Department	25.00	
	Dorothy Schaefer	9.00	(Total \$94.00)
Decals—	George L. Cashman	1.00	
	Florence Forbey,		
	PDP	2.00	(Total \$3.00)
			Grand Total \$222.50

INDIANA

G.A.R. Fund—	Harold D. Vail	\$5.00	(Total \$5.00)
Unrestricted—	Orval King	\$1.00	(Total \$1.00)
Decals—	Orval King	\$2.00	(Total \$2.00)
			Grand Total \$8.00

IOWA

G.A.R. Fund—	Howard Cleveland	\$ 5.00	
	Waterloo Camp 33	7.00	
	Jacob Kirchner	10.00	
	J. B. Johnson	10.00	(Total \$32.00)
Decals—	Richard McCoy	2.00	
	Eva Cote	2.00	
	Melvin Billings	2.00	
	Lila Keller	4.00	
	Charles Lowe	1.00	(Total \$11.00)
Unrestricted—	Iowa Department	\$10.00	(Total \$10.00)
			Grand Total \$53.00

MAINE

G.A.R. Fund—	Edmond N. Butler	\$10.00	
	Gilman Camp 26	5.00	
	Vernon Redding	5.00	
	Lyndon V. Plummer	2.00	
	T. W. Hyde		
	Camp 46	5.00	(Total \$27.00)
Decals—	Edmond N. Butler	14.00	(Total \$14.00)
			Grand Total \$41.00

KANSAS

G.A.R. Fund—	May Hartford	\$ 5.00	(Total \$5.00)
Decals—	Curtis-Warner		
	Camp 64	\$10.00	(Total \$10.00)
			Grand Total \$15.00

MARYLAND/DELAWARE

G.A.R. Fund—	Andrew M. Gehret	\$ 5.00	
	Marion C. T.		
	Townsend	6.00	
	Maryland		
	Department	10.00	(Total \$21.00)
Unrestricted—	Agnes D. Davis,		
	PNP	2.00	
	William A. Davis,		
	PDC	2.00	

	Fred A. Davis	1.00	
	Richard C. Schlenker, DC	6.00	(Total \$11.00)
Decals—	Richard C. Schlenker, DC	4.00	(Total \$4.00)
			Grand Total \$36.00

MASSACHUSETTS

G.A.R. Fund—	Wesley E. Thurber	\$10.00	
	Philip G. Freeman	10.00	
	Ernest C. Irons	1.00	
	Alton F. Lyon	10.00	
	Edward L. Noonan	2.00	
	Paul M. Healy	2.00	
	Leon R. Searles	2.00	
	C. Stanley Benson	10.00	
	Massachusetts Department	25.00	
	Allen B. Howland	5.00	
	Percy James	5.00	
	Camp 4	5.00	
	Camp 22	5.00	
	Camp 50	5.00	
	Bay State Camp 61	5.00	
	Charles W. Hooper, Sr.	5.00	(Total \$107.00)

Unrestricted—	Ursula W. Shepardson, PNP	5.00	
	Minnie E. Madeiros, NP	20.00	
	Genl. McClellan Camp 60	2.00	
	William C. Rule	2.00	(Total \$29.00)
Decals—	William C. Rule	26.00	
	Charles W. Hooper, Sr.	5.00	(Total \$31.00)

Grand Total \$167.00

MICHIGAN

G.A.R. Fund—	Leroy O. Voorheis	\$1.00	
	John M. LaRue	5.00	
	Mildred Lighthall (in memory of James A. Davey)	5.00	
	Homer R. Savage	5.00	
	Warren Barber, III	3.00	
	Wesley A. Sauve	5.00	
	Carl A. Smith	5.00	
	Harold E. Vorce	2.00	(Total \$31.00)
			Grand Total \$31.00

NEW HAMPSHIRE

G.A.R. Fund—

Richard E. Wyman	\$10.00	
Kenneth Wheeler	5.00	
Howard T. Paine	5.00	
Rev. Russell H. Milnes	5.00	
Robert W. Heald	5.00	
Kaleope H. Locke (W.R.C.)	1.00	
Robert A. Lawrence, PDC	2.00	
Granite State Camp 5	2.00	
W. W. Brown, Camp 1	2.00	
Alfred J. Clark, PDC	2.00	
Sherman Weaver	5.00	
New Hampshire Department	5.00	
Cleon E. Heald, PC-in-C	5.00	
Gordon E. Phillips	2.00	
William L. John	2.00	
"One of C-in-C Wheeler's bros."	1.00	(Total \$59.00)
Constance Wheeler	1.00	
Emma Wheeler, PNP	1.00	
Howard Wheeler	2.00	(Total \$4.00)
		Grand Total \$63.00

Decals—

NEW JERSEY

G.A.R. Fund—

Col. Gerald E. Kanable	\$ 3.00
James F. Elliott	5.00
Blondell T. Fenton	5.00
Fred H. Combs, Jr. PC-in-C	25.00
Daniel P. George	5.00
William W. Vanderhoof	5.00
Richard D. Hines	5.00
Mearl L. Moushey	5.00
James M. Hamer	5.00
Henry W. Stewart	1.00
Fred Wolf, Sr.	1.00
Theodore Smith	5.00
James W. Gibbs	5.00
Harry J. Owens	5.00
Bernard M. Riley (in memory)	15.00
of Conrad Hebler, Coal Heaver, USN	

of Justus Hebler, Co. K,
54th N.Y. Inf.

of Henry Hebler, Co. H,
57th N.Y. Inf.)

Fred D. Schmidt . . . \$ 5.00

John P. Phifer . . . 5.00

Russell A. Moushey . . . 5.00

Edward G. Kater . . . 5.00

Edward C. Yess, II . . . 5.00

Theodore Gerke . . . 5.00

Thomas E. O'Dea . . . 2.00

Edna S. Lambert

(in memory of

Albert C. Lambert,

PC-in-C) 10.00

Abraham Lincoln

Camp 100 10.00

Mr. & Mrs. Albert

W. Lambert 5.00

John J. H. Love,

Camp 12 5.00

Edward L. Vay 5.00

Percy C. Davenport . . . 10.00

Robert R. Cordell . . . 5.00

Ferd V. Dayton,

Camp 5 10.00

Walter H. Williams . . . 5.00

Thomas F.

Bresnehen, Jr. 3.00 (Total \$195.00)

Albert W. Lambert . . . 2.00

Marion E. Combs . . . 6.00 (Total \$8.00)

Grand Total \$203.00

Decals—

NEW YORK

G.A.R. Fund—

Norman Furman,

PC-in-C \$ 5.00

Dr. Alfred C.

Emmel 6.00

Joseph S. Rippey,

PC-in-C 25.00

Frederic E.

Emmerich 5.00

Thomas G. Piper . . . 5.00

Abraham Lincoln,

Camp 6 5.00

Jack Cohen 2.00

Robert H. McMahon,

PDC 2.00

Mr. & Mrs. Harold T.

Beilby 5.00

Albert A. Morey . . . 1.00

Elaine R. Morey . . . 1.00

Chester E. Hudson . . . 3.00

	Cecil M. Baer, DC		
	(in memory	12.00	
	of Solomon Seide, G.A.R		
	of Pauline R. Baer, Aux.		
	24		
	of Rita M. Baer, Aux. 24		
	of Deceased members of		
	Oliver Tilden Post 96		
	(G.A.R.) and Oliver		
	Tilden Camp 26		
	(S.U.V.)		
	Cecil M. Baer, DC	3.00	
	Chaplain P. G. Cook,		
	Camp 223	10.00	
	Jerome Orton	2.00	
	New York		
	Department	25.00	(Total \$117.00)
Unrestricted—	Harry Gibbons	5.00	(Total \$5.00)
Decals—	Norman Furman	10.00	
	Harold T. Beilby	6.00	
	Ed Baker	2.00	
	Cecil Baer	2.00	(Total \$20.00)
			Grand Total \$142.00
OHIO			
G.A.R. Fund—	Robert J. Wolz	\$35.00	
	Richard L.		
	Greenwalt	10.00	
	Martin A. Dudek	1.00	
	Isaac M. Faith	5.00	
	Thomas E. Hoffman	10.00	
	Fred Pfister, Jr.	5.00	
	Ohio Department	10.00	(Total \$76.00)
Unrestricted—	Richard L.		
	Greenwalt	10.00	
	Wilbur Haueter	15.00	
	Given Camp 50	25.00	(Total \$50.00)
Decals—	Wilbur Haueter	2.00	
	Given Camp 50	50.00	(Total \$52.00)
			Grand Total \$178.00
OREGON-WASHINGTON			
G.A.R. Fund—	Dr. John C.		
	Brougher	\$2.00	(Total \$2.00)
			Grand Total \$2.00
PENNSYLVANIA			
G.A.R. Fund—	Michael A. Cavanaugh,		
	Jr.	\$ 2.00	
	David W. Charles,		
	Jr.	5.00	
	Harris F. Botsford	5.00	
	Hon. Loran L.		
	Lewis	5.00	
	George F. Calhoon	10.00	

Mr. & Mrs. Kermit L. Wilson	5.00	
William L. Newell (in memory of B. F. Newell, Co. C 106th Pa. Vol. Inf.) ...	5.00	
Charles A. Kent ...	2.00	
Edgar A. Neville ...	1.00	
David W. Gauer ...	5.00	
Camp 160	5.00	
Robert E. Lee	5.00	
John H. Stark, PC-in-C	5.00	
Ray B. Fidler	5.00	
Capt. O. A. Luckenbach, Camp 82	25.00	
James D. Turnbull ..	2.00	
Benjamin F. Capwell	5.00	
Perry G. Fuller	5.00	
Edwin D. Brinker ...	5.00	
Richard J. Gieg ...	5.00	
Stover L. Detwiler ..	5.00	
Brig. Genl. W. A. Morgan	5.00	
Clarence J. Riddell ..	5.00	
C. LeRoy Stoudt ...	5.00	
James Brown	5.00	
Robert Van der Voort	5.00	
Rev. Richard O. Partington	15.00	
Pennsylvania Department	35.00	
Ivan E. Frantz	5.00	
J. Harris Yocum ...	5.00	
Wm. E. Hosmer ...	5.00	(Total \$207.00)

Unrestricted—

Philadelphia Camp 200	\$10.00	
Genl. Geo. G. Meade, Camp 16	5.00	
William Jones, PDC ..	2.00	
Ralph Peiper	10.00	
Thomas Monahan, PDC	5.00	
Goodling H. Dugan, DC	5.00	
William Simpson, PDC	5.00	
Frank M. Heacock, Sr., PC-in-C	5.00	(Total \$47.00)

Decals—	Ralph Peiper	5.00	
	Goodling H. Dugan, DC	2.00	
	Viola Bremme, PNP	5.00	(Total \$12.00)
			Grand Total \$266.00
VERMONT			
Unrestricted—	Vermont Department	\$ 5.00	(Total \$5.00)
Decals—	Vermont Department	18.00	(Total \$18.00)
			Grand Total \$23.00
WISCONSIN			
G.A.R. Fund—	Gordon L. Moran	\$ 5.00	
	Wisconsin Department	10.00	
	Henry Harden Camp 2	5.00	
	Thomas L. W. Johnson, PDC	25.00	
	Ellinore K. Johnson, PNP	5.00	(Total \$50.00)
Unrestricted—	Wisconsin Department	11.00	
	Herman T. Black	5.00	
	Ellinore K. Johnson, PNP	5.00	
	Louise Hernke, PDP	5.00	
	Mr. & Mrs. Grover Huff	10.00	(Total \$36.00)
Decals—	Helen E. Huff	10.00	
	Herman T. Black	2.00	
	Louise Hernke, PDP	2.00	
	Grover Huff	20.00	(Total \$34.00)
			Grand Total \$120.00
MEMBERS AT LARGE			
G.A.R. Fund—	William J. Neisel	\$ 5.00	
	Harold J. Webber	5.00	
	Weldon E. Howitt	5.00	
	Robert W. Vincent	10.00	
	Orville G. Austin	2.00	
	Lloyd M. Campbell	1.00	
	Cory Baker	5.00	
	Alvin Benjamin Coates	5.00	
	Gary A. Zonker	5.00	
	Lt. Herbert D. Bennett, USN	5.00	
	G. Daniel Moore	2.00	
	Col. Allen P. Julian	10.00	

	Col. Joseph S. Coulter	10.00	
	Bradford M. Gulick	1.00	
	Adrian W. Faulkner	10.00	
	James A. Coulson	5.00	
	Lynn E. Brickley	5.00	(Total \$91.00)
Decals—	Jerold E. Rowe	2.00	(Total \$2.00)
			Grand Total \$93.00

CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE

Unrestricted—

\$10.00 (Total \$10.00)
Grand Total \$10.00

Total received for G.A.R. Fund	\$1,165.50
Total received Unrestricted	318.00
Total received from sale of decals	226.00
Grand Total of Receipts	

National Patriotic Instructor's Fund \$1,709.50

Respectfully submitted,
Charles A. Brady, Jr.
National Patriotic Instructor

August 17, 1977

D.C. Gumbinger: I move that the report be accepted as read, except for the recommendation, that it be made a part of the Proceedings of this Encampment, and that Brother Brady be given a rising vote of thanks for his year's work. The motion was seconded by P.D.C. Rule, and passed.

P.C.-in-C. Howland moved that the recommendation be accepted in principle, since the Budget Committee had reported, and referred to the Council of Administration for proper implementation. The motion was seconded by P.D.C. Koch and carried.

P.D.C. Lambert: I have just received word that the Auxiliary will be installing in five minutes. They will be installing Sister Marion Combs as National President, and I know Brother Fred and many of us will want to be there. Therefore, I would like to make the motion that we recess for the Installation of the Auxiliary and reconvene *immediately* thereafter. Seconded by several and passed unanimously.

(Recess for Auxiliary Installation)

C.-in-C. Wheeler: Brothers, at this time I would like to ask P.D.C. Miles Harrington, Chairman of the Credentials Committee to render his final report.

P.D.C. Harrington: Commander-in-Chief, the following is the breakdown and total of the Delegates registered at this time:

Commander-in-Chief	1
Past Commanders-in-Chief	13
Department Commanders	9
Past Department Commanders	55
Delegates	25
Members-at-Large	2
Registered, Not Present	31
Present	74
Voting Strength	72

The report was accepted as read.

At this time the award of the U. S. Grant, III Membership Trophy was made to Curtis-Warner Camp-at-Large No. 64 of Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas. The Camp's percentage increase in membership in 1976-1977 was 91%.

The Harold E. Arnold Membership Plaque presented to the Department for the highest total membership increase for the year was awarded to the Iowa Department for their increase of 33 members in 1976-1977. D.C. Richard A. McCoy responded and expressed sincere pleasure and thanks for the award on behalf of all of the members of the Iowa Department. (The actual gain was 33, not 30 as previously reported). He also expressed the determination to earn one or both of the awards next year with the help of the officers and members of the Iowa Department.

C.-in-C. Wheeler: Is there any new business to come before this Encampment?

P.C.-in-C. Stoudt: Some Department Encampment Committees which have hosted the National Encampment have inquired of me through the years as to what is expected for them to do and how the \$900 (\$300 from each National Organization) should be spent, so I will move you, sir, that the incoming Commander-in-Chief be instructed to appoint a committee of three to establish recommendations for guidelines for future Encampments to be presented for approval or disapproval at the next National Encampment.

The motion was seconded by P.C.-in-C. Yocum and passed unanimously.

P.C.-in-C. Stoudt: I will move you, sir, that effective with this Encampment the Department Encampment Committee shall within thirty days after termination of the Encampment be required to submit to the National Secretary-Treasurer three copies of an itemized report of the Encampment and return any portion of the \$900 that has not been used to the National Secretary-Treasurer to be divided among the three contributing organizations. The motion was seconded by P.C.-in-C. Heacock and carried unanimously.

Brother Stoudt also suggested that, for the purpose of saving money, that the number of copies of the Proceedings of the Encampment to be printed be reduced since, in his opinion, many of the copies that were mailed to Camps and Delegates were not wanted or used. No action was taken on this suggestion.

C.-in-C. Wheeler: Brothers, we are nearing the completion of our business, but before going into the nomination and election of officers, has any Brother anything further to present under new business? Hearing none, we will go into the nomination and election of officers. The National Secretary-Treasurer will now call the roll.

The following Brothers were nominated:

Commander-in-Chief	Harold T. Beilby
of New York by P.C.-in-C. Joseph Rippey, New York	
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief	Richard Greenwalt
of Ohio by Department Commander Wilbur Haueter, Ohio	
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief	J. B. Johnson
of Iowa by Department Commander Richard A. McCoy, Iowa	
Council of Administration (1 member for 2 years)	William L. Simpson
by P.C.-in-C. LeRoy Stoudt, Pennsylvania	
National Secretary-Treasurer (for unexpired term of 3 years)	
P.C.-in-C. Chester S. Shriver of Pennsylvania by P.C.-in-C. Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Pennsylvania	
Seconded by Massachusetts	

It was moved by Brother William C. Rule, seconded by Brother Lewis Garney that, since there was no contest for any of the offices, the National Secretary-Treasurer be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the above-nominated officers. Motion carried.

The National Secretary-Treasurer cast the ballot and Commander-in-Chief Wheeler declared all duly elected.

Newly-elected Commander-in-Chief Beilby chose the following Installation staff:

Installing Officer Joseph S. Rippey, P.C.-in-C., New York
Guide Elton P. Koch, P.D.C., Pennsylvania
Chaplain Gordon R. Bury, II, P.D.C., Ohio

Brother Koch moved, seconded by Brother Rule, that the minutes as taken by the National Secretary-Treasurer and approved by the incoming and outgoing Commanders-in-Chief become the official records of the Encampment. Motion passed unanimously.

The following Brothers were appointed to their respective offices by Commander-in-Chief Beilby:

National Counselor P.C.-in-C. Norman R. Furman, New York
National Chief of Staff P.C.-in-C. John C. Yocum, Pennsylvania
National Patriotic Instructor . . P.D.C. Charles A. Brady, Jr., Illinois
National Chaplain D. C. Richard C. Schlenker, Maryland
National Historian P.D.C. Harry E. Gibbons, New York
National Graves Registration Officer

P.D.C. William W. Vanderhoof, Jr., New Jersey

National G.A.R. Highway Officer

P.D.C. Miles Harrington, Massachusetts

National District of Columbia Representative

P.D.C. Arthur R. Glenum, Maryland

Personal Aide P.D.C. Edson Baker, New York

The officers elected and appointed were duly obligated at the Altar and escorted to their stations. Present for this ceremony was the wife of the incoming Commander-in-Chief and the wife of the outgoing Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief-Elect Harold T. Beilby was escorted to the Commander's Station with applause by all present.

The Past Commander-in-Chief's Jewel was presented to Past Commander-in-Chief Wheeler by National Secretary-Treasurer Fred H. Combs, Jr. through his wife, P.N.P. Emma Wheeler, who pinned it on his coat.

The Past Commander-in-Chief's lapel button was presented to Brother Wheeler by Brother Combs.

Commander-in-Chief Beilby called upon each of his officers who accepted his responsibility and responded with his pledge of support during the coming year.

C.-in-C. Beilby: I think I would be remiss if I did not ask all you members to give LeRoy Stoudt a standing ovation for the fourteen years that he has been on the Encampment Site Committee.

P.C.-in-C. Stoudt: Thank you, Brothers, very much.

C.-in-C. Beilby: The new Chairman of the Site Committee will be announced in *The BANNER*. Also, we have a new Secretary-Treasurer, and I think we should give Fred a little encouragement to get well so he can help the new Secretary. Let's stand up for Fred (standing ovation). I know you're all hungry, and so am I, so if there's nothing else we will close.

P.C.-in-C. Stoudt: Commander-in-Chief, I would like you to note the fact that the badge that you have just received was born in this city 33 years ago. That was one of my recommendations as Commander-in-Chief—that I felt that the Commanders-in-Chief of the future should have an outstanding badge from the rest of the members.

There being no further business, the 96th annual National Encampment was appropriately closed in ritualistic form and by declaration of the Commander-in-Chief.

Fred H. Combs, Jr.
National Secretary-Treasurer

1977 ENCAMPMENT ROLL (NP — Registered, Not Present)

CONNECTICUT

James Ledwith, P.D.C.

ILLINOIS

Charles A. Brady, Jr., P.D.C.
George L. Cashman, P.C.-in-C.

Cyril C. Gumbinger, D.C.

INDIANA

Orval King, D.C.

IOWA

Melvin Billings, Dele.
Howard Cleveland, P.D.C.
James Cook, P.D.C.
John Finch, Dele.
J. B. Johnson, P.D.C.

Elmer Kirchner, P.D.C.
Jacob Kirchner, P.D.C.
Joseph Patrick Loan, Dele.
Charles P. Lowe, P.D.C.
Richard A. McCoy, D.C.

MAINE

Edmond Butler, P.D.C.

Clayton Verrill, D.C.

MARYLAND

Eldridge Daniels, P.D.C. (NP)
William A. Davis, P.D.C. (NP)
Arthur R. Glenum, P.D.C. (NP)
Richard H. Johnson, Sr., P.D.C.
(NP)

B. Franklin Lucas, P.D.C. (NP)
Richard C. Schlenker, D.C.
Marion C. T. Townsend, P.D.C.
(NP)

MASSACHUSETTS

Lewis Garney, D.C.
Miles E. Harrington, P.D.C.
William W. Haskell, P.C.-in-C.
Charles W. Hooper, Sr., P.D.C.

Allen B. Howland, P.C.-in-C.
David N. Reed, Dele.
William C. Rule, P.D.C.
Eugene E. Russell, P.D.C.

MICHIGAN

Carl A. Smith, P.D.C.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Alfred J. Clark, P.D.C. (NP)
Cleon E. Heald, P.C.-in-C. (NP)
Robert A. Lawrence, P.D.C.

Howard Wheeler, Dele.
Kenneth T. Wheeler, C.-in-C.
Richard E. Wyman, P.D.C.

NEW JERSEY

Frank L. Clark, P.D.C. (NP)
 Fred H. Combs, Jr., P.C.-in-C.
 Percy C. Davenport, Dele. (NP)
 Kenneth Ekstrand, P.D.C. (NP)
 Richard Hines, P.D.C. (NP)

John J. Junge, P.D.C.
 Albert W. Lambert, P.D.C.
 William W. Vanderhoof, P.D.C.
 Walter H. Williams, P.D.C.

NEW YORK

Cecil M. Baer, D.C.
 Edson W. Baker, P.D.C.
 Harold T. Beilby, P.D.C.
 Newell T. Bodge, Dele.
 Harry Furman, P.D.C. (NP)
 Norman R. Furman, P.C.-in-C.
 Harry E. Gibbons, P.D.C.

Harold Goodman, Dele. (NP)
 Alfred Hahn, Dele. (NP)
 Chester E. Hudson, P.D.C. (NP)
 Robert H. McMahon, P.D.C. (NP)
 Albert A. Morey, Dele. (NP)
 Joseph S. Rippey, P.C.-in-C.

OHIO

Forest Altland, Dele. (NP)
 Gordon R. Bury, II, P.D.C.
 Robert F. Gillespie, Dele.
 Richard Greenwalt, P.D.C.
 Wilbur Haueter, D.C.

James Perkins, Dele. (NP)
 Fred Pfiester, P.D.C. (NP)
 Jerry L. West, Dele. (NP)
 Robert C. Wolz, P.D.C. (NP)
 Robert J. Wolz, P.D.C.

PENNSYLVANIA

Frank L. Campbell, Dele.
 Michael A. Cavanaugh, Jr., Dele.
 Theodore R. Dissinger, Sr., P.D.C. (NP)
 Goodling H. Dugan, D.C.
 Ivan E. Frantz, Sr., P.D.C. (NP)
 Frank M. Heacock, Sr., P.C.-in-C.
 William E. Hosmer, Dele. (NP)
 William C. Jones, P.D.C. (NP)
 Paul C. Kegerise, Dele. (NP)
 Elton P. Koch, P.D.C.
 Edwin K. Kramer, P.D.C.
 George W. Long, P.D.C. (NP)

Jonathan T. Mayhew, Dele.
 Thomas A. Monahan, Jr., P.D.C.
 Rev. Richard O. Partington, P.D.C.
 Ralph Peiper, Dele.
 Herman L. Poehler, Sr., Dele.
 Clarence J. Riddell, P.C.-in-C.
 Chester S. Shriver, P.C.-in-C.
 William L. Simpson, P.D.C.
 John H. Stark, P.C.-in-C.
 C. LeRoy Stoudt, P.C.-in-C.
 Robert U. Werkheiser, P.D.C.
 John C. Yocum, P.C.-in-C.

RHODE ISLAND

William Perry, P.D.C.

WISCONSIN

Herman Black, P.D.C. (NP)
 Grover R. Huff, P.D.C.

T. L. W. Johnson, P.D.C. (NP)

FORT CHICKAMAUGA CAMP-AT-LARGE #1

LTC John H. Jeffries, Dele.

Robert L. McCandless, Dele.

CURTIS-WARNER CAMP-AT-LARGE #64

Alvin Lee Baker, Dele.

Hardy Alfred Kemp, M.D., Dele.

NATIONAL MEMBER-AT-LARGE

John H. Jones, Dele.

Jerold E. Rowe, Dele.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

August 17, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. with the following persons present:

Commander-in-Chief	Harold T. Beilby
Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief	Richard Greenwalt
Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief	J. B. Johnson
Secretary-Treasurer	Chester S. Shriver
Council of Administration Member	Kenneth T. Wheeler
Council of Administration Member	Joseph S. Rippey
Council of Administration Member	William Simpson
Counselor	Norman Furman
Editor of The BANNER	Albert W. Lambert
Past Secretary-Treasurer	Fred H. Combs, Jr.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting of August 14, 1977 were approved as read.

2. Brother Rippey moved, seconded by Brother Simpson, that the dividends earned on the Wellington Fund shares and the special savings accounts be put into the General Fund for 1977-78. The motion was unanimously passed.

3. Brother Rippey moved, and Brother Wheeler seconded, that we pay \$6.00 per member as the payment to Camps of Life Members in January 1978, prorated to \$3.00 if the Life Membership was purchased prior to July 1, 1977. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Following a short discussion, the goal for the National Patriotic Instructor for 1977-78 was increased from \$1,500 to \$1,700. This action was taken on a motion by Brother Rippey, seconded by Brother Furman and passed unanimously.

5. Brother Wheeler motioned and Brother Rippey seconded a motion that the out-going Secretary-Treasurer be granted authority to adjust the prices listed on the Price List of Supplies to the extent necessary to meet increased costs of supplies and postage. Motion passed unanimously.

6. The report of the National Patriotic Instructor, Charles A. Brady, Jr., contained the following recommendation which was referred to the Council: "That a medal to be known as the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Award be designed and dies struck, a supply of said medals to be made up with short ribbons in military style and a supply with neck ribbons; the former for presentation by Camps and Departments at R.O.T.C. Award Programs and the latter at Good Citizenship Recognition Programs at schools and colleges of the Camps' and Departments' choosing upon purchase of the medals from the National Organization."

Following discussion, it was decided to ask Brother Brady to submit cost estimates for the implementation of his recommendation. This action was taken upon a motion by Brother Rippey, seconded by several, that the matter be tabled for further consideration, and passed unanimously.

7. After a brief discussion, the matter of the acceptance of Bert Sack, formerly a member of Oliver Tilden Camp of New York, into membership by the Reading, Pennsylvania, Camp was again tabled.

8. Brother Combs reported that the manufacturer of the Past Commander-in-Chief's lapel button will not be able to supply us with this item after this fiscal year unless we go to the expense of having a die made. In light of the rising cost of the Past Commander-in-Chief's jewel, as well as the lapel button, and the additional cost of having a die made, this matter was discussed thoroughly. Brother Rippey moved, seconded by Brother Simpson, that the presentation of the lapel button be discontinued at the end of the 1977-78 fiscal year. Brother Beilby will be the last to receive it. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Brother Grover Huff of Wisconsin intimated that the National Organization may be presented with a tape recorder for use in recording the National Encampment sessions. For that reason, it was decided to delay purchase of one. (A borrowed recorder was used the last two years.)

10. Brother Furman suggested that more information be given to prospective purchasers of Life Memberships regarding the fact that no payment is made to the camp until six months or one year after the membership was purchased.

11. It was agreed that if the money is available in the budget as approved, Brothers Combs and Shriver look into the matter of having some of the very old Proceedings, as well as recent copies, bound so they can be better preserved. It was also agreed to allow Brother Combs to keep some of the "bulky" items in his home since Brother Shriver does not have space for them in his home. A copy of an inventory of such items will be kept in the files of Brother Shriver. Brothers Shriver and Combs will work these matters out between them prior to January 1, 1978, at which time everything else will be turned over to the new National Secretary-Treasurer.

12. Brother Lambert informed Council that Brother Hardy Alfred Kemp, M.D., a member of Curtis-Warner Camp #64, would like to donate his recent book and its copyright to the National Organization for fundraising or whatever purpose they see fit. Brother Lambert has consented to read the manuscript upon its completion and keep Council informed of further developments in this regard. The book is about a Civil War hero from the Prairie Village, Kansas area, which is also Dr. Kemp's home area.

13. The report of the Fraternal Relations Committee, Robert Lawrence, Chairman, contained the following recommendation which was referred to Council:

"That the National Encampment should draw up guidelines for future National Fraternal Relations Committees to follow in securing Fraternal Relations information from the various Departments and providing possible leadership in the development of improved relations with the Allied Orders."

Following discussion, Brother Rippey moved, seconded by Brother Wheeler, that the Fraternal Relations Committee be instructed by the Commander-in-Chief to draw up their purposes and functions and mode of operation and report to the next National Encampment, or sooner to the Commander-in-Chief. Motion passed unanimously.

14. The Ohio Speakers Bureau was discussed and Brother Simpson made a motion that the suggestion of Jerry West that the Speakers Bureau idea be coordinated among the Departments be referred to the Editor of the Banner for spreading of the word about the Ohio Speakers Bureau Project. The motion was seconded by Brother Wheeler and unanimously passed.

15. On a motion by Brother Rippey, seconded by Brother Greenwalt and passed unanimously, Brother Albert W. Lambert was appointed as Editor of The BANNER for 1977-78.

16. Under New Business, there was a discussion on the reactivating of a camp in Davenport, Iowa, and a problem they are having with a 92 or 93-year-old member who won't release the Camp's possessions. No action was taken on this matter.

17. Brother Rippey motioned, seconded by Brother Wheeler, to adjourn. The motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,
Fred H. Combs, Jr., Nat. Secy.-Treas.
Harold T. Beilby, Commander-in-Chief

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENTS

1st	1882	Oct. 18	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
2nd	1883	Aug. 6-7	Columbus	Ohio
3rd	1884	Aug. 27-30	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania
4th	1885	Sept. 17-18	Grand Rapids	Michigan
5th	1886	Sept. 1-2	Buffalo	New York
6th	1887	Aug. 17-19	Des Moines	Iowa
7th	1888	Aug. 15-17	Wheeling	West Virginia
8th	1889	Sept. 10-13	Paterson	New Jersey
9th	1890	Aug. 26-29	St. Joseph	Missouri
10th	1891	Aug. 24-29	Minneapolis	Minnesota
11th	1892	Aug. 8-12	Helena	Montana
12th	1893	Aug. 15-18	Cincinnati	Ohio
13th	1894	Aug. 20-23	Davenport	Iowa
14th	1895	Sept. 16-18	Knoxville	Tennessee
15th	1896	Sept. 8-10	Louisville	Kentucky
16th	1897	Sept. 9-11	Indianapolis	Indiana
17th	1898	Sept. 12-14	Omaha	Nebraska
18th	1899	Sept. 7-9	Detroit	Michigan
19th	1900	Sept. 11-13	Syracuse	New York
20th	1901	Sept. 17-18	Providence	Rhode Island
21st	1902	Oct. 7-9	Washington	D. C.
22nd	1903	Sept. 15-17	Atlantic City	New Jersey
23rd	1904	Aug. 17-19	Boston	Massachusetts
24th	1905	Sept. 18-20	Gettysburg	Pennsylvania
25th	1906	Aug. 20-23	Peoria	Illinois
26th	1907	Aug. 20-21	Dayton	Ohio
27th	1908	Aug. 25-27	Niagara Falls	New York
28th	1909	Aug. 24-26	Washington	D. C.
29th	1910	Sept. 20-22	Atlantic City	New Jersey
30th	1911	Aug. 22-25	Rochester	New York
31st	1912	Aug. 27-29	St. Louis	Missouri
32nd	1913	Sept. 16-18	Chattanooga	Tennessee
33rd	1914	Sept. 1-3	Detroit	Michigan
34th	1915	Sept. 28-30	Washington	D. C.
35th	1916	Aug. 30-31	Kansas City	Missouri
36th	1917	Aug. 22-23	Boston	Massachusetts
37th	1918	Aug. 20-21	Niagara Falls	New York
38th	1919	Sept. 9-11	Columbus	Ohio
39th	1920	Sept. 22-24	Indianapolis	Indiana
40th	1921	Sept. 27-29	Indianapolis	Indiana
41st	1922	Sept. 26-28	Des Moines	Iowa
42nd	1923	Sept. 4-6	Milwaukee	Wisconsin
43rd	1924	Aug. 12-14	Boston	Massachusetts
44th	1925	Sept. 1-3	Grand Rapids	Michigan
45th	1926	Sept. 21-23	Des Moines	Iowa
46th	1927	Sept. 13-15	Grand Rapids	Michigan
47th	1928	Sept. 18-20	Denver	Colorado
48th	1929	Sept. 10-12	Portland	Maine
49th	1930	Aug. 26-28	Cincinnati	Ohio
50th	1931	Sept. 14-17	Des Moines	Iowa
51st	1932	Sept. 19-22	Springfield	Illinois
52nd	1933	Sept. 19-21	St. Paul	Minnesota
53rd	1934	Aug. 14-16	Rochester	New York
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
73rd	1954	Aug. 8-13	Duluth	Minnesota
74th	1955	Aug. 21-25	Cincinnati	Ohio
75th	1956	Sept. 9-13	Harrisburg	Pennsylvania
76th	1957	Aug. 18-22	Detroit	Michigan
77th	1958	Aug. 17-21	Boston	Massachusetts
78th	1959	Aug. 16-20	Long Beach	California

79th	1960	Aug. 21-25	Springfield	Illinois
80th	1961	Aug. 20-24	Indianapolis	Indiana
81st	1962	Aug. 19-23	Washington	D. C.
82nd	1963	Aug. 18-22	Miami Beach	Florida
83rd	1964	Aug. 16-20	Providence	Rhode Island
84th	1965	Aug. 15-19	Richmond	Virginia
85th	1966	Aug. 14-18	Grand Rapids	Michigan
86th	1967	Aug. 6-10	Chicago	Illinois
87th	1968	Aug. 18-22	Wilmington	Delaware
88th	1969	Aug. 17-21	St. Louis	Missouri
89th	1970	Aug. 23-27	Miami Beach	Florida
90th	1971	Aug. 15-19	Boston	Massachusetts
91st	1972	Aug. 13-17	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania
92nd	1973	Aug. 5-9	Palm Springs	California
93rd	1974	Aug. 18-22	Bretton Woods	New Hampshire
94th	1975	Aug. 10-14	Rochester	New York
95th	1976	Aug. 15-19	Columbus	Ohio
96th	1977	Aug. 14-18	Des Moines	Iowa

PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF

Elected

1881	Harry T. Rowley	Penna.
1882	Harry T. Rowley	Penna.
1883	Frank P. Merrill	Maine
1884	Harry W. Arnold	Penna.
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	Mass.
1894	William E. Bundy	Ohio
1895	William H. Russell	Kansas
1896	James Lewis Rake	Penna.
1897	Charles E. Darling	Mass.
1898	Frank L. Shepard	Illinois
1899	A. W. Jones	Ohio
1900	Edgar W. Alexander	Penna.
1901	Edward R. Campbell	Md.
1902	Frank Martin	Indiana
1903	Arthur B. Spink	Rhode Is.
1904	William C. Dustin	Illinois
1905	Harley V. Speelman	Ohio
1906	Edwin M. Amies	Penna.
1907	Ralph Sheldon	New York
1908	Edgar Allan, Jr.	Md.
1909	George W. Pollitt	New Jersey
1910	Fred E. Bolton	Mass.
1911	Newton J. McGuire	Indiana
1912	Ralph M. Grant	Conn.
1913	John E. Sautter	Penna.
1914	Charles F. Sherman	N. Y.
1915	A. E. B. Stephens	Ohio
1916	William T. Church	Illinois
1917	Fred T. J. Johnson	Md.
1918	Francis Callahan	Penna.
1919	Harry D. Sisson	Mass.
1920	Pelham A. Barrows	Neb.
1921	Clifford Ireland	Illinois
1922	Frank Shelhouse	Indiana
1923	Samuel S. Horn	Penna.
1924	Wm. M. Coffin	Ohio
1925	Edwin C. Ireland	Md.
1926	Ernest W. Homan	Mass.
1927	Walter C. Mabie	Penna.
1928	Delevan Bates Bowley	C.&P.

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1929	Theodore C. Cazeau	N. Y.
1930	Allan S. Holbrook	Illinois
1931	Frank C. Huston	Indiana
1932	Titus M. Ruch	Penna.
1933	Park F. Yengling	Ohio
1934	Frank L. Kirchgassner	Mass.
1935	Richard F. Locke	Illinois
1936	Wm. Allan Dyer	N. Y.
1937	Wm. Allan Dyer	N. Y.
1938	Wm. L. Anderson	Mass.
1939	Ralph R. Barrett	Calif.
1940	J. Kirkwood Craig	Minn.
1941	Albert C. Lambert	N. J.
1942	Henry Towle	Maine
1943	C. Leroy Stoudt	Penna.
1944	Urien W. Mackey	Michigan
1945	H. Harding Hale	Mass.
1946	Neil D. Cranmer	N. Y.
1947	Charles H. E. Moran	Mass.
1948	Perle L. Fouch	Michigan
1949	John H. Runkle	Penna.
1950	Cleon E. Heald	N. H.
1951	Roy J. Bennett	Iowa
1952	Frederick K. Davis	Ore. & W.
1953	Maj Gen U S Grant 3rd	Md.
1954	Maj Gen U S Grant 3rd	Md.
1955	Frederic G. Bauer	Mass.
1956	Fred E. Howe	N. Y.
1957	Albert B. DeHaven	Maine
1958	Earl F. Riggs	Calif.
1959	Harold E. Arnold	Rhode Is.
1960	Thos. A. Chadwick	Vermont
1961	Charles L. Messer	N. Y.
1962	Chester S. Shriver	Penna.
1963	Joseph S. Rippey	N. Y.
1964	Joseph S. Rippey	N. Y.
1965	W. Earl Corbin	Ohio
1966	Frank Woerner	Calif.
1967	William W. Haskell	Mass.
1968	Frank M. Heacock, Sr.	Penna.
1969	Fred H. Combs, Jr.	N. J.
1970	George L. Cashman	Illinois
1971	Norman R. Furman	N. Y.
1972	John C. Yocum	Penna.
1973	Allen B. Howland	Mass.
1974	John H. Stark	Penna.
1975	Clarence E. Riddell	N. H.
1976	Kenneth T. Wheeler	

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