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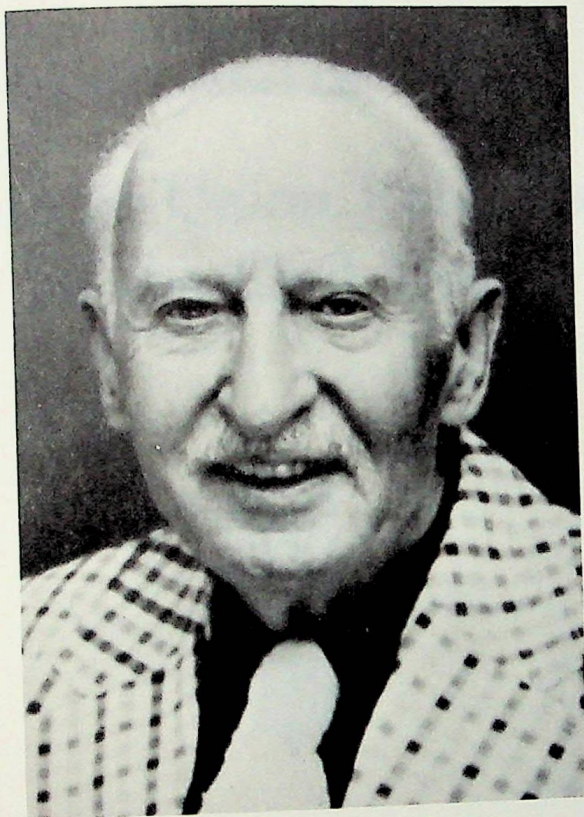


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**New York**

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## NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 1977-1978

Commander-in-Chief .....	Harold T. Beilby
Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief .....	Richard L. Greenwalt
Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief .....	J. B. Johnson
Council of Administration .....	Joseph S. Rippey
Council of Administration .....	William L. Simpson
Council of Administration .....	Kenneth T. Wheeler
National Secretary-Treasurer .....	Chester S. Shriver
National Counselor .....	Norman R. Furman
National Chief of Staff .....	John H. Stark
National Patriotic Instructor .....	Charles A. Brady, Jr.
National Chaplain .....	Richard C. Schlenker
National Historian .....	Harry E. Gibbons
National Graves Registration Officer .....	William W. Vanderhoof, Jr.
National G.A.R. Highway Officer .....	Miles E. Harrington, Sr.
District of Columbia Representative .....	Arthur R. Glenum
Personal Aide .....	Edson W. Baker

Grand Lodge, Michigan

August 15-17, 1978

## ENCAMPMENT ACTIVITIES

August 13, 1978

## COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. in the Headquarters Suite, The Pantlind Hotel, Grand Rapids, Michigan, with the following persons present:

Commander-in-Chief .....	Harold T. Beilby
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief .....	Richard L. Greenwalt
Secretary-Treasurer .....	Chester S. Shriver
Council of Administration Member .....	Joseph S. Rippey
Council of Administration Member .....	William L. Simpson
Council of Administration Member .....	Kenneth T. Wheeler
Counselor .....	Norman R. Furman
Editor of The BANNER .....	Albert W. Lambert
Past Secretary-Treasurer .....	Fred H. Combs, Jr.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting of the Council of Administration held on August 17, 1977 were read by Secretary-Treasurer Shriver. Hearing no objections, Commander-in-Chief Beilby declared them approved as read.

Commander-in-Chief Beilby added, for the record, that the matter in Davenport, Iowa has been resolved so no further action on the matter is necessary.

2. Commander-in-Chief Beilby appointed an Audit Committee consisting of Brothers Wheeler and Greenwalt. He also appointed Brothers Rippey and Combs to serve on the Budget Committee.

3. The Financial Report of the National Organization for the fiscal year July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978 was presented by the Secretary-Treasurer. Copies of the Receipts and Disbursements, plus the Summarization of all funds, were given to each Council Member present. Following several questions from Council Members, a motion was made by Council Member Rippey, seconded by several, to accept the report. Motion carried.

4. The Membership Report for the fiscal year July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978 was presented by National Secretary Shriver. Printed copies of this report were given to each member of the Council present. This report was accepted and approved on a motion by Council Member Simpson, seconded by several.

5. National Secretary Shriver read a letter submitted by Fort Chickamauga Camp No. 1-at-Large regarding the consideration of an Amendment to its Camp Regulation regarding sales tax exemption in the State of Oklahoma. Since several legal matters may be involved on what constitutes camp property and other property that may be subject to tax exemption, Brother Shriver made a motion, seconded by several, to table this matter and that the incoming Commander-in-Chief check into the matter with the Camp and report back at the 1979 National Encampment.

6. It was reported that the Seal for our Organization needs to be re-

placed due to rusted spots and separation of the seal plates. Brother Joseph S. Rippey moved and Brother Albert W. Lambert seconded that the National Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to purchase a new Seal, which is required to comply with the Congressional Charter.

7. The recommendation made by Brother Charles A. Brady, Jr. at the 96th Annual Encampment at Des Moines, Iowa in 1977 was discussed. He had proposed that our Organization make available a special medal to be awarded by Camps, Departments or the National Organization to R.O.T.C. awards programs, schools or individuals worthy of special recognition and that the proposed medal contain a recognition of the young soldier and the old veteran of the G.A.R. Quotation of cost from the manufacturer in Chicago, Illinois showed an overall cost of \$2,095.00 for the die for the front and back of the medal, plus the die cutter. The medal could be produced in gold, silver, or bronze at an average cost of \$9.50 in lots of 500 or more. Following some discussion, a motion was made by Council Member Rippey, seconded by Council Member Simpson, that we do not purchase the medal at this time. Motion carried.

8. Brother Albert W. Lambert submitted a report of The BANNER for the fiscal year of 1977-78. His report contained the time involved by himself and his family to produce issues of the high standard maintained by his predecessor. The financial report showed a balance on hand July 1, 1977 of \$81.30, receipts of \$3,362.40, disbursements of \$3,435.59, leaving a balance on hand June 30, 1978 of \$8.11. Reasons were presented to show the necessity of a \$200.00 increase for the October issue to cover the entire coverage of the National Encampment. Each of the three recommendations was approved by motion from Council Member Rippey and seconded by several. The motion was carried.

National Secretary-Treasurer Shriver moved that we accept the report of The BANNER with thanks for a job well done. Seconded by many, the motion was carried.

9. The project of the Membership-at-Large was reported by Past Commander-in-Chief Fred H. Combs, Jr., as Coordinator. This report included the placing of an ad in the CIVIL WAR TIMES ILLUSTRATED and a recommendation to continue placing an ad for the fiscal year 1978-79. A refund check in the amount of \$256.85 was turned over to the Secretary-Treasurer from this project. Per Capita Tax was reported quarterly to National Headquarters on the Membership-at-Large. Council Member Wheeler moved, seconded by Council Member Simpson, that the report of Brother Combs be accepted. Motion carried.

10. Brother Lambert reported on the matter assigned to him in August 1977 at Des Moines, Iowa on the proposal from the Department of Ohio at the 96th National Encampment regarding the use of a Speakers Bureau similar to the Ohio Speakers Bureau. Nothing was received from the membership, camps or departments regarding the use of such a bureau.

On the matter of the book review of Dr. Hardy Alfred Kemp assigned to Brother Lambert in Des Moines, the report was presented that the book may never be printed and the quality of the contents is not conducive for Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War endorsement.

There being no further business to come before the meeting of the Council of Administration, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Harold T. Beilby, Commander-in-Chief  
Chester S. Shriver, Secretary-Treasurer

## JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

The Pantlind Hotel  
Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Sunday, August 13, 1978 — 3:00 p.m.

Musical Prelude .....	Emma Wheeler, P.N.P.
Processional .....	National and Department Officers
Lighting of the Candles .....	Harold T. Beilby, Commander-in-Chief Marion E. Combs, National President
Invocation .....	Richard C. Schlenker, National Chaplain
Solo—"In the Garden" .....	Richard E. Wyman, P.D.C., Soloist

## MEMORIAL TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

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

## EULOGY TO ANNA I. STOUTT, NATIONAL PRESIDENT 1962-1963

Caroline E. Riddell, P.N.P.

## TRIBUTES TO THE MEMORY OF

Past National Presidents .....	Ursula Shepardson, P.N.P.
Past Commanders-in-Chief .....	Chester S. Shriver, P.C.-in-C.
Deceased Officers and Members of Auxiliary ..	Edna S. Lambert, P.N.P.
Deceased Officers and Members of the Sons .....	Frank M. Heacock, Sr., P.C.-in-C.

## NECROLOGY AND PLACING OF THE FLOWERS

Department Presidents and Department Commanders

Solo—"How Great Thou Art" .....	Richard E. Wyman, P.D.C., Soloist
Benediction .....	Arleene Iervolino, National Chaplain
Extinguishing of the Candles ....	Harold T. Beilby, Commander-in-Chief Marion E. Combs, National President

## RECESSIONAL AND POSTLUDE

**CAMPFIRE PROGRAM****(Grand Army of the Republic Tradition)****Sunday, August 13, 1978—8:00 P.M. Pantlind Hotel  
Ballroom**

Past Commander-in-Chief Chester S. Shriver opened this traditional program with the Posting of the Colors by a contingent from the Sons of Veterans Reserve and singing of the National Anthem. Past Commander-in-Chief John H. Stark, Chief of Staff, served as Master of Ceremonies.

The greetings from the City of Grand Rapids were extended by Mr. William Gill, Assistant to the Mayor, who is a collector of Civil War memorabilia. Mr. Gill had brought along with him a cane which had belonged to a Captain in General George Meade's Army.

Commander-in-Chief Harold T. Beilby of the Sons, National President Marion E. Combs of the Auxiliary, and National President Henrietta Bodge of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic spoke briefly and extended the greetings of their respective organizations.

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank M. Heacock, Sr. spoke about the Grand Army of the Republic and the role these veterans played in government and civilian life following the close of the Civil War. Civil War period gowns were modeled by several members of the Auxiliary and Ladies of the G.A.R.

Members of the Sweet Adelines presented a program of songs, after which the Colors were retired. Dancing followed, to the music of Don Louis and his orchestra.

**GRAND BANQUET****Ballroom****Pantlind Hotel, Grand Rapids, Michigan****Tuesday, August 15, 1978****6:00 P.M.**

Welcome by Chief of Staff, Aux. to S.U.V.C.W. ....	Hilda S. Junge
Master of Ceremonies .....	P.C.-in-C. Joseph S. Rippey
The National Anthem	
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag	
Invocation .....	Arleene Iervolino
Dinner	National Chaplain, Aux. to S.U.V.C.W.
Remarks .....	Harold T. Beilby, C.-in-C., S.U.V.C.W.
	Marion E. Combs, N.P., Aux. to S.U.V.C.W.
	Henriette Y. Bodge, N.P., Ladies of the G.A.R.
Introduction of National Officers, Sons and Auxiliary	
	Chiefs of Staff Hilda S. Junge and John H. Stark
Introduction of Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents	
	Chiefs of Staff John H. Stark and Hilda S. Junge
Announcements	
Benediction .....	Richard C. Schlenker
	National Chaplain, S.U.V.C.W.

**Grand March****Reception by National Officers****Dancing****Open House—Presidential Suite—Hosts: C.-in-C. Beilby and N.P. Combs**

## ENCAMPMENT ACTIVITIES

Monday, August 14, 1978

### Annual Dinner

Past National President Caroline Riddell of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, presided at the annual dinner of the Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents. A gift was presented to each member in attendance. Commander-in-Chief Harold T. Beilby and National President Marion E. Combs were guests at the dinner. Following the dinner, the two respective groups adjourned to separate rooms for their meetings.

### Exemplification of Ritual

At the Exemplification of the Ritual by the Auxiliary, two members were taken in. Three members were initiated at the Exemplification of the Ritual by the Sons' Degree Team.

### Courtesy Hour

National Chiefs of Staff Hilda Junge and John Stark were in charge of the Courtesy Hour honoring National President of the Auxiliary Marion E. Combs of New Jersey and Commander-in-Chief Harold T. Beilby of New York. They were greeted by their officers who were seated nearby. As the roll was called by States, delegates marched in to present their congratulations and gifts.

## ENTERTAINMENT

Wednesday, August 16, 1978

Following the conclusion of the business sessions of the Sons and Auxiliary, many Departments held their luncheons and dinners. Entertainment was provided in the Ballroom in the evening, with an orchestra for dancing.

## BUS TRIP

Thursday, August 17, 1978

Members of the Michigan Department planned a bus trip for those who remained in Grand Rapids on Thursday, which included a tour of the lovely residential area surrounding Grand Rapids. While lunch was enjoyed, delegates were entertained by the playing of Civil War tunes on a magnificent organ. During the afternoon, guests enjoyed a tour of the Michigan Veterans Facility and participated in the re-dedication of a Civil War Monument which was recently relocated in a small park in center city.

# PROCEEDINGS

## Ninety-seventh Annual National Encampment

### SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR HEADQUARTERS

Pantlind Hotel, Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Sessions: West Vandenburg Room

Monday, August 14, 1978

The Officers and Delegates of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its Auxiliary assembled in the Ballroom of the Pantlind Hotel for their traditional Joint Opening at 9:30 a.m. under the direction of P.D.C. Hilda Junge, Chief of Staff for the Auxiliary, and P.C.-in-C. John Stark, Chief of Staff for the Sons.

National President of the Auxiliary Marion E. Combs of New Jersey and Commander-in-Chief Harold T. Beilby of New York were escorted down an aisle formed by National Aides of the Auxiliary who were dressed in long white gowns and held a gold rope. The Past National Presidents and Past Commanders-in-Chief and National Officers of both groups were then received. P.D.C. John Junge sang a song to the National President which had been written by his wife, Chief of Staff Hilda Junge.

Words of greetings and expressions of appreciation were voiced by the National President and Commander-in-Chief. National President Combs presented Commander-in-Chief Beilby with a Love Token from the Auxiliary. The Sons then retired to the West Vandenburg Room to conduct their business sessions.

### MONDAY SESSIONS

August 14, 1978

The ninety-seventh annual Encampment of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was called to order in ritualistic form at 10:55 a.m. Commander-in-Chief Harold T. Beilby presided, and it was ascertained that all present were entitled to remain.

The roll call of officers showed all present but Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief J. B. Johnson and District of Columbia Representative Arthur R. Glenum. The Commander-in-Chief reported that Brother Johnson was hospitalized as the result of a slight stroke. Brother William Simpson was filled Brother Johnson's chair.

A basket of flowers was presented to the Encampment by Benjamin F. Edge, II, Past Department Commander of Michigan.

Floor Officers appointed to serve this Encampment were:

Guide ..... Gordon R. Bury, II, P.D.C., Ohio  
 Color Bearer ..... James Y. Ledwith, P.D.C., Connecticut  
 Guard ..... Orval King, P.D.C., Indiana

*Commander-in-Chief Harold T. Beilby:* I will now read the Encampment committees.

## ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEES

### CREDENTIALS

Miles E. Harrington, Sr., Chairman ..... P.D.C., Mass.  
 Howard M. Wheeler ..... D.C., N.H.  
 Donald L. Roberts ..... D.C., N.Y.  
 John J. Junge ..... P.D.C., N.J.  
 Cyril C. Gumbinger ..... P.D.C., Ill.

### CONSTITUTION & REGULATIONS

Joseph S. Rippey, Chairman ..... P.C.-in-C., N.Y.  
 Allen B. Howland ..... P.C.-in-C., Mass.  
 Chester S. Shriver ..... P.C.-in-C., Pa.  
 John H. Stark ..... P.C.-in-C., Pa.  
 C. Leroy Stoudt ..... P.C.-in-C., Pa.

### OFFICERS' REPORTS

William W. Haskell, Chairman ..... P.C.-in-C., Mass.  
 Robert L. McCandless .. C.C., Ft. Chickamauga Camp-at-Large #1, Okla.  
 Forest Altland ..... D.C., Ohio  
 Kenneth P. Ekstrand ..... P.D.C., N.J.  
 Homer R. Savage ..... P.D.C., Mich.

### RESOLUTIONS

Richard O. Partington, Chairman ..... P.D.C., Pa.  
 Charles W. Hooper, Sr. .... P.D.C., Mass.  
 Orval L. King ..... P.D.C., Ind.  
 Joseph R. Johnston ..... Del., Calif.  
 Robert M. Graham ..... P.D.C., Ill.

### RITUAL & CEREMONY

Fred H. Combs, Jr., Chairman ..... P.C.-in-C., N.J.  
 Wilbur Haueter ..... P.D.C., Ohio  
 Edwin K. Kramer ..... P.D.C., Pa.

May we have a report of the Credentials Committee?

Past Department Commander Miles E. Harrington, Sr.: We have 68 registered, present; we have 20 registered, not present; for a total of 88 registered. We have a voting strength of 68. I do not have a breakdown of Past Commanders-in-Chief, etc. at this time.

C.-in-C. Beilby: Thank you very much. We will now continue with the Officers' Reports. Brother Greenwalt, you may stay where you are, but will you please take over while I read the Brothers my report.

## REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

To the Officers and Members of the  
97th Annual National Encampment of the  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War—

Greetings:

I have the honor of submitting the following report of my activities for the year ending August 1978. I certainly appreciate the fact that I was elected to the highest office of the S.U.V.C.W. in Des Moines in August 1977, and hope that the confidence placed in me was not unjustified.

The following is a resume of my Travelogue:

September 17, 1977. Attended a reception and dinner in honor of New York Department President Betty Baker and Department Commander Cecil Baer in Ovid, New York—a very good turnout and a most pleasant evening.

October 8 and 9, 1977. I flew to the Central Regional Conference held in Madison, Wisconsin. It was a very worthwhile meeting, was well attended and showed great dedication by the members.

October 15, 1977. Attended a reception and testimonial dinner in honor of myself and National Auxiliary President Marion E. Combs held in Rochester, New York at the Americana Hotel. It was sponsored by Camp #6 and Auxiliary #1 of Rochester. Seven Departments were represented—a very happy evening, one to be remembered forever.

October 22, 1977. Traveled to Niagara Falls, New York for a reception and dinner honoring National President of the Ladies of the G.A.R. Henrietta Bodge—a very good turnout and a most enjoyable evening.

November 5, 1977. Motored to Princeton, N. J. to attend a dinner and reception honoring my National Auxiliary President Marion E. Combs, sponsored by the New Jersey Department. It was well-attended and a most enjoyable evening for everyone.

November 19, 1977. Traveled to Gettysburg, Pa. to attend the Remembrance Day ceremonies. I marched at the head of the annual parade with General Shriver. I presented the scholarship award to a student of the Gettysburg College at the dinner in the evening. All five heads of the G.A.R. family were in attendance. It was the largest assemblage of spectators to witness the parade in recent years. The weather was cool, but sunny.

December 15, 1977. Attended the annual Christmas Party and Social Hour sponsored by Camp #6 and Auxiliary #1 of Rochester, N.Y. It was well attended and there was plenty to eat.

February 12, 1978. Snowed in, so was unable to travel to Washington, D.C. for the annual Lincoln Memorial Services. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief J. B. Johnson made the trip and represented the National Organization. Missing this event was a great disappointment to me.

March 4, 1978. Drove to Princeton, N.J. to attend the New Jersey Department Annual Lincoln Dinner. A fine historical program followed the dinner.

March 11, 1978. Another big disappointment—I picked up the flu bug and was unable to attend the Philadelphia Lincoln Dinner.

March 17-20, 1978. I flew to Seattle, Washington even though I was still quite shaky from the flu. I attended the Department Encampment of Oregon-Washington. A goodly number of the Sons were in attendance, but no doubt more would have attended if it had been held in Oregon, as

the Sons are stronger numerically in Oregon. The Brothers who did attend showed a great dedication to our Order.

March 21 and 22, 1978. Flew to Grand Rapids and held a called meeting of the Michigan Department on the 22nd. There was a goodly number of the Brothers in attendance, and we helped formulate the plans for the National Encampment to be held in Grand Rapids in August.

April 8, 1978. Motored to Warwick, R. I. for the one-day Encampment of the Rhode Island Department. A good turnout, including many Brothers from the neighboring Departments of New England. Quite a few active younger members in this Department—a very encouraging fact.

April 13, 1978. Arrived in Des Moines, Iowa for a called meeting of the Iowa Department—a most pleasant evening with a banquet and reception. Iowa is a most active Department—a real good turnout.

April 15, 1978. Attended the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois. Once more, the five National Heads of the G.A.R. family were in attendance, the first time in five years. It was a beautiful, sunshiny day. The attendance at the Tomb was in excess of many former years. A luncheon at noon was attended by a tremendous number of members of veteran and patriotic organizations. A thrilling tape of many of the U.S. Military Bands was played. It was most impressive. We had a called meeting of the Illinois Department in the afternoon. Only a few were able to attend.

April 17, 1978. A called meeting of the Indiana Department was held in Frankfort, Indiana. It was well attended, and a delicious lunch was served by the Auxiliary. A new S.V.R. Unit was in the making in Indiana.

April 21 and 22, 1978. Attended the New Hampshire Department Encampment in Concord, N. H. It was well attended and very dedicated and many young members attended. Once more about every Department of New England was represented.

April 22, 1978. Left New Hampshire around noon and arrived in Rochester, N. Y. in time to attend the reception and dinner sponsored by Camp #6 and Auxiliary #1 of Rochester honoring Department President Betty Baker and Department Commander Cecil Baer of the New York Department. It was held in the Americana Town House. The dinner was well attended and a very enjoyable evening was had by all those attending.

April 29, 1978. Drove to Alexandria, Virginia to attend the Maryland-Delaware Department Encampment. A very good turnout for a small Department. It may be a small Department, but it is very dedicated. A wonderful dinner in the evening, was followed by a very educational and interesting program about the life of the Civil War veterans during the 1861-1865 era.

April 30, 1978. Drove from Virginia to New York City for the Grant's Tomb Ceremony on Riverside Drive—a very impressive service. In the evening I attended a reception and dinner sponsored by the greater New York City area for New York Department President Betty Baker and Department Commander Cecil Baer. It was well attended and a new member was initiated.

May 6, 1978. Motored to East Hartford, Connecticut to attend the Connecticut Department Encampment—a good turnout with a dinner and reception in the evening. There are many dedicated Brothers and Sisters in this Department. Once more, quite a few Brothers and Sisters from the rest of New England attended.

May 7, 1978. Drove to Burlington, Vermont for a called meeting of the Vermont Department. It was a district meeting of said Department—a wonderful home-cooked meal at noon. There was a good number in attendance, although the Auxiliary out-numbered the Sons. Three new members were to be initiated at the up-coming Department Encampment.

May 9, 1978. Attended a called meeting of the Maine Department at Waterville—a very good turnout and a wonderful dinner. I helped to persuade a new member to join.

May 29, 1978. Led the Memorial Day Parade in Rochester, N. Y. as the Commander-in-Chief of the S.U.V.C.W.—a real thrill and was extended much applause along the line of march.

May 30, 1978. Represented the National Organization at a very impressive ceremony at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire. There were about thirty different veterans and patriotic organizations represented. The Cathedral of the Pines is well worth visiting if you have never been there.

June 3, 1978. Flew to Milwaukee, Wisconsin for a one-day Encampment of the Wisconsin Department. This Department is surely to be commended very highly for accomplishing all the business that was taken care of in one day. They had a most impressive Memorial Service. There are many new members in this Department who are taking a very active interest. A dinner was held in the evening.

June 4 to 6, 1978. Flew to Denver, Colorado and then traveled by car to Manitou Springs to attend the Colorado-Wyoming Department Encampment. It was their Semi-Centennial Encampment. I was the Banquet speaker, and was very honored by their asking me. A very active Department, although small in numbers. Three new members were initiated at the Encampment. We toured Colorado Springs and even made it up Pike's Peak before embarking for home.

On the following trip, we were gone for two weeks.

June 15-17, 1978. Attended New Jersey Department Encampment of the Sons and Auxiliary in Avon-by-the-Sea, New Jersey—a delightful spot on the ocean. This is a very dedicated Department and the Encampment was well attended. I had the extreme pleasure of helping to initiate a fourth generation member of the Lambert family. It was Robert Lambert, son of Albert W. Lambert. We used the long form of initiation, which to my way of thinking is much more impressive than just obligating a new member.

June 18 to 21, 1978. On to Williamsport, Pa. for the Pennsylvania Department Encampment. This is a large Department with a large attendance—a most dedicated and articulate Department. No matter what was brought up on the floor, a great amount of discussion followed. A very active and conscientious group of Brothers—I really enjoyed the Encampment immensely.

June 23 and 24, 1978. On to Alliance, Ohio for the Ohio Department Encampment. This was a very unique Encampment as we were quartered in a dormitory of Mt. Union College—a most unique experience. The meals were out of this world and this was by far the most reasonable of all the Department Encampments. Here, too, there were a great number of younger, very active members in attendance.

June 25 to 28, 1978. Back to Syracuse, New York to attend my own Department Encampment. It was a most impressive Encampment because here, as in Pennsylvania, the Brothers speak out on every issue brought

before the Encampment. The whole five National Heads were in attendance as the whole five members of the G.A.R. Family meet together in New York Department. A new Camp before long will be reactivated in Syracuse, as well as an Auxiliary—real good news. A presentation of a flag to the City of Syracuse and a wreath being placed on a Soldiers' Monument downtown brought our Order a good amount of publicity.

July 1, 1978. Attended the S.V.R. National Encampment held in Geneva, N. Y. It was an ideal spot on Seneca Lake, and the weather was ideal. The turnout was tremendous and the sight of all the tents, campers and Winnebagos was most thrilling. I had the honor, along with my wife, of leading the Grand March at the Blue and Gray Ball in the evening which took place in the Geneva Armory. The S.V.R. Parade in the afternoon drew a very large crowd along the line of march. This was very good publicity, along with the news items in the local papers.

July 15 to 16, 1978. Drove to Weirs Beach, New Hampshire for the New England Regional Meeting—a wonderful spot, one of Nature's beautiful beaches. The meeting was well attended, and I can see why there is such camaraderie among all the New England Departments.

One of the most enjoyable parts of this year's traveling was that National Auxiliary President Marion and I were able to make all of our visits to the different departments together. Also, with the exception of when I flew, my wife Margaret accompanied me on all the visits, just as Past Commander-in-Chief Fred did with Marion. (He, of course, flew when Marion did.)

In concluding the itinerary of our travels, I would be remiss if I did not state that at all the department encampments and called meetings Marion and I were received most harmoniously and the congeniality of the Brothers and Sisters was outstanding. The different departments even arranged sunshiny weather for us.

I have tried to thank each department individually for all the courtesies extended to me. If I have missed any, even though unintentionally, I take this opportunity to thank each and every department for helping to make this year a most enjoyable, constructive and happy year. God Bless you all.

Now, my message on the State of the Union concerning the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

This has been a most rewarding and educational year to say the least. Although I have attended many National Encampments, beginning in 1929 at Portland, Maine, I have learned a lot this past year while traveling and visiting the numerous departments. It was a case of very good training on the job.

Although I have met many of the Brothers who have been attending National Encampments during the years, I have now become acquainted with many of the Brothers who were unable to attend said Encampments.

I know that I have made many new friends that I would never have become acquainted with if I had not been elected to this high office.

#### Sons of Veterans Reserves

The Sons of Veterans Reserves is undoubtedly the showpiece of our Order. The publicity gained for our Order by the Sons of Veterans Reserves throughout the year has no doubt brought to the foreground what the S.U.V.C.W. stands for; viz, perpetuating the deeds and sacrifices of the members of the G.A.R. during the years of 1861-1865.

The turnout of the S.V.R. in uniform at all patriotic functions has always brought before the public a reminder of what the G.A.R. members

looked like in uniform during the Civil War era. It is also one way of keeping our younger members interested in our Order. There is something about a uniform that seems to thrill the younger generation.

The turnout of hundreds of S.V.R. members in their different uniforms on such occasions as Memorial Day, parades, Remembrance Day at Gettysburg and the Lincoln Tomb ceremony in Springfield, Illinois, always gains the notice of the public and thus advertises the S.U.V.C.W. on all of these occasions.

At the S.V.R. National Encampment held in Geneva, New York this year, it was plainly visible that the public was very impressed by the large number of spectators who witnessed the parade in Geneva. I certainly was very glad that I was able to attend said Encampment.

May the S.V.R. grow in membership in the years to come.

### Memorial Day Restoration Committee

This committee has been working very diligently to return Memorial Day to May 30th, the original date established by Gen. Logan. So far, on the National level, it has been an uphill battle. However, so many of the various States have returned to May 30th (at least ten that I know of) that the Federal Government will have to return Memorial Day to May 30th eventually, the same way Armistice Day was restored to the original date of November 11th. The Committee on the Restoration of Memorial Day to May 30th is to be congratulated on their untiring efforts to force the issue in Congress. Past Commander-in-Chief Frank M. Heacock, Sr. heads this Committee.

### Legislative Committee

The Legislative Committee, under the leadership of Past Department Commander Thomas L. W. Johnson of Wisconsin, once more has been outstanding in submitting excellent reports all year long. Many thanks to Brother Johnson for a job well done.

### The Banner

The BANNER has been outstanding once more in reporting the activities of the various Departments as well as news of interest to all the Brothers. The Editor has done a fine job and is to be commended for same.

His job, however, could be made a lot easier if each department had a Department Press Correspondent who would submit articles to The BANNER, instead of several Brothers sending in duplicate news to the Editor.

Another thing, this is your publication, but some of the departments are not reporting any news at all. Let all departments resolve to have some news about their department functions printed in every issue of The BANNER.

### Officers of the Commander-in-Chief

I have had the privilege of having a very devoted staff of officers to work with this past year. They have all done an outstanding job. Each one is a dedicated member of our Order.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard Greenwalt has worked untiringly to promote the S.U.V.C.W., as has Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief J. B. Johnson. They have both represented the National Organization very ably several times when I was unable to attend some function during the year. Many thanks to both of these Brothers.

A special thanks to Past Commander-in-Chief Kenneth T. Wheeler, a member of the Council of Administration, for representing me at several of the New England Encampments at which I had attended a called meeting but was unable to attend their department encampments.

Past Department Commander William Simpson, member of the Council of Administration, also represented me several times, for which I would like to thank him.

I certainly appreciated the advice rendered to me several times by Past Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey, member of the Council of Administration, when I sought such advice. His advice has always been very diplomatic.

I also appreciate the advice given me by Past Commander-in-Chief Frank M. Heacock, Sr. on many occasions. The Encampment Site Committee, headed by Frank, is to be highly commended for setting up the Encampment here in Grand Rapids with less time than usual for accomplishing this task.

I had the privilege of working under two Secretary-Treasurers—Past Commander-in-Chief Fred H. Combs, Jr. the first half of the term and Past Commander-in-Chief Chester S. Shriver the last half. Both of these Brothers are to be commended on a very excellent job. The transition of the office from one Brother to another was accomplished without a hitch, and I am told that my National Auxiliary President Marion was a great aid in accomplishing this. Thank you both for your advice from time to time and an excellent job well done.

My Counselor, Past Commander-in-Chief Norman R. Furman, has always been available whenever I needed him, and no doubt I will be calling on you during the Encampment. Many thanks, Norman.

Many thanks to Past Department Commander Charles A. Brady, Jr., National Patriotic Instructor, who requested that he be appointed for a second term to this position. This appointment is very time-consuming, as well as our only source of raising money for our many patriotic functions and contributions during the year on the National level. He has also stressed the patriotism side of our Order on many occasions. Many thanks for accepting the appointment and for a job well done.

National Chaplain, Department Commander Richard C. Schlenker, has done an outstanding job as you all know after witnessing the Memorial Service yesterday afternoon. He is a dedicated Christian and well-serving of praise for his dedication to this office.

My Chief of Staff, Past Commander-in-Chief John H. Stark, took over his duties when Past Commander-in-Chief Jack Yocum felt he had to resign from this office. I know that John has done a very creditable job. My heartfelt thanks.

My National Historian, Past Department Commander Harry E. Gibbons, was reluctant to accept this appointment, but when you hear his report you will feel that he has done an excellent job, as he always has.

My National Graves Registration Officer, Past Department Commander William W. Vanderhoof, Jr., has once more done an outstanding job in this Capacity, and I wish to thank him for the very efficient way he has handled any problems I have placed on his shoulders.

My G.A.R. Highway Officer, Past Department Commander Miles E. Harrington, Sr., will, I feel confidently, have a very thorough report when it is read later on.

My District of Columbia Representative Arthur R. Glenum, although confined to a nursing home, has been active in Washington as much as his health would permit. After all, he is well over ninety years of age. My Personal Aide, Past Department Commander Edson W. Baker, has always been available whenever I needed my shoes shined or when I needed my bow tie tied when wearing my tuxedo. His main duty, of course, will be here at this Encampment.

Many thanks to all of these dedicated Brothers.

### Allied Orders

As I have mentioned in my Travelogue, the five National Heads of the G.A.R. Family have attended many of our National Patriotic Memorials and Ceremonies and also several of our Department Encampments. My National Auxiliary President Marion E. Combs has traveled with me, of course, more than the others but on the occasions where we were all in attendance, I have learned to respect and admire Sister Henrietta Bodge, National President of the Ladies of the G.A.R.; Sister Anna Kinnison, National President of the D.U.V.C.W.; and Sister Lois Didier, National President of the W.R.C. They are all dedicated Sisters and all possess a most congenial personality. I certainly wish for all of these Sisters most harmonious and happy Encampments. My only regret is that the whole five groups of the G.A.R. Family do not meet together at their National Encampments. This may be accomplished in the future.

### Membership

I firmly believe that the National Organization, S.U.V.C.W., will show an increase in membership this year. I sincerely hope so. There are several new Camps which will be established in the near future that I know of. One is in Pennsylvania and one is in Syracuse, New York. There will be a new S.V.R. unit in Syracuse, also, as well as a new Auxiliary.

We are now nearing 1981 rapidly, our centennial year. To be able to show a large increase in both new Camps and membership would be most gratifying. This can only be accomplished by the cooperation and diligent work of the entire membership.

### Finances

I firmly believe the National Organization, S.U.V.C.W., is fairly sound financially but, of course, the bigger the Treasury, the more can be accomplished in the way of publicity and contributions to worthy charitable causes. In this manner, we can keep our National Organization in the news and before the public in general.

### Publicity

Publicity seems harder to come by every year. The news media seems obsessed with reporting the crime and the workings of the underworld rather than the accomplishments of what all patriotic and veteran organizations are doing to alleviate the pain and suffering in the world in general, as well as keeping patriotism foremost as a requisite for all law-abiding citizens.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That we continue with the allotments for the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois, the Gettysburg Remembrance Day Observance, the Lincoln Birthday Memorial Observance in Washington, D.C. and the Memorial Day Observance at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire, as in past years.

2. That we also contribute as a National Body to the fund being generated at Fort Chickamauga, Oklahoma to erect a monument to the G.A.R. Also, that we contribute to the fund being raised for this purpose of rehabilitating and preserving the New Hampshire Veterans Building at Weirs Beach, New Hampshire. Both are very worthwhile projects.

3. That we increase the amount of the scholarship to \$300.00 to be presented to a worthy student at a college of the Commander-in-Chief's choice.

4. That, due to the large increase in the last few years in traveling expenses, such as plane fares, auto fuel and meals and lodging, that the allotment for the Commander-in-Chief be increased to at least \$1,500.00, starting with the incoming administration.

5. That, due to the increase in postage, that a small amount of money be allotted to the Commander-in-Chief for all the correspondence that is required of said office.

6. That, due to the fact that our Centennial Year is fast approaching, a committee be appointed to formulate a fitting celebration of this event by the incoming administration.

Two suggestions: That an Eastern Regional Conference be established with the Departments of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware, and possibly Ohio, participating, meeting at least once a year.

That the Memorial Ceremony at Grant's Tomb be recognized as a National Event even though it requires no subsidy from the National Organization.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., & L.,  
Harold T. Beilby, Commander-in-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Commander-in-Chief Beilby received a rousing round of applause at the conclusion of his report.

**Past Department Commander William C. Rule:** I make a motion that this fine report be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports, without debate, and that all subsequent reports of all other officers, if there are no objections, follow the same course. The motion was seconded by Past Department Commander Charles W. Hooper, Sr. and carried.

Brother Rule then moved, seconded by several, that the meeting recess until 1:15 p.m. The motion carried.

National Chaplain Richard C. Schlenker closed the Bible at 11:50 a.m.

1:20 p.m.

(The National Chaplain opened the Bible)

**C-in-C. Beilby:** We will continue with the reading of the Officers' Reports. Is the Senior Vice ready with his report?

**Senior Vice C-in-C. Greenwalt:** With your permission, I'd like to hold off on the Financial Report until Wednesday morning. This part will be short, Sir.

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

To Commander-in-Chief Harold T. Beilby  
and Assembled Officers and Members of  
the 97th National Encampment

Greetings:

My sincere thanks and gratitude to the members of the Order who elected me to this high office last year in Des Moines, Iowa.

During the year, I have tried to further the interests of the Order by talking with prospective members in various departments and by sending out information regarding our Order. Several of these opportunities occurred due to my S.V.R. activities. Hopefully, some of these men will see fit to join our Organization.

I attended the reception honoring our Commander-in-Chief in Rochester, New York. I was also able to attend portions of the Pennsylvania and New York Department Encampments.

The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief is responsible for collecting contributions for the 100th Anniversary Fund. Appeals for the fund appeared in The BANNER and in the General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief. Thank you, Brothers Al and Harold. I attempted to keep my appeal subservient to that of the National Patriotic Instructor. Thanks to the Departments, Camps, Brothers and Sisters who contributed.

Commander-in-Chief Beilby, I hope that my service has been satisfactory. I am very appreciative of the many courtesies that you extended to me, particularly at the Pennsylvania and New York Encampments. To have served as your Senior Vice this past year has been my honor and pleasure.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,  
Richard L. Greenwalt  
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

**C.-in-C. Beilby:** The motion that was passed before takes care of any action, so the Guide will feel free to bring up the Report of the Junior Vice. (This report was read by Commander-in-Chief Beilby.)

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

To Commander-in-Chief Harold Beilby  
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 this organization as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief this past year. Thanks to those who brought in new members this past year.

I attended the Central Region Convention in Madison, Wisconsin and they had a very impressive convention and very good attendance. Commander-in-Chief Beilby and National President Marion Combs were in attendance and gave very nice talks.

In October I attended the reception for Commander-in-Chief Beilby and National President Marion Combs at the Americana Hotel in Rochester,

New York and a very fine banquet was enjoyed by the many members that attended.

A reception at the Kirkwood Hotel in Des Moines, Iowa was held April 13 for Commander-in-Chief Beilby and National President Marion Combs.

April 14 marked the 21st annual Memorial Service of Lincoln's Death. I have personally attended this event in Springfield, Illinois almost every year for fifteen years.

April 29-30, traveled to Alexandria, Virginia for Maryland and Delaware Department Encampment, which was very impressive. Approximately 64 attended the banquet Saturday night, Friday night a two and a half hour boat ride up the Potomac River afforded a beautiful view of both sides of the river and the Lincoln Memorial.

I represented the Commander-in-Chief at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C. on February 12th and at the Iowa Department Convention in Des Moines on June 15, 16 and 17.

Reports on membership were received from the Departments of Ohio and Iowa.

Yours in F., C., and L.,  
J. B. Johnson  
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

C.-in-C. Beilby: The National Counselor has a report.

### REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COUNSELOR

To: Commander-in-Chief Harold T. Beilby  
and Officers and Members Assembled at  
Grand Rapids, Michigan, August 14th, 1978.

I was greatly honored at Des Moines, Iowa, when Commander-in-Chief Beilby appointed me to the office of National Counselor, and I have endeavored to fulfill the duties of that office to the best of my ability, and my job was made easier by the fact that Commander-in-Chief Beilby has been a member of our Organization for so long that he didn't need much counsel. In all cases that required a decision, we found that we agreed.

As it is impossible for a man to be in two places at once, I represented the Commander-in-Chief on several occasions when he was unable to be present, and I enjoyed doing it.

Thank you, Commander-in-Chief, for making it possible to again serve the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as a National Officer. I hope that in some small way I have helped to make your year the successful one that you deserve.

Submitted in F., C., and L.,  
Norman R. Furman  
National Counselor

C.-in-C. Beilby: Past Commander-in-Chief John H. Stark, do you have a report as National Chief of Staff?

## REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF

To: Commander-in-Chief Harold T. Beilby

Greetings:

I wish to express my sincere thanks for the appointment to the Office of National Chief of Staff. We are now in session for our 97th National Encampment and this is where my duties begin and end.

I will be assisting the National Chief of Staff of our Auxiliary with some of her duties. I hope that we meet with your approval in our efforts to make this a fine Encampment.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,  
John H. Stark  
National Chief of Staff

**C-in-C. Beilby:** I know the Chief of Staff's job is a very arduous one. Does the National Patriotic Instructor want to make his report at this time?

**National Patriotic Instructor Charles A. Brady, Jr.:** Commander-in-Chief, I respectfully request permission to withhold my report until Wednesday morning.

**C-in-C. Beilby:** Granted. Will the National Chaplain Richard C. Schlenker give his report.

## REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

Commander-in-Chief Harold Beilby and National Officers and Delegates to 97th National Encampment:

Appreciation is hereby extended to the C-in-C for appointing me to this honored office, thus providing my first opportunity to serve this organization at the national level.

Immediately following the 96th National Encampment, I corresponded with my elected federal representatives conveying my support of the resolutions adopted at Des Moines.

Support of all National Officers and Past C-in-Cs was sought in keeping me informed of all ill or bereaved Brothers and Sisters. The response was heartening and resulted in letters of cheer or condolence being sent to members in half of our Departments.

Material was submitted for every issue of The Banner.

Changes in the Ritual and Ceremonials adopted at the last Encampment were reproduced and distributed with normal correspondence.

The Hereditary Register of the United States was notified of our current National Officers after it was noted that our listing was out of date by several years.

Assisting in Remembrance Day and Dedication Day ceremonies at Gettysburg and Lincoln Memorial in Washington were highlights.

National greetings were conveyed to the DUVCW in Washington on the occasion of their 75th Anniversary and also on many occasions throughout the year as I carried as my duties as Department Commander in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and D.C.

As a member of other hereditary societies in the Washington, D.C. area, I availed myself of every opportunity to indicate that SUVCW was represented and alive and well. Most national patriotic holidays are jointly observed in that area and receive our support.

Liaison with Auxiliary National Chaplain Arlene Iervolino was maintained throughout the year and with her cooperation, as well as that of Michigan PDC Carl Smith, Memorial Service arrangements went smoothly. We are most grateful for the positive response of those invited to participate.

The guidance of Past National Chaplain Richard Wyman was appreciated.

It is recommended that:

The expense of the National Encampment Memorial Service be made visible in the budget as a line item under "Encampment Expense".

My wish is for a harmonious Encampment and that Divine Guidance be sought by each of us as we deliberate the issues to come before us so that our order may succeed in keeping alive that heritage passed on to us.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
Richard C. Schlenker  
National Chaplain

C.-in-C. Beilby: Is the Secretary-Treasurer ready with his report?

#### REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

TO: Harold T. Beilby, Commander-in-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
97th Annual National Encampment  
Officers and Delegates Assembled

Greetings:

1. It is with pride and a great privilege, that I submit to you, this formal report of the Activity, Progress, Financial status and membership standing, that has been credited to your administration under the fine leadership of our Commander-in-Chief, Brother Harold T. Beilby, his Staff and the dedicated Brothers of our Organization. I would be remiss if I did not give credit at the beginning of this report, for the continuation of the Duties of this Office for the first 6 months of this Fiscal year by Brother Fred H. Combs, Jr., who requested to be relieved of this Office at the 96th Annual Encampment of one year ago at Des Moines, Iowa. Brother Fred continued filling the position until December 31, 1977 at which time all Finances and records were turned over to your current National Secretary-Treasurer. As per the usual sincerity and preciseness of Brother Fred and his wife, Marion, the transition was very smooth. Being familiar with the obligations and requirements, all Checking Accounts, Savings Accounts and Lock Box facilities were re-opened with the Gettysburg National Bank as our Organization's Depository.

2. The records at National Headquarters, including the financial standings, have been audited by Clay W. Garrett, Certified Public Accountant in Hanover, Pennsylvania, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1978. Copies of this summarization of the C.P.A. Audit as well as the Membership standing, have been distributed to the Delegates of this Encampment. The C.P.A. Audit will be examined by the Audit Committee of the Council of Administration and, subject to the approval of this Encampment, will be forwarded to the Congress of the United States to conform to the requirements of our Congressional Charter.

**3. COMMENTS ON OPERATIONS AND BALANCE SHEET ITEMS:** The ninety-sixth Annual National Encampment held August 14-18, 1977, adopted the proposed budget in the amount of \$11,273.00 for revenue and \$11,273.00 for expenditures.

Revenue of the General Fund for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1978, totaled \$10,625.50 or \$647.50 less than the adopted budget. Expenditures for the same period totaled \$11,218.77 or \$54.23 less than the adopted budget.

Dividends—Wellington Fund received during 1977-1978 were recorded as receipts to the General Fund.

Actual revenue was less than budgeted revenue by \$647.50. Actual expenditures were less than budgeted expenditures by \$54.23. This results in an overall excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures of (\$593.27).

Operating cash in all funds at June 30, 1977, of \$2,818.15 has decreased to \$2,576.18 at June 30, 1978.

The inventory of supplies totals \$4,579.75 at June 30, 1978, based on the inventory of June 30, 1977, plus purchases from July 1, 1977, to June 30, 1978.

The Permanent Fund of the Order, as authorized by Article B, Section 1, of your amended Constitution, shall consist of such moneys as have been or may be given or bequeathed to the National Organization in memory of a Civil War veteran; all moneys given or bequeathed to the National Organization and not designated for some other purpose by the donor or testator, such other moneys as may be added thereto by vote of the National Organization or the Council of Administration. Moneys given or bequeathed in memory of a Civil War Veteran shall be accounted for under a separate heading as the "Honor Roll Fund" and is a part of this report.

The Permanent Fund at June 30, 1978, totals \$41,623.28, comprising operating cash of \$370.99, savings account of \$9,976.45 and investments at a cost of \$31,275.84. The Market Value of investments at June 30, 1978, was \$19,735.75 or \$11,540.09 below cost, Unrestricted surplus of the Permanent Fund totals \$32,206.86. The "Honor Roll Fund" totals \$4,994.00, an increase of \$371.00 resulting from contributions during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1978.

Fire insurance is carried on contents of the National Headquarters in the sum of \$5,000.00 and surety bonds of \$1,000.00 and \$10,000.00 are carried on the Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary-Treasurer respectively.

The charter of the organization required that a report of audit shall be made each year to the Congress of the United States. Correspondence on file indicates that the report of audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1977, was received by Congress.

4. **HONOR ROLL CONTRIBUTIONS:** During the Fiscal Year July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978, the following Brothers have made memorial contributions to the Permanent Fund of our Order, by entering names on the Permanent Honor Roll.

<i>Name</i>	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Howard E. Bartholf	Sgt. Andrew Jackson Vari	\$10.00
R. L. Vogelsang	Dietrich Vogelsang	10.00
Robert Rikel Cordell	Charles H. Rikel	10.00
Walter S. Woods	John W. McCann	10.00
Ella G. Reeger	John L. Reeger, PDC, N.J.	10.00
James F. Elliott	Sgt. Fergus Elliott	10.00
Mrs. Laura Combs	Fred H. Combs, Sr. PDC, N.J.	10.00
The Richard C. Schlenker Family	Private Daniel B. Schlenker	10.00
Joseph C. Payne	Capt. Alonzo G. Payne	10.00
Scott Paul Gitchell	Charles Albert Jones	10.00
Mrs. Marie Duke Jackson	1st Lt. Charles W. Duke	10.00
Walter L. Jackson	Sgt. John Wesley Chedister	10.00
Lois Zook Strong	Joseph Zook	10.00
Kendall K. Strong	James Strong	10.00
Mrs. Warren S. Baker	Lorenzo Don Baker	10.00
Richard L. Greenwalt	Pvt. Peter R. Greenwalt	25.00
William J. Neisel	James Edie	10.00
John M. LaRue, Mich. Dept. Cmdr.	Sgt. John W. LaRue	20.00
Kenneth S. Athey	Edwin Williams	10.00
Robert W. Vincent	Pvt. Israel "Bud" Thompson	16.00
William Dixon	Major Silas Hiatt Kersey	25.00
James R. Wachob	James W. Wachob	10.00
Don R. Hewitt & George L. Hewitt	1Lt Thomas Jefferson Hewitt	10.00
Gen. James A. Garfield Camp #4 NJ	James M. Hamer	10.00
Marion and Fred H. Combs, Jr.	Walter H. Williams, PDC, NJ	10.00
Chester S. Shriver, P.C. in C. (1963)	Anna I. Stoudt, P.N.P. Pa. (1963)	10.00
John Herman Penn	PVT Stacy Penn	10.00
John Herman Penn	PVT Lawrence Heinauer	10.00
Wesley A. Sauve	Andron Bean	10.00
James Brown	David Golden	15.00
TOTAL		\$351.00

The above listing has been noted in the past issues of the BANNER.

**5. LIFE MEMBERSHIP:** The following Brothers have purchased Life Membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for the fiscal year of July 1, 1977 to June 30th, 1978.

No. 91—George J. Hassinger	\$100.00
No. 92—Elton P. Koch	150.00
No. 93—Ned L. Durkee	100.00
No. 94—Alfred Hahn	100.00
No. 95—Carl A. Smith	40.00
No. 96—Forest Altland	50.00
No. 97—William C. Reed, Jr.	150.00
No. 98—C. LeRoy Stoudt	100.00
No. 99—Ralph Austin Adkins	150.00
No. 100—Wesley A. Sauve	100.00

Total      \$1,040.00

These Brothers have been issued a special LIFE MEMBERSHIP Identification Card and a LIFE MEMBER gold plated Bar to be worn on his Membership Badge of the Highest Honor accorded. A listing has been made in the BANNER and recorded in the National Headquarters Records.

**6. SUPPLIES:** Brother Fred H. Combs, Jr. and I have consistently reminded the Brothers that there is an inflationary increase each year of from 5 to 8% on all Forms to be printed, Medals manufactured, other required printing including the cost of printing of the National Encampment Proceedings. Normally a sufficient Stock is maintained of the Medals and Badges of our Order. With the present Manufacturer becoming more relaxed each year, what took 4 to 6 weeks for Orders to be made, now takes 6-8 months. Further, most orders have a limited number required; therefore the Income and Expenditures of the supplies each year will fluctuate. The past fiscal year you noted an increase of supplies purchased over the amount of supplies sold. Remember, the overall increase by National is to only defray the cost of postage at National Headquarters on a 4th class rate.

**7. IRS FORM 990 REQUIRED:** May I once again remind the Camp and Department Secretaries, that the Internal Revenue Service in Washington, DC requires that, in ADDITION TO THE EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN) WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN ACCUSTOMED TO RECORDING ON YOUR IRS FORM 990 WHEN YOU HAVE PREPARED IT FOR FILING, YOU MUST ALSO SHOW IN PART 1, ITEM 18(b), OUR NATIONAL GROUP EXEMPTION NUMBER WHICH IS (GEN) 0429.

Keep in mind that each Department Secretary and each Camp Secretary should have filed a Form 990 in accordance with the instructions found thereon WITHIN 45 DAYS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTING PERIOD OR FISCAL YEAR OF THE CAMP OR DEPARTMENT. Full compliance with this requirement and the applicable instructions is essential and urgent in order to conform to the original tax exemption ruling of the IRS dated June 11, 1941 and to avoid any penalties.

Failure to comply with this requirement may result in checking by the IRS and/or the infliction of penalties upon the negligent Camp or Department.

8. PHOTO COPIES OF DEPARTMENT AND CAMP CHARTERS: It is pleasing to me to note that after three (3) years of efforts on the part of the Department Commanders, Department Secretaries, Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries, 90% of all Departments and Camps have complied with the request to forward photo copies of their Charters to National Headquarters for filing and future reference if needed. It was my personal recommendations in my report of this Office on August 11, 1975 at Rochester, NY at the 94th Annual National Encampment, that this recommendation was approved by you Brothers. The project met with some enlightening situations from a few Departments and Camps. Some Charters could not be located at all, a few in the possession of members who would not release them; yet overall, there was a 98% effort and must be credited to the nearing completion of this project. Thanks to all who contributed.

9. At the 96th Annual National Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War held in Des Moines, Iowa August 14-18, 1977, proposed amendments to the Constitution, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, were approved by the required two-thirds vote of the members present and entitled to vote, the sections incorporating the proposed amendments, to read as follows:

#### 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.

Under the date of March 1, 1978, a letter was mailed to each Department Secretary with the present wording of Article III Eligibility to membership, with the proposed Amendment as noted above, requesting each Department to bring this Amendment before its Department Encampment and submit their results to the National Headquarters for reporting of this Encampment. Those Departments voting *in favor* of the proposed change are as follows:

California and Pacific	Michigan
Connecticut	New Hampshire
Illinois	New Jersey
Indiana	Ohio
Maryland	Pennsylvania
Massachusetts	Rhode Island
	Wisconsin

Total: 13 Departments

Those Departments voting *Opposed* to the Amendment change are as follows:

New York

Total: 1 Department

The following Departments did not submit their requested report:

Colorado & Wyoming, Iowa, Maine, Oregon & Washington & Vermont  
Total: 5 Departments

For the Second proposed Amendment, the proposed wording is as follows:

### 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.

The following is the results of the Department voting on Article VII—Membership-Section 3:

*In favor of the Change:* California and Pacific, Connecticut, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Wisconsin... Total: 12 Departments

*Opposed to the change:* Indiana and New York-

Total: 2 Departments

Departments not submitting their report: Colorado and Wyoming, Iowa, Maine, Oregon and Washington and Vermont—Total: 5 Departments

In accordance with the provisions of Article IX of the Constitution of our National Organization, the above-adopted amended parts 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.

**10. ADMINISTRATION:** Quarterly Per-capita tax and membership reports are mailed to each Department Secretary the last day ending each Quarter. Also Form #49—Certificate of Election Report is mailed to each Department Secretary on March 31st of each year. This report is required to advise your National Headquarters the elective and appointment officers for the coming year. I wish to commend those Department Secretaries who conduct all matters relative to prompt and courteous manner in which they complete their reports. Your National Headquarters has current bills due for supplies, printing, postage, etc. It is then imperative that Department Per-capita, receipts from the National Patriotic Instructor, 100th Anniversary Fund are forwarded to National Headquarters on a routine basis. As mentioned prior in this report, the purchase of supplies are not only costly time-wise in receiving these orders—they are increasing 5 to 8% each time we re-stock our supplies. Membership inquiries and/or requests for Civil War Veterans Records are received weekly. In 1977-78 alone, over 300 such letters were received, averaging 6 a week. Every inquiry is acknowledged with form letters stating that we do not carry this information. The recent published book—"How to Trace Your Family Tree" has caused great increase in these inquiries.

Proceedings of the 1977 (96th) Annual National Encampment held August 14-18, 1977 at Des Moines, Iowa was forwarded to the Congress of the United States as required by our Congressional Charter. An inventory of supplies has been continued. All inquiries and requisition orders have been promulgated as quickly as possible.

We are also most grateful to Brother Grover R. Huff, Department Commander of Wisconsin, for presenting our National Organization with a Panasonic portable tape recorder to assist in the recording of our National Encampment sessions.

I wish to commend the National Officers of the last Fiscal Year for their cooperation. Your Commander-in-Chief has kept this Headquarters informed of all matters regarding our order. Brother Fred H. Combs, Jr. maintained close contact with this Office especially large requisitions for supplies for his use as Coordinator of the National Membership at Large. Brother Albert W. Lambert, Editor of The BANNER, has maintained close relationship with information regarding Departments, Camps or membership in general. Likewise, your National Secretary forwarded news and photos of events to Brother Albert for publication in The BANNER. Payments of interest on Life Memberships were mailed to the Camp Secretaries or Camp Treasurers in the established amount of \$6.00. These are mailed on January 1st of each year. In January 1978, payments were mailed for credit of 77 of the living 84 Life Members. The difference is that Life Membership must be invested by your National Organization, before it earns Interest to be credited to each Life Member's dues.

**11. MEMBERSHIP:** The Statistical Report of our Membership reported at this Encampment, copies of which were distributed to each Officer and Delegate at this Encampment, speaks for itself. Annually we suffer the losses by death of which 58 were reported during the past fiscal year; but alarming is the fact that 157 Brothers were dropped from our Rolls. Did these Brothers lose interest? Were there no meetings or programs of activity? Were the Camp Officers lax in accepting their obligations? Regardless of the reason, could a few minutes of personal contact be made to these Brothers and instill a feeling of "salesmanship" to try conserving these Brothers.

From the standpoint of observance by your National Secretary, the following listed categories have to be credited for our new members.

- Our Organization's Advertising Ad in the Civil War Times
- New Book: "How to Trace Your Family Tree"
- Listing in "Who's Who in our Patriotic Organizations"
- Activity programs in the Sons of Veterans Reserve
- Personal salesmanship by asking for affiliation with our Order

NEW MEMBERS pay \$16.00 with their membership applications. They are new blood for our Order. Some are future leaders in Camps, Departments of our National Organization. They contribute largely to the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund and Honor Roll as well as purchase Life Memberships. Our National Membership at Large is increasing greatly the last few years, from outsiders coming to us for information and affiliation. How long will this continue? All of us—you and I must realize that if we are to continue to increase our membership—it must be a daily obligation of ours to recruit membership.

12. In consideration for the continued balance of our Order on a high standard, may I offer the following recommendations:

**Recommendation #1**

That the National Organization retain the \$4.00 registration Fee for the forthcoming 98th National Encampment in 1979. With 10% increase cost of printing the Proceedings, Postage, etc, this is a realistic request for consideration.

**Recommendation #2**

That we maintain the present Per-capita tax of .55 per member per Quarter (\$2.20 per year) for the fiscal year 1978-1979.

**Recommendation #3**

That the Commander-in-Chief-elect be authorized to appoint a five (5) member Committee to begin planning for an outstanding program of events, including coordination with the Host Department, for the 100th Anniversary of our Order in 1981. Said Committee to report back to the National Encampment each year prior to 1981.

13. In conclusion my Brothers; may I just simply remind you—that we must continue to evaluate our needs for continued service to our Organization we hold so dearly. Another year is here. Our Work is established that includes you and I. Our Heritage bequeathed to us is more important today than ever. Let's make our forefathers—The Grand Army of the Republic, feel we are worthy of this privilege. Be proud of your membership. Tell others. Serve with pride and effectiveness. May God grant us strength to carry on.

To you—Commander-in-Chief Beilby, I wish to commend you for the manner you conducted your duties as our leader. Your Staff performed with honest convictions and together, you have earned a great year in your administration.

To all Brothers, my thanks for your cooperation since re-assuming the Office of your National Secretary-Treasurer. Your understanding and assistance is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted in  
Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty  
Chester S. Shriver  
National Secretary-Treasurer

**P.D.C. Rule:** Would it be proper to ask one question at this time regarding the Forms 990 mentioned in the Secretary-Treasurer's Report—where can we send Form 990 other than our local IRS office? They have told me they don't want it.

**Secy.-Treas. Shriver:** Send it to your Regional Office. They have the records, your local office does not. It is not a case of how much money is in your treasury, it is that they must have a record that you are still in existence in compliance with our Congressional Charter. The form must be signed by an officer and, if you have a seal put that on it, too. We must comply with this if we are to retain our Congressional Charter. If you have receipts of less than \$5,000, you just write that across the form and do not have to fill in the form, but you must file it.

(The Secretary-Treasurer then reviewed the following Statistical Report, copies of which had been distributed among the members present.)

**STATISTICAL REPORT**  
of the  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

July 1, 1977 — June 30, 1978

Report of the Financial Standing 1977-1978

**STATEMENT—CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

**FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1978**

	<i>Total</i>	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>G.A.R. Memorial Fund</i>	<i>Perma- nent Fund</i>	<i>100th Anniv. Fund</i>
<i>Cash Balance, June 30, 1977 . . . . .</i>	\$ 2,818.15	\$ 2,365.48	\$ 129.04	\$ 119.74	\$203.89
<i>Transfer of Funds, . . . . .</i>					
<i>From Passbook</i>					
<i>Savings Accts. . . . .</i>	500.00	\$ 500.00	\$	\$	\$

**RECEIPTS**

<i>Per Capita Tax . . . . .</i>	\$ 5,557.75	\$ 5,557.75	\$	\$	\$
<i>Registration Fees . . . . .</i>	422.00	422.00			
<i>Supplies Sold . . . . .</i>	2,340.23	2,340.23			
<i>Gift from Auxiliary . . . . .</i>	500.00	500.00			
<i>National Patriotic Instructor 1976-77 . . . . .</i>	886.50		886.50		
<i>Dividends, Wellington Fund . . . . .</i>	1,424.00	1,424.00			
<i>Donations, Honor Roll Fund . . . . .</i>	371.00			371.00	
<i>Life Memberships . . . . .</i>	1,230.00			1,230.00	
<i>Miscellaneous . . . . .</i>	23.90	23.90			
<i>100th Anniversary Fund . . . . .</i>	96.00				96.00
<i>Gift— Arthur Glenum . . . . .</i>	100.00	100.00			
<i>Interest, Passbook Savings Accounts . . . . .</i>	792.28	12.67	290.43	428.56	60.62
<i>Prior Year Income Adjustment . . . . .</i>	244.95	244.95			
<i>Total Receipts . . . . .</i>	<u>\$13,988.61</u>	<u>\$10,625.50</u>	<u>\$1,176.93</u>	<u>\$2,029.56</u>	<u>\$156.62</u>
<i>Total . . . . .</i>	<u>\$17,306.76</u>	<u>\$13,490.98</u>	<u>\$1,305.97</u>	<u>\$2,149.30</u>	<u>\$360.51</u>

*DISBURSEMENTS*

Supplies Purchased for Resale .....	\$ 1,421.90	\$ 1,421.90	\$	\$	\$
The Banner .....	3,000.00	3,000.00			
Commander-in-Chief Expense 1977-78 .	1,200.00	1,200.00			
Nat'l Secretary- Treasurer Expense 1977-78 .	1,200.00	1,200.00			
Encampment Exp. 1977 .....	431.95	131.95	300.00		
Proceedings 1977 ..	1,721.96	1,721.96			
Miscellaneous .....	168.70	168.70			
Printing, Postage & Stationery .....	652.93	652.93			
C.P.A. Audit .....	450.00	450.00			
Stenographer .....	200.00	200.00			
Plaque Fund .....	50.00		50.00		
Fire & Extended Coverage Ins. ...	30.00	30.00			
Scholarship Fund ..	300.00		300.00		
Testimonial for Commander-in- Chief .....	-0-	-0-			
Remembrance Day Expense .....	153.25		153.25		
Lincoln Tomb Exp.—Illinois ...	400.00		400.00		
Cathedral of the Pine Memorial ...	20.00		20.00		
National Mil. Dept. SVR .....	150.00		150.00		
Lincoln Memorial Expense .....	50.00		50.00		
Life Membership Interest Paid ....	435.00			435.00	
Life Membership Printing Costs ..	101.08			101.08	
Appeal for Funds, Printing .....	76.83		76.83		
Restoration of Memorial Day ...	213.72		213.72		
Fidelity & Surety Bond ....	123.00	123.00			
<i>Total</i>					
<i>Disbursements</i>	\$12,550.32	\$10,300.44	\$1,713.80	\$ 536.08	\$ -0-
Transfer of Funds to Passbook Savings Accounts	2,180.26	-0-	635.30	1,242.23	302.73
Cash Balance, June 30, 1978 ....	2,576.18	3,190.54	(1,043.13)	370.99	57.78
<i>Total</i>	<u>\$17,306.76</u>	<u>\$13,490.98</u>	<u>\$1,305.97</u>	<u>\$2,149.30</u>	<u>\$360.51</u>

## COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

	June 30, 1978	June 30, 1977	Increase (Decrease)
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<i>General Fund</i>			
Cash .....	\$ 3,190.54	\$ 2,365.48	\$ 825.06
Inventory—Supplies (at cost) .....	4,579.75	5,498.08	(918.33)
Cash in Bank—Savings Account .....	-0-	500.00	(500.00)
Total General Fund .....	\$ 7,770.29	\$ 8,363.56	\$ (593.27)
<i>G.A.R. Memorial Fund</i>			
Cash .....	\$(1,043.13)	\$ 129.04	\$(1,172.17)
Cash in Bank—Savings Account .....	6,666.02	6,030.72	635.30
Total G.A.R. Memorial Fund .....	\$ 5,622.89	\$ 6,159.76	\$ (536.87)
<i>Permanent Fund</i>			
Cash in Bank—Savings Account .....	\$ 9,976.45	\$ 8,734.22	\$ 1,242.23
Cash .....	370.99	119.74	251.25
Investments (at cost)			
Common Stocks .....	31,275.84	31,275.84	-0-
Market Value			
June 30, 1977—\$21,849.50			
June 30, 1978—\$19,735.75			
Total Permanent Fund .....	\$41,623.28	\$40,129.80	\$ 1,493.48
<i>100th Anniversary Fund</i>			
Cash in Bank—Savings Account .....	\$ 1,470.25	\$ 1,167.52	\$ 302.73
Cash .....	57.78	203.89	(146.11)
Total 100th Anniversary Fund .....	\$ 1,528.03	\$ 1,371.41	\$ 156.62
Total .....	\$56,544.49	\$56,024.53	\$ 519.96
<i>Funds</i>			
General Fund Surplus (Exhibit "D")	\$ 7,770.29	\$ 8,363.56	\$ (593.27)
G.A.R. Memorial Fund (Exhibit "D")	5,622.89	6,159.76	(536.87)
<i>Permanent Fund</i>			
Unrestricted Surplus (Exhibit "D")	32,206.86	31,512.94	693.92
Interest—Savings Acct. (Exh. "D")	1,151.67	723.11	428.56
Honor Roll (Exhibit "D") .....	4,994.00	4,623.00	371.00
Dividends, Wellington Fund			
(Ex. "D") .....	3,270.75	3,270.75	-0-
100th Anniversary Fund (Exh. "D")	1,528.03	1,371.41	156.62
Total .....	\$56,544.49	\$56,024.53	\$ 519.96

*Permanent Fund Investments*

Description	Cost Value	Market Value
Wellington Fund, Inc.		
2225 Shares @ \$8.87 Common—		
Par Value \$1.00 .....	\$31,275.84	\$19,735.75

**STATISTICAL REPORT**  
**of the**  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**  
**July 1, 1977 — June 30, 1978**  
**REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP STANDING 1977-1978**

<i>Departments</i>	<i>Good Standing June 30, 1977</i>		<i>GAIN</i>		<i>LOSS</i>		<i>Good Standing June 30, 1978</i>		<i>Asso. Incl.</i>	<i>Dele. Repr.</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>		
Calif. & Pac. ....	11	95	0	7	0	7	11	95	0	5
Colorado & Wyo. ....	1	15	0	2	0	1	1	16	0	2
Connecticut ....	6	46	0	0	0	0	6	46	2	3
Illinois ....	10	157	0	3	0	35	10	125	7	6
Indiana ....	6	75	0	0	0	0	6	75	10	4
Iowa ....	7	77	0	0	0	12	7	77	4	4
Maine ....	6	96	0	1	0	7	6	85	8	4
Maryland ....	3	64	0	7	0	16	3	64	2	4
Massachusetts ....	25	284	0	25	1	14	24	305	0	13
Michigan ....	6	60	0	5	2	6	4	51	0	2
New Hampshire ....	7	90	0	3	0	20	7	87	1	4
New Jersey ....	7	232	0	18	0	27	7	230	44	10
New York ....	16	227	0	29	0	9	16	229	5	10
Ohio ....	9	135	0	12	0	0	9	138	13	6
Oregon & Wash. ....	2	56	0	0	0	36	2	56	0	3
Pennsylvania ....	27	467	0	33	0	5	27	452	29	20
Rhode Island ....	6	45	0	0	1	0	5	40	0	3
Vermont ....	2	28	0	1	0	2	2	29	0	2
Wisconsin ....	3	69	0	8	0	4	3	75	0	4
Chickamauga Camp No. 1	1	26	0	13	0	0	1	35	1	2
R.M. Smith Camp No. 21	1	6	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	1
Curtis Warner Camp No. 64	1	42	0	6	0	0	1	48	1	3
Membership at Large ....	1	157	0	39	0	0	1	196	4	8
<b>TOTALS: .....</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>2,549</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>2,560</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>120</b>

# TOTAL NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP INCREASE—11 Members

## DEPARTMENTS SHOWING MEMBERSHIP INCREASE

Colorado and Wyoming	1
Massachusetts	21
New York	2
Ohio	3
Vermont	1
Wisconsin	6
Fort Chicamauga Camp No. 1	9
Curtis-Warner Camp No. 64	6
Membership at Large	39
Total	88

## DEPARTMENTS SHOWING MEMBERSHIP DECREASE

Illinois	32
Maine	11
Michigan	9
New Hampshire	3
New Jersey	2
Pennsylvania	3
Rhode Island	5
Total	65

# NO DEPARTMENTS GAINED OR LOST DURING FISCAL YEAR 1977-1978

*Camps Gained during Fiscal Year 1977-78* . . . . . None

*Camps Lost during Fiscal Year 1977-1978*

Colgrove Camp No. 22, Marshall, Mass. . . . . 5 Members Disbanded 12/31/77

State Camp No. 1, Detroit, Mich. . . . . 5 Members Disbanded 3/31/78

Collingwood Camp No. 4, Plymouth, Mass. 3 Members Consolidated with Camp 50, 3/31/78

(Name Number and Location not recorded) Rhode Island, 5 members 6/30/78

**Past Commander-in-Chief C. Leroy Stoudt:** Your report shows that we have an increase in membership in the Members-at-Large of 39 members, and I'm wondering where this money is reflected in our receipts.

**Secy.-Treas. Shriver:** I will ask Bro. Fred Combs, who is Coordinator of Membership-at-Large to reply.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Fred H. Combs, Jr.:** Back in 1974 at the Encampment held in Bretton Woods, I was asked by P.C.-in-C. Albert C. Lambert, who then proposed to the Council of Administration the expansion of the membership-at-large program, if I would be willing to work with it. I agreed to do it. That is where the idea emanated from. On Sunday, August 13, 1978 I gave a financial report to the Council of Administration. The ad in the *Civil War Times*, supplies, all the promotional materials, which are voluminous, postage, etc. are costly, but are the reasons why this membership-at-large has grown in four years from approximately twenty-five to one hundred and ninety-six members. I told the Council that there are approximately four expenditures that had to be anticipated—the ad for 1979, supplies, printing of materials (some of the materials will have to be modified in light of the Constitutional Amendment providing for eligibility based on collateral descent) and postage. I turned over a check for \$256.85 to the National Secretary-Treasurer which will be reflected in his report next year. Also, in his figures is a payment of per capita tax on the members-at-large. I fully expect that, with the coming of the 1978-79 fiscal year and the leveling off of the need for promotional materials and all other things used in this operation, the check turned over to the National Organization will be a much greater figure. However, this depends upon the number of men who join or inquire, and I have no way of knowing what that figure will be. The report that I read to the Council of Administration will be read later on in this Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank M. Heacock, Sr. then clarified a point concerning the Memorial Day Restoration Committee figures in the National Secretary-Treasurer's Report.

**P.C.-in-C. Stoudt:** I'm not questioning anybody's integrity. I'm just asking questions about things I don't understand.

Secy.-Treas. Shriver then continued with his Membership Report. Several questions were asked and answered regarding the figures contained therein.

**Sr. V. C.-in-C. Greenwalt:** There is a lady from the Woman's Relief Corps who would like to be admitted.

**C.-in-C. Beilby:** Thank you, Brother Secretary, for your very fine report, and now I believe at this time we should admit the lady who is waiting. Will the Guide please escort her.

(Mrs. Susie Cool, Senior Aide of the Woman's Relief Corps, was escorted to the Commander-in-Chief's station.)

**C.-in-C. Beilby:** We welcome you to our convention and are very glad you came over.

**Sister Cool:** Thank you very much. It is indeed an honor to be asked by our National President, Lois Didier, of the Woman's Relief Corps to bring her greetings. As you know, her convention is next week. She is a very busy lady; however, she wished for me to express her deep concern for our diminishing numbers and hope that somehow, some day we might all be together again, sort of bolstering each other's courage. She wished for me

to express to you her very best wishes for a most constructive convention. (Sister Cool presented the Commander-in-Chief with a gift from her National President)

**C.-In-C. Beilby:** Thank you very much, Sister Cool. Apparently you feel as I do, that I'd like to see the five Allied Orders meeting together once again. I'm going to ask Brother Joseph Rippey if he will respond to our visitor.

Brother Rippey expressed appreciation to Mrs. Cool for coming and also expressed the hope that Sister Didier and the members of the Woman's Relief Corps would have a constructive and harmonious convention.

The Guide then escorted Sister Cool from the room.

**C.-In-C. Beilby:** National Historian Harry Gibbons, are you ready with your report?

### REPORT OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIAN

To Commander-in-Chief Harold T. Beilby  
and the Officers and Delegates Assembled:

It was an honor and a privilege to have been appointed to the office of National Historian by Commander-in-Chief Beilby last August.

Very few reports have been received by the National Historian this year, which bears out the fact that Camp Historians and the Department Historians are not doing the work that they have been appointed to do. Perhaps they do not know what historical events are happening in the State or in their Camp's locality. Some of the events reported are not historical or important to the National Encampment. The reports that were received will be placed on file with this report, for they are too lengthy to be read at this Encampment.

On July 1 and 2 the S.V.R. sponsored the National North-South Civil War Convention in Geneva, N. Y., attracting the National Guard and thousands who attended.

The G.A.R. Memorial Hall in Buffalo, N. Y. has just been sold to a business company. The city owned the building, and despite the protests of fifteen veterans organizations which met in the Hall, the Mayor and Council chose to sell the building. Thousands of records; relics; artifacts from the Civil War, World Wars 1 and 2; and Spanish-American War records and memorabilia were housed in this building. The City will provide a meeting place for these military organizations.

Other G.A.R. Halls have met with the same ousting of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and we wonder when all of these places will be gone. Some action of the National and State Organizations should be considered and action taken in this matter.

It has been a pleasure to have been with our Commander-in-Chief on many occasions during the past year and I thank you, Harold, for this appointment. May you have a wonderful and fulfilling Encampment.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., & L.,  
Harry E. Gibbons, National Historian

**P.C.-in-C. Heacock:** Commander-in-Chief, May I just take a moment or two to say that I think Brother Harry's report is outstanding and if I had received the information that I did from Baltimore, Maryland in sufficient time, I would have supplied it to Harry. On the 30th day of September, the only Grand Army of the Republic Church in the United States, and

I never knew it existed and the members from Maryland didn't either, is going to have a celebration of some kind with a parade and all the trimmings, through the efforts of the Lansdowne, Baltimore County, Historical Society. All the windows in the church depict scenes of some sort pertaining to the Civil War veterans. The Post in the area of this G.A.R. church contributed and made possible all the windows. It was in this church and in the grounds surrounding it that their regimental reunions down through the years were held until the G.A.R. passed away.

**C.-in-C. Beilby:** Thank you for that information. We will have the Report of the District of Columbia Representative, Arthur R. Glenum, who can't be with us.

**P.C.-in-C. Heacock:** Commander-in-Chief, Brother Glenum is no longer in a nursing home. He will be 93 years old on August 23rd and as soon as he can sell his property in Madison, Virginia, he will be living back in Washington again. He sent his annual contribution check for \$100 to be presented to the Organization. That is his report, and here is the check, which I will turn over to the Secretary-Treasurer.

**C.-in-C. Beilby:** Thank you, Brother Frank. We'll have the Secretary send him a note of appreciation. Now we'll hear from the National Graves Registration Officer, P.D.C. William W. Vanderhoof, Jr., from New Jersey.

**National Graves Registration Officer William W. Vanderhoof, Jr.:** As the Commander-in-Chief knows, and you don't, I have no report. I bore the expense of all work done by me as reported to this Organization during the past five years. I retired and this can no longer be done. I have received stationery and envelopes and a few stamps but nothing else and no grave markers. I say we should buy a number of both bronze and plastic grave markers. After all, we're only investing the initial cost—we're going to get the money back when they are sold. I have taken care of these markers the past five years. My job as Graves Registration Officer is nothing more than a go-between between the Secretary and the Commander-in-Chief, who receive letters. I have written over 100 letters sometimes to get a job done. (Brother Vanderhoof then elaborated on individual requests and searches for records, etc. that he had handled over the past five years.) I had the interest and I would be willing to do the job if I can get some help with the expenses.

**C.-in-C. Beilby:** Brother Bill, I'm sure all the members appreciate the work and the expenses and the effort that you have put in over the five years. I'm sorry you feel the way you do about it, but you've done a good job and, for there being no report, I'd say that was a pretty good report.

**Secy.-Treas. Shriver:** Commander-in-Chief, may I just say something for the record. This man is a fine example of dedication. He is a man that knows his office, he knows the duties, but above all he knows the people to contact to secure results. This man fulfills his duties very conscientiously.

**C.-in-C. Beilby:** We will have one more report from the Coordinator of Membership-at-Large, Brother Fred H. Combs, Jr.

**P.C.-in-C. Combs:** Commander-in-Chief, Brothers, this will be very, very short. For your information, I am pleased to read the following report that was read to the Council of Administration yesterday:

## MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE FINANCIAL REPORT

August 1, 1978

*Receipts* (August 1, 1977 through July 31, 1978)

Uncommitted Amount August 1, 1977 .....	\$ 365.10	
Dues and Application Fees .....	2,788.00	
Supply Orders from Members .....	151.45	
Miscellaneous .....	218.50	
Interest on Life Memberships .....	\$21.00	
One Life Membership Fee .....	150.00	
Contribution to G.A.R. Memorial Fund .....	20.00	
One Natl. Enc. Regis. Fee .....	2.00	
Contribution .....	2.00	
Supply Order from a Dept. Secy. ....	23.50	
Miscellaneous Total .....	\$218.50	
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$3,523.05</u>

*Expenditures* (August 1, 1977 through July 31, 1978)

Per Capita Tax Paid to Natl. Secy.-Treas. ....	\$ 382.80	
Postage .....	693.28	
Supplies Purchased for Resale .....	942.20	
Printing and Stationery .....	298.62	
<i>Civil War Times</i> "ad" .....	220.00	
Miscellaneous .....	201.50	
Life Membership .....		
(Trans. to Natl. Secy.-Treas.) .....	\$150.00	
Memorial Fund Contribution .....		
(Trans. to N. S.-T.) .....	20.00	
Supply Order from Dept. Secy. ....		
(Trans. to N. S.-T.) .....	23.50	
Reimbursement-Double Dues Pymt. ....	8.00	
Miscellaneous Total .....	\$201.50	
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$2,738.40</u>

*Anticipated Expenditures* (Prior to December 31, 1978)

Per Capita Tax (9/30/78) .....	\$107.80
"Ad" in <i>Civil War Times</i> .....	220.00
Printing and Stationery .....	75.00
Membership Supplies .....	50.00
Postage .....	75.00

Total Anticipated Expenditures \$527.80

Total Receipts .....		\$3,523.05
Total Expenditures .....	\$2,738.40	
Anticipated Expenditures .....	527.80	
	<u>Exp. Total</u>	<u>3,266.20</u>

8/1/78 Uncommitted Balance .....	\$ 256.85
8/9/78 Transferred to Natl Secy.-Treas. ....	256.85

Respectfully submitted,  
 Fred H. Combs, Jr.  
 Coordinator  
 Membership-at-Large

**P.C.-in-C. Stoudt:** I say to Brother Combs, thank you for that report which was earlier presented to the Council of Administration.

In my judgment, however, there is too much of this business transacted by the Council of Administration. You, and you alone, are the supreme power in this Organization. Your Federal Charter and your Constitution and Regulations tell you that, but shouldn't we know something about these things? Anything in the past that has taken place in the Council meeting on a Sunday afternoon could very easily have been reported here for approval or disapproval. Every other committee in this Organization during the Encampment submits its report for approval or disapproval, and that's why I resent the attitude of the Council of Administration which is to let us read it several weeks later in The BANNER. I can see no reason why they should not submit a report here the same as the other committees.

**C.-in-C. Beilby:** We will continue now with the reading of the communications and Resolutions.

**Secy-Treas. Shriver: Resolution #1 from the Department of New Jersey:** WHEREAS, the recent acts by elected officials concerning the removal from office of the United States District Attorneys for political reasons, thereby restricting their effectiveness in the prosecution of political corruption; and WHEREAS, we realize the spoils system has been in practice since the days of Jackson, we feel our Judicial System can no longer effectively function if it is beholden to any political organization; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE: support any measure introduced by Congress that proposes to remove the Judicial System, U.S. Attorneys and Federal Judges from political appointment and make said appointments on merit alone.

Approved by 96th Encampment  
Department of New Jersey  
Daniel P. George Commander  
Richard D. Hines, Secy.-Treas.

**P.C.-in-C. Heacock:** Is it imperative that we read the resolutions now? The committee's going to come in on its report and read the whole thing again.

**Secy-Treas. Shriver:** That question, Brother Frank, is brought up about every three or four years and the last several times it was decided they should be read under "communications".

**P.C.-in-C. Stoudt:** The committee doesn't read them, they say "recommended" or "approved" or something of that kind.

**P.C.-in-C. Heacock:** Commander-in-Chief, if we hear the resolution now and the committee comes and says, "We have a recommendation from New Jersey; we concur," how many of us are going to remember Wednesday morning what the resolution was that was read this afternoon? So, we say to the committee, "Read it again."

**C.-in-C. Beilby:** Frank, your idea is to get away from the reading now and read it afterwards when the committee gives its report. Does anyone disagree with Frank?

**Past Department Commander Albert W. Lambert:** Brother Commander, I disagree. I think most of us like to hear the resolutions whether we remember them word for word or not. If we don't hear them today, we'll

be asked to vote Wednesday morning on an issue we have had no opportunity to think through and no opportunity to form an opinion on.

**P.C.-in-C. Heacock:** I'll withdraw my objection, Commander.

**Secy-Treas. Shriver:** Resolution #2 from the Department of New Jersey WHEREAS, the name of William McKinley, the 25th President of the United States, who rose to the rank of major in the Civil War, went on to serve as a politician and statesman, finally giving his life for the office he held, has never been known but as a proud and honorable name THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE: oppose any changing of the name of our highest mountain peak, known as Mt. McKinley, to any other name chosen by federal agencies at the insistence of pressure groups.

Approved by 96th Encampment  
Department of New Jersey  
Daniel P. George, Commander  
Richard D. Hines, Secy-Treas.

**Resolution #3 from the Department of Massachusetts:**

At the 96th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, held April 28, 29 and 30, 1978 at Chicopee, Mass., the following resolution was passed and is forwarded for consideration at the 97th Annual Encampment:

WHEREAS, there is considerable unavoidable delay in getting the copies of The BANNER distributed to the members because of the procedure of having the issues first sent by National to the Department Secretary for distribution by him to the membership; and

WHEREAS, this procedure entails an unusual extra expense and burden on the Department:

THEREFORE, the Massachusetts Department resolves that each issue of The BANNER be sent direct to the individual membership by the National Organization.

Department Secretary, William W. Haskell  
Department Commander, Lewis E. Garney  
Committee on Resolutions:  
Eugene E. Russell, Chairman  
Chester W. Adshead  
William C. Rule

**Resolution #4 from the Department of Michigan:**

In-as-much that our National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, does not at present have a permanent National Organization office and building; and whereas, our National Organization does not have a building to house past and present and future documents of our National Organization, along with Civil War artifacts that are now and may be in the possession of the National Organization in the future, I hereby urge that the Michigan Department Encampment in due session here in Grand Rapids, Michigan, do hereby pass due resolution to encourage the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to look into the need and possibility of beginning plans to obtain needed funds to build or buy the needed facility to house, if deemed necessary, in the same building, a permanent National office, and a National archives to be both the National center of the National Organization and the National Archives of our great Organization.

A National office is needed for eternity, as a center and headquarters of the National Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and a permanent building must be had to house all files, papers, documents, artifacts, Civil War relics, and any and all other items that relate to the founding, growth, and history of our beloved organization. I urge that our Michigan Department Encampment discuss and pass said resolution and forward said resolution to the National Encampment to be held also in Grand Rapids in August, 1978, encourage the National Organization to pass the said resolution.

Signed under my head and seal this 11th day of June  
in the year of our Lord, 1978, in Grand Rapids, Michigan

Benjamin Franklin Edge, II

Life Member, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Past Michigan Department Commander, June 1971-June 1974

Member of the Sons of Veterans Reserves

The above resolution was read and acted upon at our 1978 Encampment at Grand Rapids, Michigan on June 12 and received an affirmative vote.

Homer R. Savage

Michigan Department Secretary-Treasurer

#### **Resolution #5 from the Department of Iowa:**

WHEREAS, THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED BY EPPS, HENDERSON, HESTER CAMP NO. 91 FROM INDIANOLA, IOWA, DEPARTMENT OF IOWA, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, it was accepted by the resolution committee and by the Department of Iowa at their 95th Department Convention, 1978.

WHEREAS, the true meaning of Memorial Day should be observed and this day should not be observed with the flood of "Memorial Day Sales" in department stores, discount houses and supermarkets advertised in the news media and 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; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day was established by General John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic; and

WHEREAS, as Commander-in-Chief, he issued General Order No. 11, dated May 5th, 1868, for the establishment and observance of Memorial Day on May 30th; and

WHEREAS, Decoration Day, or Memorial Day, was so observed for more than one hundred years; and

WHEREAS, the present Congressional-established Memorial Day on the last Monday in May is unsuitable as it is not the day "designated for the purpose of strewing flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who have died in defense of their Country"; and

WHEREAS, we believe Memorial Day should be returned to May 30th, as a real American traditional observance;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, successor to the Grand Army of the Republic, and its Allied Orders in Annual Encampment assembled (the 95th), make known our beliefs and convictions in this matter and urge

the introduction of the necessary bill for this legislative change and call upon the United States Senators from Iowa, and the United States Representatives from Iowa, to wholeheartedly support it; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the National Organization for presentation and consideration at the forthcoming National Encampment, urging the establishment of a Special Committee for the implementation of the above and to be empowered to work in behalf of our Organization for the purpose expressed and to remain in effect as a committee until Memorial Day is returned to May 30th.

Department Commander of Iowa 1978  
Richard Alan McCoy

**Communication from Department of Illinois:**

To: Chester S. Shriver  
National Secretary-Treasurer  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**NOTICE OF ENDORSEMENT**

At the 96th Annual Encampment of the Illinois Department, held June 16-17, 1978, at the Continental Regency Hotel in Peoria, Illinois, Past Department Commander Charles Allen Brady, Jr. was unanimously endorsed for the office of Commander-in-Chief of our Order for the 1978-79 term. This notice is respectfully submitted for presentation at the forthcoming National Encampment and for publication in The BANNER.

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

Attest:  
Charles A. Brady, Jr.  
Department Secretary

**Communication from Department of Iowa:**

**Re: Endorsement**

In June, 1978, at the 95th Department Convention, Department Commander McCoy appointed a committee endorsing Brother J. B. Johnson from the Department of Iowa for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for the year of 1979.

Brother Johnson's application was brought into the Sons through the camp at Waterloo, Iowa approximately forty years ago. He served as department commander of Iowa for three years. He has held seven different department offices in Iowa and has also served four different National offices. We feel as if this qualifies Brother Johnson for another National office. Iowa has had five members serve as National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and we have had four men serve as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and one as Commander-in-Chief, The Honorable Roy J. Bennett in 1952.

We are also hoping that Brother Johnson someday will represent Iowa once again as our Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Sincerely yours,  
Richard Alan McCoy  
1978 Department Commander

**Communication from Ohio Camp No. 12:**

To Commander Wilbur Haueter, all Officers and Members of this Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Greetings:

We, the Members and Officers of McLaughlin Camp #12, Mansfield, Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, wish at this time to present the name of Brother Richard Greenwalt for endorsement for the high position of National Commander-in-Chief. This matter was duly voted unanimously at a regular meeting of this Camp. We feel that Brother Greenwalt, not only in his position as present National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, but also through his many years of active participation in both the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Sons of Veterans Reserve, as well as his Life Membership, all certainly qualify him for this high and glorious position. We further feel that an earlier endorsement of another Ohio Brother should not hinder or stand in the way of this endorsement. We respectfully submit this matter for your approval.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
Ralph Shadel, Commander, McLaughlin Camp #12  
Mansfield, Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans  
of the Civil War

**Communication from Ohio Camp No. 50:**

To the Officers and Members of the Ohio Department,  
Sons of Union Veterans, Alliance, Ohio

Gentlemen:

Given Camp #50 of Wooster, Ohio asks that the Ohio Department join with Given Camp #50 in supporting our National Patriotic Instructor, Charles Allen Brady, Jr., for the Office of Commander-in-Chief by passage of a resolution and endorsement of our Brother from Illinois, "The Land of Lincoln".

Chuck Brady has served his Camp, Department, and National Organization by working through the chairs in all three levels of administration. Chuck is in his second term as National Patriotic Instructor, where he exceeded his goal last year.

Respectfully submitted in accordance  
with the wishes of Given Camp #50  
by their resolution of endorsement,  
Charles Corfman  
Camp Commander, Given Camp #50  
Gordon R. Bury, II  
Camp Counsel

Attest:

James Perkins

Sec.-Treas., Given Camp #50

**Communication from Ohio Camp #91:**

Brothers,

Rarely does a camp have the honor of soliciting a Department Encampment for an endorsement for the office of Commander-in-Chief. McClellan Camp #91 is so honored. We have a candidate which we feel is qualified. Working his way up through the ranks, he has served as Camp Com-

mander, District Commander, Department Commander and Regional Commander. At the National level he has served as General Chairman of Arrangements of the National Encampment in Columbus, National Patriotic Instructor, Junior Vice Commander and is presently serving as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

In the military branch of our order he serves as Adjutant for the 19th Ohio, Adjutant for the 3rd Military District and National Quartermaster General.

As you can see, Brother Richard L. Greenwalt is an active member of our organization and well qualified to assume the duties and responsibilities of the office of Commander-in-Chief.

Therefore, we, the members of McClellan Camp #91, are asking for an endorsement as well as asking for your support for Brother Richard Greenwalt for Commander-in-Chief, to be elected at the National Encampment in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Sincerely yours in fraternity,  
charity and loyalty,  
Thomas W. Graham  
Commander, McClellan Camp #91

#### Communication from the Department of New York:

Chester S. Shriver, National Secretary-Treasurer

Dear Brother Chester,

At the 95th Annual Encampment of the New York Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War held at the Hotel Syracuse, Syracuse, New York, the name of Brother Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard Greenwalt was brought to our encampment, after an introduction by the then New York Department Junior Vice Commander Harold Goodman.

A motion was duly made and seconded and carried to endorse Brother Richard Greenwalt for the office of Commander-in-Chief. A resolution to this effect was admitted to the proceedings of the New York Department Encampment, the Department Secretary to forward resolution to National Secretary-Treasurer.

Past Department Commander Cecil Baer has read the proceedings and attests to the fact the above endorsement is in the proceedings.

Sincerely yours in F., C., and L.,  
Donald L. Roberts  
New York Department Commander

Attest:

Edson W. Baker, P.D.C.  
Harold Goodman, Dept. Sr. Vice  
Harry E. Gibbons, P.D.C.  
Cecil M. Baer, P.D.C.

#### Communication from the Department of Pennsylvania:

National Organization, S.U.V.C.W.  
P.O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325

Due to action recently taken at the 98th Annual Department Encampment held June 19th to 21st, 1978 at Williamsport, Pa., this letter is being sent to all concerned as mentioned below.

It is the consensus of the Pennsylvania Department, S.U.V.C.W. that we resent the discriminating manner in which members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve under the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Brigade, S.V.R.

were, quote, "raided" by the National Military Department's Commanding Officer to obtain men to form another brigade in Pennsylvania several months back.

We resent this action and therefore express forthwith our opposition by official communication to:

National Military Affairs Committee Members  
National Military Department Commanding Officer  
Commander-in-Chief  
National Secretary-Treasurer

Be it further resolved, the Pennsylvania Department, S.U.V.C.W. will endeavor to see that this matter is brought upon the floor at the forthcoming National Encampment.

Attest:

Pennsylvania Department, S.U.V.C.W.

Ivan E. Frantz, Sr.

Dept. Secretary-Treas.

Brother Shriver then stated: In this morning's mail box downstairs was a letter directed to the Encampment under date of August 13. There was no heading to this communication. It simply begins:

To the Encampment Committee:

This is to inform you that there will be no elected delegate or alternate from Philadelphia Camp #200 present at the Encampment. Anyone present claiming membership in Camp #200 *is there on their own and not representing the majority of Camp #200.*

We wish to lodge a formal protest against anyone speaking on the floor of the Encampment who may claim membership in Camp #200, *as they are not speaking for the majority.*

Any decisions made at this Encampment affecting our Camp will be challenged by the membership.

**"WE WILL NOT BE TRIED, CONDEMNED AND EXECUTED WITHOUT A FAIR AND IMPARTIAL HEARING."**

Signed,  
The concerned and active members  
of Philadelphia Camp #200

Brother Shriver then read a Mailogram received this morning:

Harold T. Beilby, C.-in-C.

Best wishes to you and all Brothers attending 97th National Encampment. Your leadership and inspirational activities have been outstanding during the past year and have served to stimulate interest in our Order. It has been a distinct honor to have served you during the year. May you continue to be active on behalf of the Order and may the wind be always at your back.

Thomas L. W. Johnson, P.D.C.

**Communication from the Department of State, Washington, D.C.:**

Dear Mr. Shriver:

On behalf of Vice President Mondale, I am replying to your comments on the new Panama Canal treaties. We all share the Vice President's interest in receiving the view of the American people.

This administration and the three previous Administrations over the past 13 years have sought to modernize the Treaty provisions which have governed our relationship with Panama since 1903. It was concluded by these four Presidents that the 1903 Treaty no longer provided the most

effective basis for maintaining the U.S. interest in an open, efficient, neutral, and secure Canal. We believe that the new Treaties we have negotiated with Panama are just and respect the legitimate concerns of the Panamanian people. They are also in the highest national interest of the United States.

Two-thirds of the U.S. Senate has given its consent to the Treaties, and the Congress will be considering implementing legislation for them in the coming months. We, of course, appreciate your continuing comments and hope the enclosed materials will be of interest to you.

Sincerely,  
Hodding Carter, III  
Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs  
and Department Spokesman

Attached were Public Information Series, Bureau of Public Affairs, form letters B2CC dated 4/28/78 and B2DD dated 4/28/77 (sic) which should have been dated 4/28/78.

**Communication from the Department of the Army, Washington, D.C.:**

Dear Mr. Shriver:

On behalf of the Department of the Army, it is my pleasure to pass on the Army's regards and best wishes on the occasion of your reunion.

Your continuance of those Service traditions of camaraderie and esprit serve as a shining example of patriotism to those of us still privileged to serve on active duty.

Sincerely,  
Robert A. Sullivan  
Brigadier General, U.S. Army  
Deputy Chief of Public Affairs

**Secy-Treas. Shriver:** Commander-in-Chief, those are your communications.

**P.C.-in-C. Heacock:** Commander, I move that all of the resolutions, the letter that was not signed, and the letter from Vice President Mondale's secretary be turned over to the Committee on Resolutions; the communications of greetings be noted in the journal of proceedings; and all other communications be held for the order of new business and to be disposed of at that time.

The motion was seconded by Past Department Commander Clark Mellor. It was questioned why the letter from Vice President Mondale's Spokesman was to be turned over to the Resolutions Committee and Brother Heacock said because he thought they should make up a resolution to be sent to Vice President Mondale. The motion was carried.

Commander-in-Chief Beilby read the names of his committee members once again and then entertained a motion for adjournment.

**P.C.-in-C. Heacock:** One moment, Commander-in-Chief, since I hopped on the good brethren last year from Fort Chickamauga Camp #1 about having two delegates, I call attention to the report of the Secretary-Treasurer in which he specifies that the delegate representation of Fort Chickamauga Camp #1 shall have two delegates and the Curtis-Warner Camp #64 shall have three delegates. This is contrary to the C & R. All Camps-at-Large should have one delegate each.

After a motion to recess had been made, seconded and passed, the Chaplain closed the Bible at 4:35 p.m. and the Encampment was in recess until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday morning.

## TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

August 15, 1978

9:05 a.m.

National Chaplain Richard C. Schlenker opened the Bible.

**C.-in-C. Beilby:** Brother Long of Pennsylvania has an announcement.

**Past Department Commander George W. Long:** Brother Commander, I received a telephone call last night from the Secretary-Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Department telling me that Brother Bill Kearny of the Media, Pa. Camp passed away. Brother Kearny has attended many Encampments and many of the Brothers here knew him. The funeral will be Friday, if anyone wants to plan to attend.

**C.-in-C. Beilby:** We will have a moment of silent prayer at this time. (after the moment of silent prayer) We have a couple of Officers' Reports to be read. National G.A.R. Highway Officer, Past Department Commander Miles Harrington, are you ready?

### REPORT OF NATIONAL G.A.R. HIGHWAY OFFICER

Commander in Chief Harold T. Beilby, and Officers and Members of the 97th Annual National Encampment.

Greetings:

It has been my pleasure this past year, to serve as your National G.A.R. Highway Officer. This can not be a complete report on the highway due to lack of information from Departments.

I have driven over the G.A.R. Highway in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and some of it in Connecticut. I found the roadway mostly in good condition, with many rest areas along the way. I noted the highway markers to be in good condition but did not take count. It seems to me that a number of markers are missing, due perhaps to infrequent replacement and road repair.

I have had the full cooperation of the Massachusetts G.A.R. Highway Officer, Chester W. Adshead, PDC. He reported that he traveled the entire highway in Massachusetts, and found the road in good condition, the markers frequent and in good shape, and the rest areas well taken care of. He did note that some of the markers were of wood and varied some from the standard marker.

Eugene E. Russell, PDC of Massachusetts, in returning home after National Encampment last year, did travel a part of the G.A.R. Highway. He reported, the highway from Des Moines to Illinois was excellent and noted seven markers. From Iowa to Ottawa, Illinois, the road was good and noted five markers. From there to Joliet he found very poor road conditions.

I have written to the Departments through which the highway travels, requesting information about the highway. I received only one answer and that from the Department Secretary of Pennsylvania. They have no Highway Officer and had no information on the highway.

The re-dedication of the G.A.R. Highway Memorial Boulder of Massachusetts was held Sunday, July 9th, in Fairhaven. The services were under the direction of Chester W. Adshead, PDC. Many members of the Allied Orders, and Veteran Organizations were present. Among the guests were three Past Cmdrs. in Chief, two Past National Presidents, and one State Senator. It was my pleasure to be the speaker for this occasion.

This Memorial is the first of many along the G.A.R. Highway. It was first placed and dedicated in a park in New Bedford in 1937. Twice it had to be moved due to the road reconstruction. It now rests along the highway in a fine park in Fairhaven, Massachusetts, where it will receive excellent care. We hope to have this park renamed in honor of a noted Civil War Veteran.

In the absence of other National Officers, it has been my pleasure on several occasions to bring the greetings of the National Organization. At many events, both in New England and elsewhere, the association with the attending National Officers has been pleasant.

I hope this report meets with your approval and regret that it is not more complete. I do have one recommendation.

#### Recommendation:

That the National Organization instruct or request, Departments having a portion of the Grand Army Highway in their jurisdiction, to appoint a highway officer. This appointed officer should present a report to the National Highway Officer each year before National Encampment. This highway is a Memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic and a good watch over it will help to keep it in order and presentable.

Respectfully submitted in F.C. & L.

Miles E. Harrington, P.D.C., Massachusetts

**C-in-C. Beilby:** Thank you Brother Harrington, that's a very complete report.

**Past Department Commander James Y. Ledwith:** Brother Commander, in the State of Connecticut we are a number of years behind in our highway department. We have lots of fights where some want highways and some don't, so our highways in Connecticut are in bad condition. They need repairs and there are a lot of changes being made. The highway department is doing a lot of jobs, so maybe some of our Grand Army of the Republic Highway will get involved.

**C-in-C. Beilby:** Now, the report of my Personal Aide, Past Department Commander Edson Baker of New York.

#### REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PERSONAL AIDE

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

I was very proud when I was asked to be the National Personal Aide to Commander-in-Chief, Harold T. Beilby. I didn't have time to travel with him on his travels, but I did stand in for him different times in New York when I traveled to affairs in the Department and he was unable to attend.

I was very upset at our State Encampment when the matter of collateral descendants was discussed. I feel that we are going against the G.A.R. by-laws that were set up for us if we take in collateral descendants. There are enough direct descendants that we can get to join our Organization. If this is passed, I will never accept a National Office or go to a National Encampment again. If other Departments are too lazy to go to work and get SONS to join, then they should drop out of this Organization and let us who want to stay as SONS carry out the G.A.R. work for them.

Recommendation: I recommend that we start a new organization to get these people in our Order and call it co'latal decendents (sic) of the Civil War.

Yours in F.C.L.  
Edson W. Baker  
National Personal Aide

(Stenographer's note: The grammatical and spelling errors in this report have been corrected, but the name of the recommended new organization remains as it appeared in the original report.)

**C.-in-C. Bellby:** Thank you for your report; also, thank you very much for the way you catalogued all those gifts last night.

That takes care of all of the Officers, except the Patriotic Instructor, and he has asked to wait until Wednesday.

We'll now go into unfinished business. Is there any unfinished business? Brother Edge, did you get the information I asked for?

(Past Department Commander Benjamin Franklin Edge, II, then gave the delegation full information regarding the bus trip planned for Thursday.)

Thank you Brother Edge.

We will now have the report of our Encampment Site Committee.

**P.C.-in-C. Heacock:** This report is divided into two parts. You will recall that last year at the Encampment there was a motion to have a committee appointed to draw up guidelines for the Encampment Site Committee. The Commander-in-Chief, in appointing the committee, decided to let the Encampment Site Committee do its own guideline-drawing, so the first portion of the report:

#### REPORT OF THE ENCAMPMENT SITE COMMITTEE

To the Officers and Members of the  
97th National Encampment  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Greetings:

The National Encampment Site Committee reports that arrangements for the 1979 National Encampment have been made with the Sheraton-Hartford Hotel, Hartford, Connecticut, for August 11th-16th, all concessions have been agreed upon and the Department of Connecticut Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Rhode Island-Connecticut Department, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic have agreed to host the Encampment to the best of their ability.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Chairman  
William W. Haskell  
Albert W. Lambert

It was moved by P.C.-in-C. Stoudt, seconded by Brother Robert McCandless, and carried, that the report be accepted.

**Harold Goodman, Senior Vice Commander, New York Department:** Commander-in-Chief, under a point of order, Sir. I have noticed that some men have been somewhat late for our opening at 9 o'clock and they have by-passed our Altar. I am sure every man in this room knows, by Ritual, from the Camp, through the Department, and now to the highest National,

that once the meeting is in order and the Bible is open, it is customary to approach the Altar, salute the Commander or Commander-in-Chief and, if he is busy, the Senior Vice. I would suggest, Sir, that should anybody come in after this, their memory be refreshed. Thank you.

**C.-in-C. Beilby:** Brother Goodman, your point is well taken, and all you fellows who did not salute consider yourself bawled out and from now on follow the right procedure.

**P.C.-in-C. Heacock:** I am glad to know that there is somebody else sort of a little bit picky about the Ritualistic Work of our Organization besides Leroy Stoudt and I.

This is a somewhat lengthy report. I would presume that perhaps you may want to have it read in its entirety—there are nine sections to it—and go back and take them up seriatim because one refers more or less to the other or reverses back. If you have any questions as I conclude with one paragraph, I'll give you a moment to ask questions, or perhaps if it is read in its entirety, we may have sort of a question as we go through it. Whatever you decide, we'll try to go along with you.

To the Officers and Members of the  
97th National Encampment  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Greetings:

The Committee appointed to draw up a set of "Guidelines" for the Encampment Site Committee begs leave to submit the following report:

1. Any invitation received from any Department by authority of the Department Encampment in annual session, signed by the Department Head of one of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic and attested by the Department Secretary shall receive priority consideration, and in order to be received seriously, the inviting Department must demonstrate they enjoy a majority backing of the membership of their combined organizations and possess the necessary manpower resources to perform the proper function of a host organization.

2. In the event the Encampment Site Committee fails to receive any invitations for an Encampment for any given year, said committee shall then solicit bids from interested cities and hotels. Should these activities result in the selection of a location with no local organization filling the role of Encampment Hosts, then the Encampment Site Committee Chairman shall fill this function.

3. In all decisions regarding the selection of an Encampment Site, with or without an invitation, the Encampment Site Committee shall be guided by the Congressional Charter granted to the National Organization by Act of Congress and by the Constitution of the Order. Particular attention is drawn to Sections 6 and 9 (a) of said Congressional Charter which sections specify the physical locations of Encampments and for conducting the business of the Organization. In any instance where any reasonable doubt might exist as to the legality of any location, the Site Committee shall not proceed unless it has first obtained full and undisputable resolution of said doubt.

4. The Site Committee shall negotiate such complimentary meeting rooms, suites for certain National Officers and/or other concessions as it may deem proper and consistent with past practices within this organization. It shall be wholly within the discretion of the Committee to judge

whether the concessions and arrangements negotiated with a proposed location are satisfactory. The fact that an invitation does exist from a particular location or that the Host Organization has satisfied all the requirements as set forth in paragraph #1 above, does not guarantee the selection of that site until and unless this Site Committee has been successful in its negotiations.

5. The Site Committee is concerned with the location and selection of the Encampment Site and is not concerned with the actual conduct of that Encampment should there be a Host Committee. Accordingly, it shall not be responsible for the disbursement of any monies provided by the National Organizations for the purpose of financing the Encampment, such responsibilities belonging to the Encampment Committee of the Host Organization(s). Should no Encampment Committee or Host Organization(s) exist, causing the Encampment Site Committee Chairman to assume Encampment Planner responsibilities, then any monies normally controlled by an Encampment Committee shall be the responsibility of the Encampment Planner.

6. The Encampment Site Committee shall report to the National Encampment at each National Encampment, the location and details of the Encampment to be held the following year and if possible one or two additional years hence. In order to accomplish this, the authorities as hereinafter detailed are essential and explicitly granted. Should a site not be located in time for reporting at the National Encampment of the year preceding the year in question, the incoming Encampment Site Committee shall assume this responsibility under such directions and deadlines as shall be given by the National Organization and/or the Council of Administration.

7. For the proper conduct of a National Encampment from the funds received by the National Organizations, there shall be provided badges for all participating Organizations, encampment programs, a "Campfire" and Campfire programs. The Campfire shall include a concert of not less than thirty minutes and not more than one hour from some reliable musical organization (without charge, if possible), proper and dignified entertainment during the program, a speaker who may receive an honorarium if required, a basket of flowers if feasible for each organization, and should sufficient funds be available, souvenirs for all who shall register or a bus tour for those who shall remain over for the day following the close of the Encampment. For the funds received from the several National Organizations, a detailed report of receipts and expenditures with receipts attached shall be filed with the National Secretary-Treasurer of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, no later than thirty days following the close of the National Encampment. This report shall consist of one original and as many copies as there are organizations participating, duly signed by the Treasurer and approved by at least one member of each participating organization. Should the responsibilities of the Encampment be left in the hands of an Encampment Planner, said Planner then shall be governed by the above. Any and all remaining funds from those contributed by the National Organizations shall be returned with the above report to the National Secretary-Treasurer of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, who shall prorate same with each National Treasurer.

8. The Encampment Site Committee appointed annually by the Commander-in-Chief shall function as the official representatives of the

National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in any and all matters pertaining to the selection of Encampment Sites. Any contracts and/or agreements entered into by this Committee acting through its Chairman and with the consent of the majority of the entire Committee in connection with the selection of an Encampment Site, shall be binding upon the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

9. Since it is not practical while engaged in negotiations with the various hotels to withhold the final decision for the annual National Encampment, the full authority and responsibility must rest with the Site Committee.

The above guidelines are hereby adopted to guide and govern this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Chairman  
William W. Haskell  
Albert W. Lambert

(Stenographer's note: The italicized portions of the preceding report indicate those portions which were added as the result of discussion from the floor following the reading of the original report.)

A motion was made by Secy-Treas. Shriver, seconded by several, that this report be acted on, each section seriatim, and that, where there are no objections, that particular section be accepted by the sound of the gavel by the Commander-in-Chief. The motion was carried. Following discussion on each section, several additions were made and these changes have been italicized in the report as printed in these Proceedings.

Section #1—Motion by P.C.-in-C. Heacock, seconded by P.D.C. Bury to accept this section, as amended. Carried

Section #2—Discussion by P.C.-in-C. Stoudt, but no objection. Approved.

Section #3—No objections. Approved.

Section #4—No objections. Approved.

Section #5—No objections. Approved.

Section #6—Some discussion, but no objections. Approved.

Section #7—Several additions. Motion by P.D.C. Bury, seconded by several to adopt as amended. Approved.

Section #8—No objections. Approved.

Section #9—No objections. Approved.

**P.C.-in-C. Heacock:** That constitutes the report of the committee to draw up guidelines. When we go to the other Ladies' Organizations with the Greetings Committees, I will give them a briefing as to what has been done.

**P.C.-in-C. Stoudt:** I think you should have these guidelines typed up and give copies to the other Organizations and also so you can send them to the Host Organizations when they write to you and want to know what is expected of them.

**P.C.-in-C. Heacock:** It won't be necessary to print the entire list of guidelines, but just the parts that pertain to them.

**C.-in-C. Beilby:** Thank you, Brother Frank, for this very complete report. It clarifies a lot of things that were involved on the planning committee.

**P.C.-in-C. Heacock:** Commander-in-Chief, this will be referred to the

Committee on Constitution and Regulations for Joe Rippey to make his supplemental report to change the C & R that's covered by this.

**C.-in-C. Beilby:** Under those circumstances, Joe, do you want to give your report now or wait until later?

**Past Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey:** Up to this time, nothing has been referred to our Committee at all. If anything is referred today, we'll have a meeting, but much of what Frank has said seems to be more of a guideline rather than a part of the C & R, but we'll consider everything.

The Commander-in-Chief then called for the Report of the Committee on Legislation, which was read by National Secretary-Treasurer Shriver.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

TO: Harold T. Beilby, 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 through you to the officers and delegates in attendance at the 97th Annual Encampment. Your chairman wishes to acknowledge the fine cooperation extended by Bro. Albert W. Lambert, in printing the quarterly reports in each issue of *The Banner*. By this means your chairman has been able to reach directly all Brothers and friends of our Order.

**Status of Memorial Day Observance** —Congressional hearings have not been held on the series of bills and resolutions introduced to return the observance of Memorial Day to May 30. In a practical sense, this means that the issue is "dead" in the 95th Congress, and it must be revived when the new Congress convenes next January. At least seven States have laws which designate May 30 as Memorial Day within their jurisdictions. They are: Illinois, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, Vermont and West Virginia. In Illinois, a bill to put the Sucker State's observance in line with the federal law was making its way through the General Assembly in the closing week of the session but we do not have a final report of its fate at the time.

We remain convinced that the "problem" of when Memorial Day is to be observed was created by the Congress when it passed the Uniform Holiday Act of 1968. Therefore, whatever "confusion" exists in those States that legally observe May 30 rather than the fourth Monday in May came about because of the inclusion of Memorial Day in the federal legislation. What Congress did, it must now undo if we are to once again observe Memorial Day on its time honored date. Unlike other observances affected by the Uniform Holiday Act, Memorial Day is the only one generally recognized as a holiday in the literal sense. Whereas the States acted quickly to return Veterans Day to November 11, and Congress amended the federal law to conform with grass roots sentiment, this has not been the case concerning Memorial Day. If Congress can be convinced to take the initiative on this issue, the uncertainty can be ended and we can look forward to observing Memorial Day on May 30, as proclaimed by Gen. Logan more than 110 years ago.

**Creation and Improvement of Historic Sites** —Under the National Parks and Recreation Act passed by the House of Representatives on July 12, 1978, the Secretary of the Interior would be authorized to acquire scenic easements in the vicinity of the Antietam National Battlefield Site, and

funds would be made available for the purchase and development of 1,800 acres as an addition to the Manassas (Bull Run) National Battlefield Park. According to the provisions in the bill, funds for these and a host of other projects would be derived from the Land and Water Conservation Fund which receives its funding mainly from off-shore oil royalties. The measure has been referred to the Senate where hearings were scheduled to begin on July 26.

Critics of the bill have labeled it as "pork barrel" legislation because it provides authorization for a host of projects throughout the country, some of which are very controversial. Environmentalists consider House passage of the measure a victory for their cause. Its fate in the Senate is open to speculation because of the anticipated adjournment of Congress in early October.

Under an apparent agreement between the Library of Congress and the National Park Service, a copy of the Gettysburg Address handwritten by President Lincoln will be put on display at Gettysburg National Battlefield Park beginning in the summer of 1979. The Library of Congress has two of the five handwritten draft copies of the Address in its possession and was opposed to a bill, H.R. 6024, introduced by Rep. William Goodling of Pennsylvania, that would have provided for the permanent transfer of the document to Gettysburg. Under the compromise, the handwritten draft will be on display at Gettysburg during the tourist season each year but will be returned to Washington, D. C. after Labor Day.

**Creation of Historic Monuments** — Public Law 95-260, approved April 17, 1978, establishes a memorial to the signers of the Declaration of Independence to be erected in Constitution Garden, Washington, D. C. Public Law 95-149, approved November 1, 1977, authorizes the presentation of a plaque dedicated to the memory of Gen. Thaddeus Kosciuszko, to be erected in Krakow, Poland, as a gift to the Polish people. Gen. Kosciuszko helped to train the Colonial forces during the American Revolution. S. 244, a measure to authorize construction of a memorial to Yugoslavian Gen. Draza Mihailovich, a World War II anti communist hero, passed the Senate on June 29, 1977, and is in the House Committee on Administration. House Con. Res. 60 would authorize placement of a bust or statue of Martin Luther King, Jr. in the Capitol Building. This measure passed the House on September 26, 1977, and is in the Senate Rules Committee.

**Special Observances or Celebrations** — H.R. 10743, introduced on February 2, 1978, would designate Abraham Lincoln's birthday as a national public holiday each year. Under terms of Public Law 95-197, December 15, 1977, was proclaimed as the "National Day of Prayer for 1977" by President Carter. The week of November 20, 1977, was designated as "National Family Week" by Public Law 95-100. Many other bills and resolutions dealing with observances or celebrations are languishing in committee, and it is very doubtful that they will be given consideration prior to the final adjournment of the 95th Congress in October.

**Special Recognition** — In keeping with the observance of the Bicentennial and Public Law 94-479 enacted in 1976, Army Secretary Clifford Alexander signed an order on March 16, 1978, posthumously promoting George Washington to the newly created rank of General of the Armies of the United States. This action made Washington the senior general officer on the rolls of the U.S. Army.

Public Law 95-229, approved February 14, 1978, requires the Secretary of the Treasury to have struck a limited supply of medals in commemoration

of the founding of the United States and the adoption of the U. S. Constitution.

The House Judiciary Committee has not reported out a Senate passed Jt. Resolution that would serve to restore posthumously the rights of citizenship to Jefferson Davis.

**Military Authorization Bill** — In approving a multi-billion dollar military authorization bill, the Senate on July 11, 1978, made a decision of importance to naval historians of the future. By a voice vote, the Senate adopted a policy statement proposed by Sen. John Culver of Iowa, which asserted that future aircraft carriers must be substantially smaller and less costly than the current line of 1,000-foot-long ships. The bill authorized construction of the last of the \$2 billion, nuclear-powered carriers of the Nimitz class. Critics of the large carriers described them as "helpless dinosaurs in the ocean" that would be highly vulnerable to guided missiles of the future.

On July 28, a Senate-House Conference Committee agreed on a compromise figure of \$37 billion for the peacetime military authorization bill to include funds for the giant carrier which the Carter Administration has opposed building for the Navy.

**Rejection of computerized Gun Sales Record** — On June 7, 1978, the House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly to bar the Treasury Department from computerizing its gun sales records. As originally proposed by Treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the regulation would have required that serial numbers be stamped on each firearm at the time of manufacture and provided that gun makers, importers, and dealers would have to report all thefts, sales and other dispositions of firearms to the Bureau which would store the information in a computer data bank to make easier the tracing of firearms used in crime.

Opponents of gun control in any form saw this regulation as an entering wedge and the House by a vote of 314 to 80 agreed to deny funds to the Treasury Department to implement its proposal. Many law enforcement officials, however, supported the idea as a means to combat crime.

**Ratification of Panama Canal Treaties** — Although the ratification process has taken place and the exchange of signed documents has been made, both the House and the Senate must still consider a series of measures designed to fully implement the treaties. These include the creation of the newly authorized Panama Canal Commission that will oversee the transfer, the resolution of several knotty financial questions involving continued payments by our country for the operation of the Canal and the handling of an \$8.4-million debt owed by Panama for past services rendered by the United States. These matters are highly technical and will not have the emotional impact realized by the treaty debates. But they represent "pocketbook" and administrative issues that could have far reaching effects on the eventual success or failure of the treaties themselves and certainly bear watching on the part of us all.

By way of conclusion, in the opinion of your chairman, the Senate discussion on the neutrality treaty dealt with issues basic to our foreign and defense policies and represented floor debate at its best. In contrast, the debate over the pact to transfer the Canal dealt with a more narrow range of issues. Except for the exchange on the unsuccessful amendment that would have given the House of Representatives a voice in the ratification process because the treaty involved territory over which our country

exercised control, the issues raised did not seem to generate the quality of discussion heard during debate on the first treaty.

For the first time in the history of the Senate, permission was granted to broadcast its deliberations live to the nation. Through the facilities of National Public Radio, listeners were able to hear lengthy excerpts of the debates and to form opinions firsthand on the merits of the arguments presented.

### Recommendations for 1978-79

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 encourage the Congress to consider and enact a measure that would return the observance of Memorial Day to May 30 on a national basis and that we encourage the States to return Memorial Day to May 30 within their jurisdictions.

**Recommendation #2:** That within the limitations of prudent budgeting, our Order supports the appropriation of federal funds to enlarge and enhance the historic battlefield sites of the Civil War so that they can better serve for generations to come as visual reminders of the sacrifices made to preserve our Union.

**Recommendation #3:** That our Order commends National Public Radio (NPR) for its live coverage and balanced presentation of the Senate debate on the Panama Canal treaties.

It is a pleasure for your chairman to recognize the support given him by his colleagues on the Committee: Cleon E. Heald, Clarence J. Riddell, Daniel George, and Robert J. Wolz. It has been a distinct honor and a rare privilege for him to be able to serve our Commander-in-Chief in this capacity during the past year.

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

**C.-in-C. Bellby:** Brothers, I think you will agree with me that that is a very complete report which Brother Johnson turns in every year. He did hope to be here for at least one day this year but wasn't able to make it.

**P.C.-in-C. Heacock:** I would move you, Sir, that the report be received and the recommendations acted on seriatim and where there be no objections we accept these recommendations seriatim.

The motion was seconded by P.D.C. Rule and carried. The three recommendations were read and each was approved.

Secretary-Treasurer Shriver expressed his concern for the amount of battlefield area grounds that are being taken over by commercial enterprises and the need for action on the part of concerned citizens to protect these areas for posterity.

Commander-in-Chief Beilby announced that there would be an Open House in Suite #950 after the banquet and reception, sponsored by National President Combs and himself, and that all members of the Auxiliary and Sons were invited to attend.

**P.C.-in-C. Shriver:** This morning I received a telephone call from Brother J. B. Johnson of Iowa and he was quite concerned because his illness has prevented him from being with us. He hoped his report would be read and that all Brothers would be aware of his concerns about membership. I

assured him that his report had been read and that the Brothers were all very much concerned about membership, just as he has been this past year.

**C.-in-C. Beilby:** The Committee on Americanism and Education, Past Department Commander Richard E. Wyman, Chairman, is your Report ready?

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AMERICANISM AND EDUCATION

To Harold T. Beilby, Commander-in-Chief and officers and members of the 97th Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

The Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War co-sponsored with the United States Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service the program at which 520 aliens became citizens of the United States. The event, held in Gardner Auditorium, State House, Boston was attended by representatives from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and other Allied Orders. Representatives from the Massachusetts Department were Department Commander Garney and Past Commander-in-Chief William Haskell.

The Massachusetts Department is also selling a booklet prepared by Past Department Commander Ernest Wells. This was originally prepared to arouse interest among potential members for our organization, but also serves as an excellent video aid for the general public and will extend knowledge of our parent organization.

From New Hampshire comes the interesting news item informing us that educating adults is turning into one of New Hampshire's newest and biggest industries. Currently it is reported that 538 adults in the state are enrolled in the University of New Hampshire Program of Continuing Studies leading toward college degrees, and another 3,500 adults are taking courses piecemeal. Maurice Oliver, associate dean of Continuing Studies of the University of New Hampshire says that since 1972, some 16,000 to 17,000 adults have taken one or more of the courses offered. Oliver says that this rampart interest in adult education is a product of what he calls the "information explosion" of recent years. To keep abreast of new developments in their private and professional lives, people are seeking new ways to update their education.

It has also been established from local educators in the state of New Hampshire that United States History is still a required course in high schools and is also included in some elementary schools. This course in American History includes a unit on the American Civil War.

As of May 30, 1978, New Hampshire established that date as the official observance of Memorial Day throughout the entire state. Hopefully that will end the confusion of a dual date in the state.

The Connecticut Department reports that in the early 1970's the mandated subjects taught in public schools under Public Act 71-758 were repealed. These mandated subjects were:

1. The Origin and Development of Constitutional Government.
2. The Fundamental Orders (Connecticut's first constitution.)
3. The Charter of King Charles II to the Connecticut Colony.
4. Declaration of Independence of the United States.
5. Bill of Rights.
6. United States Constitution.
7. Constitution of Connecticut.

This act was replaced with a vague statement to the effect that all students must be taught American History, leaving out any meaning designation as to what American History was to embrace.

Then the local press saw the need for opening this matter up for explanation and discussion. This led to action on the part of several concerned groups.

The Assembly for the Study of American History, Inc. brought attention to this matter to the general public and members of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution and proposed and sponsored a bill to supercede PA 71-758. This proposed bill requires all tax-exempt High, Preparatory, Secondary and Elementary schools, public and private schools, shall provide programs of study of American History and the History of the State of Connecticut.

Let's sincerely hope that their struggles will get these vital segments of our history and culture reinstated in the educational requirements of that state.

The committee is happy to compliment the National Patriotic Instructor, Charles Allen Brady, Jr. on the creation of the "Star-Spangled Salute" awards presented to individuals and firms flying the American Flag on a regular basis. This action is doing much to encourage and strengthen patriotism among members of the general public.

The committee salutes the continued efforts of the Memorial Day Restoration Committee under the able leadership of Past Commander-in-Chief Frank Heacock. May their continued efforts bring the results that each of us prays for.

To all who assisted me in gathering information for this report I extend my sincere and heartfelt thanks.

Respectfully submitted

For The Committee

Richard E. Wyman, Chairman.

**C-in-C. Beilby:** Thank you, Brother Wyman, for that very fine report.

**Past Department Commander Eugene E. Russell:** Commander-in-Chief, concerning one line in Brother Wyman's report, and that is regarding the book prepared by Brother Ernie Wells of Massachusetts, whose condition of arthritis prevents him from coming to meetings like this, but who is very active in affairs in Massachusetts that he can attend. He has prepared this booklet and it is being distributed throughout our organization, all five Orders. It is sponsored by the Massachusetts Department Grand Army of the Republic, which meets in Boston and is being distributed in Massachusetts and other Departments and to prospective members and new members who are not familiar with what we stand for. They are \$1.00 per copy and in groups of ten or more they are 75¢ each.

**C-in-C. Beilby:** The book is well worthwhile. We'll now have the Report of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, Past Commander-in-Chief George L. Cashman, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF THE LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY COMMITTEE

TO: Harold T. Beilby, 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 22nd 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 130 luncheon guests who gathered at the State House Inn following the rites at the Tomb.

2. We were honored to have with us this year Commander-in-Chief Harold T. Beilby who gave a tribute to the memory of Abraham Lincoln and presented the wreath for the National Organization. Colonel Joseph B. Daugherty, USA (ret), the immediate Past Commander-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion, represented that worthy Order.

3. One of the special features of this year's ceremony was the presence of the National heads of the other organizations that comprise the Grand Army Family: Marion E. Combs, Natl. Pres., Auxiliary to SUVCW; Henrietta Y. Bodge, Natl. Pres., Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Anna E. Kinnison, Natl. Pres., Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and Lois M. Didier, Natl. Pres., Woman's Relief Corps.

4. Under the talented command of Capt. Robert M. Graham, then a co-chairman of the ceremony, the 114th Regt., 111. Vol. Inf. (Reactivated) served as the official honor guard for the ceremony and provided escorts for the wreathbearers.

5. Edward E. Pree, a Springfield attorney and civic leader, gave a talk on the history of American military bands and martial music and included excerpts of excellent sound recordings to enhance his remarks.

6. Your co-chairmen are especially indebted to their special consultant, Ellinore K. Johnson, PNP, who provides secretarial services for the invitational list and handles the tickets for the luncheon. Her help is invaluable to the success of the ceremony.

7. Through careful planning, your committee spent the gross sum of \$411.23 in the conduct of the ceremony. Of that amount, \$400.00 was provided by our appropriation. One expense item that was added this year that was not present in 1977 was the rental of 200 folding chairs for use at the ceremony. In 1977 the Springfield Election Commission provided the chairs at no charge but that was not possible this year.

8. Due to the serious illness of his wife which in time would prove fatal, Wayne C. Temple, a co-chairman, was unable to participate in this year's ceremony.

9. **Recommendations for 1979** — Your committee is grateful for the generosity of the National Organization in providing funds for the conduct of the ceremony each year. We believe this event continues to be a prime attraction on our patriotic calendar.

In keeping with these remarks and as a means of retaining the quality and continuity of the ceremony, we recommend that the appropriation of \$400.00 granted for 1978 be continued at that level for 1979. For our part, we pledge to maintain the careful and prudent management of the funds entrusted to us.

10. We were gratified this year to have had the participation of the following Departments and/or their Auxiliaries at the ceremony: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, and Wisconsin. In addition, Camps and local Auxiliaries from Illinois, Ohio, Iowa, and Wisconsin also took part.

For a complete account of the 1978 ceremony, your attention is invited to the July 1978 issue of *The Banner*.

11. Your committee regrets that Co-chairman Robert Graham found it necessary to resign his position as a co-chairman shortly after the close of this year's ceremony.

Respectfully submitted,  
 GEORGE L. CASHMAN, Co-chairman  
 THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON, Co-chairman

**P.C.-in-C. Cashman:** I might say that this report, although it bears my name, was prepared in its entirety by Thomas L. W. Johnson.

**P.C.-in-C. Stoudt:** I'm wondering why we never hear an itemized report from this committee concerning the \$400 we give them. All other committees that receive money give us a report, and I think I'm entitled to know how this money was spent. When you're spending your own money, that's one thing; when you're spending someone else's money, I think they're entitled to know how it was spent.

**P.C.-in-C. Cashman:** In answer to that, the secretary-treasurer receives from Brother Johnson an itemized report of the expenditures for that ceremony.

**P.C.-in-C. Stoudt:** He does? I think we should hear it.

Brother Cashman then read the itemized report of expenditures and explained that many things were done gratis and were not included in the report, such as: he mimeographs 250 letters to be sent out and the programs to be handed out at the Tomb to all who attend; the secretarial work is all done by Brother Johnson's wife, PNP Ellinore Johnson; and all who attend the luncheon pay for their tickets with the exception of the Commander-in-Chief, if he attends. He further stated that the luncheon is self-supporting and none of the \$400 allotted by this organization is used to defray luncheon expenses.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt then questioned why it was necessary to have the printed program, which is a \$200 item in the budget. This program has been printed annually and includes a listing of all organizations which participate in the wreath-laying at the Tomb.

**P.C.-in-C. Stoudt:** Why do we have to spend that kind of money for a program? Many other affairs have eliminated the program because of the cost, so I don't understand why we have to have such an expensive program for this affair.

Brother Cashman explained that this program has been printed annually since the inception of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony.

D.C. Forest Altland asked why wreaths can't be placed on the railing so they can be seen. People carry their wreaths and other people stand in front of them and the wreaths can't be seen.

Brother Cashman explained that this was due to the amount of time involved, and that this question had been raised in past years.

**P.D.C. Lambert:** I move that the report be received and the recommendation be referred to the Budget Committee.

The motion was seconded by P.D.C. Clark Mellor and carried.

**C.-in-C. Beilby:** Next is the G.A.R. Committee at Gettysburg.

This report was read by Secretary-Treasurer Shriver.

## REPORT OF THE G.A.R. REMEMBRANCE DAY COMMITTEE

To: Commander-in-Chief Harold T. Beilby  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Greetings:

The Committee appointed by General Order No. 1, Series 1977-1978, issued by Commander-in-Chief Beilby, submits this report of the activity for the observance of the Twenty-First Grand Army of the Republic Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on Saturday, November 19, 1977.

Thanks to the excellent coverage provided in the January 1978 issue of The BANNER, every member of our Organization may read an account of this outstanding event, equal to any other patriotic event planned for, and contributed to, by our Order.

It is an event similar to Memorial Day in that honors are provided to those Comrades of the Grand Army who gave of their lives for our heritage. On Saturday, November 19, 1977, nearly 1,000 participants attended the 21st Observance. An estimated 400 were present for the formal placing of the Memorial Wreaths representing our Allied Orders. Once again, all five national heads were present, as were the five Pennsylvania Department heads, to place their wreaths and bring a message of tribute. This year, several hundred "Gettysburg tourists" attended, as well as the Brothers and Sisters of our Order.

The parade of 340 SVR members, plus 300 Union and Confederate Reactivated Civil War Troops, brought infantry, artillery, cavalry, nurses and the fifes and drums, and proceeded via the streets that President Lincoln rode on that Memorable Date in our history to the Woolson Statue. This was the largest parade ever participating in a Remembrance Day observance.

The placing of memorial wreaths, the firing of the salute, the sounding of Taps, and a prayer provided the tribute at the Woolson Statue under a clear sky. The formal tributes and messages were extended in the Visitors Center Auditorium where Commander-in-Chief Beilby and others expressed their meanings of this day.

Your Committee retained their efforts on minimal expense for this Observance with cost only for the printed programs, printing of the general mimeographed invitations and the Sons' wreath for our National Organization, for a total of \$153.25.

A copy of the 1977 printed program is a part of this report.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee appointed,  
G. Henry Roth  
Ivan E. Frantz, Sr.  
Dr. Joseph Riley

**C-in-C. Beilby:** Are there any objections to the report?

**Past Department Commander George W. Long:** Brother Commander-in-Chief, in regard to the Gettysburg Observance in November, I was on that committee a few years. May I suggest that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint the committee here before they go home, because a lot of times the gentlemen who are on this committee don't get the word until the October BANNER comes out and then there's too little time to do much work on it.

**C-in-C. Beilby:** Thank you, Brother Long, I was going to suggest that myself. We will now have the report of the National Military Affairs Committee by Past Commander-in-Chief Norman R. Furman of New York.

## REPORT OF NATIONAL MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

To: Commander-in-Chief Harold T. Beilby  
and Officers and Members

It has been an honor to again serve as Chairman of the National Military Affairs Committee, and I have done my best to fulfill the duties of the office.

Under the leadership of Brigadier General Chester S. Shriver, the Sons of Veterans Reserve has again grown in membership since last year, but because of the ruling that all Reserve members must also be members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, we have lost some men and some units.

During the past year, your committee has noticed closer compliance with our Sons of Veterans Reserve Regulations and Standard Operating Procedure, and an improvement in drill, marching, etc. by almost all members of the Reserve.

General Shriver has submitted to me quarterly reports on the operation of the National Military Department, but, as usual, I am looking forward to his annual report to the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and to that of the Adjutant General.

In compliance with the decision of last year's National Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, General Shriver has formed a NEW Brigade in Pennsylvania, to be known as the KEYSTONE BRIGADE, leaving the original PENNSYLVANIA BRIGADE, and all those desiring to remain with it, as a separate entity—answerable only to itself and the Pennsylvania Department, SUVCW.

In many cases, the Sons of Veterans Reserve has been responsible for bringing new members and Camps into the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Because of the rise in postal rates and increase in the cost of printing, I recommend (1) that the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, continue to give the National Military Department the sum of one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars to partly cover the cost of administration of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Submitted in F., C., and L.,  
Norman R. Furman, P.C.-in-C.  
Chairman, N. M. A. C.

**C.-in-C. Beilby:** Are there any objections to this report with the recommendation? (hearing none) It will be turned over to the Budget Committee.

**Secy-Treas. Shriver:** Commander-in-Chief, I am pleased to give my report as Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

## REPORT OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER, S.V.R.

To: Brother Harold T. Beilby, Commander-in-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Brother Norman R. Furman, Chairman  
Military Affairs Committee  
Officers and Delegates Assembled:

Greetings:

It is my pleasure and certainly honor, to submit this formal report of YOUR uniformed rank of our Organization—THE SONS OF VETER-

ANS RESERVE. This report will cover the period of July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978.

On behalf of the 566 members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve who are in current standing in their respective Units of the SVR and the Camps of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, may I once again quote to you the goals of the SVR as we represent 22% of our Order's current membership.

Pride, Patriotism and Faith is returning to Americans.

This is the basis for the SVR Program that attracts our SUV Membership who desire to accept the regimentation of military-minded officers and men who served in our Civil War of 1861-1865. True, there is a personal investment in today's SVR membership, as he provides his own uniform, purchases a musket or drum, makes an artillery piece or buys a beautiful horse to become a part of the SVR program of activities.

The four principles which each man accepts are as follow:

TO observe and participate in Memorial Day annually as a most sacred day.

TO assist our Parent Order at special events and observances, such as the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., the G.A.R. Remembrance Day Service at Gettysburg, the National Encampment G.A.R. Camp-fire Program of our Order, plus other observances in local areas.

TO promote membership and activity in our Parent Order.

TO retain a military regimentation of respect and training, promote leadership and establish discipline through the chain of command.

Since the creation of our Military Department through the National Military Affairs Committee in 1961, of which your Commanding Officer was appointed the Chairman to investigate the numbers of men in the Departments who wished to be recognized and formed into a National Military Department under the jurisdiction of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the SVR operates strictly in conformity with the Regulations as provided in the Constitution and Regulations. Standard operating procedures are enforced by the National Military Affairs Committee. General Orders, Special Orders and Information Bulletins are issued regarding forthcoming events.

It is the consensus of this Command, that where the Civil War Round-table-type meetings and programs have faltered in many areas of our Country since the ending of the Civil War Centennial in 1865, the opportunity of serving in the SVR has created interest for many Brothers of our Order. We note from our records the age varies from age 14 to age 73 within our ranks of 566 members.

Divided into six Military Districts, we maintain a National Staff to issue the required directives of activity and administrative information. The Districts are commanded by highly-qualified officers who take of their time to maintain annual Unit Registrations, accept dues for the expenses of postage, forms, etc. Credit must be given to every man assigned to

The General's Staff, including the District Commanders, for their efforts to keep in contact with the men in their respective Department and Camp areas. The Financial Report, as submitted by The Adjutant General, accompanies this report.

We have Honor Guards and Color Details to carry your Commandery-in-Chief's Colors. We are proud to have a fine representation of members of the SVR at Washington, D.C. on February 12th for the Lincoln Memorial Service, where many members assisted in carrying of Memorial Wreaths for other Veteran Organizations. The presentation of the Honor Guard for you, Commander-in-Chief at Gettysburg last November 19th, 1977 on Remembrance Day, and a fitting tribute to you and Mrs. Beilby for attending our 9th Annual SVR National Encampment at Geneva, N.Y. on June 29th to July 2nd. You honored us with your presence at the Military Blue-Gray Ball, the Bi-Centennial Parade and fellowship in the bivouac area.

In due respect for the Chain of Command, we have kept the National Military Affairs Committee informed with comprehensive Quarterly Reports. In no way, has any program been planned to cause ill feelings, harm or danger to our Order, but always striving to conduct a positive course of interesting programs with safety in mind.

The 9th SVR National Encampment at Geneva, N. Y. on June 29th-July 2nd provided a great promotion for our Dual Memberships. The New York Department of the Sons, as well as Ohio and Pennsylvania, gained SUV memberships, as well as SVR enlistments. This year's Encampment was equal to the finest ever staged, thanks to sixteen months' advance planning, excellent Host Units and individuals working effortlessly and the City of Geneva ending our Nation's Bi-Centennial with the SVR sounding the Final Salute to our Nation's 200th Birthday. They were great sponsors.

Although there would be mixed feelings concerning this *suggestion* to you, the Delegates of this Encampment, there are many SVR Officers who hold and have served our National Organization and Departments as Commanders, who have expressed their hopes that perhaps the 1981 SVR National Encampment *MIGHT* be planned as an introduction to the 100th Anniversary of our Organization. Two days of activities would be planned to entertain our Allied Orders prior to the opening of our 100th SUVCW Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Beilby, this report did not enter into the administration breakdown or the structure of the SVR, but rather to enlighten you and our membership of the broad scope of interest in the membership of the SVR. You have witnessed the SVR in action many times this past year. You know many of them personally. It was an honor and privilege to assist you in the highest standards of your Uniformed Department. May you have a most successful Encampment.

Respectfully and Militarily submitted,  
in F. C. & L.,  
C. S. Shriver, Brigadier General, SVR  
The Commanding Officer

# FINANCIAL REPORT, SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE

To: Commanding Officer, National Military Department  
Sons of Veterans Reserve  
Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325

Financial report for period 1 July 1977 thru 1 July 1978.

Balance 1 July 1977 ..... \$ 78.92

## Receipts:

1977 National Encampment Donation ..... \$ 75.00  
Dues ..... 609.60  
Commissions ..... 33.00  
Total Receipts ..... \$796.52

## Expenses:

Printing ..... \$323.65  
Certificates ..... 75.90  
SVR, Medal Drapes, Ribbon Bars, Rings ..... 64.22  
Postage ..... 63.00  
Ribbons and Streamers ..... 42.96  
Office Supplies ..... 7.85  
Balance paid for SVR Dance ..... 34.50  
Total Expenses ..... \$612.08  
Balance 1 July 1978 ..... \$184.44

Charles H. Lilienthal  
Captain SVR  
The Adjutant General

**C.-in-C. Beilby:** Is there any objection to the report?

**P.C.-in-C. Heacock:** Commander-in-Chief, I would move you that the report be accepted and made a part of the journal of Proceedings.

The motion was seconded by National Personal Aide Edson Baker. On the question. ....

**P.C.-in-C. Heacock:** In June, at the Pennsylvania Department Encampment, there was a resolution adopted on the floor of the Encampment completely disapproving of the manner in which the Pennsylvania Brigade, or the Elite Brigade as it is called was raided. I want you to know here and now that despite the fact that I made the motion last year to accept the report of the Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee, that had I known it was going to be handled in the manner it was, I would not have made the motion and I would have been on the floor opposing its actions. Because of what we approved and of what I was a part of, we have raided the Pennsylvania Brigade to a point where we have a Major and very few minors. We feel in the Department of Pennsylvania that, since it was the parent organization of the Sons of Veterans Reserve and the only brigade in the Organization for years, we have been infringed upon. I am not a member of the Military and for years I kept my nose out of their business, but when you step on the toes of the Department of Pennsylvania, you're stepping on my toes, too. Last year, at the Department Encampment in Pennsylvania, was the first time that I can remember, and it was my 50th Encampment, that we did not have the Colors presented at the Campfire by a uniformed rank of the S.V.R.

**C.-in-C. Beilby:** Any other comments?

**D. C. Schlenker:** Commander, it would behoove perhaps someone to tell us what he is talking about. I would be interested to know wherein some

strife may lie. I'm very befuddled, but what is going on? Is it our business and, if so, would someone inform us what happened and why and maybe we'd know what to do about it.

**C-in-C. Beilby:** Is there any discussion?

**Past Department Commander Elton Koch:** Commander-in-Chief, when I was appointed to the position of Major, at that point the Commanding Officer of the 2nd Military District tried to relieve me of my duties. In the Pennsylvania Department, the military of the SVR is governed by the Pennsylvania Department. The National Military Committee has nothing to do with the Pennsylvania Department, so we straightened this out in the new orders of the National Military Affairs Committee. I was agreeable to what was done last year, but it backfired on me, too, because I did not realize they were going to strip Pennsylvania Reserves. The Pennsylvania Reserve was in existence long before I was even a member of this Organization and long before I became a member of the Reserves, and I think we all know that the basis of the National Military Organization By-Laws was based on the Pennsylvania Brigade By-Laws and this is why we feel that we were raided by the National Military Committee.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Norman R. Furman:** Commander-in-Chief, I would like to read an excerpt from our SVR regulations which might clarify this subject. From our SVR Standard Operating Procedure, I quote in part from Article 4—Brigade Headquarters. I will not quote it in its entirety, but just the part which pertains to the Pennsylvania Brigade. "Brigade Commanders shall be elected by the Commissioned Officers and Unit Commanders of their respective Brigade and they shall hold the rank of Major and will serve for a three-year period; the Brigade staff to be appointed for the same period; all elections to be as directed by District Commanders or higher authority, with the exception of the Pennsylvania Brigade. The Pennsylvania Department Military Affairs Committee, as stated in the By-Laws of the Pennsylvania Department, SUVCW, shall be the law-making body of the Pennsylvania Brigade, SUVCW." That's the change that Major Koch referred to.

**P.C.-in-C. Heacock** then stated that he didn't think that was what he was referring to at all and Brother Koch stated that it was part of it. A discussion followed with several members participating.

**P.D.C. Koch:** I was in favor of what Norman just read, but we never realized this was going to split us into two divisions in Pennsylvania.

**Secy-Treas. Shriver:** The matter that's on the floor now—first of all, the Pennsylvania Brigade is the bulwark, the foundation of the SVR, in our Organization. Units have been formed outside of the Pennsylvania Brigade down through the years, of which Col. C. LeRoy Stoudt, one of the older retired Officers here, Major Elton Koch, Retired Drummer Ed Kramer, we have many of you who were familiar with the fifes and drums of the 6th Pennsylvania Infantry under the command of Major John Runkle at our Encampments down through the years, when I first came into the Organization 32 years ago. Col. Stark has had 22 years of service. In Pennsylvania, the units down through the years have been accustomed to receiving information. They have been accustomed to orders, notices of events coming up, and the payments of dues, registrations of the units, etc. During the last number of years in some of the units, because of either fulfillment of family obligations, or employment, etc., there was a laxity of communications from the Pennsylvania Brigade Command Headquarters. Brother Koch, the Commanding Officer, submitted a bulletin

prior to each Memorial Day. There seemed to be loss of communications between the units and the men in the ranks, and they wanted to know how they could get direct contact from the National. So Brother Koch very obligingly about four or five years ago gave permission that we could direct all of our bulletins directly from the National level to the units within the Pennsylvania Brigade jurisdiction. Finally, the pressure came on the Military Affairs Committee and they said perhaps we could form another Brigade and have more representation, more participation, and, as a result, the Military Affairs Committee met and, unbeknownst to me what the wording was going to be or how, submitted it in their report to this Encampment last year, which was approved. And then, the order came down from the Military Affairs Chairman that contact should be made with each one of these units in Pennsylvania by letter asking them to give a choice of whether they wanted to remain, continue under jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Department, SVR, with all forms, reports, etc. answerably to the Brigade Commander, the next in command (the Chief of Staff of Pennsylvania) and the Department Commander, *OR* if they wanted to affiliate with a new Brigade. I passed this information on after I received it to the District Commander in respects to the chain of command. A letter was sent to each one of the Units and the Commissioned Officers asking them, "Do you wish to continue to affiliate with the Elite, or #1, Brigade in Pennsylvania, you would answer to your Brigade Commander in the Department of Pennsylvania," giving them a choice, an option, *OR* "do you wish to affiliate under a separate command within the confines of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?"

Brig. Gen. Shriver then discussed the ballots indicating the choices made by the few units which returned them. He said they were sent to Lt. Col. O'Dea, who brought them to him and he showed them to Col. Norman Furman in the presence of Department Commander of Pennsylvania, Goodling Dugan. In his capacity as Commanding Officer, General Shriver sent a copy of the ballot to Department Secretary-Treasurer of Pennsylvania, Ivan E. Frantz, Sr. He stated that he had no recourse but to do this in keeping with the chain of command. On November 18 a meeting was held in Gettysburg and that is where the recognized Keystone Brigade was formulated, General Shriver said.

Discussion by P.C.-in-C. Stoudt and P.C.-in-C. Furman and P.D.C. Ledwith of Connecticut followed.

**P.C.-in-C. John H. Stark:** Col. John H. Stark, retired as of January 14, 1978 . . . so I was still second in command when this took place. Captain Simmons came to me very much shook up. The ultimatum given was, either you signed up with the National Military Department or resign and go with the Pennsylvania Brigade—that was the choice. For sentimental reasons, Brother Shriver and I and others kept membership in the Pennsylvania Brigade. I'm a bit shook up because we helped to form this 1st Military District and now they're breaking up our group. I was threatened, also, that either I give up my membership in the Pennsylvania Brigade or I was *OUT* of the National Military District. Since when can you go in and raid something that's in the By-Laws of the Pennsylvania Department? At the particular time General Shriver made this move, many of the men were ill or hospitalized and could not defend themselves. This is a raid of the Department in the military field.

In 1974 and 1975 when I was Commander-in-Chief, we had the Commander, Donald Schmidt, of the Second Military District trying to take

away the Pennsylvania Brigade from the Pennsylvania Department. Now, three years later, the Brigadier General and the Military Affairs Committee and the other officials try to take over the Pennsylvania Brigade. Our By-Laws are signed and attested to by Secretary-Treasurer Shriver and the Commander-in-Chief at that time was Fred H. Combs, Jr. Now, this should satisfy everybody to leave the Pennsylvania Brigade, which has served for 60 years? Do you believe this? Everybody was threatened to either give up their membership or *OUT*. I was threatened, so that's why I retired, really. I believe the National Organization must have something to do with it when the By-Laws of the Pennsylvania Department have been broken. We have elected all new officers and we need the men that we had all these many, many years to at least give us some military in our Department which we had so long. I don't see how he can maintain it, and why should he need it? It's all illegal in my book.

**P.C.-in-C. Furman:** Commander-in Chief, may I, as your National Counselor, voice my opinion? It is my considered opinion that the men in Pennsylvania were given a free choice as to which way they wanted to go. I don't think there was any force brought upon them at all. It was strictly their own personal choice.

**Secy-Treas. Shriver:** Commander-in-Chief, I am forced to make one statement at this Encampment. At no time did I approach a Brother of the SUVCW to offer him any kind of an inducement to make one change in favor of another. I had the military in heart. How many members of the SVR, active or retired, are in this room today, may I ask? At no time have I felt that I was instrumental in guiding anyone to make a decision. We can produce a letter that definitely gave all the credit to the people in Pennsylvania, and gave them a choice, and that is why the ballots and everything were conducted by mail through the chain of command. I know you're tired of hearing this, but I want it a matter of this record that I am strictly impartial because my heart is #1 in the Pennsylvania Brigade, no matter what the status is. We do not ask people to jump from one membership to the other—in fact, many of our members hold dual membership in the SVR.

**P.C.-in-C. Stoudt:** Question on the motion.

**C.-in-C. Beilby:** All in favor of the motion, which was that we accept the report and that it become a part of this Proceedings, say "Aye", opposed, so ordered.

P.C.-in-C. Stoudt then moved, seconded by several, that the meeting recess until 1:30 p.m. National Chaplain Schlenker closed the Bible at 11:50 a.m.

1:30 p.m.

National Chaplain Schlenker opened the Bible.

**C.-in-C. Beilby:** Right now we'll close on Committee Reports and open on New Business because P.C.-in-C. John Stark has something he wants to bring up.

P.C.-in-C. Stark then brought up the issue of black powder used at reenactments and dangers involved in its use. He read several letters pertaining to this matter and discussed the possibility of legal ramifications which could involve the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in the event that injuries occurred during reenactments. One letter which was read was from Homer Lynn of Wisconsin who is a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and is also a

lawyer and former judge advocate general of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. In this letter Brother Lynn recommended "that all reenactments be divorced completely from any auspices of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. It has been stated repeatedly that the SVR is the military arm of the SUVCW, as the drill teams on parade are to the Shriners. The ultimate responsible party is the SUVCW. For the purposes of reenactments, a separate corporation should be formed, and if it is part of an encampment the encampment should formally be closed before the reenactment starts and the ranking officers of one organization should not be the controlling officers of the reenactment body." Brother Stark moved that the recommendation of Brother Lynn be accepted by the Encampment.

There was some confusion as to just what was intended by the motion and some discussion followed with Brothers Hancock, Furman and Stoudt participating. Brother Stark explained that a change in the regulations regarding reenactments was needed so the National Organization might not be sued at some time in the future.

In order to get the motion on the floor, it was seconded by Brother Heacock. On the question, Brother Shriver explained that this matter was discussed at length last year on the floor of the encampment and it was determined that the SVR and the SUVCW never sponsor any reenactment. The sponsor is an individual or a lodge or some facility that provides the money for liability insurance and the sponsor is the one who is responsible. He further stated that there is no participation if there is no liability insurance and that the National Organization has never been involved in sponsoring a reenactment.

At this point, the discussion was interrupted by the arrival of the Greetings Committee from the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War which consisted of National President Marion E. Combs; Past National President Edith Snyder of New York; Margaret Beilby, wife of the Commander-in-Chief; and the entire New York delegation. P.N.P. Snyder, spoke for the group, expressing their delight in having the Commander-in-Chief from their New York Department and wishing for him a most constructive and harmonious encampment and good health when his year is over. National President Combs said that it is always a pleasure to visit the Sons' Encampment and explained that, since all Department Presidents this year are now her daughters, the Department Commanders must also be her sons, and she asked them to come forward to receive a small gift from her. She expressed her appreciation for the wonderful cooperation with the Sons this past year and thanked them for giving her such a congenial Commander-in-Chief to work with. She pledged her support in future years and said that she hoped Brother Harold and she had accomplished a lot for both organizations during the past year. Past Department President Margaret Beilby then thanked the Sons for bestowing such a high office on her husband and said she hoped the Sons were as proud of his accomplishments as she was. She said she enjoyed traveling with Brother Harold and Brother and Sister Combs this past year and has enjoyed their friendship.

**C-in-C. Beilby:** I waited twenty-two years for Margaret to become Department president and she waited thirty-five years for me to be Commander-in-Chief. I will ask Past Commander-in-Chief Fred H. Combs, Jr. to respond to these ladies.

**P.C.-in-C. Combs:** It is a sincere pleasure to have you here today. We're glad that you came to let Harold know how much you appreciate what he

has done this year. I can testify first-hand that he has done a lot. He has represented the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War well and effectively and as he has traveled in most of the situations he has had by his side Margaret, who has been an asset, and it has been a pleasure for Marion and me to be associated with both of them. If ever there was co-operation between the Sons and Auxiliary, it has been this year. We thank you for coming and we want you to know that, as much as you love the Sons, we love you and the Auxiliary. We know that the closer we work together, the better the future is for the Sons and its Auxiliary. May next year be a pleasant continuation of what you have established by your example, Harold and Marion, and may everything that happens next year be built on this strong foundation. We all wish you the best.

After the members of the Auxiliary departed, the discussion on the black powder issue was resumed. Brother Rippey requested that the liability release be read. This is the form which all participants in reenactments sign before they take part. It was drawn up at the request of the SVR to combat liability. It is considered to be as much security as is possible in these changing times. Brothers Heacock, Furman, Shriver, Stoudt, Rippey, McCandless and others participated in the lengthy discussion of this matter. Several hypothetical situations were discussed, as well as legal ramifications involved in such situations, in an effort to further understand the complications which might possibly result should a participant suffer an injury during a reenactment. Brothers Rippey and McCandless, who are attorneys, discussed the legal involvement and responsibility of the SVR and SUVCW should an injury to someone become a reality.

At this point, it was announced that the Greetings Committee from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 had arrived. P.D.P. Iva M. Hildreth and P.D.P. Florence Van Buskirk were escorted into the room. They expressed their pleasure because they were selected to represent their National President, Mrs. Anna Kinnison, and bring the greetings of the Daughters of Union Veterans to the Sons. It is the hope of the Daughters that in the near future all five Allied Orders may once again hold their Encampments at the same time and place as was done in years past. Past Commander-in-Chief Norman Furman responded to these ladies, citing how closely the Daughters and Sons have always worked together and expressing pleasure that these representatives had come to visit the Encampment.

After this, the reenactment issue was resumed briefly and Brother Heacock called for the question on the motion which had been under discussion since the beginning of the afternoon session. The time was now approximately 3 p.m.

The motion was repeated by Commander-in-Chief Beilby in its final form, for the benefit of all present, so it would be clearly understood what they were voting on. The motion follows:

"It has been moved by Brother Stark and seconded by Brother Heacock to accept the recommendation of Brother Homer P. Lynn, P.D.C., Wisconsin, that all reenactments be divorced completely from any auspices of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. It has been stated repeatedly that the SVR is the military arm of the SUVCW, as the drill teams on parade are to the Shriners. The ultimate responsible party is the SUVCW. Under the law, the ranking officers of one Organization cannot be the controlling officers of the reenactment body. This means that Brig. Gen. Shriver and

all commissioned officers in the SVR have no authority to participate in any reenactments, that includes all SVR members who are non-commissioned. All military districts are to be notified that we have no right to participate under the law in the reenactments."

The voice vote did not produce a clear decision, so a rising vote was called for. The motion was defeated by a vote of 13 in favor, 37 opposed and 22 abstaining.

**P.C.-in-C. Heacock:** We were due an hour and six minutes ago at the Ladies of the G.A.R. meeting and thirty-six minutes ago we were due at the Auxiliary meeting.

**C.-In-C. Beilby:** I'm going to ask for a recess for fifteen minutes while the Greetings Committee goes to the Ladies of the G.A.R. meeting, and we'll visit the Auxiliary later. Will the Chaplain close the Bible, please.

The Bible was closed at 3:10 p.m. and the meeting re-convened shortly afterward.

**C.-in-C. Beilby:** May we have the report of the Fraternal Relations Committee now?

#### REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

To the Officers and Members of the 97th Annual Encampment

Greetings:

In my travels throughout the New England area I find that the Fraternal Relations with all five G.A.R. Orders are excellent. Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont hold their Department Encampments with all five Orders meeting at the same time. While Massachusetts does not meet in Encampment, they have an excellent Fraternal Relations Committee which meets several times a year and has a joint Banquet which is well attended. At the 96th Annual Encampment, it was recommended that guidelines for future National Committees be drawn up for information from and to various Departments. This Committee was unable to contact, or if contacted received no answer except from the Department of New York, which was sent too late to be included in this report. I believe that if any Brother has some idea as to the proper way this should be done, they should make known their ideas to the Commander-in-Chief and a committee of these Brothers should be appointed to bring their ideas to a conclusion.

Respectfully submitted,  
William C. Rule, Chairman  
Fraternal Relations Committee

Following is the report of Cecil M. Baer, Past Department Commander, New York Department, which was read by Brother Baer:

Dear Brother Rule:

As a member of your Committee, this is what I believe our duties should be:

1. to extend greetings from our National Encampment to other National Encampments and/or conventions of Allied Orders and Veteran Groups, etc. This was done by me in 1976—from our National in Columbus, Ohio to National Veterans of Foreign Wars in New York City.
2. to represent our National Organization in services, parades, memorials, dinners of Allied Orders and other patriotic and/or veterans groups. I

can furnish you with a list of over forty such events where I had the honor of so representing the Sons.

3. recommend that all Department Commanders be instructed to appoint Department Fraternal Relations Committees at once.

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

Cecil M. Baer

Past N. Y. Department Commander

**P.D.C. Rule:** I make a motion that this report be incorporated with the Report of the Fraternal Relations Committee. The motion was seconded by several and passed, and the reports were accepted.

**C.-in-C. Beilby:** May we have a report of the Credentials Committee.

**P.D.C. Harrington:** We have registered and present:

- 1 Commander-in-Chief
- 12 Past Commanders-in-Chief
- 10 Department Commanders
- 36 Past Department Commanders
- 13 Delegates

We have registered and not present:

- 1 Past Commander-in-Chief
- 1 Department Commander
- 18 Past Department Commanders
- 8 Delegates

We have a total of 72 registered and present; we have a total of 26 registered and not present; for a total of 98 registered.

(NOTE: A roll call on Wednesday showed a voting strength of 70 and a re-count of the credential cards showed 34 Past Department Commanders registered and present and 18 Past Department Commanders registered and not present. All other totals, including the total count of 98, remained the same.)

**C.-in-C. Beilby:** The Officers Reports are not all in, so the Committee on Officers Reports couldn't possibly be ready. Past Department Commander Richard Partington, are you ready with the Report of the Committee on Resolutions?

A motion was made by P.C.-in-C. Heacock, seconded by P.D.C. Rule, that, where there be no objections, the recommendations of the committee be approved by the sound of the gavel. The motion was carried.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

The committee on resolutions has met, and makes the following report:

**Resolution #1** — relative to supporting any measure taken by Congress to remove the Judicial System, the selection of U.S. Attorneys, and Federal Judges from politics, and to base such selection upon merit alone—we concur with this sentiment.

(P.D.C. Cyril Gumbinger questioned the meaning of the word "merit". P.D.C. Lambert, who is from New Jersey, explained the intent of the New Jersey Department, which submitted this resolution, was that such selection be based on qualifications rather than politics. The committee's concurrence with this resolution was then put to a vote of the Encampment and it was voted to uphold the committee.)

**Resolution #2** — relative to our opposing the changing the name of Mt. McKinley—concurrence. The committee was sustained by the sound of the gavel.

**Resolution #3** — relative to having The BANNER sent out by the National Organization instead of the Departments—non-concurrence.

**Resolution #4** — relative to raising funds for the building of a national office and archive building for our Organization—non-concurrence.

**Resolution #5** — relative to the appointment of a special committee for the purpose of changing Memorial Day back to its original date and purpose—we concur, providing this function has not already been undertaken by our Organization.

**Resolution concerning the Panama Canal Treaty:**

WHEREAS, we are aware that the Panama Canal Treaty has already been passed by the necessary two-third vote of the Senate; and

WHEREAS, this Treaty has been signed and is about to be implemented by the proper authorities; and

WHEREAS, we believe that such action is, and shall be, detrimental to the best interests of the U.S.;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 97th National Encampment Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, go on record as deeply resenting the giving away of, what we consider to be, the property of the U.S., and that we express this sentiment to the Department of State, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Vice-President of the U.S., Walter Mondale.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard O. Partington, P.D.C., Pa., Chairman  
Charles W. Hooper, Sr., P.D.C., Mass.  
Robert M. Graham, P.D.C., Ill.  
Joseph R. Johnstone, Calif.

A motion was made by P.D.C. Koch, seconded by P.D.C. Lambert, that the report of the Committee on Resolutions be adopted. The motion was carried.

**C-in-C. Beilby:** P.C.-in-C. Kenneth T. Wheeler will give us a brief report on Sunday's Council of Administration meeting.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Kenneth T. Wheeler:** I was asked to give a brief report of the Sunday Council of Administration meeting. After the roll call, Brother Shriver gave his report, both as Secretary and Treasurer, and those reports have already been given to you, so that has been taken care of. Then Fred Combs gave his report on Membership-at-Large and he has also given that report here. There was a resolution from Fort Chickamauga that was brought up and it was decided that the Commander-in-Chief would get together with Brother McCandless when he came in, which has been done and that has been taken care of. Then Brother Shriver discussed the Seal of the National Organization which has apparently seen its better days and is rusting out and there is nothing to do but purchase a new one, and that was authorized. The proposition of the medals that Brother Brady brought in last year was brought up and discussed and it was decided to not purchase the medal at this time because of high costs involved. The BANNER report was also heard and the Budget and Audit Committees were appointed.

**P.C.-in-C. Stoudt:** Last year's Sunday afternoon meeting—a letter was received from the Gettysburg College requesting information as to whether

or not we have any objection to our scholarship going to a woman and the Council had no objection. I do not believe that the Council of Administration has the authority to establish the policies of this Organization. I'm not saying I'm opposed to a woman receiving the scholarship, but I think the Encampment should have a say in this matter.

One other thing, several years ago we had a question on the floor about one Bert Sack joining our camp in Reading, Pa. It was referred to the Council of Administration which shouldn't even have been done. It should have been settled on the floor and been done with, so I move that the matter of Bert Sack be closed. The motion was seconded by P.D.C. Cecil Baer and carried.

**P.D.C. Mellor:** Commander-in-Chief, where is the money coming from to buy a new seal?

**C.-in-C. Beilby:** It was referred to the Budget Committee and will be reflected in their report.

**Secy-Treas. Shriver:** With regard to the matter of whether a woman should be eligible for our scholarship, today everybody is crying discrimination. Gettysburg College has received the award for a number of years and a criteria for the presentation has been established. Year after year a male student has received the scholarship. We are flooded with letters each year inquiring about scholarships and we award only one scholarship, yet all of these letters have to be answered. Today, all colleges are faced with the discrimination issue unless they consider both male and female applicants. He or she will be chosen by the College to receive the scholarship on the basis of interest in American History, need for financial assistance, lineal descent from a Civil War veteran, and the interest of the recipient in teaching American History upon graduation from college. The money is paid to the college.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Allen B. Howland:** In order to clarify that, I make a motion that we endorse the action of the Council of Administration, eliminating discrimination on this subject.

The motion was seconded by several and carried.

**C.-in-C. Beilby:** Brother Fred, do you have anything from the Ritual and Ceremony Committee?

**P.C.-in-C. Combs:** I am very happy to say that the Committee on Ritual and Ceremony met this morning and we took all the action that was necessary—there wasn't a thing to do.

**C.-in-C. Beilby:** That's the shortest report we have had, and that takes care of all of the committees that we can call for today.

**P.C.-in-C. Stoudt** then brought up a matter of unfinished business pertaining to the change necessary in the C & R to permit collateral descendants to join the Organization and whether this change would have any effect upon the Charter of the Organization. Brothers Heacock and Rippey discussed several points regarding this matter and it was determined that it would not affect the Charter.

A delegation from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic was announced and escorted into the meeting. Greetings were extended by National President Henrietta Bodge, P.N.P. Mabel Taylor, P.N.P. Marian Leach, P.N.P. Alice Harwood, P.N.P. Edna McCrearey, National Treasurer Della Richards, P.N.P. Mary Noonan, P.N.P. Edra Jean Tighue, and P.N.P. Elizabeth Koch. P.C.-in-C. Norman Furman responded.

A motion was made to recess at 4:40 p.m., to reconvene at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

August 16, 1978

8:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Commander-in-Chief Beilby, and the Bible was opened by National Chaplain Schlenker.

C.-in-C. Beilby asked for a report of the Credentials Committee, and P.D.C. Harrington reported that there had been no change from yesterday's report.

**C.-in-C. Beilby:** Does the Auditing Committee have its report?

**P.C.-in-C. Wheeler:** Commander-in-Chief, the Auditing Committee has examined the books of the Treasurer and finds them correct. Signed, Kenneth Wheeler and Richard Greenwalt.

The report was accepted.

**C.-in-C. Beilby:** May we have the Report of the 100th Anniversary Fund?

### FINANCIAL REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF 100th Anniversary Fund

<b>ILLINOIS</b>		
Charles A. Brady, Jr., Patriotic Instructor	<u>\$25.00</u>	\$ 25.00
<b>IOWA</b>		
J. B. Johnson, Jr. Vice C.-in-C.	1.00	
Charles Lowe, P.D.C.	<u>1.00</u>	2.00
<b>MARYLAND</b>		
Department Donation	5.00	
William A. Davis, P.D.C.	1.00	
Frank Lucas, P.D.C.	<u>1.00</u>	7.00
<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>		
Allen B. Howland, P.C.-in-C.	2.00	
Gen. George B. McClellan Camp #60, Holyoke	2.00	
William Rule, P.D.C.	2.00	
Eugene Russell, P.D.C.	2.00	
Anonymous	5.00	
Charles Hooper, P.D.C.	1.00	
Minnie E. Madeiros, P.N.P.	<u>10.00</u>	24.00
<b>MICHIGAN</b>		
John LaRue, P.D.C.	1.00	
T. C. LaBanta, P.D.C.	<u>1.00</u>	2.00
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>		
Richard Wyman, P.D.C.	<u>5.00</u>	5.00

## NEW JERSEY

Department Donation	
Albert Lambert, Jr., P.D.C.	10.00
Gen. James Garfield Camp #4	1.00
Percy Davenport	10.00
Fred H. Combs, Jr., P.C.-in-C.	5.00
and Marion E. Combs, Natl. Pres.	
	<u>10.00</u>

36.00

## NEW YORK

Harold Beilby, C.-in-C. and Margaret Beilby, P.D.P.	
Mrs. Earl Terry, P.D.P.	5.00
Joseph Rippey, P.C.-in-C.	1.00
Harold Goodman	5.00
Donald Roberts, D.C.	2.00
Edson Baker, Natl. Personal Aide	1.00
Norman Furman, P.C.-in-C.	1.00
	<u>1.00</u>

16.00

## OHIO

Department Donation	
Thomas Hoffman, P.D.C.	10.00
Richard Greenwalt, Sr. V. C.-in-C.	10.00
Thomas Graham	10.00
Forest Altland, D.C.	5.00
Robert J. Wolz, P.D.C.	5.00
Wilbur Haueter, P.D.C.	10.00
	<u>2.00</u>

52.00

## WISCONSIN

Thomas L. W. Johnson, P.D.C.	
	<u>10.00</u>

10.00

Total \$205.00

**C.-in-C. Bellby:** Report accepted with thanks for a job well done! Frank Heacock, may we have your Restoration Committee Report?

## REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL DAY RESTORATION COMMITTEE

To the Officers and Members of the  
97th Annual National Encampment,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Gentlemen:

The Memorial Day Restoration Committee has accomplished little, if anything due to limited funds.

Many, many letters were written and telephone calls made, but the Sub-Committee that handles the Bills has frozen any action, which means nothing can be done prior to the adjournment of the present Congress.

The Chairman would welcome the opportunity to address the National Conventions of the major veterans organizations, but sufficient funds are not available for this purpose.

Fraternally yours,  
Frank M. Heacock, Chairman  
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Brother Heacock then reported that he has arranged with Brother Stoudt to meet with the Congressman from the Reading, Pa. District and they will sit down with him to discuss what can be done at the next session of Congress.

**C.-in-C. Beilby:** Since there are no objections, this fine report will be accepted. We will recess at 9 a.m. and pay our official visit to the Auxiliary. We will now hear the Patriotic Instructor's Report.

## REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

To the 97th Annual Encampment,  
National Organization, Sons of  
Union Veterans of the Civil War—

Greetings:

My second term as your National Patriotic Instructor has indeed been a challenging one, for the Council of Administration stepped up the financial goal for my office from \$1,500 to \$1,700. I trust you will find the effort I put forth in that regard to your satisfaction.

As a means of stimulating patriotic work throughout our Order, I have continued in this second term to offer the "Star Spangled Salute" certificates for awarding to individuals and business firms that fly the American flag on a regular basis. An increasing number of camps and departments are taking part in the program and I believe it is a worth-while endeavor, for no other major organization seems to be providing this type of recognition. In a few instances, though, I have found that it was thought these certificates were for awarding to our own members; on the contrary, they were intended as a means for us to give credit to those outside our Order, it being taken for granted that our own members would fly the flag routinely as active members of a patriotic organization without the necessity for any special recognition. I still have a goodly supply of these certificates and will gladly pass the supply along to my successor if he wishes to carry on the program.

In regard to my fund-raising activities, I have continued to offer for sale to our members the SUVCW and ASUV auto windshield decals, and also added an unusual little booklet about "The Only Home Abraham Lincoln Ever Owned." I also carried a drum-shaped bank with me to many SUVCW-ASUV functions and encouraged our members to part with some of their loose change.

I would like to express my appreciation to Bro. Albert W. Lambert for his assistance in getting messages published in The Banner, and to the National Organization for providing the flyer requesting contributions to the G.A.R. Memorial Fund. The latter was the only expense of my fund-raising effort, as I donated the decals and booklets and all postage used in mailing these; also the flag certificates and the "last call" flyer sent with the most recent issue of The Banner.

## FINANCIAL DATA

The following amounts were received either from the sale of SUVCW and ASUV decals and Lincoln Home booklets, or from direct contributions to the G.A.R. Memorial Fund or the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund. Contributions have been separated into the latter two funds in order that those derived through the fund-raising flyer mailed with The Banner

(soliciting funds specifically for the G.A.R. Memorial Fund) can be readily identified as opposed to those contributions which were given on an unrestricted basis.

## CALIFORNIA &amp; PACIFIC DEPT.

Donald D. Goodnow—\$3.00 (GAR)  
 Robert Sikes—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Col. Ernest E. Smith—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Romaine I. Hixson—\$1.00 (GAR)  
 Margaret L. Hixson—\$1.00 (GAR)  
 Genl. W. S. Rosecrans Camp 2—\$2.00 (decals)  
 George F. Lorentzen—\$2.00 (GAR)  
 Harrison M. Walker—\$10.00 (GAR)  
 Gordon Vallandigham—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Gertrude L. Gilbert—\$10.00 (booklets)  
 Mr. & Mrs. Harold H. Gates—\$5.00 (decals)

Total: \$49.00

## COLORADO &amp; WYOMING DEPT.

John Bryant Tipton—\$1.00 (GAR)

Total: \$1.00

## CONNECTICUT DEPT.

Milford J. Taylor—\$1.00 (GAR)  
 Grace Latham—\$2.00 (GAR)  
 Minnie E. Burkhardt—\$8.00 (decals)  
 Connecticut Dept.—\$10.00 (GAR)  
 James Y. Ledwith—\$10.00 (GAR), \$1.00 (decals), \$2.00 (booklets)

Total: \$34.00

## ILLINOIS DEPT.

Paul E. Herschel Jr.—\$15.00 (GAR)  
 Genl. J. A. McClelland Camp 4—\$10.00 (NPI)  
 George L. Cashman—\$10.00 (NPI)  
 G. Edward Coltrin—\$7.00 (decals), \$2.00 (booklets)  
 Cyril C. Gumbinger—\$2.00 (decals)  
 Lyle D. Sedwick—\$10.00 (decals)  
 Robert M. Brown—\$5.00 (decals)  
 Kenneth V. Schar—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Louis W. Martin—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Viola E. Hartwig—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Merrill M. Miller—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Genl. Geo. A. Custer Aux. 30—\$10.00 (NPI)  
 Kathryn Van Trump—\$10.00 (GAR)  
 Old Glory Aux. 32—\$3.00 (NPI)  
 Illinois Dept.—\$25.00 (NPI)  
 Louis Eilers—\$10.00 (GAR), \$2.00 (decals), \$2.00 (booklets)  
 Harrison C. Allen Jr.—\$2.00 (booklets)  
 Florence Forbey—\$2.00 (booklets)  
 Dorothy Schaefer—\$2.00 (booklets)  
 M. Madeline Hoskins—\$2.00 (booklets)  
 Myron E. Goodermont—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Illinois Dept., ASUV—\$10.00 (NPI)  
 Robert M. Graham—\$11.50 (NPI)  
 Marie Doran—\$10.00 (NPI)  
 Helen Witt—\$5.00 (NPI)

Total: \$192.50

## INDIANA DEPT.

Jack D. Grindstaff—\$15.00 (GAR)  
 Robert C. Fleming—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Lt. Col. Henry Lawton Camp 171—\$8.00 (decals)

Total: \$28.00

## IOWA DEPT.

Mr. & Mrs. Kendall K. Strong—\$5.00 (GAR), \$2.00 (decals), \$2.00 (booklets)  
 Don R. Hewitt—\$2.00 (GAR)  
 Nellie H. Hawley—\$5.00 (NPI)  
 J. B. Johnson—\$5.00 (GAR), \$10.00 (NPI)  
 Richard A. McCoy—\$1.00 (NPI)

Total: \$32.00

## MAINE DEPT.

Syrenia G. Chick—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Robert C. Jordan—\$3.00 (GAR)  
 Charles F. Brewster—\$2.00 (GAR)  
 Edmond N. Butler—\$10.00 (NPI)  
 J. L. Chamberlain Camp 69—\$18.00 (decals)  
 Elthea J. Osborne—\$8.00 (GAR in memory of P.D.C. John F. Osborne), \$2.00 (decals)

Total: \$48.00

## MASSACHUSETTS DEPT.

William R. Cohen—\$5.00 (GAR), \$2.00 (NPI)  
 Mrs. C. Flint—\$2.00 (GAR)  
 Leon R. Searles—\$2.00 (GAR)  
 Eno R. Ayres—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Russell P. Still—\$3.00 (GAR)  
 Bertha M. Archer—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Paul M. Healey—\$1.00 (decals)  
 Charles F. Moran—\$15.00 (GAR)  
 Lewis E. Garney—\$2.00 (NPI)  
 Massachusetts Dept.—\$25.00 (GAR)  
 Albert S. Newman—\$2.00 (GAR)  
 Allen B. Howland—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 C. Stanley Benson—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Robert L. Noyes—\$1.00 (GAR)  
 Willard C. Bodge—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Wesley E. Thurber—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Edwin E. Oldfield—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Wendell B. Presbrey, Sr.—\$1.00 (GAR)  
 Wendell B. Presbrey, Jr.—\$1.00 (GAR)  
 Bernie C. Elliott—\$2.50 (GAR)  
 Viola D. Brunet—\$2.50 (GAR)  
 Alden A. Wheeler—\$2.00 (GAR)  
 Minnie Madeiros—\$10.00 (NPI)  
 Ursula Shepardson—\$5.00 (NPI)  
 Eugene E. Russell—\$10.00 (GAR)  
 Charles W. Hooper Sr.—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Genl. Geo. B. McClellan Camp 60—\$2.00 (NPI)  
 William C. Rule—\$2.00 (NPI)  
 David N. Reed—\$1.00 (NPI)  
 Anonymous—\$5.00 (NPI)

Total: \$146.00

## MARYLAND DEPT.

Charles C. Clark Jr.—\$10.00 (GAR)  
James R. Wachob—\$10.00 (GAR)  
Marion C. T. Townsend—\$4.00 (decals)  
Col. J. Gay Seabourne—\$5.00 (GAR)  
Agnes D. Davis—\$2.00 (GAR)  
William A. Davis—\$2.00 (GAR)  
Frederick A. Davis—\$2.00 (GAR)  
Col. R. G. Shaw Camp 3—\$7.50 (GAR)  
Maryland Dept.—\$10.00 (GAR)  
Richard & Dorris Schlenker—\$10.00 (GAR)  
Ronald W. Whitehead—\$2.00 (decals)

Total: \$64.50

## MICHIGAN DEPT.

Wesley A. Sauve—\$5.00 (GAR)  
Alden E. Bridges—\$5.00 (GAR)  
Harold J. Clark—\$4.00 (GAR in memory of Capt. Richard  
Vosper, 33rd Mich. Sharpshooters), \$4.00 (decals),  
\$2.00 (booklets)

Total: \$20.00

## MISSOURI DEPT. (ASUV)

Pearl E. Robbins—\$2.00 (GAR)  
Rosella Vanac—\$2.00 (GAR)

Total: \$4.00

## NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPT.

Clarence H. Parker—\$5.00 (GAR)  
Everett H. Wheeler—\$2.00 (GAR)  
Philip B. Holmes—\$5.00 (GAR)  
Rev. Russell H. Milnes—\$5.00 (GAR)  
Howard M. Wheeler—\$5.00 (GAR)  
Gordon E. Phillips—\$2.00 (GAR)  
Kenneth T. Wheeler—\$5.00 (GAR)  
Cleon E. Heald—\$5.00 (GAR)  
Irene N. Wentworth—\$10.00 (GAR)  
Granite State Camp 5—\$2.00 (GAR)  
Alfred J. Clark—\$5.00 (GAR)  
Kelly Loche—\$1.00 (GAR)  
Blanche Shank—\$1.00 (GAR)  
Lt. Col. Wilbar M. Hoxie—\$25.00 (GAR)  
Richard E. Wyman—\$10.00 (GAR)  
Past Dept. Commanders' Assn.—\$5.00 (NPI)  
New Hampshire Dept.—\$5.00 (NPI)  
Rev. Roger P. Cleveland—\$5.00 (GAR in memory of  
Mrs. Clara Fenn Staples)

Total \$103.00

## NEW JERSEY DEPT.

Daniel P. George—\$5.00 (GAR)  
Fred H. Combs Jr.—\$25.00 (GAR)  
M. Helen Loll—\$5.00 (GAR)  
Laura Combs—\$10.00 (GAR)  
Blondell T. Fenton—\$5.00 (GAR)  
Theodore Smith—\$5.00 (GAR)

James M. Hamer—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Frances M. Steenwerth—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Fred B. Utt—\$10.00 (GAR)  
 U. E. Baughman—\$2.00 (GAR)  
 Col. Gerald E. Kanable—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Mr. & Mrs. Albert W. Lambert—\$10.00 (GAR), \$3.00 (decals)  
 Marian K. Leach—\$2.00 (GAR)  
 Mearl L. Moushey—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Daniel P. George—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Edward G. Kater—\$2.00 (GAR)  
 Margaret D. Schroeder—\$1.00 (GAR)  
 Marion E. Combs—\$25.00 (GAR), \$10.00 (decals),  
 \$10.00 (booklets)  
 Dr. Robert E. Gerke—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Robert R. Cordell—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Ferd V. Dayton Camp 5—\$10.00 (GAR)  
 John J. Junge—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Edward C. Yess Jr.—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Samuel S. Kale—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 New Jersey Dept.—\$10.00 (GAR)  
 Kenneth P. Ekstrand—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Genl. Jas. A. Garfield Camp 4—\$10.00 (GAR)  
 John J. H. Love Camp 12—\$5.00 (NPI)  
 Percy C. Davenport—\$10.00 (NPI)  
 Florence Harvey—\$6.05 (GAR)  
 Mary J. Peer—\$2.00 (GAR)  
 Joseph X. Young—\$2.00 (decals)  
 Albert S. Knowles—\$4.00 (decals), \$2.00 (booklets)  
 Herbert E. Hochradel—\$5.00 (decals)  
 Harry Hinger—\$2.00 (GAR), \$1.00 (decals), \$2.00 (booklets)  
 Edna S. Lambert—\$10.00 (GAR in memory of P.C.-in-C.

Albert C. Lambert)

Total: \$266.05

#### NEW YORK DEPT.

Joseph S. Rippey—\$25.00 (GAR)  
 Conchita Zdonick—\$2.00 (GAR), \$10.00 (decals), \$2.00 (booklets)  
 Albert J. Goodwin Jr.—\$5.00 (GAR), \$2.00 (decals), \$2.00 (booklets)  
 Norman Furman—\$5.00 (NPI)  
 Bradford M. Gulick—\$1.00 (decals)  
 Maj. Genl. Henry J. Madill Camp 141—\$10.00 (GAR), \$10.00 (decals)  
 Chaplain P. G. Cook Camp 223—\$5.00 (GAR), \$10.00 (decals)  
 Harry E. Gibbons—\$10.00 (GAR)  
 Harold T. Beilby—\$10.00 (GAR)  
 Jack Cohen—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Jerome Orton—\$1.00 (decals), \$5.00 (NPI)  
 New York Dept.—\$25.00 (NPI)  
 Sgt. Charles E. Bradbury—\$1.00 (decals)  
 Chester E. Hudson—\$3.00 (GAR)  
 Albert A. Morey—\$2.00 (GAR)  
 Cecil M. Baer—\$15.00 (GAR in memory of Solomon Seide, member  
 of the G.A.R.; Pauline R. Baer; Rita M. Baer; and deceased  
 members of Oliver Tilden Post 96, G.A.R., and Oliver Tilden  
 Camp 26, S.U.V.)  
 Alfred Hahn—\$2.00 (GAR)

Agnes E. Hahn—\$2.00 (GAR)  
 Ricky Prince—\$3.00 (decals)  
 Wayne C. Scott—\$3.00 (decals), \$2.00 (booklets)  
 Donald L. Roberts—\$5.00 (NPI)  
 Royce A. Roberts—\$5.00 (NPI)  
 Edson Baker—\$4.00 (booklets)

Total: \$192.00

OHIO DEPT.

Donald E. Miller—\$10.00 (GAR)  
 Emmett Riley—\$20.00 (GAR)  
 Ralph Shadel Jr.—\$5.00 (decals)  
 Thomas E. Hoffman—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 W. Gordan Ryan—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Vienna Camp 26—\$10.00 (GAR)  
 Ohio Dept.—\$10.00 (NPI)  
 Howard L. Myers—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Forest F. Altland—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Kenneth S. Athey—\$2.00 (decals), \$2.00 (booklets)  
 Robert J. Wolz—\$100.00 (GAR)  
 Wilbur Haueter—\$10.00 (NPI)

Total: \$189.00

PENNSYLVANIA DEPT.

Charles A. Kent—\$2.00 (GAR)  
 Donald H. Goodyear—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 James D. Turnbull—\$2.00 (GAR)  
 William H. Kelly—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Susan M. Kemmerer—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Goodling H. Dugan—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 JoAnne Dugan—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Perry G. Fuller—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Stover L. Detwiler—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Lester Feist—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Capt. O. A. Luckenbach Camp 82—\$30.00 (GAR)  
 Keith K. Wilkes—\$3.00 (GAR)  
 Michael A. Cavanaugh—\$2.00 (GAR)  
 Leland R. Hedemark—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 John H. Stark—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Brig. Genl. W. A. Morgan—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Harold H. Goodwin—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Thomas J. Prittie—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 George F. Calhoon—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Genl. Geo. G. Meade Camp 16—\$5.00 (NPI)  
 Mary L. Bender—\$1.00 (GAR)  
 Theo. Pfeiffer Camp 60—\$10.00 (GAR)  
 George W. Arnold Jr.—\$10.00 (GAR)  
 David W. Gauer—\$5.00 (GAR), \$2.00 (decals)  
 Clarence J. Riddell—\$5.00 (NPI)  
 Philadelphia Camp 200—\$10.00 (NPI)  
 James Brown—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Pennsylvania Dept.—\$35.00 (GAR)  
 Ivan E. Frantz Sr.—\$10.00 (GAR)  
 Chester S. Shriver—\$5.00 (NPI)  
 Arthur W. Warman—\$5.00 (GAR)

Thomas Hummelbaugh—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Stephen B. Killian—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 John D. Erskine—\$10.00 (GAR)  
 Rev. Richard O. Partington—\$10.00 (GAR)  
 William E. Hosmer—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Richard T. Yeager—\$3.00 (decals)  
 Madeline Fullerton—\$2.00 (decals), \$2.00 (booklets)  
 Frank L. Campbell—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Ralph E. Peiper—\$10.00 (NPI)  
 Jonathan Mayhew—\$2.00 (GAR), \$12.00 (booklets)  
 Frank M. Heacock Sr.—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Jack Yocum—\$5.00 (NPI)  
 William L. Simpson—\$5.00 (NPI)

Total: \$303.00

#### VERMONT DEPT.

Thomas A. Chadwick—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Vermont Dept.—\$5.00 (NPI)

Total: \$10.00

#### WISCONSIN DEPT.

Mr. & Mrs. Herbert F. Schwarz—\$2.00 (GAR)  
 Dr. Howard B. Shepard—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Wisconsin Dept.—\$15.00 (GAR)  
 Henry Harnden Camp 2—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Thomas L. W. Johnson—\$25.00 (GAR)  
 Edward E. Biering—\$5.00 (NPI)  
 Grover Huff—\$5.00 (NPI)

Total: \$62.00

#### MEMBERS AT LARGE

Lloyd M. Campbell—\$1.00 (GAR)  
 Col. Donald A. Seibert—\$25.00 (GAR)  
 Gordon L. Moran—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Fredrick L. Edwards—\$2.00 (GAR)  
 Weldon E. Howitt—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Dr. Lawrence M. Jones—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Reed N. Leech—\$2.00 (decals)  
 Kenneth S. Athey—\$10.00 (GAR)  
 William L. Stafford—\$3.00 (GAR)  
 Lt. Herbert D. Bennett—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Russell J. Wunker—\$2.00 (GAR)  
 J. C. Payne—\$25.00 (GAR)  
 Edward W. Parks—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Dr. Homan E. Leech—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 William Dixon—\$25.00 (GAR)  
 Clyde R. Farquhar—\$10.00 (GAR)  
 Lyman S. Hainline—\$3.00 (GAR)  
 Dr. Ray T. Smith—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Adrian W. Faulkner—\$10.00 (GAR), \$2.00 (booklets)  
 Larry A. Severns—\$2.00 (decals)  
 Col. John K. Hogan—\$3.00 (decals)  
 Harry Hinger—\$5.00 (GAR)  
 Martin L. Schultz—\$10.00 (GAR)  
 David L. Dickinson—\$2.00 (GAR)  
 Cmdr. Edward V. P. Horne—\$5.00 (GAR)

Carl K. Maplethorpe—\$2.00 (decals), \$5.00 (NPI)	
Robert F. Myers—\$2.00 (decals), \$5.00 (NPI), \$2.00 (booklets)	
PLUS . . . contents of the "drum" bank—\$36.60 (NPI)	Total: \$203.00
	Total: \$36.60

*Summary*

Contributions of G.A.R. Memorial Fund . . . . .	\$1,384.55
Proceeds from sale of decals . . . . .	179.00
Unrestricted contributions to N.P.I. Fund . . . . .	346.10
Proceeds from sale of booklets . . . . .	74.00
GRAND TOTAL . . . . .	\$1,983.65

Of this amount, \$1,000.00 was turned over to the National Secretary-Treasurer earlier, and \$135.00 has been sent by contributors directly to him. This leaves a balance of \$848.65 outstanding, and a check for that amount accompanies this report.

I have sincerely appreciated the participation in my fund-raising effort by all of those named in this report, and wish to offer my heartfelt thanks to them. As announced in the last issue of *The Banner*, I have had an "Appreciation Award" trophy cup prepared for presentation to the Department which has contributed the greatest amount figured on an average per-capita basis, and am pleased at this time to present the award to the Ohio Department.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles Allen Brady, Jr.  
National Patriotic Instructor

**Secy.-Treas. Shriver:** I think we should express our appreciation to the Patriotic Instructor for a job well done by a rising vote of thanks.

(There was a loud round of applause and a rising vote of thanks to Brother Brady.)

**C.-in-C. Bellby:** Charles, I want to thank you again for taking this job on for the second year. You volunteered for it and that makes it easy on the Commander-in-Chief because it is the one job we have to raise money and it is a time-consuming job and we appreciate your asking for it.

I would like to recess now and anyone who wants to go to the Auxiliary is invited to do so. I know the Senior Past Commander-in-Chief is usually the spokesman for the group but I'm sure Brother Stoudt won't mind if I ask Fred Combs to do it today. The Chaplain will please close the Bible.

The Bible was closed and the delegation left to visit the Auxiliary at 9:05 a.m.

9:55 a.m.

The meeting reconvened with the opening of the Bible by National Chaplain Schlenker, and Commander-in-Chief Beilby called for the report of the Committee on Officers Reports. It was moved by Brother Haskell, seconded by Brother Rule, and passed, that where there be no objection, the actions of the Committee be approved by the sound of the gavel.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS REPORTS

We find the Commander-in-Chief's report is an excellent report of his activities during the year. His recommendations show that he has a grasp of the needs of the organization and we concur with the recommendations as follows:

No. 1—We concur.

No. 2—We concur and refer it to the Budget Committee

No. 3—We concur (\$300 is the same amount as is now appropriated.)

No. 4—We concur (if funds are available)

No. 5—We concur

No. 6—We concur and suggest a committee of five members be appointed. (Secy-Treas. Shriver has a similar recommendation.)

There were two suggestions:

No. 1—We concur, if the Departments in these states are interested.

No. 2—We concur.

The Senior and Junior Vice Commanders have no recommendations and they are to be commended for the work they have done in the past year and they are to be congratulated on a job well done.

Secretary-Treasurer Chester Shriver's report shows fine cooperation between the former Secretary-Treasurer, Fred H. Combs, Jr., and our present Secretary-Treasurer, Chester S. Shriver, in the transfer of records and properties. Our special thanks to Fred Combs for his LABOR OF LOVE for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The Secretary-Treasurer has three recommendations:

No. 1—We concur.

No. 2—We concur.

No. 3—We concur. (The same recommendation was made by the Commander-in-Chief in his report.)

The National G.A.R. Highway Officer had one recommendation. We concur. He is to be commended for the time and effort expended in obtaining the material for his report.

The Personal Aide had one recommendation, and we did not concur.

There were no other recommendations from the other officers, but they also are to be commended for their service and a fine job.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Committee on Officers Reports  
William W. Haskell  
Kenneth P. Ekstrand  
Robert L. McCandless, Captain  
Forest Altland

The report was accepted by the sound of the gavel.

**C.-in-C. Beilby:** Thank you, Brother Haskell, for the fine report.

**P.C.-in-C. Stoudt:** Brother Commander-in-Chief, before we get away from Officers' Reports—some years ago we took action that any money-raising officer of this Organization should forward money to the National Secretary-Treasurer at least once a month. The past several years that has not been done, and the result is that Brother Shriver has had to transfer money from various other funds in order to operate the Organization. This isn't fair to put this additional work on him. Another disadvantage is that sitting on checks for four or five months before they are returned to the donor annoys him in many cases when he tries to balance his checkbook. So I would suggest that we try to enforce that action in the future.

**C.-in-C. Bellby:** Thank you, Brother LeRoy. The incoming Commander-in-Chief take notice to inform his money-raising officers in this regard. Joe, do you have your report on the Constitution and Regulations?

**P.C.-in-C. Rippey:** Brother Commander-in-Chief, Frank Heacock has done a very excellent job, as he always does, and in this instance in connection with the Encampment Site Committee work and proposing an Encampment plan. He would like something in the Regulations to cover the subject and, of course, we can't put all of the guidelines that he suggested in the Regulations, and we would like to leave it as flexible as possible so, therefore, the Committee proposes this. I will read the section as it stands right now and then what we propose to add to it. This is 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 niceties for a comfortable Encampment, and in the absence of a local Encampment Committee to make and carry out appropriate plans for the Encampment." Now, the proposal that we make is that we add another sentence to that, as follows: "It (referring to Committee) may adopt rules for the proper accomplishment of the foregoing and may appoint an Encampment Planner." I move the adoption of that as an amendment to the Regulations.

The motion was seconded by P.C.-in C. Stoudt. Motion carried.

Nothing else has been submitted to us during this Encampment or during the year. Therefore, this constitutes our final report as the Constitution and Regulations Committee.

**C.-in-C. Bellby:** Thank you for this fine report.

**P.C.-in-C. Stoudt:** What is our status on the change to the Constitution. Are we in conflict with the Charter or not? (referring to adding collateral members)

**P.C.-in-C. Rippey:** Without looking it over again, I would say that we have enough leeway in our Charter to cover the subject. Of course, as you know, I happened to be one who was opposing the change, but I point that out to you now. I think that, off the cuff, we have enough leeway to change our Constitution.

**P.C.-in-C. Stoudt:** Some years ago, a legal mind ruled that changing one word from Encampment to Convention violated our Charter, so that made me think that adding a word is going to change it also and might also give us trouble. That's the only reason I raised the question.

**P.D.C. Edge:** I want to officially welcome the National Encampment to Grand Rapids. The Michigan Department and I are very thrilled and happy and honored that the National would come to Grand Rapids. I think, over all, the convention has been great, and I want to commend all of the officers for the work with the committee this past year and hope that the Encampment may once again come to Grand Rapids. (He then discussed the bus trip planned for the next day.)

**Secy.-Treas. Shriver:** In view of the fact that we haven't seen the General Chairman of this Encampment, I think it is only fair, Commander-in-Chief, that we recognize those Brothers of the Michigan Department of the Sons who have been here and have assisted in every way possible to help us to be comfortable and do what they can. There have been many little details; for example, Brother Thayne LaBanta went out to secure some tapes for us, details that Brother Ben has done and Brother Homer. I think these men should be recognized for their work and their concern under the guidance of their Department Commander. Brother

Commander-in-Chief, I would ask that these men might rise and be recognized.

The Commander-in-Chief then asked all members of the Committee to rise, and they were given a round of applause. P.D.C. Carl Smith, Chairman of the Committee, was not present for this recognition, since he had been ill and was in his hotel room.

**C.-in-C. Bellby:** The two proposed amendments to the Constitution and Regulations, pertaining to collateral and associate membership that were voted on by a majority of all of the Departments and passed by a majority of all the Departments is now official and will be so noted in the first General Order. Secretary Shriver has given a detailed account of the voting in his report.

Is the Budget Committee ready?

### REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Year of 1978-1979

#### RECEIPTS:

Per-capita tax from 2560 members at \$2.20 per year	\$ 5,632.00
Registration fee from 98 members at \$4.00 each	392.00
Sales of supplies	2,300.00
Auxiliary gift	500.00
Income from Permanent Fund	1,400.00
Income from interest on savings accounts	1,100.00
Gift from Arthur Glenum	100.00
Net income from memberships at large	256.85
Total	11,680.85

#### DISBURSEMENTS:

Commander-in-Chief's expenses	1,500.00
National Secretary-Treasurer's expenses	1,200.00
Purchase of supplies	2,173.85
Printing, stationery, postage, telephone	750.00
Printing and mailing of Proceedings—1978	1,900.00
Encampment expense	100.00
The BANNER	3,200.00
Past Commander-in-Chief's Jewel Testimonial	382.00
Certified Public Accountant fee	475.00
Total	11,680.85

#### APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE G.A.R. FUND

Lincoln Memorial	\$ 50.00
Lincoln Tomb	400.00
G.A.R. Remembrance Day	200.00
Memorial for the Cathedral of the Pines	25.00
National Military Department, S.V.R.	150.00
Student scholarship award	300.00
G.A.R. Campfire Program expense	300.00
Promotion—restoration of Memorial Day	100.00
unpaid for fiscal year 1977-1978	100.00
Fort Chickamauga	50.00
Restoration of New Hampshire Veterans Bldg.	50.00
Total	1,725.00

Budget Committee

Joseph S. Rippey

Fred H. Combs, Jr.

At the conclusion of his review of the receipts and expenditures in the budget, Brother Rippey moved, seconded by National Chaplain Schlenker, that the report be accepted. On the question, P.C.-in-C. Stoudt requested that, at next year's Encampment, information pertaining to the allocation of the membership-at-large application fees be made available to the membership as well as to the Council of Administration. The motion was carried.

**C.-in-C. Bellby:** Is there any new business?

Captain Robert McCandless, delegate from Fort Chickamauga Camp-at-Large No. 1, gave a verbal report from LTC John H. Jeffries, Secretary-Treasurer, of the activities of that Camp, which is formed from Sons of Veterans Reserve members and 4th U.S. Cavalry personnel at Fort Chickamauga, Oklahoma.

The U. S. Grant, III, Membership Trophy was awarded to Fort Chickamauga for having the highest percentage increase in membership during fiscal 1977-1978. They were congratulated for their 34.6% increase.

The Massachusetts Department was awarded the Harold E. Arnold Membership Plaque for the highest total membership increase during the past fiscal year. This Department showed a gain of twenty-one new members.

Mrs. Mabel Taylor, Past National President and currently National Treasurer of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, was admitted to the meeting. She presented the following resolution to the members assembled:

WHEREAS, we know it was the wish of the Grand Army of the Republic that the five Allied Orders continued to meet together after their final Encampment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we do all in our power to encourage the Woman's Relief Corps and the Daughters of Union Veterans to return to the joint convention of the five Orders with the Sons of Union Veterans, their Auxiliary and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Inc.

(signed) Henrietta Y. Bodge  
National President

P.C.-in-C. Heacock responded to Sister Taylor and expressed appreciation of their concern to have "our children return". He stated that, if they desire to meet at the same time as the Sons, Auxiliary and Ladies, the Sons would welcome them.

**P.D.C. Koch:** I move that this Resolution be adopted by the Sons. The motion was seconded by P.D.C. George Long and carried.

**C.-in-C. Bellby:** Does anyone have anything to offer for the Good of the Order?

P.D.C. Rule then spoke about plans for a new building at Weirs Beach, N. H. which would be used for meetings and as a museum as part of the New Hampshire Veterans Association. Those desiring to contribute to this worthwhile endeavor may make their checks payable to N. H. Veterans Association Building Fund and forward them to: William C. Rule, 121 Newton St., Holyoke, Mass. 01040. P.C.-in-C. Rippey expressed his feeling that this Encampment should recognize the good deed they are doing and endorse their efforts.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock spoke of two unique situations existing in the Pennsylvania Department which involve the Davis Star Camp in Pittsburgh and the Philadelphia Camp #200.

With regard to the Davis Star Camp in Pittsburgh, Brother Heacock moved that the Pennsylvania Department Commander be given the authority to grant immunity regarding the necessity of having a quorum present to reorganize Davis Star Camp in Pittsburgh. The motion was seconded by P.D.C. Rule. On the question, P.D.C. Lambert asked if this Encampment had this authority and it was determined that it did. The motion was carried.

Brother Heacock then presented the internal problems of Philadelphia Camp #200 of the Pennsylvania Department, SUVCW, and a Corporation known as the Philadelphia Camp Corporation and stated that he felt the Department of Pennsylvania had reached the limit of its authority in the matter. He asked the Encampment to take whatever action was necessary. A lengthy and spirited discussion followed and Brother Heacock asked in what legal way the charter of this Camp could be lifted.

A motion was made by D. C. Cohen of Massachusetts, seconded by P.D.C. Gordon Bury of Ohio, that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee to represent the National Organization to lift the Charter of Camp #200. The motion was withdrawn.

A motion was made by P.C.-in-C. Howland, seconded by P.D.C. Partington, that the incoming Commander-in-Chief revoke the Charter of Camp #200, appoint the Department Commander of Pennsylvania and two others to investigate all matters and audit the books, records, etc.

At this point, it was determined that an Encampment cannot revoke a Charter, since the Commander-in-Chief is the only person authorized to revoke a Charter. The motion of P.C.-in-C. Howland was changed to "that this Encampment recommend the Charter of Camp #200 of Philadelphia be revoked". The motion was carried.

**C.-in-C. Beilby:** I revoke the Charter of Philadelphia Camp #200 and ask the National Secretary-Treasurer to write to Herman Poehler, Secretary of Camp #200, advising him of the action of this 97th National Encampment.

P.D.C. Rule moved, seconded by P.D.C. Mellor, that the incoming Commander-in-Chief comply with the request of the Pennsylvania Department to appoint a committee to investigate the Camp #200 matter. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by P.C.-in-C. Wheeler that all business be finished before adjourning, rather than recessing for lunch. The motion was seconded by P.C.-in-C. Furman and passed.

P.C.-in-C. Stoudt spoke regarding the increase from \$200 to \$300 which is given to the Department which sponsors the National Encampment. For years, the Sons, Auxiliary and Ladies each gave \$200 to the Department to be used for the expenses of the Encampment. Then, at Rochester in 1975 the three organizations agreed to give \$300 each to the Encampment Committee. This action was taken in the hope that, by making more money available to the Department, more Departments might be interested in hosting the Encampment. Brother Stoudt feels that an Encampment can be run on \$200 from each of the three organizations and, therefore, moved that the 1980 Encampment expense be reduced to \$200. The motion was seconded by P.D.C. Rule, but was defeated.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock moved, seconded by several, and carried, that the Secretary-Treasurer write a letter to the General Chairman of the Grand Rapids Encampment Committee reminding him that an itemized financial report of the \$900 received from the three Allied Orders for Encampment expenses must be filed in triplicate within thirty days after the close of the Encampment. Any funds remaining should be returned to Brother Shriver along with the financial report.

P.D.C. Koch: I move that the minutes of this Encampment as taken by the Secretary-Treasurer and approved by the incoming and outgoing Commanders-in-Chief become the official record of the Encampment.

The motion was seconded by P.D.C. Rule and passed.

C.-in-C. Beilby: Brothers, our business is just about completed and we will be going into the nomination of officers for the coming year. Does any Brother have anything to bring up under New Business before we proceed with the nominations?

It was moved by Secy-Treas. Shriver and seconded by P.D.C. Rule that we proceed with nomination of officers and, where there is no competition, they be declared elected by acclamation. Motion carried.

The following Brothers were nominated:

Commander-in-Chief ..... Charles A. Brady, Jr.  
of Illinois by P.C.-in-C. George W. Cashman, Illinois.

Commander-in-Chief ..... Richard L. Greenwalt  
of Ohio by Harold Goodman, Delegate, N.Y.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief ..... Edwin K. Kramer  
of Pennsylvania by P.C.-in-C. Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Pennsylvania.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief ..... Richard E. Wyman  
of New Hampshire by P.D.C. Howard Wheeler, N.H.  
Seconded by Massachusetts Delegation.

Council of Administration (1 year) ..... Harold T. Beilby  
of New York.

Council of Administration (term ends 8/79) ..... William L. Simpson  
of Pennsylvania by P.C.-in-C. LeRoy Stoudt, Pennsylvania.

Council of Administration (term ends 8/80) ..... Joseph S. Rippey  
of New York by P.C.-in-C. Norman Furman, N.Y.

C.-in-C. Beilby appointed D. C. Grover Huff and P.D.C. Edmond Butler to serve as tellers. The room was sealed off and only Brothers in the room could vote. There were 61 voting out of a possible strength of 70. Brother Brady received 24 votes and Brother Greenwalt received 37 votes, for a total of 61 votes. Richard L. Greenwalt of Ohio was declared Commander-in-Chief-elect, and the Secretary-Treasurer cast the ballot for the other officers and Commander-in-Chief Beilby declared all duly elected.

Newly-elected Commander-in-Chief Greenwalt appointed the following installation staff:

Installing Officer ..... P.C.-in-C. Allen B. Howland  
Guide ..... P.C.-in-C. William W. Haskell  
Chaplain ..... P.C.-in-C. Kenneth T. Wheeler

The following Brothers were appointed to their respective offices by Commander-in-Chief Greenwalt:

National Counselor . . . . .	P.C.-in-C. Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Penna.
National Chief of Staff . .	P.C.-in-C. Norman R. Furman, New York
National Patriotic Instructor . . . . .	P.D.C. George W. Long, Penna.
National Chaplain . . . . .	P.D.C. Harry E. Gibbons, Sr., New York
National Historian . . . . .	P.D.C. Charles W. Hooper, Sr., Mass.
National Graves Registration Officer	P.D.C. Wm. W. Vanderhoof, N.J.
National G.A.R. Highway Officer . . . .	D. C. Grover Huff, Wisconsin
Dist. of Columbia Representative	P.D.C. Arthur R. Glenum, Maryland
Personal Aide . . . . .	P.D.C. Wilbur Haueter, Ohio

All elected and appointed officers were duly obligated at the Altar and escorted to their stations. Present for this ceremony was the wife of the out-going Commander-in-Chief, Mrs. Margaret Beilby, who pinned the Past Commander-in-Chief's badge on her husband, and Mrs. Nancy Greene, daughter of the Commander-in-Chief-elect, who recited a poem, "One Nation Under God". Secretary-Treasurer Shriver presented Past Commander-in-Chief Beilby with a lapel button.

Commander-in-Chief Greenwalt, in his acceptance speech, cited his ancestry and his pride in having been elected to this high office. He then declared the 97th annual National Encampment closed.

Chester S. Shriver  
National Secretary-Treasurer

## 1978 ENCAMPMENT ROLL (NP—Registered, Not Present)

### CALIFORNIA

Joseph R. Johnstone, Dele. Frank L. Tighe, Del.

### CONNECTICUT

Martin Buchanan, Dele. (NP) James Y. Ledwith, P.D.C.

### ILLINOIS

Charles Allen Brady, Jr., P.D.C. Robert M. Graham, P.D.C.  
George L. Cashman, P.C.-in-C. Cyril C. Gumbinger, D.C.  
G. Edward Coltrin, P.D.C. (NP)

### INDIANA

Harry Beasey, Dele (NP) Orval L. King, P.D.C.

### IOWA

J. B. Johnson, P.D.C. (NP) Richard Alan McCoy, D.C. (NP)  
Charles P. Lowe, P.D.C.

### MAINE

Edmond Butler, D.C.

**MARYLAND**

Eldridge Daniels, P.D.C. (NP)      B. Franklin Lucas, P.D.C. (NP)  
 William A. Davis, P.D.C. (NP)      Richard C. Schlenker, D.C.  
 Arthur R. Glenum, P.D.C. (NP)      Marion C. T. Townsend, P.D.C.  
 Richard Johnson, Sr., P.D.C. (NP)      (NP)

**MASSACHUSETTS**

William R. Cohen, D.C.      Allen B. Howland, P.C.-in-C.  
 Lewis Garney, P.D.C.      Clark W. Mellor, P.D.C.  
 Miles E. Harrington, Sr., P.D.C.      David N. Reed, Dele.  
 William W. Haskell, P.C.-in-C.      William C. Rule, P.D.C.  
 Charles W. Hooper, Sr., P.D.C.      Eugene E. Russell, P.D.C.

**MICHIGAN**

Warren Dale Barber, III, D.C.      Homer R. Savage, P.D.C.  
 Benjamin F. Edge, II, P.D.C.      Carl A. Smith, P.D.C.  
 Ira W. Edge, Dele.      Capron Tacia, Dele.  
 Thayne C. LaBanta, P.D.C.      Thomas Lockhart Wilson, P.D.C.  
 John M. LaRue, P.D.C.      (NP)

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Arthur Sharkey, Sr., P.D.C.      Kenneth T. Wheeler, P.C.-in-C.  
 Howard M. Wheeler, D.C.      Richard E. Wyman, P.D.C.

**NEW JERSEY**

Frank L. Clark, P.D.C. (NP)      John J. Junge, P.D.C.  
 Fred H. Combs, Jr., P.C.-in-C.      Albert W. Lambert, P.D.C.  
 Percy Davenport, Dele. (NP)      Walter S. Spring, III, Dele.  
 Kenneth P. Ekstrand, P.D.C.      William W. Vanderhoof, P.D.C.

**NEW YORK**

Cecil M. Baer, P.D.C.      Alfred Hahn, Dele. (NP)  
 Edson W. Baker, P.D.C.      Chester E. Hudson, P.D.C. (NP)  
 Harold T. Beilby, C.-in-C.      John L. Kernan, P.D.C.  
 Newell Bodge, Dele.      Robert H. McMahon, P.D.C. (NP)  
 Norman R. Furman, P.C.-in-C.      Albert A. Morey, Dele. (NP)  
 Harry E. Gibbons, P.D.C.      Joseph S. Rippey, P.C.-in-C.  
 Harold Goodman, Dele.      Donald L. Roberts, D.C.

**OHIO**

Forest Altland, D.C.      Wilbur Haueter, P.D.C.  
 Gordon R. Bury, II, P.D.C.      Robert C. Wolz, P.D.C. (NP)  
 Robert F. Gillespie, Dele.      Robert J. Wolz, P.D.C. (NP)  
 Thomas Graham, Dele. (NP)      Clarence Wood, P.D.C. (NP)  
 Richard Greenwalt, P.D.C.

**PENNSYLVANIA**

Frank L. Campbell, Dele.      Herman A. Poehler, Sr., Dele.  
 Goodling H. Dugan, P.D.C. (NP)      Clarence J. Riddell, P.C.-in-C.  
 Frank M. Heacock, Sr., P.C.-in-C.      Chester S. Shriver, P.C.-in-C.  
 Paul C. Kegerise, Dele. (NP)      William L. Simpson, P.D.C.  
 Elton P. Koch, P.D.C.      John H. Stark, P.C.-in-C.  
 Edwin K. Kramer, P.D.C.      C. LeRoy Stoudt, P.C.-in-C.  
 George W. Long, P.D.C.      Robert U. Werkheiser, P.D.C.  
 Jonathan T. Mayhew, Dele.      (NP)  
 Rev. Richard O. Partington, P.D.C.      John C. Yocum, P.C.-in-C. (NP)  
 Ralph E. Peiper, D.C.

**WISCONSIN**

Herman Black, P.D.C. (NP)      Grover R. Huff, D.C.  
**FORT CHICKAMAUGA CAMP NO. 1**  
 John H. Jeffries (NP)      Robert L. McCandless, Dele.

## COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

### August 16, 1978

A Council of Administration meeting of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held on Wednesday, August 16, 1978 in the Headquarters Suite, Hotel Pantlind, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Commander-in-Chief Richard L. Greenwalt called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. with the following Brothers present:

Commander-in-Chief Richard L. Greenwalt  
 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard Wyman  
 Council of Administration Member Harold T. Beilby  
 Council of Administration Member William Simpson  
 Council of Administration Member Joseph S. Rippey  
 National Secretary-Treasurer Chester S. Shriver  
 National Counselor Frank M. Heacock, Sr.  
 Past National Secretary-Treasurer Fred H. Combs, Jr.  
 Editor of The BANNER Albert W. Lambert

The minutes of the previous meeting held Sunday, August 13, 1978 at the same location were approved as read by National Secretary-Treasurer Shriver.

The following items of business were acted upon:

1. Bro. Albert W. Lambert was approved as Editor of The BANNER for the year 1978-1979 following a motion by Bro. Rippey, seconded by Bro. Simpson. The result of the vote was unanimous.

2. Interest payable to Life Memberships for the fiscal year 1978 was set at \$6.00. This was approved on a motion by Bro. Rippey, seconded by Bro. Wyman. Vote was unanimous.

3. National Secretary Shriver reported on the laxity of past-due per capita tax and membership reports from the Department of Oregon and Washington and the R. M. Smith Camp No. 21-at-Large in Beaufort, S. C. The situations have been caused by illnesses and/or deaths of the Officers and efforts are being made to correct these situations.

4. Commander-in-Chief Greenwalt authorized Past Commander-in-Chief Frank M. Heacock, Sr. to secure all monies, books, records, the Camp Charter and all copies of the Camp Charter if any have been xeroxed of Philadelphia Camp No. 200, Department of Pennsylvania. This is the result of the action approved at the 97th Annual National Encampment in Grand Rapids, Michigan on August 13-16, 1978.

5. The goal of the National Patriotic Instructor for the year 1978-1979 was set at \$1,700.00.

There being no further business to come before the Council of Administration, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard L. Greenwalt  
 Commander-in-Chief

Chester S. Shriver  
 National Secretary-Treasurer

## 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
81st	1962	Aug. 19-23
82nd	1963	Aug. 18-22
83rd	1964	Aug. 18-20
84th	1965	Aug. 15-19
85th	1966	Aug. 14-18
86th	1967	Aug. 6-10
86th	1968	Aug. 18-22
87th	1968	Aug. 17-21
88th	1969	Aug. 23-27
89th	1970	Aug. 15-19
90th	1971	Aug. 13-17
91st	1972	Aug. 5-9
92nd	1973	Aug. 18-22
93rd	1974	Aug. 10-14
94th	1975	Aug. 15-19
95th	1976	Aug. 14-18
96th	1977	Aug. 13-17
97th	1978	

Indianapolis	Indiana
Washington	D. C.
Miami Beach	Florida
Providence	Rhode Island
Richmond	Virginia
Grand Rapids	Michigan
Chicago	Illinois
Wilmington	Delaware
St. Louis	Missouri
Miami Beach	Florida
Boston	Massachusetts
Philadelphia	Pennsylvania
Palm Springs	California
Bretton Woods	New Hampshire
Rochester	New York
Columbus	Ohio
Des Moines	Iowa
Grand Rapids	Michigan

## 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. Irelan	Md.
1926	Ernest W. Homan	Mass.
1927	Walter C. Mabie	Penna.
1928	Delevan Bates Bowley	C.&P.
1929	Theodore C. Cazeau	N.Y.

## Elected

1930	Allen 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	Penna.
1976	Kenneth T. Wheeler	N. H.
1977	Harold T. Beilby	N. Y.

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