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Clark W. Mellor Commander-in-Chief

Clark W. Mellor of Worcester, Massachusetts was elected as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on August 17, 1988, at the 107th National Encampment held in Lansing, Michigan.

Brother Mellor joined Camp #25, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on May 29, 1942 in the Post #10 GAR Building, Worcester, Massachusetts. He claims his eligibility through his grandfather, Clark W. James, who served as a Private in Company K, 21st Regiment Connecticut Infantry until the end of the War, and was Honorably Discharged June 10, 1865.

He has held every office in his Camp except Secretary and Treasurer. He was first elected Camp Commander in 1951, elected again in 1964, and still serving his Camp in that position currently.

In the Department of Massachusetts, he has served in every office except Secretary and Treasurer. He also has served on several committees, and has been chairman of many of them. He was elected Department Commander in 1959 and again in 1984, Brother Mellor is currently serving on the Department Council.

On the National level he has served as Guide; Color Bearer; Patriotic Instructor; Council of Administration for two years, Chief-of-Staff; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Brother Mellor is also: a 42 year member of Saint Bernard Church, a sexton for 25 years, and Chairman of the Explorer Scout Post 52 of Saint Bernards for many years. A 40-year member of Brookfield Post 530 Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a past Post Commander, he served in the US Army from 1939 until 1945.

He and his wife Elizabeth (Betty) have one son, one daughter, seven grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

He served in various positions in the Normac Machine and Manufacturing Company and retired in 1985 as a truck driver from that company.



Past Commander-in-Chief John Harold Stark 1912 - 1988

Great Grandson of John M. Beck, Drummer Company K, 52nd New York Volunteers Initiated 1956, Gettysburg Camp #112, Gettysburg,

Camp Commander, Gettysburg Camp #112

Department Commander 1963

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief 1965

Elected Commander-in-Chief 1974, 93rd National Encampment, Bretton Woods, New Hampshire

Commanded Brigade, Sons of Veterans Reserve

Commanded 2nd Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve

Colonel, Inspector General, General Staff, Sons of Veterans Reserve

Member, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of U.S.

Member, Conception R.C. Church, Stapleton, New York

Born August 16, 1912, Brooklyn, New York

Attended Curtis High School, Stapleton, New York

Retired 1967 U.S. Post Office Department, 31 years, Carrier

Retired 1974 Brokerage Executive, 7 years

Died October 5, 1988, Age 76 years, SUVCW Member 32 years

Buried St. Peter's Cemetery, W. Brighton, New York

Life Member #60



Past Commander-in-Chief C. Leroy Stoudt 1903 - 1989

Initiated January 22, 1922 into General George G. Meade Camp #16, Reading, Camp Commander, George G. Meade Camp #16

Department Commander

Enlisted Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) January 22, 1922

Retired SVR 1952, 30 years, Colonel, Commander, Pennsylvania Brigade, SVR

Memorial Day Parade Marshall 32 years, Reading,

Originator of Appomatox Banquet 1932, Reading, Pennsylvania

Attended 60 Department Encampments beginning 1924

Attended 52 National Encampments beginning 1932

National Chief of Staff 22 years

Chair, National Encampment Site Committee 14 years

Elected Commander-in-Chief 1943, 62nd National Encampment, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Chair, Scotland School Committee

Died May 3, 1989, Age 86 years, SUVCW Member 67years

Life Member #98



Past Commander-in-Chief Chester S. Shriver 1924 - 1989

Great Grandson of Lewis P. Shriver Company B, 21st Cavalry

Initiated 1947, Gettysburg Camp #112, Gettysburg,

Camp Commander of Gettysburg Camp #112

Department Commander 1956

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief 1961

Elected Commander-in-Chief by National Council of Administration following death of Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer on May 3, 1962

Elected Commander-in-Chief 1962, 81st National Encampment, Washington, DC

Enlisted Sons of Veterans Reserve 1952

Commander, Sons of Veterans Reserve 1967-1989

Born 1924 Adams County,

Attended Gettysburg High School

Home Mutual Life Insurance Representative

Gettysburg Memorial Day and Veterans Day Committees

Gettysburg College Advisory Committee

Commission, Adams County Civil War Centennial

President, Lincoln Fellowship 7 years

State Guard 1940-1948

National Guard 1948-1954

32nd Mason, Knight Templar, Shriner

Member, Mount Joy Lutheran Church

Member, Amvets Post #172, B.P.O.E. Lodge 1045

Member, Fish and Game Association

Deputy Game Protector

Barlow Fire Company

County and State Volunteer Fireman's Association

Died July 26, 1989, Age 65 years, 42 year SUVCW Member

Buried Evergreen Cemetery, Gettysburg,

Life Member #17

National Officers for 1988-1989 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Commander-in-Chief	Clark W. Mellor
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief	Charles W. Corfman
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief	George W. Long
Council of Administration	Rev. Richard O. Partington, PC-in-C Lowell V. Hammer Joseph S. Rippey, PC-in-C
National Secretary-Treasurer	Chester S. Shriver, PC-in-C
National Counselor	Eugene E. Russell, PC-in-C
National Chief of Staff	Norman R. Furman, PC-in-C
National Patriotic Instructor	Peter A. Dixon
National Chaplain	Willard G. Estridge
National Historian	David B. Orr
National Genealogist	Jerome L. Orton
National Graves Registration Officer	Charles E. Sharrock
National GAR Highway Officer	Ray Niffenegger
National Personal Aide	Alan R. Peterson
National Washington Representative	Richard C. Schlenker, PC-in-C
National Membership at Large Coordinator	Richard D. Orr
Banner Editor	James O. Lee

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR AND AUXILIARY TO THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

SHERATON STAMFORD HOTEL & TOWERS STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 1989 3:00 P.M.

Prelude	Ruth Huntington, Pianist
Processional	Onward Christian Soldiers
Lighting of Candles & Draping of Ch	nartersClark Mellor, Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW Catherine Zapatka, National President, Auxiliary to SUVCW
Invocation	Willard G. Estridge, National Chaplain, SUVCW
Scripture	Mary C. Sampson, National Chaplain, Auxiliary to SUVCW
Memorial to Grand Army of the Rep	publicRichard O. Partington, PC-in-C
Musical Selection	Margaret Atkinson, President, Auxiliary to SUVCW
Tribute to Past Commanders-in-Chi Tribute to Deceased Officers and M	ef
Roll Call of Officers & Placing of Flo	owers Department Commanders and Presidents
Eulogy to PNP Jessie Wells	Minnie Madeiros, PNP
Eulogies to: PC-in-C John H. Starke PC-in-C Leroy Stoudt PC-in-C Chester Shriver Richa	rd O. Partington, PC-in-C and Richard C. Schlenker, PC-in-C
Hymn	Just a Closer Walk with Thee
Scripture	Willard G. Estridge, National Chaplain, SUVCW
Benediction	Mary Sampson, National Chaplain, Auxiliary to SUVCW
Extinguishing of Candles	Clark Mellor, Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW Catherine Zapatka, National President, Auxiliary to SUVCW
Recessional	Battle Hymn of the Republic
Postlude	Ruth Huntington, Pianist

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC CAMP FIRE PROGRAM SHERATON STAMFORD HOTEL & TOWERS STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 1989 8:00 P.M.

Master of Ceremonies Frank J. Tucker, PDC, Department of Massachusetts, SUVCW
Call to the Colors
ADVANCING THE COLORS
Invocation Esther Stuart, National Chaplain LGAR
National AnthemLed by Eleanor Lowe, Pianist Ruth Huntington
Pledge of AllegianceLead by Peter Dixon, National Patriotic Instructor, SUVCW
Welcome to Connecticut George Schmidt, Commander, Department of Connecticut, SUVCW Joyce Norman, President, Department of Connecticut Auxiliary to SUVCW
Welcome to Stamford
Response
GREETINGS
Clark W. Mellor
Catherine ZapatkaNational President, Auxiliary to SUVCW
Margaret Hills
Thelma Pant
Response to National Officers Eleanor Lowe, PNP LGAR
Speaker (Dress of the Civil War)
Battle Hymn of the Republic
Benediction Mary Sampson, National Chaplain, Auxiliary to SUVCW
RETIRING OF THE COLORS
Taps

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

PRE-108TH ANNUAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

SHERATON STAMFORD HOTEL & TOWERS STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13,1989

Commander-in-Chief Clark Mellor called meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. The Invocation was provided by PC-in-C Rev. Richard Partington.

Commander-in-Chief Mellor announced appointment of PC-in-C Richard Schlenker as National Secretary-Treasurer pro temp., effective July 30 through the National Encampment, due to the death of PC-in-C Chester Shriver.

Attendance: Commander-in-Chief Mellor; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles Corfman; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief George Long; Council of Administration members PC-in-C Joseph Rippey, Lowell Hammer and PC-in-C Richard Partington; Partington; Secretary-Treasurer pro temp PC-in-C Richard Schlenker; National Counselor PC-in-C Eugene Russell; National Membership-at-Large (MAL) Coordinator Richard Orr and *Banner* Editor James Lee.

Commander-in-Chief Mellor appointed the following Encampment Committees: Audit – Charles Corfman and George Long and Budget – Joseph Rippey and Richard Partington.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 20, 1988 Council of Administration meeting; motion passed

A motion was made and seconded to seat and the Colorado, Indiana, New Hampshire and Vermont Delegates to the Encampment although no second quarter per capita was remitted; motion passed.

National MAL Coordinator Orr reported 266 members and then presented a remittance of \$400.00 excess funds. *Banner* Editor Lee indicated that four issues of the *Banner* were published.

A motion was made to reappoint Richard Orr and James Lee as National MAL Coordinator and *Banner* Editor, respectively; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to pay Jo Ann Wheeler for transcribing 1988 encampment tapes; motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Richard Schlenker, PC-in-C National Secretary-Treasurer Pro temp.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH ANNUAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

SHERATON STAMFORD HOTEL & TOWERS STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT August 14 - 18, 1989

The 108th Annual Encampment of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) was called to order by Commander in Chief Clark Mellor.

Roll call of Officers

Commander-in-Chief, Clark W. Mellor

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Charles W. Corfman

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, George W. Long

Council of Administration, PC-in-C Rev. Richard O. Partington, Lowell V. Hammer, and

PC-in-C Joseph S. Rippey

National Secretary-Treasurer Pro temp, PC-in-C Richard C. Schlenker

National Counselor, Eugene E. Russell, PC-in-C

National Chief of Staff, PC-in-C Norman R. Furman

National Patriotic Instructor, Peter A. Dixon

National Chaplain, Willard G. Estridge

National Historian, David B. Orr

National Genealogist, Jerome L. Orton

National Graves Registration Officer, Charles E. Sharrock

National GAR Highway Officer, Ray Niffenegger

National Personal Aide, Alan R. Peterson

National Washington Representative, PC-in-C Richard C. Schlenker

National Membership at Large Coordinator, Richard D. Orr

Banner Editor. James O. Lee

Commander-in-Chief Mellor made the following Encampment Appointments:

Guide: Joseph Gauthier

Color Bearer: James Ledwith

Guard: James Lee

Chaplain pro temp: Lowell Hammer

Budget Committee: PC-in-C Joseph Rippey, Chair and PC-in-C Richard

Partington

Audit Committee: Charles Corfman and George Long

Credentials Committee: Elmer Atkinson, Edgar Prince, Kenneth Oakley, Roger

Wheeler and PC-in-C Richard Schlenker

Officers' Reports: PC-in-C Norman Furman, Chair; PC-in-C Eugene Russell;

Richard Hines; Forest Altland; and Edward Wells

Resolutions Committee: PC-in-C Richard Greenwalt, Chair; Kenneth Wheeler; Frank Tucker; Jerome Orton; and Ralph Pieper

Ritual and Ceremonies: PC-in-C William Simpson, Chair; James Lyons; Lowell Hammer; and Wallace Macomber

Restoration of Rank: PC-in-C Gordon Bury, Chair; PC-in-C Harry Gibbons; and David Reed

Response to Auxiliary: PC-in-C Richard Schlenker

Response to Ladies of the GAR: PC-in-C Norman Furman

Response to Hotel: PC-in-C Joseph Rippey

Visitation to Ladies of the GAR: PC-in-C Kenneth Wheeler and Jonathan Mayhew

Visitation to Auxiliary: PC-in-C Richard Partington, PC-in-C Eugene Russell and Edgar Prince

Commander-in-Chief Mellor ordered that the charter be draped in honor of the passing of PC-in-Cs Stoudt, Stark and Shriver.

Commander-in-Chief asked for a preliminary credential report. It was reported that a total a 58 delegates were registered, 49 present and nine absent.

Commander-in-Chief Mellor turned the gavel over to Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Corfman.

REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

In August 1988 at our 107th National Encampment in Lansing, Michigan. I was honored by being elected to the high office of Commander-in-Chief. When I took this office, I vowed that I would do the very best that I could, and at this time, I trust it meets with your approval. Following is a report of my year's activities as your Commander-in-Chief.

The day I was elected my first official visitation was to the Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (Auxiliary) room to congratulate Sister Catherine Zapatka, the new National President and her staff of officers. After that, I went to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR) to congratulate Sister Margaret Hills and her staff.

In the evening I was invited to a dinner sponsored by the New England states at a restaurant near the hotel. A very good time was had by all. After that, there was entertainment in the evening, which was very enjoyable.

The following day I went on a bus tour, which was arranged by the Encampment Committee of the Michigan Department, to the State Capital that was very

interesting, then to Mountain Jacks restaurant, where there was plenty to eat. After that, we went to Sunfield, Michigan to Samuel W. Grinnell GAR Post #283, where the Curtenius Guard Camp #17 SUVCW hold their meetings. On returning to the hotel, we finished packing and left the next morning after saying our good byes to the many friends and started our long trip back home.

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The following is a list of my travels throughout the country:

September 10	1988 Luncheon and Plymouth County meeting Rockland, Massachusetts.
October 1	Reception and banquet honoring the Pennsylvania Department President Sister Margaret Atkinson, and her staff at Williamson, Restaurant, Horsham, Pennsylvania. A most enjoyable time was had by all.
October 5	I received word that PC-in-C John H. Stark passed away.
October15	N.E. Regional Association Meeting in West Greenwich, Rhode Island.
October 23	Attended the reception and luncheon for the Connecticut Department. President Sister Joyce Norman and her staff in East Hampton, Connecticut. A most enjoyable time was had by every one present.
October 29	Went to the Holiday Inn Nashua, New Hampshire to attend a reception and dinner for Margaret Hills, National President of the LGAR.
November 5	Testimonial dinner and reception at the Yankee Drummer Motor Inn, Auburn, Massachusetts. The program was sponsored by both the Massachusetts Department and the Connecticut Department to honor National Auxiliary President Catherine Zapatka and me. Many National Officers were present from both SUVCW and Auxiliary plus many Departments were represented from Maine to California. Many thanks for the gifts and Love tokens presented to me that evening. I will always remember.
November 12	Traveled to the Cranberry Motor Lodge Warrendale,

Pennsylvania to attend the reception and dinner for

Pennsylvania Department Commander, Richard Orr.

November 18

Drove to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania to the Holiday Inn and was greeted very warmly by the members present. I attended the meeting of the National Military Affairs Committee, which was very informative.

November 19

Started off the day by attending the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) staff meeting, and a meeting with the Officers and unit Commanders. I was a guest of Brigadier General Chester S. Shriver at a buffet breakfast given at the Dobbin House with more than 80 SVR members, their families, and many invited Confederate Troops in attendance.

The business of the day was discussed, and after that was concluded, we all left to prepare for the annual parade. The parade formation were called to attention, and led by Brigadier General Shriver. The parade stepped off promptly at 11:00 a.m. at Springs Avenue and Reynolds Street and marched to Soldiers National Cemetery for the observance of the 125th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cemetery including the remarks made by President Abraham Lincoln and the reciting of the Gettysburg Address by James A. Getty.

It then marched over to Zieglers Grove for our 32nd traditional memorial wreath laying ceremonies at the Woolson Monument by the five National Heads, and the five Pennsylvania Department heads. Sorry to say it was cut short by the cold rain, but we all went in the Cyclorama Auditorium for the program by the Allied Orders. At 6:30 p.m. I was the guest of the Past Commanders and Past Presidents of Pennsylvania Department at its 58th annual banquet, where I brought the National greetings and also my own. The Blue and Gray Ball followed. At this time, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for being asked to March along side of General Shriver. I deemed it a great honor in which I shall always be grateful.

November 20

Meeting of the Council of Administration at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the resignation of the National Secretary, Brother Frank Heacock, and to appoint an interim to serve until the next National Encampment. Brother Chester S. Shriver excepted until then.

November 27

Reception and luncheon for Department Commander Robert Elliot in the Town Hall at Boscowen, New Hampshire. A nice time was had by all who attended this fine affair.

December 3

Attended the Massachusetts Past Department Commanders and Past Department Presidents Christmas party at Elaine's Restaurant in Halifax, Massachusetts, as their guest.

December 18

I received word that Past National President Jessie G. Wells passed away. I attended the wake in the afternoon on the December 20, 1988.

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January 24

Attended a meeting of Auxiliary #50 in the morning and was a guest at a luncheon in the afternoon. I brought the greetings from the National Organization.

February11

Traveled to Washington, D.C. to a black tie dinner sponsored by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. It was held at the Officers Club in Fort Myers, Virginia.

February12

Attended the annual Lincoln Memorial services in Washington, D.C. where I placed a wreath for the National Organization. The National Colors were carried by the Fencibles, who are the official honor Guard of our Order. I wish to commend each and every one of them that were there. After the ceremonies, I attended a luncheon that was hosted by the Lincoln Birthday National Commemorative Committee. There with approximately 100 in attendance at the Pier 7 Restaurant Channel Inn. A most enjoyable time was had by all.

March 11

Attended the Plymouth County and Allied Orders meeting at Rockland, Massachusetts and brought greetings from the National Organization

March. 17- 19

Attended the California Department Encampment, which was held in the large spacious home of Thelma Crawford and Margaret Mann in Grover City, California. The Department Commander, Wayne Pyle, picked me up in San Jose, and drove to the Motel 6 in Pismo Beach, California, where I stayed as their guest. We had a very nice meeting

with six Members present. On Saturday evening, I attended a lovely banquet in their home with over 30 people present. On Sunday, I was honored when asked to install the new officers. T his Department may be small but they still go by the Ritual at their meetings and carry out the work of the Order.

While on the West Coast, I tried to get a call meeting in Colorado but could not get anybody interested to come out for it.

April 8

Attended the Rhode Island Department Encampment held at the Arsenal where the SUVCW and Auxiliary used to meet many years ago. I brought greetings from the National Organization and my own personal greetings. I installed the new Department Officers.

April 12

Drove to Springfield, Illinois. with my wife, Auxiliary National President, Catherine Zapatka, and LGAR National President, Margaret Hills. We arrived a day early and were shown around the town, Lincoln's birthplace and Lincoln's Tomb, where the services were held. One day we were shown around some of these places by Robert Graham and another day we were with Roger and Jo-An Wheeler from Iowa. A very pleasant two days was spent by all. In the evening, we were guests of Tom and Eleanor Johnson at a supper with several other fraternal orders present.

April 15

Lincoln death day ceremonies were held on a very delightful warm and sunny day. I was called on to speak after I placed a wreath at the Memorial. I read Lincoln's Farewell to Springfield. A luncheon was served afterwards and a picture of Lincoln was presented to the National Heads later on in the day. A fine job was done by the entire committee.

April 21, 22

Attended the Massachusetts Department Encampment held at the Heritage House in Hyanis, Massachusetts, at the Cape. This was a very excellent Encampment. I was called on to speak and brought National Greetings along with my personal greetings at the Banquet. I was presented with a State Flag and a proclamation from the Governor.

April 25

Attended the Massachusetts Woman's Relief Corps Department Convention at the GAR Hall in Worchester,

Massachusetts. It was a very nice meeting. I brought the National Greetings along with my own personal greetings. In the evening I attended a nice banquet, which was served family style. An enjoyable evening was had by all.

April 29

Attended the Maryland Department Encampment, which was held in the Officers Club at Fort Myers, Virginia. The was a very fine Encampment. I had the honor to sign the application of a new Camp, Camp #6 of Charlstown, West Virginia. I was called on to speak at the Banquet and brought National Greetings and also my own.

May.6, 7

Attended the Connecticut Department Encampment at the Holiday Inn in Hartford, Connecticut. The Department was unable to have regular meeting do to lack of a quorum. In the evening a lovely Banquet was held, and was well attended by many National and Past National Officers from both SUVCW and Auxiliary. Several of N.E. Departments were represented.

May 7

On Sunday morning I left Connecticut with the Auxiliary National President and my wife to attend the wake and funeral of our Senior PC-n-C C. Leroy Stoudt. The Ritual service was conducted by the Pennsylvania Department and me. Many SUVCW and Auxiliary members were present, After the funeral the next day we attend a dinner at a restaurant near by. The next morning we were guests of Sister Irene Stoudt, her daughter and son-in-law, Bill Simpson, at a breakfast Buffet in Dutch County Style.

May 11-13

Attended the New Hampshire Department Encampment at the Ramada Inn in Keene, New Hampshire. It was a very impressive Encampment. Due to the Department Commander Robert Elliott stay in the Hospital, the business was conducted by the Senior Vice Department Commander who took over the chair and did a nice job. The new officers were installed by me with the help of members of the Massachusetts Department.

May15

I received word on the death of Robert Elliott. A service was put on by the New Hampshire Department SUVCW and the International Order of Odd Fellows.

May 3O

I attended the Memorial Service at the Cathedral of the

Pines Rindge, New Hampshire. This was a very impressive ceremony. A check was presented Mr. Bradley, the Executive Director and in return, a white Carnation was placed on the Alter in memory of the GAR and the SUVCW. New Hampshire is one of the states that still observe the 30th of May as Memorial Day.

June 1 – 3

The Dutch Mill Motor Inn Gibbstown, New Jersey was the place where the New Jersey Department Encampment was held. It is a very fine place to hold the meetings. Friday evening the banquet was held and I was called on to speak and bring the National Greetings. I installed the new Officers. Afterwards, I left for Des Moines, Iowa for the Department Encampment, which began on June 9. I had as my traveling companions my wife Betty, Sister Catherine Zapatka and Sister Margaret Hills. We were met by several members of the Iowa Department.

June 9 - 11

The entire Iowa Department Encampment was very enjoyable. I installed the new Officers on Saturday evening and a banquet was held where I was presented many gifts and made an honorary member of the Iowa Department. Before I continue, I must say that I asked sister Jo-An Wheeler and her Husband, Roger, on April 16 to see if they could find a student from Iowa to receive the National Sons Scholarship Award. After a lot of hard work and difficulty in finding a person who met the requirements, a student was found from Winthrope, Iowa. He is a third year history major with a high grade point average. His name is Justin T. Bowden. About the middle of May, I was informed that the above named student had been found, and that he met all of the requirements. After the banquet was over I presented a check to Justin Bowden from the National Organization. Standing with him was his mother and father He is also a great, great grandson of a Civil War Veteran. This is the first time in the history of our Organization that a scholarship has been awarded to an lowa student.

June 18 - 21

Traveled to Williamsport, Pennsylvania to the Pennsylvania Department Encampment. The last 250 miles we went through heavy rain and dense fog, but we arrived there O.K. and had a very enjoyable Encampment with many open discussion on varies topics. I was given the opportunity to speak before the Encampment, and while I was speaking, I

noticed that there were six National Officers present. I had them all stand to be recognized. I observed a very impressive memorial service.

June 23 - 25

Attended the Maine Department Encampment at the Johnson Motor Lodge in Waterville, Maine. We had a very informative meeting and I installed the new officers with the help of the Massachusetts delegation present. I was honored at the Allied Orders Banquet and when asked to speak, I brought greetings from the National Organization and my own personal greetings.

June 25 - 28

We left at 4:30 a.m. Sunday Morning for Oleans, New York for the New York Department Encampment. It was a very constructive meeting with a lot of open discussions on several topics. I installed the new officers. The Banquet on Tuesday evening was very enjoyable. I was called on to speak and brought the National greetings and also my own. I had the honor to sign two applications for Camp Charters, Camp #41 Ithaca, New York and Camp #126 of Oneida, New York; congratulations.

July 15,16

We traveled to Weirs Beach, New Hampshire to the GAR Hall where the SUVCW meet, and was escorted to a seat of honor next to the Acting Regional Commander of five of the six N.E. States were present. Due to ill health, the Regional Commander was not there. I installed the new officers in the evening after the banquet. A good talk was given on the Laser Beam and the many uses it can perform. The next morning joint services were held and a memorial service was conducted by Past Department Commander William C. Rule. I was called on to speak and brought greetings from the National Organization, and my own personal greetings.

July 27

I received the sad news that PC-in-C Chester S. Shriver, our National Secretary-Treasurer had passed away at 9:00 p.m. on July 26, 1989. I immediately had an arrangement of flowers sent from the National Organization. The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief represented me and the National Organization at the funeral.

August 10

I received an invitation to attend the opening of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War's National Convention at the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge in Waterville. Maine. I accepted and was received with honors by the delegation present. I brought the official greetings of the National Organization and wished for Sister Mary Evelyn Petry a most successful and harmonious Convention.

Brothers, this concludes my report of the year as your Commander-in-Chief. I hope that I have in some small way brought honor and credit to this office.

I wish to thank at this time my traveling companions for most of my year, my wife Betty, National Auxiliary President Catherine Zapatka, and National LGAR President Margaret Hills. To both Sisters Catherine and Margaret, may you both have a harmonious Encampment.

To National President Mary Evelyn Petry of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, our paths have crossed many times and the meetings we attended together were most enjoyable. I wish for you and your staff a harmonious Convention.

To National President Thelma Pant, National President Woman's Relief Corps. Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, I have enjoyed the several events where we have been together, and at this time, I wish for you and your staff a harmonious convention.

To my National Staff, I wish to thank each one in being so helpful in making this, our administration a success. To my daughter, Marie, who had the task of typing up all my four General Orders and this report, my thanks to you for putting up with me. To my wife Betty, her help and understanding has helped me throughout the year; many thanks Sister Betty. In addition, to the many new and old friends that I have met, my thanks go to each one of you for being so hospitable wherever we met. I will be forever grateful.

The following Brothers have earned a Certificate of Merit for organizing a new Camp, and for securing five or more new Members into their respective Camps:

Freeman H. Stittsworth
Danny J. Wheeler
David English
James 0. Lee
Roger A Wheeler Sr
George W. Long
Michael A. Riley
Martin Wilson
Elmer F. Atkinson
David B. Orr

- 1 New Camp, 6 New Members, Florida.
- 9 New Members, New York Department
- 5 New Members, New York Department
- 6 New Members, Iowa Department
- 11 New Members, Iowa Department
- 9 New Members, Pennsylvania Department
- 7 New Members, Pennsylvania Department
- 5 New Members, Pennsylvania Department
- 10 New Members, Pennsylvania Department
- 9 New Members, Pennsylvania Department

William McMaster 5 New Members, Pennsylvania Department Henry Hively 5 New Members, Pennsylvania Department Jerry Armentrout 5 New Members, Ohio Department

National Aid Ribbons Awarded

Joseph Houchin 5 New Members, Iowa Department

I would like to make the following recommendations:

- 1. That we continue to support the ceremonies on Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C; Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Illinois; Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire; and the National Military Department, SVR;
- 2. That we continue the scholarship award to a student of the Commander-in-Chief's choice and that this student must be enrolled in a college with a major in American History;
- 3. That the Commander-in-Chief be sent a copy of the new budget and a monthly statement of expenditures of the National Treasurer be sent along with vouchers;
- 4. That the Treasurer's books be audited at least once during the year. The reason is to save a lot of time the night before National Encampment opens. I would suggest that it be done at the convenience of the National Treasurer;
- 5. That the scholarship award be increased by \$50.00 to make it a total of \$350.00 and that sum be taken out of the GAR Fund; and
- 6. That the Commander-in-Chief's expense allotment be increased to \$2,000.00 due to the increased cost of traveling throughout the country.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., & L., Clark W. Mellor Commander-in-Chief

It was moved and seconded to accept all officers' reports and refer to the appropriate Encampment Committee; motion passed.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Corfman returned the gavel and control of the Encampment to Commander-in-Chief Mellor.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

My thanks to all the brothers who elected me to the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief at our last National Encampment at Lansing, Michigan. The honor bestowed upon me is greatly appreciated.

The first official act in this office was to represent our Commander-in-Chief at the reception for Mary Petrie, National President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War at Canton, Ohio. A week later, I attended the reception for Clark W. Mellor, our Commander-in-Chief, in Massachusetts.

On Remembrance Day, I marched through the rain and snowflakes as a member of the General Staff, Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR). The parade and ceremonies marked the 125th Anniversary of the Gettysburg Address. During the ceremonies at the Woolson Monument, I supervised the artillery salute. This was one of the busiest weekends of the year, as it also included an SVR breakfast, Remembrance Day Banquet, Military Ball, and a Sunday morning meeting of the Council of Administration.

On February 11, Janice and I, along with Dick and Lois Smyser, joined the Schlenkers and the Heads of the Allied Ordered at the Lincoln Day Dinner hosted by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States at Washington D. C. On Lincoln's Birthday, we participated in the wreath laying ceremonies at the Lincoln Memorial followed by a luncheon for the participants.

Effective April 1, I was promoted Lieutenant Colonel, SVR with duties of Deputy Executive Officer. I retained duties of Chief of Artillery.

On April 15th, we took the cannon and some members of the 16th OVI to Old Fort Niagara (New York) for an Artillery Training School. This was also an organization meeting for the Civil War Artillery Association, which will cut across organization lines to form an artillery organization to promote better recognition in reenactments etc. Some of these units have expressed interest in SVR, and I supplied information to them.

Also regarding SVR, I helped with the organization of the 64th OVI of Mansfield, Ohio, participated in National Encampment at Carrollton, Ohio, and reception for Ohio Department Commander Richard Smyser. We also joined in a battle reenactment at Burbank, Ohio, Memorial Day Parade at Canton, Ohio, and, with my own and the 16th's cannon helped the 64th OVI with Freedom Days Festival on July 1st.

In June, I represented Commander-in-Chief Mellor at the Michigan Department Encampment, Indiana Department Encampment, and Ohio Department Encampment. I was well received at all three, and appreciate the courtesies extended to me. I also attended the Department Encampment where the members pointed out that they were endorsing me for Commander-in-Chief

before my own Department could. Ohio endorsed me at their Encampment the following week.

On July 28, I attended the Funeral of National Secretary-Treasurer-Treas., General, and good friend, Chester S. Shriver. His friendship and guidance will be missed by all of us.

The Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief's fund totals \$151.00 as of August 1, 1989. A separate report follows.

May I thank you all for the many courtesies extended to me throughout the past year. It has been an honor to have served as your Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief.

In F., C., & L., Charles W. Corfman Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Last year in Lansing Michigan, I was elected to the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, whose prime job is to promote and secure ways to enlarge the membership of this fine organization. I contacted the National Secretary for the names and addresses of all Department Commanders and Secretaries. After which I sent letters to all, to remind the Junior Vice Commanders in their state and also the camp in their state of the job as Junior Vice. Only two Departments responded.

One new camp was reported to me, known as the Harper's Ferry Camp #6 in West Virginia instituted by PC-in-C Richard Schlenker. The Commander-in-Chief Clark Mellor issued certificates to several members in Florida, New York, Iowa, and . At the Department in June, 62 new members were reported. Three camps had large counts, Lancaster Camp #19, 17 members; Davis Star in Pittsburgh, 19 members, and Anna Ross Camp #1, 24 members. challenges any other state to top this. One way to secure new members is to advertise in the newspaper. It is helping Lancaster.

I attended many affairs during the year. Several of which I represented the National Organization for the Commander-in-Chief. It was an honor to place the National wreath, in the National Cemetery in Gettysburg on Memorial Day.

Something to give your new members,

Am I a new member or do I just belong, I see you at all the meetings, but no one ever says "HELLO," You are all busy with the ones you already know, I sit among the members but I am lonesome,

The new ones are as strange as I am, and the old ones pass me by.

But, darn it, you fellows ask me to join and talked of Fellowship,

You could have stepped across the room, but never made the trip,

Why can't you nod and say hello or stop and shake my hand,

Then go and sit among your friends,

Now that I understand,

I'll be at the next meeting,

I hope to have a nice time.

So that you can introduce yourself and be friends.

The year went very fast, and I hope I lived up to your expectations. I have one question. How many here have a membership application in their pocket?

In F., C., & L., George W. Long Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

At the close of the 107th National Encampment held in Lansing, in August 1988, National Secretary Frank M Heacock, I, tendered his resignation effective January 1, 1989.

The National Council of Administration set a special meeting for November 20, 1988, to be held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania in conjunction with Remembrance Day activities, at which time the ramifications of Brother Heacock¹s resignation were to be considered.

Brother Heacock was unable to attend due to his health condition and doctors orders not to travel. On November 11 he communicated this by letter to Commander-in-Chief Mellor and suggested that he declare the office of National Secretary vacant, which was done at the meeting on the 20th.

At that meeting, National Treasurer Chester S Shriver was appointed, with his permission, to serve as Interim National Secretary through the 108th National Encampment at which time a new National Secretary would be elected to serve the remaining year of Brother Heacock¹s term.

On December 12, 1988, Brother Shriver traveled to Wilmington, Delaware to effect a transfer of the accouterments of the office. Having previously served in this office he carried out a smooth transition and continued to serve our Order well.

In the spring of this year, Brother Shriver began to feel the affects of an internal distress which after diagnosis caused him to agree to surgery in mid-June and then returning home on June 25 to recuperate with the prospect of further treatment being necessary.

Brother Shriver telephoned me on July 16 to determine if I would be willing to serve as Encampment Secretary in as much as his doctor had advised him not to travel at all. I indicated my willingness and he said he would so inform Commander-in-Chief Mellor, which he did.

Mrs. Shriver phoned me early on Thursday and informed me that Brother Shriver was returned to the hospital the previous evening, Wednesday July 26, 1989, where he succumbed to his illness.

Burial with Masonic and Sons of Veteran Reserve honors took place on Saturday, July 29, 1989 at 2:00 p.m. in Evergreen Cemetery, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

On Sunday, July 3, Commander-in-Chief Mellor telephoned and appointed me National Secretary pro temp. to serve through the 108th Encampment, which appointment was later confirmed in writing.

Arrangements were made with the cooperation and permission of Mrs. Shriver to visit the National Secretary-Treasurer's office in the family home at her convenience, in order to prepare for this Encampment.

This was done on Monday July 31 for six hours and again on Wednesday, August 2 for four hours. It was evident that Brother Shriver had made valiant efforts in his last days to prepare for this Encampment but he had not yet prepared the usual thorough statistical report to which we have become accustomed.

Mrs. Shriver is desirous that our organization might obtain its material without undue delay. This could be a monumental task in that there is an accumulation of 30 years worth SUVCW and SVR records and supplies.

Several visits were made to the Gettysburg Post Office for accumulated mail, especially to obtain anything of importance for this meeting.

A visit was made to the Gettysburg National Bank to obtain the necessary Resolution Form and signature card in order that authority might properly devolve upon Brother Shriver's successors.

It is hoped that the attached financial and statistical reports (see Appendices 1

and 2) will provide sufficient satisfactory information about the condition of our Order with the reminder that your servant is only human and labored under serious time constraints. The membership stands at 2,418 and 132 Camps.

In F., C., & L., Richard C. Schlenker, PC-in-C National Secretary-Treasurer Pro temp

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COUNSELOR

As National Counselor, I may at various time have offered informally bits of information to Commander-in-Chief Mellor regarding things I had learned in my own tour of duty as Commander-in-Chief.

On current matters, I advised him about a situation in Florida where a new, quite active camp seemed to aspire to premature Department status. Although the present single at-large Camp appeared to have enough members to form three separate camps and to be in a position to apply for a provisional Department charter, the problem seemed to be in securing enough competent officers to man each Camp. Whether this was a situation peculiar to Florida or might also apply more generally. I suggested to Brother Clark that he assure the Florida members that the situation would be seriously addressed at National. It seems unfortunate that those who have been working so diligently and effectively should have to be subjected to discouragement from others presenting objections rather than organizational assistance.

Also, as regards to the situation in at least two other Departments where disaffected members of a Camp want to form an independent Camp-at-Large within the existing Departments. In my opinion, there is no provision at present for such an arrangement. If these members can present to National, valid and serious reasons for the institution of such Camps-at-Large, not based on frivolous facts or unworthy personal attitudes, National should give serious consideration to Constitutional changes, but the relationship of such Camps to both its accredited Department and National should be carefully spelled out.

As a recommendation [or a suggestion], I offer that each retiring Commander-in-Chief should, unofficially and privately, supply to the incoming Commander-in-Chief, pertinent information the former might have gleaned in his tour of duty regarding various members and Departments in the Order, which information might be of value to the Commander-in-Chief, both as a courtesy and a guide to the more effective performance of his new duties.

In F. C. & L. Eugene E. Russell, PC-in-C National Counselor

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

(No Report)

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

(Verbal Report – No record available)

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL GENEALOGIST

It has been my pleasure to serve as National Genealogist for the past year. Our late National Secretary-Treasurer, PC-in-C Chester Shriver, sent me over 150 letters to answer. Most have been sent replies. The volume of inquiries is proof that there are many men that will join our Order if we just send them an application. If they do not receive one, they cannot become a member.

It has become apparent to me, since becoming National Genealogist that our standards to become a member do not meet the basic standards for genealogical proof. In other words, form number 3 (application for membership) should have another page for references of lineage on page #3. Anyone can write down that he is the daughter or son of someone. However, some proof should be submitted. Other hereditary societies require much more documentation and we should "get with the program."

Our applications for membership should be submitted in duplicate. One copy staying with the Camp and one with the National. Some may argue that it is not necessary but can you tell me what happened to all those records of the Departments of Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Arkansas, to name a few? I would like to make a recommendation that all applications for membership now be submitted in duplicate, with the second going to a person or repository assigned by the Commander-in-Chief.

Fifty-one years ago, William Allen Dyer, Commander-in-Chief, proposed that descendants of War Governors of loyal states be admitted for full membership. Also, descendants of military organizations raised for emergencies. He said in his report, "What sense is there in a patriotic order like ours taking in descendants of men who by good fortune were mustered into service, many of whom perhaps never saw fire, and omitting descendants of men who did outstanding service for Union during the years 1861-1865?" This year, 1989, I recommend that the above mentioned be considered by the Commander-in-Chief and if necessary the proper steps be taken to amend our constitution, rules and regulations.

The quantity and quality of letters and requests received by the National Genealogist is overwhelming. It is a never ending job and a very good public

relations office. However, the office should be changed to National Registrar. I believe that would help lessen the burden. I recommend that the office of National Genealogist be changed to National Registrar.

I wish to thank you for signing the certificates for the "real sons and daughters" of Union and Confederate veterans. This project has located about 500 such individuals since 1981 and about 44 widows of veterans.

In closing, I again thank you for having this educational opportunity to serve our members and the public.

In F, C, & L, Jerome L. Orton National Genealogist

Commander-in-Chief Mellor indicated that the Marshall Hope Author Award was given to Civil War Veterans Historical Association of Ohio

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

September 1998: I traveled to Illinois to make sure the headstone for a Medal

of Honor recipient was placed and it was.

October 1988: I went to Missouri and Leavenworth, Kansas to check on

Civil War Veterans' graves to make sure that stones were up

and that others had been replaced.

November 1988: I did a lot of research on Civil War Veterans, answering

letters from different people.

December 1988: I ordered 50 new headstones for Civil War Veterans' graves

in Riverside Cemetery in Denver, Colorado.

March-April 1989: I placed all 50 new headstones by myself at Riverside

Cemetery in Denver.

May-June 1989: I traveled to North and South Dakota, Wyoming, and

Montana, checking on Civil War Veterans' grave sites and

copying cemeteries.

In F., C., & L.,

Charles E. Sharrock

National Graves Registration Officer

REPORT OF THE WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE

To be allowed to render continued service to our Order, as we are admonished

so to do in our installation ritual, is an honor and a privilege. Commander-in-Chief Mellor, I thank you for appointing me your Washington Representative and allowing me further opportunity to serve in the name of my Civil War ancestor.

Serving the Order at the seat of our national government affords many opportunities for participation in meetings and programs of ceremonial or patriotic nature with people from other organizations, many who are not familiar with our order but soon hear of it's origin and aims.

Having had three other National Officers in the Washington area this year, added greatly to the visibility of SUVCW. They were Council Member Hammer, Patriotic Instructor Dixon and Chaplain Estridge, all of whom circulate among the many other societies and spread our gospel. The continued growth of Lincoln-Cushing Camp in D.C. is testimony of their recruiting efforts.

Our Constitution requires a Washington Representative for the purpose of accepting service of legal papers or summons and representing the Order at memorial services and patriotic functions.

It is a pleasure to report that no papers or summons were served on us this year although I was advised at the close of our Encampment last year in Lansing, Michigan, that I might expect such. It seems that an unhappy member had planned to request his member of Congress to undertake an investigation of our Order. To my knowledge, nothing has come of this threat.

Positions of leadership and influence on your behalf were held in several Civil War oriented organizations, specifically the D.C. Civil War Round Table, and the D.C. Lincoln Group, the Lincoln Commission and the Lincoln Birthday National Commemorative Committee. You were represented at all major ceremonials and commemoratives during the year.

Liaison continued with our Auxiliary, the Daughters of Union Veterans and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion with each order supporting the programs of the others in the area.

With the 125th Anniversary of the Civil War now in its fourth year, many opportunities are still present to participate in reenactment programs and many of which we were able to attend and continue our public information activities. As a result, we have been able to answer many queries of a historical and genealogical nature and to refer prospective members to some of our departments.

Requests for public speaking engagements continue to be numerous and come from many sources seeking programs such as service clubs, churches, historical societies, hobby clubs and senior groups, to all of which we respond positively in hopes of enlightening more citizens about the Civil War and our Order.

Support continues for organizations that continue their efforts toward the preservation of battlefields and other historic sites of the era.

It is noted in the itinerary of this office that the Order was represented on upwards of sixty occasions this past year.

It is with great pride that service in this capacity has been rendered for the past nine years and we pray that these efforts have added somewhat to the success of our Order.

In F., C., & L., Richard C. Schlenker, PC-in-C Washington Representative

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF

National Chief of Staff, PC-in-C Norman Furman indicated that he enjoyed working with National Auxiliary Chief of Staff.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL GAR HIGHWAY OFFICER

The first thing I would like to report, is that I have written to all Department Commanders that have the GAR (#6) highway through their state, and I have had communications, from most of them. Thanks Department Commanders.

I want to thank the Commander-in-Chief for appointing me to the National GAR Highway Office. I have had a pretty good year.

I have also written to all the states that have Highway #6 and GAR signs going through them, and are still saying they are going to have the GAR signs erected, but will take time. Some states are doing good.

The Department of Iowa has told me they would put the signs that were taken off Highway #6 that is now the Interstate 80 in some places, but as I have traveled, I have not yet seen them, but here in Iowa we really have lots of GAR signs.

I have sent pictures to our *Banner* editor and he cannot print the pictures that I have sent him, so I will send these pictures of Highway #6 and hope these can be passed along at our convention.

In F., C., & L., Ray Niffenegger National GAR Highway Officer

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIAN

During the beginning of the year I had received many letters from PC-in-C Chester Shriver and PC-in-C Frank Heacock concerning people who required regimental

histories of just about every regiment in the Union Army. Around Remembrance Day, this mail stopped coming and I wondered and then I found out today from Brother Orton that he had been receiving the mail.

Two things regarding the finding and location of graves, I encourage everybody to do this because in addition to locating the grave, the amount of history that can be uncovered is great. I have made a complete grave registration of all Civil War Veterans in Allegheny County. So far I have recorded 1,395 and have a five or six line mini-biography of each one.

In F., C., & L., David Orr National Historian

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE COORDINATOR

Currently there are 266 Members-at-Large (MAL). We again suffered significant losses because of non-payment of dues for two or more years. A number of MAL have transferred to local camps and three requested discharges. At this time there are approximately 30 MAL who are one year in arrears. Our losses could have been worse. Forty-two members who were one year in arrears have brought their dues up to date. Many said they were paying their dues again because they had began receiving the *Banner* once more. Brother Lee sent copies of the *Banner* to the MAL dropped last year and four sought reinstatement.

During the past year, 327 letters inquiring about members and correspondence from MAL were answered. The MAL is submitting a check in the amount of \$400.00.

In F., C., & L., Richard C. Schlenker, PC-in-C National Membership-at-Large Coordinator

REPORT OF THE BANNER EDITOR

The *Banner* is alive again! After publishing the Fall 1988, *Banner*, and mailing it out to the membership (2,574), I felt that I had really accomplished something. However, *Banners* started coming back with no such address; moved, left no address; forwarding address expired; no such number and deceased. This flow of returned *Banners* continued for over 12 weeks and numbered over 500. How depressing!

Some Department Secretaries sent me news articles alone with their Department

rosters.

On October 6, 1988, I mailed out letters to all the Department Commanders that had not sent me their latest up-to-date rosters. Commander-in-Chief Clark W. Mellor sent out his General Orders #1, Series 1988-1989, Section #4, of the Fall 1988, *Banner* and ordered all Department Secretaries to send the *Banner* Editor the current list of all their members with their addresses. Commander-in-Chief Mellor also repeated this Order in his General Orders 2, 3, and 4. However, I am still lacking the following Camp rosters: Department of Rhode Island, Camps 7, 11, 17, 19, and 21; Department of Vermont, all Camps; Department of Maine, Camps 1, 5, 7, 10, and 35; Department of , Camps 34, 54, 65, 87, 141, and Camp-at-Large Bill Yank Camp 65 - Missouri and Oklahoma.

A complete mailing list has been set up on a computer in Des Moines, Iowa. I made 1,010 changes that included misspelling of names, change of address, misspelled addresses and changes in zip codes.

The Winter 1988, *Banner* was published (2,752) and mailed out to the membership during March 1989. Only 127 Banners were returned after this mailing.

All the necessary forms, paperwork and publications have been sent into the Rates & Classification Center, Chicago, Illinois, so the *Banner* can receive the "Non-Profit Organization" classification in order to get the lowest 3rd Class Bulk Rate postal fees.

My recommendations are:

- 1. That the *Banner* change its current format of being a newsletter of just past events. We need a calendar of upcoming events from the National Organization and all the Departments who want to participate;
- 2. The subscription fee of the *Banner* be increased from \$3.00 per year to \$4.00 per year;
- 3. That all the return postage is to be paid by the National Organization after receiving paid receipts from the *Banner* Editor, who is now paying this expense out of his pocket. As of July 31, 1989, it has cost me \$414.13;
- 4. The practice of sending out complimentary *Banners* be extended to include the Past National Presidents of the Auxiliary;
- 5. Due to the 3rd Class Bulk Rate of postage that to Organization is

required to pay which is 16.7 cents for each *Banner* compared to the "Non-Profit Organization" Bulk Rate which is 8.4 cents for each Banner. I'm requesting a \$250.00 budget increase per mailing of the *Banner*, and

6. That I be appointed by the Council of Administration for the year 1989-1990 as Editor of the *Banner*.

In F., C., & L. James 0. Lee Banner Editor

NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

National Committee on Program and Policy

Your Committee on Program and Policy for the current year has the following recommendations:

Picture of the Commander-in-Chief each year be distributed to each Department within 30 days of assuming office—this will provide the identify of the Commander-in-Chief to those members who are physically unable to attend a National Encampment.

Assign printing of National Proceedings to the *Banner* Editor each year. To ensure printing of Proceedings and maintain record of each Proceeding as he receives the Commander-in-Chief's General Orders, Washington Representative's synopsis and is kept apprised as to the general news throughout the year.

Make available a Camp Commander's badge to each Camp. This would set the Camp Commander's badge apart from the membership badge. This would enhance that position and the badge would then be passed each year to the new Camp Commander as is the Department Commander's badge.

That a licensed, bonded stenographer be retained on a permanent basis to take minutes of each National Encampment. To provide a legally bonded professional who is capable of taking appropriate minutes at the National Encampment. That this be done under contract, thereby legally binding that stenographer to produced within a specified time a typed copy of the proceedings prior to payment for services.

That Camp Commanders be allowed the privilege of being an automatic delegate to the National Encampment as is the Department Commander. This would afford a new Camp Commander the right to a voice and vote on the floor of the

National Encampment, thereby beginning his training and education toward possible future officer as Department Commander. It also would encourage attendance at National Encampments of Camp Commanders and establishing an incentive to move through the chairs in their Camps.

In view of the diminishing numbers of the Civil War uniform, and in further view of the present world situation, we believe we should more actively than we have of late, encourage the enlistment of young men in our Sons of Veterans Reserve. This both from patriotic motives, as well as for the purpose of having the uniform of the Civil War in evidence on patriotic occasions, parades and the like. If this is done right, it will result in good publicity for our Order. We should from now on unite to encourage it, no matter how; perhaps, some of us have felt about it heretofore. If it is worth doing at all, it is worth doing well, and it cannot be so done, if we either hold back with reservation or are not unanimous in supporting the movement. Unless we are to abolish the wearing of the uniform, perhaps we should go still further, and so far as we can, all of us purchase and don the uniform when we march in our parades at our Encampments, instead of using indiscriminate dress as we do now, which in no way impresses the public either in our appearance or in our numbers. Though in the past we may have opposed this, conditions today are very much changed—and with those changed conditions, perhaps we too, may well alter our view. We need sorely the publicity this would give.

In F., C., & L., William L Simpson, PC-in-C, Chairman National Committee on Program and Policy

National Encampment Site Committee

You are now attending the 1989 National Encampment and I hope that all is going smoothly. Elsie Squires and her Auxiliary members have done a fine job in arranging the Encampment.

Contracts are signed for the 1990 Encampment to be held at the Hotel Ft. Des Moines in Des Moines, Iowa, Sunday, August 12 - Wednesday, August 15, 1990. Rooms are \$62.00 guaranteed, single, double, triple, or quad.

Arrangements are nearing completion for 1991 to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana. As this is the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), we have extended an invitation to the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Woman's Relief Corps to join with us in an Encampment of the five Allied Orders of the GAR. Information has been extended to both so that they can make their decision soon. We would like to have a contract signed within a couple of months.

The Department of Pennsylvania has extended an invitation for the five Orders to hold the National Encampment in Pittsburgh in 1992.

In F. C. & L., Charles W. Corfman, Chair National Site Committee

National Military Affairs Committee

Following Commander-in-Chief Mellor's announcement of his committee assignments all members of this Committee were notified of their appointment on October 12 by the chairman and furnished the Regulations of the SVR, goals of the Committee and a call for a meeting at Gettysburg on Remembrance weekend.

Annual reports of the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) Commander, Inspector General and previous National Military Affairs Committee (NMAC) Chairman were requested with none being forthcoming.

In an attempt to determine the actual strength and personnel of the SVR, District and Unit Commanders were requested to submit rosters. The Third Military District (Ohio) responded immediately. Another District Commander reported never having had a roster of his troops since the usual strength reports do not give names. The two eastern districts, First and Second, furnished rosters by the end of the calendar year.

Four Committee members met with Commander-in-Chief Mellor and General Chester Shriver on Friday, November 18, at Gettysburg. The General requested NMAC approval for the establishment of a cadre for staff who were no longer active but wished to remain members. Approval was given. He then announced transfers to the cadre, new staff assignments and other promotions. With good rapport prevailing, the meeting was most productive.

The traditional SVR breakfast was held Saturday morning the 19th at the Dobbin House at which time the mentioned changes were announced in General Orders 1 and 2. Adjutant General Bury announced his retirement.

A full day of events followed being the 125th Anniversary of the dedication of the National Cemetery by President Lincoln. The Lincoln Fellowship held its traditional program as always on the 19th and our own Remembrance Day on the Saturday nearest the 19th coinciding and the Park Service having special dignitaries and program for the occasion made for much excitement and anxiety for staff.

The Committee approved the appointment of Maj. Donald Roberts as the

Adjutant General, effective January 1, 1989.

Major Roberts is to be commended for the deliberateness with which he assumed his duties, especially his zeal in developing a complete roster of members in good standing through his dues collection efforts. The May issue of his Roster showed approximately 265 members in the Reserve.

A good working relationship existed between the General and the Committee as he shared SVR problems and sought advice.

We deeply regret the passing of General Chester S. Shriver on July 26, 1989 following serious surgery in mid-June.

We would report that the National SVR Encampment in October at Carrollton, Ohio, was poorly attended, that new blood is coming into the Reserve and that some units report a few non-SUVCW members but are working to correct that situation.

We hope that the National Budget Committee will look with kindness toward the annual contribution to the SVR with perhaps a modest increase as it faces some apparent trying times.

In F., C., & L., Richard C. Schlenker, PC-in-C, Chair National Military Affairs Committee

National Committee on Fraternal Relations

The writing of this report was done by relying on what has been passed on by verbal reports. We have no written statements from the several Departments of the National Organization.

Previous Committees have tried to have guidelines set up for the reporting of activities at the Department level. What the Fraternal Relations Committees did for their reports in 1987 and 1988, we do not know at this time. No word was passed on for the Committee to use in making this report. No Encampment Proceedings have been published or distributed on an organization-wide basis for some time.

The Committee feels that it is safe in saying that our fraternal relations have remained good and/or no worse than they have remained for many years. Regional activities are known to take place in the New England Region. The Central Regional Area holds meetings throughout the year. In , the Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association and the Lehigh Valley Association hold annual dinners which foster fraternal relations.

While the several Grand Army Allied groups may not always see eye to eye on all matters, a degree of good fraternal relations has been maintained.

In looking back to see what was done and proposed in the past for these Committee reports, recommendations were made from year to year. However, it would appear that not very much was done to implement any recommendations as made from year to year.

This Committee would suggest that by following the report of the 1981 Encampment Committee, an updated plan could be established to serve as a means to gather data on our fraternal relations.

In F., C. & L., Ivan Frantz, Sr., Chair National Committee on Fraternal Relations

National Committee on Americanization and Education

Departments and Individual Camps have been lax or plain neglectful on reporting activism in these areas. We feel that there is effort being exerted and worthwhile accomplishments being made. We urge that in the future a written exchange of these successful programs could prove of benefit and should be available to Camps or Departments desiring to make use of them.

One area that caused a great deal of concern was the American flag and the Supreme Court's decision regarding the its desecration. Their vote, which was based on their interpretation of the United States Constitution, has done much throughout our great country to remind the general public that such things as the Flag of our Country, that we often take for granted, are really important to many people after all. We, with our proud heritage dating back to the "Boys in Blue" of the Grand Army of The Republic, dare not rest till this travesty has been rectified by whatever means is necessary. The men and women, who have served their country beneath the emblem of their great country must be wondering, was their service worthwhile?

We should urge Members, Camps, Departments, and the National Organization to actively support those in authority that are willing to stand up and be counted, regarding their positions on the issue of the burning of American Flags, realizing that there is a proper ceremony for this purpose, and contacting those who are cold or indifferent to this issue, informing them of our thoughts in the hope of getting their support also. By doing this we can keep faith with our predecessors who have joined the ranks of Camp Eternal.

In F., C., & L.,
Richard L. Greenwalt, PC-in-C, Chair
National Committee on Americanization and Education

National Committee on Legislation

Your Committee, appointed to study legislation of interest and concern to our Order, begs leave to submit the following report to you and through you to the Officers and Delegates attending the 108th Annual Encampment. In so doing, your chairman wishes to acknowledge the fine cooperation extended by the Editor of the *Banner*, Brother James O. Lee, in printing the quarterly updates from the Committee. This has helped immeasurably to keep our Membership informed of current issues.

Status of Monday Holiday Legislation. Two measures have been introduced in the 101st Congress to return Memorial Day to its traditional date of May 30. H.R. 1050, sponsored by Representative Phil Crane of Illinois, would return Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day and Columbus Day to their traditional calendar dates. In an Extension of Remarks on February 22, 1989, Representative Crane quoted from *a Washington Times* editorial as follows:

"The price of these dubious achievements (Monday holidays) is one more sacrifice of tradition at a time when that commodity is in serious short supply. Draining holidays of meaning and color, the plan does honor chiefly to the dollar. Obviously, it is good for travel agencies, motels, gas stations and chronic weekenders. But is that is all the holidays are to mean, then why even retain their names? They might as well be numbered."

Representative Helen Delich Bentley of Maryland has introduced H.R. 1876, which would designate May 30 as the federal observance of Memorial Day. In the Senate, Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii is sponsoring S. 680 which would authorize the President to issue a proclamation calling on the American people to observe Memorial Day and Veterans Day as "days of prayer and ceremonies showing respect for American veterans of wars and other military conflicts."

In the House of Representatives, measures dealing with holidays are first considered by the Subcommittee on Census and Population. The composition of that panel in the 101st Congress is as follows: Chairman, Representative Thomas C. Sawyer of Ohio; Ranking Minority Member, Representative Thomas J. Ridge of; other members are Representative Mervyn Dymally of California; Representative Robert Garcia of New York; and Representative Rod Chandler of Washington. Representatives Dymally and Garcia are longtime members of the subcommittee while the other three, including the chairman, are new to the panel

this year.

Other holiday legislation of interest includes H. R. 977, introduced by Representative Steve Gunderson of Wisconsin, which would remove the designation of the third Monday in February as a legal public holiday known as "President's Day." Representative Gunderson sees that observance simply as a "heyday" for retailers and a guaranteed three-day weekend for federal employees. He estimates that upwards of \$40 million could be saved if only the federal workers employed in the District of Columbia were required to work on that day and double that amount if *all* federal employees were on the job on that day.

H.R. 746, introduced by Representative Richard T. Schulze of , would authorize the establishment of a federal commission to advise on proposals for national observances.

The Flag Decision. In the final weeks of its term, the U.S. Supreme Court rendered several controversial and far-reaching decisions. One of those cases, *Texas v. Johnson*, involved the constitutionality of a Texas law which banned desecration of the American flag. In that case, one Gregory Johnson, a member of an extremist, revolutionary fringe group, instigated a public flag burning as a protest action during the week of the Republican National Convention in Dallas in August of 1984. A divided Court held that Johnson's conviction under the Texas flag desecration statute was a violation of the guarantee of free speech, which is protected under the First Amendment. Before discussing the case and its consequences, we should note the following:

A year ago, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, that state's highest tribunal, had overturned Johnson's conviction. Thus, the Supreme Court affirmed the action of the Texas appellate court in its interpretation of the Texas statute. In prosecuting Johnson, Texas authorities had relied solely on the untested flag desecration law and did not press additional charges of disorderly conduct or breach of the peace, charges that would have likely withstood any court challenge. In this case, the members of the Supreme Court did not split along predictable or ideological lines. Rather, three liberal judges and two conservative Justices voted to throw out the flag law while three conservative Justices and one liberal Justice voted to uphold Johnson's original conviction.

Every state with the exceptions of Alaska and Wyoming has a flag desecration law on its books. Thus the stage was set for a discussion of the constitutional protection of symbolic free speech as that involved our flag and the power of government in exercise of its authority to safeguard that flag.

As the spokesman for the Court, Justice Brennan, its most senior member,

argued that the flag has earned a cherished place in our society but that by punishing its desecration, the freedom that it represents is diluted. Justice Brennan went on to observe:

"If there is a bedrock principle underlying the First Amendment, it is that the government may not prohibit the expression of an idea simply because society finds the idea itself offensive or disagreeable ... We have not recognized an exception to this principle even where our flag has been involved."

In a concurring but separate opinion, Justice Kennedy declared,

"The hard fact is that sometimes we must make decisions we do not like ... And so great is our commitment to the process that, except in a rare case, we do not pause to express distaste for the result, perhaps for fear of undermining a valued principle that dictates the decision. This is one of those rare cases."

Finally, Justice Kennedy observed,

"It is poignant but fundamental that the flag protects those who hold it in contempt."

Chief Justice Rehnquist, speaking for a minority of four, quoted extensively from a series of patriotic and inspirational pieces to buttress his assertion that the flag holds a special and protected place in our society. In so doing, he noted,

"But the Government has not established this feeling; 200 years of history have done that. The Government is simply recognizing as a fact the profound regard for the American flag created by that history when it enacts statues prohibiting the disrespectful public burning of the flag."

In a separate but concurring dissent, Justice Stevens stressed the symbolic significance of the flag as the embodiment of those ideals, which Americans hold dear, and he explained,

"The value of the flag as a symbol cannot be measured ... sanctioning the public desecration of the flag will tarnish its value – both for those who cherish the ides for which it waves and for those who desire to don the robes of martyrdom by burning it.'

Shortly after the decision was announced, a flurry of resolutions and proposed amendments to the Constitution began circulating in both houses of Congress. First the Senate and then the House of Representatives passed non-binding

resolutions which were critical of the decision. Then, on June 23, 1989, the Senate attached a rider sponsored by Senator Joseph Biden of Delaware to a child care measure. That rider would make it a crime for anyone to "knowingly and publicly mutilate, deface, burn, display on the floor or ground or trample upon the American flag" but removed the words, "cast contempt upon" from the statutory language as a means of answering the objections raised by the Court to the limitation on free speech s it found in the Texas case.

As the Congress recessed for its Fourth of July break, President Bush endorsed a constitutional amendment offered by Representatives Robert Michel of Illinois and G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery of Mississippi which would read as follows:

"The Congress of the United States shall have the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States."

On July 13, 1989, the House Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights under the chairmanship of Representative Don Edwards of California held its first hearing on the matter. Based on the witnesses who appeared at that initial session, we, as citizens of a free republic, should be in for a treat, a full-blown debate on the fundamentals of the Constitution and how our rights are protected and what limitations exist on the reach of governmental power. Advocates of a constitutional amendment maintain that it is the only remedy that can resolve the issue. They point out that the passage of an amendment is not an easy process and if successful, will still require enabling legislation to give it effect across the land. They argue that without an amendment, a flag law cannot be fashioned that will satisfy a majority of the present Court.

Those who believe that statutes can be revised to meet the objections of the Court maintain that the passage of laws means a quicker and more direct response to the issue than does the more cumbersome and time-consuming process of amending the Constitution. They are loathe to change or "tamper with" the Constitution over a matter like flag burning and prefer a statutory remedy. They argue that an amendment designed to protect the flag may have the effect of "amending" or changing the free speech guarantees of the First Amendment.

A third group maintains that neither a constitutional amendment nor changes in the law are needed or required because both would have the effect of limiting symbolic speech which is exemplified by a flag burned in protest of a policy of action of government. While they may personally abhor such conduct, they are willing to defend one's right to make a fool of himself and face the ridicule of society. They see the flag as being strong enough to withstand any assault, physical or otherwise.

Supports of the Michel-Montgomery Amendment do not see it as limiting the provisions of the First Amendment but simply as a means of allowing the federal

and state governments to make it a crime to mutilate the flag. They would not attempt to ban disrespectful speech, cartoons, or other depictions of the flag.

Other Measures of Interest. H.R. 875 would expand the boundaries of the Fredericksburg-Spotsylvania National Military Park. H R. 27 would authorize acquisition of property for the Andrew Johnson Historic Site to honor our 17th President. H.R. 1823 would allow burials on weekends and holidays in national cemeteries.

On April 11, 1989, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 999 to reauthorize the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. On May 25th, that measure was reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and National Resources. On May 23, 1989, the House the appointment of enlisted members of the Armed Forces to the American Battle Monuments Commission. That bill is now in the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee.

<u>Recommendation 1</u>: That we urge that congressional hearings be held to consider the merits of H.R. 1050 and H.R. 1876, measures that would restore the Federal observance of Memorial Day to May 30.

Recommendation 2: That we urge the Congress to give careful consideration to the passage of a constitutional amendment as well as changes in statutory law designed to respond to the issue of the desecration of our flag.

<u>Recommendation 3</u>: That we commend the 100th Congress and, in particular, Senator Dale Bumpers and Representatives Robert Mrazek, Michael Andrews, and Frank Wolf for their successful efforts in preserving the integrity of the Manassas (Bull Run) National Battlefield Park.

<u>Recommendation 4</u>: That we urge consideration of H.R. 875 regarding the boundaries of the Fredericksburg-Spotsylvania National Military Park.

It is a privilege to have been associated with my Brothers, Forest F. Altland and Francis Lipp in the work of this committee and to have been able to serve our Order in this capacity during the year that is about to close.

In F., C., & L., Thomas L. W. Johnson, Chair National Committee on Legislation

National Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance

The 33rd Annual Lincoln Tomb Observance ceremony, sponsored by our Order with the active assistance of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) and the Lincoln Deathday Association, Inc., was held April 15, 1989, and recorded the attendance of 59 organizations that presented commemorative wreaths and 78 persons who gathered at the Lincoln Plaza

Hotel for the luncheon following the rites.

As a part of the ceremony, brief addresses were given by Commander-in -Chief Clark W. Mellor, and by LTC Cyril C. Gumbinger who represented Commander-in-Chief William H. Upham of the MOLLUS.

At the luncheon following the ceremony, George Painter, National Park Service staff historian at the Lincoln Home National Historic Site, gave a talk on the home life of the Lincoln family while they lived in Springfield. Edward G. Pree introduced Mr. Painter and gave a tribute to the late George L. Cashman in making the introduction. Thomas L.W. Johnson asked for a moment of silence in honor of the late Martin P. Dutch who died during the past year. Martin Dutch was a longtime friend of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony and was Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of MOLLUS at the time of his death.

The 114th Illinois volunteer Infantry. provided a color guard, bugler and drummer under the command of Col. Robert M. Graham, a co-chairman of the ceremony. Capt. John L. Satterlee served as chaplain. The Lanphier High School Band of Springfield rendered several appropriate selections for the occasion.

Among the dignitaries present were Catherine S. Zapatka, National President of our Auxiliary, and Mrs. Martin P. Dutch, who represented the National President of the Dames of the Loyal Legion. The Grand Army family was represented by Margaret Hills, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Mary E. Petry, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, Inc., and by Thelma Pant, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles Corfman was present as was James O. Lee, Editor of the *Banner*.

The ceremony received television and press coverage in the Springfield area.

Departments of our Order which presented wreaths were Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Five of those Departments had their Department Commanders on hand. Departmental Auxiliaries taking part were Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin. In addition, Gen. John A. McClernand, Camp #4 of Springfield, Illinois, and Gen. Grenville M. Dodge, Camp #75, Des Moines, Iowa, took part as did local Auxiliaries from Des Moines, Springfield and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. For a complete account of the 1989 ceremony, your attention is invited to a forthcoming issue of the *Banner*.

Your Committee is very much aware and deeply appreciative of the fine support and generosity of the National Organization in providing the funds necessary to sponsor this ceremony each year. Without that dependable source of support, the ceremony could not have developed and grown as it has over the years. We believe we have been prudent in making expenditures and in relying on as much volunteer help as we have been able to obtain in the various phases of programs planning and development. Here we would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the invaluable contributions made each year by Past National President Ellinore K. Johnson in her capacity as a special consultant.

A complete report of expenses incurred in the conduct of the 1989 ceremony has been filed with the National Treasurer and is available for inspection.

Recommendations: In consideration of the standard of quality established and maintained over the years despite ever rising costs for goods and services and in recognition of the demands made upon the National Organization for financial support for many worthy projects, your committee recommends the renewal of its appropriation of \$400.00 for the conduct of the 1990 ceremony. Next year, 1990, will mark the 125th anniversary of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.

Additional funds as needed to meet projected expenses will be requested from the Lincoln Deathday Association, Inc., which receives financial support from the George L. Cashman Trust. This trust was established under the Will of the late Brother Cashman to help in providing for the necessary expenses which could not be met by the appropriation from the National Organization. This additional source of funds has been of great help as we strive to conduct a ceremony that will be in keeping with both the aims and objectives of our Order and in recognition of the stature of the man we are honoring, Abraham Lincoln.

In F., C., & L., Robert M. Graham, Co-chair Thomas L.W. Johnson, Co-chair

National Committee on Remembrance Day

(Copy of report was not available)

National Committee on Constitution and Regulations

We have the honor to present this, the report of the Committee of its activities during the administrative year ending at this Encampment.

Due to the energetic and able leadership of our Commander-in-Chief, most situations were resolved promptly and without difficulty. Your chairman has considered and answered many questions referred to him verbally or in writing, including those from others of the Allied Orders. Of the ones submitted for consideration, two are singled out as they will be of particular interests to the Members of our Order as a whole.

One involved the possibility of a Camp leaving a Department and becoming a Pertinent to this are provisions of the Constitution and Camp-at-Large. Regulations. Reference to Constitution Article VI, Section 5 and Article VII, Section 2; and Regulations Chapter I, Article I, Section 3 and Chapter I, Article I, Section 4. The opinion was given that there is no provision of the Act of Congress or the Constitution or Regulations allowing the conversion or affiliation of a state Camp to a Camp-at-Large. Therefore, such conversion or affiliation is not possible as the structure of our Organization presently exists. As can be seen, if a Camp ceases to exist for any reason as a component part of a Department, the Department acquires all of its money and property of every kind. The Camp is deliberately made the basic entity of our Order, as are similar units of other fraternal, hereditary or veterans' organizations. The Camp is autonomous and rules itself, subject only to proper by-laws and rules of the superior divisions of the Order. Camps-at-Large are authorized only in states in which no Department exists at the time of their organization.

The second matter involved activity in or affiliation with the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) which is the authorized military feature of our Order. This is covered by Chapter IV of the Regulations, and states that to be eligible for membership a Brother shall be a Member in good standing of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, which in turn means that to be in good standing the Brother must not be in a suspended status for non-payment of his dues or for other reason. If in good standing as above mentioned, he may participate in the activities of the SVR with all of its benefits and privileges; otherwise, he must not be allowed to be identified with it. It was suggested that the Camps ascertain the facts periodically.

To list and comment on all items brought up would consume much time and burden you unduly, but let me say that the year has been a most interesting one, and speaking for the committee as a whole we appreciate the opportunity of serving our Order in this capacity and thank the Commander-in-Chief for the confidence placed in us, and at the same time congratulate him on a most outstanding year of accomplishment.

In F., C., & L., Joseph S. Rippey, PC-in-C, Chairman National Committee on Constitution and Regulations

ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE REPORTS

Restoration of Rank

The Committee herein recommends the restoration of the below legal description of both the Coat of Arms and the Seals of the Order as previously contained

within the Regulations of the Order be reinserted into our National Regulations.

ARTICLE III. Coat of Arms

The Coat of Arms of the Order shall be as follows:

Shield.—The field is white; two sabers crossed, points up, in proper colors, ensigned by a wreath of laurels, green; on a chief azure [Heraldic blue cobalt]; the rising sun, gold; in the disc the monogram "S.U.V." in vermilion, on the white field arrange thirteen stars of five points, as in cut in vermilion.

Supporters.—On the right a solider, in fatigue uniform, [without arms] of blue trousers, zouave cap, cross and waist belts of brown leather, on the buckle the letters "U.S." On the left, a sailor in navy-blue shirt and trousers, black silk necktie and regulation cap.

Crest.—An eagle [American] on rocks, in proper colors.

The scrolls containing the mottoes are white, shaded at the end with crimson lake; letters black; the ornaments bordering the shield, and under the same, of gold; the flags, naval and military, with cannon and muskets, all in their proper places and color.

ARTICLE V. Seals

The seals of the Commandery-in-Chief and the several Departments of the Order shall consist of the full Coat of Arms of the Order, surrounded, for the Commander-in-Chief, with the words "Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War," and for the Departments, with the words "------ Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War."

The Camp seals may consist of the Crest of the Coat of arms, surrounded by thirteen stars, and under the roll shall appear in Roman numerals the year of the organization of the Order [1881]. The words shall be surrounded with the words, "------Camp No. -----, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War," and the location, town or city and state shall be added to the same.

The Committee also recommends that permission be given to the Davis * Camp to use the gold flag as it Camp flag.

In F., C., & L., Gordon R. Bury, PC-in-C, Chair Restoration of Rank Committee A motion was made and seconded to approve the above recommendations; motion passed.

Officers Reports

Commander-in-Chef:

- 1. Continue ceremonies, Concur Passed
- 2. Continue scholarships, Concur Passed
- New budget and monthly expenditure statements, Concur -Passed
- 4. Pre-encampment audit, Concur Passed
- 5. Increase Scholarship by \$50.00, Concur Passed
- 6. Increase Commander-in-Chief's allotment to \$2,000, **Concur - Passed**

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief – No Recommendation

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief – No Recommendations

Secretary-Treasurer – No Recommendations

National Counselor

Past and new Commanders-in-Chief share information, **No Action**National Patriotic Instructor – No Recommendations
National Genealogist

- 1. Duplicate Applications **Nonconcurrence Passed**
- 2. Change National Genealogist to National Registrar, Nonconcurrence Passed

National Graves Registration Officer – No Recommendation

Washington Representative – No Recommendations

National Chief of Staff - No Recommendations

National GAR Highway Officer – No Recommendations

National Historian – No Recommendations

National Membership-at-Large Coordinator – No Recommendations

Banner Editor

- 1. Banner list upcoming events, Concur Passed
- 2. Subscription fee increased to\$4.00 per year, **Concur Passed**
- 3. Return postage paid by the National Organization based provided receipts, **Referred to Council of Administration**
- 4. Complimentary *Banners* extended to Auxiliary Past National Presidents, **Concur Passed**
- 5. Increase budget by \$250.00 per mailing of the *Banner*, **Referred to Budget Committee**
- 6. Appointed by the Council of Administration as Editor of the *Banner*, **Referred to Council of Administration**

Committee Reports

National Committee on Program and Policy

- Distribute picture of new Commander-in-Chief to all Departments -Concur - Passed
- Printing of Proceedings given to Banner Editor, Nonconcurrence -Passed
- 3 Provide all Camps with a Camp Commanders Badge.
 Nonconcurrence Passed
- 4. Substitute Allow Camps to silver dip a membership badge to identify the Camp Commander, **Concur Passed**
- 5. Retain a stenographer for transcribing the Encampments, **Nonconcurrence Passed**
- 6. Allow Camp Commanders to be automatic Delegates to National Encampments, **Nonconcurrence Passed**
- 7. Actively increase the SVR, Nonconcurrence Passed

National Site Encampment Committee

- Site of 1991 Encampment Indianapolis, Indiana, Concur -Passed
- 2. Site of 1992 Encampment Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Concur Passed

National Military Affairs Committee – No Recommendations National Committee on Fraternal Relations

- 1. Update plan and contacts from year to year, No Recommendation National Committee on Americanization and Education
 - 1. Support opposition to flag desecration, **Concur**

National Committee on Legislation

- 1. Restore the federal observance of Memorial Day to May 30, Concur Passed
- 2 Support of Constitutional amendment against desecration of our flag, Referred to Resolution Committee
- 3. Commend the 100th Congress in preserving the integrity of the Manassas (Bull Run) National Battlefield Park, **Concur Passed**
- Urge passage H.R. 875 regarding the boundaries of the Fredericksburg-Spotsylvania National Military Park, Concur -Passed

National Committee on Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

1 Continue with \$400.00 annual allocation to Committee, **Concur - Passed**

Resolutions

1. Resolution objecting to the portrayal of the Union soldier in *Gone With the Wind -* **Concur - Passed**

- 2. Resolution to support Constitutional amendment to the U.S. Constitution outlawing any desecration to the American flag **Concur and transmit same to government officials Passed.**
- 3. Resolution to change regulation to not seat delegates of Departments who are two quarters in arrears **Tabled**
- 4. Resolution to thank hotel **Tabled**
- 5. Resolution to thank host committee **Concur Passed**

Audit

The Encampment Audit Committee reported that an audit of the Treasurer's records had been conducted and that the books were found to be in order.

Constitution and Regulations

- 1. Add Department Officers to bonding Section, Concur Passed
- 2. Allow Past Camp Commanders to wear neck ribbon (of Camp colors) and sash, **Concur Passed**

Budget

Proposed Budget 1989 - 1990

RECEIPTS:		
Per Capita tax assessment on 1,800 members at \$5.00 each	h	\$9,000.00
Registration fees from 58 delegates at \$5.00 each		290.00
Sale of supplies		3,000.00
Auxiliary gift		500.00
Income from Permanent Fund, savings and investments		3,600.00
New Camp application fees and charter fees		100.00
Monthly earned interest on checking account		700.00
Uncommitted funds - Membership-at-Large		
Returned unused funds for the Banner*		2,542.00
Allocated from the GAR Fund		<u>4,282.13</u>
	Total	\$24,414.13
	Total	\$24,414.13
DISBURSEMENTS:	Total	\$24,414.13
DISBURSEMENTS: Commander-in-Chief's expenses		
Commander-in-Chief's expenses National Treasurer's expenses		\$2,000.00
Commander-in-Chief's expenses National Treasurer's expenses National Secretary's expenses		\$2,000.00 900.00
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Commander-in-Chief's expenses National Treasurer's expenses National Secretary's expenses Purchase of supplies Printing, stationary, postage and telephone		\$2,000.00 900.00 3,000.00 1,000.00
Commander-in-Chief's expenses National Treasurer's expenses National Secretary's expenses Purchase of supplies Printing, stationary, postage and telephone Printing and mailing of Proceedings 1982-1885, 1987-1989		\$2,000.00 900.00 3,000.00 1,000.00 6,300.00
Commander-in-Chief's expenses National Treasurer's expenses National Secretary's expenses Purchase of supplies Printing, stationary, postage and telephone		\$2,000.00 900.00 3,000.00 1,000.00 6,300.00

Transcribing Proceedings The Banner Past Commander-in-Chief's jewel Certified Public Accountant Out of pocket expenses Banner editor		5,100.00 400.00 3,500.00 414.13
Miscellaneous	Total	<u> </u>
APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GAR FUND		
Student scholarship award		300.00
Lincoln Memorial Ceremony		70.00
Lincoln Tomb Ceremony		400.00
GAR Remembrance Day		400.00
Memorial at the Cathedral of the Pines		25.00
National Military Department, SVR		
GAR Campfire program expense		400.00
Fraternal Relations Committee		50.00
Printing of forms for contributions		100.00
Miscellaneous		
Allocated to General Fund		4.282.13
		\$6,402.13

^{*}Carryover entry from previous year not spent.

In F., C., & L. Joseph S. Rippey, PC-in-C, Chair Encampment Budget Committee

A motion was made and seconded that the proposed budget be approved; motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

The National Patriotic Instructor reported that a total of \$2,613 had been raised.

The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief reported that a total \$278.00 had been raised, which brought the total fund to \$1,517.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made and seconded to have the *Banner* accept in-house advertising; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to add more boxes for engraving and to reinstitute General Grant Award; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to lower the National Encampment registration fee to \$5.00; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to have the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chef use his fund to advertise in appropriate Civil War magazine; motion passed.

FINAL REPORT OF THE ENCAMPMENT CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Commander-in-Chief Mellor requested a report from the Encampment Committee on Credentials. It was reported that 59 delegates were registered, 49 present and 10 absent.

NOMINATION, ELECTION, AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 1989/1990

The following officers were nominated and elected:

Commander-in-Chief	Charles Corfman
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief	George Long
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief	Lowell V. Hammer
National Secretary	James T. Lyons(1990)
National Treasurer	Richard D. Orr (1990)
Council of Administration Member	

The following appointments were announced by Commander-in-Chief-elect Charles Corfman:

National Counselor	Richard Orr
National Chaplain	Gary Gibson
National Patriotic Instructor	Roger Wheeler
National History Book Coordinator	Keith Harrison
National Grave Registration Officer	Charles Sharrock
National Personal Aide	Richard Schlenker, PC-in-C
Washington Representative	Richard Schlenker, PC-in-C
National GAR Highway Officer	Alan Loomis
National Chief of Staff	Norm Furman, PC-in-C
National Historian	David Orr
National Member at Large Coordinator	Richard Orr
Banner Editor	James Lee

All elected and appointed officers were duly installed by PC-in-C Richard Schlenker and then escorted to their respective stations.

ADJOURNMENT

Commander-in-Chief Corfman ritualistically adjourned the 108th Annual National Encampment until the 109th Annual National Encampment in 1990 in Des Moines, Iowa.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

POST-108TH ANNUAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

SHERATON STAMFORD HOTEL & TOWERS STAMFORD. CONNECTICUT

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18,1989

Commander-in-Chief Charles Corfman called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. The Invocation was given by PC-in-C Rev. Richard Partington.

Attendance: Commander-in-Chef Corfman; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief George; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Lowell Hammer; Council of Administration members, PC-in-C Joseph Rippey, PC-in-C Clark Mellor and Elmer Atkinson; National Secretary James T. Lyons, National Treasurer Richard Orr, Washington Representative PC-in-C Richard Schlenker; *Banner* Editor James Lee; PC-in-C Richard Partington; and PC-in-C Gordon Bury.

A motion was made and seconded to set the National Patriotic Instructor's goal at \$2,000; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to set the Life Member remittance to Camps at \$8.00; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to set the MAL dues at \$10.00; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to have Kathy Powers (Iowa) transcribe the 1982 and 1989 Proceedings at \$5,00 per hour; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize *Banner* Editor to publish 1988 Proceedings up to 200 copies; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize one of four signatures to sign checks (R. Orr, C. Corfman, R. Schlenker, G. Long); motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to pay Jo Ann Wheeler \$575 for transcribing; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to pay James Lee \$413.13 out-of-pocket expenses for return of undeliverable *Banners*; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to pay one half of the memorial program expense; motion passed.

Commander-in-Chief Corfman appointed Elmer Atkinson to assist the National Treasurer with supplies.

Commander-in-Chief Corfman appointed PC-in-C Richard Schlenker, Elmer Atkinson, and George Long to close out office of late PC-in-C Secretary-Treasurer Shriver.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the National Treasurer to move bank accounts for his convenience, if desired; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded that holders of National property should have riders added to home owners insurance policies; motion passed.

The next Council of Administration meeting will take place at 9:00 am on Sunday, November 9, 1989 at the Holiday Inn in Gettysburg,

The Council of Administration meeting was adjourned 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Richard C. Schlenker, PC-in-C National Secretary Pro temp.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1. Membership Statistics,1988 - 1989.

		Standing 30, 1988		Standing 30, 1989	<u>Cha</u>	ange
<u>Departments</u>		Members		Members	Camps	Members
Calif. & Pac.	11	27	<u>0amps</u> 9	25	<u>-2</u>	-2
Colorado & Wyo	1	23	1	31	0	+8
Connecticut	4	43	4	36	Ö	-7
Illinois	4	57	4	54	0	-3
Indiana	6	82	6	93	Ö	+11
lowa	2	43	2	50	Ö	+7
Maine	6	64	- 6	57	Ö	-7
Maryland	2	94	3	98	+1	+4
Massachusetts	15	263	15	258	0	-5
Michigan	8	138	7	136	-i	-2
New Hampshire	6	91	4	55	-2	-36
New Jersey	8	158	8	151	0	-7
New York	12	230	13	223	+1	-7
Ohio	9	128	9	149	0	+21
Pennsylvania	25	505	25	526	0	+11
Rhode Island	5	26	5	31	0	+5
Vermont	2	16	2	16	0	0
Wisconsin	3	61	4	74	+1	+13
Mem-at-Lg	1	319	1	266	0	-53
Camps at Large						
R.M. Smith #21	1	6	1	6	0	0
S.C.	4	00		00	0	•
Ft. Chicamauga #21 Okla.	1	26	1	26	0	0
Sherman-Yank #65 Mo.	1	24	1	26	0	+2
Florida Camp #1	1	30	1	31	0	+1

Appendix 2. Financial Report, 1988 - 1989.

All funds deposited at: Gettysburg National Bank 10 York Street Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325

Super NOW Account 10-66106-6-13 (General Checking Account)

Balance June 30, 1988 \$16,071.02 Balance June 30, 1989 \$13,803. 31 (Interest earned at 5.25% = \$793.81)

Certificates of Deposit

100614 \$10,000 I82days @ 8.40% Mat 8/23/89 auto-renew 106685 \$5,000 2 years @ 7.45% Mat 3/13/90 106747 \$22,000 4 years @ 7.75% Mat 3/29/92 76023763 \$5,000 5 years @ 8.25% Mat 11/4/93, new 11/88 (Interest earned is deposited in NOW account by treasurer)

Bank reported calendar year earnings to IRS for 1988:

 Super NOW
 \$ 766.10

 100614
 \$ 676.14

 106685
 \$ 380.63

 106747
 \$1900.25

 Total
 \$3723.12

Total Assets per June 30,1989

 Super ~0W
 \$13,803.31

 CD 100614
 \$10,000.00

 CD 106685
 \$5,000.00

 CD 106747
 \$22,000.00

 CD76023763
 \$5,000.00

Stock Supp \$ 9,000.00 (Forms and Medals)

Total \$64,803.31

<u>Safe Deposit Box</u> 10-860 at G.~.B. paid through 12/31/89 (\$7.00)

P.O. Box 3024 Gettysburg 17325 paid 6/29 through 12/31/89(\$14.00)

Ohio Casualty Ins. Co.

Fidelity Bond 2-848-484-8 3yrs 8/1/89-8/1/92

Fire insurance GFO 628-26-37 3yrs 2/10/87-2/10/90 3283 Hoff Road, Spring Grove, PA 17362 (\$54.00) \$100 deductible \$5000 coverage

Appendix 3. Commander-in-Chief General Orders, Series 1989/1990.

(Copies of the General Orders were not available)

Appendix 4. List of Past Commanders-in-Chief.

ELEC	TED NAME	DEPARTMENT	ELECT	ED NAME	DEPARTMENT
1881	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	1935	*Richard F. Locke	Illinois
1882	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	1936	*William A. Dyer	New York
1883	*Frank F. Merrill	Maine	1937	*Willam A. Dyer	New York
1884	*Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania	1938	*William L. Anderson	Massachusetts
1885	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	1939	*Ralph R. Barrett	California
1886	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	1940	*J. Kirkwood Craig	Minnesota
1887	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	1941	*Albert C. Lambert	New Jersey
1888	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	1942	*Henry Towle	Maine
1889	*Charles L. Griffin	Indiana	1943	*C. Leroy Stoudt	Pennsylvania
1890	*Leland J. Webb	Kansas	1944	*Urion W. Mackey	Michigan
1891	*Bartow S. Weeks	New York	1945	*H. Harding Hale	Massachusetts
1892	*Marvin E. Hall	Michigan	1946	*Neil D. Cranmer	New York
1893	*Joseph B. Maccabe	Massachusetts	1947	*Charles H.E. Moran	Massachusetts
1894	*William E. Bund	Ohio	1948	*Perle L. Fouch	Michigan
1895	*William H. Russell	Kansas	1949	*John H. Runkle	Pennsylvania
1896	*James L. Rake	Pennsylvania	1950	*Cleon E. Heald	New Hampshire
1897	*Charles E. Darling	Massachusetts	1951	*Roy J. Bennett	lowa
1898	*Frank L. Shepard	Illinois	1952	*Frederick K. Davis	Wash & Oregon
1899	*A.W. Jones	Ohio	1953	*U.S. Grant III	Maryland
1900	*Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania	1954	*U.S. Grant III	Maryland
1901	*Edward R. Campbell	Maryland	1955	*Fredrick G. Bauer	Massachusetts
1902	*Frank Martin	Indiana	1956	*Fred E. Howe	New York
1903	*Arthur B. Spink	Rhode Island	1957	*Albert B. DeHaven	Maine
1904	*William C. Dustin	Illinois	1958	*Earl F. Riggs	California
1905	*Harvey V. Speelamn	Ohio	1959	*Harold E. Arnold	Rhode Island
1906	*Edwin M. Amies	Pennsylvania	1960	Thomas A. Chadwick	Virginia
1907	*Ralph Sheldon	New York	1961	*Charles L. Messer	New York
1908	*Edgar Allen, Jr.	Maryland	1962	*Chester S. Shriver	Pennsylvania
1909	*George W. Pollit	New Jersey	1963	Joseph S. Rippey	New York
1910	*Fred E. Bolton	Massachusetts	1964	Joseph S. Rippey	New York
1911	*Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	1965	*W. Earl Corbin	Ohio
1912	*Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	1966	*Frank Woerner	California
1913	*John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania	1967	William H. Haskell	Massachusetts
1914	*Charles F. Sherman	New York	1968	*Frank M. Heacock, Sr.	Pennsylvania
1915	*A.E.B. Stephens	Ohio	1969	Fred H. Combs, Jr.	New Jersey
1916	*William T. Church	Illinois	1970	*George L. Cashman	Illinois
1917	*Fred T.J. Johnson	Pennsylvania	1971	Norman R. Furman	New York
1918	*Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania	1972	*John C. Yocum	Pennsylvania
1919	*Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts	1973	*Allen B. Howland	Massachusetts
1920	*Phelam A. Barrows	Nebraska	1974	*John H. Stark	Pennsylvania
1921	*Clifford Ireland	Illinois	1975	Clarence J. Riddell	Pennsylvania
1922	*Frank Shelhouse	Indiana	1976	Kenneth T. Wheeler	New Hampshire
1923	*Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania	1977	*Harold T. Bielby	New York
1924	*William M. Coffin	Ohio	1978	Richard L. Greenwalt	Ohio
1925	*Edwin C. Irelan	Maryland	1979	*Elton O. Koch	Pennsylvania
1926	*Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts	1980	*Richard E. Wyman	New Hampshire
1927	*Walter C. Mabie	Pennsylvania	1981	Harry E. Gibbons	New York
1928	*Delevan B. Bowley	California	1982	Richard C. Schlenker	Maryland
1929	*Theodroe C. Cazeau	New York	1983	Willaim L. Simpson	Pennsylvania
1930	*Allen S. Holbrook	Illinois	1984	Eugene E. Russell	Massachusetts
1931	*Frank C. Huston	Indiana	1985	Donald L. Roberts	New York
1932	*Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania	1986	Gordon R. Bury II	Ohio
	*Park F. Yengling	Ohio	1987	Richard O. Partington	Pennsylvania
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1883	*A.P. Davis	Pennsylvania
1899	*R.M.J. Reed	Pennsylvania
1939	*Horace M. Hammer	Pennsylvania
1953	*Albert Woolson	Minnesota

SONS OF VETERANS

1881	!*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvaia
1882	!*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania
1883	!*Edwin Earp	Massachusetts
1884	!*Edwin Earp	Massachusetts
1885	!*Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania
1886	!*Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania
1887	!*Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania

THE POST SYSTEM

1889-90	!*George W. Marks	New York
1890	!*George T. Brown	New York

PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDER

*E. Howard Gilkey Ohio

^{*} Deceased

[!] Conferred by the Commandery-in-Chief

Appendix 5. List of Past National Encampments.

Appendix 5.	LIST OF Past	. National Encampments.	
NUMBER	YEAR	DATES	LOCATION
1st	1882	October 18	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
2nd	1883	August 6 - 7	Columbus, Ohio
3rd	1884	August 27 - 30	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
4th	1885	September 17 - 18	Grand Rapids, Michigan
5th	1886	September 1 - 2	Buffalo, New York
6th	1887	August 17 - 19	Des Moines, Iowa
7th	1888	August 15 - 17	Wheeling, West Virginia
8th	1889	September 10 - 13	Patterson, New Jersey
9th	1890	August 26 - 29	St. Joseph, Missouri
10th	1891	August 24 - 29	Minneapolis, Minnesota
11th	1892	August 8 - 12	Helena, Montana
12th	1893	August 15 - 18	Cincinnati, Ohio
13th	1894	August 20 - 23	Davenport, Iowa
14th	1895	September 16 - 18	Knoxville, Tennessee
15th	1896	September 8 - 10	Louisville, Kentucky
16th	1897	September 9 - 11	Indianapolis, Indiana
17th	1898	September 10 - 14	Omaha, Nebraska
18th	1899	September 7 - 9	Detroit, Michigan
19th	1900	September 11 - 13	Syracuse, New York
20th	1901	September 17 - 18	Providence, Rhode Island
21st	1902	October 7 - 9	Washington, D.C.
22nd	1903	September 15 - 17	Atlantic City, New Jersey
23rd	1904	August 17 - 19	Boston, Massachusetts
24th	1905	September 18 - 20	Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
25th	1906	August 20 -23	Peoria, Illinois
26th	1907	August 20 - 21	Dayton, Ohio
27th	1908	August 25 - 27	Niagara Falls, New York
28th	1909	August 24 - 26	Washington, D.C.
29th	1910	September 20 - 22	Atlantic City, New Jersey
30th	1911	August 20 - 25	Rochester, New York
31st	1912	August 27 - 29	St. Louis, Missouri
32nd	1913	September 16 - 18	Chattanooga, Tennessee
33rd	1914	September 1 - 3	Detroit, Michigan
34th	1915	September 28 - 30	Washington, D.C.
35th	1916	August 30 - 31	Kansas City, Missouri
36th	1917	August 22 - 23	Boston, Massachusetts
37th	1918	August 20 - 21	Niagara Falls, New York
38th	1919	September 9 - 11	Columbus, Ohio
39th	1920	September 22 - 23	Indianapolis, Indiana
40th	1921	September 27 - 29	Indianapolis, Indiana
41st	1922	September 26 - 28	Des Moines, Iowa
42nd	1923	September 4 - 6	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
43rd	1924	August 12 - 14	Boston, Massachusetts
44th	1925	September 1 - 3	Grand Rapids, Michigan
45th	1926	September 21 - 23	Des Moines, Iowa
46th	1927	September 13 - 15	Grand Rapids, Michigan
47th	1928	September 18 - 20	Denver, Colorado
48th	1929	September 10 - 12	Portland, Maine
49th	1930	August 26 - 28	Cincinnati, Ohio
50th	1931	September 14 - 17	Des Moines, Iowa
51st	1932	September 19 - 22	Springfield, Illinois
52nd	1933	September 19 - 21	St. Paul, Minnesota
53rd	1934	August 14 - 16	Rochester, New York
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NUMBER	YEAR	DATES	LOCATION
54th	1935	September 9 - 12	Grand Rapids, Michigan
55th	1936	September 22 - 24	Washington, D.C.
56th	1937	September 6 - 9	Madison, Wisconsin
57th	1938	September 5 - 8	Des Moines, Iowa
58th	1939	August 29 - 31	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
59th	1940	September 10 -12	Springfield, Illinois
60th	1941	September 15 - 18	Columbus, Ohio
61st	1942	September 15 - 17	Indianapolis, Indiana
62nd	1943	September 20 - 23	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
63rd	1944	September 12 - 14	Des Moines, Iowa
64th	1945	October 1 - 4	Columbus, Ohio
65th	1946	August 25 - 29	Indianapolis, Indiana
66th	1947	August 10 - 14	Cleveland, Ohio
67th	1948	September 26 - 30	Grand Rapids, Michigan
68th	1949	August 28 - 31	Indianapolis, Indiana
69th	1950	August 20 - 24	Boston, Massachusetts
70th	1951	August 19 - 23	Columbus, Ohio
71st	1952	August 24 - 28	Atlantic City, New Jersey
72nd	1953	August 23 - 27	Buffalo, New York
73rd	1954	August 8 - 13	Duluth, Minnesota
74th	1955	August 21 - 25	Cincinnati, Ohio
75th	1956	September 1 - 15	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
76th	1957	August 18 - 22	Detroit, Michigan
77th	1958	August 17 -21	Boston, Massachusetts
78th	1959	August 16 - 20	Long Beach, California
79th	1960	August 21 - 25	Springfield, Illinois
80th	1961	August 20 - 24	Indianapolis, Indiana
81st	1962	August 19 - 23	Washington, D.C.
82nd	1963	August 18 - 23	Miami Beach, Florida
83rd	1964	August 16 - 20	Providence, Rhode Island
84th	1965	August 15 - 19	Richmond, Virginia
85th	1966	August 14 - 15	Grand Rapids, Michigan
86th	1967	August 6 - 10	Chicago, Illinois
87th	1968	August 18 - 22	Wilmington, Delaware
88th	1969	August 17 - 21	St. Louis, Missouri
89th	1970	August 23 - 27	Miami Beach, California
90th	1971	August 15 - 19	Boston, Massachusetts
91st	1972	August 13 - 17	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
92nd	1973	August 5 - 9	Palm Springs, California
93rd	1974	August 18 - 22	Bretton Woods, New Hampshire
94th	1975	August 10 - 14	Rochester, New York
95th	1976	August 15 - 19	Columbus, Ohio
96th	1977	August 14 - 18	Des Moines, Iowa
97th	1978	August 13 - 17	Grand Rapids, Michigan
98th	1979	August 12 - 15	Hartford, Connecticut
99th	1980	August 10 - 14	Richmond, Virginia
100th	1981	August 9 - 13	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
101st	1982	August 14 - 18	Providence, Rhode Island
102nd	1983	August 15 - 19	Portland, Maine
103rd	1984	August 12 - 16	Akron, Ohio
104th	1985	August 10 - 15	Wilmington, Delaware
105th	1986	August 10 - 13	Lexington, Kentucky
106th	1987	August 9 - 12	Buffalo, New York
107th	1988	August 14 - 17	Lansing, Michigan
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Appendix 6. List of Delegates to 108th National Encampment.

- 1. Altland, Forest
- 2. Atkinson, Elmer F.
- 3. Bernner, David
- 4. Black, Herman T.
- 5. Bury, Gordon R. II
- 6. Combs, Fred H.
- 7. Corfman, Charles W.
- 8. Covev. Leslie E.
- 9. Dixon, Peter A.
- 10. Douglas, John
- 11. Durning, Thomas F. Jr.
- 12. Foight, Frank A. III
- 13. Furman, Norman R.
- 14. Gauthier, Joseph
- 15. Gibbons, Harry E.
- 16. Gibson, Gary
- 17. Greenwalt, Richard L.
- 18. Gregory, Robert
- 19. Hammer, Lowell V.
- 20. Heacock, Frank M. Sr.
- 21. Hotaling, Gage E.
- 22. Houchin, Joseph M.
- 23. Johnson. Thomas L.W.
- 24. Kegerise, Paul C.
- 25. Ledwith, James Y.
- 26. Lee, James O.
- 27. Long, George W.
- 28. Loomis, Alan
- 29. Lufkin, Richard P.
- 30. Lyons, James T.

- 31. Macomber, Wallace J.
- 32. Mayhew, Jonathan T.
- 33. Mellor, Clark W.
- 34. Moll, Nathan E.
- 35. Morey, Charles W.
- 36. Niffenegger, Ray
- 37. Oakley, Kenneth
- 38. Orr, Richard D.
- 39. Orr. David B.
- 40. Orton, Jerome L.
- 41. Parks, Edward W.
- 42. Partington, Richard O.
- 43. Peiper, Ralph
- 44. Peterson, Alan E.
- 45. Prince, Edgar
- 46. Reed, David N.
- 47. Riddell, Clarence
- 48. Rippey, Joseph S.
- 49. Roberts, Donald L.
- 50. Rule, William C.
- 51. Russell, Eugene E.
- 52. Schlenker, Richard C.
- 53. Schmidt, George
- 54. Simpson, William L.
- 55. Tucker, Frank J.
- 56. Werkheiser, Robert U.
- 57. Wheeler, Roger A. Sr.
- 58. Wheeler, Kenneth T.
- 59. White, Maurice