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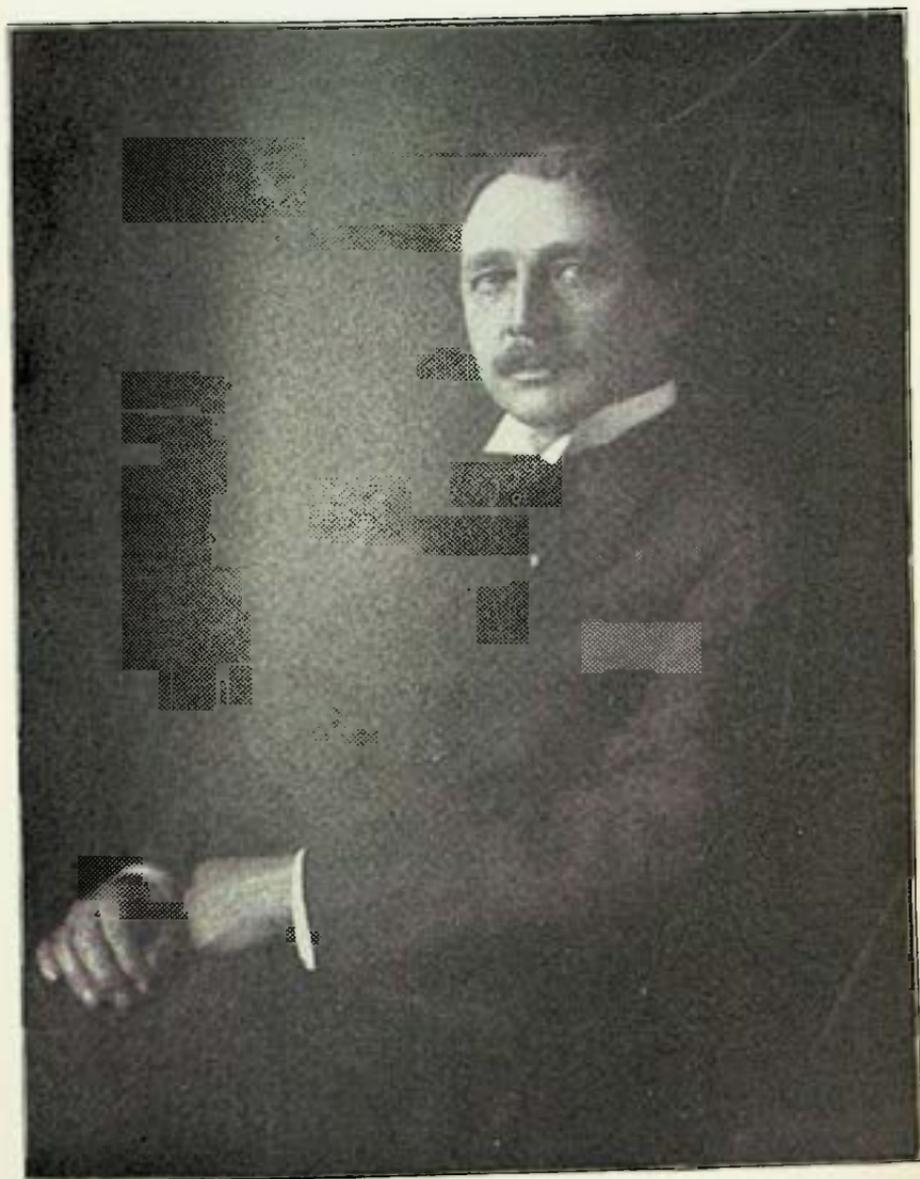
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Past Commander-in-Chief.



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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Encampment was called to order at 2 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, August 30, 1916, at The Coates House, Kansas City, Missouri, with A. E. B. Stephens, Commander-in-Chief, in the Chair.

Commander-in-Chief Stephens: The officers and members of the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will come to order.

ROLL-CALL OF NATIONAL OFFICERS.

The roll-call showed the following National Officers present:

A. E. B. Stephens, Commander-in-Chief.
C. E. Batchelor, Council-in-Chief.
Fred J. McMurtrie, Council-in-Chief.
Edwin M. Amies, Chief of Staff.
Horace H. Hammer, National Secretary.
H. Harding Hale, National Counselor.
W. Y. Morgan, National Patriotic Instructor.

Past Commanders-in-Chief present:

George B. Abbott, of Illinois.
William H. Russell, of Kansas.
Frank L. Shepard, of Illinois.
Edward R. Campbell, of Maryland.
William G. Dustin, of Illinois.
H. V. Speelman, of Ohio.
Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania.
Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut.
Charles F. Sherman, of New York.

Commander-in-Chief: I will appoint the following acting officers:

Arthur I. Vescelius, New Jersey, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

G. W. Harrington, Kansas, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

A. A. Bronsdon, Massachusetts, National Chaplain.

William Anderson, New York, Inside Guard.

L. W. McComb, Wisconsin, Inside Guard.

L. S. Barnes, Ohio, Inspector.

W. Frazer, Missouri, Outside Guard.

E. E. Schoening, Missouri, Color Bearer.

The Encampment was opened in due form.

Commander-in-Chief: I will announce the following

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, Chairman.

A. A. Boyer, Illinois.

Michael Crowley, New Hampshire.

W. S. Bellby, New York.

S. L. Carpenter, Iowa.

Commander-in-Chief: The members of the Credentials Committee will please assemble and attend to their duties.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon the Ladies of the G. A. R. have an open meeting to receive greetings from the different organizations. I would like to have the members of the committee which I will announce extend the greetings to the ladies, and later on to the other organizations.

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL GREETINGS.

Charles F. Sherman, New York.
G. W. G. Estover, Illinois.
A. A. Bronsdon, Massachusetts.
Frank Shellhouse, Indiana.
W. B. Moynihan, New York.

COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Ralph M. Grant, Connecticut.
Fred A. Kesler, Kansas.
C. A. Whittlesey, Ohio.
E. W. Homan, Massachusetts.
L. W. Garoutte, Nebraska.

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Edwin M. Amies, Pennsylvania.
W. H. Russell, Kansas.
W. M. Coffin, Ohio.
A. D. Rhinesmith, Illinois.
L. A. Derby, Massachusetts.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

H. V. Speelman, Ohio.
E. R. Campbell, Maryland.
Henry M. Bender, New Jersey.
Chas. L. Pitcher, Michigan.
Robert T. Alcorn, Connecticut.

COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND CEREMONIES.

George B. Abbott, Illinois.*
L. W. McComb, Wisconsin.
Jesse A. Ditson, Colorado and Wyoming.
John C. Howes, Maine.
Charles J. Miller, Pennsylvania.

COMMITTEE ON PRESS.

Wm. G. Dustin, Illinois.
L. L. Roberts, Missouri.
George W. Swift, Michigan.
M. W. Rider, Missouri.
C. A. Dorsey, Missouri.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now hear the preliminary report of the Committee on Credentials.

National Secretary: The Committee report the following credentials presented: I move that the partial report as read be considered as the first roll-call and as other credentials are presented that their names be read and that they be considered as members of the Encampment.

The motion was seconded and agreed to. (See Official Roll Call in back of book, those present being marked with an *).

Commander-in-Chief: Brothers, before we proceed with our Encampment, Brother Dorsey will give us a few words of welcome.

C. A. Dorsey, of Missouri: Brothers, the affairs of Missouri are today like the expression credited to Bobby Burns, "The best laid plans of mice and men aft gang alee." We expected to have a past mayor and Past Division Commander of Missouri extend to you a few words of welcome. But, unfortunately he was not able to come here. However, it is the "Show me state," as you know; you are all welcome. We hope you will go away feeling that you have been well taken care of. I will present Brother Treadway, of our local Camp. However, on behalf of Missouri Division and my home town, I heartily welcome you today.

Frank S. Treadway, of Missouri: Brother Commander-in-Chief and members of the Commandery-in-Chief, on behalf of Major William Warner Camp No. 36, Division of Missouri, I extend to you the hearty welcome to Kansas City. We will endeavor to entertain you this evening. The Camp and Auxiliary invite you to participate in an informal reception this evening at the Ashland Theater, to be followed by a watermelon feast on the lawn across the street.

Commander-in-Chief: We are now ready for the officers' reports. Before presenting my report for the work done during the past year. I want to thank the Brothers who are here and the local Brothers for turning out today in the parade. There were 256 in line. As we have been recognized as the official escort of the Grand Army of the Republic, it is very fitting that we should all turn out on these occasions.

REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Headquarters Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Cincinnati, Ohio, August 1, 1916.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Greeting:—

For thirty-five years it has been the duty of each succeeding Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans to give an account of his leadership and direction of the affairs of the Order. As we look back, we see a long line of illustrious men who served in the ranks, and in the Camps and Divisions, as officers, who through earnest, efficient and patriotic work for the Order finally gained the topmost round as director-general or Commander-in-Chief.

When the Encampment at Washington, D. C., conferred upon me the honorable position of Commander-in-Chief, I stated in my acceptance that I would expect the assistance of all who were present at that time and their friends, and am glad to say here that in my work I have been blessed with the cordial co-operation of our membership everywhere.

How well I have performed the duties of that great office is for you to judge. I am sure that I have tried to do my duty. I have endeavored to use all the ability that nature has given me, in directing the affairs of our Order. Now that my work

is about completed, I realize that any success which I may have achieved has been due largely to the kindness of all who have so willingly assisted me in the effort to make our organization stronger and better.

While we who have been permitted to assemble here once again may rejoice at the goodness of the Great Commander, we are again reminded of the certainty of death in the passing away of some of our Brothers of long standing in our membership, and who in the past have contributed so much to the success of our annual gathering.

NECROLOGY.

Among those who passed away was Brother Arthur B. Spink, who was Commander-in-Chief in 1904-5. He died at his home in Providence, Rhode Island. Brother Spink was a thorough military man and saw active service as a commissioned officer in the War with Spain. He was also connected with the National Guard of Rhode Island for some years, and was a zealous member of our Order, serving for a number of years on the Committee on Military Affairs where his suggestions were found to be of the greatest value.

It has pleased the Great Commander to call to rest Senator John M. Thurston, of Omaha, Nebraska.

Brother Thurston has been an active member of our Order during past years and was made a constitutional life member. As a public man, representing the great state of Nebraska in the Senate of the United States, he has made a name that will be lasting in the history of our country.

He had been ill for four weeks, and his death had been momentarily expected for several days. He died at his home in Omaha, August 9th, 1916.

Senator Thurston was, for a number of years, general counsel of the Union Pacific Railroad Company. He was sixty-nine years old. His wife and two daughters were at his bedside.

He was born at Montpelier, Vermont, August 21, 1847. He was one of President McKinley's closest advisers and during his services in Congress won national notice as an orator.

In 1872 he was married to Miss Martha Poland, daughter of Col. Luther Poland of Omaha. She died in 1898 and the next year he was married to Lola, daughter of William J. Purman, former Congressman from Florida, who survives him.

ADMINISTRATION.

After establishing headquarters at the Court House in Cincinnati, I began to get acquainted as much as possible with the Commanders of the different Divisions. From many of the Commanders I received assurance of their good wishes and evidences of plans for increasing the membership in the several Divisions. Ideas were exchanged and methods discussed, so that each Commander could profit by the experience of others. In this way I am sure a great deal of good was done. Yet I find that just about the time a Division Commander has accomplished results through work, experimental or tried, and is in a position to carry out his ideas and plans, to greater success, in building up his Division, the end of his term is reached and a new Commander assumes command.

I find that Divisions that have established permanent headquarters with the Secretary elected for a number of years, have

better opportunities to carry out plans and work that have originated in previous administrations. The success then of these particular Divisions will largely depend upon the ability, sincerity and faithfulness of the Secretary. It is very important that such a person should be chosen.

My first official visit was made to the Division of Michigan where a class initiation and banquet was held in Detroit on November 11th. This was a state affair. Prominent members of the Order from all parts of the state were present. Past Commander-in-Chief Washington Gardner of the Grand Army of the Republic and many of the Veterans of Michigan Department were present and took part in the patriotic program. A conference of the leading members of the Order was held concerning the plan of work for the Division. This meeting and conference bore good fruit as evidenced by the active work of the Michigan Division and incidentally by placing Past Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. Washington Gardner as a candidate for the Governorship of the State of Michigan.

The 25th Anniversary of Lookout Camp of Cleveland, Ohio, was celebrated at the Statler Hotel on November 20th. This was a state affair and brought together the Division officers of the different organizations. This was my second official visit and I was beginning to see that these affairs of state-wide importance and the publicity given them, were awakening among our citizens a broader conception of patriotism and civic responsibilities. Governor Frank B. Willis of Ohio, a member of Dennison Camp No. 1, of Columbus, Ohio, was one of the speakers on this occasion.

In February I attended Union Defenders Day banquets at Syracuse, New York; Albany, New York; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Trenton, New Jersey; and at Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., Elias R. Monfort, of Cincinnati, was a guest at Philadelphia and Trenton. At all of these places the prominent men of the community and state were present. At Albany Governor Whitman of New York and at Philadelphia United States Senator Penrose were distinguished guests.

In passing I wish to say I was given a very cordial welcome and one befitting the station I occupied, wherever I visited.

The Council-in-Chief appropriated \$1000.00 for the traveling expenses of the Commander-in-Chief, and while I have done considerable traveling during my term, there will be a balance returned back into the fund. While it may be urged by some that this money might be spent in other ways more advantageously to the Order, I am constrained to think, with my predecessors, that it is money well expended, and the practice should be continued, as it redounds not only to the advantage of the Order generally, but is a source of inspiration to the Commander-in-Chief, as the hearty welcome and fraternal greeting extended him everywhere will warm his heart and make him more than ever determined to give the best that is in him for the upbuilding of the Order.

OFFICERS AND STAFF.

The officers elected and appointed at the Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment have performed the duties that go with their offices and such other work that has been given them to perform. There are many ways and various methods by which these officers can make themselves very useful. However, each will sub-

mit his report and you will be able to judge the amount and character of work performed.

The wisdom of electing a permanent Secretary and Treasurer has been fully proven by the work of National Secretary Hammer and National Treasurer Rake.

Our Secretary is a veritable encyclopedia of Sons of Veterans wisdom and information. During his term as Secretary the membership has continued to grow. I have depended largely upon him for advice and information in directing the affairs of the Order. All of the good things other Commanders-in-Chief have said about him, I here reiterate, and I am more fully convinced than ever "that all good things are put up in small packages."

AIDES.

Believing heartily in the system of Aides, as inaugurated and continued by my predecessors, I have followed the plan of appointing, upon the recommendation of Division Commanders, members of the various Camps who have shown interest in the upbuilding of our Order, and during my term have named 120 Aides.

FINANCES.

The National Secretary's and Treasurer's report will give the financial transactions in detail, showing receipts during the year from supplies, and per capita tax, and the expenditures. The financial statement is published each month in General Orders so that the membership can be fully advised.

An effort was made to be as economical as possible in the administration of affairs during the past year. Whether we succeeded in this effort will be judged by a perusal of the Secretary and Treasurer's report.

In order to maintain our present financial condition, it is recommended:

(1) That the per capita tax remain at twenty-four (24) cents for the coming year.

DEATH BENEFIT ASSOCIATION.

As an economical means of paying death benefits, the Death Benefit Association, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., has been commended to the Camps of our Order. In many instances the D. B. A. has been the means of keeping alive the activities of a Camp. Numerous inquiries have been made concerning this association during the past year. I would suggest that this organization give more publicity through our official organ so that all members will be properly advised concerning its rules, regulations and condition.

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE.

This branch of the work of our Order, under the direction of Brigadier General Edwin M. Amies commanding, is proceeding in the even tenor of its way, but I regret to say is not receiving the support, generally, of the rank and file of our Order that its importance demands. This work, in my opinion, could be made very far-reaching in its results, not only to the Order but to the government, and an earnest effort should be made by the Commanders of the various Divisions to enlist as many of their members as possible in the Reserve, so that we would be able to tender to our government in the hour of her need a

goodly army, fully trained and equipped to do their part in maintaining the honor and dignity of our beloved country. The unpreparedness of our country at the present time should be a source of anxiety to every liberty-loving citizen, and especially should her almost defenseless condition appeal to the loyal Sons of Veterans, whose fathers fought and died that this glorious republic might live and stir them to renewed efforts to do away with the condition so intolerable.

DIVISION COMMANDERS.

The success of a Division largely depends upon its Commander. During the past year there was evidence of activity and executive ability in quite a number of the Divisions. The Commanders who had a good set of officers and staff and the enthusiasm of Camp officials were fortunate. The result of the combined work of such officers is found in the good reports of the several Divisions.

Letters from a number of the Commanders, containing plans and suggestions for the strengthening of the Order, have been received during the past year. Through this correspondence your Commander-in-Chief kept in touch with the activities of the different Divisions. I want to thank the Commanders who have given their time and effort to this work, for the good results achieved in their several Divisions.

Naturally, we have quite a number of Divisions that have not developed any particular aptitude for work. In some of these weaker Divisions a Commander may have the inclination, energy and ability, but is handicapped from a financial standpoint. Putting this energy and ability into action, I am sure a way can be devised to overcome the financial difficulty.

The Western Divisions that cover so much territory and are so sparsely settled haven't the advantage of many of the Eastern Divisions. The greater part of the work must be done by correspondence. The report of the National Secretary will give the strength of the different Divisions. The strongest Divisions are, according to report of March 31, 1916:

1st, Pennsylvania	14,550
2nd, Massachusetts	7,165
3rd, New York	6,867
4th, Ohio	4,966
5th, Illinois	2,412
6th, Connecticut	2,256
7th, Maine	2,244

The three largest Divisions have a greater membership than all the others combined. There is hope for the weaker ones, that the tender branch thereof will not cease, but will sprout again.

As a matter of comparison you will observe that New York is first in the number of soldiers furnished the Union during the Civil War, having given.....467,047

Pennsylvania, 2nd	366,107
Ohio, 3rd	319,659
Illinois, 4th	259,147
Indiana, 5th	197,147
Massachusetts, 6th	152,048
Missouri, 7th	109,111
Wisconsin, 8th	96,424
Michigan, 9th	89,372

There was a total of 2,865,028 in the Union Army during the war. If our Order had enlisted ten per cent of this number we would today have 286,502 members. Our possibilities are great. We will have to spend more time and some money in formulating plans to carry on the work in the several Divisions which seem to lag behind.

NEW CAMPS AND CHARTER MEMBERS.

The Secretary's report will show as follows:

Applications for charters for Camps were approved and new Camps instituted to July 31st, inclusive, as follows:

Division	Camp Applications	Applicants	New Camps	Charter Members
Alabama & Tennessee				
California & Pacific..	1	84	1	58
Colorado & Wyoming				
Connecticut	1	59	1	42
Illinois	3	75	3	75
Indiana	5	231	5	220
Iowa	4	170	4	168
Kansas	11	354	8	242
Kentucky	1	26	1	30
Maine	6	140	7	161
Maryland	6	141	6	125
Massachusetts	5	124	4	120
Michigan	6	150	5	112
Minnesota	4	70	4	63
Missouri	1	15		
Montano & Idaho....	1	15	1	15
Nebraska	3	89	3	84
New Hampshire				
New Jersey	6	181	4	85
New York	6	161	5	160
Ohio	11	484	11	424
Pennsylvania	19	392	20	486
Rhode Island	1	21	1	22
Vermont	5	114	4	90
Washington	2	73	3	65
Wisconsin	4	86	4	83
	112	3255	105	2930

Our increase will not be appreciated because of the loss of some forty Camps. This loss is to be deplored.

REFERENDUM.

On the question of changing the eligibility from eighteen years to sixteen years, a vote was taken in sixteen Divisions. The result of the referendum leaves the eligibility as it now is eighteen years, by a vote of 736 to 211.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

We are beginning to realize how rapidly the Veterans of the Civil War are passing away. The G. A. R. Posts are growing fewer each succeeding year. During the year ending December 31, 1915, sixty Posts surrendered charters.

The number of members in good standing December 31, 1914, were 159,863. The report for December 31, 1915 shows a

membership of 149,074. The loss by death during the year was 11,856.

The Grand Army of the Republic expended \$61,137.76 for relief during the year, relieving 2,453 members and families.

While our parent organization is growing weaker, we are growing stronger. They must lean on us and we should be fully prepared and equipped, to look after them during their declining years.

Our relations have been growing closer and closer with advancing time. At the beginning of this administration Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., Elias R. Monfort, of Cincinnati, directed the following letter of congratulation to your Commander-in-Chief:

"Headquarters
Grand Army of the Republic,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

October 29, 1915.

Col. A. E. B. Stephens,
Commander-in-Chief, S. of V.

Dear Friend and Comrade:—

It gives me genuine pleasure to respond to your letter of congratulations. In the same fraternal spirit I greet and congratulate you upon being chosen Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans. These are not idle words. In your Order are found the ideal American type of men, ready, fearless, true to their convictions and on the alert to stand for and defend what the fathers preserved and left as a heritage, to you and those who come after you, at so great a sacrifice. You need not climb to dizzy heights to see. Look about you from any standpoint in our wide expanse of territory. You will find it filled with happy homes of liberty loving people, industrious activity and commercial development. The very atmosphere is charged and perfumed with the sweetness of loving kindness and where sacrifice for others brings its reward of joy and hope. The sons and daughters are our ministering angels. In the name of the Grand Army of the Republic, I thank you and welcome your kindly helpfulness especially as the years bear heavily upon us. We know you will keep the flag we carried amidst the scenes of death and carnage unfurled, and never let that blood-stained banner, nor the principles it symbolizes, touch the ground. We must decrease, but my hope and prayer is that you will increase. I cannot understand how any Son of a Veteran who loves his Home and Country and has a spark of filial affection can fail to enlist under your banner if he cares to preserve the memory of his father's deeds and sacrifices.

Yours in F., C. & L.,

ELIAS R. MONFORT,
Com.-in-Chief G. A. R."

In company with Commander-in-Chief Monfort your Commander-in-Chief was entertained by the members of the Grand Army of the Republic as well as the Sons of Veterans at the following Division Encampments:

Massachusetts, at Boston;
 New Hampshire, at Concord;
 Connecticut, at New Haven;
 Kentucky, at Lexington;
 Indiana, at Evansville;
 Illinois, at Decatur;
 Ohio, at Marion;
 Wisconsin, at Ripon;
 Iowa, at Marshalltown.

For the first time in a number of years the headquarters of our parent organization, The Grand Army of the Republic, and that of our own, have been located in the same city. The Grand Army of the Republic, under the guiding hand of Commander-in-Chief Elias R. Monfort, has had a year of prosperity, barring the loss of members by death. When you consider that the average age of the soldier entering the service in 1861 was about nineteen years and that in the year 1916 we are fifty-five years removed from that eventful period, which would make the average of survivors of that great conflict seventy-four years, is it any wonder that death's inexorable toll is making sad inroads among the survivors. Soon, all too soon, will the scroll on which is indicted their valorous deeds be rolled up.

"Then shall their names,
 Familiar in our mouths,
 As household words,
 Be in our flowing cups freely remembered."

DECISIONS.

The following case was submitted to the Commander-in-Chief by William M. Coffin, Past National Counselor, under date of March 3, 1916, viz:

Question of legality of vote taken at the Thirty-fourth Encampment at Washington, D. C., 1915, amending the Constitution and Ritual, providing for the admission of Women's Societies to Sons of Veterans Camps.

The matter was referred to National Counselor H. H. Hale, under date of March 21, 1916, who, after considerable thought, made the following decision under date of June 8, 1916:

"I have carefully considered the several objections raised by different Brothers regarding your order appearing in the April issue of The Banner based upon my opinion with reference to the validity of the action taken at the Washington Encampment (1915) purporting to adopt an amendment to the Constitution providing for the admission of certain allied women's organizations to Camp meetings.

In reaching the opinion which follows, I have not allowed my own inclination, which is in favor of the adoption of the proposed amendment, to deter me from a fair, open-minded study of the arguments for and against the validity of the vote in controversy. On the other hand, I have endeavored to consider the question from an entirely impersonal standpoint.

Article III, Sec. 3, of the Constitution prescribes that 'a majority of the membership *reported* present and entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum.'

Chapter VII of the Constitution provides that it 'shall be altered or amended only by the Commandery-

in-Chief by a majority vote of the members *reported* present and entitled to a vote at a stated annual meeting.'

From the phraseology used in the words quoted, it is clear that the framers of the Constitution have marked out a well defined procedure both for the ascertaining of a quorum and the passage of legislation under the head of alteration or amendment. When a proposed amendment should reach the stage when it would be ripe for passage, it was laid down precisely what method of vote should be followed, namely, that 'only by a majority vote of the members *reported* present and entitled to a vote' could amendments become effective.

The majority, then, for the purpose of determining whether a quorum be present, as well as whether any part of the Constitution may be amended or suspended, is to be determined by the number of members *reported* present and entitled to a vote. Plainly, the use of the word "reported" in both the portions of the Constitution quoted above, has special significance here.

Webster's Dictionary defines the word "report" as 'a statement in writing of proceedings and facts exhibited by an officer to his superiors, such as the report of a committee to a legislative body,' etc.

It seems clear that, using the above definition, no other majority will satisfy the constitutional requirement than a majority of those *reported* present and entitled to a vote by the Committee on Credentials. To this body the Constitution has specifically committed the task of ascertaining who are to be the accredited members, and therefore voting members of the annual meeting.

At the beginning of the Thursday morning session, the record states that a supplementary report of this committee showed 191 members. So far as the record shows, that and the preliminary report constitute the only statement of the number present at the annual meeting of the body. The Encampment was thus duly informed as to how many constituted the membership and who had been officially found entitled to a vote.

But it is contended that because of a vote passed at this same Thursday morning session purporting to suspend Chapter VII, the requirement called for in the Constitution was not operative and therefore that a mere majority of those who actually voted was sufficient.

The Constitution itself contains no provision for suspension of any of its articles. Any change in a document of so solemn and permanent a character should, as far as possible, conform with its spirit and intent.

It is highly important that such spirit and intent be respected regarding so vital a matter as the suspension of the supreme and established law of the Order. Otherwise, the organization is exposed to the danger, at any time, of emotional, ill-advised or injurious changes in the organic law. In other words, there necessarily should be some check upon impulsive legislation as well as such as might be caused by a minority of the meet-

ing. (See Fish's American Manual of Parliamentary Law, Sec. 112).

In this opinion, I do not go so far as to say that it is not within the power of the Encampment to suspend an article or section or clause in the Constitution. The majority should control. However, when the Constitution directs how the majority should be determined, the meeting is bound to follow that direction.

Furthermore, any motion for suspension should clearly point out the particular provisions that should be made inoperative for the time being.

The motion of Brother S. S. Horn which resulted in the vote referred to, was (page 143) 'I move that Chapter VII of the Constitution be suspended during the report of the Committee on Constitution, and that all changes adopted be effective January 1st next.'

Brother Horn thus indicated a purpose to have the amendment become effective *sooner* than would be the case were the constitutional requirement of action by the next two consecutive annual meetings to be followed.

The mover exercised his undoubted right in limiting or qualifying his motion so that the changes adopted would be effective January 1st, 1916. That is as far as the scope of the motion went.

Furthermore, there is nothing in the record to indicate that throughout the discussion of this motion it was included in the purpose to depart from the prescribed method of voting.

In order to have given the matter the effect of making sufficient a majority of less than that prescribed, it should have contained language adequate to express such an intent.

For the reasons above stated, my opinion is:

1. That the vote on the Horn motion did not reach far enough to suspend the whole of Chapter VII of the Constitution, but had the effect only of suspending that portion of it relating to action by two succeeding annual meetings.

2. That the vote on the question of amending the Constitution as to the subject above referred to, it appearing on the record to have stood 78 in favor and 74 against, when the number reported present and entitled to a vote was 191, did not satisfy the constitutional requirement of a majority of the last mentioned number. Consequently, the vote failed to enact the amendment and was invalid."

In this opinion the Commander-in-Chief concurred, as well as in the informal opinion of Counselor Hale which was published in General Orders No. 4 of April 1st, 1916, where the revocation of the amendment in question was called to the attention of the Order. From the opinion of the National Counselor and the decision of the Commander-in-Chief, Past Grand Division Commander Frank H. Challis of New Hampshire and William L. Barnum, Commander of Illinois Division, have appealed under date of April 10th and 15th, 1916, respectively. The papers in the case will be presented for the action of the Thirty-fifth Encampment at Kansas City in 1916.

Robert T. Alcorn, Commander of the Connecticut Division, under date of May 17th, 1916, asked for an official opinion upon the following:

"On page 130 of the Proceedings of the Thirty-fourth National Encampment, held in Washington, D. C., under the Report of the Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies, Exhibit No. 4, Recommendation No. 3, as follows:

Recommendation from the Massachusetts Division as follows:

That the latter part of Section 7 of the General Instructions for Camps, in the front of the Ritual, be changed, or amended, so that it will provide that in arranging the altar for the meeting, that two crossed swords be placed under the Bible instead of upon it."

It was found, upon investigation, that the question did not carry, only upon its adoption as first reading. In order to correct this, it is recommended that the Encampment take the proper action at this time.

The question in regard to the matter of a change in the Constitution removing the old practice of suspension of members for the non-payment of dues was raised by New York Division. The following interpretation of the application of this amendment was given:

"The amendment states:

'Any member of a Camp who is one year in arrears in the payment of his dues, may, by a vote of the Camp, be dropped. Until his name is dropped from the Roll, the Camp is subject to per capita tax on such members. A dropped member may be admitted into the Order in the same manner as a new member.'

It is my opinion that all of those who are under suspension on the first of January would still be under suspension until re-instated or dropped. This new amendment took effect January 1st. Those who were under suspension at that time would still be under suspension, as the amendment would not be retroactive.

Under Section III 'Any member of a Camp who is six months in arrears in the payment of his dues may, by a vote of the Camp, be suspended, whereupon he shall be notified thereof by the Secretary. If suspended, he may not be permitted to enter the Camp room while the Camp is in session, and he shall not be entitled to vote at any election and shall be ineligible to any office until such dues are paid. While so suspended the Camp shall not be subject to the per capita tax on such member. Any member of a Camp who remains suspended six months, may by vote be dropped from the roll of membership.'

Naturally, suspended members are not in good standing and are not entitled to new passwords. This amendment does not place them in good standing. It is my opinion that those who are suspended should be carried as suspended until either dropped or re-instated."

VETERANS' NIGHT.

Following the recommendations made by Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman and in fulfillment of the action of the Na-

tional Encampment November 19, 1915, was designated as Veterans' Night. The date was considered very appropriate because it marked the anniversary of the delivery of the immortal address by Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg.

This night was generally observed, throughout the various Divisions, by patriotic meetings being held with the veterans of the community as the honored guests. The result of this observance was very beneficial to the Order. It gave prominence to the Camps locally and furnished the means of giving proper publicity. Activity counts, and the work of the Camps and Divisions must be kept before the public. The way to grow in importance is to do things.

The Sunday following November 19th was designated as an appropriate time to replace weather-beaten and faded flags on Veterans' Graves. Veterans' Night is observed on November 19th. It is fitting that this observance should be followed by the placing of new flags over the graves of the departed veterans.

Reports show that many Camps were active on this day, and it is to be hoped that the work will be more general this year, as greater time and notice has been given for preparation.

UNION DEFENDERS' DAY.

This has developed into a most important day of the year's patriotic celebrations. In some cities under the direction of the Sons of Veterans, patriotic exercises are held in every school house. This is a splendid opportunity for the various Camps to demonstrate their usefulness and carry out the principles for which they were organized. Many Divisions make state affairs of this day and give banquets and patriotic meetings that are of state and national significance. Through these affairs, the organization is growing broader and becoming factors in the larger affairs of our country.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Too much attention cannot be given to the arrangement for Memorial Day exercises. On the shoulders of the Sons of Veterans naturally must fall the work and responsibilities of its observance.

It is very gratifying to know that, where Camps are located, they are working under the direction of the Grand Army of the Republic, or taking full charge themselves in the affairs of the day.

AFFILIATED BODIES.

There has existed during the past year, as usual, the very pleasant fraternal relations among the allied patriotic organizations, and this has been very noticeable at the various state Encampments. That is as it should be, and may this spirit continue to increase. On several occasions, during the past year, the national heads of these organizations were on the same platform at Division Encampments. A very pleasant friendship was formed which will be lasting through years to come.

SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY.

This organization is continuing the good work begun by it in 1886 and has been of great assistance, not only in the organization of Camps, but in their maintenance after they have been established. Too much cannot be said in commendation of the

untiring energy of the members of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary in the different Divisions, where they have been keeping alive the interest in Sons of Veterans affairs. Their work at all times is worthy the united gratitude of the Sons of Veterans. To the National President, Mrs. Meis, I am under obligations for many courtesies during the past year. Every Camp would be benefited by having an Auxiliary attached to it. This is a fact that is self-evident and needs no argument.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

In several of the Divisions we are under obligations to the Woman's Relief Corps for help in organizing Sons of Veterans Camps and for other work done in strengthening existing Camps. On all occasions this organization has willingly aided in the observance of our patriotic days and we desire to thank them for their aid and assistance. To the National President, Mrs. Bahrenburg, we desire to express our appreciation for the many good words spoken at the different Encampments in behalf of the Sons of Veterans.

LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

What has been said concerning the good words spoken and help given us by the Woman's Relief Corps, can be repeated for the Ladies of the G. A. R. Mrs. Catherine DeLacy Roche of Scranton, Pennsylvania, the National President of the Ladies of the G. A. R., on all occasions gave expression of her interest in the Sons of Veterans. We had the pleasure of meeting at many of the Division Encampments.

DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS.

The Daughters of Veterans bear the same relationship to the Grand Army as we do. Their work had been very helpful to the parent organization and we have been working together in performing our duties and obligations to the G. A. R. The National President of this organization, Miss Katherine Flood, is stationed at the Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic where she aids in the efficiency of the affairs of the Grand Army under the direction of Commander-in-Chief Monfort and Adjutant General Dr. John Adams. We have been fortunate in having the national heads of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Daughters of Veterans and the Sons of Veterans located in the same city. I am under personal obligations to Miss Flood for assistance given me in various ways during the past year.

THE BANNER.

Our official organ "The Banner" is growing in importance and usefulness. It is unnecessary to say, that after years of service, in which it has played such an important part in building up our Order, we could ill afford to be without it. During the past year we have added a new feature to it through the effort of National Correspondent Speelman.

While containing general orders each month, it also publishes the general news of the Order and Divisions. I would suggest that hereafter the general orders of the G. A. R. or the important part of the general orders of the G. A. R., which would be of interest to our membership, with any other interesting or important G. A. R. news, be published and that arrangements be made by the Commander-in-Chief, to have a copy

of The Banner sent to every Grand Army Post in the country, if finances will allow. There are 5300 Posts at the present time.

This would be one plan for publicity. In this way a communication from the Sons of Veterans would reach every G. A. R. Post in the country each month. It would be putting Sons of Veterans news where it would do a wonderful amount of good in keeping the veterans of the G. A. R. advised as to the activities of our membership. I believe it would help the weaker Divisions and add strength to the stronger ones.

At present two pages of this publication is given to Sons of Veterans Auxiliary news. We are thus kept in close touch with the work of our Auxiliary.

I trust that The Banner will continue its usefulness under the direction of Past Commander-in-Chief Dustin; that it will not only grow in usefulness, but in size, and be the means of disseminating the principles and objects and work of our membership throughout the land.

NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT.

Thinking that the proper-kind of publicity would be good for our Order, Harley V. Speelman, of Washington, D. C., Past Commander-in-Chief, was appointed in General Orders No. 11 of November 1, 1915, National Press Correspondent, and we are glad to say Brother Speelman has rendered a good account of his stewardship as all who have read his articles in The Banner can testify.

THE JUNIOR ORDER.

Past Commander-in-Chief George W. Pollitt, of New Jersey, Brothers William Tretbar, of Philadelphia, and Wm. O. Cobb, Past Division Commander of Maine, were appointed the standing Committee on Junior Order Sons of Veterans. This committee had charge of the affair of the Junior Order during the past year. The report of National Secretary Hammer shows that the Junior Order exists in seven Divisions. An appropriation of \$300 was made to provide blank forms, books, rituals, etc. The development of the Junior Order can be made a great help to our membership. I would advise that it be given more prominence and publicity through the columns of our official organ, so that all Camps may be properly informed concerning its work and growth.

We are growing old. We must get the grandsons to add youth and energy to our organization.

CONCLUSION.

I have given a brief account of the duties performed by your Commander-in-Chief during the past year. I have made the report as short as possible. This has been a fortunate year. There have been no courts martial or any matters of discipline. There has not been a report of one dishonorable discharge.

I have been permitted to meet many of our members and have formed acquaintances and friendships that will be lasting through life. With thirty years of active work in Sons of Veterans affairs I have begun to grow old with others who were boys with me, then. Each succeeding year, with now and then a break, we have met at our annual encampments and discussed plans for the welfare of our beloved Order. In youth we were full of vigor and full of fight. As I glance around

our encampment I find we have mellowed with age and will now stand without hitching.

Our encampments have so improved in discipline and morals, that you would not know these gray-headed and bald-headed fellows were the youths, who often created comment and performed feats that would do credit to the wild and wooly cowboy of the West.

I want to say that I expect to be with you for thirty years more. I expect to be in the harness right along and you will find me at each recurring encampment, attending to such duties as may be assigned me.

Words fail and the wings of thought droop in their flight, to adequately portray to you my deep appreciation of the many courtesies, kindnesses and consideration received at the hands of the officers and members during the past year. To all I say farewell. And "Alas! Farewell! To all my greatness."

"Sail on nor fear to breast the sea
My heart, my hopes are all with thee;
My heart, my hopes, my prayers, my tears,
My faith triumphant, o'er my fears,
Are all with thee, are all with thee."

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

A. E. B. STEPHENS,
Commander-in-Chief.

GENERAL ORDERS

GENERAL ORDERS NO. X.

(Series of 1915).

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Cincinnati, O., Oct. 1, 1915.

I. Having been elected Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., at the Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, held in the City of Washington, D. C., September 27-30, 1915, command is hereby assumed and Headquarters are established at the Court House, Cincinnati, Ohio.

II. The following officers were elected and installed, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly, viz.: Commander-in-Chief, A. E. B. Stephens, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Edwin W. Sanford, No. 71 State St., Albany, N. Y.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, George Duffy, No. 1062 North Poplar St., Wilmington, Delaware.

Council-in-Chief: Clifford E. Bachelor, Ansonia, Conn.; H. C. Springston, No. 1125 Jefferson Building, Peoria, Ill; Fred J. McMurtrie, No. 424 Ford Building, Detroit, Mich.

National Secretary, H. H. Hammer, Reading, Pa.

National Treasurer, James Lewis Rake, Reading, Pa.

III. Staff Officers have been appointed as follows, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

National Counselor, H. Harding Hale, No. 78 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.

National Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Paul Robinson Hickok, No. 17 Fifth St., S. E., Washington, D. C.

National Patriotic Instructor, W. Y. Morgan, Hutchinson, Kansas.

Personal Aide, H. V. Speelman, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Additional Aides on the Staff will be announced in future orders.

IV. The per capita tax was unchanged and remains the same—twenty-four cents per annum, payable quarterly, and must be forwarded with quarterly reports—for quarters ending as heretofore, at the rate of six (6) cents per quarter.

All remittances, checks, drafts and money orders must be sent to the National Secretary, made payable to him, and to no one else. Requisitions for supplies must be sent to the National Secretary and must always be accompanied by the remittance to cover same.

V. Changes in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations were made as follows:

Strike out Section 3, Chapter 2, Article 3, (Page 8) and insert:

"Section 3.—Any member of a Camp who is one year in arrears in the payment of his dues, may, by a vote of the Camp be dropped. Until his name is dropped from the roll, the Camp *shall be* subject to per capita tax on such member. A dropped member may be again admitted into the Order in the same manner as a new member."

Section 3, Chapter 6, Article 2, (Page 45) strike out—the words "suspended or," so that this section shall read as follows:

"A member may be dropped for the non-payment of fines in the same manner and form as provided for in the case of the non-payment of dues."

A new section to be Section 2, Article 21, Chapter 6, was provided to read:

"Chapter 6, Article 21, Section 2.—Members of the Sons of Veterans, Auxiliary, The Woman's Relief Corps, The Daughters of Veterans, The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and The Army Nurses, when in good standing in their respective organizations *may* be admitted to the sessions of the Camp."

None of these or any other changes or amendments or laws affecting the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, are or will be effective, or in operation, until January 1st, 1916. All officers will be governed accordingly.

VI. The report of the Committee on Buttonhole Decoration, or lapel button, as recommended by the Committee in The Banner—issue of April, 1915. General Orders No. 4, 1915—was adopted. This action was the adoption of the bronze miniature design of the lower part of the Membership Badge. This decoration will be provided as soon as possible, in accordance with the action of the Encampment, listed on the requisition Form 1½ and Form 1, and be ready for supplying the membership as promptly as circumstances will permit. Due announcement will be made. Until said announcement is made no requisitions for the lapel decoration will be made to the National Secretary.

VII. Camps may be formed in any city and organized with not less than fifteen (15) members; the provision for at least 30 members in cities of 100,000 inhabitants or more, having been stricken out of Section 1, Article 1, Chapter 2, of the Constitution.

VIII. Article 23 of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, was amended to include in a Camp Packet, the set of camp banners and one flag, and fifteen (15) Form 11—Constitutions, so that when a Camp is formed, it is to be provided with at least fifteen (15) copies of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations and a set of camp banners and one flag.

Attention is directed to this action, viz: Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters (The National Secretary) IS NOT to make up a Camp Packet. A Camp Packet is to be and must be made up by Division Headquarters. Divisions must have or carry stock on hand to make up a Camp Packet when a Camp is instituted and this Camp Packet from each and every Division Headquarters in addition to the provisions for said Camp Packet in Article 23, is to also have or contain a set of camp banners and one flag and fifteen Constitutions. These supplies must be secured on Requisition form and Divisions should at once order and provide a sufficient stock of all supplies necessary.

IX. Per Capita Tax at the rate of six (6) cents and reports of the Division Secretary and Division Treasurer are due at

Headquarters and MUST be in the hands of the National Secretary for quarter ending September 30, 1915, NOT LATER than November 20th. Promptness is requested and earnestly urged in this matter upon all officers. Make all remittances payable to H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, and forward to Reading, Pennsylvania.

X. All dispensations issued heretofore for the organization of new Camps, or of, whatsoever nature in the hands of Division Commanders are null and void and of no authority.

XI. Appreciating in the very fullest measure the high honor conferred upon me, and recognizing the great responsibility which it implies, I enter upon the duties of the office of Commander-in-Chief, asking the cooperation and support of each member. With your assistance much good can be accomplished. Let us all join together and give our best efforts toward a largely increased membership and a greater influence for good for the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

XII. New Camps have been instituted since last announcement as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem
Sept. 20	11	Herrington, Kansas	15
Sept. 9	70	St. Charles, Iowa	42
Aug. 6	3	Bellingham, Washington	40
Aug. 30	138	Angola, New York	20
Sept. 3	3	Dodge City, Kansas	50
Sept. 24	69	South Paris, Maine	15
Aug. 27	3	Murphysboro, Illinois	22
Aug. 28	5	Mason City, Illinois	35
Sept. 28	152	Lewistown, Pennsylvania	39

Applications have been approved since last announcement as follows: (Commander-in-Chief C. F. Sherman)

Date.	No.	Location	No. Ap.
Sept. 3	92	Presque Isle, Maine	25
Sept. 7	181	Friedens, Pennsylvania	22
Sept. 10		Omaha, Nebraska	55

By order of

A. E. B. STEPHENS,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. XI.

(Series of 1915).

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF.

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Court House, Cincinnati, Ohio., November 1, 1915

WASHINGTON ENCAMPMENT LEGISLATION.

I. For the information of the membership, and for observance and compliance therewith, by those in authority and responsible therefore, the following is promulgated, as enacted by the Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Washington, D. C., showing the legislation adopted:

Whereas, The flags placed upon the graves of deceased Veterans on Memorial Day become faded and weather beaten, and

Whereas, One of the purposes of our Order, and a duty lovingly and reverently performed, is to care for the graves of the departed heroes,

Resolved, That it is recommended to the Camps of our Order in such places as the opportunity presents itself and is necessary, that such flags be replaced by new ones, and that the Sunday preceding or following November 19, of each year, commemorating the anniversary of the delivery of the immortal address at Gettysburg by Abraham Lincoln, be designated as an appropriate time to perform this duty.

The Sunday following November 19 is hereby designated in each year to replace weather beaten and faded flags on Veterans' graves. It is hoped that this will receive general attention and be observed by every Camp.

The endorsement of the National McKinley Birthplace Memorial Building in Niles, Ohio; and an appeal is made to all to unite in the effort to raise funds for its erection and to contribute moral and patriotic support to the cause.

The project of the Legion of Loyal Women that a memorial to Clara Barton, first president of the Red Cross, be erected in Washington, D. C., was endorsed and the Commander-in-Chief was directed to call the attention of the membership thereto which is hereby complied with.

Endorsing the formation of the Lincoln National League of School children and their teachers. The officers are: President, Charles Burrows, Past Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., New Jersey; Secretary, Warren Lee Goss; Treasurer, Herman L. Lange, Treasurer Division of New York.

Recommending to Congress the passage of the Sheppard bill or a similar bill to prevent the improper use or desecration of the National Emblem—to which the attention of Camps is called herewith.

Past Rank and Past Honors as Past Camp Commanders were restored to:

Division of Massachusetts: Joseph A. Trevor, Camp No. 81.

Division of Ohio: J. S. Garber, Camp 207; F. Wise, Camp 12; Charles Raymond, Camp 97; J. H. Thompson, Camp 6; C. C. Peale, Camp 231.

Division of Maine: E. L. Stevens, S. E. Norwood, Edw. Cunningham, E. P. Stevens, H. R. McIntire, A. B. McIntire, S. S. Stevens, Charles B. Libby, E. J. Cook, formerly of Camp No. 58; U. G. Blackington, Camp 12; Frank P. Libby, Camp 39; A. B. Davis, Rufus L. Moody, Camp 17; Geo. K. Robinson, Camp 7; Eugene E. Annable, Camp 46; Frank E. Webster, Camp 65.

Division of Michigan: Brothers Hemenway, Prentice, and Penoyer, Camp 2; Roberts and Strain, Camp 55; Hatt, Camp 191; Sweet, Camp, 179; Fry, Camp 4.

Division of Pennsylvania: Lovelle L. Kern, Camp 39; Charles C. Ammerman, Davis Camp.

Division of Nebraska: Rank of Past Division Commander, to P. B. Barrows, Camp 144, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Division Commanders will see that their Division Secretaries make proper record in their respective Division records according to the foregoing; and Camp Commanders will have their Secretaries make due record in the Camp records.

The Commander-in-Chief was directed: To designate one date in each year to be observed by all Camps as "Veterans Night."

To appoint a Standing Committee of three on "Junior Order," to have full charge of the Junior Camps, and the Council-in-Chief ordered to provide an appropriation of \$300 to supply the necessary forms, blanks, rituals, etc., therefor.

CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

(Effective and in operation January 1st, 1916).

Chapter 2: Strike out Section 3 of Article 3, and insert in lieu thereof:

"Section 3: Any member of a Camp who is one year in arrears in the payment of his dues *may*, by a vote of the Camp, be dropped. Until his name is dropped from the roll, the Camp shall be subject to per capita tax on such member. A member dropped may be admitted into the Order in the same manner as a new member."

Chapter 6: In Section 3, of Article 2, strike out in the first line the word, "suspended," and in the second line (first word) "or" so that it will read:

Section 3: A member may be dropped for the non-payment of fines in the same manner and form as provided for in the case of the non-payment of dues."

Chapter 6: In Article 19 add the following to "G.:"

"in miniature to be made of a bronze material, the lower portion of the Membership Badge, not to exceed 11/16" in height, and 9/16" in width.

Chapter 6: In Article 21, make first paragraph read: "Section 1." Add another paragraph to be

Section 2: Members of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, The Woman's Relief Corps, The Daughters of Veterans, The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and The Army Nurses, when in good standing in their respective organizations, may be admitted to the sessions of the Camp."

Article 23: Amended to include in Camp Packet, a set (3) Camp banners and one flag; fifteen (15) Form 11. Said Camp Packets to be made up at and by Division Headquarters.

Chapter 2: Article 1, Section 1, strike out all after the words "fifteen" so that it will read:

"Section 1: When a new Camp is organized, the membership thereof shall be not less than fifteen."

The Constitutional changes, alterations; amendments and revisions will go into force, be effective and the law of the Order on and after January 1st, 1916.

Owing to the lateness of the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment and the adoption of the provision for the renewal of weather beaten and faded flags, and the designation of "Veterans' Night," it is to be hoped that because of this late notice, these features will not be passed by, but that they will be duly and properly observed, although it may be too late for some of the Camps to observe same on the date specified this year.

THE RITUAL.

II. Changes in the Ritual effective January 1st, 1916, were:

"General Instructions"—last line Paragraph 7, Page 4, second word, after the word "crossed" strike out the word "UPON" and insert in lieu thereof the word, "UNDER."

Also the provision for the admission of the members of the Women's Organizations, as specified in the Constitutional revision or amendments specified in the foregoing.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS' REPORTS.

III. Division Commanders are reminded that they must have the Camp Patriotic Instructors send in their reports to Division Patriotic Instructors AS SOON AS POSSIBLE after December 31st, 1915. It is to be hoped that this matter will receive prompt attention on the part of Division and Camp Patriotic Instructors.

Division Patriotic Instructors will promptly make their Consolidated Reports to National Patriotic Instructor W. Y. Morgan, Hutchinson, Kansas.

PASSWORD, REPORTS, ETC.

IV. A new password and countersign will be promulgated to all Divisions and Camps in good standing December 31st, 1915. This will only be issued to such Camps that forward reports of Secretary and Treasurer, Patriotic Instructors' and Installing Officers' Reports and per capita tax. This is of great importance and all responsible for their part in this matter should prepare at once to comply with the law.

Division Commanders will see that the reports for quarter ending September 30, 1915, of their Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers with per capita tax at the rate of six (6) cents, are forwarded to the National Secretary NOT LATER than November 20th, making all remittances payable to H. H. Hammer, and forwarding all to Reading, Pa.

BONDS.

V. Bonds of the National Officers as required, have been furnished and filed with the proper officers of the Commandery-in-Chief.

COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS.

VI. Past Commander-in-Chief Charles K. Darling, Boston, Mass. is hereby reappointed a member of the Committee on Military affairs, succeeding himself; Past Commander-in-Chief E. R. Campbell of Washington, D. C., is hereby appointed Chairman; and Past Division Commander S. S. Horn of Easton, Pa., Secretary of said Committee.

For information relative to the organization of Companies in the Sons of Veterans' Reserve, and matters pertaining thereto, communicate with the Chief-of-Staff, Edwin M. Amies, Altoona, Pa. It is recommended that all Camps be interested in the Reserve and organize companies.

COMMITTEE ON JUNIOR CAMPS.

VII. In accordance with the recommendation of Commander-in-Chief Sherman (adopted by the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment at Washington) the following Standing Committee on "Junior Order" is hereby appointed: George W. Pollitt, Past Commander-in-Chief, 113 Hamilton Avenue, Paterson, N. J.; Wm. Tretbar, Past Camp Commander, 171 West Lehigh Avenue.

Philadelphia, Pa.; Wm. O. Cobb, Past Division Commander, Gardiner, Maine.

An appropriation of not less than \$300 was authorized for the providing of blank forms, books, rituals, etc., and these are in course of preparation, and due announcement will be made and the organization of Camps of the Junior Order can proceed.

VETERANS' NIGHT.

VIII. In fulfillment of the action of the recent National Encampment, Friday evening, November 19, 1915, is hereby designated as Veterans' Night. All Camps are urged to arrange public meetings with appropriate programs for the occasion, the surviving Union heroes of the community to be invited as the Guests of Honor. This date is considered very appropriate, because it marks the fifty-second anniversary of the delivery of the immortal address by Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg. It is the duty of each Brother to give aid to the proper observance of this patriotic occasion. By honoring our heroes, we do the greatest honor to our Order.

Camp Commanders are requested to get as much publicity of the event as possible through the local papers.

SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY.

IX. A Camp with an Auxiliary is sure to prosper. Facts and figures prove the accuracy of this statement. Whenever given the opportunity, our Auxiliary organization renders invaluable service in carrying out the principles and objects of our Order. Camps without Auxiliaries will do well to take heed of knowledge that is most sure for their good and to govern themselves accordingly.

NEW CAMP OFFICERS.

X. The time is near at hand when Camps will elect new officers for the ensuing year. This duty is of the very highest importance, as the future welfare of the Camp will depend largely upon those who are called to do official service. It should be borne in mind that there is no unimportant office in the Camp. All have duties attached. Rare judgment should be exercised, to the end that there be chosen in each instance the Brother who is best equipped for that particular position.

NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT.

XI. Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman has been appointed as National Press Correspondent. Brothers are requested to send to him such items of news of a general character as will be of interest to the public as well as to members of our Order. His address is 1652 Hobart Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. In this connection, I desire to urge Division and Camp Commanders to keep their respective organizations before the public through the medium of their local press. Publicity of the right kind is certain to be productive of good results.

DEATH BENEFIT ASSOCIATION.

XII. The Death Benefit Association is commended to all Camps. Members of the Camps and Auxiliaries are eligible to membership and the cost is a trifle, for the benefits that are derived. Information relative to this organization will be promptly supplied upon application to William R. McGirr, Secretary, 2628 West Somerset Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

AIDES.

XIII. Following are hereby appointed Aides on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, and, so long as they are identified with the present Administration as such, they will wear the Commandery-in-Chief ribbon, on the regulation badge; these Aides are not appointed for mere honor or to fill up the roster; but to actively work for the upbuilding of the Order, recruit members and institute and organize new Camps; and it is hoped and expected of each, that he will organize at least one new Camp, if not more than one. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

W. O. Cobb, Gardiner, Maine.
 Arthur I. Vescecius, Paterson, New Jersey.
 J. Clinton Hiatt, Washington, D. C.
 W. L. Van Horn, Fargo, North Dakota.
 Frank Shellhouse, Indianapolis, Indiana.
 Amzi M. Struble, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 W. R. Graves, Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin.
 Frank L. Green, St. Albans, Vermont.
 E. H. Loyd, St. Joseph, Missouri.
 A. J. Boutwell, Concord, New Hampshire.
 Charles M. Overacker, Washington, D. C.
 Frank J. Clinton, Providence, Rhode Island.
 Harry C. Cooley, Waterbury, Connecticut.
 Clifford Ireland, Peoria, Illinois.
 G. A. Eberly, Stanton, Nebraska.
 Walter E. Smith, Allentown, Pennsylvania.
 Wm. P. Baker, South Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.
 Alfred G. Loyd, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
 C. C. Fulton, Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania.
 Paul Smyser, York, Pennsylvania.
 Wm. R. McGirr, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
 D. Sherman Smith, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
 Karl Steward, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.
 Francis Callahan, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
 Titus M. Ruch, Hellertown, Pennsylvania.
 Wm. H. Pensyl, Mt. Carmel, Pennsylvania.
 C. J. Miller, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
 George W. Sollers, Washington, D. C.
 Reuben H. Dexter, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.
 W. I. Waterman, Greenwich, Connecticut.
 (Division of New York).
 W. M. Anderson, Mt. Vernon, New York.
 Wm. H. Klein, Syracuse, New York.
 Wm. B. Martin, Massillon, Ohio.
 Sherman Arter, Cleveland, Ohio.
 L. S. Barnes, Xenia, Ohio.
 Ed S. Wilson, Columbus, Ohio.
 M. D. Friedman, 1237 South 21st St, Birmingham, Ala.
 Frank G. Kemper, Chattanooga, Tenn.
 Ned Withers, Ashland, Wis.
 Lewis A. Dilley, Davenport, Iowa.
 Wm. E. Connelly, Topeka, Kansas.
 Arthur M. Soule, Portland, Maine.
 A. S. Douglas, Helena, Montana.
 H. B. Reed, Columbus, Nebraska.
 George H. Chase, Hopkington, New Hampshire.
 George W. Conart, Los Angeles, California.

L. C. Worthington, Grand Junction, Colorado.
 Chas. E. Stebbins, Covington, Kentucky.
 C. B. Zeek, Bandon, Oregon.
 Arthur E. Lewis, Detroit, Michigan.
 W. A. Sparling, Lansing, Michigan.
 B. J. Rice, Jackson, Michigan.
 J. W. Kramb, Kalamazoo, Michigan.
 E. H. Cleveland, 221 American Avenue, Long Beach, Calif.
 William T. Church, 108 S. La Salle St., Chicago, Illinois.
 A. G. Alrich, Lawrence, Kansas.
 Wm. M. P. Ramsey, Louisville, Kentucky.
 A. A. Bronsdon, Millers Falls, Massachusetts.
 H. Earl Cowdin, Carson City, Michigan.
 George F. Wolz, Fremont, Nebraska.
 Milton E. Gibbs, Wilder Building, Rochester, New York.
 Frank W. Combs, Marietta, Ohio.
 Frank C. Shipley, 1812 N. 38th St., Seattle, Washington.
 G. W. Burkhead, Sioux City, Iowa.
 O. E. Collins, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
 A. S. Douglas, Helena, Montana.
 E. E. Perry, Barre, Vermont.
 Frank E. Watson, Goldsmith, Indiana.
 George E. Bailey, 247 Nicolett Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.
 H. S. Siggelko, Madison, Wisconsin.
 William Carr, Rhinelander, Wisconsin.

INSTALLATION OF CAMP OFFICERS.

XIV. Preparations should be under way for Installation of Camp Officers, same to be the first meeting night in January of 1916. Let this occasion be social and make it a reunion of your members. Have all present. Let there be pleasure and good fellowship on this occasion; invite the G. A. R. and affiliated Orders to attend the ceremonies and have a patriotic meeting.

Dispensation is hereby granted to and authority conferred upon Division Commanders, to permit by Dispensation to Camps, open or public and joint installations with G. A. R. Posts, and the affiliated Orders. It is hoped all will be greatly successful.

THANKSGIVING.

XV. In the designation of the National Thanksgiving Day by the President, let us not be remiss in our appreciation of the blessings that have been ours the past year as a nation, as citizens, as members of the Order and which have also been bestowed upon our gratitude by doing our duty in the manner prescribed for that occasion.

XVI. The death of Past Commander-in-Chief Arthur B. Spink, November 3rd, is announced to the membership with profound sorrow. He was a splendid member of the Order, serving in many of the active offices of his Camp in Providence, R. I., the Division of Rhode Island, of which he was a Past Division Commander; as Inspector-General of the Commandery-in-Chief and as Commander-in-Chief of the Order, 1903-'04. He also served his country in the War with Spain, and was ever active and interested in military affairs, having been up to a recent period a member of the Committee on Military Affairs of our Order.

The Commander-in-Chief tenders the sympathy of the Order to the widow of deceased, and charters of all Camps are

hereby ordered to be draped for a period of thirty days, in memory of our late Past Commander-in-Chief.

STATEMENT NO. 1.

XVII. Report of the National Secretary for month of October, 1915:

RECEIPTS.

Sept. 30, 1915, to balance		\$1861.00
Received for charter fees	\$ 12.50	
Supplies	259.92	
Total receipts		<u>\$ 272.42</u>
		\$2133.42

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$1372.35	
Office expenses	204.01	
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	18.44	
Total expenditures		<u>\$1594.80</u>
October 31, 1915, by balance		\$ 538.62

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies	\$ 422.23	
The Banner, October, 1915, subscription	803.94	
Printing	31.35	
Reserves	44.77	
Shipping supplies	11.70	
Bonds, National Officers	35.00	
		<u>\$1372.35</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For light, twine, postage, telegrams, express, stationery (stock), National Officers and Staff, Account Books, Rent, Miscellaneous (moving Headquarters)	\$ 153.76	
Appropriation of Encampment—Office Equipment, shelving, carpenter and mill work	50.25	
		<u>\$ 204.01</u>

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For postage, office supplies, stenographer, express	\$ 18.44	
		<u>\$ 18.44</u>
Total expenditures		<u>\$1594.80</u>
October 31, 1915, by balance		\$ 538.62

XVIII. New Camps have been instituted since last announcement as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem
Sept. 14	181	Friedens, Pennsylvania	31
Sept. 23	1	Omaha, Nebraska	27
July 2	83	Seaman, Ohio	70
Oct. 5	65	Rhineland, Wisconsin	21

Applications for charters for new Camps have been approved as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
Oct. 1	6	Buchanan, W. Va. (Maryland)	28
Oct. 11	11	Topeka, Kansas	18
Oct. 28	183	Windber, Pennsylvania	29

By order of

A. E. B. STEPHENS,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. XII.
(Series of 1915).

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Court House, Cincinnati, Ohio, December 1, 1915

I. Attention was previously directed to elections of Camp Officers and it is hoped that installations will be prompt, interesting and result in a renewed spirit of interest and zeal for the Camps, membership and the Order. The responsibilities of the officers of every Camp are great and should be so considered. The conduct of officers should reflect the highest credit on an opinion of your Order.

Installing Officers will make prompt reports to their respective Division Headquarters.

II. Patriotic Instructors of all Camps will immediately after January 1st forward to their respective Division Patriotic Instructors their Camp reports; and Division Patriotic Instructors will without delay forward their consolidated reports to the National Patriotic Instructor, W. Y. Morgan, Hutchinson, Kansas.

III. Password and countersign effective January 1st, 1916, has been promulgated to all Divisions paying tax and forwarding reports for the quarter ending September 30, 1915. Division Commanders will forward same to Camps that pay their per capita tax, forward reports of Camp Secretary and Camp Treasurer for the quarter ending December 31, 1915, and also the reports of the Patriotic Instructor and Installing Officer.

IV. Upon receipt of Installing Officers' reports Division Commanders will promptly issue commission to each Camp Commander.

V. The resignation of Division Commander Colin M. Stevens of Michigan, having been accepted, his successor was duly installed and qualified—Lewis A. Markham, Detroit, Michigan, with rank from November 15, 1915.

VI. The proceedings of the Thirty-fourth Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Washington, D. C., will be promulgated to all Divisions, and by action of the Encampment, one copy is to be provided to each Camp. This will be filed. Division Secretaries will supply such members as apply for the proceedings.

VII. The letter of Captain E. R. Monfort, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, which appeared in the November issue of *The Banner*, is superb, and it is hoped that it has been read and re-read by each member of our Order. Camps will do well to provide themselves with a goodly supply of printed copies of this letter and see to it that they are given into the hands of all in the community who are eligible to membership. The concluding sentence of Captain Monfort's letter constitutes an appeal to which no son or grandson of a Union hero can turn a deaf ear. It is as follows:

"I cannot understand how any Son of a Veteran who loves his home and country, and has a spark of filial affection, can fail to enlist under your banner, if he cares to preserve the memory of his father's deeds and sacrifices."

VIII. Division Commanders are directed to place on their mailing lists for Division Orders and circulars, the name of National Press Correspondent, H. V. Spelman, No. 1652 Hobart street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

IX. The thanks of the Commandery-in-Chief are hereby expressed to Camp officers who are about to retire, and who have given a good account of their stewardship. However, it is hoped that these Brothers will not allow their interest in our Order to lag after they have laid aside the robes of office. Keep on the "firing line," always vigilant, ever active.

X. In order to have prompt return, it is directed that in the future Division Commanders forward to the office of the Commander-in-Chief, Form 16. Unnecessary delay will be avoided if sent direct to the Commander-in-Chief, and expenses also reduced.

XI. The suspensions of the numerous Camps, as reported for the September, 1915, quarter, are painful and embarrassing. The rules and regulations must be enforced; but it is more than regretted that such a condition exists in Divisions where such a great number of Camps are allowed to be suspended, that such Camps are in the Order, and that such officers and members allow such a condition. The Division Officers in these Divisions, the District Aides on the staff of such Division Commanders, the Aides on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief as well as National Officers have a duty and work to perform which now confronts each and everyone, without any special direction—to have these Camps revived, and re-instated in this quarter. The Commander-in-Chief appeals to all to be active and take an interest and make every effort to restore these suspended Camps to good standing and recover the members suspended and have them active and interested members of the Order. The Commander-in-Chief has no special plan for this work, but appeals to the patriotism and requests the assistance and aid of every member of the Order to do what he can and will, to have these suspended Camps and members again restored to the roll and to be in "Good Standing." Let this be your holiday gift—your service

in this respect—to the Order. Consider this a personal appeal from the Commander-in-Chief—to have every one of the suspended Camps, and if possible, the suspended members, “reinstated” this quarter.

XII. Following additional Aides on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief are hereby appointed and they will be respected and obeyed accordingly; and will refer to Paragraph No. 13, of General Orders No. 11, The Banner, November:

Gus E Bornholt, Valparaiso, Indiana.
 Wm. H. Hansche, Richmond, Indiana.
 D. J. Vandyke, Bloomington, Indiana.
 Oscar B. Bier, Buchanan, West Virginia.
 W. N. Edgell, Clarksburg, West Virginia.
 John H. Groves, Cerro Gordo, Illinois.
 Lewis F. McLaughlin, Geneseo, Illinois.
 M. N. Baldwin, Princeton, Illinois.
 Curtis A. Lewis, Eastport, Maine.
 Allan A. Curtis, Belfast, Maine.
 Chas. R. Pomeroy, Auburn, Maine.
 J. S. Douglas, Ellsworth, Maine.
 J. E. Warren, Buckfield, Maine.
 Fred B. Lamb, Manchester, New Hampshire.
 C. B. Pimes, Lebanon, New Hampshire.
 Freeman H. Hoyt, Nashua, New Hampshire.
 Wm. M. Stuart, Camden, New Jersey.
 I. Tracy Mills, Newark, New Jersey.
 John B. Dobbins, Mt. Holly, New Jersey.
 Walter Hall, Stratford, Connecticut.
 C. A. Whittlesey, Akron, Ohio.
 M. K. Icholtz, Abilene, Kansas.
 Herbert E. Howell, Parsons, Kansas.
 L. C. Moore, Detroit, Michigan.
 Wm. B. Claxton, Detroit, Michigan.
 George W. Westerfield, Detroit, Michigan.
 Charles N. Harmon, Detroit, Michigan.
 Charles S. Norris, Detroit, Michigan.
 Victor L. Garrigus, Washington, D. C.
 Jesse R. Paine, Suncook, New Hampshire.

XIII. The Standing Committee on Junior Order is preparing blanks and forms required for the Camps of the Junior Order. As soon as these are completed and the supplies necessary on hand, due announcement will be made and the organization of Camps of the Junior Order can proceed. This, undoubtedly, will be January 1, 1916, so that as soon as possible Division Commanders will be duly notified.

XIV. It was expected that announcement could be made in these General Orders as to the time when requisitions for the new buttonhole decoration, adopted at the Washington Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief could be filed. Circumstances not warranting a definite conclusion, it is with regret that no prices can be stated and no time fixed for the filling of requisitions for the button. As soon as possible this will be announced and it is hoped it will be not later than January 1st, that the new decoration can be supplied.

XV. Beginning with January of each year, (and in 1916) all Division Orders and Division circulars will be started by Division Commanders with “Number 1.” Division Command-

ers will also note that they issue "Division Orders" and "Division Circulars" and that the Commander-in-Chief only issues "General Orders."

XVI. Attention is again directed to the legislation of the Washington Encampment, whereby "members of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, The Woman's Relief Corps, The Daughters of Veterans, The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and The Army Nurses, when in good standing in their respective organizations, may be admitted to the sessions of the Camp." on and after January 1, 1916.

XVII. All National Officers, including Aides, are requested to keep in touch with these headquarters through correspondence, and to report their activities in behalf of our Order. Each of these Brothers is expected to cooperate with Division and Camp officers of their respective states and communities, and to keep constantly on the "firing line." Organize new Camps, get new members, and bring back those who have been dropped or suspended. If each officer performs his full share of the work, the result will be a largely increased membership.

XVIII. New Camps have been instituted since last announcement as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
Sept. 16	104	Piqua, Ohio	38
Sept. 28	263	Ottawa, Ohio	20
Oct. 22	92	Presque Isle, Maine	19

Applications for charters for new Camps have been approved as follows, in addition to the foregoing:

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
Nov. 8	184	Ligonier, Pennsylvania	27
Nov. 18		Cape May, New Jersey	32

STANDING OF DIVISIONS.

XIX.	June 30, 1915		Sept. 30, 1915	
	Camps	Mem.	Camps	Mem.
Ala. and Tenn.	11	204	12	233
Cal. and Pacific	19	653	16	501
Colo. and Wyo.	7	204	8	212
Connecticut	39	2146	39	2153
Illinois	63	2412	66	2402
Indiana	27	1022	29	1045
Iowa	22	574	21	592
Kansas	42	1296	34	1148
Kentucky	7	154	6	113
Maine	47	2072	45	2045
Maryland	15	617	15	597
Massachusetts	153	6973	153	6898
Michigan	27	1102	27	1105
Minnesota	15	555	11	408
Missouri	24	848	23	848
Mont. and Idaho	14	266	14	267
Nebraska	10	315	10	358
New Hampshire	36	1214	36	1216
New Jersey	38	1887	38	1876
New York	182	7069	180	7060
Ohio	113	4806	114	4908
Pennsylvania	210	14197	212	14230

Rhode Island	15	438	15	430
Vermont	25	785	26	793
Washington	8	209	7	174
Wisconsin	56	1,589	53	1,571
Total	1,225	5,3607	1,213	5,3183

CAMPs NOT IN GOOD STANDING.

XX. Following Camps were reported "Suspended" for quarter ending September 30, 1915:

Division of California and Pacific—		Members
No.		
3	San Francisco	40
6	San Francisco	51
9	Stockton	29
Division of Iowa—		
2	Andrew	16
116	Rockwell City	8
Division of Kansas—		
57	Meade	10
63	Coldwater	11
80	Randall	38
81	Ashland	26
82	Haven	33
84	Kingman	34
86	Emporia	38
87	Marion	34
90	El Dorado	34
258	Maple Hill	17
5	Tonkawa, Oklahoma	26
6	Sapulpa, Oklahoma	19
7	Crescent, Oklahoma	20
Division of Kentucky—		
25	Barboursville	40
Division of Maine—		
10	Lewiston	15
89	Waldoboro	10
97	Castine	24
Division of Maryland—		
3	Huntington, West Virginia	18
8	Easton, Maryland	21
31	Northeast, Maryland	32
Division of Minnesota—		
3	Austin	55
19	Linwood	17
2	Brookings, South Dakota	23
3	Tower City, North Dakota	23
Division of Nebraska—		
138	Spalding	12
Division of New York—		
183	Avoca	20
186	Wayland	34
Division of Ohio—		
39	Zanesville	10
Division of Pennsylvania—		
128	Williamstown	25

CONSOLIDATED RETURNS FROM DIVI

Division.	In Good Standing June 30, 1915.		GAIN				Total Gain.		Camps	
	Camps	Members	By Initiation.		By Reinstatement.		Camps	Members		
			Camps	Members	Camps	Members				
Ala. and Tenn.....	11	204	1	37	4	...	1	41	12	
Cal. and Pac.	19	653	1	14	...	4	1	18	19	
Col. and Wyo.....	7	204	1	21	...	...	1	21	8
Connecticut	39	2146	...	19	1	...	1	21	39	
Illinois	63	2412	3	128	...	5	3	133	66	
Indiana	27	1022	1	40	1	21	2	61	29	
Iowa	22	574	1	42	...	...	1	42	23
Kansas	42	1296	5	186	...	24	5	210	47	
Kentucky	7	154	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Maine	47	2072	1	87	2	...	5	94	48	
Maryland	15	617	2	63	1	19	3	82	18	
Massachusetts	153	6973	...	67	1	6	...	74	153	
Michigan	27	1102	...	4	...	...	...	4	27
Minnesota	15	555	...	4	...	1	...	5	15	
Missouri	24	848	...	10	45	...	...	55	24
Montana and Idaho...	14	266	...	2	...	...	...	2	14
Nebraska	10	315	1	55	...	...	1	55	11
New Hampshire	36	1214	...	10	4	...	...	14	36
New Jersey	38	1887	...	33	...	4	...	37	38	
New York	182	7069	...	126	4	24	...	154	182	
Ohio	113	4806	3	268	...	10	3	278	116	
Pennsylvania	210	14197	5	469	13	12	5	484	215	
Rhode Island	15	438	...	16	...	2	...	18	15	
Vermont	25	785	...	10	1	13	1	23	26	
Washington	8	209	2	83	1	10	3	93	11	
Wisconsin	56	1589	...	18	1	18	1	37	57	
Total	1225	53607	26	1802	75	5	179	31	2056	1256

ENCAMPMENT

141	Dillsburg	14
166	McConnellsburg	24
	Division of Washington—	
2	Spokane	52
4	Colfax	10
5	Colville	23
4	Portland, Oregon	19
	Division of Wisconsin—	
45	- Manitowac	10

STATEMENT NO. 2.

XXI. Report of the National Secretary for month of November, 1915:

RECEIPTS.

October 31, 1915, to balance		\$ 538.62
Received for per capita tax	\$3315.63	
Charter fees	10.00	
Supplies	407.90	
Total receipts		<u>\$3733.53</u>
		<u>\$4272.15</u>

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$1397.46	
Office expenses	153.58	
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	69.98	
Total expenditures		<u>\$1621.02</u>
Balance, November 30, 1915		<u>\$2651.13</u>

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies	\$ 560.35	
The Banner, November, 1915, subscription ...	804.01	
Printing	3.50	
Shipping supplies	9.60	
Miscellaneous	20.00	
		<u>\$1397.46</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For postage, stationery, telegrams, express and dravage, rent, miscellaneous	153.58	
		<u>\$ 153.58</u>

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For postage, telegrams, traveling, stenographer	\$ 69.98	
		<u>\$ 69.98</u>
Total expenditures		<u>\$1621.02</u>
Balance, November 30, 1915		<u>\$2651.13</u>

XXII. This is the season of "Peace on earth, good will among men." May health, happiness and prosperity dwell in

the heart and home of each member of the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., is the earnest wish of the Commander-in-Chief and his official family.

By order of

A. E. B. STEPHENS,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1.
(Series of 1916)

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Court House, Cincinnati, Ohio, January 1, 1916.

I. *"I cannot understand how any Son of a Veteran who loves his home and country, and has a spark of filial affection, can fail to enlist under your banner, if he cares to preserve the memory of his father's deeds and sacrifices."*—Commander-in-Chief E. R. Monfort, of the G. A. R.

UNION DEFENDERS' DAY.

Union Defenders' Day—in honor of the defenders and preservers of our great Nation—Our Own—Sons of Veterans Day—observing the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln—"Father Abraham"—to our Fathers—in the trying days of 1861-1865, should and it is directed, to be, observed and celebrated February 12th, by every Camp of the Order. Preparations for the same should at once be made. It is suggested that programs relating to the life of Lincoln be arranged, assemble and join with the societies allied with the Sons of Veterans; in song and story tell of the great Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy during the war of the Rebellion and the sacrifices, deeds, and heroism of "his boys"—Our Fathers—in that great conflict. It is urged that the exercises comprise the reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address; and if possible, have it read in the public schools; make the occasion a real Sons of Veterans event to the end that every member of the Order may feel that he belongs to an organization that becomes worthier constantly and that he has a proud distinction to be a member thereof and that his heritage is the greatest of all, by reason of membership in such an Order.

It is earnestly hoped that all Camps will make it a special feature to properly and successfully observe the occasion.

RECOGNITION BUTTON.

II. Delay in supplying the recognition button adopted at the thirty-fourth Annual Encampment at Washington, D. C. is caused by the manufacturer having difficulty in securing the metal, due to the conditions abroad and affecting the market in this country. The contract was awarded November 15th, 1915, and orders placed for a large supply. Anticipating that, by the time these General Orders are promulgated, requisitions for the recognition button have been, or can be, filled, at that time, and, if not, will as soon as possible; prices for these buttons are announced as follows:

To Divisions, five (5) cents each.

Camps, by Divisions, eight (8) cents each.

To members, by Camps, if they desire, at ten (10) cents each.

The cost of the recognition button has been fixed at what is hoped may prove a popular price, so that we may get the benefit of the productive price, or cost, to supply large quantities, which has governed in the cost of the contract; so that the quantity used and purchased by the membership, will, to a large extent, regulate the permanent cost of the button. As soon as it can be produced and supplied, it is expected that every member will wear the new and regulation lapel button or bronze Recognition button of the Order.

Members will order or purchase from the Camp Treasurers. Camps must order same on requisition Form 1, through Division Headquarters. Divisions will order on requisition Form 1 1/2, from the National Secretary.

JUNIOR ORDER, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

III. Camps of the Junior Order, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., can now be organized, in accordance with the action of the Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Washington, D. C., and under the regulation thereat adopted and provided by the Standing Committee.

These are as follows:

RULES TO GOVERN THE INSTITUTION AND CONDUCT OF AFFAIRS OF CAMPS OF JUNIOR ORDER OF SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

1. The organization shall be known and designated as The Junior Order, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.
2. All male descendants, whether through the paternal or maternal line, between twelve and eighteen years of age, of soldiers, sailors, and marines, who were regularly mustered and served honorably in, or were discharged from the Union Army or Navy of the United States of America during the War of the Rebellion of 1861-1865 and who have never been convicted of any heinous or infamous crime, or whose ancestors through whom membership is claimed have never borne arms voluntarily against the government of the United States of America, are eligible to membership, provided that upon attaining the age of eighteen years they shall make application for membership in the Camp to which the Junior Camp is attached.
3. Junior Camps may be formed by authority of a Division Commander with the approval of the Senior Camp to which it is to be attached, upon the presentation of an application for Charter, signed by at least fifteen eligibles, blanks for this purpose to be furnished by the Division Commander who shall designate the mustering officer and assign its number.
4. Camp officers shall be Captain, First Lieutenant, Second Lieutenant, Chaplain, First Sergeant, Color Sergeant, Sergeant of the Guard, Corporal of the Guard, and Picket Guard.
5. The Captain, First Lieutenant and Second Lieutenant shall serve for six months, elections shall take place at the first meetings in June and December. The officers shall be installed the first meetings in January and July. Nominations may be made at the last two meetings in May and November, all other officers except supervisors shall be appointed by the Captain and the term of all offices shall be for six months or

until their successors are elected or appointed and have qualified.

6. There shall be elected or appointed by the Camp to which a Junior Camp is attached, a board of five supervisors, one of whom shall be chosen by them to act as treasurer of the Junior Camp. He shall give a bond for the faithful performance of his duties in such amount as the Senior Camp shall determine.

7. Senior Camps at their last meetings in June and December shall appoint a committee of three to examine all the books of record and accounts of the Junior Camp attached to them, said committee to report in full to the Senior and Junior Camps on or before August and February first following their appointment.

8. All business of Junior Camps shall be transacted by its members except the receipt and expenditure of moneys, which shall be under the control and direction of the board of supervisors.

9. Senior Camps may admit to membership members of Junior Camps without payment of usual muster fee.

10. A Junior Camp shall be under the control of the Camp to which it is attached. No charge shall be levied upon the Camp except for supplies furnished to them from Division Headquarters and for charter fee.

11. Treasurers of Junior Camps shall in January of each year make a report in detail to the Division Commander of membership and receipts and expenses of the previous year.

12. Division Commanders shall report to the Commander-in-Chief annually on the first of each year the number of Junior Camps in their Division and total membership of the same.

13. The Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., shall issue a semi-annual password to Junior Camps through the usual channels.

14. Division or National organizations of Junior Camps shall not be permitted.

15.

BLANKS.

Form 1	.....
Form 2	Applications for Membership	20
Form 3	Rituals	5
Form 4	Requisition for Supplies	10
Form 5	Membership Cards, Quarterly	25
Form 6	Membership Cards, Annual	25
Form 7	Honorable Discharges	10
Form 8	Notice to Delinquent Members	10
Form 9	Descriptive Book	1
Form 10	Camp Warrant	1
	Lapel Button	1

The blanks as specified will be supplied to each Camp, when it is organized, and must be presented to the Camp by the Mustering Officer, who shall have same from the Division Commander when the Camp is instituted or mustered in.

The application in all instances must be accompanied by a fee of \$5.00 which is for the benefit of and will be placed in the Division Treasury.

GEORGE W. POLLITT,
WILLIAM TRETBAR,
WILLIAM O. COBB,

Committee on Junior Order, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Blank forms necessary for the organization and conduct of a Camp of the Junior Order, can be supplied upon application by Divisions, and Divisions will furnish same to Camps of the Order of Sons of Veterans. Divisions will furnish Camps desiring to organize Camps of the Junior Order, all necessary blanks, forms, etc., in accordance with the foregoing Rules governing the Junior Order.

Divisions pay nothing to Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters except the cost of supplies to a Junior Camp, which must be procured on requisition Form O, from Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters, at the prices designated on said Form O. Every Camp should be supplied with proper forms for the organization of a Junior Camp, so that when a Camp desires to have a Junior Camp connected with it, the Camp will be prepared and informed as to the manner and form of procedure. Division Headquarters will in all instances furnish the information to Camps. No Camp of the Junior Order can be formed unless by and with the approval and consent of a Camp, and a Division Commander.

BLANK FORMS TO CAMPS.

IV. Prior to the end of each Quarter, and in ample time, Division Headquarters should send to each Camp Forms 27 and 28—Secretaries and Treasurers reports, together with such other forms and blanks as may be necessary to receive reports as provided by the Constitution. If this done at a stated period and promptly, it is suggested that fewer delinquent Camps and members would be reported. Division Commanders must give this their attention.

CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION.

V. Amendment to and revision of the Constitution as adopted by the Thirty-fourth Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, at Washington, together with Ritual changes, have been announced and designated, and again emphasized by the fact that all are effective and in operation from and since January 1st.

REVISED FORMS.

VI. Conforming to the provisions of the action of the Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, relating to Constitutional changes, revised Forms have been provided. They are now in force and Forms 27, 27D, 28, 28D, 10 and 14, etc., must be used for the quarter ending March 31, 1916.

Division Headquarters will be supplied with Forms 35, 37, 37D, 38, 38D, in ample time for March reports by Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters.

Divisions will supply their Camps with these revised Forms, and requisition for same should be made at once on Form 1½ to the National Secretary, so that all Camps can be provided with the latest and applicable forms for reports for the quarter ending March 31st, 1916. This will be a great assistance to Divisions as well as to Camps in rendering their March quarter's reports.

Division Commanders will give this their immediate attention and will comply with these instructions. All these forms

should be in use as designated for the quarter ending March 31st, and all Camps be acquainted therewith and use same.

RITUALISTIC WORK.

VII. That a proper impression may be made upon new as well as present members of Camps, it is the special request of the Commander-in-Chief that the newly installed officers of every Camp commit their Ritualistic parts to memory and not use Rituals during ceremonies or a session of a Camp. It is hoped that this request will be given consideration and that none will pass it by. Congratulations to the new officers of every Camp are herewith extended and it is urged upon all to work for the upbuilding of their Camps, so that they may have a prosperous administration and a successful term.

REPORTS DUE.

VIII. It is hoped that all reports of Installing Officers and Patriotic Instructors, as well as Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers, have been promptly forwarded to their respective Division Headquarters. If there are any delinquent it is urged that this matter be given immediate attention and all necessary reports and per capita tax forwarded at once.

PER CAPITA TAX AND REPORTS FROM DIVISIONS.

IX. Per Capita tax (payable to H. H. Hammer, National Secretary), and reports of the Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers, for the quarter ending December 31st, 1915, are due and must be in possession of the National Secretary *not later* than February 20th. The books for the quarter stated will be closed on that date. Let no reports be delayed after that date. Division Commanders are directed to give this their personal attention and see that these reports with tax are forwarded so that they are received at the time designated. Per capita tax is at the rate of six (6) cents.

Reinstatements from *suspended* can be made in the returns for the December quarter, but not after that quarter.

Beginning with quarter ending March 31st, 1916, the provisions of the Constitution applying to Suspended members will be in operation, in that, after December 31st, 1915, there can be no suspensions; but a member or a Camp must be carried on the rolls until the dues and fines for members, and tax for Divisions, result in such members being "Dropped" by Camps and Camps so in arrears (for four quarters or more for tax) also be "Dropped"—or, carried, and reported as in "Good Standing" as long as a Camp does not "Drop" a member, or until a Division does not "Drop" a Camp.

UNIFORMS.

X. An erroneous impression seems to prevail in some localities relating to uniform. That this may be dispelled, general attention is called to the fact that a uniform is provided for and reference to the Rules and Regulations, Chapter 6, Article 16. will give the desired information on that subject.

PRESENTATION OF BADGE.

XI. It has come to the knowledge of the Commander-in-Chief in some instances the Constitutional proviso for the presentation of a regulation badge to a newly initiated member is

not observed. This must not continue. In every instance it is required and obligatory—to present a new member with the regulation badge of the Order when he becomes a member of a Camp.

Badges should always be worn by officers and members in attendance at meetings of a Camp.

PAST CAMP COMMANDER'S BADGE.

XII. From the few requisitions filled it is feared that due regard for the honor of being a Past Camp Commander is lacking and not properly appreciated. Every Past Camp Commander is entitled to a special badge—and, upon his retirement from the office of Camp Commander—at the end of the term—should have such a badge—the Iron Cross. Requisitions therefor must be made through Division Headquarters on Form 1. Usually this badge is the gift from a Camp and it is commended to all to observe this practice.

WASHINGTON ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS.

XIII. The Proceedings in journal form, of the Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, held at Washington, 1915, have been promulgated to all Divisions. Members desiring same can procure a copy by forwarding six (6) cents in postage to their Division Secretaries or, if such supply is exhausted, to the National Secretary. Each Camp is entitled to a copy through and from Division Headquarters.

PASSWORD AND COUNTERSIGN.

XIV. A new password and countersign is now in use. Only Camps paying per capita tax and forwarding reports of Camp Secretaries, Camp Treasurers, Patriotic Instructors and Installing Officers, can have same. And, only members of Camps in good standing December 31st, 1915, can be permitted to have the same.

XV. Following Camps have been instituted since last announcement:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
Nov. 27	36	Cape May, New Jersey	24
Dec. 22	101	Litchfield, Maine	22
Dec. 17	7	Stayton, Oregon (Washington)	22

Applications for charter have been approved as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
Dec. 7	8	Los Angeles, Cal. (Cal. and Pac.)	84
Dec. 13	72	Sutherland, Iowa	27
Dec. 21		Dimondale, Michigan	30
Dec. 22		Sterling, Kansas	23
Dec. 24	37	Millville, New Jersey	51
Dec. 24	35	Perry, New York	17
Dec. 29		Hagerstown, Maryland	38
Dec. 29		Bridgetown, New Jersey	29
Dec. 29		New Albany, Indiana	27

STATEMENT NO. 3.

XVI. Report of the National Secretary for month of December, 1915:

RECEIPTS.

November 30, 1915, to balance		\$2651.13
Received for per capita tax	\$ 35.35	
Charter fees	25.00	
Supplies	337.52	
Total receipts		<u>\$ 397.87</u>
		\$3049.00

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$1493.29	
Office expenses	28.76	
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	53.31	
Junior Order	110.27	
Total expenditures		<u>\$1685.63</u>
Balance, December 31, 1915		\$1363.37

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies	\$ 53.08	
The Banner, December, 1915, subscription ...	801.06	
Reserve (Military Department)	49.45	
Shipping supplies	11.70	
Salaries	575.00	
		<u>\$1493.29</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For wrapping paper and twine, postage, telegrams, express	\$ 28.76	
		<u>\$ 28.76</u>

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For Postage, traveling, telegrams, office stenographer	\$ 53.51	
		<u>\$ 53.31</u>

JUNIOR ORDER EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies, forms, blanks	\$ 110.27	
		<u>\$ 110.27</u>
Total expenditures		<u>\$1685.63</u>
Balance, December 31, 1915		\$1363.37

XVII. We are just entering upon the duties and responsibilities of a New Year. May it have in store the best of life's blessings for each member of our Order, is the earnest hope of your Commander-in-Chief.

XVIII. Fraternal greetings and best wishes are hereby extended to all new Camp officers, who have pledged themselves to a year of faithful service in behalf of the principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. Let harmony of person and unity of action be the controlling influence of all your endeavors for the advancement of the cause of patriotism, and may your Camps

grow in membership and influence as the result of the efforts which you so loyally and gladly set forth.

By order of

A. E. B. STEPHENS,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. II.

(Series of 1916)

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Court House, Cincinnati, Ohio, February 1, 1916.

REPORTS AND TAX

I. Per Capita tax and reports of Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers are due at Headquarters and must be forwarded to the National Secretary, Reading, Pa., so that all may be received by February 20th. Drafts and checks must be made payable to the National Secretary. It is hoped that all Divisions will be prompt with their reports and tax, which is for the quarter ending December 31st, 1915.

RECOGNITION BUTTON.

II. The new bronze recognition button is supplied on requisition and the price is so that same is within reach of every member. It is expected that every member will wear the new button, which is the official recognition button.

JUNIOR CAMPS.

III. Supplies for the Junior Order are available and all requisitions therefor are promptly filled. Camps of the Junior Order are organized by the authority and approval alone of Sons of Veterans Camps and Division Commanders. Applications for the formation of Junior Order Camps are not required to be forwarded to Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters.

PUBLICITY.

IV. Attention is directed to the publicity given the Order by National Press Correspondent H. V. Speelman, No. 1652 Hobart St., N. W., Washington, D. C. Matters of interest relating to the Order will receive due attention if forwarded to the National Press Correspondent; and such articles that he has or may supply to Division Commanders, it is hoped will receive the publicity and attention requested.

DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS.

V. As dates for Division Encampments are decided upon same will be reported to the Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary, so that the Commander-in-Chief can arrange to attend as many as may be convenient for him to do so.

UNION DEFENDERS' DAY.

VI. It is hoped that the directions relating to Union Defenders' Day, as announced in General Orders No. 1—the January Banner, have received the attention necessary and that the occasion has been or will be, fittingly and successfully observed by every Camp.

REVISED FORMS.

VII. New blank forms as revised by the action of the Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, are available and will be supplied on requisition to the National Secretary. All Divisions should and are required to use these forms beginning with and applying to quarter ending March 31st, 1916.

AIDES.

VIII. Following additional Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief are hereby appointed, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

John Steingrube, St. Bernard, Ohio.
 F. W. Hendricks, Mechanicsburg, Ohio.
 Robert W. Humphrey, Liberty, Texas.
 Edward N. Beck, Logan, Ohio.
 Leon L. Roberts, Kansas City, Missouri.
 Joseph A. Michel, St. Louis, Missouri.
 Harry M. Sickles, Portsmouth, Ohio.

NEW MEMBERS.

IX. It is urgently requested that every member of the Order will be interested in the securing of at least one new member for his Camp. It is not asking too much to do this and the Commander-in-Chief makes this personal request from each and every one.

New Camps are also greatly desired and all in authority are requested to organize new Camps wherever possible.

REFERENDUM.

X. Pursuant to the action of the Thirty-fourth Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, notices have been forwarded to all Division Headquarters, for action as indicated by the following:

To the Officers and Members of the Divisions, in Encampment Assembled—Greeting:—

At the Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Washington, D. C., 1915, it was recommended (Page 37 said Encampment Proceedings—Recommendation, in Report of the National Secretary)

“That Article 4, *Eligibility to Membership*, Chapter 1, C., R. & R., be amended on page 3, line 2, by striking out the word ‘eighteen’ (18) and inserting in lieu thereof the word ‘sixteen’ (16) so that the said second line shall read:

“than sixteen (16) years of age, of Soldiers,”

The Encampment decided (Page 145 of Journal) that the recommendation including the report of the Committee on C., R. & R.:

“be considered a first reading of the proposed amendment, and that it be referred to the various Divisions for referendum.”

Accordingly the proposition is herewith submitted for action by the Annual Encampment of your Division, same having been promulgated in the Journal of the Encampment, and in the General Orders, through the official channel—The Banner.

You will take vote in your Division Encampment and will make immediate return, after your Division Encampment, to the National Secretary, under seal of the Division, attested by

the Division Secretary. Blank for the official return herewith enclosed and this form must be used.

REFERENDUM RETURN.

Headquarters Division
, 1916.

To the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,

Greeting:—

At the Annual Encampment of the Division of
, S. V., U. S. A., held at
 State of, on the days of
 1916, there were recorded votes IN FAVOR of striking
 out the word 'eighteen' (18) and inserting in lieu thereof of the
 word 'sixteen' (16), and votes NOT in FAVOR.

(Seal).

.....
 Division Commander.

Attest:

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 Division Secretary.

STATEMENT NO. 4.

XI. Report of the National Secretary for month of Jan-
 uary, 1916:

RECEIPTS.

December 31, 1915, to balance		\$1263.37
Received for charter fees	\$ 15.00	
Supplies	525.14	
Junior Order—Supplies	74.55	

Total receipts

\$ 614.69

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\$1978.06

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$1657.38
Office expenses	14.84
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	33.76
For Junior Order—supplies	169.32

Total expenditures

\$1875.30

Balance, January 31, 1916

\$ 102.76

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies	\$ 220.14
The Banner, January, 1916, subscription	807.79
Encampment—Printing and promulgating Journal of Proceedings, Washington En- campment	573.64
Printing	3.20
Reserve	34.16
Shipping supplies	18.45

\$1657.38

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For postage, stationery, telegrams, express... \$ 14.84

\$ 14.84

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For postage, telegrams, traveling, stenographer\$ 33.76
\$ 33.76

JUNIOR ORDER EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies\$ 169.32
\$ 169.32

Total expenditures\$1875.30

Balance, January 31, 1916 \$ 102.76

XII. Following new Camps have been instituted since last announcement:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
Dec. 11	184	Ligonier, Pennsylvania	52
Dec. 20	8	Los Angeles, Cal. (Cal. and Pac.)	58
Dec. 17	37	Millville, New Jersey	27
Jan. 4	3	Hagerstown, Maryland	29
Jan. 10	39	Bridgetown, New Jersey	17
Jan. 15	121	New Albany, Indiana	23
Jan. 20	20	Saco, Maine	21
Aug. 11	4	Jamestown, N. D. (Minnesota)	15
Sept. 6	180	Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania	27

Applications for charters for new Camps have been received and approved as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
Jan. 13		Middletown Springs, Vermont	23
Jan. 20		Providence, Rhode Island	21
Jan. 26	8	East Boston, Massachusetts	50
Jan. 27	38	Williamstown, New York	31

By order of

A. E. B. STEPHENS.
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. III.

(Series of 1916)

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF.

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Court House, Cincinnati, Ohio, March 1, 1916.

APPOMATTOX DAY.

1. The historic month of April is upon us. The Order of Sons of Veterans cannot pass it without observing the anniversaries of the great events in our Country's affairs and the patriotism and sacrifices of our Fathers. Therefore, it is ordered that due observance be made of "Appomattox Day," April 9th by all Camps, to pay tribute to the memory of the great and immortal Grant, and those who constituted the Grand Army of the Republic in 1865, when peace was established after years

of desolation, hardship and rebellion. This occasion affords a splendid opportunity for an open patriotic meeting, with a program fitting and appropriate, and it is the duty of each member of the Order to contribute his full share toward the proper recognition of this highly important anniversary of our great Nation. Division and Camp Commanders are requested to secure through the newspapers as much publicity as possible of their observance of "Appomattox Day."

UNION DEFENDERS' DAY.

II. Union Defenders' Day was most fittingly observed, commemorating the services of sailors and soldiers of the War of the Rebellion, on the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birthday, and the Commander-in-Chief returns his thanks to the Camps and members throughout the Order for their response to his appeal to have this day properly observed. From all over the Country, reports show that our Camps and members most successfully and splendidly observed the event.

MEMORIAL DAY.

III. That the principal object of our Order may be performed, it is urged that Camps at once prepare for the successful and proper observance of Memorial Day, May 30th next. Committees in all Camps should be appointed and the work started at once so that every Camp will have its work for the day well under way and the arrangements completed for that occasion in ample time. It is hoped that every Camp will give this immediate attention.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MONFORT OF THE G. A. R.

IV. "I cannot understand how any Son of a Veteran who loves his home and country, and has a spark of filial affection, can fail to enlist under your banner, if he cares to preserve the memory of his father's deeds and sacrifices."

This does not apply to the members of our Order. But it does apply to those not in the Order and who are eligible. Those are desired to be in the Order and desired to be secured as members.

There are thirteen (at least) Officers and members of the staff in each and every Division. If these, or a few of these officers in each Division, would organize a new Camp, the appeals constantly made from Headquarters for the organization of new Camps in the various Divisions, would not be necessary. The Commander-in-Chief makes this

APPEAL.

That each Division Commander take such action that will secure in every Division, one Camp during the months of March and April. There can be no possible excuse for not doing this. Every Division has some place, town, or city, wherein one or more Camps can be organized. If a Division Commander delegates a Division Officer (which should not be necessary) or several Division officers to work, or start or open up correspondence or be responsible for, the organization of one Camp, it will be a record for him as well as his Division and the Order in general as well.

A REQUEST.

Therefore, it is requested that: Every Division Commander take such action *at once* with his Division officers and his Staff, as will get under way the organization of at least one, or

more Camps in every Division, and it is hoped that such application for charter will be received at Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters for approval, before the end of April. A new Camp, one at least, is requested from every Division Commander in every Division before the end of April. With this appeal, the Commander-in-Chief feels that a reasonable request is made and he expects it to be complied with. One Camp in every Division in the next two months.

ORGANIZATION.

The organization of a new Camp is simple, inexpensive and is quite a pleasant undertaking. Division officers in the respective Divisions know the localities to work in. Every Division officer has friends and acquaintances in some locality. Secure signers to the application for charter, obtain the fee and have the Division Commander's approval and arrange to institute the Camp and one more will be added to each Division's roll. Let us have these Camps and this renewed interest. It is looked for.

PREPAREDNESS.

V. The following resolution was adopted by Commandery-in-Chief Encampment at Washington on the 29th day of September, 1915:

"Whereas, The war, raging in Europe, with the resulting devastation of property and loss of life, has brought to the consciousness of our nation the necessity of preparation for the defense of our country, and has demonstrated that its citizens should be prepared to defend the right of equality, liberty, and justice, established on this continent by our Revolutionary heroes under George Washington, and firmly secured and perpetuated by the soldiers of the Union, under Abraham Lincoln, in our War of the Rebellion; therefore be it

"Resolved That the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in and through the Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment of its Commandery-in-Chief, in regular session assembled at Washington, this 29th day of September, 1915, heartily concur in and approve the adoption by the Congress and the constituted authorities of the United States of such a wise policy of preparedness as shall fully and adequately provide for the effective defense of our country."

Attention is called to the above resolution as it expresses the opinion and position of the Sons of Veterans upon the question of Preparedness.

Division Commanders should call the attention of the Camps in their Divisions to this Resolution. The Representative in Congress should receive a copy of this resolution. It would be well, perhaps, for each Camp to pass the same resolution and send it to their representative as its action following along the action taken by the Commandery-in-Chief.

VI. Requests for information concerning the organization of Camps of the Junior Order, to Headquarters are unnecessary, if attention is given to General Orders No. 1, published in The Banner, of January, 1916. Therein full and complete information was given. Divisions have been supplied with all necessary blanks and requisition forms. Divisions should order blanks and forms so that Camps can be supplied direct from Divisions with such material as may be required for the organiza-

tion of Camps of the Junior Order. Division Commanders are in authority in the matter of Camps of the Junior Order. The Commandery-in-Chief supplies only the blanks, forms and supplies for the Junior Order. All Divisions are in position to give the necessary information concerning the Junior Order. If not, requisitions should be forwarded at once for all supplies for the formation of Camps of the Junior Order, by Divisions.

RECOGNITION BUTTON.

VII. A large supply of the new (bronze) Recognition buttons has been issued to various Divisions. Others have not ordered any. These can be furnished on requisition Form 1 and will be forwarded as promptly as the manufacturer is able to deliver them. In some instances delays were occasioned in filling orders by reason of difficulty in obtaining metal, due to the European conditions. Requisitions are filled as promptly as possible. Divisions should carry these buttons in stock, with other supplies and badges, and promptly fill Camp requisitions for these buttons so that all members may obtain and wear same.

FORM 9.

VIII. Attention is called to many Camp Treasurers *not* using Form 9. This form is one provided by the C., R. & R. and should be used by every Camp Treasurer at every meeting of a Camp. It should not be necessary to again call attention to this matter. Every Camp Treasurer should be governed accordingly: a Camp Secretary should demand this protection and a Camp Commander should always exact it. Order these regularly and promptly on requisition forms.

SUPPLIES TO DIVISIONS AND CAMPS.

IX. Some Divisions have not ordered supplies for a long period, showing that Camps in such Divisions are not using the forms provided by the Order. This indicates the condition of a Camp. It is hoped that every Division Commander will see that his Camps are properly equipped and supplied with the forms and blanks necessary for the proper conduct of business. All are supplied on requisition.

NO SUSPENSIONS OF MEMBERS.

X. In accordance with the action of the Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, held at Washington, D. C., 1915, the law of the Order as applying to suspensions of members, as heretofore, was made as follows:

Chapter 2, Article 3, (Page 8 of the Constitution) Section 3: Any member of a Camp who is one year in arrears in the payment of his dues, *may*, by a vote of the Camp, be *dropped*. Until *his name is dropped* from the roll, the Camp *shall* be subject to per capita tax on such member. A dropped member *may* be admitted into the Order in the same manner as a new member."

Chapter 6, Article 2 (Page 45 of the C., R. & R.) Section 3: A member may be dropped for the non-payment of fines in the same manner and form as provided for in the case of the non-payment of dues."

Accordingly no member can be suspended from membership in any Camp, or from the Order, for dues or fines, after January 1, 1916, and reports for the quarter ending March 31, 1916, of Camp Secretaries, Camp Treasurers, Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers, will be made out and rendered accordingly.

A member from and after January 1, 1916, *must be carried on the rolls of a Camp* and per capita tax must be paid on such member by a Camp to the Division, and by the Division to the Commandery-in-Chief, *until* such member is dropped; and to be dropped such a member must owe dues and fines, or be in arrears to his Camp for the same, for at least one year before he can be dropped; and then, such a member *may* be dropped, by a vote of the Camp.

This is the law of the Order and must be observed.

Members "Suspended" and so reported in reports from Camps to Divisions and from Divisions to the Commandery-in-Chief, *before* January 1, 1916, *will remain* on such list so accredited. If *dropped* no further reference or report of such will be made by Camp Secretaries to Divisions, or by Division Secretaries to the Commandery-in-Chief, on Form 37 and Form 37D.

This is necessary in order to prevent or not have the same members from being counted as *loss* twice, or in addition to the loss when they were first loss—when they first reported as "Suspended."

If such "Suspended" pay their arrearages or indebtedness, by which they become again in good standing, then Camps will pay the per capita tax on such to Divisions and Divisions will pay per capita tax to the Commandery-in-Chief on such for the quarters they were suspended—as under the law previous to January 1st, as "Reinstated"—noting on Forms 27 (Camp Secretaries) and 37 and 37D (Division Secretaries) that such have been "Reinstated from Suspended" giving dates and quarters.

This is required to clear the records and standing of such members and will only apply to and including the period ending December 31, 1915. Thereafter reinstatements can only be from "Dropped."

CAMPS CAN BE SUSPENDED.

XI. The law as applying to the Suspension of Camps was *not* changed and is as follows:

"Chapter 2, Article 1, (Page 5, Constitution), Section 4: A Division Commander may suspend delinquent Camps, at his discretion, for failure to make quarterly reports. All Camps which have failed, for one year or more, to make reports or pay per capita tax, shall be considered disbanded, and the charters thereof revoked."

In accordance with this provision when Camps are Suspended they will be so noted by Division Secretaries on Form 37 and 37D by a special insert, making same, "Camps not reporting, not paying tax and Suspended."

MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING IN DELINQUENT CAMPS.

XII. Through neglect or some reason those responsible, may fail to forward per capita tax and reports of a Camp for a quarter. The members of such a Camp, may, however, be in good standing, and not indebted to the Camp for fines or dues. Even though such may be the case, a Division Commander "*may*" (according to the foregoing), "Suspend" such a Camp by reason of it being delinquent in that manner.

That such members may not be lost to the Order, and since the latest provision of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, does *not* permit of members of Camps to be "Suspended,"

"Chapter 2, Article 3, Section 2, (Page 8), Constitution, Rules and Regulations, provides for such—"Members in good standing of disbanded or suspended Camps, shall receive from the Division Commander transfer cards."

Therefore, since the Constitution provides that there shall be no members suspended, the members in good standing of a suspended Camp (or Disbanded Camp) should be given a transfer card, bearing the same relation as prior to the law of January 1, 1916.

APPOINTMENT OF AIDES.

XIII. Recognizing the work done for the benefit of the Order in the acquiring of new members and the institution of new Camps, the following are appointed Aides upon the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Ezra Dixon, Bristol, Division of Rhode Island.

W. E. Chatterton, Belleville, Division of Wisconsin.

Milton Boody, Roxbury, Division of Massachusetts.

E. E. Keith, Waynesville, Division of Ohio.

M. M. Donehue, Camp No. 25, Waynesville, Division of Ohio, is placed upon the Honor List.

DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS.

XIV. Dates and places for holding Division Encampments have been reported to Headquarters, as follows:

Connecticut, at New Haven, April 12-13.

Illinois, at Decatur, May 23-25.

Massachusetts, at Boston, April 4-5.

Missouri, at Kirksville, May 17-18.

New Hampshire, at Concord, April 6-7.

New Jersey, at Atlantic City, June 15-16.

Ohio, at Marion, June 13-16.

Pennsylvania, at Indiana, June 20-21.

Rhode Island, at Providence, April 18.

Wisconsin, at Ripon, June 14-16.

LOCATION OF CAMPS DISBANDED AND SUSPENDED.

XV. Following Camps were not in good standing quarter ending December 31, 1915:

Alabama and Tennessee: Camp No. 11, St. Petersburg, Florida, suspended, with 10 members.

California and Pacific: Camp 36, Whittier, California, disbanded, with 10 members.

Indiana: Camp No. 199, Poseyville, suspended, with 10 members.

Iowa: Camp No. 8, Sioux City, suspended with 46 members; Camp No. 11, What Cheer, suspended with 22 members; No. 12, Davenport, suspended with 48 members; 134 Wapello, suspended with 20 members.

Kansas: Camp No. 7, Blue Rapids, suspended with 17 members; No. 10, Herrington, suspended with 15 members; No. 79, Geneseo, suspended with 10 members.

Maine: Camp No. 73, East Boothbay, disbanded with 23 members; No. 84, Bryant Pond, suspended with 25 members.

Maryland: Camp No. 23, Baltimore, suspended with 15 members; No. 2, Morgantown, West Virginia, suspended with 33 members.

Massachusetts: Camp No. 110, Franklin, disbanded with 22 members.

Montana and Idaho: Camp No. 5, Blackfoot, Idaho, suspended with 16 members; No. 6, Salmon, Idaho, suspended with 18 members; No. 7, Moscow, Idaho, suspended with 20 members; No. 8, Sand Point, Idaho, suspended with 13 members; No. 9, Lewiston, Idaho, suspended with 25 members.

New Hampshire: Camp No. 3, Milton, disbanded with 17 members.

New York: Camp No. 19, Brooklyn, disbanded with 9 members; No. 49, Pitcher, suspended with 25 members; No. 59, Spencerport, suspended with 30 members; No. 65, Corning, suspended with 20 members; No. 129, Cherry Creek, suspended with 37 members; No. 152, Randolph, suspended with 20 members; No. 160, Smyrna, suspended with 25 members; No. 202, Fillmore, suspended with 11 members.

Ohio: Camp No. 40, Sarahville, disbanded with 10 members; No. 18, Wadsworth, suspended with 10 members; No. 67, Findlay, suspended with 10 members; No. 82, Stafford, suspended with 14 members; No. 218, Rutland, suspended with 13 members.

Pennsylvania: Camp No. 156, Montgomery, disbanded with 35 members.

Washington: Camp No. 8, Medford, Oregon, suspended with 10 members.

XVI. Camps have been instituted since last announcement as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
Febr. 1	14	Sterling, Kansas	21
Febr. 1	67	Hillsboro, Wisconsin	18

Applications for charters for new Camps have been approved as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
Febr. 1		Auburn, Kansas	21
Febr. 11		New Brunswick, New Jersey	19
Febr. 12		Garden City, Kansas	31
Febr. 19		Billings, Montana	15
Febr. 21		Camden, New Jersey	18

STATEMENT NO. 5.

XVII. Report of the National Secretary for month of February, 1916:

RECEIPTS.

January 31, 1916, to balance		\$ 102.76
Received for per capita tax	\$3421.89	
Charter fees	15.00	
Supplies	630.31	
Junior Order supplies	8.83	
Total receipts		\$4076.03

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$1242.62	
Office expenses	145.95	
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	150.72	
Junior Order supplies	38.25	
		\$4178.79

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY OF DIVISION RETURNS FOR

Division.	In Good Standing September 30, 1915.		GAIN						Total Gain		Aggregate		LOSS						
	Camps	Members	By Initiation.		By Transfer.		By Reinstatement.		Camps	Members	Camps	Members	By Disbanded.		By Death	Honorable Discharge	By Transfer.	By suspensions.	
			Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members					Camps	Members				Camps	Members
Ala. and Tenn.	12	233	...	3	...	...	...	...	3	11	236	...	...	...	...	1	1	13	1
Calif. and Pac.	16	501	1	68	1	...	7	1	76	17	577	...	10	1	3	1	...	37	1
Colo. and Wyo.	8	212	...	4	...	...	...	...	4	8	216	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	...
Connecticut	39	2153	...	38	...	...	...	...	38	39	2191	...	...	6	1	1	...	19	...
Illinois	66	2402	...	131	...	...	7	...	138	66	2540	...	...	4	3	4	...	42	...
Indiana	29	1045	...	14	...	...	1	...	15	29	1060	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1
Iowa	21	592	...	7	...	1	18	1	25	22	617	...	...	...	...	...	4	159	...
Kansas	34	1148	...	16	...	...	3	...	19	34	1167	...	...	...	...	...	3	113	...
Kentucky	6	113	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	6	113	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Maine	45	2045	2	128	2	2	58	4	188	49	2233	1	23	4	2	13	1	69	...
Maryland	15	597	...	48	1	1	21	1	70	16	667	...	...	...	2	6	2	55	...
Massachusetts	153	6898	...	220	8	...	78	...	306	153	7204	1	22	12	22	22	...	115	...
Michigan	27	1105	...	...	10	...	...	...	10	27	1115	...	...	...	10	...	...	9	...
Minnesota	11	408	1	32	...	3	102	4	134	15	542	...	...	3	3	...	...	26	...
Missouri	23	848	...	19	1	...	4	...	24	23	872	...	...	4	1	2	...	...	...
Mont. and Idaho	14	267	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	267	...	...	...	...	...	5	119	...
Nebraska	10	358	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	10	358	...	...	...	...	...	...	75	...
New Hampshire	36	1216	...	36	1	...	...	...	37	36	1253	1	17	...	9	...	...	35	...
New Jersey	38	1876	2	82	...	...	...	2	82	40	1958	...	...	2	1	2	...	39	...
New York	180	7060	1	212	8	1	36	2	256	182	7316	1	9	15	13	21	7	406	...
Ohio	114	4908	...	176	...	...	53	...	229	114	5137	1	10	8	3	3	4	418	...
Pennsylvania	212	14230	1	463	0	...	17	1	540	213	14770	1	35	20	4	12	...	359	...
Rhode Island	15	430	...	15	...	...	...	...	15	15	445	...	...	...	2	...	...	17	...
Vermont	26	793	...	14	...	...	7	...	21	26	814	...	...	...	4	...	...	33	...
Washington	7	174	1	40	...	4	113	5	153	12	327	...	...	...	1	...	1	10	...
Wisconsin	56	1571	1	73	1	...	46	1	120	57	1691	...	...	1	...	1	...	43	...
Totals	1213	53183	10	1839	93	12	591	22	2503	1235	55686	7	126	83	72	240	23	2267	3

Total expenditures	\$1577.54
Balance, February 29, 1916	\$2601.25

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies	\$ 367.94
The Banner, February subscription	807.78
Printing	3.50
Reserve	35.98
Shipping supplies	19.62
Miscellaneous	7.80

\$1242.62

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For paper and twine, stationery, postage, telegrams, express, rent (Jan.-Mar.)	\$ 145.95
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\$ 145.95

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For traveling, postage, stenographer, telegrams	\$ 150.72
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\$ 150.72

JUNIOR ORDER EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies	\$ 38.25
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\$ 38.25

Total expenditures	\$1577.54
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Balance, February 29, 1916	\$2601.25
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By order of

A. E. B. STEPHENS,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

APPOMATTOX DAY.

The Ninth Day of April marks the anniversary of one of the most important events that ever transpired in American history. It was on April 9th, 1865, that General Robert E. Lee, commanding the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia, made an unconditional surrender to Lieutenant General Ulysses S. Grant, commanding the Armies of The United States. The meeting of the two Generals was held in the McLean House at Appomattox Court House, Virginia. The terms of the surrender were drawn by General Grant, the same being formally accepted by General Lee, thus virtually bringing to a close the four-years' War of the Rebellion.

The coming April 9th, 1916, is hereby designated as Appomattox Day for appropriate observance by Camps of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. All Camps are directed to arrange suitable programs for this highly important occasion, same to be rendered either on the 9th or on a convenient date near thereto. For this purpose, it is suggested that open meetings be held, and

that invitations be extended to all patriotic organizations, and to the general public.

Each member of our Order is urged to participate in these Appomattox Day exercises, to the end that the fruits of the victory for which our fathers fought, and the blessings of peace that came as the result of their patriotism and valor, may be better recognized and more fully appreciated.

Fraternally yours,

A. E. B. Stephens.

Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.
Cincinnati, Ohio, March 10, 1916.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. IV.

(Series of 1916)

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Court House, Cincinnati, Ohio, April 1, 1916.

MEMORIAL DAY.

"Cover them over with beautiful flowers,
Deck them with garlands, those brothers of ours,
Lying so silent by night and by day,
Sleeping the years of their manhood away.
Give them the honors their future forecast;
Give them the chaplets they won in the strife;
Give them the laurels they lost with their life."

May 30, Officers and Brothers: To your posts; to your duty,
all.

"That we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have
died in vain."

TO ALL CAMPS AND MEMBERS: THEIR DUTY.

"To honor the memories of the heroic dead through historical exercises and the proper observance of Memorial Day."

It is hoped that not one member will fail in his duty or disregard his obligation as a Son of a Veteran. Let not one be missing from the ranks that day; let none have an excuse for absence.

At this time with conditions confronting the Nation, let us show how we, as Sons of Veterans, stand for loyalty and devotion to our Country, our Flag, our institutions and the sacrifices and purposes for which our Fathers, fought, bled and died to save the Union.

The "proper observance" can only be by participation—taking a part. Every member of the Order should and is expected to do his part and help in the "proper observance" of the day. This Memorial Day should be more sacredly and generally observed than any in the past. Every Son of a Veteran knows his duty. It is urged that he perform it. Let that day be set aside by members of the Order for their tributes of love and reverence to our illustrious dead, who by their patriotism, services and sacrifices preserved the Nation.

ATTENTION.

Camps will attend in a body divine services on Sunday,
May 28th, and arrange for exercises thereat appropriate to Memorial Day.

Memorial Day—May 30th—is hereby ordered to be “properly observed”—in accordance with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and the Ritual.

Every Camp is expected to turn out Memorial Day in a body, the members wearing the badges and insignias of the Order on left breast as prescribed. Camp Commanders will be governed according to the Ritual in the formation of the line and in the conduct of the ceremonies.

Every member should be notified to appear for parade and the duties incident to the day, by the proper Camp officers. Each member is expected to do his part and devote himself as much to the performance of his duties and obligation to patriotism, its lessons and the work of the Order, as may be required by the arrangements of the Camps.

No reminder is necessary as to how the ranks of the G. A. R. are becoming less and the great number of that Organization that are constantly passing away. Their feebleness, and in many instances, inability to perform the work incident to Memorial Day is apparent.

Camps are directed to tender their services to the G. A. R. and wherever possible and desired, unite with Posts for the ceremonies of the day. Camps will relieve the Comrades of their arduous duties as much as possible and whenever requested. Camps having charge of and conducting the exercises and ceremonies, will, it is hoped, be in strict harmony and accord with the teachings, honor and credit of our Order.

MEMORIAL DAY REPORTS.

Immediately after the ceremonies of Memorial Day, Camp Commanders will have their Chaplains forward their reports to Division Chaplains. Division Chaplains will promptly consolidate the Camp Chaplains' reports, and forward same as soon as possible to the National Chaplain, Rev. Paul Hickok, No. 17 Fifth St., S. E. Washington, D. C.

SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY.

II. The Commander-in-Chief is not unmindful nor unappreciative of the services and influence of the various ladies' societies rendering assistance to Camps. But attention is directed to the fact that the Commandery-in-Chief in Annual Encampment at Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1885, officially recognized and recommended to Camps the formation of Sons of Veterans Auxiliaries.

Therefore, it is urged and recommended that Camps organize and assist in the formation of Sons of Veterans Auxiliaries. It is the duty of the Order to give preference and consideration to the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary. The Commander-in-Chief requests that Camps which have no Auxiliaries give this subject consideration and arouse a new interest in the Camp by organizing an Auxiliary. If every Camp had an Auxiliary, the Camp would be more prosperous, stronger and more interest would be aroused and the weaker Camps would be greatly encouraged by the assistance an Auxiliary would give.

Full particulars for the organization, and all necessary documents and blanks will be furnished on application to the National Secretary, Mrs. Katie Carr, No. 927 North Fifth St., Camden, New Jersey.

It is said that a Camp having an Auxillary attached to it has never been "disbanded." Surely that fact is sufficient reason in many localities as to why every Camp should at once organize an Auxillary. It is hoped that this will be sufficient to result in the formation of many new Sons of Veterans Auxiliaries.

DEATH BENEFIT ASSOCIATION.

III. The National convention of the Death Benefit Association, was recently held at Wilmington, Delaware, and was quite a successful affair. Reports indicated a prosperous condition and show the Association to be flourishing. Eligibility is open to members of the Sons of Veterans and Sons of Veterans Auxillary. Information relative to becoming attached to the association, both individuals and Camps, will be furnished by Secretary William R. McGirr, No. 2628 West Somerset St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

WOMEN'S SOCIETIES CANNOT BE ADMITTED TO CAMPS.

IV. The following is explanatory, and this is official promulgation for all Division Officers and Camp officers to be governed accordingly and to observe:

March 3, 1916.

Hon. A. E. B. Stephens,

Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Commander:

I desire to submit for your decision a question which I have been called upon to consider, and which also I should personally like to have decided so that the results may be included in the digest of Sons of Veterans' Laws which I am preparing.

At the Washington Encampment, as you will remember, it was proposed to amend the Constitution and the Ritual by adding to Chapter 6, Article 21, a new section as follows:

"Section 2. Members of the Sons of Veterans Auxillary, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Daughters of Veterans, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Army Nurses, when in good standing in their respective organizations, may be admitted to the sessions of the Camp."

The Constitution (Chapter 7) provided that the Constitution, Laws and Ritual shall be altered or amended only "by a majority vote of the members reported present and entitled to a vote at a stated annual meeting."

Note that it does not say members present and voting; but "*members reported present and entitled to a vote.*" And the law has been thus since the early days of the Order.

The proposition in question was brought to a vote at the Thursday morning session (Proceedings, pp. 143-144) and received 78 favorable votes. At the beginning of this session, the Credential Committee presented its report showing 191 accredited delegates present and entitled to vote. Therefore, to adopt on vote and division (as is the case) any constitutional amendment, required as least 96 affirmative votes, this being a majority of 191. Hence, the proposition failed of passage.

The question is: "Was this proposed amendment lawfully adapted so as to become and be now the law of the Order?"

After much thought, I am personally convinced of the legal correctness of the view that the proposition failed of adoption,

for the reasons above set out. I might add that, in cases coming before the courts, it has uniformly been held that constitutional organizations, such as ours, could only be amended in the method prescribed therefor in the constitutions; particularly so as to a requirement of a majority vote of those entitled to vote.

I am, therefore, constrained to suggest that published statements to the effect that this amendment was adopted should be revoked as soon as possible, and a decision in accordance with the law entered in General Orders to the end that those interested may be guided accordingly.

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) W. M. Coffin.

The question as submitted and set forth for official action, was referred to National Counselor H. H. Hale, who, under date of March 21, 1916, rendered opinion as follows:

"From the facts submitted as to the passage of this amendment, it does not seem to me that the record of the vote shows a majority of those entitled to vote, which was 191. The amendment received less than 93 votes, and therefore, *failed of passage*. The above conclusion is practically irresistible as you, no doubt, are aware."

Decision: That the foregoing opinion is hereby concurred in and approved, and that the amendment failed of legal passage in accordance with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and accordingly is, therefore, null and void.

Ordered: That all reference to admission of the above designated associations, organizations and societies, either as a body or bodies, or as members of said bodies or as such societies or organizations, in General Orders heretofore promulgated, be and are hereby declared rescinded and revoked, and are declared of no effect and will not be construed as so indicated therein and all reference and action relating thereto will be guided and governed according to this General Order and this particular feature pertaining thereto.

Section 2, of Article 21, Rules and Regulations, Chapter 6, of the Constitution. Rules and Regulations, is hereby ordered to be considered null and void and as of no effect and as stricken out of the said Constitution.

Further, that in paragraph 8 of the Ritual Opening Ceremonies, page 8, these words will be stricken out and *not* considered, viz:—

"Members in good standing of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G. A. R., the Daughters of Veterans, Army Nurses."

THE JUNIOR SONS OF VETERANS.

V. Few Divisions have secured supplies for the organization of Camps of the Junior Order. All Divisions have been supplied with the necessary pamphlet, blanks, etc., for the organization of these Camps. This is a feature of the Order that should not be neglected and every Division is expected to keep a stock of supplies of this organization on hand, so that Camps can be furnished with the necessary material to organize Camps of the Junior Order when they desire without delay.

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

VI. The Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, held at the same time and place as the Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, will be held at Kansas City, Missouri, August 29-September 1, 1916.

This marks the "Golden Jubilee," or Fiftieth Anniversary of the G. A. R. and the Fiftieth National Encampment of that organization. Preparations for the Encampment are under way. Details will be announced from time to time. It is hoped that arrangements will now be made so that a large delegation from every Division will be present.

CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION: BONDS.

VII. Form 49, Certificates of Election, will be supplied by requisition on the National Secretary on Form 1½ and must be forwarded to the National Secretary in duplicate immediately after the installation of Division Officers at a Division Encampment. These must not be delayed. Each Division Commander, thirty days after installation must furnish a bond in the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars to "A. E. B. Stephens, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Cincinnati, Ohio." This bond *must* be a surety company bond, in accordance with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations. There must be no delay in furnishing this bond.

REPORTS AND PER CAPITA TAX.

VIII. Reports and per capita tax for quarter ending March 31st, 1916, are due May 20th. Division Commanders will give it their personal attention to see that same are in the hands of the National Secretary by that date. The books will be promptly closed May 20th, and tax and reports must not be delayed after that date.

There can be no Suspension of members. Referring to this feature, Secretaries of Camps and Divisions will be governed according to General Orders No. 3, The Banner, March, 1916.

DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS.

IX. Division Encampments reported to Headquarters are as follows:

- California and Pacific, Bakersfield, California, May 9.
- Connecticut, New Haven, April 12-13.
- Illinois, Decatur, May 23-24.
- Indiana, Evansville, May 9-10.
- Kansas, Dodge City, May 16-18.
- Kentucky, Lexington, April 27-28.
- Maryland, Baltimore, May 23-24.
- Massachusetts, Boston, April 4-5.
- Michigan, Bay City, June 6-7.
- Minnesota, Minneapolis, May 25-26.
- Missouri, Kirksville, May 17-18.
- New Hampshire, Concord, April 6-7.
- New Jersey, Atlantic City, June 15-16.
- Ohio, Marion, June 13-16.
- Pennsylvania, Indiana, June 20-21.
- Rhode Island, Providence, April 18.
- Vermont, Burlington, April 18-19.
- Wisconsin, Ripon, June 16-17.

ARMS FOR SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE.

X. Joint Resolution, (S. J.) No. 99, has been introduced in the United States Senate by U. S. Senator Harding of Ohio, "Authorizing and directing the Secretary of War to grant the free use, for military drill, of any discarded rifles to any duly accredited Companies of the Sons of Veterans Reserve." The words "small bore cannon" will be added to the resolution, which is now before the Committee on Military Affairs of the Senate.

It is suggested that companies of the Reserve communicate with the Senators and Representatives in their States and Districts relative to the said resolution and secure their support for the same.

Matters pertaining thereto and all subjects applying to the Reserve and the Military Department should be taken up with Chief of Staff, Edwin M. Amies, Altoona, Pennsylvania.

WORLD COURT CONGRESS.

XI. Delegates to the World Court Congress, to meet in Carnegie Hall, New York City, May 2-4, 1916, have been appointed to represent the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., as follows:

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman, Mt. Vernon, New York.

Division Commander Franz Sigel, New York, New York.

Past Commander-in-Chief Bartow S. Weeks, New York, N. Y.

Past Grand Division Commander Raphael Tobias, New York, New York.

Aide Arthur I. Vescelius, Paterson, New Jersey.

This Congress is to represent all societies which desire peace and not war, an International Court instead of international conflict. An international court of justice was endorsed by the Institute of International Law (1912) and since 1907 has received the hearty support of all the leading powers, including Great Britain and Germany. It has been exhaustively studied at four annual conferences of the American Society for Judicial Settlement of International Disputes and by foreign governments and publicists. The suggestion has also met with the approval of State Legislatures, leading Chambers of Commerce and of representative religious bodies.

AIDES.

XII. Following Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief are hereby announced. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

S. C. Bird, Mansfield, Ohio.

Joseph A. Trevor, Boston, Massachusetts.

Fred W. Butler, Saugus, Massachusetts.

C. H. E. Moran, Holyoke, Massachusetts.

William J. Ricker, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

H. A. Walker, North Adams, Massachusetts.

Ernest C. Ross, Hudson, Massachusetts.

Walton Christie, Dexter, New York.

M. M. Donehue, Waynesville, Ohio.

Charles Montry, Escorse, Michigan.

NEW CAMPS.

XIII. Since last announcement new Camps have been instituted as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
Jan. 12	7	Buchannon, W. Va. (Maryland)	15
Febr. 21	72	Sutherland, Iowa	13
Jan. 16	19	Dimondale, Michigan	19
Jan. 15	89	Middletown Springs, Vermont	19
Jan. 31	8	East Boston Massachusetts	56
Febr. 14	38	Williamstown, New York	67
Mar. 2	2	Billings, Montana	15
		(Montana and Idaho)	
Mar. 21	8	Moundsville, W. Va. (Maryland)	23
Mar. 7	128	Curwensville, Pennsylvania	17
Mar. 8	156	Clearfield, Pennsylvania	16
Febr. 12	50	Hartford, Connecticut	42
Mar. 22	9	Wheeling, W. Va. (Maryland)	15

APPLICATIONS FOR CHARTER.

Applications for charters for new Camps have been approved as follows

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
Mar. 10	4	Brockton, New York	28
Mar. 13	6	Cheney, Washington	44
Mar. 14	5	Tillamook, Oregon (Washington)	29
Mar. 15	51	Biddeford, Maine	44
Mar. 17		Montpelier, Vermont	18
Mar. 21	119	Topfield, Massachusetts	18
Mar. 22	166	Franklin, Pennsylvania	15
Mar. 30		Hesperia, Michigan	18
Mar. 31	10	Sisterville, W. Va. (Maryland)	15

*Approval transferred from Fee for Perry, revoked.

STATEMENT NO. 6.

XIV. Report of the National Secretary for month of March, 1916:

RECEIPTS.

February 29, 1916, to balance		\$2601.25
Received for per capita tax	\$ 78.78	
Charter fees	32.50	
Supplies	195.17	
Junior Order, supplies	12.00	
Total receipts		\$ 918.45
		\$3519.70

EXPENDITURES.

By general expense	\$1817.22
Office expenses	31.50
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	37.40
Junior Order, supplies	49.78
Total expenditures	\$1935.90
Balance, March 31, 1916	\$1583.80

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Stock and supplies	\$392.20
The Banner, March, 1916, subscription	802.83

Printing	3.20	
Reserve	18.48	
Shipping supplies	25.51	
Salaries	575.00	
		\$1817.22
OFFICE EXPENSES.		
For postage, express, telegrams, stationery..\$	31.50	
		\$ 31.50
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.		
For postage, office, traveling, stenographer ..\$	37.40	
		\$ 37.40
JUNIOR ORDER EXPENSES.		
Stock and supplies	49.78	
		\$ 49.78
Total expenditures		\$1935.90
Balance, March 31, 1916		\$1583.80
By order of		
	A. E. B. STEPHENS.	
	Commander-in-Chief.	
Attest:		
H. H. HAMMER,		
National Secretary.		

ADOPT RESOLUTIONS.

This is the time of year when the Divisions and Camps should be "on the boom." It is also a period in affairs of the Nation when interest in our Order is easily aroused.

May your Division gain in strength and numbers and in its usefulness in the great cause of patriotism, is the earnest wish of your Commander-in-Chief.

That this may be accomplished, it is necessary that the Order at large should make its influence felt, and that every Camp and Division should keep in the public eye.

At Washington, the Commandery-in-Chief adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in and through the Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment of its Commandery-in-Chief, in regular session assembled at Washington, this 29th day of September, 1915, heartily concur in and approve the adoption by the Congress and the constituted authorities of the United States of such a wise policy of preparedness as shall fully and adequately provide for the effective defense of our country."

The policy of the Order is thus declared; but that action is of no avail if kept "hidden under a bushel"—locked within the printed pages of our "proceedings."

It is, therefore, the desire of your Commander-in-Chief that this matter be brought to the attention of every Division and Camp in the Order, to the end that each Camp may adopt at once a resolution similar to the foregoing, and when adopted, shall transmit copies thereof to the senators of the state and the

Congressman of the district in which the Camp is located; and also shall publish in the local newspapers their action in the matter.

All answers received from senators and congressmen should be immediately forwarded to the Chairman of the Legislative Committee, W. M. Coffin, 1012 Traction Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Won't you please bring this matter at once to the attention of the Commander of every Camp in your Division, instructing them to take immediate action in accordance with the foregoing. If our Order is to be benefited, *Quick Action* is necessary. *Do It Now*.

Fraternally yours,

A. E. B. STEPHENS,

Commander-in-Chief.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. V.

(Series of 1916)

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF.

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Court House, Cincinnati, Ohio, May 1, 1916.

MEMORIAL DAY.

"THOSE FATHERS OF OURS."

"Dropping from the ranks day by day,
Swiftly they are passing away;
Dropping, dropping, oh, how fast!
Soon will the column of blue be a past."

"Cover them over with beautiful flowers,
The mounds of those Fathers of ours."

Attention is directed to General Orders No. 4, The Banner, April, relating to the orders and directions for the observance of Memorial Day.

Every member of the Order is appealed to and urgently requested to devote himself to the duties and ceremonies of the day.

Be in line with your Camp and show that you appreciate the honor that is yours through your heritage in having membership in the Order of Sons of Veterans. By that course show to the world that your Father or Ancestor, by his patriotism, sacrifice, bravery and suffering, in his service for his Country, helped to preserve the Nation.

Our duty on May 30, while sad, is a beautiful tribute of reverence and respect, and will show that the memories of the Soldiers and Sailors of the Union, will never die.

Memorial Sunday, May 28th, Camps are ordered to attend divine services in a body, if possible, and it is expected that this will be a creditable representation of the Order.

Memorial Day, May 30th, all Camps are directed to participate in a body, and every member able, should be in line. It is our obligation to properly and fittingly observe this day and all are reminded of their duty in this respect.

The ceremonies will be in accord with the Ritual and Rules and Regulations of the Order.

Reports (Form 44) of Camp Chaplains are ordered to be promptly forwarded to Division Chaplains, and Division Chaplains will as soon as possible forward their report (Form 43) to National Chaplain, Rev. Paul Robinson Hickok, No. 7, Fifth Street, S. E. Washington, D. C.

FLAG DAY.

II. At meetings of Camps, on or about Flag Day, June 14th, where ceremonies incident to the day are conducted, it is directed that tribute to the National Emblem be paid with this toast:

"OUR FLAG."

"Beautiful as a flower to those who love it, terrible as a meteor to those who hate, it is the symbol of the power of the glory and the honor of one hundred millions of Americans."

June 14th should be observed by displaying the Flag from all Camp Headquarters, and it is urged that all members of the Order at their homes also display it.

Camps should have some observance of the day appropriate and fitting to the end that Old Glory may be brought to the official notice of all, through our Order.

"The Star Spangled Banner, in triumph shall wave,
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave."

THE BANNER.

III. Every Camp receives a copy of The Banner, our official publication each month. This is intended for the files of a Camp. It must be placed on file and is as much the record of a Camp as any other official communication and must be so regarded. Camp Secretaries will be governed accordingly, and see that a copy of The Banner is in the official records of each Camp regularly.

REPORTS AND PER CAPITA TAX.

IV. Per capita tax and reports for quarter ending March 31st, 1916, *must* be in the hands of the National Secretary *not* later than May 20th. Books will be closed that date for said quarter.

THIRTY-FIFTH ENCAMPMENT.

V. The Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief is hereby ordered to convene Wednesday afternoon, August 30th, 1916, at 2 o'clock, P. M., at the Coates House, Kansas City, Missouri, where Temporary Headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief will be established August 29th.

The first session will be called to order immediately after the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic, which will probably be in the morning of August 30th, and to which the members of the Commandery-in-Chief, visiting members of the Order, the Reserve in attendance, and Camps will act as escort, under the charge and supervision of Chief of Staff Edwin M. Amies, who is hereby ordered to arrange the details and preparations for the formation and assignments of the Sons of Veterans column.

The Coates House has been assigned to the Sons of Veterans as Headquarters, and also as the Headquarters of the Sons of Veterans Auxillary.

Rates are European plan: Room with bath, conditioned upon five days, \$4.00 per day, and less without bath. Reservations

should be made direct to the Hotel. Address "Coates House, Kansas City, Missouri."

The sessions of the Encampment will be held in the Coates House, and provision for Committees and other details have been made there.

Additional information will be announced from time to time in General Orders.

The Council-in-Chief will meet at 4 P. M., of August 29th, at Temporary Headquarters, the Coates House, Kansas City, Missouri, to audit the accounts and books of the National Secretary and the National Treasurer, for the term to close the present Administration.

ENCAMPMENT REPRESENTATION.

The Commandery-in-Chief Encampment representation will be made up from Certificates forwarded to the National Secretary (Form 49) in duplicate, in which must be shown, to be in good standing and so certified by the Division Commander and attested by the Division Secretary, Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Grand Division Commanders, Past Division Commanders, Constitutional Life Members and Division Commanders. Also one delegate from each Division, whatever its membership, and one delegate for every five hundred members, or major fraction thereof, in good standing, based upon the reports next preceding the Encampment, and its own elective and appointive officers (of the Commandery-in-Chief).

All must be in good standing in their Camps and the Camps of which each are members must also be in good standing.

Reports of the Division Patriotic Instructor, Division Chaplain and Division Secretary and Division Treasurer, must be in possession of the respective National Officers, to whom such reports are made, from each Division for representation of a Division and all moneys due for tax and supplies must be paid previous to the Encampment to have representation therein.

AMENDMENTS TO C. R. & R.

VI. Proposed amendments to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, to be considered at the Thirty-fifth Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, at Kansas City, must be in the hands of the National Secretary not later than June 30th, for announcement in General Orders in July Banner. Division Officers will appreciate the necessity for promptness in forwarding same in order that the law may be complied with in this respect.

It is requested that, all proposed amendments be typewritten, *on one side of paper only*, and carefully prepared.

ADDITIONAL DIVISION ENCAMPMENT DATES.

VII. Division Encampments to be held, not previously reported, are as follows:

Alabama and Tennessee, Birmingham, Alabama, May 17.

Colorado and Wyoming, Pueblo, Colorado, June 13-15.

Iowa, Marshalltown, June 20-21.

Maine, Auburn, June 14-15.

Montana and Idaho, Bozeman, Montana, May 11-13.

Nebraska, Lexington, May 16-18.

BONDS.

VIII. Attention is again directed to Chapter 6, General Rules and Regulations of the Constitution, Article 11, applying to bonds.

Division Commanders are required to furnish a surety bond in the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars to "A. E. B. Stephens, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Cincinnati, Ohio," within thirty (30) days after their election.

It is hoped that no further reference to this subject need be made, but that same will be promptly complied with.

DIVISION ELECTIONS.

IX. Divisions, reported, have elected:

Connecticut: Division Commander, Robert T. Alcorn, 19 Elm St., Hartford; Secy.-Treas., Isaac T. Jenks, 420 Orchard St., New Haven.

Massachusetts: Division Commander, A. A. Bronsdon, Millers Falls; Secretary, Henry F. Weiler, 15 Beacon St., Room 38, Boston; Treasurer, Edwin A. Holmes, 15 Beacon St., Room 38, Boston.

New Hampshire: Division Commander, J. Kirkwood Craig, Suncook.

Rhode Island: Division Commander, Claude W. Perry, 77 Main St., Pawtucket; Secy.-Treas., Chas. H. Young, 248 Harrison St., Providence.

Vermont: Division Commander, R. B. Gleason, Manchester Center; Secy.-Treas., E. E. Perry, Barre.

ADMISSION OF MEMBERS OF WOMEN'S SOCIETIES TO SESSIONS OF THE CAMPS.

X. In the matter of the decision in General Orders No. 4, declaring that members of the Women's Societies designated in the legislation of the Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Washington, cannot be admitted to the sessions of Camps, the Commander-in-Chief desires it understood that he would not have, in the least degree, any hardship inflicted upon the Camps or the allied societies affected.

To the Camps that have been having the members of the societies in attendance at their sessions, it is suggested that they are not necessarily deprived of this privilege by the decision referred to, nor even under the law as it stood before the attempted amendment. The amendment is not necessary to the real end desired by these Camps.

Hence, it is suggested to these Camps that they may now, as always, arrange joint (or open) meetings with the members of these allied societies whenever it is mutually agreeable; and that whenever members of these societies visit the sessions of the Camps that have recently been admitting them, the proceedings of the Camp may be recessed, a provisional "Good of the Order" held, and the visitors made to feel that under present conditions they can be made as welcome and their presence appreciated as much as under any other circumstances.

APPEALS.

XI. Appeals from the opinion of the National Counselor and decision of the Commander-in-Chief, in the matter of admission of Women's Societies to the sessions of the Camps, as set forth in paragraph IV., of General Orders No. 4, The Banner, April issue, have been received from:

Past Grand Division Commander Frank H. Challis, New Hampshire.

Division Commander Wm. L. Barnum, Jr., Illinois.

These will receive attention through the proper and customary channels, and in due course.

XII. The following are appointed Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief and are to be respected accordingly:

C. Thurston Green, 101 West 42nd St., New York City.
 Rudolph Kearn, Harrison, Ohio.
 William M. Coffin, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 R. J. Williams, Columbus, Ohio.

SELF-HELPS FOR CITIZEN SOLDIERS.

XIII. The attention of the membership is called to a book published by Captain M. B. Stewart, of the United States Army, and Captain James A. Moss, of the 29th United States Infantry, entitled "Self-helps for the Citizen Soldier." It is a most excellent work, and I believe should be in every patriotic home. Every boy and young man should have this guide to self-helps for the citizen soldier. It is published by The George Banta Publishing Company, Menasha, Wisconsin.

"MILITARY DEPARTMENT AFFAIRS."

XIV. Matters relating to the Military Department should be presented to the Committee on Military Affairs, either to one of the members who will forward it to the Chairman or direct to the Chairman or Secretary of the Committee. This committee consists of.

Chairman, Past Commander-in-Chief E. R. Campbell, Clermont, Florida.

Secretary, Past Division Commander S. S. Horn, Easton, Pa.

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Shepard, 108 So. La Salle St., Chicago, Illinois.

Past Commander-in-Chief George W. Pollitt, 113 Hamilton Ave., Paterson, New Jersey.

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles K. Darling, 610 Exchange Bldg., Boston, Massachusetts.

The attention of the Committee on Military Affairs is called to the amendments affecting the military body, presented at the 1915 (Washington) Encampment, and referred for consideration and report at the next Encampment. The several members will forward their views to Chairman Campbell that it may be submitted in tentative form for consideration of the committee in time for necessary publication and report.

STATEMENT NO. 7.

XV. Report of the National Secretary for month of April, 1916.

RECEIPTS.

March 31, 1916, to balance		\$1583.80
Received for per capita tax	\$ 278.45	
Charter fees	35.00	
Supplies	591.67	
Total receipts		\$ 905.12

\$2488.92

EXPENDITURES.

General expenses	\$1084.24
Office expenses	136.80

Commander-in-Chief's expenses	217.93	
Junior Order supplies	110.00	
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Total expenditures		\$1548.97
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Balance, April 29, 1916		\$ 939.95

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Stock and supplies	\$ 240.67	
The Banner, April, 1916, subscription	803.20	
Printing	5.20	
Shipping supplies	16.70	
Miscellaneous	18.47	
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		\$1084.24

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For postage, express, telegrams, stationery, rent (April-June, 1916, inc.)	136.80	
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		\$ 136.80

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For postage, traveling, stenographer	\$ 217.93	
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		\$ 217.93

JUNIOR ORDER EXPENSES.

Stock and supplies	\$110.00	
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		\$ 110.00
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Total expenditures		\$1548.97
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Balance, April 29, 1916		\$ 939.95

NEW CAMPS.

XVI. Following Camps have been instituted since last General Orders.

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
Mar. 29	183	Windber, Pennsylvania	38
Apr. 4	11	Topeka, Kansas	18
Mar. 2	11	Providence, Rhode Island	22
Mar. 30	41	New Brunswick, New Jersey	17
Mar. 11	6	Garden City, Kansas	27
Apr. 1	5	Tillamook, Oregon (Washington)	18
Mar. 22	51	Biddeford, Maine	29
Mar. 29	90	Montpelier, Vermont	25
Mar. 24	166	Franklin, Pennsylvania ^a	22
Mar. 28	112	Lexington, Nebraska	35
Apr. 14	11	Grand Island, Nebraska	31
Apr. 24	19	Culver, Kansas	35
Apr. 18	84	Glover, Vermont	15
Apr. 19	186	Schuylkill Haven, Pennsylvania	21
Nov. 26	56	Wapakoneta, Ohio	47
Apr. 19	117	Evansville, Indiana	29

Applications for charters for new Camps have been approved since last announcement as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
Apr. 8	11	Elkins, West Virginia (Maryland)	24
Apr. 12	8	Huntington, Indiana	20
Apr. 15	185	East Springfield, Pennsylvania	22
Apr. 17		Concorida, Kansas	72
Apr. 19	102	Dixmont, Maine	17
Apr. 24	75	Des Moines, Iowa	90
Apr. 28		DeRuyter, New York	15
Apr. 29	4	La Crosse, Kansas	27

By order of

A. E. B. STEPHENS,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

TO SONS AND GRANDSONS OF VETERANS OF '61-'65.

DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA, G. A. R.

Grand Island, Nebraska, Febr. 15, 1916.

Greeting:—

It is my purpose in thus addressing you at this time to endeavor to organize a Camp of Sons of Veterans in Hall County, Nebraska, at the city of Grand Island.

For several years I have been saying over and over again to myself, "After the Grand Army, what?" and the answer comes back with a clearness that makes misunderstanding impossible. And it is; "There can be no successor to the Grand Army of the Republic." This organization was created for a peculiar purpose and is composed of men drawn together by the invisible bands of friendship, cemented in a common danger, and exerting an influence in the community incomparably greater than any other organization since time began. With the death of the last survivor, so dies the Grand Army of the Republic, and naught remains but the splendid sentiment that drew them together. The preservation of the Union, and then what? Are the principles of the Grand Army to perish? Are their objects no longer worth preserving? Is their fame to be gradually erased until the great leveler, Time, has destroyed the last vestige of this mighty host. "The Boys in blue?" No! A thousand times, no! So say fifty thousand sons in whose veins courses the rich blood of the soldier, what your father fought for. You should preserve what they loved and you love still. And so long as there is an organization of SONS OF VETERANS, composed of lineal descendants of Union veterans, just so long will the memory of the fathers be hallowed. You are sons and grandsons of soldiers and sailors, and you love to be of assistance to the veterans, but as Sons of Veterans, you are not expected to be the successors to the Grand Army, nor do you expect the Grand Army to change their rules to permit you to have any kind of membership in their organization. But you are anxious to be so well organized and to have so many members that there can be no question as to your ability to carry on the great work your father commenced. Every Soldier's and Sailor's grave must be decorated on Memorial Day, and the great cardinal principles of "this nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all," must be preserved. At the present time there are over 1200 Camps and approxi-

mately 60,000 members, all pledged to the same principles as your fathers.

The members of the Grand Army are decreasing rapidly. Your numbers are increasing. Your average age is near forty years and the grandsons are near the greatest number of recruits. The Sons of Veterans have demonstrated their ability to stick and have proven their worth as can be testified to by the thousands of Grand Army men. Do you want to help organize a Camp and will you do what you can to have one?

Fraternally in F., C. and L.

GEO. C. HUMPHREY,

Deputy Commander, Dept. Nebr. G. A. R.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. VI.

(Series of 1916)

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF.

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Court House, Cincinnati, Ohio, June 1, 1916.

"My Country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet Land of Liberty."

I. Independence Day—July 4th, marking the one hundred and fortieth year of the Nation, should be fittingly observed with patriotic exercises by all Camps; and it is recommended that such occasion be given publicity and the Camp Patriotic Instructors are reminded of paragraph 5, Page 53, the Ritual. Camp Commanders will give this matter attention. Let there be a patriotic outpouring in all Camps in celebration of the day.

GREETINGS TO NEW OFFICERS.

II. To the new Division Commanders elected and to be elected, and to the Division and Staff officers, greetings are hereby extended and success is hoped for all. There is a work to do for each one. It must not be left to the higher officials. All can help and each one requires assistance. It is hoped that all will have each other's cooperation and that the results will be achieved that the Order and respective Divisions are looking for and expecting from their new officers.

FORM 49—BONDS.

III. Form No. 49, supplied on requisition Form 14 by the National Secretary, must be forwarded to Headquarters in duplicate. Bonds of Division Commanders must be a surety company bond, in \$1,000, made to "A. E. B. Stephens, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Cincinnati, Ohio." It is hoped that no further appeal may be required for every Division Commander to file his bond within the period specified by the C., R. & R.—which is thirty days.

REPORTS AND TAX FOR QUARTER ENDING JUNE.

IV. *Attention.* Special attention is directed and called to each Division Commander, Division Secretary and Division Treasurer, Camp Commanders, Secretaries, and Treasurers to this:

The Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief will meet at Kansas City, Mo., August 29-September 1.

The reports of the National Officers must be printed for presentation to this Encampment.

Therefore, it is necessary that the per capita tax and reports of the Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers be in the possession of the National Secretary without delay.

To have these returns printed, the books and accounts balanced, and innumerable details connected therewith, it need not further be emphasized as to the necessity for promptness and absolute compliance with this request.

If your National Officers are to serve you in the manner expected, and the laws relating to their duties enforced, the Camp Commanders, Camp Secretaries, Camp Treasurers **MUST** get their per capita tax and reports for quarter ending June 30th, 1916, to their Division Headquarters **IMMEDIATELY AFTER** June 30th.

The Division Commanders, Division Secretaries, Division Treasurers **MUST** forward their per capita tax and reports promptly and **WITHOUT DELAY**—to the National Secretary. The per capita tax is six (6) cents.

If this is complied with we can comply with the service the Order expects and has a right to have; if it is not complied with, the Order cannot be served as it desires and as it has demanded by its laws.

A special appeal is made to every Division Commander, and Division Secretary, Division Treasurer and Camp Commander, Camp Secretary and Camp Treasurer to assist in this matter by forwarding per capita tax and reports for June quarter within the time stated.

If these reports and per capita tax are not received a Division failing to forward same cannot have representation in the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment at Kansas City.

QUARTERLY REPORTS.

V. Division Commanders should at once send out Blank Forms 27 and 28 to all Camps, with an urgent appeal to get these reports and per capita tax in to their respective headquarters **IMMEDIATELY** after June 30th.

Camps that are dilatory should be urged by letter and District Aides, as well as Division Officers to be prompt and send in their tax and reports so that returns can be made to the National Secretary in time.

CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS.

VI. All checks and money orders **MUST** be made payable to H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, and **FORWARDED** to Reading, Pennsylvania.

A DISAVOWAL.

VII. Attention has been called to an article in the Sons of Veterans Advocate published at Manchester, New Hampshire, of recent date, containing an attack upon the President of our Country, which has called forth protests from members of our Order. While disavowing, on behalf of the Order, the sentiments therein expressed, the fact is emphasized that the publication in question is a private enterprise, without official connection, and the Order should not, in consequence, be held responsible for the published opinions of an individual.

G. A. R. FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

VIII. This year designates the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Grand Army of the Republic. It will receive fitting recognition at Kansas City, during the National Encampment of the Grand Army and the Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans.

In the Official Encampment parade at Kansas City, the Sons of Veterans will be the Official Escort to the G. A. R. Parade.

It is hoped that our representation will be creditable and that a large delegation will be in line. Divisions adjacent to the Division of Missouri and the Missouri Division should be in line in large numbers and it is urged that all who can, attend the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment to participate in this honor and tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Camps are urged to take action whereby the occasion to commemorate in a suitable manner the Fiftieth Anniversary of this great organization—the Grand Army of the Republic—may be suitably and fittingly observed. Let there be a reunion of the members of the Posts and the Camps and affiliated Orders and the event be historic in the record of every Camp.

CAMPS SUSPENDED, DISBANDED AND DROPPED.

Illinois—Disbanded: Camp No. 40, Carbondale, 30 members; Camp No. 94, Mattoon, 53 members.

Indiana—Suspended: Camp No. 140, Peru, 10 members; Camp No. 228, Princeton, 97 members.

Iowa—Suspended: Camp No. 7, Ute, 7 members; Camp No. 14, Algona, 14 members; Camp No. 18, Dubuque, 18 members; Camp No. 20, Knoxville, 28 members; Camp No. 33, Waterloo, 42 members.

Kansas—Dropped: Camp No. 54, Stockton, 11 members.

Massachusetts—Disbanded: Camp No. 58, Attleboro, 20 members.

Missouri—Dropped: Camp No. 16, Green City, 25 members; Camp No. 24, Marionville, 40 members; Camp No. 26, Altamont, 21 members; Camp No. 27, Oregon, 43 members.

Montana and Idaho—Dropped: Camp No. 2, Boise, Idaho, 30 members; Camp No. 12, Caldwell, Idaho, 10 members.

Nebraska—Suspended: Camp No. 1, Omaha, 55 members; Camp No. 82, Loup City, 11 members; Camp No. 143, Fullerton, 32 members.

New Jersey—Dropped: Camp No. 7, Newton, 15 members; Camp No. 29, Belleville, 5 members. Suspended: Camp No. 15, Morristown, 23 members.

New York—Dropped: Camp No. 11, Rushford, 28 members; Camp No. 29, Webster, 30 members; Camp No. 36, Sidney, 33 members; Camp No. 128, Randolph, 14 members; Camp No. 145, Brooklyn, 20 members; Camp No. 164, Cortland, 31 members; Camp No. 181, Bath, 31 members.

Ohio—Disbanded: Camp No. 94, West Liberty, 10 members.

Pennsylvania—Disbanded: Camp No. 82, Philadelphia, 12 members; Camp No. 159, Warren, 18 members. Suspended: Camp No. 153, Saxonburg, 26 members.

Washington—Dropped: Camp No. 4, Colfax, Washington, 10 members; Camp No. 5, Colville, Washington, 12 members; Camp No. 4, Portland, Oregon, 19 members; Camp No. 7, Stayton, Oregon, 22 members.

Wisconsin—Disbanded: Camp No. 38, Kilbourn, 10 members.

CHARTERS OF CAMPS REVOKED.

X. The Charters of all Camps reported as Dropped are hereby revoked and Division Commanders will cause record to be made on their Division books accordingly. The charter of Camp No. 95, Princeton, Division of Maine, has also been revoked for failure to pay per capita tax and make reports as provided.

DIVISION ENCAMPMENT.

XI. The Division Encampment, Division of Washington, will be held at Spokane, Washington, June 26-29.

FLAG DAY.

XII. Attention is again directed to General Orders No. 5, the May issue of The Banner, with reference to the observance of "Flag Day"—June 14. It is urgently requested that all Camps and members pay proper tribute to this occasion and the Flag.

MEMORIAL DAY.

XIII. Memorial Day—May 30, has passed into history and another page on the records of the Order, as to its observance, has been written. It is hoped that the lessons of the day were of such a character, as to make upon each and every member a lasting impression and a resolution that every one on the rolls of the Order will be a better, more active, zealous and patriotic Son of a Veteran.

REPORTS TO BE MADE.

XIV. Reports of Camp Chaplains (Form 44) must be forwarded at once to Division Chaplains; and they will immediately forward consolidated reports (Form 43) to National Chaplain, Rev. Paul Robinson Hickok, No. 17 Fifth St., S. E. Washington, D. C.

Patriotic Instructors' Reports (Form 50) must be forwarded at once, if not already forwarded, from all Division Patriotic Instructors (Form 51), to National Patriotic Instructor W. Y. Morgan, Hutchinson, Kansas.

Failure to have these Division reports will deprive Divisions from representation in the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment at Kansas City.

THIRTY-FIFTH ENCAMPMENT OF THE COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF.

XV. Attention previously, as well as official notice has been made in General Orders No. 5, of the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, to be held at Kansas City, Missouri, August 29th-September 1st, 1916.

Headquarters have been established at the Coates House. (This is also the Headquarters of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary). Rates: Rooms with private bath, two persons, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00 per day. Rooms without private bath, two persons, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00 per day. If reservations are desired, make application direct to the Coates House, Kansas City, Missouri.

The program as known was announced in General Orders No. 5, the May issue of The Banner. As further reported and arranged, announcements will be made from time to time.

Temporary Headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief will be established at the Coates House, Kansas City, August 29th.

NATIONAL SECRETARY FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH, 31, 1916.

Aggregate.		LOSS										Total Loss.	In Good Standing March 31, 1916.	Received for Pay Capita Tax.	Cash on Hand at Division Headquarters.	Cash on Hand in Camp Treasuries.	Expended for Relief.	No. Members of Their Families Relieved.	No. Veterans of Their Families Relieved.		
Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members											
11	230										1	11	229	\$ 15.26	\$ 100.00						
17	551			1	10						17	17	534	36.21	215.64	297.31					
8	207										6	6	201	13.96	23.31	19.50					
40	2287			4	4	8					15	31	40	2256	147.81	194.68	3752.32	9.73			
67	2579	2	83	3	4	1					76	167	65	2419	154.32	1179.70					
29	1056					1	2	107			12	116	27	946	64.60	451.09					
20	517						5	10			5	111	15	406	30.27	8.35					
33	1163										43	32	1120	73.04	408.54	298.98					
6	114										12	12	6	102	6.31	2.05					
50	2281			4							33	37	50	2244	143.89	403.35	626.41	2.65			
19	748			3	2						24	29	19	719	38.04	207.26	457.62	288.50			
154	7335	1	20	17	28	15					90	170	152	7165	469.56	901.24	13099.19	390.92	10	14	
28	1130			1	6						14	28	1123	66.24	235.66	532.18	245.31				
16	563				1						131	15	16	548	37.92	144.87	380.18				
23	876			1	2						48	4	134	19	742	51.02	120.56				
10	163										4	8	115	6.30							
11	331						3	98			2	229	8	229	12.42	215.45					
35	1224			1	2	1					25	29	35	1195	77.39	231.90	892.66	15.97	2		
42	1998			4	1	15					7	3	102	39	1896	121.22	317.88	4968.29	1699.57		
178	7193			16	9	4					297	7	326	171	6867	458.75	614.53				
112	5119	1	10	5	12	2					124	1	153	111	4966	340.83	404.17				
216	14350	2	30	30	3	3	1	26			208	3	300	213	14550	937.38	79.20	36799.56	7674.21	27	
16	569										4	6	16	563	53.25	129.03					
28	859			1	2	1					10	28	849	53.05	277.97	492.74	8.06				
11	323										4	67	7	252	15.69	174.75					
59	1736	1	10	1	6	2					58	1	77	58	1659	107.90	61.02				
1239	56002	7	163	92	78	59	12	350	20	1377	33	2109	1290	53893	33525.77	1653.81	\$62716.94	\$10334.92	48	19	

The Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief will convene at 2 o'clock p. m. of August 30th, 1916, in the Coates House.

The Council-in-Chief will meet at 4 o'clock p. m., Tuesday, August 29th, 1916, for the purpose of auditing the books and accounts of the National Secretary and the National Treasurer.

The members of the Encampment and of the Order will parade as the Official Escort to the Grand Army of the Republic for its Annual Encampment, August 30th, under the charge and supervision of Edwin M. Amies, Chief of Staff.

All Division Commanders must have their bonds approved by the Commander-in-Chief; all reports of Division Patriotic Instructors, Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers, with per capita tax for quarter ending June 30th, 1916; and Form 49 must be forwarded by July 31st, for Divisions to have representation in the said Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief. Division Commanders will give these matters their personal and immediate attention.

XVI. In recognition of work performed in the mustering in of new Camps and the securing of new members, the following are appointed Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

George W. Barthold, Steubenville, Ohio.

D. A. Cleveland, Elyria, Ohio.

Haynie R. Pearson, 5730 Midway Park, Austin, Chicago.

Morton G. Slocum, 732 No. Leamington, Austin, Chicago.

W. A. Hardinger, 729 N. Lotus Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

L. W. McCall, 118 N. Taylor Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois.

ROSTER OF DIVISIONS.

XVII. Following are new Division Commanders (thus far reported). They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Alabama and Tennessee—Commander, J. Fred Ehrhart, 1729 2nd Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama; Secretary, M. D. Friedman, 1237 So. 21st St., Birmingham, Alabama; Treasurer, Valentine Gilb, Jr., Box 146, Birmingham, Alabama.

Connecticut—Commander, Robert T. Alcorn, 19 Elm Street, Hartford; Secretary and Treasurer, Isaac T. Jenks, Box 1233 New Haven.

Illinois—Commander, Clifford Ireland, Peoria; Secretary, A. D. Rhinesmith, Board of Trade Building, Peoria; Treasurer, Wm. G. Dustin, Dwight.

Indiana—Commander, A. L. McConkey, Bloomington; Secretary and Treasurer, R. Harris McGuire, 1001 Law Building, Indianapolis.

Kansas—Commander, Fred A. Kesler, Ellsworth; Secretary and Treasurer, J. M. Wilson, Ellsworth.

Kentucky—Commander, Alexander Hamilton, Newport; Secretary and Treasurer, Chas. E. Stebbins, 159 W. 4th St., Covington.

Maryland—Commander, Charles M. Overacker, 413 10th St., N. W. Washington, D. C.; Secretary and Treasurer, Francis E. Cross, 212 5th St., S. E. Washington, D. C.

Massachusetts—Commander, A. A. Bronsdon, Millers Falls; Secretary, Henry F. Weiler, 15 Beacon St., Room 38, Boston; Treasurer, Edwin A. Holmes, 15 Beacon St., Room 38, Boston.

Missouri—Commander, A. J. Albrecht, 2045 South Broad-

way, St. Louis; Secretary and Treasurer, Walter L. Bobe, 5021 Alabama Avenue, St. Louis.

Nebraska—Commander, L. W. Hague, Minden; Secretary and Treasurer, H. B. Reed, Columbus.

New Hampshire—Commander, J. Kirkwood Craig, Suncook; Secretary and Treasurer, Edward K. George, 87 South Street, Concord.

Rhode Island—Commander, Claude W. Perry, 77 North Main St., Pawtucket; Secretary and Treasurer, Chas. H. Young, 248 Harrison St., Providence.

Vermont—Commander, R. B. Gleason, Manchester Center; Secretary and Treasurer, E. E. Perry, Barre.

PASSWORD AND COUNTERSIGN.

XVIII. The password and countersign for term of July 1st to December 31st, 1916, has been promulgated to the Divisions entitled to same. This will only be issued to Camps forwarding reports and paying per capita tax for quarter ending June 30th; and will only be given to members of Camps who are in good standing June 30th, 1916.

XIX. Following Camps were instituted since last announcement:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
May 6	15	Auburn, Kansas	20
May 1	6	Cheney, Wash. (Washington)	25
Apr. 28	11	Hesperia, Michigan	19
Apr. 22	10	Sistersville, W. Va. (Maryland)	17
Apr. 16	11	Elkins, W. Va. (Maryland)	16
Apr. 28	185	East Springfield, Pennsylvania	16
May 4	17	Concordia, Kansas	80
May 4	75	Des Moines, Iowa	90
May 2	2	DeRuyter, New York	18
May 12	5	La Crosse, Kansas	19
May 12	104	Union, Maine	21
Jan. 27	65	Marion, Ohio	76
Apr. 4	48	Logansport, Indiana	104
Aug. 5, '15	2	Apple River, Illinois	20
May 19	13	Cheshire, Michigan	31
May 15	194	Frackville, Pennsylvania	22
May 22	195	Manheim, Pennsylvania	22
Mar. 10	107	Troy, Ohio	36
Febr. 28	24	Tuscola, Illinois	32

Applications for charters for new Camps were approved in addition to the foregoing as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
May 1	187	Sligo, Pennsylvania	15
May 3		Gray, Maine	18
May 5	191	Ulster, Pennsylvania	15
May 9	5	Lexington, Kentucky	26
May 10		Quincy, Michigan	28
May 11	192	Beaver Springs, Pennsylvania	39
May 11	110	Chicopee, Massachusetts	18
May 13		Craftsbury, Vermont	30
May 15	193	Leechburg, Pennsylvania	23
May 18	35	Copenhagen, New York	23
May 18	4	Alexandria, Minnesota	18
May 19	188	Freeland, Pennsylvania	25

May 22	82	Tionesta, Pennsylvania	16
May 22	190	Sharon, Pennsylvania	22
May 22	196	Eau Clair, Pennsylvania	22
May 26	152	North East, Pennsylvania	16

STATEMENT NO. 8.

XX. Report of the National Secretary for month of May, 1916:

RECEIPTS.

April 29, 1916, to balance		\$ 939.95
Received for per capita tax	\$2309.94	
Charter fees	62.50	
Supplies	915.85	
Junior Order, supplies	21.05	
Total receipts		<u>\$3309.34</u>
		\$4249.29

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$1417.03	
Office expenses	30.75	
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	100.34	
Total expenditures		<u>\$1548.12</u>
Balance, May 31, 1916		\$2701.17

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies	\$ 522.02	
The Banner, May, 1916, subscription	802.98	
Printing	12.35	
Reserve (April and May, 1916)	32.90	
Shipping supplies	24.28	
Miscellaneous	22.50	
		<u>\$1417.03</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For twine, postage, telegrams, stationery, Express	\$ 30.75	
		<u>\$ 30.75</u>

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For traveling, postage, telegrams, stenographer	\$ 100.34	
		<u>\$ 100.34</u>
Total expenditures		<u>\$1548.12</u>
Balance, May 31, 1916		\$2701.17

By order of

A. E. B. STEPHENS,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. VII.

(Series of 1916)

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Court House, Cincinnati, Ohio, July 1, 1916.

OUR COUNTRY'S CALL.

I. Great events have occurred since last general Orders were issued. The country has been stirred. A call to "the colors" has been sounded. Ready and prompt response was made from all sections by members of our Order. Sons of Veterans know their duty. They are prompt to perform it. As our Fathers rallied in defense of the honor of the Nation, so we are all ready when needed and accepted.

Our members are at the front—in positions from the highest to the lowest in rank—from Major-Generals to privates in the Army; and many are in the Navy. Many more are prepared and ready to respond at the opportunity. The Sons of Veterans Reserve of one Division has tendered its services. Regiments and Companies in other Divisions have done likewise. Camps and members have offered themselves.

Representatives of the Order will give a creditable account of themselves and show that they are worthy descendants of worthy sires; and for the principles it stands for and the honor of our Flag.

War—with Mexico—if war—Camps and members will be governed by their local conditions and circumstances in their services to the President or the Governors of their respective Commonwealths,

DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS.

II. Division Encampments have been held. New Commanders start a new term. Congratulations are extended to all. They are urgently appealed to for active service in behalf of the Order to organize new Camps, create a new interest in the membership in their Divisions and have results so that success will be theirs at the close of their administrations.

BONDS OF COMMANDERS.

III. Every Division Commander is required by the Constitution to furnish a surety company bond in \$1,000 to "A. E. B. Stephens, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Cincinnati, Ohio." within thirty days after election. Each one has been informed and requested to forward said bond. It is hoped this will be a sufficient reminder.

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

IV. The Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief is being arranged for in the Division of Missouri, at Kansas City, August 29th-September 1st. Headquarters as per previous General Orders will be established at the Coates House, where at 4 o'clock p. m., of Tuesday, August 29th, the Council-in-Chief will convene for the transaction of such business as may be presented and the audit of the accounts and books of the National Secretary and National Treasurer.

The Encampment will be convened at 2 o'clock p. m. of Wednesday, August 30th, in the Coates House, after the Commandery, visiting and local members and all Sons of Veterans present, will have acted as Official Escort to the Grand Army of the

Republic parade, which will be under the supervision of the Chief of Staff, Edwin M. Amies, so far as it relates to the Sons of Veterans column.

It is hoped that the Order will make a creditable display and it is urged upon the Division of Missouri and adjacent Divisions to have their membership in line in large numbers.

Headquarters will be established at the Coates House, Kansas City, August 29th. The Sons of Veterans Auxiliary will also have its Headquarters at the Coates House.

For railroad rates, information and transportation arrangements, it is suggested that local ticket agents be consulted.

Any information relating to the Encampment from time to time will be promulgated through General Orders and The Banner.

ENCAMPMENT REPRESENTATION.

V. As previously announced, for representation in the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment, it will be necessary for every Division Commander to have his bond filed; to have the Division Patriotic Instructor's report in the hands of the National Patriotic Instructor, W. Y. Morgan, Hutchinson, Kansas; to have the Division Chaplain's report in the hands of the National Chaplain, Rev. Paul Robinson Hickok, No. 17 Fifth St., S. E. Washington, D. C.; to have the per capita tax and reports of the Division Secretary and Division Treasurer for quarter ending June 30th, in the hands of the National Secretary, and to be in good standing with same.

VI. In recognition of work performed in mustering in new Camps and securing new members, the following are appointed on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

James T. H. Betterley, Bell St., Chicopee, Massachusetts.
 Park Yengling, 1581 Dexter Place, Cleveland, Ohio.
 G. William Pfeiffer, Mansfield, Ohio.
 Sherman H. Howard, Harrison, Ohio.
 Henry Behrle, St. Bernard, Ohio.
 Voyta Wrabetz, Madison, Wisconsin.
 Wm. B. Chrisman, Cleves, Ohio.

ROSTER OF DIVISIONS.

VII. Division Commanders, Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers have been selected as follows:

Alabama and Tennessee—Commander, J. Fred Ehrhart, 1729 2nd Ave., Birmingham, Ala.; Secretary, M. D. Friedman, 1237 South 21st St., Birmingham, Ala.; Treasurer, Valentine Gilb, Jr., P. O. Box 146, Birmingham, Ala.

California and Pacific—Commander, Joseph V. Griffin, 135 West Acacia Ave., Tropic, Cal.; Secretary, A. J. VanWie, 221 Cypress St., Tropic, Cal.; Treasurer, Wm. A. Gass, 712 W. Broadway, Glendale, Cal.

Colorado and Wyoming—Commander, Jesse A. Ditson, 1102 11th St., Denver, Col.; Secretary and Treasurer, Archie White, Denver, Col.

Connecticut—Commander, Robt. T. Alcorn, 19 Elm St., Hartford; Secretary and Treasurer, Isaac T. Jenks, Box 1233 New Haven.

Illinois—Commander, Clifford Ireland, Peoria; Secretary, A. D. Rhinesmith, Board of Trade Bldg., Peoria; Treasurer, Wm. G. Dustin, Dwight.

Indiana—Commander, A. L. McConkey, Bloomington; Secretary and Treasurer, R. Harris McGuire, 1001 Law Bldg., Indianapolis.

Iowa—Commander, S. L. Carpenter, Clear Lake; Secretary and Treasurer, G. F. Taylor, Interstate Bldg., Cedar Rapids.

Kansas—Commander, Fred A. Kesler, Ellsworth; Secretary and Treasurer, J. M. Wilson, Ellsworth.

Kentucky—Commander, Alex. Hamilton, Newport; Secretary and Treasurer, Chas. E. Stebbins, 159 West 4th St., Covington.

Maine—Commander, John C. Howrs, 10 Spring St., Augusta; Secretary and Treasurer, Edward K. Gould, 375 Main St., Rockland.

Maryland—Commander, Charles M. Overacker, 29 Sycamore Ave., Tacoma Park, Md.; Secretary and Treasurer, Francis E. Cross, 319 9th St., S. E., Washington, D. C.

Massachusetts—Commander, A. A. Bronsdon, Millers Falls; Secretary, Henry F. Weiler, 15 Beacon St., Room 38, Boston; Treasurer, Edwin A. Holmes, 15 Beacon St., Room 38, Boston.

Michigan—Commander, Charles L. Pitcher, Coldwater; Secretary and Treasurer, Fred J. McMurtrie, 424 Ford Bldg., Detroit.

Minnesota—Commander, Louis Benschhoff, Detroit; Secretary and Treasurer, E. O. Hanson, Detroit.

Missouri—Commander, A. J. Albrecht, 2405 South Broadway, St. Louis; Secretary and Treasurer, Walter L. Bobb, 5021 Alabama Ave., St. Louis.

Montana and Idaho—Jos. W. Whritenour, 21 South Benton Ave., Helena; Secretary and Treasurer, Kelsey Smith, Helena.

Nebraska—Commander, L. W. Hague, Minden; Secretary, H. B. Reed, Columbus; Treasurer, E. P. Dussell, Columbus.

New Hampshire—J. Kirkwood Craig, Suncook; Secretary and Treasurer, Edward K. George, 87 South St., Concord.

New Jersey—Commander, Henry Bender, 552 Morgan St., Weehawken, P. O.; Secretary and Treasurer, John L. Reeger, 1437 South Broad St., Trenton.

New York—Commander, Bert H. Bentley, Ilion; Secretary, Walter S. Beilby, 33 Oakman St., Rochester; Treasurer, Herman L. Lange, 224 Church St., New York.

Ohio—Commander, C. A. Whittlesey, Box 66, Akron; Secretary, J. Edgar Shiery, Box 404, Springfield; Treasurer, V. D. Emmons, Everett Bldg., Akron.

Pennsylvania—David J. Snavely, Johnstown; Secretary, Wm. B. McNulty, 215 Parkway Bldg., Philadelphia; Treasurer, John E. Wightman, Mt. Carmel.

Rhode Island—Commander, Claude W. Perry, 77 North Main St., Pawtucket; Secretary and Treasurer, Chas. H. Young, 218 Harrison St., Providence.

Vermont—Commander, R. E. Gleason, Manchester Center; Secretary and Treasurer, E. E. Perry, Barre.

Washington—Commander, Chas. L. Chamberlain, Colfax; Secretary and Treasurer, W. R. Anderson, Colfax.

Wisconsin—Commander, George W. Palmer, 233 Niagara St., Eau Claire; Secretary and Treasurer, Val Stoddard, Stoughton.

REPORTS AND PER CAPITA TAX.

VIII. Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers through ALL Camp Commanders must have their reports and per capita tax

at their Division Headquarters AT ONCE, for quarter ending June 30th, if they have not already forwarded same.

Camps will order supplies on Form 1 through their Division Headquarters, accompanying all requisitions with the money therefor.

Division officers will make all remittances payable to H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, and forward same to Reading, Pa. Supplies must be ordered from the National Secretary on Form 1½ and same must be accompanied by check payable to the National Secretary.

All reports and per capita tax for the quarter ending June 30th, of Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers MUST be in the hands of the National Secretary NOT LATER than July 31st, as the books will be closed and all accounts balanced for the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment as of date of July 31st. There can be no change from this and no delay beyond this date.

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED TO C., R. & R.

IX. Proposed amendments to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, for consideration at the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Kansas City, Missouri, have been submitted as follows and are promulgated in accordance with the C., R. & R.

BY THE NATIONAL SECRETARY.

Chapter 6, Rules and Regulations, Article 18, "Seals,"

Strike out—"The Commandery-in-Chief and the several Divisions and Camps shall be provided with seals made after patterns in the office of the National Secretary."

And insert in lieu thereof the following:

"The Commandery-in-Chief, the several Divisions and Camps shall be provided with seals as follows:

"The seals of the Commandery-in-Chief and the several Divisions of the Order shall consist of the full Coat of Arms of the Order, surrounded, for the Commandery-in-Chief, with the words, "Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA," and for the Divisions with the words, "..... Division, Sons of Veterans, United States of America."

"The Camp seals shall 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 whole shall be surrounded with the words, ".....Camp No., Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.," and the location, town or city, and State shall be added to the same."

BY THE DIVISION OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Constitution—Chapter 2, "Camps—Article 1, Section 4, Page 5, which reads:

"A Division Commander may suspend delinquent Camps, at his discretion for failure to make quarterly reports. All Camps which have failed, for one year or more, to make reports or pay per capita tax, shall be considered disbanded and the charters thereof revoked."

To be stricken out and in lieu thereof insert the following:

"Section 4. A Camp one year or more in arrears in the payment of per capita tax and failing or neglecting to forward reports, may be dropped and the charter thereof revoked. Until

the said Camp shall be dropped per capita tax shall be paid thereon and it shall be reported as though in good standing in the reports of the Division Secretary. A Camp dropped shall be restored to the roll of a Division in the same manner as a new Camp."

Constitution—Chapter 2, Article 3, Page 8, in Title which reads: "Transfers, Discharges and Suspensions," strike out the word "Suspensions" and insert in lieu the word "Dropped," so that the title will read:

"Transfers, Discharges and Dropped."

Constitution—Chapter 2, Article 3, Section 2, Page 8, strike out the word "suspended" in second line, and insert in lieu thereof the word, "Dropped," so that the said section will read:

"Section 2. Members in good standing of Disbanded or Dropped Camps shall receive from the Division Commander transfer cards."

STATEMENT NO. 9.

X. Report of the National Secretary for month of June, 1916:

RECEIPTS.		
May 31, 1916, to balance		\$2701.17
Received for per capita tax	\$ 944.36	
Charter fees	35.00	
Supplies	285.96	
Junior Order supplies	10.25	
Total receipts		\$1275.57
		\$3976.74
EXPENDITURES.		
By general expenses	\$1762.22	
Office expenses	29.09	
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	190.21	
Total expenditures		\$1981.52
Balance, June 30, 1916		\$1995.22
ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.		
GENERAL EXPENSES.		
For stock and supplies	\$ 316.25	
The Banner, June, 1916, subscription	804.31	
Printing	8.20	
Reserve	48.70	
Shipping supplies	9.76	
Salaries	575.00	
		\$1762.22
OFFICE EXPENSES.		
For postage, telegrams, stationery	\$ 29.09	
		\$ 29.09
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.		
For postage, telegrams, traveling, stenographer	\$ 190.21	
		\$ 190.21

Total expenditures	\$1981.52
Balance, June 30, 1916	\$1995.22

XI. Camps have been instituted since last announcement as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
Mar. 28	119	Topsfield, Massachusetts	19
Apr. 25	8	Huntington, Indiana	25
May 19	102	North Dixmont, Maine	23
June 5	187	Sligo, Pennsylvania	15
May 22	103	Gray, Maine	26
May 26	191	Ulster, Pennsylvania	21
May 27	192	Beaver Springs, Pennsylvania	34
May 8	110	Chicopce, Massachusetts	20
Mar. 17	4	Alexandria, Minnesota	17
May 25	188	Freeland, Pennsylvania	17
May 29	190	Sharon, Pennsylvania	19
June 1	196	Eau Claire, Pennsylvania	16
May 9	69	Spring Valley, Wisconsin	21
Apr. 15	3	Huron, S. D. (Minnesota)	15
May 8	68	Mondovi, Wisconsin	23
May 19	19	Amsterdam, New York	19
June 23	16	Schoolcraft, Michigan	17
May 5	9	Stockton, Illinois	23

Applications for charters for new Camps have been approved as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
June 8	275	Monroe, Nebraska	21
June 12	15	Decatur, Michigan	28
June 19	156	Boston, Massachusetts	15
June 26	66	Macedon, New York	27
June 26	7	Wetmore, Kansas	22
June 26		Smith Center, Kansas	25
June 26	15	Paxton, Illinois	15
June 28		Saxton's River, Vermont	24

By order of

A. E. B. STEPHENS,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. VIII.
(Series of 1916)

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Court House, Cincinnati, Ohio, August 1, 1916.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF.

I. Pursuant to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief will be convened at 2 o'clock P. M., of Wednesday, August 30th, 1916, in the Coates House, Kansas City, Missouri.

This session will be immediately after the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Sons of Veterans comprising the members of the Commandery-in-Chief, the Division of Missouri and the members of such other Divisions, Camps, and members of the Order generally, are hereby ordered to parade as the Official Escort to the Grand Army of the Republic, on the occasion of the said Encampment.

The Sons of Veterans column will be under the supervision and direction of Chief of Staff Edwin M. Amjes, who will arrange such details as are necessary.

This parade will commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic.

It is the duty of the Sons of Veterans to pay due tribute to this Order by appearing in large numbers and make a creditable showing for our Order.

TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS.

II. Temporary Headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief will be established by the Commander-in-Chief at the Coates House, Monday evening, August 28th.

COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

III. The Council-in-Chief will convene at the Temporary Headquarters—Coates House—Tuesday at 4 o'clock P. M. of August 29th, for the purpose of auditing the books and accounts of the National Secretary and National Treasurer and for the transaction of such business as may be necessary.

RAILROAD RATES, TRANSPORTATION, ETC.

IV. For rates to and from Kansas City, local railroad or ticket agents should be consulted. Special arrangements or features making the trip pleasant can be obtained thereby as well as all other information.

HOTEL RATES.

V. Hotel rates have been announced as submitted in previous General Orders. Reservations at the Coates House can be made and rooms engaged by communicating direct with the "Coates House, Kansas City, Missouri." This should not be neglected.

ENCAMPMENT REPRESENTATION.

VI. The Encampment representation will be made up from Certificates forwarded to the National Secretary (Form 49) in duplicate, in which must be shown, to be in good standing and so certified by the Division Commander and attested by the Division Secretary, Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Grand Division Commanders, Past Division Commanders, Constitutional Life Members and Division Commanders; also one delegate from each Division, whatever its membership and one delegate for every five hundred members, or major fraction thereof, in good standing, based upon the reports next preceding the Encampment, and its own elective and appointive officers (of the Commandery-in-Chief).

All must be in good standing in their Camps, and the Camps of which each are members must also be in good standing.

VII. Reports of Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers, with per capita tax for the quarter ending June, 1916, must be in the hands of the National Secretary.

Reports of the Division Chaplains must be in possession of National Chaplain, Rev. Paul R. Hickok, 17 Fifth St., S. E. Washington, D. C.

Reports of Division Patriotic Instructors must be filed with National Patriotic Instructor W. Y. Morgan, Hutchinson, Kan.

Every Division Commander must have filed a surety company bond in the sum of \$1,000, made to "A. E. B. Stephens, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Cincinnati, O."

A number of Divisions are delinquent with these requirements as cited. Unless all the above are supplied and complied with, such Divisions will not be entitled to representation in the said Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment.

ENCAMPMENT PROGRAM.

VIII. Details of entertainment and program of the Encampment week will be announced at Kansas City. Numerous gatherings and receptions of a fraternal nature will be held.

The Sons of Veterans Auxiliary will have a reception and their sessions and Headquarters will be at the Coates House.

ATTENDANCE.

IX. It is hoped that every member of the Order who can arrange to be present and attend the Encampment will do so and that this Encampment will be one of record for attendance and attention to business of the Encampment.

AIDES.

X. The following Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief are hereby appointed. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

William Anderson, Massachusetts Division.

Michael Crowley, New Hampshire Division.

A. K. Meyers, Ohio Division, Toledo, Ohio.

XI. Division Commanders will have their Division Secretaries send out at once to all Camps, Forms 27 and 28—Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers blank reports—for the quarter ending September, 1916. Every Camp should have these blanks promptly every quarter. Division Commanders will see that they are always provided with same.

STATEMENT NO. 10.

XII. Report of the National Secretary for month of July, 1916:

RECEIPTS.

June 30, 1916, to balance	\$1995.22
Received for per capita tax	\$2306.90
Charter fees	37.50
Supplies	458.04
Total receipts	\$2802.44
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	\$4797.66

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$1380.28
Office expenses	139.74
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	41.66
Junior Order—express and shipping supplies, March-July, Inc.	2.28

Total expenditures	\$1563.96
Balance, July 31, 1916	\$3233.70

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies	\$ 217.52	
The Banner, July, 1916, subscription	808.45	
Printing	8.40	
Reserve	35.45	
Shipping supplies	10.46	
Miscellaneous—Badge (Past) Commander-in-Chief (Commandery-in-Chief Appropriation)	300.00	
		\$1380.28

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For postage, express, telegrams, stationery rent (July-Sept. inc.)	\$ 139.74	
		\$ 139.74

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For postage, telegrams, stenographer, traveling	\$ 41.66	
		\$ 41.66

JUNIOR ORDER.

For express and shipping supplies, March-July, inc.	\$ 2.28	
		\$ 2.28

Total expenditures	\$1563.96
Balance, July 31, 1916	\$3233.70

XIII. Camps have been instituted since last announcement as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
June 20	5	Lexington, Kentucky	30
June 23	12	Quincy, Michigan	26
May 26	35	Copenhagen, New York	29
June 10	82	Tionesta, Pennsylvania	19
June 8	159	North East, Pennsylvania	41
July 24	275	Monroe, Nebraska	18
June 30	156	Boston, Massachusetts	25
May 26	66	Macedon, New York	27
July 10	91	Saxtons River, Vermont	31
July 14	77	Osceola, Iowa	44
July 21	132	Loogootee, Indiana	39
July 26	10	Cherryvale, Kansas	22
May 20	361	Liberty Center, Ohio	39
June 10	20	Covington, Ohio	29
June 10	108	Frost, Ohio	19
July 6	197	New Brighton, Pennsylvania	21
June 22	1	Minot, N. D. (Minnesota)	16
Apr. 12	22	Irondale, Ohio	24
June 9	153	Geneva, Ohio	27
June 22	76	Marshalltown, Iowa	16

Applications for charters for new Camps have been approved as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
July 15		Perth Amboy, New Jersey	32
July 17	157	Hubbardstown, Massachusetts	23
July 21	46	Desota, Missouri	15
July 28	76	Kansas City, Kansas	53

By order of

A. E. B. STEPHENS,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

Geo. B. Abbott of Illinois: I move that the report of the Commander-in-Chief be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was stated by the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and agreed to.

National Secretary: I present the reports of the following officers:

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Brothers:—

With a keen appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by this Commandery-in-Chief one year ago in my election to the position of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I wish to return my sincere thanks and to render my report, a part at least of which I feel will be of general interest.

No specific duties having been assigned to me during the year my general interest for the Order and my work for it in my own Division has been, I trust, as untiring as in former years, and the services I have been able to render have not been entirely without results. However, I feel it unnecessary to render a detailed statement of these ever-pleasant duties, but would rather leave them in the hearts and minds of our Brothers where they in turn may grow and expand.

Referring to my own Division, at least one event of the year is entitled to special mention, and I feel that New York Division may be justly proud of being able to present this service to the Commandery-in-Chief.

Following the initiative taken at our Division Encampment held at Glens Falls in 1914, a committee was appointed at the Encampment held at Albany in 1915, which committee was given full power to proceed with the erection and dedication of a suitable bronze Tablet to mark the last residence and place of death of General Ulysses S. Grant at Mount McGregor near Glens Falls, in this State. The consummation of this effort was realized when on Thursday, June 15th last, this Tablet

was unveiled with a very impressive service at which addresses were made by Division Commander Franz Sigel of the Sons of Veterans, Department Commander Zan L. Tidball of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Governor Charles S. Whitman of the State of New York, who was present for this occasion with his full military staff, escorted by several companies of the National Guard and members of our Camps at Glens Falls and Hudson Falls. The program was in charge of Commander Archie C. Taylor of Holden Camp No. 56, Sons of Veterans, as chairman of the General U. S. Grant Cottage Memorial Committee.

The Tablet is erected on the lawn in front of the Cottage where General Grant died; it is of bronze, eighteen inches wide by twenty-four inches in length, the body is blue, the border red and the letters are in white. It is fastened to a concrete base built upon solid rock, the base being six inches over all larger than the Tablet. The Tablet is inclined and faces the Cottage, and about twenty-five feet from it, and bears the following inscriptions:

"LEST WE FORGET" AT THIS COTTAGE ON
JULY 23rd, 1885, DIED ULYSSES S. GRANT, GEN-
ERAL, U. S. A. 1866-1869, PRESIDENT, U. S. 1869-1877
'LET US HAVE PEACE.' ERECTED BY NEW YORK
DIVISION, SONS OF VETERANS, 1916."

Also at the foot of the mountain where the Cottage road leaves the Glens Falls-Saratoga road was erected an arrow eight feet above the ground, upon which the words, "GRANT COTTAGE" appear. This arrow is of cast iron three feet long by six inches wide, fastened to a wrought iron standard set in four feet in cement. It is enameled in red, white and blue to correspond with the Tablet.

From the address of Governor Whitman delivered at the unveiling we have taken the following extracts:

"In gathering here to pay some slight tribute to the memory of a great president, a great soldier and a great American, we do not honor Ulysses S. Grant so much as we honor ourselves. The country that forgets its heroic dead, failing to keep bright its votive tablets, is not a nation that may expect heroic achievement in its living.

"Ulysses S. Grant, like Abraham Lincoln, whose strong right arm he was, stands before the world as a great Democratic type, a tremendous proof of the validity and virility of free institutions. Born in poverty, nurtured in adversity, lacking all influence and unbiased by any advantage, he mounted step by step until he stood higher than the kings of earth in that his proud eminence came through the voice of the people, not the accident of birth.

"The story of his rise is not a tale of selfish ambition, ruthless purpose or uncurbed individualism, but a plain and simple record of unflinching devotion to those great ideals of justice, humanity and brotherhood that are the foundation stones of democracy.

"In such a moment it is well that we should meet today invoking memories in which are help and strength. No greater boon could be vouchsafed America today than to have some great light pierce the indifference of the years so that newer, keener understanding of the spirit that moved Grant and the men who expressed his genius in terms of courage and action.

"Our one hope for the continuance of the honor and the glory that have been our portion is to hold fast the faith of the fathers; to live true to the memory of those who died for freedom, for justice and humanity. For the renewal of our devotion, for the heartening of our courage, no finer occasion can be had than this memorial meeting, for in Ulysses S. Grant was embodied the American virtues that Americans must preserve."

Again expressing my sincere thanks and grateful appreciation for the honors that have been mine at your hand during the past year, and with highest hopes for the future success and growth of our noble Order, I am

Fraternally yours,
EDWIN W. SANFORD,
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Greetings:—

In accepting the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief it was with the intention of carrying out fully the duties of that high and honorable station and it is with a feeling of pride that I report to this Encampment with the full knowledge that I have performed all the tasks that have been assigned to me during the year.

I thank the officers and members for the honors conferred and the courtesies extended and trust that we will reconsecrate and rededicate our lives upon that altar of patriotism founded by the Grand Army of the Republic.

Fraternally yours,
GEORGE DUFFY,
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF CHIEF-OF-STAFF.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A.

Greetings:—

Following the usual custom, and in accordance with the law and usage of the Association, I herewith submit my report as Chief-of-Staff.

In several of the previous Reports of the Chief-of-Staff, it was intimated that my report would be merely a repetition of former ones, and in this instance, I reiterate the same for a very commendable reason. Hereto attached and made part of this report, is the report of the Assistant Adjutant General, to which your careful attention is most respectfully called. It is so complete in detail, so exhaustive of information, so carefully drawn, that the full history of the physical condition of the Reserve Body can be easily ascertained, so therefore, your Chief-of-Staff

will dispense with any reference to said physical condition whatever, and leave the report of the Assistant Adjutant General for your digestion.

FINANCES.

Of course, it is necessarily incumbent upon me that a report of the financial condition of the Reserve should be made, and I am therefore informing you that, notwithstanding the appropriation to this Department was materially the same as last year, yet, this Department has not expended the appropriation made, the sum of two hundred ninety-nine and 89/100 (\$299.89) dollars being the sole cost of the administration of the Reserve.

As before intimated, as the Reserve grows, the expense entailed in the administration must necessarily increase. That time has not yet come, and I am again calling your attention to the fact that in the due course of affairs, this feature of the administration of the Reserve, must be considered.

Again am I compelled with pleasure, to call your attention to the Report of the Assistant Adjutant General. As previously alluded to, the Report is a masterpiece of preparation. It is hard to conceive how a busy physician can devote his time and attention to such multitudinous detail as must have been expended in the preparation of his statement. He is to be most honorably commended, and I for one, who knows of his care and attention, can only thank him in this way, publicly.

I again want to return my thanks to the various officers of the Commandery-in-Chief for their constant help and assistance. I know of no Fraternity where the relationship is so close as the Sons of Veterans. It seems like a great big family, and therefore, the relationship must be harmonious and pleasant, and this does not only apply to the official family, but to the membership at large.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWIN M. AMIES,
Chief-of-Staff.

ACTING ADJUTANT GENERAL'S REPORT.

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE
Adjutant General's Office

Gettysburg, Pa., August 1, 1916.

The Chief-of-Staff,

Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,
Altoona, Pa.

Sir:—

I have the honor to submit the following report of the Reserve as of July 1st, and the transactions of this office to date.

Very respectfully,

HENRY STEWART,
Colonel, S. V. R., The Acting Adjutant General.

PENNSYLVANIA BRIGADE.

Colonel Henry Stewart, Commanding, Gettysburg, Pa.

Brigade Staff	6	7
Hospital Corps, Philadelphia.....		11
		Officers Men

FOURTH REGIMENT.

Colonel F. A. McKelvey, 137 Zara St., S. S. Pittsburg.
Surgeon, Major G. W. Miller, 222 W. Newton Ave., Greensburg.

Adjutant, Captain J. H. Wentzel, 657 6th St., Pitcairn.		
Field and Staff.....	8	6
Hospital Corps, Greensburg.....		16
First Battalion. Major Gustav Schaaf, 645 Thompson Ave., Donora.		
D Co., Donora, Lieut. A. H. Kelley, 970 McKean Ave....	2	15
E Co., Leechburg, Lieut. Edw. A. Stull.....	1	17
G Co., Sharpsburg, Capt. H. C. Lea, Aspinwall.....	3	42
H Co., Carnegie, Capt. E. J. Sexton, P. O. Box 284.....	3	41
K Co., New Castle, Capt. R. M. Campbell, Court House.	3	48
M Co., Belle-Vernon, Lieut. C. M. Harvey, Box 43.....	1	24
Second Battalion. Major S. E. Ferry, 710 Linden Ave., E. Pittsburg.		
A Co., Greensburg, Capt. L. P. Wentzel, 139 Alexander Ave.....	3	49
B Co., Braddock, Lieut. L. H. Gibson, 432 Correy Ave..	2	28
C Co., Turtle Creek, Capt. G. W. Boord, (Unity Station)	3	77
F Co., Irwin, Capt. W. H. Byerly, 627 Walnut St.....	3	38
I Co., McKeesport, Capt. E. K. Collingwood, 554 5th Ave.	3	43
L Co., Freeport, Capt. C. H. McKee.....	3	38
Total	38	482

THIRD REGIMENT.

Colonel Thos. M. Morgan, 3rd and Court Sts., Williamsport.
Adjutant, Capt. W. L. Bird, 1545 Scott St., Williamsport.

Field and Staff.....	5	4
Hospital Corps, Williamsport		10
Band, Shamokin Dam.....		22
A Co., Shamokin, Capt. Oswald Kramer, 926 Walnut St.	3	39
B Co., Renovo, Capt. F. E. Brown, 2151 Delaware St....	2	35
D Co., Shamokin, Capt. C. H. Linderman, 319 S. Market Street	3	35
E Co., Williamsport, Capt. G. W. Strauss, 1544 Scott St.	3	37
F Co., Minersville, Capt. W. E. Levan (Shamokin)....	3	37
C Co., Milton		34
H Co., Watson town, Capt. Aaron Batdorf.....	3	44
I Co., Mahony City, Capt. Geo. Yarnall, 708 E. Mahanoy Avenue	2	26
M Co., Sunbury, Capt. C. W. Bobb, 418 Race St.....	3	40
Total	27	363

SECOND REGIMENT.

Colonel S. S. Horn, Box 51, Easton.
Surgeon, Major E. W. Richards, Berwick and Center Sts., Easton.
Adjutant, Capt. C. L. Buck, 612 Mauch Chunk St., Easton.

Field and Staff.....	5	7
Hospital Corps, Easton.....		15
Band, Allentown, Lieut. C. W. Kehm, R. D. No.2.....	1	53
A Co., Easton, Capt. W. P. Horn, 804 Northampton St.	3	47
B Co., S. Bethlehem, Capt. H. E. R. Bohler, Norway Place	3	41
D Co., Bangor, Capt. A. McFall, N. 5th St.....	3	36
E Co., Allentown, Capt. Wm. Carl, 515½ N. 8th St.....	3	58

F Co., Wilkes-Barre, Lieut. R. Peterman, 30 S. Mill Ave.	2	44
H Co., Stroudsburg, Lieut. L. M. Nauman, 39 S. Green Street	2	28
I Co., Scranton, Capt. Jno. I. Vliet, 426 Larch St.	3	44
K Co., Bethlehem, Capt. E. U. Daily, 206 N. High St.	3	44
L Co., Montrose, Lieut. Van Scoten, 6 High St.	2	27
M Co., Siegfrieds, Capt. C. P. Wuchter, 2152 Washington Ave.	2	46
Total	32	190

EIGHTH REGIMENT.

Lieut. Col. Geo. G. Palmer, Rear 722 Sherman St., Johnstown.		
Adjutant, Lieut. Thos. R. Parfitt, Pular St., Johnstown.		
Field and Staff	2	4
Field Music, Altoona		13
C Co., South Fork, Capt. W. C. Crawford	1	30
D Co., Somerset, Lieut. Chas. J. Harrison, Jr.	2	52
E Co., Bellwood		32
F Co., Punxsutawney, Capt. E. M. Neill	2	22
H Co., Altoona, Capt. F. V. Fowler, 1211 7th Ave.	2	46
I Co., Johnstown, Capt. Abram Lee, 638 Sherman St.	3	48
Total	12	247

SIXTH BATTALION.

Major Paul Smyser, York.		
Adjutant, Lieut. J. C. Hoffman, 1383 W. Poplar St., York.		
Field and Staff	2	28
Band, Reading		28
A Co., York, Lieut. Geo. T. Yeapple, Duke and High Sts.	2	23
B Co., Gettysburg, Lieut. R. Coulson, 123 Buford Ave.	1	42
C Co., Middletown, Capt. H. E. Moore, 117 Ann St.	3	40
D Co., Reading, Capt. Wm. Jones, Jr., 1500 N. 10th St.	3	47
E Co., Hanover, Capt. C. Forney, 307 Centennial Ave.	3	27
F Co., New Oxford, Lieut. M. L. Staub	1	
Total	15	235

FIFTH BATTALION.

Major J. H. Hilton, 2329 N. Fawn St., Philadelphia.		
Field and Staff	1	2
D Co., Philadelphia, Capt. J. W. Grinnage, 23 Holland Street	3	48
E Co., West Chester, Lieut. Edw. Irons, 11 S. Franklin Street	1	29
F Co., Philadelphia, Capt. Edw. Martin, 520 Juniper St.	2	65
G Co., Allegheny, Capt. G. S. Travis, 34 McKee Alley (Pgh)	3	52
Total	10	196

PHILADELPHIA BATTALION.

Major Wm. H. K. Magrady, 915 Indiana Ave.		
Adjutant, Lieut. Geo. Seipp, 124 E. Loudon St.		
Field and Staff	2	9
Hospital Corps, Philadelphia		

ENCAMPMENT

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Band, Philadelphia, Lieut. Wm. B. Crap, 5545 Sullivan Street	1	22
A Co., Philadelphia, Capt. W. H. Dougherty, 2300 N. 11th Street	3	39
C Co., Philadelphia, Capt. J. J. Peters, 2344 N. Mutter Street	3	38
D Co., Philadelphia, Capt. C. L. Bucknum, 4254 Westminister St.	2	40
E Co., Philadelphia, Capt. G. H. Gretz, 1224 W. Cambria Street	3	41
F Co., Philadelphia, Capt. E. Goodwin, 5900 N. Camac Street	3	45
H Co., Philadelphia, Capt. Harry Knoll, 512 Diamond St.	3	40
Total	20	276

FIRST BATTALION.

F Co., Wayne, Capt. Chas. P. Baldwin.....	2	34
G Co., Philadelphia, Capt. Jacob Myers, 2741 Garfield Ave., Camden	3	40
I Co., Bristol, Lieut. L. M. Trude, 618 Bath St.....	2	39
K Co., Manayunk, Lieut. A. W. Scott, Ripka Ave. and Smick St.	2	28
L Co., Philadelphia, Lieut. A. M. Henry, 2114 E. Stella Avenue	1	37
Total	10	178

CHIEF OF CAVALRY AND ARTILLERY.

Major Henry Beyerle, 2153 E. York St., Philadelphia.

ARTILLERY.

A Bat., Philadelphia, Capt. G. M. Dawson, Taylor and Somerset	3	31
B Bat., Philadelphia, Lieut. E. J. Richardson, 717 Belgrade St.	1	17
C Bat., Greensburg, Lieut. D. F. Smith, 621 Sidney St.	1	8
Total	5	56

CAVALRY.

A Troop, Philadelphia, Capt. R. M. Wright, 2537 N. 5th Street	3	44
B Troop, Philadelphia, Capt. J. Meconnahey, 2512 N. Stanley St.	3	37
C Troop, Wilkes-Barre, Capt. F. F. Moon, 73 Davis Place ..	3	61
D Troop, Carbondale, Capt. L. H. Becker, 7 Porter Ave.	3	38
E Troop, Philadelphia, Capt. W. O. Marrin, 825 Livingston St.	1	30
F Troop, Orson, Lieut. H. J. Campbell.....	1	26
G Troop, Berwick, Lieut. D. E. Edwards.....	1	19
Total	15	255

SUMMARY—PENNSYLVANIA BRIGADE.

	Officers	Men	Enlisted Men	
			Gain	Loss
Brigade Headquarters	6	18		1
Fourth Regiment	38	482		15

Third Regiment	27	363		61
Second Regiment	32	490		65
Eighth Regiment	12	247		32
Sixth Battalion	15	235	4	
Fifth Battalion	10	196	22	
Philadelphia Battalion	20	276	48	
First Battalion	10	178	12	
Artillery	5	56		11
Cavalry	15	255		6
	190	2796	86	191

A net loss of 105 men.

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO.

Lieut. Col. Park F. Yengling, 1581 Dexter Place, Cleveland.

Field and Staff.....			3	
Signal Corps, Akron.....				17
A Troop, Clarkson, Lieut. C. W. Fraser.....			1	20
Total			4	37

FIRST REGIMENT.

Lieut. Col. Chas. A. Lentz, East Palestine.

Field and Staff.....			10	9
Hospital Corps, Youngstown.....				24
First Battalion. Major S. J. Witherow, 113 Thomp- St., E. Liverpool.				
A Co., E. Palestine, Capt. Wm. A. Ward.....			3	45
B Co., Salem, Capt. J. F. Votaw (Atwater).....			3	38
D Co., Lisbon, Lieut. M. C. Wilson.....			1	31
F Co., E. Liverpool, Capt. W. A. Green, Station A.....			2	31
K Co., Steubenville, Capt. R. E. Blodgett, 1335 Belle- view Place			2	46
M Co., Alliance, Lieut. R. S. Harsh, 1st Nat. Bank.....			3	42
Second Battalion.				
C Co., Coshockton, Lieut. H. C. Bible, 3rd St.....			1	40
E Co., Strasburg, Lieut. R. C. Spidell.....			1	17
G Co., Mogadore, Capt. C. G. Wise.....			3	39
H Co., Urichsville, Lieut. J. S. Wardell.....			1	21
I Co., Newcomerstown, Lieut. C. J. Neidenhauser, Box 499			1	17
L Co., New Philadelphia, Capt. C. W. Espich, 234 S. Broadway			2	40
N Co., Niles, Lieut. C. D. Holloway.....			1	19
Total			34	453

SECOND REGIMENT.

Lieut. Col. Alva W. Myers, R. D. No. 6, Shelby.

Field and Staff.....			7	3
First Battalion. Major M. H. Bennett, 237 Lemon St., Dayton.				
A Co., Waynesfield, Lieut. Geo. W. Shockey.....			1	25
B Co., Centerburg, Lieut. Geo. A. Hefelfinger.....			2	38
E Co., Mechanicsburg, Capt. F. W. Hendrix.....			2	25
H Co., Dayton, Capt. H. W. Frederick, 122 S. Euclid Avenue			1	38
K Co., Toledo, Lieut. A. K. Myers, 808 Chestnut St....			1	22

Second Battalion.		
C Co., Elyria, Lieut. J. H. Howlett	1	32
D Co., Wooster		18
F Co., Mansfield, Capt. G. W. Pfeiffer, 25 E. Arch St.	3	41
G Co., New London, Capt. F. W. Swanger	2	37
I Co., Shelby, Lieut. W. J. Freese, 46 Raymond St.	1	34
L Co., Lorain, Lieut. J. J. McGrady, 100 Calif. Ave.	1	16
M Co., Seaman, Capt. S. B. Spriggs, R. R. No. 2.	2	38
Total	24	362
Department total	62	852

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

Lieut. Col. F. J. Marshall, East Aurora.		
Field and Staff.	5	2

FIRST REGIMENT.

Lieut. Col. H. B. Jones, Horseheads.		
Field and Staff.	7	1
First Battalion. Major Fred A. Soper, Theresa.		
A Co., Rochester, Capt. Wm. P. Allen, 13 Seibert Place 2		26
C Co., Watertown, Lieut. R. G. Hall, 219 Arlington St. 2		27
D Co., Batavia.		16
H Co., Rochester, Capt. Z. A. Williams, 44 Main St., E. 1		30
L Co., Franklinville, Capt. E. W. Demery.	3	30
M Co., Livonia, Lieut. C. G. McMahon, Commercial St. 1		16
Second Battalion.		
Major Chas. H. Hopkins, 102 Sprague St., Rochester.		
E Co., Pine Valley, Capt. F. L. Murphy (Elmira)	3	39
I Co., Adams, Capt. F. A. Tice.	3	40
K Co., Pulteney, Lieut. H. A. Gladue.	1	20
N Co., East Aurora, Capt. Louis J. Marshall.	2	35
Total	25	280

SECOND BATTALION.

Major B. H. Bentley, Ilion.		
Field and Staff.	2	2
A Co., Brooklyn, Lieut. J. J. Knappman, 1047 Jefferson Avenue	1	16
B Co., Poughkeepsie, Capt. A. S. Murray, 14 Hammersley Place	3	49
C Co., Glens Falls, Capt. F. B. Brown, 22 Birch St.	2	20
D Co., Johnson City, Capt. J. W. Johnson (Endicott)	2	37
E Co., Stoatsburg, Lieut. Chas. T. Allen.	1	13
F Co., Hudson Falls, Capt. E. M. Wilson.	3	39
Total	15	176

COAST ARTILLERY.

1st Co., New York, Capt H. W. McNally, 2153 Clinton Avenue	3	36
Department total	48	494

DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY.

Capt. J. L. Reeger, 1437 S. Broad St., Trenton.

A Co., Hoboken, Lieut. J. T. Offen, 369 Spring St.	1	28
B Co., Trenton, Capt. Ezra T. Beers, 128 Locust St.	3	41
C Co., Camden, Capt. F. Y. McCullough, 608 West St.	3	39
D Co., Gloucester		16
A Batt'y, Trenton, Lieut. H. D. Williams, 414 Market St.	3	48
Total	10	172

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA.

Captain Geo. O. Lockwood, Los Angeles M. A., Los Angeles.

Field and Staff	1	
B Co., San Francisco, Capt. C. W. Tozer, 228 Grant Ave.	3	39
E Co., San Jose, Lieut. M. W. Overhulse, 56 N. 24th St.	1	30
H Co., Los Angeles, Capt. B. F. Davis, 301 Neva Place	3	37
K Co., Tropic, Lieut. E. D. Johnson, Glendale	1	16
Total	9	126

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS.

Captain Fred J. Phillips, 1412 Borland Building, Chicago.

Field and Staff	1	
Field Music, Chicago		10
A Co., Chicago, Capt. B. L. Turner, 6050 St. Lawrence Avenue	2	33
C Co., Chicago, Capt. E. L. Tenney, 5239 Race Ave.	2	33
D Co., Naperville, Lieut. J. H. Miller	1	28
F Co., Aurora, Lieut. Geo. Riddle, 533 Spring St.	1	19
Department total	7	123

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND.

A Co., Woonsocket, Capt. A. E. Young, 371 Front St.	2	29
B Co., Providence, Capt. C. E. Gleason, 32 Sprague St.	1	23
C Co., E. Providence, Lieut. E. W. Jeffrey (Seekonk)	1	23
D Co., Pascoag, Lieut. Fremont Rivers	1	16
E Co., Phoenix		11
F Co., Providence, Lieut. J. B. Taylor, 38 Salem St.	1	17
Total	6	129

DELAWARE.

C Co., Wilmington, Capt. J. L. Hubert, 1208 Lombard St.	3	49
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MASSACHUSETTS.

A Co., Quincy, Capt. F. M. Chubbuck, Elm Place	2	29
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MINNESOTA.

A Co., St. Paul, Capt. G. T. Drake, 634 Bates Ave.	2	35
B Co., Minneapolis, Capt. G. W. Turner, 449 McKnight Building	2	31
Total	4	66

WASHINGTON.

A Co., Spokane, Lieut. G. M. Holt, 2511 E. Pacific Ave.	1	20
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WISCONSIN.

A Co., Stoughton, Lieut. H. J. Gjestson, 915 Ridge St.	1	23
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RECAPITULATION.

	Officers	Men	Enlisted Men	
			Gain	Loss
Pennsylvania Brigade	190	2796		105
Department of Ohio.....	62	852	93	
Department of New York....	48	494		72
Department of New Jersey...	10	172		15
Department of California....	9	126		199
Department of Illinois.....	7	123	88	
Department of Rhode Island.	6	129		1
Connecticut				17
Delaware	3	49		1
Massachusetts	2	29		
Minnesota	4	66	15	
Washington	1	20	20	
Wisconsin	1	23	23	
	343	4879	239	410
Officers			343	
Men			4879	
Total			5222	

A net loss of 171 enlisted men (referred to '15 report).
 Proportion of officers to men, 1 to 14.01.

REGISTER—SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE.

Brigadier General Edwin M. Amies, Commanding.
 July 1, 1915.

BRIGADIER GENERALS.

Retired Edw. R. Campbell
 No. Commissioned Staff, Dep't or Reg't.

COLONELS.

1 Apr. 1, '09 Henry Stewart Pa.
 2 Mar. 26, '04 Frank A. McKelvey..... 4th Pa.
 3 Sept. 18, '11 Thos. M. Morgan..... 3rd Pa.
 4 July 4, '14, Sam'l S. Horn..... 2nd Pa.

LIEUT. COLONELS.

1 Jan. 8, '09 Park F. Yengling..... Ohio
 2 Sept. 21, '09 George J. Palmer..... 8th Pa.
 3 Dec. 24, '10 Chas. A. Lentz..... 1st Ohio
 4 Apr. 1, '14 F. J. Marshall..... New York
 5 Aug. 4, '14 A. W. Myers..... 2nd Ohio
 6, Feb. 10, '15 H. B. Jones..... 1st N. Y.
 Retired W. S. Harvey

MAJORS.

1 Jan. 2, '05 E. W. Richards..... Surgeon, 2nd Pa.
 2 Oct. 10, '08 G. W. Miller..... Surgeon, 4th Pa.
 3 Feb. 27, '10 John Miller..... A. Q. M. Gen., Pa.
 4 July 18, '10 S. E. Ferry..... 4th Pa.
 5 Feb. 3, '11 Sam'l J. Withrow..... 1st Ohio
 6 July 10, '11 Eugene G. Ritter..... Asst. Adjt. Gen., Pa.
 7 July 18, '11 Paul Smyser..... 6th Pa.
 8 June 7, '12 Gustav Schaaf..... 4th Pa.
 9 June 20, '12 M. H. Bennett..... 2nd Ohio
 10 Oct. 5, '13 John H. Hilton..... 5th Pa.

11	May 15, '14	Bert. H. Bentley.....	2nd N. Y.
12	Oct. 10, '14	Henry Beyerle.....	Chief of Cavalry, Pa.
13	June 9, '15	Chas. H. Hopkins.....	1st N. Y.
14	Sept. 10, '15	Robt. S. Harsh.....	B, Ohio
15	Nov. 1, '15	Fred A. Soper.....	1st, N. Y.
16	Dec. 7, '15	W. H. K. Magrady.....	Phila. Bat'n, Pa.

RECAPITULATION.

Colonels	4
Lieut. Colonels	6
Majors	16
Captains	98
First Lieutenants	113
Second Lieutenants	106
Total	343

RATINGS OF COMMANDS.

Ratings on Semi-annual Reports are based upon neatness, accuracy and promptness of receipt.

Ratings on Equipment Reports are based upon the same considerations, together with the manner in which the idea of giving a correct record of the equipment of the command is carried out. This report does not relate in any way to property rights, but serves only as a basis for rating the command.

Rating on equipment is apportioned as follows:—Ordnance, 50 points; Canvas, 25 points; Uniform according to Regulations, 15 points; additional Quartermasters stores, (blankets, ponchos, haversacks and overcoats), 10 points. To secure the full rating in any of these counts, the number must equal the number of enlisted men shown on the May report.

The mean of the Regimental Ratings constitutes 80 per cent of the Brigade or Department Rating—the remaining 20 per cent being allotted to the per centage of the command turned out in regular annual tour of field service—one point for each five per cent of the command so mobilized.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY.

	May	Nov.	Equip.	Equip.	Rating
Headquarters	97	99	0	0	49
A Co.	90	100	100	65	88.7
B Co.	70	95	100	65	82.5
C Co.	80	95	100	65	86.2
D Co.	100	100	100	65	91.2
A Battery	100	100	100	85	96.2
Mean Department Rating.....					66.8

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

Headquarters	94	98	100	50	85.5
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COAST ARTILLERY.

1st Co.	90	100	100	89	96.7
Mean rating					91.1

FIRST REGIMENT.

Headquarters	100	90	100	20	87.5
A Co.	95	80	100	37	78
C Co.	90	100	100	75	91.2
D Co.	90	90	100	65	86.2
E Co.	85	80	100	62	81.7

H Co.	80	80	100	57	79.2
I Co.	75	50	90	75	67.5
K Co.	90	100	80	20	72.5
L Co.	80	80	100	50	77.5
M Co.	80	80	100	0	65
N Co.	98	100	100	85	95.7
Mean Regimental Rating.....					80.1

SECOND BATTALION.

Headquarters	100	100	100	50	87.5
A Co.	100	90	90	40	80
B Co.	45	85	100	64	73.5
C Co.	90	98	100	65	65.7
D Co.	70		100	15	61.6
E Co.	50	100	90	50	72.5
F Co.	95	100	90	50	83.7
Mean Battalion Rating.....					78.6
Meant Department Rating.....					66.4

PENNSYLVANIA BRIGADE.

Headquarters	100	100	100	98	99.5
Hospital Corps	100	100	90	90	95
Mean Rating					97.2

FOURTH REGIMENT.

Headquarters	95	98	100	75	92
Hospital Corps	95	98	100	75	92
A Co.	90	75	100	67	83.7
B Co.	95	100	0	85	70
C Co.	100	90	100	68	89.5
D Co.	90	100	100	90	95
F Co.	80	100	95	88	90.7
G Co.	90	100	100	62	88
H Co.	80	100	100	85	91.2
I Co.	100	95	100	61	89
K Co.	95	100	100	46	85.2
L Co.	88	85	100	43	79
M Co.	100	100	100	75	93.7
Mean Regimental Rating.....					87.6

SECOND REGIMENT.

Headquarters	75	100	90	95	90
Hospital Corps	100	99	90	81	92.5
Band	70	95	100	50	79.5
A Co.	100	100	100	98	99.5
B Co.	90	95	0	91	69
D Co.	100	99	98	90	96.7
E Co.	100	100	100	98	99.5
F Co.	25	100	0	65	48
H Co.	98	95	0	53	61.5
I Co.	100	100	100	65	91.2
K Co.	100	100	100	77	94.2
L Co.	100	100	100	62	90.5
M Co.	90	98	90	55	83.2
Mean Regimental Rating.....					83.5

FIRST BATTALION.

F Co.	100	100	100	65	91.2
G Co.	100	70	100	65	83.7
I Co.	75		70	17	54

K Co.	80	98	80	50	77
L Co.	80	100	100	54	83.5
Mean Battalion Rating					77.8

PHILADELPHIA BATTALION.

Headquarters	95	95	100	75	91.2
Hospital Corps	80	85	100	65	86.7
Band	100		100	75	68.7
A Co.	100	100	100	67	91.7
C Co.	100	100	100	66	91.5
D Co.	85	45	100	68	52
E Co.	70	5	100	54	57.2
F Co.	100	40	100	66	76.5
G Co.	98		100	57	81.6
Mean Battalion Rating					77.4

THIRD REGIMENT.

Headquarters	100	60	100	50	85
Hospital Corps	100	100	90	50	85
Band	89	90	0	25	51
A Co.	55	70	90	79	73.7
B Co.	100	20	100	49	67.2
D Co.	85	90	100	88	90.7
E Co.	100	100	100	93	98.2
F Co.	100	100	100	90	97.5
G Co.	0	10	0	76	21.5
H Co.	55	55	0	53	40.7
I Co.	90	95	90	62	84.5
M Co.	100	98	100	92	97.5
Mean Regimental Rating					74.3

CAVALRY.

A Troop	50	98	80	73	75.2
B Troop	100	100	100	70	92.5
C Troop	0	99	0	65	11
D Troop	50	97	60	88	73.7
E Troop	90	98	100	63	65.2
F Troop	80	98	80	60	79.5
G Troop	100	98	100	0	74.5
Mean Rating					71.6

SIXTH BATTALION.

Headquarters	100	100	100	75	93.7
Band	0	40	0	50	22.5
A Co.	98	90	100	68	89
B Co.	90	80	100	65	83.7
C Co.	40	60	50	65	53.7
D Co.	80	95	80	68	80.7
E Co.	90	10	100	65	66.2
F Co.	80	100	80	52	78
Mean Battalion Rating					70.9

ARTILLERY.

A Battery	80	95	90	75	85
B Battery	100	99	100	69	69.5
C Battery	80	99	0	38	54.2
Mean Rating					69.5

EIGHTH REGIMENT.

Headquarters	90	85	0	53	47
Field Music	95	45	100	30	67.7

ENCAMPMENT

C Co.	60	95	70	36	65.2
D Co.	0	0	0	54	13.5
E Co.	0	98	0	62	40
F Co.	100	98	100	65	90.7
H Co.	100	50	100	65	78.7
I Co.	100	100	100	95	98.7
Mean Regimental Rating.....					62.8

FIFTH BATTALION.

Headquarters	90	80	0	0	42.5
D Co.	60	50	100	68	69.5
E Co.	100	90	100	63	65.7
F Co.	65	20	80	39	51
G Co.	30	10	100	50	47.5
Mean Battalion Rating					55.2
Mean Brigade Rating					61.7

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO.

Headquarters	99	98	100	50	86.7
A Troop	100	95	100	65	90
Signal Corps	80	100	0	0	45
Mean Rating					73.0

SECOND REGIMENT.

Headquarters	100	90	0	0	47.5
A Co.	50	100	100	51	75.1
B Co.	0	90	0	34	32
C Co.	100	95	100	18	78.2
D Co.	0	0	0	0	0
E Co.	100	80	100	65	86.2
F Co.	100	60	100	41	75.2
G Co.	100	95	90	25	77.5
H Co.	100	95	100	49	86
I Co.	100	95	90	60	86.2
J Co.	100	100	100	38	81.5
K Co.	100	100	85	50	79.5
L Co.	98	85	85	55	85
M Co.	100		100		85
Mean Regimental Rating.....					60.9

FIRST REGIMENT.

Headquarters	100	100	0	75	68.7
Hospital Corps	100	100	66	50	79
A Co.	90	98	100	65	88.2
B Co.	95	10	95	70	67.5
C Co.	85	75	100	22	70.5
D Co.	100	100	50	43	73.2
E Co.	100	100	100	64	91
F Co.	100	95	90	43	82
G Co.	90	0	100	75	66.2
H Co.	80	0	80	48	52
I Co.	95	0	100	31	56.5
J Co.	75	10	100	57	60.5
K Co.	100	100	60	32	73
L Co.	100	100	100	27	79.2
M Co.	90	100	100		71.5
Mean Regimental Rating.....					56.8
Mean Department Rating					56.8

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND.

A Co.	0	50	0	62	28
B Co.	0	50	0	62	28

C Co.	0	70	0	62	34
D Co.	0	55	0	64	29.7
E Co.	0	0	0	65	16.2
F Co.	0	50	0	65	28.7
Mean Department Rating.....	27.4				

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA.

Headquarters	0	0	0	0	0
B Co.	0	0	0	56	14
E Co.	0	0	0	13	3.1
H Co.	0	99	0	87	21.7
K Co.	0	0	0	0	0
Mean Department Rating.....	7.4				

DELAWARE.

C Co.	80	100	90	76	86.5
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ILLINOIS.

A Co.	60	75	90	46	67.7
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MASSACHUSETTS.

A Co.	60	90	80	50	70
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MINNESOTA.

A Co.	60	50	100	56	66.5
B Co.	95	80	95	65	83.7

WASHINGTON.

A Co.	60		100	46	68.5
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WISCONSIN.

A Co.	50	50	0	0	25
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SUMMARY.

	Per cent.
Department of New Jersey.....	66.9
Department of New York.....	65.6
Pennsylvania Brigade.....	61.7
Department of Ohio.....	56.8
Department of Rhode Island.....	27.4
Department of California.....	7.7

EQUIPMENT.

RIFLES.

Pennsylvania Brigade:		
.45-70 Springfield	1975	
.50 Springfield	169	
.30 Krag-Jorgenson	40	
.45-70 Springfield Carbines.....	25	
.50 Sharps Carbines	194	
		2403
Department of Ohio:		
.45-70 Springfield	553	
.50 Springfield	15	
.45-70 Springfield Carbines	20	
		588
Department of New York:		
.45-70 Springfield	385	
.45 Beaumont	20	
.50 Springfield	88	
		493

ENCAMPMENT

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Department of New Jersey:		
.45-70 Springfield	138	
.45-70 Springfield Carbines.....	35	
		173
Department of California:		
.45-70 Springfield	64	
.50 Springfield	29	
		93
Department of Rhode Island:		
.45-70 Springfield	250	
Delaware:		
.45-70 Springfield	51	
Illinois:		
.45-70 Springfield	64	
Massachusetts:		
.45-70 Springfield	30	
Minnesota:		
.45-70 Springfield	92	
.50 Springfield	11	
		103
Washington:		
.45-70 Springfield	15	
Total	4403	

RECAPITULATION.

.45-70 Springfield	3607
.50 Springfield	282
.30 Krag-Jorgenson	40
.45 Beaumont	20
.45-70 Springfield Carbines	80
.50 Sharps Carbines	194
Total	4403

ARTILLERY.

Pennsylvania Brigade:
 One 1½ inch muzzle loading piece.
 Two 1½ inch breech loading pieces.
 Two 3 inch muzzle loading pieces.

Department of New Jersey:
 Two 3 inch breech loading pieces.

CANVAS.

	H. Tents	O. Tents	Men	Mess
Pennsylvania Brigade:				
Headquarters		5	5	1
Hospital Corps	1		3	1
Second Regiment				
Headquarters		5	4	
Hospital Corps	1	1	6	
A Co., Easton.....		4	20	1
B Co., South Bethlehem.....		2	16	
D Co., Bangor		1	10	
E Co., Allentown		2	30	1
K Co., Bethlehem		2	11	
M Co., Siegfried				1

Third Regiment				
Headquarters		1	2	
Hospital Corps	1		4	
A Co., Shamokin		2	10	1
D Co., Shamokin		2	10	1
E Co., Williamsport		2	10	1
F Co., Minersville		2	10	
G Co., Milton		2	10	
M Co., Sunbury		1	12	1
Fourth Regiment	2	10	45	1
Sixth Battalion				
A Co., York				1
Eighth Regiment				
Headquarters		2	1	
C Co., South Fork				1
F Co., Punxsutawney			10	
I Co., Johnstown		2	16	
Philadelphia Battalion				
Hospital Corps, Philadelphia..	2		1	
F Co., Philadelphia		4	10	1
D Troop, Carbondale		2	10	
Pennsylvania Brigade Totals	7	52	260	13
Department of New York:				
C Co., 1st Reg't, Watertown...		5	15	1
I Co., Adams			5	
N Co., East Aurora			6	
1st Co. Coast Artillery			10	
Department of Ohio		6	27	
Department of the Pacific:				
H Co., Los Angeles		2	6	
Totals	7	65	329	14

A Battery, Department of New Jersey, Trenton, has a full complement of canvas available from the State.

FIELD SERVICE.

Department of Ohio, at Marion, 90 officers and men.
 Pennsylvania Brigade had regimental camps.
 Second Regiment, at Lehighton, July 1-8, 21 officers, 191 men.
 Reports from other regiments not yet available.

BRIGADE AND DEPARTMENT QUARTERMASTER'S REPORTS. Year ending June 1, 1916.

Receipts:	Pa.	N. Y.	Ohio	R. I.	N. J.
Balance, Dr.	\$ 21.98	1.00		No	.90
Commissions and warrants.	57.00	20.50	18.00	report	
Supplies	24.48		2.63		
Collar insignia (net)	43.50				
Contributions	3.00				
Totals	\$149.96	21.50	20.63		13.05

Expenditures:

Balance, Cr.			8.66	
Postage and express.....	17.63	13.25	13.45	
Supplies	50.00	2.20	8.38	
Printing	34.66			
Stenographer	48.00		5.00	
Traveling expenses	8.33			
Telegrams		1.85	.26	
✓ Totals	\$158.62	17.30	35.75	12.75
Balance, Dr.	\$	4.20		.30
Balance, Cr.	8.66		15.12	

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES—ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

September 1, 1915—July 31, 1916.

Dr.

Received for commissions and warrants.....	\$ 10.75
Received for supplies	20.60
Received from the Chief-of-Staff.....	257.61
	<u>\$288.96</u>

Cr.

Postage and Express:	
Correspondence and supplies.....	\$ 18.27
Commissions	6.98
	<u>\$ 25.25</u>
Printing:	
Press work	\$ 37.46
Binding	5.35
Paper stock	18.29
Electrotypes	2.00
	<u>\$ 63.10</u>
Stenographer	\$165.00
Traveling expenses	\$ 30.28
Sundries:	
Twine .....	.20
Freight .....	.33
Mailing tubes	4.00
Seals .....	.35
Ink .....	.25
Dating stamps .....	.20
	<u>\$ 5.33</u>
	<u>\$288.96</u>

DETAILED RECEIPTS.

Received for commissions and warrants:

Lieut. Gjestson, Wisconsin.....	\$1.00
Capt. Turner, Illinois .....	.75
Lieut. Holt, Washington	1.75
Lieut. Overhulse, California	1.00
Lieut. Miller, Illinois.....	1.00
Capt. Reeger, New Jersey.....	1.00
Capt. Tenney, Illinois	1.00
Lieut. Skinner, Illinois	1.00

Capt. Turner, Minnesota	1.00
Lieut. Smith, Minnesota	1.00
Lieut. Riddle, Illinois	1.00

\$ 10.75

Received for supplies:

Lieut. Col. Marshall, New York.....	\$2.35
Capt. Reeger, New Jersey.....	1.50
Lieut. Col. Yengling, Ohio.....	2.00
Capt. Turner, Illinois .....	.25
Jas. E. Howard, Pennsylvania.....	.10
Major Soper, New York.....	2.63
Lieut. Cruthers, New York.....	1.57
Colonel Horn, Pennsylvania	1.00
Lieut. Danvenport, Rhode Island.....	.50
Capt. Swanger, Ohio	1.00
Major Bennett, Ohio	1.25
Lieut. Col. Myers, Ohio	1.25
Capt. Davis, California.....	.20
Capt. Phillips, Illinois	5.00

\$ 20.60

ASSETS.

Filing cabinet (cost).....	\$ 60.96
Commission plate (cost)	15.00
Typewriter (cost)	27.50
Stock of envelopes, stationery, paper and blanks.	

IN GENERAL.

Taken as a whole, this has been the most disappointing year in the history of the Reserve, two or three major units showing a loss, not large it is true, but sufficient to slightly more than offset the gains in other quarters, and the result is the first loss in the history of the Reserve.

We do not believe it is significant of any real decadence of the organization, but the result of a number of circumstances acting coincidentally.

Generally the organization has been very materially handicapped by our continued inability to purchase ordnance stores—We sincerely hope that this condition will be remedied at an early date—or perhaps bettered by the passage of the Senate Joint Resolution introduced through the efforts of Lieut. Colonel Yengling, directing the issue of such stores to us.

Further, we are still working under the handicap of the independent organizations within our order, and most emphatically renew our recommendations of last year on this question.

The Department of Ohio—

To do justice to the work of Lieut. Colonel Yengling we can but repeat everything which we have said of him in the past years, and then fall short.

The Department of New York—

Lieutenant Colonel Marshall has justified in the fullest degree our expectations of him, expressed in our last report—while the Department shows a slight loss, it is not his fault—but due to his work on the lines of a determination to have a real organization or nothing. As a result of his work, he has captured second place in the ratings from two older and better organized units.

The Department of New Jersey—

Practically holds its own, under the efficient administration of Captain Reeger.

The Department of Rhode Island—

As forecast in our last report, Captain Parker was dismissed for gross neglect. Captain George V. Nichols (a Lieutenant of the Department Staff) accepted the command, and for a brief period everything looked very rosy—he being obviously well qualified, both educationally and technically and apparently deeply interested in the work. But alas! He has fallen by the wayside—and we fear that as a result of two years' neglect, that this Department will figure in a material loss in next year's report, even should we be successful in finding a competent Commandant.

The Department of California—

Successor to the Department of the Pacific, is another disappointment. Captain George O. Lockwood, then of H Company, Los Angeles, accepted the command. As in the case of Captain Nichols, he is obviously abundantly well qualified as an officer, but the results have been far short of our expectations.

The records have been cleared of all but those organizations in whose real existence we had not some scant reason to believe, and this loss exceeds the aggregate loss of the Reserve.

In this sense the Reserve has not suffered real loss, but this year's report might be considered in the light of an amendment to the gains reported in the year of organization of this Department.

Captain Lockwood has been retained in command, and will be given further chance to make good.

The Pennsylvania Brigade—

Has shown a gain in efficiency, though not enough to hold second place in the ratings—and its numerical loss is the coincidence of losses in its major units from disbanded commands—from reasons of long continued conditions, disbanded camps, etc. There is every assurance that this loss will be recouped at an early date.

The Department of Illinois—

Appears in our report for the first time—due to the good work of Brother Fred J. Phillips, of Chicago, as Recruiting Officer. He has been commissioned to command the Department and we look for him to make good his promise to "put Illinois on the map."

Of the separate Companies, after a brief life, that at Hartford, Connecticut, is no longer with us but we have added Companies in Spokane, Washington, and Stoughton, Wisconsin.

Early in the current year, we made a systematic attempt to interest Division Commanders in the Reserve, but, outside of Pennsylvania, we had replies from but one, and the requested roster of Camps from none.

Official: HENRY STEWART,
Colonel and Acting Adjutant General.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY.

Reading, Pa., August 1, 1916.

To Hon. A. E. B. Stephens,
Commander-in-Chief. S. of V. U. S. A.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

In accordance with the regulations I have the honor to submit report of this Department as follows:

The term having covered a period of eleven months, comparison with former Administrations must be made accordingly. Reports from Divisions for the quarter ending June last, for returns to this Encampment, were required nearly two months earlier than usual. Consequently losses shown are greater than if opportunity had been afforded to obtain reports and per capita tax from Camps (if time had allowed) to show such in good standing at this Encampment.

FINANCIAL.

September 30th, 1915-July 31st, 1916, inc.

DR.	CR.
TO RECEIPTS.	BY EXPENDITURES.
Sept. 30, 1915, to balance	General Expenses ...
Received for Per Capita Tax	Office Expenses
Charter Fees	Com.-in-Chief's Expenses
Supplies ...	Junior Order Expenses
Junior Order Supplies..	
Total receipts	Total expenditures
\$20166.46	By balance, July 31, 1916
	\$20166.46

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.	
For stock and supplies.....	\$3312.40
The Banner, subscription, 1915-1916.....	8049.35
Encampment (1915)	597.00
Printing	78.90
Reserve	299.89
Shipping supplies	157.78
Salaries	1725.00
Bonds	35.00
Miscellaneous (including badge Past Com- mander-in-Chief)	368.77
	\$14624.09
OFFICE EXPENSES.	
Light	\$ 3.15
Wrapping paper and twine.....	14.05
Postage	174.13
Express	13.81
Telegrams	16.07
Stationery	175.56
Rent	435.50

Miscellaneous	32.50
Office equipment	50.25

\$ 915.02

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

Postage	\$ 79.00
Telegrams	7.18
Traveling	722.74
Office	7.05
Stenographer	95.00
Express	2.78

\$ 913.75

JUNIOR ORDER EXPENDITURES.

Stock, supplies, express, shipping supplies...	\$ 479.90
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\$ 479.90

Total expenditures \$16932.76

ITEMIZED RECEIPTS FROM DIVISIONS.

Division:	P. C.	Tax	Charter Fees	Supplies	Total
Alabama & Tennessee..	\$ 45.16		\$	\$ 13.77	\$ 58.93
California & Pacific...	99.69	2.50		50.84	153.03
Colorado & Wyoming...	39.00			16.95	55.95
Connecticut	568.89	2.50		169.01	740.40
Illinois	630.05	7.50		204.54	842.09
Indiana	194.81	12.50		166.86	374.17
Iowa	95.20	10.00		64.76	169.96
Kansas	282.83	27.50		181.76	492.09
Kentucky	25.99	2.50		5.98	34.47
Maine	430.75	15.00		330.75	826.50
Maryland	170.42	15.00		178.26	363.68
Massachusetts	1870.24	12.50		759.96	2642.70
Michigan	198.84	15.00		142.06	355.90
Minnesota	130.43	10.00		80.81	221.24
Missouri	206.65	2.50		42.81	251.96
Montana & Idaho	32.18	2.50		15.63	50.31
Nebraska	47.58	7.50		66.27	121.35
New Hampshire	230.61			112.82	343.43
New Jersey	483.14	15.00		197.83	695.97
New York	1353.68	15.00		571.20	1939.88
Ohio	973.57	27.50		437.35	1438.42
Pennsylvania	3725.86	47.50		885.88	4656.74
Rhode Island	146.54	2.50		111.50	260.54
Vermont	208.37	12.50		110.52	331.39
Washington	70.67	5.00		44.41	120.08
Wisconsin	430.15	10.00		186.52	626.67
S. V. Auxiliary.....				8.43	8.43
Total	\$12691.30	\$280.00		\$5207.48	\$18178.78
Junior Order				126.68	126.68

Grand total receipts.....\$18305.46

STOCK AND SUPPLIES.

The business conditions the past year were a source of considerable trouble and difficulty in providing stock and supplies;

not only in their delivery, but cost or prices thereof. It is needless to refer to the great advance in cost of material, production and prices for all supplies. Nothing we use, paper, forms, blanks, books, badges and ribbons, can be purchased at the former prices. Of necessity the prices of our supplies must be advanced. Our price lists on our requisitions do not meet the cost of supplies the Commandery-in-Chief is compelled to pay. We have been fortunate in the fact that we have not had to purchase to a great extent so that our prices as listed could be continued. This is now impossible. The Thirty-fourth Encampment authorized a new requisition price list and a better quality of supplies, and with the Council-in-Chief this subject has been taken up for submission to this Encampment.

The business in this term has been increased over the last term. Divisions are able to carry more stock than heretofore.

Many Divisions still do not have any supplies in stock. They can only supply a Camp when it forwards a requisition to Division Headquarters and then such Divisions must first obtain the supplies from the Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters. Every Division should be able to and could, carry at least a small stock on hand and should have such a supply ready to meet a Camp's requisition.

To cost of stock and supplies on hand Sept. 21, 1915.....	\$2798.04
To cost of stock and supplies purchased 1915-1916.....	3312.40
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To cost of stock and supplies to account for.....	\$6110.44
To cost of stock and supplies on hand July 31, 1916.....	33120.04
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To cost of stock and supplies sold during term 1915-'16....	\$2981.40
Amount received from Divisions for supplies, 1915-'16 to July 31st, 1916, inc.	\$5207.48
To cost of supplies sold	\$2981.40
To cost of supplies to Commander-in-Chief, National Chaplain, National Patriotic In- structor, Divisions (blank forms).....	20.53
To cost of wrapping paper and twine.....	14.05
To cost of express and freight on supplies....	11.77
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Total cost of supplies sold and issued....	\$3027.75
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	\$2179.73
Cost of obsolete forms, stock and supplies, charged off, loss	\$ 438.23
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Net profit	\$1741.50

JUNIOR ORDER—STOCK ACCOUNT.

1916, January 1—July 31, inc.:	
To amount expended for stock, supplies, forms, etc....	\$464.74
To amount expended for receipt books.....	6.00
To amount expended for express on stock.....	5.48
To amount expended for shipping supplies.....	3.68
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Total amount expended.....	\$479.90
Amount received for stock and supplies, from January 1st to July 31st, 1916, inc.....	\$126.68
Cost of stock and supplies on hand July 31st, 1916.....	\$354.71

THE JUNIOR ORDER.

The provision at the Thirty-fourth Encampment for the establishment of the Junior Order, was effected. Supplies were procured and all forms provided as recommended and directed by the said action. The business transacted in supplies was not as great as was to be anticipated from the reports and supposed interest in this new organization. Camps of the Junior Order exist in seven Divisions. They seem to be prosperous and fill a position satisfactory to the Camps to which they are attached. But the movement for Camps of the Junior Order has not been to the extent that it could be made and it does not seem to have as great an interest for our membership as it might.

Receipts from Divisions for supplies, (no charter fee or per capita tax being charged) were:

Colorado & Wyoming	\$ 2.62
Maine	28.76
Massachusetts	25.27
New Jersey	9.75
New York	13.35
Pennsylvania	24.53
Wisconsin	22.40

Total\$126.68

MEMORIAL DAY.

Memorial Day, from reports received, was faithfully and most creditably observed by our Camps. It is gratifying to know that the services of Camps everywhere were most successful and reflected splendidly upon the Order.

But, attention is directed to a condition experienced in many sections, where the duties of the day were turned over to a body or organization, other than the Sons of Veterans. This is a matter that deserves the greatest diplomacy on the part of our Camps. It should be carefully treated and dealt with. Every precaution should be taken in the consideration of the subject. Every effort should be made to have this changed. Sons of Veterans Camps everywhere should have precedence and first consideration for having charge of and conducting Memorial Day ceremonies where G. A. R. Posts no longer assume those duties. This is a right and obligation that belongs strictly to the Camps of this Order in preference to any other—after the Grand Army of the Republic. This obligation and the performance of this duty on Memorial Day taken from us, we would have little as an organization left in our principles and objects to perform and exist for. By right of heritage it is ours, and ours alone.

BRONZE RECOGNITION BUTTON.

The recognition button adopted by the Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment and ordered on the requisition forms was supplied to Divisions and Camps as directed. The specifications and design as recommended by the Committee were submitted to various manufacturers, from whom proposals were received. The first production was unsatisfactory from the fact that the top of the button turned down and vice versa. This has been overcome. The price is very reasonable but it is questionable how long it can be furnished for the figure now supplied, owing to the great increase in material of that kind due to trade conditions. Less than half the membership has been supplied with

this new recognition button. Division Commanders and Camps should urge the membership to wear the recognition button.

GENERAL ORDERS, COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS.

General Orders were issued monthly and regularly published in The Banner with financial statements, showing the state of the Order. Some Division Commanders failed to issue Division Orders, communications or circulars to their Camps. This readily explains the conditions in such Divisions, and shows why there is not more progress.

A number of Divisions do not issue or furnish blank reports of Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers to Camps. This is contrary to the provisions of the law. It must be due to want of knowledge on the part of responsible Divisions. It is expected that always and regularly these blank reports will be issued or furnished to all Camps—and, with no expense to Camps.

DIVISIONS.

If it can be impressed upon Division officers that promptness in all matters must be complied with better conditions will prevail. This applies to Camps as well. In the organization of new Camps too little attention is given such by Division officers. A Camp when instituted is often not again given attention. Division officers should appreciate their responsibilities and be attentive to their duties. Especially in organizing new Camps should they take such an interest as to properly and substantially found and place a Camp on a solid basis and have it thoroughly conversant with its functions.

MONTANA AND IDAHO.

This Division was the only one not to hold any Division Encampment. Preparation was made for same but only two (2) representatives (and they from one and the same Camp) responded for the Encampment. No meeting was held. The present officers continue. The Division Commander is now in the U. S. Army and the Senior Vice Division Commander and Secretary-Treasurer are conducting affairs.

UNION DEFENDERS' DAY.

Union Defenders' Day—February 12th—continues to be generally observed and each year seems to be conducted on a more elaborate scale by Camps generally. The usual banquets, open meetings and social gatherings, with excellent programmes were reported from all sources. This is to be commended and it is hoped the occasion will be observed by every Camp.

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

The general condition of the Order is improving. It is to be regretted that in some Divisions business methods and promptness is lacking. The suspension of forty (40) Camps in one quarter is the fault of indifferent officers of Camps and Divisions; regretting to have it in the record—it is only to be accounted for—largely—by the inability, want of qualification, and incompetency on the part of many—that such conditions exist.

If Division Commanders would have their Division Officers, Staff and Aides used to visit the indifferent, dilatory or delinquent Camps, collect their per capita tax and reports when due, instruct such in their duties, inspire, encourage and give them the benefit of experience and knowledge, in most instances such

Camps could be held and saved from loss. It is to be hoped that this can be accomplished during the coming term and better results shown.

It is frequent that Division Officers are members of Camps that are not in good standing in a quarter's returns. That is evidence of indifference or not acquainted with the provisions of the law of the Order. It is ridiculous to consider that a Division officer would not have his Camp in good standing.

A Division Commander was elected with his Camp reported "Suspended" previous to the Encampment at which he was elected. It is to be imagined that the correspondence involved and the detail required to set such a condition right, required some labor.

THE BANNER.

The Banner ably performs the work of an "Official Organ" and is of great assistance in the promulgation of matters affecting the membership. Always at our service for such advantage to the Order as it can render, it has demonstrated its effectiveness and far reaching influence on many occasions. Through it, Camps that were almost delinquent have been reached and revived. Members who were dilatory were aroused to their duty and interest in the Order. The Official Organ has proven its value, and through the large acquaintanceship of the Editor—Past Commander-in-Chief W. G. Dustin, who is thoroughly familiar with the details of the Order and its needs and requirements in all sections of the country, has become a household fixture to and in the families of our members. It well deserves our cordial support. It is to be hoped that Camp Secretaries will be more prompt in the future in correcting mailing list of Camp members, so that every member of the Order shall always have the benefit of the paper.

SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY.

The Sons of Veterans Auxiliary deserves better at our hands, as an organization than it has in the past received. Camps should give this society first consideration, since it was officially recognized as the "Sons of Veterans Auxiliary." In many localities reports indicate that Camps have had rendered to them successful and hearty support in ceremonial sessions, and on public occasions. Auxiliaries in all sections of the country performed splendid service in conjunction with Camps on Memorial Day.

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE.

Many inquiries concerning organization of and information relating to Companies of the Sons of Veterans Reserve were received, promptly answered and referred to the proper officers of the Military Department. The Reserve should have the support of every member of the Order. It is to be hoped that the Reserve will be represented in every Division by a substantial command and representative organization throughout the entire Order. The officers of the Military Department devote much time and labor to the advancement of this part of the Order and they, as well as the rank and file, should receive the encouragement, assistance and the increase in membership they deserve and labor for.

THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Fifty years—a half century—has passed since the Grand Army of the Republic was instituted. Tribute we can pay to

this splendid organization in a manner. But words fail to express our reverence, respect and honor for the members of this Order. Our tribute does not in the slightest convey to them what we are indebted to them for.

Recognized as their Official Escort and having that honor at this, the Fiftieth Anniversary Encampment of the G. A. R., surely we, as Sons of Veterans, can feel that we have a distinguished honor and that we have been highly favored.

For some years we have been honored by and have been in close and fraternal relations with the officials of the G. A. R. The past year was no exception unless it was, that through Commander-in-Chief E. R. Monfort of the G. A. R. we were even closer and nearer to that splendid Order than ever before, through the influence of yourself for which the Order should be appreciative to you. In many Divisions the relations between the G. A. R. and Sons of Veterans are most cordial and it is a pleasure to report that this fraternal spirit and relationship is increasing.

With many Departments of the G. A. R. we are in constant communication for the good of both Orders and the advancement and development of our own. In a number of Divisions G. A. R. Officials are assistants to our work and our members. It is pleasing to report that in most Divisions a close relationship exists. This should be fostered.

REFERENDUM—DIVISIONS VOTE.

At the Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief (1915) the recommendation to change the age of eligibility from eighteen (18) to sixteen (16) years, was "considered a first reading of the proposed amendment to Chapter 1, Constitution (Page 3), Art. 4, line 2, and that it be referred to the various Divisions for referendum."

This action was complied with under date of January 13, 1916, and also promulgation thereof, in General Orders.

Returns from sixteen (16) Divisions showing the vote in said Division Encampments to have been as follows are:

Divisions.	No. of Votes In Favor of 16 Years.	No. of Votes Not In Favor of 16 Years.
Alabama & Tennessee.....		21
California & Pacific	14	0
Colorado & Wyoming	10	0
Connecticut		114
Illinois		
Indiana		
Iowa		
Kansas		
Kentucky	6	10
Maine	19	54
Maryland	37	9
Massachusetts	8	236
Michigan	0	86
Minnesota		
Missouri	0	23
Montana & Idaho		
Nebraska	30	0
New Hampshire	0	60
New Jersey	25	40
New York		

Ohio		*
Pennsylvania		
Rhode Island	0	64
Vermont	0	31
Washington	4	4
Wisconsin	58	2
Total	211	757

PER CAPITA TAX.

Per capita tax is always an unpopular subject. It has been the purpose to keep the tax as low as possible. It has frequently been reduced. At this time there can be no reduction. Warning is given that if we should have an experience as in the September (1915) quarter when forty-one (41) Camps were suspended and a loss in membership shown, and the gains following that quarter not maintained, the tax will have to be increased.

Strictest economy has been observed in expenditures. Careful management to meet conditions is required and this Encampment is cautioned in its consideration of disbursements for the next year.

Recommendation: That the per capita tax for the term 1916-1917, remain at twenty-four (24) cents per annum payable at the rate of six (6) cents per quarter.

NEW CAMPS AND CHARTER MEMBERS.

Applications for charters for Camps approved and instituted in the respective Divisions, to July 31st, inc.:

Division:	Camp Applications	New Applicants	New Camps	Charter Members
Alabama & Tennessee				
California & Pacific...	1	84	1	58
Colorado & Wyoming				
Connecticut	1	59	1	42
Illinois	3	75	2	75
Indiana	*6	270	6	253
Iowa	4	170	4	168
Kansas	11	354	8	242
Kentucky	1	26	1	30
Maine	6	140	7	161
Maryland	6	141	6	125
Massachusetts	5	124	4	120
Michigan	6	150	5	112
Minnesota	4	70	4	63
Missouri	1	15		
Montana & Idaho....	1	15	1	15
Nebraska	3	89	3	84
New Hampshire				
New Jersey	6	181	4	85
New York	6	161	6	184
Ohio	*13	604	13	521
Pennsylvania	19	392	20	475
Rhode Island	1	21	1	22
Vermont	5	114	4	90
Washington	2	73	3	65
Wisconsin	4	86	4	83
Total	115	3414	109	3073

* Charter Fee (received after July 31st) in Supplemental report. Camps instituted and reported in June quarter—organized under dispensation previous to paying charter fee—Indiana (1), Ohio (2).

Applications approved in the preceding term and Camps instituted in this term were in the Divisions shown where the number of Camps instituted is greater than the number of applications for charter approved—Divisions of: Illinois (1); Maine (1); Pennsylvania (1); Washington (1).

DIVISION MEMBERSHIP—GAIN AND LOSSES.

Division:	June 30, 1915		June 30, 1916		Gain		Loss	
	Camps	Mem.	Camps	Mem.	Cps.	Mb.	Cps.	Mb.
Ala. & Tenn....	11	204	11	212		8		
Cal. & Pac.....	19	653	17	546			2	107
Col. & Wyo.....	7	204	7	191				13
Connecticut....	39	2146	40	2282	1	136		
Illinois.....	63	2412	66	2417	3	5		
Indiana.....	27	1002	24	979			3	23
Iowa.....	22	574	22	638		64		
Kansas.....	42	1296	38	1295			4	1
Kentucky.....	7	154	7	132				22
Maine.....	47	2072	45	2168		96		
Maryland.....	15	617	17	675	2	58		
Massachusetts..	153	6973	155	7405	2	432		
Michigan.....	27	1102	32	1236	5	134		
Minnesota.....	15	555	13	461				94
Missouri.....	24	848	19	746				102
Mont. & Ida....	14	266	8	115				6 151
Nebraska.....	10	315	9	263				1 52
New Hampshire..	36	1214	33	1177			3	37
New Jersey....	38	1887	40	1917	2	30		
New York.....	182	7069	167	6840			15	229
Ohio.....	113	4806	117	5280	4	474		
Pennsylvania..	210	14197	215	14648	5	451		
Rhode Island..	15	438	16	569	1	131		
Vermont.....	25	785	29	857	4	72		
Washington....	8	209	10	305	2	96		
Wisconsin.....	56	1589	59	1701	3	112		

Total1225 53607 1216 55055

Gain in No. of members—1448.

Loss in No. of Camps—9.

Initiated since

July 31 .. 8 273

Total Aug.

30, '16 1224 55328

CONSOLIDATED RETURNS, 1915-1916.

Gain:	By Initiation		Reinstated		Total Gain	Aggregate	Loss:							
	Camps	Mem.	Camps	Mem.			Camps	Mem.	Death	Hon.	Dis.	Tran.		
Sept. 1915	26	1802	75	5	179	31	2056	2	52	66	50	35		
Dec. 1915	10	1839	93	12	571	22	2503	7	126	83	72	101		
Mar. 1916	34	2598	96	6	361	40	3055	7	153	92	78	59		
June 1916	55	3132	122	10	247	65	3501	2	20	79	71	88		
Total	125	9371	386	33	1358	158	11115	158	11115	18	351	320	271	283

By Susp.		Dropped		Total Loss		Expended for Relief	No. Veterans or Their Families Relieved	No. Members
Camps	Mem.	Camps	Mem.	Camps	Mem.			
41	2277			43	2480	\$ 8872.00	9	46
29	2357			36	2739	7604.67	11	3
12	350	20	1377	39	2109	10334.92	48	19
42	1041	5	1040	49	2339	8306.60	26	12
124	6025	25	2417	167	9667	\$35118.19	94	80

Cash on hand in Division Treasuries, \$6750.18 (Not reported by Montana & Idaho, and Washington).
 Cash on hand in Camp Treasuries, \$58756.77 (Reported only by one-half of the Divisions).

	Camps	Members
No. in good standing June 30, 1915.....	1225	53607
Gain—		
Camps		
Members		
By Initiation	125	9371
Transfer		386
Reinstatement	33	1358
Total gain	158	11115
Aggregate	1383	64722
Loss—		
By Disbanded	18	351
Death		320
Honorable Discharge		271
Transfer		283
Suspension	124	6025
Dropped	25	2417
Total loss	167	9667
No. in good standing June 30, 1916...	1216	55055
Gain		1448
Loss	9	

CONCLUSION.

As Commander-in-Chief you had your ambitions for the advancement of the Order. You have travelled and visited many sections to serve whatever interest could benefit the membership. The Order will appreciate your service. The National Officers and Staff have been desirous of success in their respective departments. Cordial relations existed between all. You have served the Order in various capacities many years. In retiring from active command you will take with you the respect and good wishes of all. In the farewell may it be to all for greater activity and interest in the Order, the future success and prosperity of yourself, all the associates of the past year, the Order and every member.

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

H. H. HAMMER,

National Secretary.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

of the National Secretary to Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Kansas City, Missouri, September 1st, 1916

FINANCIAL.

July 31st-September 1st, 1916, Inclusive.

RECEIPTS.	
July 31, 1916, to balance	\$3233.70
Received for per capita tax	\$1257.53
Charter fees	10.00
Supplies	42.16
Interest from National Treasurer, on deposit of funds	52.14

Total receipts	\$1361.83
	<u>\$4595.53</u>

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$2687.71
Office expenses	34.12
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	72.06
	<u>\$2793.89</u>
Total expenditures	\$2793.89
Balance September 1, 1916	\$1801.64

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSE.

For The Banner, August, 1916, subscription ..	\$ 822.85
Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment	1236.94
Printing	1.40
Reserve (Military Department)	50.00
Shipping supplies	1.52
Salaries	575.00
	<u>\$2687.71</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For postage, telegrams, stationery, printing..	28.63
Postage for National Officers, other than Com- mander-in-Chief, National Secretary, Na- tional Treasurer, Chief of Staff	5.49
	<u>\$ 34.12</u>

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For postage, telegrams, traveling, office ste- nographer	\$ 72.06
	<u>\$ 72.06</u>
Total expenditures	\$2793.89
Balance September 1, 1916	\$1801.64

ITEMIZED RECEIPTS FROM DIVISIONS.

August 1st-28th, inclusive.

Division	Per Capita Tax	Charter Fees	Supplies	Total
Ala. and Tenn.	\$ 12.72	\$	\$.17	\$ 12.89
Cal. and Pacific	35.80			35.80
Col. and Wyo.	13.93			13.93
Illinois		2.50		2.50
Indiana	48.99	2.50		51.49
Iowa	42.34		.37	42.71
Maine	157.49			157.49
Michigan	71.05			71.05
Mont. and Idaho	6.00			6.00
Nebraska	14.67		.13	14.80
New Hampshire	77.39			77.39
New York	431.38		31.14	462.53
Ohio	345.76	5.00		350.76

Pennsylvania		10.25	10.25
Washington		10.	.10
Total	\$1257.53	\$10.00	\$42.16
Interest on deposits of funds, from National Treas.			52.14
Total receipts			\$1361.83

STOCK AND SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

To cost of stock and supplies on hand July 31st, 1916	\$3129.04		
To cost of stock and supplies sold since July 31st	20.00		
To cost of stock and supplies on hand August 28th, 1916			\$3109.04
To amount received for stock and supplies sold since July 31st to August 28th, inc.			\$ 42.16
Cost of Supplies, sold July 31-Aug. 28, inc. ...	\$ 20.00		
Cost of shipping supplies July 31-Aug. 28, ...	1.52		
Total cost of supplies sold			\$ 21.52

MEMBERSHIP.

New Camps instituted since June 30th:

Division	No. Camps	No. Charter	Members
Indiana	1		39
Iowa	1		44
Kansas	2		89
Nebraska	1		18
New Jersey	1		31
Pennsylvania	1		21
Vermont	1		31
Total	8		273

Applications for charter approved since June 30th, (Charter Fee in Supplemental Report):

Division	No. Camps	No. Applicants
Illinois	1	33

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

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

REPORT OF NATIONAL TREASURER.

Reading, Pa., August 1, 1916.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Brothers:—

I have the honor to submit the following as the report of the financial transactions of the Commandery-in-Chief for the fiscal year.

The appended statement shows the balance merging from the immediately preceding administration, to which has been

added the receipts from all sources through the National Secretary, with which this department is charged:

1915—	
September 30, balance.....	\$ 1,861.00
October 23, deposits.....	269.89
October 30, deposits.....	2.53
November 6, deposits.....	100.58
November 13, deposits.....	197.30
November 20, deposits.....	963.73
November 24, deposits.....	1,455.86
November 30, deposits.....	1,016.06
December 14, deposits.....	102.49
December 21, deposits.....	160.40
December 31, deposits.....	134.98
1916—	
January 6, deposits.....	113.48
January 8, deposits.....	118.85
January 31, deposits.....	382.36
February 5, deposits.....	134.57
February 9, deposits.....	280.88
February 18, deposits.....	900.27
February 23, deposits.....	2,529.20
February 26, deposits.....	132.06
February 29, deposits.....	99.05
March 7, deposits.....	174.78
March 16, deposits.....	294.56
March 31, deposits.....	449.11
April 10, deposits.....	208.06
April 17, deposits.....	301.22
April 18, deposits.....	138.31
April 20, deposits.....	172.02
April 29, deposits.....	85.51
May 2, deposits.....	104.32
May 8, deposits.....	280.51
May 11, deposits.....	157.89
May 13, deposits.....	177.57
May 17, deposits.....	279.41
May 19, deposits.....	770.51
May 20, deposits.....	618.29
May 23, deposits.....	281.22
May 25, deposits.....	418.69
May 29, deposits.....	155.50
May 30, deposits.....	65.43
June 8, deposits.....	1,018.12
July 17, deposits.....	97.31
June 30, deposits.....	160.14
July 8, deposits.....	133.37
July 20, deposits.....	203.06
July 31, deposits.....	2,466.01
Total receipts	\$20,166.46

The following disbursements have been made against vouchers certified by the National Secretary and approved by the Commander-in-Chief, as follows:

Voucher No. 1167.....	\$ 133.45
Voucher No. 1168.....	225.00
Voucher No. 1169.....	38.23

Voucher No. 1170.....	828.94
Voucher No. 1171.....	58.55
Voucher No. 1172.....	8.25
Voucher No. 1173.....	110.98
Voucher No. 1174.....	44.77
Voucher No. 1175.....	3.44
Voucher No. 1176.....	35.00
Voucher No. 1177.....	7.00
Voucher No. 1178.....	23.00
Voucher No. 1179.....	9.50
Voucher No. 1180.....	50.25
Voucher No. 1181.....	18.44
Voucher No. 1182.....	9.00
Voucher No. 1183.....	1,044.01
Voucher No. 1184.....	184.85
Voucher No. 1185.....	145.41
Voucher No. 1186.....	2.43
Voucher No. 1187.....	39.29
Voucher No. 1188.....	20.00
Voucher No. 1189.....	19.75
Voucher No. 1190.....	75.00
Voucher No. 1191.....	2.00
Voucher No. 1192.....	6.30
Voucher No. 1193.....	3.00
Voucher No. 1194.....	2.99
Voucher No. 1195.....	66.99
Voucher No. 1196.....	29.75
Voucher No. 1197.....	8.75
Voucher No. 1198.....	41.33
Voucher No. 1199.....	3.00
Voucher No. 1200.....	804.06
Voucher No. 1201.....	19.70
Voucher No. 1202.....	1.49
Voucher No. 1203.....	535.37
Voucher No. 1204.....	75.00
Voucher No. 1205.....	3.60
Voucher No. 1206.....	53.31
Voucher No. 1207.....	148.96
Voucher No. 1208.....	66.00
Voucher No. 1209.....	1,386.61
Voucher No. 1210.....	25.56
Voucher No. 1211.....	34.16
Voucher No. 1212.....	10.93
Voucher No. 1213.....	33.76
Voucher No. 1214.....	29.00
Voucher No. 1215.....	125.00
Voucher No. 1216.....	191.00
Voucher No. 1217.....	59.90
Voucher No. 1218.....	807.78
Voucher No. 1219.....	3.50
Voucher No. 1220.....	35.98
Voucher No. 1221.....	13.36
Voucher No. 1222.....	6.90
Voucher No. 1223.....	3.15
Voucher No. 1224.....	112.50
Voucher No. 1225.....	150.72
Voucher No. 1226.....	340.00
Voucher No. 1227.....	52.20
Voucher No. 1228.....	802.83

Voucher No. 1229	534.10
Voucher No. 1230	18.48
Voucher No. 1231	15.01
Voucher No. 1232	80.60
Voucher No. 1233	5.50
Voucher No. 1234	37.40
Voucher No. 2135	31.12
Voucher No. 1236	73.90
Voucher No. 1237	9.00
Voucher No. 1238	907.05
Voucher No. 1239	26.55
Voucher No. 1240	46.83
Voucher No. 1241	10.32
Voucher No. 1242	3.77
Voucher No. 1243	112.50
Voucher No. 1244	217.93
Voucher No. 1245	270.00
Voucher No. 1246	228.00
Voucher No. 1247	5.50
Voucher No. 1248	22.27
Voucher No. 1249	8.60
Voucher No. 1250	802.98
Voucher No. 1251	32.90
Voucher No. 1252	11.83
Voucher No. 1253	57.45
Voucher No. 1254	3.30
Voucher No. 1255	4.95
Voucher No. 1256	100.34
Voucher No. 1257	275.00
Voucher No. 1258	41.25
Voucher No. 1259	804.31
Voucher No. 1260	8.20
Voucher No. 1261	48.70
Voucher No. 1262	4.71
Voucher No. 1263	526.26
Voucher No. 1264	75.00
Voucher No. 1265	7.85
Voucher No. 1266	190.21
Voucher No. 1267	80.52
Voucher No. 1268	137.00
Voucher No. 1269	808.45
Voucher No. 1270	8.40
Voucher No. 1271	35.45
Voucher No. 1272	8.30
Voucher No. 1273	29.40
Voucher No. 1274	300.00
Voucher No. 1275	112.50
Voucher No. 1276	41.66
Total	\$16,452.86

Additional to which there has been disbursed on account of the Junior Order, against separate vouchers, similarly certified and approved:

Voucher No. J-1	\$ 94.75
Voucher No. J-2	6.00
Voucher No. J-3	9.52
Voucher No. J-4	28.60

Voucher No. J-5.....	138.43
Voucher No. J-6.....	2.29
Voucher No. J-7.....	25.57
Voucher No. J-8.....	12.68
Voucher No. J-9.....	49.78
Voucher No. J-10.....	110.00
Voucher No. J-11.....	2.28
	\$ 479.90

Total disbursements \$16,932.76

BALANCE ACCOUNT.

Total receipts	\$20,166.46
Total disbursements	16,932.76
	\$ 3,233.70

Balance, cash on hand this date..... \$ 3,233.70

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND.

The balance to the credit of this fund is \$4,661.81, invested as follows: \$2,000.00 in Collateral Mortgage Notes of the International & Great Western Railway Co., \$1,556.11 in the Savings Fund and \$1,105.70 on deposit in the Reading Trust Company

I cannot refrain from referring to the uniform courtesy which has been extended to this department in its official relations with those with whom it has come into contact, the acknowledgment of which it is pleasurable to record.

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

J. L. RAKE,
National Treasurer.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

Kansas City, Mo., September 1, 1916.

To cash balance August 1st, 1916	\$3233.70
Receipts from all sources from the National Secretary	1361.83
	\$4595.53

Against which, in accordance with the action of the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment, Kansas City, Mo., is charged the following disbursements:

Voucher No. 1277	\$ 105.94
Voucher No. 1278	83.45
Voucher No. 1279	134.90
Voucher No. 1280	822.85
Voucher No. 1281	173.05
Voucher No. 1282	171.45
Voucher No. 1283	222.00
Voucher No. 1284	120.60
Voucher No. 1285	5.49
Voucher No. 1286	75.00
Voucher No. 1287	703.10
Voucher No. 1288	76.06
Voucher No. 1289	100.00

Total Disbursements	\$2793.89
September 1st, 1916, Final Cash Balance	\$1801.64
Respectfully Submitted in F. C. & L., J. L. RAKE, National Treasurer.	

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR.

Boston, Mass., July 29, 1916.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Brothers:—

My service the past year embraced a moderate number of questions submitted by the Commander-in-Chief for a formal opinion, and the corresponding opinions will be found below. Other matters of purely personal or local significance have received due attention as they arose, but not being of interest to the organization as a whole, need not be discussed here.

It is gratifying to be able to report the absence, so far as my duties were concerned, of any matters involving discipline or other affairs of a disturbing nature. Indeed, the year seems to have been one of marked harmony and good-will throughout the Order, a condition which speaks eloquently for the success of the administration of our judicious, magnanimous and whole-souled Commander-in-Chief.

The association of a twelvemonth with such a leader and with those two distinguished supporting pillars of his administration, Brothers Hammer and Rake, has been for me a most enriching experience.

The questions considered with their respective formal opinions were the following:

QUESTION I.

Whether a member of a Camp of Sons of Veterans, who has enlisted in the British Army, has thereby forfeited his membership.

OPINION.

According to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, membership in the Sons of Veterans does not demand that one shall be a citizen of this country—only that he be a descendant of an honorably discharged Union veteran, etc.

In the case presented, therefore, the member, by joining the military forces of a foreign sovereign, does not lose his membership in his Camp whatever may be the consequences of so doing in regard to his citizenship.

QUESTION II.

What is the proper position of the flag resting on the altar in the Camp room?

OPINION.

It is the custom among military and naval bodies, including the Grand Army of the Republic, to place the flag as follows:

With reference to a person standing behind the altar and facing the Commander, the blue field should rest upon the upper left hand corner of the altar.

I understand that the above is the uniform custom among the circles mentioned. As arranged in this manner, the flag lies upward as it should. With the blue field resting upon the upper right hand corner of the altar, the flag would rest with its face downward. Hence, the customary method is also the natural one.

QUESTION III.

The annual meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief in 1915 passed a vote purporting to amend the Constitution and the ritual by adding to Chapter VI, Article XXI, the following new section:

"Section 2. Members of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Daughters of Veterans, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Army Nurses, when in good standing in their respective organizations, may be admitted to the sessions of the camp."

Was the vote effectual in amending the Constitution and ritual, the record showing that the vote was carried by 73 in favor and 74 against it?

OPINION.

In reaching the opinion which follows, I have not allowed my own inclination, which is in favor of the adoption of the proposed amendment, to deter me from a fair, open-minded study of the arguments for and against the validity of the vote in controversy. On the other hand, I have endeavored to consider the question from an entirely impersonal standpoint.

Article III, Section 3 of the Constitution prescribes that "a majority of the membership *reported* present and entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum."

Chapter VII of the Constitution provides that it "shall be altered or amended only by the Commandery-in-Chief by a majority vote of the members *reported* present and entitled to a vote at a stated annual meeting.

From the phraseology used in the words quoted, it is clear that the framers of the Constitution have marked out a well defined procedure both for the ascertaining of a quorum and the passage of legislation under the head of alteration or amendment. When a proposed amendment should reach the stage when it would be ripe for passage, it was laid down precisely what method of vote should be followed, namely, that "only by a majority vote of the members *reported* present and entitled to a vote" could amendments become effective.

The majority, then, for the purpose of determining whether a quorum be present, as well as whether any part of the Constitution may be amended or suspended, is to be determined by the number of members *reported* present and entitled to a vote. Plainly, the use of the word "reported" in both the portions of the Constitution quoted above, has special significance here.

Webster's Dictionary defines the word "report" as "a statement in writing of proceedings and facts exhibited by an officer, to his superiors, such as the report of a committee to a legislative body," etc.

It seems clear, that, using the above definition, no other majority will satisfy the constitutional requirement than a

majority of those *reported* present and entitled to a vote by the Committee on Credentials. To this body the Constitution has specifically committed the task of ascertaining who are to be the accredited members, and therefore voting members of the annual meeting.

At the beginning of the Thursday morning session, the record states that a supplementary report of this committee showed 191 members. So far as the record shows, that and the preliminary report constitute the only recorded statement of the number present at the annual meeting of the body. The Encampment was thus duly informed as to how many constituted the membership and who had been officially found entitled to a vote.

But it is contended that because of a vote passed at this same Thursday morning session purporting to suspend Chapter VII, the requirement called for in the Constitution was not operative and therefore that a mere majority of those who actually voted was sufficient.

The Constitution itself contains no provision for suspension of any of its articles. Any change in a document of so solemn and permanent a character should, as far as possible, conform with its spirit and intent.

It is highly important that such spirit and intent be respected regarding so vital a matter as the suspension of the supreme and established law of the Order. Otherwise, the organization is exposed to the danger, at any time, of emotional, ill-advised or injurious changes in the organic law. In other words, there necessarily should be some check upon impulsive legislation as well as such as might be caused by a minority of the meeting. (Sec Fish's American Manual of Parliamentary Law, Sec. 112).

In this opinion, I do not go so far as to say that it is not within the power of the Encampment to suspend an article or section or clause in the Constitution. The majority should control. However, when the Constitution directs how the majority should be determined, the meeting is bound to follow that direction.

Furthermore, any motion for suspension should clearly point out the particular provisions that should be made inoperative for the time being.

The motion of Brother S. S. Horn, which resulted in the vote referred to, was (page 143 of the Proceedings) "I move that Chapter VII of the Constitution be suspended during the report of the committee on Constitution, *and that all changes adopted be effective January 1st next.*"

Brother Horn thus indicated a purpose to have the amendment become effective *sooner* than would be the case were the constitutional requirement of action by the next two consecutive annual meetings to be followed.

The mover exercised his undoubted right in limiting or qualifying his motion so that the changes adopted would be effective January 1st, 1916. That is as far as the scope of the motion went.

Furthermore, there is nothing in the record to indicate that throughout the discussion of this motion it was included in the purpose to depart from the prescribed method of voting.

In order to have given the matter the effect of making sufficient a majority of less than that prescribed, it should have contained language adequate to express such an intent.

For the reasons above stated, my opinion is:

1. That the vote on the Horn motion did not reach far enough to suspend the whole of Chapter VII of the Constitution, but had the effect only of suspending that portion of it relating to action by two succeeding annual meetings.

2. That the vote on the question of amending the Constitution as to the subject above referred to, it appearing on the record to have stood 78 in favor and 74 against, when the number reported present and entitled to a vote was 191, did not satisfy the constitutional requirement of a majority of the last mentioned number. Consequently, the vote failed to enact the amendment and was invalid.

Was it within the power of the Washington Encampment to have legally amended the Constitution as to the subject-matter under consideration in the last opinion?

The answer to this question requires a few words of explanation of the character of the Constitution of our Order. In the case of a political constitution, such as the Constitution of the United States, any amendment to it must be ratified by the individual States before it is in force.

Our Constitution, however, was adopted by the Commandery-in-Chief and became operative without having been referred to the several Division Encampments for ratification. That a constitution created by such a body as ours is always under the exclusive control of that body, and that the body may, at its pleasure, change its constitution is the generally accepted view of the courts of the land.

The language of the Court used in the decision of *Smith vs. Nelson*, 18 Vermont 511, at page 551, well illustrates the judicial opinion of constitution similar to ours.

"It has," says the Court, "none of the powers or requisites of a constitution in political bodies, which emanates from a higher power than the legislature, and always is supposed to be enacted by a power superior to the legislature, and hence is unchangeable except by the body which established it; but that body can change it at pleasure."

Hence, it is plain that at any annual meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief, the Constitution may be amended, provided suitable action for such a purpose is taken.

Respectfully submitted,

H. HARDING HALE,

National Counselor.

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. Brothers:—

I have the honor of transmitting to you herewith my report as National Chaplain of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., under your appointment for the year 1915-1916. And I take advantage of this opportunity to express to you my deep appreciation of the great privilege afforded me in this office for serving your-

self as Commander-in-Chief, the Order to which we all owe allegiance, and the Country whose honored flag is over us.

Yours very fraternally,
 PAUL R. HICKOK,
National Chaplain.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Greetings:—

There is particular and unusual privilege afforded in the office I have been permitted to occupy during the year now closing, and it will be understood by all the brothers how sincere is my gratitude for the opportunities which have offered themselves. The cordial personal relations existing have been a continuing pleasure, and have made delightful every duty there was to be performed.

I have the honor to present herewith to the Commandery-in-Chief a summary of the reports which have been forwarded to my office by the several Division Chaplains. It is not necessary to comment upon these figures at any length. I take the liberty of suggesting, however, that the printed summary might well be studied with some care, when it shall appear in the printed proceedings of the Encampment. Some of the principal purposes for which we exist are noted among the items contained in these columns of figures, and the faithfulness with which we are meeting our responsibilities in these regards will be revealed at once to those who study the figures, comparing them with similar reports in former years. I can find it in my heart to wish that the Secretary of each Camp would avail himself of an opportunity in the early winter to bring before his Camp an analysis of these columns, in order that all our brothers might be aware of the fidelity with which the obligations and sacred privileges of the Order are being discharged among the several Divisions.

Statistical reports have reached me from twenty-three Divisions, none being received from Alabama and Tennessee, California and Pacific, and Montana and Idaho. By comparison with the reports of 1914 and 1915 it appears that Montana and Idaho Division has not reported for three years, while each of the other delinquents made proper report in both the former years.

Special mention should be made of the fact that four of the Divisions have forwarded reports from all Camps within their jurisdiction—Colorado and Wyoming, Connecticut, Kentucky, and Massachusetts. This is particularly creditable in the cases of the larger Divisions, such as Massachusetts with its 154 Camps. It is the ideal, however, toward which every Division should strive, and of which some of the Divisions have come lamentably short now.

The reports from some of the Division Chaplains were prepared with such care and accuracy, and in such neatness of form, as to call for particular mention. Among these are New York, Ohio, Vermont, Kansas, Maryland, and Massachusetts.

Division Chaplain Eyles of Illinois reports that some of the Camps rely upon the services of their Auxiliaries for decoration of graves on Memorial Day. He mentions another feature which is worthy of commendation—the practice of one Camp of placing

potted and growing plants on the graves of soldiers of all wars. More than 800 plants were used in this manner on the last Memorial Day.

In other years National Chaplains have commented appreciatively upon the large number of Memorial Day addresses delivered by members of our Order. It is proper to emphasize this point once more. In nearly one thousand communities throughout the length and breadth of our nation, messages were heard upon Memorial Day of this year as they came from the lips of sons of Union soldiers. There is eminent propriety in this. The lessening vigor and failing voices of our fathers are an unmistakable challenge to their sons to utter the messages that their lives and lips have been delivering for half a century, but must soon be given altogether by those who come after them.

Sometime prior to Memorial Day of the present year, through the columns of *The Banner*, I took occasion to emphasize the wisdom of remembering that the day is one of "Memorial" and not merely one for "Decoration." The latter term has come into all too general use by reason of thoughtlessness and carelessness. Our brothers know, of course, that this "Day of days" in all our patriotic year is one of vastly greater significance than the decoration of graves, however sacred and precious that duty may be. It is in order that our people in every section of the United States may remember the courage and devotion and holy patriotism of that heroic host of half a century ago. It is a day for remembering all that they accomplished, and the unselfish service by which it came to pass. The decoration of the graves of those who have passed on is a precious incident connected with the proper celebration of the day, but it is only incidental to its larger and more continuing purpose. The sons of Union soldiers may render a peculiarly valuable service to the Nation their fathers saved from disruption if they make it their earnest purpose to preserve the name of the day in its proper form—"Memorial Day;" to protect the day from becoming a mere holiday of sports; to emphasize vigorously and constantly the highest type of patriotism exhibited by their sires; and by every word and work to show themselves worthy the blood that is in them.

There is another ideal which suggests itself to me at this time, upon which the thought of soldiers's sons may well rest earnestly. We are accustomed to think of the services rendered by our fathers in the saving of the nation in the hour of her greatest peril. We contemplate with pride all the record of their self sacrifice, their sufferings in the field and on the march, their courage in battle, their patience in affliction, and the "last full measure of devotion" of those who fell. There is satisfaction and there is much of real inspiration for us in all of this. But we do not always remember that many of the most invaluable services rendered by the Union soldiers of the Civil War were those that followed the declaration of peace. The ending of those days of turmoil and strife brought home the thousands of men who had been engaged in the necessary processes of destruction incident to war. Their patriotism could not be questioned. But from the day when arms were laid aside and uniforms were donned no more, there were services of construction and useful citizenship to be entered upon. There would have been good reason to call in question the patriotism of the man who had been a zealous soldier, and then became a useless citizen. A real test of his spirit of service came in the

Order in which the report was received.	Name of Division.	Name of Chaplain sending the report.	Address of Chaplain.
1	Maine	Gay C. White.....	Portland, Me.
2	New Hampshire	Rev. Ora W. Craig.....	Littleton, N. Hamp.
3	Pennsylvania	Rev. Chas. G. White.....	Allentown, Pennsylv.
4	New York	Rev. Hermon L. Brockway.....	Lyons, New York...
5	Ohio	Rev. Paul W. Koller.....	Mansfield, Ohio....
6	Michigan	E. J. Marshall	Marshall, Michigan..
7	Nebraska	John McAfee	Fullerton, Nebraska..
8	Colorado and Wyoming..	Frank Coates	La Junta, Colorado...
9	Iowa	J. H. Fenton	Cedar Rapids, Iowa..
10	Vermont	Rev. Geo. W. French.....	S. Middlebury, Verm.
11	Rhode Island	Rev. Geo. W. Manning.....	Phenix, Rhode Island
12	Connecticut	Henry E. Gage.....	Hartford, Connecticut
13	Illinois	Rev. Wm. J. Eyles.....	Tampico, Illinois...
14	Kentucky	William Kennedy	Newport, Kentucky..
15	Washington	Rev. Clark S. Thomas.....	Spokane, Washington
16	Kansas	Charles Vancil	Great Bend, Kansas..
17	Indiana	Rev. E. S. Shumaker.....	Indianapolis, Indiana
18	Wisconsin	Rev. Frank L. Roberts.....	Eau Claire, Wisconsin
19	Maryland	Samuel M. Zinn.....	Grafton, West Virg.
20	Missouri	Edward Brande	St. Louis, Missouri..
21	New Jersey	Paul E. Craig	Penn's Grove, New Jersey
22	Minnesota	E. J. Storms.....	Minneapolis, Minnes.
23	Massachusetts	Rev. Robt. B. Fisher.....	Springfield, Mass.
24	Alabama and Tennessee..	E. E. Carter	Knoxville, Tennessee

Address of Chaplain	Date the report was received.	Number of Brothers belonging to Camp.	Number of Brothers participating in Memorial Day observances.	Number of Brothers Armed and in Line.	Number of Brothers Uniformed in Line.	Did Camp furnish Firing Squad?	How many Address Delivered by Sons of Veterans?	Number of Brothers Attending Services Memorial Sunday.	Did Camp observe Union De-fenders' Day?	Number of Deaths in Camp in last 12 Months.	Number of Funerals attended by Camp in a body.		Number of burials conducted by Camps.		Number of Camps using Memorial services.		Number of cemeteries covered by members of the Camp.	Number of flags placed on Veterans graves.	Number of Graves of Veterans given attention.	Number of Camps Reporting.	Number of Camps Not Reporting.	Per Cent of Camps Reporting.	Totals.	
											G. A. R.	S. V.	G. A. R.	S. V.	"A"	"B"								
Portland, Maine	June 17	2043	942	159	571	11	15	872	19	9	11	6	3	1	7	4	218	8265	7810	43	8	84	51	
Littleton, New Hampshire	June 20	979	559	148	338		28	415		6	16		1	3			189	5595	3468	30	3	90	33	
Allentown, Pennsylvania	June 23	9396	4992	2064	2380	78	261	3189	69	84	307	77	107	78	30	20	589	33402	28689	100	113	47	213	
Lyons, New York	June 26	4710	2102	763	954	30	146	2138	56	40	134	40	47	31	29	24				109	62	64	171	
Mansfield, Ohio	June 30	2517	1507	332	615	21	64	911	19	10	79		9	3	6	174	13125	13075	38	77	34	115		
Marshall, Michigan	June 30	530	365	87	0	4	10	226	4	8	4	4	11	4	2	47	4230	3460	14	18	44	32		
Fullerton, Nebraska	July 1	199	76	6	3	1	2	82		2	1									8	0	100	8	
La Junta, Colorado	July 1	201	140	0	0	no	1	130	yes	0		1	0	0						6	12	33	18	
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	July 8		137	38		6	4	73	0	2	0	0	0	1							6	6	79	29
S. Middleton, Vermont	July 9	711	414	38	119	2	5	322	5	2	13	3	2	2	3	127	2031	1596	23	6	73	18		
Phenix, Rhode Island	July 14	429	271	64	162	7	1	179	3	3	6	1	1	0	1		55	4553	3484	11	5	68	16	
Hartford, Connecticut	July 16	2213	1415	54	193	3	46	756	15	13	45	3	0	2	2	0	274	12645	11899	39	0	100	39	
Tampico, Illinois	July 19	1693	827	112	51	10	69	588	8	11	51	5	11	2	6	1	125	4543	1367	39	25	58	67	
Newport, Kentucky	July 19	102	80	0	20	0	3	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				3	8	27	11	
Spokane, Washington	July 19	305	149				12	105	2		1									22	10	68	32	
Great Bend, Kansas	July 20	873	536	86	49	7	23	383	3	5	17	1	2		2		78	7930	3759	20		74	27	
Indianapolis, Indiana	July 22	751	454	88	60	7	26	333	8	5	29	3	1				58	3533	3581	22	40	36	63	
Eau Claire, Wisconsin	July 24		470	27	44	7	27	332	8								25	4420	4390	14	6	70	20	
Grafton, West Virginia	July 27	719	344	106	97	6	11	303	10	3	14	1	10	1	5	3	57	4721	4721	10	9	52	19	
St. Louis, Missouri	July 27	850	206	50	97	5	13	142	6	4	18	3	6	4	5	3	57	4721	4721	10	9	52	19	
Penn's Grove, New Jersey	July 29	1600	717	299	408	16	29	504	18	15	43	12	5	14	10	2	38	2127	1987	25	14	67	39	
Minneapolis, Minnesota	Aug. 2	309	170	43	66	9	12	115	4	3	13	3	4	3	2	192			192	9	8	54	17	
Springfield, Massachusetts	Aug. 2	7376	4805	687	3646	36	145	3162	79	64	223	42	17	21	23	16	772	41784	46394	154	0	100	154	
Knoxville, Tennessee	Aug. 3	212	156	6	0	7	14	173	6	0	45	0	0	0	1	0	20	5040	4680	11	0	100	11	
Totals		38718	21834	5257	9873	273	955	15483	344	289	1070	216	341	170	147	74	2876	158172	144572	761	434	67	1195	

Table A—Consolidated Division Patriotic Instructor's Reports.

	1. Schools have flags.	2. Flag Salute — Daily or Occasionally.	3. Observe Patriotic Days—Birthdays Washington, Lincoln, Grant, McKinley.	4. School teachers interested.	5. Flags donated to schools during the year.
Alabama and Tennessee...	no	no	yes		10
California and Pacific.....	yes	yes-D&O	yes	yes	no re
Colorado and Wyoming....	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	50
Connecticut	yes	75 p c-D	yes	yes	18
Illinois	yes	yes-O	yes	generally	15
Indiana	yes	yes-O	yes	yes	15
Iowa	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	25
Kansas	yes	yes-O	yes	yes	nor
Kentucky	no	yes-O	yes	yes	nor
Maine	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	
Maryland	generally	yes-O	yes	yes	12
Massachusetts	yes	yes-D&O	yes	yes	14
Michigan	yes	yes-O	yes	yes	45
Minnesota	yes	yes-O	yes	yes	25
Missouri	yes	yes-O	yes	yes	9
Montana and Idaho.....					
Nebraska	mostly	yes-O	yes	yes	nor
New Hampshire	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	50
New Jersey	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	9
New York	yes	yes-O	yes	yes	67
Ohio	yes	yes-D&O	yes	yes	fer
Pennsylvania	yes	yes-D	yes	75 p c	200
Rhode Island	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	non
Vermont	yes	yes-O	yes	yes	151
Washington	yes	yes-D&O	yes	yes	
Wisconsin					

	6. Are prizes offered for patriotic essays?	7. Has Gettysburg tablet been placed in public schools?	8. Sunday Schools interested.	9. Public school observe Memorial Day.	10. Churches observe Memorial Sunday.	11. Any objectional histories.	12. Amount contributed for patriotic insinuation.	13. Do Camps offer services to the G. A. R. Memorial Day.	14. Do Camps assume charge of Memorial Day for the Post.
	no	no	yes	yes		yes	none	yes	yes
cord	no record	no record	yes	yes	yes	no	no report	yes	nearly all
	yes	8	50 p c	yes	yes	no	\$302.25	yes	11-yes
	yes	yes	majority	yes	yes	no	\$61.00	yes	many
	yes	some	yes	yes	yes	no	\$200.00	yes	90 p c
	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	none	yes	yes
ne	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	no	\$100.00	yes	yes
te	no	no	no	yes	yes	no	none	yes	yes
	yes	no	no	yes	yes	no		yes	some
	no	1	yes	yes	yes	no	\$28.00	yes	yes
	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1	\$530.00	yes	yes
	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	\$281.75	yes	yes
	yes		yes	yes	yes	no	none	yes	yes
	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	\$75.00	yes	yes
ne	no	no	some	yes	yes	no	none	yes	yes
	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	no		yes	few
	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	\$470.65	yes	50 p c
	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	\$1140.00	yes	some
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days of peace. It is the glory of our sires that to their energy and vigor in the peaceful pursuits of citizen enterprise are due the rebuilding of ruined institutions in every part of the land, and the opening of all those measureless regions of the west that summoned their courageous efforts into action.

It is that same kind of imperious summons to which we, their sons, must be obedient. We dare not be content idly to enjoy the holy heritage of our fathers. We dare not be satisfied with that which their courage has accomplished, or their wisdom has wrought. Sons of Veterans have entered into a place of high privilege, but it is even more a place of insistent responsibility. We have honors to bear, by reason of the services of our sires. But we must be even more keenly aware of the burdens of citizenship and the duty of active usefulness. The badge of our Order is a mark of distinction, to be worn with pride and displayed with honest satisfaction. But it ceases to be such and becomes a mark of reproach unless Sons of Veterans are ready in the walks and ways of peace to exhibit the stalwart manhood and the self-effacing service which their fathers used, not only in the midst of war's alarms but also in the works that came with peace. It is our high and holy privilege to honor them and to serve the land they saved, not only by the insignia we present or the words we speak, but yet more by what we are. It is to that kind of active and continuous patriotism, my brothers, that we are summoned by all that we revere.

PAUL ROBINSON HICKOK,
National Chaplain.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. Brothers:—

In an order like ours, whose foundation is patriotism, there is difficulty in translating the sentiment into action. This much is apparent, as the reports come from the Camps and Divisions, that the spirit of patriotism permeates the Sons of Veterans. But in setting down the items and the figures there is no way to breathe into them the life they represent. Vainly we try to express ourselves in flag salutes, memorial tablets, public addresses, church services and other outward show of the faith that is in us. The statistics thus collected do not tell an appreciable per cent of the effect for patriotism for which the Sons of Veterans are responsible. They are but the sign, and their significance is that underneath these manifestations are the loyal hearts of men whose heritage is love of country and who respond in every activity of their communities to this call.

Whether it is in resistance to the suspicious suggestions of discontent or in rallying to the colors of our country when threatened with assault, the Sons of Veterans everywhere are necessarily and involuntarily the reliance of the Nation which their fathers saved.

This spirit and this activity are not told in the reports of the officers but are read in the progress of the country and in the muster rolls of the organizations, military and civil, formed

for honor and defense. They are evidenced by the esteem and regard in which the Grand Army is held. They are proven by the response of the people to preparedness for possible dangers. They are declared in the country-wide readiness to show to the world that the Sons are not too proud or too lazy to fight for the country and the flag their Fathers kept unsullied and unstained.

The support of patriotism in ordinary times of peace often becomes mechanical and formal. But when the honor of the Nation is assailed, as it has been in the last year, the machinery moves and the forms take on life. Waiting only for the determination of the time and the way, the people of the United States have evidenced no disposition to be cowardly or to be weak. How could they when the Sons of Veterans and their sons, who have never let the fires of patriotic memory expire, are the controlling influence in the Nation today? Those in authority need not doubt that when they stand for American rights and American honor, they will be sustained by the public sentiment trained by the Grand Army of the Republic and its children.

It is not in ritual or camp but in home and in public that the patriotism of the Sons of Veterans writes itself most plainly. Our words are converted into deeds by the response of our boys to the call for volunteers and by the defenders of the flag now on the Rio Grande, commanded by a Son of a Veteran, General Fred Funston, of Kansas.

In submitting the consolidated reports of the Divisions I will only call attention to two important showings.

The first is that in the ritual of patriotism our order is steadily advancing. By this I mean that in respect for the flag, public observance of patriotic days, the erection of memorials and insistence on the people remembering the work done by the saviours of our country, we are doing a constantly greater work.

The second is that in taking the responsibilities being laid down by the Grand Army we are proving ourselves worthy and ready.

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

W. Y. MORGAN,

National Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT.

Hon. A. E. B. Stephens.

Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A.

My Dear Commander:

In fulfillment of the duties of the office of National Press Correspondent, to which position you appointed me, I have endeavored at all times to bring to public attention such matters as would be of interest and result in benefit to our membership and our Order.

I have contributed a series of articles which have appeared from month to month in *The Banner*, our official organ, and aside from this have from time to time prepared for other patriotic publications, and for the general newspaper press, articles on a number of subjects, among them being:

"VETERANS' NIGHT."
 "UNION DEFENDERS' DAY."
 "MEMORIAL DAY."
 "FLAG DAY."

It is gratifying to report that in each instance the articles received favorable consideration and were published by a large majority of the newspapers to which they were sent.

In these efforts I have sought to bring out as prominently as possible the objects and purposes of our Order, likewise the work that we are doing to inculcate the principles of patriotism, and to inspire higher ideals toward true American citizenship.

In my judgment, more attention should be given by our Order to the matter of publicity. An organized effort in this direction doubtless would be productive of gratifying results. The daily, weekly and monthly press of the country is ever willing and ready to give space to news that is of interest to the reading public, and anything that is patriotic in character appeals strongly to the average citizen.

Our official organ performs a most valuable service, being the medium through which our members are advised of the activity of Camps, Divisions, and the Commandery-in-Chief. In this respect it is indispensable. But we need a wider publicity—a publicity that will reach the eyes and ears of the general public. It is our duty to show to the world the things for which our Order stands, and the work that we are doing. It can be done through proper effort, and at comparatively little cost.

I respectfully recommend that action be taken at this meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief by which a general publicity plan may be organized and put into effect in the interest of our Order.

Fraternally submitted,
 HARLEY V. SPEELMAN,
National Press Correspondent.

Commander-in-Chief: What shall be done with these reports?

Edwin M. Amies of Pennsylvania: I move that these reports be considered as read and be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

National Secretary: Greetings have been received from Geo. W. Palmer, Commander of the Division of Wisconsin, W. E. Smith, Past Division Commander of Pennsylvania and Reno Post Camp No. 3 of Maryland, also from George W. Conart, Past Division Commander of California and Pacific Division.

The Commander-in-Chief: I will also read the following letter:

Philadelphia, Pa., August 28, 1916.

Col. A. E. B. Stephens,
 Kansas City, Missouri.

My dear Col. Stephens:

It is a great disappointment to me to admit that I ought not undertake the trip to Kansas City at this time. I have contracted quite a severe cold, which is somewhat aggravated by exposure in a trip north, from which I have just returned

to Philadelphia. All through the year I have looked forward to this Encampment, and its opportunity of meeting you again, together with other good friends. Will you please convey to the Encampment an expression of my deep regret in this enforced absence, and a message of affectionate good wishes for each and all the brethren.

I am hoping that the Encampment may be very successful in every respect.

You will receive the congratulations of everyone on the splendid administration you have presented, and I wish to be included among those who would express to you their very grateful appreciation. At the same time let me assure you again of my profound gratitude for the privilege of my service of this year with you.

There is a message of greetings and fraternal good will that I was commissioned to carry to you and to the Encampment, which now I must ask to have conveyed in some other manner. Two or three weeks ago Mrs. Hickok and I spent a very pleasant day with our good friends Governor Willis of Ohio and Mrs. Willis. I told him of my plan to attend the Encampment, and he at once asked me to carry his cordial greetings to those present, and to express his deep sympathy with all our purposes. He is a member of our Order.

Once again my affectionate salutations.

Yours very sincerely,

PAUL R. HICKOK.

National Secretary: A letter has been received from Leon W. Friedman of the Alabama and Tennessee Division, stating that he is sorry, indeed, that he cannot attend this Encampment, as conditions are such it would not be possible for him to leave Birmingham at the present time. He wished to have his best wishes conveyed to the members of the Encampment and the Auxiliary for a successful gathering.

The following letter has also been received:

Albany, New York, August 26, 1916.

Mr. H. H. Hammer
National Secretary, S. of V.,
Kansas City, Missouri.

My dear Horace:

Your letter of the 19th inst. reached my office during my absence to the northern part of the State. I have just returned and find the same. Although I regret it very much, it will be impossible for me to attend the meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief at Kansas City. I trust you will have a very enjoyable session and that everything will be carried forward for the interest of the Order.

You will kindly remember me to the Brothers.

With kindest regards to you all, I am,

Yours fraternally,

EDWIN W. SANFORD,
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

National Secretary: The Credential Committee has prepared its roll and finds 102 members credited at the opening session.

Under reception and reference of communications, several resolutions, appeals, etc., were referred to the various committees.

The Committee on Fraternal Greetings, Charles F. Sherman, Chairman, announced that each member of the committee had been assigned to visit one or more of the allied organizations.

Commander-in-Chief: If there is no further business I will entertain a motion to take a recess.

A. I. Vescelius of New Jersey: I move that we now recess until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Recess taken.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Encampment resumed at 9 o'clock a. m., Thursday, August 31, 1916, with Commander-in-Chief Stephens in the Chair.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now listen to a further report from the Committee on Credentials.

National Secretary: The Committee reports 104 present.

Commander-in-Chief: I will read the following communications:

Aspinwall, Pennsylvania, August 29, 1916.

Col. A. E. B. Stephens.

Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans,

My dear Commander:

It is with sincere regret and keen disappointment that I am compelled to forego the pleasure of attendance at the annual Encampment, but conditions are such as to forbid my presence.

We have closed another year of progress, another administration that has made for advancement in membership and influence, and our Order is performing a better service today than at any time in its history, better to our fathers, the Grand Army of the Republic, and better to our beloved country.

To you I tender sincere congratulations. I trust and believe the Encampment will be successful and enjoyable.

May he who will succeed you receive the same generous support that has been accorded you and your predecessors, and may our Order, which to every "real" Son of a Veteran is part of him, continue performing its fixed purpose and become a power for good to all.

My kind remembrance to all.

Sincerely and fraternally,

JOHN E. SAUTTER.

Past Commander-in-Chief.

Wilmington, Delaware, August 22, 1916.

Mr. A. E. B. Stephens.

Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A.,

Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Commander:

I had hoped to have the pleasure of renewing acquaintances in Kansas City next week, but now find that business will necessitate my presence in Wilmington.

I am notifying National Secretary Hammer at this writing and will also send to him my rank strap.

Thanking you for the courtesies extended during my term of office and trusting that you will have a pleasant trip and a

delightful and harmonious Encampment, I am with sincerest congratulations upon the conclusion of a successful administration,

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE DUFFY.
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Telegram:

Fort Dodge, Iowa, August 30, 1916.

A. E. B. Stephens.

Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,
Coates House

Pressure of business prevents me from attending this Encampment but wishes for a successful Encampment with fraternal greetings to all.

W. L. KERR,
Past Division Commander.

Telegram:

Washington, D. C., August 30, 1916.

Horace H. Hammer.

Coates House, Kansas City, Missouri.

Business engagement prevents me attending Encampment. Am thoroughly disappointed as these annual meetings are to me the most pleasant occurrences of the year and this is the first one I have missed for fifteen years. Please remember me to all. I wish you a pleasant, cordial and successful meeting.

F. T. F. JOHNSON.

Dayton, Ohio, August 27, 1916.

A. E. B. Stephens.

Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,
Kansas City, Missouri.

My dear Commander-in-Chief:

Accept my heartiest congratulations upon your most successful administration; your long and faithful services in our beloved Order entitles you to the love of every loyal Son of a Veteran in this great land that has been made blessed by the sacrifices of our Fathers.

I am disappointed beyond measure that it is impossible for me to be with you in the annual Encampment at Kansas City, August 30th to September 1st, 1916; while not present in person I am present in spirit.

Hoping that this Encampment will be harmonious and the best we have ever had,

Yours fraternally and everlastingly,

T. E. LONG.

Dayton, Ohio, August 27, 1916.

Col. A. E. Stephens.

Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Commander:

I very sincerely regret to have to say that it will be impossible for me to be present at the Encampment.

Owing to labor trouble in the factory I can not get away at this time.

Wishing you all a very pleasant and profitable meeting, I beg to remain as ever, with best wishes

Fraternally yours,

M. H. BENNETT.
Ohio Division Delegate.

Telegram:

Peoria, Illinois, August 28, 1916,

A. E. B. Stephens,

Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,
Coates House, Kansas City, Missouri.

Will not be able to be with you. Give the boys my regards.

H. C. SPRINGSTON,
Council-in-Chief.

National Secretary: We have received invitations from the following to hold the next Encampment:

- The Indianapolis, Indiana, Chamber of Commerce.
- The Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Chamber of Commerce.
- The New Haven, Connecticut, Chamber of Commerce.
- The San Francisco, California, Convention League.
- The Board of Commissioners, Asbury Park, New Jersey.

National Secretary: I have a communication for the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations for a book with the preamble of the Order printed therein for newly initiated members to sign, to be known as form "H." Referred to Committee.

GAVEL PRESENTED ENCAMPMENT BY J. K. P. FERRELL.

Commander-in-Chief: I want to announce that J. K. P. Ferrell, Department Patriotic Instructor of the Department of Ohio and veteran of the Civil War, has presented to this body this gavel that he made from some wood he cut at Andersonville prison. He has presented it to the Commandery-in-Chief.

We will now listen to a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, a man who has the distinguished honor of having been a member of the Body Guard for our martyred President, Abraham Lincoln. I will, therefore, introduce to you Comrade Smith Stimmel. He located in Ohio and some years later went to North Dakota. He has devoted a good deal of his time to patriotic work. I want him to talk to you for a few minutes this morning.

REMARKS OF SMITH STIMMEL.

Smith Stimmel: Commander-in-Chief, it a great pleasure for me to be with you at this time. I was here yesterday and listened to the Commander-in-Chief's report with profound interest. I doubt if I ever listened to a presentation of that kind which excelled that in form and substance. There were one or two points he touched upon that I would like to speak of. The matter of publicity of your Order. As your Commander-in-Chief has said, some years ago I lived in Ohio, in Cincinnati, his native town, and then went to North Dakota. We were so

busy up there in business matters and as a lawyer and interested in other things pertaining to the public welfare, I forgot for the time being that I was growing older. It did not come to my notice that there was such a thing in existence as the Order of Sons of Veterans until comparatively recently. Last January, arrangements were made at Fargo whereby the Grand Army, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Sons of Veterans and their Auxilliary and, I believe, the Spanish War Veterans would have a joint installation and we gathered together for that purpose and had a very pleasant time. Our older Order was installed first, then followed the Sons of Veterans, and as I sat there and watched that installation it dawned upon me like a vision. I began to inquire. The Commander there is a gentleman I have known for years. I made inquiries of him about the Sons of Veterans. He put into my hands a book showing what the Sons of Veterans are doing. It seemed to me that there should be some means by which the work that you are doing should become known generally. I have been doing some patriotic work, as your Commander-in-Chief has stated. For more than forty years after the Civil War it never occurred to me to speak of my services connected with President Lincoln. I talked with the family around the table and they insisted upon my jotting down what I said. I was invited some years ago by the President of the Agricultural College to speak to the students about Lincoln on Lincoln's birthday; to speak about him as I saw him. I had listened to distinguished men speak and almost invariably they did not get the man Lincoln, as he was. I said perhaps I can do it. The President of the College was greatly interested. I was invited afterwards to talk to the Normal School. The last services I rendered was as member of the Body Guard to Lincoln.

Your Commander-in-Chief, in his report, referred to The Banner. I did not know until recently that there was such a paper in existence. I believe every Post in the country would become a subscriber. I will give my subscription now. I believe that by proper publicity and a little activity some of the weaker Camps and Divisions may become stronger and new Camps may be formed. The Chaplain-in-Chief of the Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Doctor Hill, during the early part of last summer, attended a camp-fire in South Dakota, and in the course of her remarks, referred to the Sons of Veterans. We looked around and found there was no Camp there. In a very short time, at that meeting, we had fifty names, and before she left the city we had 125 names. That is one instance. Your Commander-in-Chief referred to the education of our grandsons. That is a point I have been looking up for the last two or three years. I would be glad to devote the remaining years of my life in working along the lines of patriotic instruction for the children.

If it would not be asking too much I would be glad to have you appoint a special committee and I would like to present to you a plan that would help the education of the rising generation along these lines. (Applause..)

National Secretary: The Credentials Committee report additional names, making the number now 106.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now have a partial report of the Committee on Resolutions.

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

H. V. Speelman, Ohio: The Committee on Resolutions, to which was referred a number of applications for restoration of past rank in several of the Divisions begs leave to report on those matters at this time. We will take them up in regular order and act as individual cases if that is satisfactory to the Commander-in-Chief and to the Encampment. The Committee has taken the position that in all cases where these matters have been presented in regular form, properly certified by the respective Divisions, and the facts have been clearly set forth, it should be the policy of this Encampment, as it is the policy of the Committee, that favorable action should be taken in these matters.

The following propositions have been submitted to this Committee:

From the Division of Massachusetts, favoring the restoration of rank of Past Camp Commander to

James T. Potter, of Camp 39.

H. A. Harvie, of Camp 39.

D. W. Newell, of Camp 139.

F. W. Donahue of Camp 77.

Your Committee reports favorable and recommends that the past ranks asked for be restored to these brothers.

George B. Abbott of Illinois: I move that the report of the Committee be concurred in.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

William G. Dustin of Illinois: I move that the report of the Committee on these matters be approved in every instance unless objection is raised.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: From the Division of New Jersey: The restoration of the rank of Past Camp Commander to the following brothers:

Albert C. Stephany, Camp 11.

Hugh Meincke, Camp 11.

Andrew Foulds, Jr., Camp 8.

William A. Welz, Camp 32.

Your Committee recommends favorable action on the above.

No objection being offered, recommendation concurred in.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: From the Division of Michigan: application for restoration of the rank of Past Camp Commander to:

William A. Keyser, Camp 10.

S. H. Kleindeinst, Camp 22.

Your Committee recommends favorable action.

No objection being offered, recommendation concurred in.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: From the Division of Rhode Island; application for restoration of the rank of Past Camp Commander to:

William P. Albro, Camp 5.

Your Committee recommends favorable action.

No objection being offered, recommendation concurred in.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: From the Division of Washington. Application for restoration of the rank of Past Camp Commander and Past Division Commander to:

- Francis G. Drew, Camp 1.

Your Committee recommends favorable action.

No objection being offered, recommendation concurred in.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: From the Division of Nebraska. Application for restoration of the rank of Past Division Commander to:

Frank P. Corrick, Camp 144.

Your Committee recommends favorable action.

No objection being offered, recommendation concurred in.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: From the Division of Kansas. Application for restoration of the rank of Past Division Commander to:

C. S. Nation, Camp 83.

Your Committee recommends favorable action.

No objection being offered, recommendation concurred in.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: From the Division of Maine. Application for restoration of the rank of Past Camp Commander to:

Duane Chamberlain.

Samuel H. Dill.

J. Sherman Douglass, Camp 2.

Charles N. Severance, Camp 3.

Wilbur Allen, Camp at Saco.

J. H. Pierce, Camp 13.

Charles L. Buck, Camp 69.

Joseph B. Brackett, Camp 4.

Orlando A. Spear, Camp 51.

Horace I. Holt, Camp 10.

Your Committee recommends favorable action.

No objections being offered, recommendation concurred in.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: From the Division of Maryland. Application for restoration of the rank of Past Division Commander to:

William B. King, Reno Post Camp 3.

Your Committee recommends favorable action.

No objections being offered, recommendation concurred in.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: From the Division of Pennsylvania. Application for restoration of the rank of Past Division Commander to:

Horace M. Lowry, Camp 177.

For restoration of the rank of Past Camp Commander to:

Thomas C. Hankley, Camp 98.

Andrew A. Nye, Camp 165.

William G. Duncan, Camp 165.

Emanuel Evans, Camp 165.

A. H. Murray, Camp 165.

Lee Francis, Camp 165.

J. H. Collins, Camp 165.

Bert Strealay, Camp 165.

Alfred J. Clark, Camp 39.
Robert Bennett, Camp 218.

Your Committee recommends favorable action.

No objections being offered, recommendation concurred in.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: From the Division of New York. We have propositions for the restoration of the rank of Past Camp Commander, for the following brothers, indorsed by the New York Division:

F. H. Curtis, Camp 106.
Grant Perry, Camp 33.
Frank H. Streeter, Camp 200.
Daniel J. Cosgrove, Camp 209.
A. O. Pepper, Camp 113.
John Seaman, Camp 209.
G. Lynn Marriott, Camp 113.
John F. Gormley, Camp 209.
G. A. Earl, Camp 113.

Your Committee recommends favorable action.

No objections being offered, recommendation concurred in.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: From the Division of Ohio. Application for restoration of the rank of Past Camp Commander to:

Geo. Howlett, Camp 6.
C. C. Lord, Camp 6.
C. C. Chase, Camp 6.
G. G. King, Camp 91.
W. T. King, Camp 91.
C. A. Diehl, Camp 91.
E. L. Gyger, Camp 91.
J. E. Russell, Camp 91.
Wm. B. Martin, Camp 93.
H. W. Elsass, Camp 93.
Thos. O. Karrer, Camp 93.
Ed A. Gilbert, Camp 96.
Howard C. Ohl, Camp 96.

Your Committee recommends favorable action.

No objections being offered, recommendation concurred in.

Respectfully submitted.

H. V. SPEELMAN, Chairman.
E. R. CAMPBELL.
HENRY BENDER.
ROBERT T. ALCORN.
CHAS. L. PITCHER.

VISIT OF DELEGATION FROM SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY.

Commander-in-Chief: The Greetings Committee from the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary is in waiting. The Fraternal Relations Committee will escort the ladies in the hall.

Charles F. Sherman of New York: Commander-in-Chief, it gives me great pleasure at this time to present the Committee of Greetings from the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, headed by Mrs. or Sister Molly Donaldson-Hammer, Past National President

of the Auxiliary, accompanied by Mrs. Laura Martin Miller, who has the distinguished honor of being the Senior Past National President, and Mrs. Caroline Roberts, a member of the Sons of Veteran Auxiliary of Kansas City, Missouri.

Commander-in-Chief: We are always glad and pleased to receive greetings from our Auxiliary. We will now listen to Mrs. Hammer of the Greetings Committee.

Mrs. Molly Donaldson Hammer: Commander-in-Chief Stephens and brothers of the Sons of Veterans: This Committee appreciates the fact that you are very busy and we are not going to take up a lot of your valuable time. We feel that our convention would not be complete without greetings to the brothers of the Sons of Veterans, and we hope that you feel that your convention would not be complete without greetings from us. Commander, we have watched your work during the past year. We are proud of the successes that you have achieved. We have endeavored to achieve like successes, believing that as you succeed we, too, should succeed, as our work is along the same lines. Our ambition is to help you and to prove to the public at large that you are worthy of the heritage left by our fathers. I say our father, because the members of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary have the same proud heritage that you have. My father, like your father, was a comrade of the Grand Army. The name of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary is not as distinctive as that of other organizations, but can and do walk shoulder to shoulder with you, knowing that we have equal rights. To you we bring the personal greetings of our National President, as well as from the Auxiliary. We have known you many years. We appreciate what you have done for us during the past year. In behalf of our organization, I take great pleasure in presenting to you this slight token of appreciation. (Presenting a clock).

We also present these beautiful flowers. Ever since the world began people have expressed their love and appreciation by bringing gifts. It seems the natural way, and so this morning we bring to you these gifts from the National Body of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary. As time goes on in your own home you will remember that with these gifts go the love of 15,000 girls—our best love and good wishes for your success. We hope, brothers, that you will have a most harmonious convention. Again we greet you, brothers of the Sons of Veterans, and hope that everything you undertake to do will be a success. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: Mrs. Chairman, Sons of Veterans Auxiliary. This is a little embarrassing to me, because I am not used to receiving flowers. I know, however, that these gifts are from the heart. "I thank you for the flowers you sent, she said, and smiled and blushed and drooped her head. I am sorry I spoke last night. Your sending me flowers prove you were right. Forgive me. He forgave her and they walked and talked beneath the flowers."

I want to say to the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, some 15,000 of them, that I thank you very much for the Greetings Committee and for the love expressed. Fifteen thousand is a pretty good number of girls to receive love from. I have been getting along in life trying to follow the earlier teachings received in Sunday School that we should love one another and I have

been loving one another ever since. I want to convey to the 15,000 Sons of Veterans Auxiliary my deep appreciation as well as my love. You tell them that I have love enough to go round. I have had very pleasant experiences during my term and very many pleasant occasions when we worked together. I will take this clock home and wake up in the morning by it, also go to bed by it. It will always be cherished by and remind me of my year as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans.

I will ask Division Commander Bronsdon to reply to the Greetings given by the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.

A. A. Bronsdon, Massachusetts: Time in its flight carries a larger appreciation of the joy and privileges which are ours in this organization. The ties of life are bound together by the ties of love. So today you will please accept from us, our love for you as our associates in this work of patriotism, and the larger appreciation of the task we have undertaken in behalf of our fathers and we pray you will accept from us this day our gratitude for the offering of love given to us so generously and so willingly. We hope for a large usefulness for the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.

The Committee was escorted from the hall.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now proceed with the reports from the Committees. Has the Committee on Resolutions anything further to offer?

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: The Committee will have something later on.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now have the Report of the Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND CEREMONIES.

Kansas City, Mo., August 31, 1916.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Brothers:

Your Committee on Ritual beg leave to report that no matters having been referred to it, it has nothing to report.

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

G. B. ABBOTT.

J. A. DITSON.

JOHN C. HOWES.

CHARLES J. MILLER.

LEW WALLACE McCOMB.

Commander-in-Chief: If there are no objections the report of the Chairman of the Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies will be received and the Committee discharged.

No objections offered.

Geo. B. Abbott, of Illinois: May I have the floor? At the Rochester Encampment Brother J. B. Maccabe and I were appointed as a committee to prepare a brief history of the Sons of Veterans. The committee added to it Past Commander-in-Chief Louis M. Wagner, of Philadelphia, because he had been engaged with the original factions which organized the Sons of

Veterans, U. S. A. At Detroit, this committee completed its report and it was accepted by the Encampment at that place and ordered by that Encampment to be printed in the proceedings. In some way or other the proceedings did not contain the report. At the Encampment at Washington last year, I tried to get that oversight corrected, so that the history would become a part of the records of the Sons of Veterans.

As some of you who were there will recall, Colonel R. M. J. Reed, and Past Grand Division Commander Frank H. Challis of New Hampshire, made some objections to that history, without stating what the objections were, and during the following year the corrections were to be turned over to The Banner to be published. They have not appeared however. Some time ago I took upon myself to write to Brother Challis and Brother Reed, and asked them what the corrections were. Brother Challis replied by saying it was, perhaps, as correct as any history could be made. It seemed that Brother Reed's objections were confined entirely to a reference I made to the organization of the Auxiliary. In his letter he said something in regard to the Auxiliary which happened in the Pennsylvania Department. In the brief reference which I made in the history, I simply stated that early in 1883 the organization was started and finally officially recognized. The only error I could discover, according to Brother Reed's letter, was this. I failed to state in that history that General W. E. W. Ross, who was Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic at that time, and who organized and commanded the Second Grand Division of the Sons of Veterans, was also in command of the Fifth Grand Division, and in one case I referred to Major Reed, instead of Colonel. My brother members and I spent a good deal of time on this history and we tried to get it as nearly correct as possible. Much of the material was obtained from printed records at the time it transpired. Again I wish to have this made a part of the record. There will come a time when we will want to know something about the early history of this Order. All we have now is our report published in the May, 1914, Banner. Twenty years from now they will be scarce. I again renew my motion that that record be printed in the proceedings of this Encampment as the final report of that committee. I will make the two corrections that they may be incorporated in the proceedings of this Encampment; also that the National Secretary shall issue the history in circular form for the use of mustering officers or organizers working in the interests of the Sons of Veterans.

The motion was seconded by E. R. Campbell of Maryland and was agreed to.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORDER OF SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

The Sons of Veterans as an Order is unique and practically stands alone as a society of men formed and maintained primarily for honoring and aiding another entirely independent society. Its most practical purposes are to assist the Grand Army of the Republic as representing the survivors of the War of the Rebellion, to honor the man who fought for the preservation of the National Union, either living or dead, and to uphold the principles in defense of which he offered his life.

Briefly, therefore, this Order is patriotic, charitable and educational.

At the time of its inception in all of the several independent organizations of Sons of Veterans, which eventually became incorporated into the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., the military spirit prevailed. Military and naval titles exclusively were given to the officers and a uniform was prescribed. Drills and field encampments were attractive features and gold trimmings and brass buttons were plentiful. This military spirit was not without practical results as shown by the large percentage of Sons of Veterans who became volunteers at the time of our war with Spain in 1898. In fact, so many of the martial minded and soldierly trained members became identified with the Spanish war and societies of its survivors, that the Sons of Veterans experienced a marked falling off in its membership. On account of this dropping away of the military element and the fact that the average age of the membership was advanced beyond the years when uniforms and military evolutions are attractive, the Order gradually has been reforming on other lines until at this time (1913) it is practically a civic organization with a military sub-organization known as the Sons of Veterans Reserve which is strictly a military body and a credit to our Order.

As an order it is thoroughly American in that it is composed of all political faiths and religious creeds and has never departed from this course.

Early in 1883, the mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of members of the Sons of Veterans were organized through the efforts of Maj. A. P. Davis of Pittsburgh, into what was then known as the Ladies Aid Society of the Sons of Veterans. It was officially recognized as the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary in 1884. It completed its national organization in 1887 and became recognized as attached to the Sons of Veterans. Later, in 1900, this ladies' society changed its name to that of "Sons of Veterans Auxiliary."

To no one person can the honor be given of originating the Sons of Veterans. The earliest idea of and movement for organizing the sons of veterans of the War of the Rebellion, beyond question, was brought forth in the City of Philadelphia in 1878. It had become a practice with several Posts of the G. A. R. in Philadelphia to permit the sons of the comrades to join in the parade with the Posts on Memorial Day. This also was in vogue in several Eastern cities, notably in Boston, Massachusetts, and vicinity, where the youngsters trudged out before they were in their teens. It naturally followed that these boys, ranging from 12 to 16 years old, should be organized into a tangible body. Therefore, at a meeting of Anna M. Ross Post No. 94, Department of Pennsylvania, Grand Army of the Republic, Philadelphia, Pa., August 27, 1878, when on motion of Comrade James P. Holt, a committee was appointed to devise means for forming a G. A. R. Cadet Corps, comprised of Comrades Holt, Levi W. Shengle, Carl Frederic, Charles Weiss and William H. Morgan.

The committee submitted by report a plan at the meeting of the Post September 18, 1878, which was adopted and October 15, 1878, presented a constitution which was accepted; and the committee was instructed to receive applications for membership in the Cadet Corps. It was to be formed of the

"Sons of Union Soldiers, Sailors and Marines" of the War of 1861-65.

Lewis E. Vandegrift, whose death occurred early in January, 1910, was the first Captain or Commander of the Cadet Corps attached to Anna M. Ross Post No. 94, G. A. R. Department of Pennsylvania.

Capt. P. R. Schuyler Post No. 51, Department of Pennsylvania, G. A. R., Philadelphia, and other Posts followed in the organization of "Cadet Corps," with the idea that these organizations eventually would perpetuate the principles, objects and work of the Grand Army of the Republic.

It will be noted that these organizations were called "Cadet Corps" and may be designated as the Philadelphia or Eastern Pennsylvania Sons of Veterans. Press notices, undoubtedly, carried this idea to other states and soon other organizations of the sons of Union soldiers and sailors were started, notably in New England, at Albany, N. Y., and in Pittsburgh, Pa. The Sons of Veterans in New England became known as the Earp Sons of Veterans, owing to the activity of Brother Edwin M. Earp, of Lynn, Mass.; these were allied to the Philadelphia Sons of Veterans. The Albany Sons of Veterans were known as the Post System of Sons of Veterans, in view of the fact that in the titles of the officers and form of organization it followed closely that of the G. A. R. The organization originating in Pittsburgh was known as the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and was fathered and actively promoted by Maj. A. P. Davis, of Pittsburgh, the first Camp (Camp Davis) being organized November 12, 1881. Major Davis was a good organizer with a large circle of acquaintances in the Loyal Legion and G. A. R. whom he induced to take active part in the work for the young men. He never hesitated to advance money to the Order and did the work which soon made the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., the paramount organization to which all others eventually united, the last to be brought over being the Post System which came in after long negotiations, much the larger portion coming in at the close of the Abbott administration in 1889, George W. Marks of Brooklyn being the Commander-in-Chief of the Post System at that time, and the balance piecemeal at various times thereafter.

Past Commander-in-Chief Joseph B. Maccabe was the active force in winning over the Earp or New England branch of the Philadelphia Sons of Veterans into the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., bringing in thirty-four Camps in Massachusetts in December, 1884. Brother Ensign brought over twenty Camps in Ohio about this time, of the Philadelphia Sons of Veterans.

September 29, 1880, a plan was adopted whereby all the Cadet Corps were formed into Camps of Sons of Veterans. November 26, 1880, the Cadet Corps of Anna M. Ross Post became "Anna M. Ross Camp No. 1, Sons of Veterans," and November 29, 1880, the Cadet Corps of Post 51, became "Capt. P. R. Schuyler Camp No. 2, Sons of Veterans." The other Cadet Corps followed with the change of name and affiliated with the "new" Order—viz. "The Sons of Veterans."

Other corps that had been mustered in the state of Pennsylvania followed into the movement through the activities of G. A. R. Posts, and early in July, 1881, about a dozen Camps had been formed, when a State Convention, or Department Encampment, subsequently defined as a Division Encampment, was

held, composed of representatives from the various Camps in the Division (State) in Philadelphia.

At this encampment, action was taken towards the formation of Camps throughout the State of Pennsylvania and the country, and Conrad Linder of Camp No. 1, Philadelphia, was elected "Colonel"—the titles of officers all being military.

A ritual had been prepared (and the Camps had been working under same) by Past Commander-in-Chief Louis Wagner of the Grand Army of the Republic, Philadelphia, and father of Louis M. Wagner, Past Commander-in-Chief, a member of Ellis Camp No. 9, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Camps had been, in the meanwhile, organized in New Jersey, New York, Delaware and other states. In 1881, a National body was formed by representatives from these Divisions and Alfred Cope of Camp No. 3, of Philadelphia, was elected "Grand Commander" at an Encampment held in Philadelphia.

James Harwood Closson, Camp No. 1, Philadelphia, succeeded Conrad Linder as the Colonel or Commander of the Division of Pennsylvania, at the convention or Encampment held at Reading, Pa., July 4, 1882.

Dissensions in East Pennsylvania continued to grow by reason of having Camps mustered and receiving no charters and other features, principally due to want of finances, for the proper work of organization; and the success of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., of Western Pennsylvania, greatly influenced the Pennsylvania or Philadelphia Sons of Veterans or Camps thereof, and in consequence a semi-annual or special Division Convention was held at Harrisburg, Pa., in 1883, when thirty-three Camps in the Philadelphia Sons of Veterans decided to unite with the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.. Three of the Philadelphia-Closson Camps remained loyal to Grand Commander Cope.

Grand Commander Cope had Louis M. Wagner in command of the Pennsylvania Camps remaining to him. He pushed the work of organizing new Camps vigorously and had quite a following. Cope was succeeded as Grand Commander by Edwin M. Earp, of Massachusetts, with Louis M. Wagner, of Pennsylvania, as Lieut. Grand Commander. Earp went to Florida and Wagner assumed command and was subsequently elected Grand Commander.

The Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., flourished and succeeded under the active work of Major Davis, Gen. Wm. E. W. Ross, Gen. I. S. Bangs of Maine, Col. R. M. J. Reed of Philadelphia, and prominent and active G. A. R. comrades elsewhere.

Harry T. Rowley, of Pittsburgh, a member of Davis Camp, had been made Colonel of the Pennsylvania Division of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., or Western Pennsylvania. He had also been made "Provisional Commander-in-Chief."

Pursuant to orders issued by "Col. H. T. Rowley, Provisional Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans," the first annual session of the Commandery-in-Chief, U. S. A., was held at Pittsburgh, Pa., October 18, 1882. The sessions were held at the Headquarters of Davis Camp No. 1, and organized by electing Major John A. Wood, of Garfield Camp No. 3, (McKeesport, Pa.) temporary chairman and Major John H. Seiforth of Davis Camp No. 1, (Pittsburgh, Pa.) temporary secretary.

The representatives at this encampment were Col. Chas. M. Morton and I. B. Stanton, of New York; Col. W. C. Wykoff

and W. R. Byers, of Ohio; Col. Harry T. Rowley, Major John A. Wood, Major John Seiforth and Lieut. H. W. Wilker, of Pennsylvania.

On motion of Col. Wykoff it was "Resolved, That the provisional officers of the Commandery-in-Chief be made the permanent officers until the regular election," thus regularly establishing the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

At this encampment a ritual, signs, grips, etc., were adopted and exemplified by Brother Stanton, and the per capita tax was fixed at fifteen cents per year. These officers were elected:

Commander-in-Chief, Harry T. Rowley, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Lieut. Commander-in-Chief, Charles Durfee, Chicago, Ill.
 Vice Lieut. Commander-in-Chief, W. C. Wykoff, Columbus, O.
 Chief of Staff, Walter E. Norris, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Commander-in-Chief Rowley appointed: Adjutant General, General H. W. Wilker, Pittsburgh; Quartermaster General, F. N. Arbogast, Pittsburgh; Inspector-General, I. B. Stanton, Amsterdam, N. Y.; Judge Advocate-General, Chas. Chenowith, Chicago, Illinois; and Chaplain-in-Chief, M. R. Byers, Columbus, O.

The Pennsylvania Division, under Colonel Closson, at its next regular Encampment at Lancaster, Pa., July 4, 1883, united with the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. All the representatives were duly mustered by Gen. William E. W. Ross and Col. R. M. J. Reed, given the secret work and exemplification of the ritual, and, upon their return home, they in turn conferred the work upon the members of their Camps. Edgar W. Alexander, of Reading, was elected Colonel and active work was done during the following year.

Provisional Commander-in-Chief Rowley issued an order July 29, 1882, as follows:

1. To still further advance the interests of the Order, and to provide for more rapid spread throughout the country, the same is hereby divided into five Grand Divisions, as follows, to-wit:

1st Grand Division, composed of the six New England states.

2nd Grand Division, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia.

3rd Grand Division, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Dakota.

4th Grand Division, California, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Wyoming, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico.

5th Grand Division, all the remaining Southern States, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Indian Territory and Texas.

The Commanders of the Grand Divisions were: First, Gen. I. S. Bangs, Waterville, Maine; Second and Fifth, Gen. William E. W. Ross, Baltimore, Md.; Third, W. J. Maskell, Chicago, Ill. The records do not show organization of the other Grand Divisions at this time. Divisions reported to Grand Divisions and Grand Divisions to the Commander-in-Chief. At the Fourth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, all Grand Divisions were abolished and Divisions were required to report direct to the Commander-in-Chief.

At the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic held at Denver, Colo., July 25-27, 1883, representatives of the Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., from the Divisions of Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, Maine, Connecticut, Colorado, Kansas, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Rhode Island, appeared in response to the invitation through general orders of the Commander-in-Chief, Paul Vander Voort, and laid before a committee of that Encampment the rules and regulations, ritual, etc., of the Sons of Veterans.

This committee comprised: Department Commander Clark of Ohio; Department Commander Wm. Warren of Missouri; Comrades Harper, Pennsylvania; Valentine, of Vermont, and Puterbaugh, of Illinois. This committee approved the Regulations, Rituals, and other features and on motion of Comrade Harper a resolution was prepared and adopted recommending that the G. A. R. "recognize and encourage this branch of the Order known as the 'Sons of Veterans of the United States of America.'" This resolution was unanimously adopted by the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. It had the effect of causing the other branches organized in various States, of either consolidating and uniting with the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., or disbanding the Camps which would not unite.

Of the Commanders-in-Chief, three, Walter S. Payne, Leland J. Webb and E. R. Campbell were soldiers and members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Of the Commanders-in-Chief (Past) these have died, viz: Harry M. Arnold, Walter S. Payne, Leland J. Webb, Charles F. Griffin, William E. Bundy, Frank P. Merrill and Frank Martin.

The honors of Past Commander-in-Chief were by vote of the Commandery-in-Chief conferred upon Major A. P. Davis, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Col. R. M. J. Reed of Philadelphia, Pa., for their services in organizing Camps and work for the Order.

The Commandery-in-Chief Encampments also bestowed the honor of Constitutional Life Member upon: William E. W. Ross, Baltimore, Md.; I. S. Bangs, Waterville, Maine; Col. R. M. J. Reed, Philadelphia, Pa.; J. A. Rodrigo, Newark, N. J.; William H. Pierpont, New Haven, Conn.; John A. Thompson, Baltimore, Md.; Major A. P. Davis, Pittsburgh, Pa.; W. S. Eldridge, Portland, Maine; R. M. Linton, Johnstown, Pa.; Judge O. B. Brown, Dayton, Ohio; John E. Mills, Bradford, Mass.; William Luther Davis, Cincinnati, Ohio; Harold McGrew, Indianapolis, Ind.; John M. Thurston, Omaha, Nebr.; Charles A. Bookwalter, Indianapolis, Ind.; Isaac Cutter, Camp Point, Ill.

This honor entitles life membership in the Order with vote and voice, in Commandery-in-Chief Encampments.

At the time of consolidation of the Philadelphia Sons of Veterans (1886) and the Post System Sons of Veterans (1889), past honors were granted to all Past and sitting Commanders to corresponding and equal rank in the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

The Second Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief was held at Columbus, Ohio, August 6, 1883, at which time Frank P. Merrill, of Auburn, Maine was elected Commander-in-Chief and Headquarters were established at that place.

The Third Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief was held in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pa. August 27-30, 1884. It was said to be the first body or society of the kind to have the honor and distinction of meeting therein. At

this Encampment, Harry W. Arnold, of Johnstown, Pa., was elected Commander-in-Chief.

The Fourth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief was held at Grand Rapids, Mich., Sept. 17, 1885, at which it was reported that there were in the Order 6,903 members with "no reports from the Fourth and Fifth Grand Divisions." At this Encampment, Walter S. Payne, Fostoria, Ohio, was elected Commander-in-Chief on the ninth ballot. It was at this Encampment that it was "Resolved, That the Sons of Veterans encourage the formation of Ladies Aid Societies."

The Fifth Annual Encampment was held at Buffalo, N. Y., August 31-September 2, 1886, at which Walter S. Payne, of Fostoria, Ohio, was re-elected Commander-in-Chief.

Subsequent Encampments and Commanders-in-Chief elected thereat were as follows, viz:

Sixth—at Des Moines, Iowa, August 17-19, 1887, at which George B. Abbott, of Chicago, was elected Commander-in-Chief.

Seventh—at Wheeling, West Virginia, August 15-17, 1888, where Commander-in-Chief Abbott reported having approved during the year closing, 678 charters for Camps with the aggregate number of 12,015 members. The membership was reported as 56,472—the highest it had ever attained. Commander-in-Chief Abbott succeeded himself at this Encampment as Commander-in-Chief, and it was ordered that the "Commandery-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A., be incorporated in some State." The Commandery-in-Chief was therefore incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois.

Eighth—at Paterson, New Jersey, September 10-13, 1889. At this encampment "Union Defenders" Day was adopted and established to be observed by the Sons of Veterans, commemorative of Lincoln's Birthday. Charles F. Griffin, of Indianapolis, Ind., elected Commander-in-Chief on the 12th ballot.

Ninth—at St. Joseph, Missouri, August 26-29, 1890, at which 51,923 members were reported in good standing, and Leland J. Webb, of Topeka, Kansas, was elected Commander-in-Chief.

Tenth—at Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 24-29, 1891, Barlow S. Weeks, of New York, N. Y., was elected Commander-in-Chief, and a new Ritual and new Constitution were adopted.

Eleventh—at Helena, Montana, 1892, and Marvin E. Hall, of Hillsdale, Mich., elected Commander-in-Chief.

Twelfth—at Cincinnati, Ohio, 1893, Joseph B. Maccabe, of Boston, Mass., elected Commander-in-Chief.

Thirteenth—at Davenport, Iowa, 1894, William E. Bundy, of Cincinnati, Ohio, elected Commander-in-Chief.

Fourteenth—at Knoxville, Tenn., 1895, William H. Russell, of LaCrosse, Kansas, elected Commander-in-Chief.

Fifteenth—at Louisville, Ky., 1896, James Lewis Rake, Reading, Pa., elected Commander-in-Chief.

Sixteenth—at Indianapolis, Ind., 1897, Charles K. Darling, of Boston, Mass., elected Commander-in-Chief.

Seventeenth—at Omaha, Neb., 1898. The Commander-in-Chief (Charles K. Darling) was at the head of his regiment in Porto Rico—Spanish-American War—and many of the members of the Order were in the U. S. service in the war with Spain, and in the absence of the Commander-in-Chief, Geo. E. Cogshall, of Grand Rapids, Mich., Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, presided. The Encampment was saddened and very little enthusiasm was manifested by reason of the war and so many

of the members and prominent officers in the Order, having "gone to the front." Frank L. Shepard, of Chicago, Ill., was elected Commander-in-Chief.

Eighteenth—at Detroit, Mich., 1899, A. W. Jones, of Youngstown, Ohio, elected Commander-in-Chief.

Nineteenth—at Syracuse, N. Y., 1900, Edgar W. Alexander, of Reading, Pa., elected Commander-in-Chief.

Twentieth—at Providence, R. I., September 19, 1901, the members greatly depressed by the death of President McKinley. Edward R. Campbell, of Washington, D. C., elected Commander-in-Chief.

Twenty-first—at Washington, D. C., 1902, Frank Martin, of Indianapolis, Ind., elected Commander-in-Chief.

Twenty-second—at Atlantic City, N. J., 1903, Arthur B. Spink, Providence, R. I., elected Commander-in-Chief.

Twenty-third—at Boston, Mass., 1904, William G. Dustin, Dwight, Ill., elected Commander-in-Chief.

Twenty-fourth—at Gettysburg, Pa., 1905, Harley V. Speelman, Cincinnati, Ohio, elected Commander-in-Chief.

Twenty-fifth—at Peoria, Ill., 1906, Edwin M. Amies, Altoona, Pa., elected Commander-in-Chief.

Twenty-sixth—at Dayton, Ohio, 1907, Ralph Sheldon, Albany, N. Y., elected Commander-in-Chief.

Twenty-seventh—at Niagara Falls, N. Y., 1908, Edgar Allan, Jr., Richmond, Virginia, elected Commander-in-Chief.

Twenty-eighth—Washington, D. C., 1909, George W. Pollitt, Paterson, N. J., elected Commander-in-Chief.

Twenty-ninth—at Atlantic City, N. J., 1910, Fred E. Bolton, Boston, Mass., elected Commander-in-Chief.

Thirtieth—at Rochester, N. Y., 1911, Newton J. McGuire, Indianapolis, Ind., elected Commander-in-Chief.

Thirty-first—at St. Louis, Mo., 1912, Ralph M. Grant, New Haven, Conn., elected Commander-in-Chief.

Thirty-second—at Chattanooga, Tenn., 1913, John E. Sautter, of Aspinwall, Pa., elected Commander-in-Chief.

Thirty-third—at Detroit, Mich., 1914, Chas. E. Sherman, of Mount Vernon, N. Y., elected Commander-in-Chief.

Thirty-fourth—at Washington, D. C., A. E. B. Stephens, of Cincinnati, Ohio, elected Commander-in-Chief.

Thirty-fifth—at Kansas City, Mo., Wm. T. Church, of Chicago, Ill., elected Commander-in-Chief.

JOSEPH B. MACCABE, of Mass.

LOUIS M. WAGNER, of Pa.

G. B. ABBOTT, of Ill.

Committee.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now hear the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut:

Kansas City, Mo., August 31, 1916.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. Brothers:—

Your Committee on Officers' Reports begs leave to submit the following report:

The several reports of your officers have been carefully reviewed. Without exception they reveal the same conscientious labor and unswerving love for our Order, which through repeated experience we are wont to expect and receive from the occupants of the several offices in the successive years.

The report of your Commander-in-Chief is particularly comprehensive and without hesitation your committee expresses the opinion that, as it must already have received the full approval of the members of this Encampment, who were permitted the pleasure of listening to its reading, so, as it shall appear in the published proceedings of this Encampment, our membership generally will approve and be greatly benefited by it.

We are indebted to our Commander-in-Chief in many, many ways, not the least to that loyalty to our Order ever present in him, which leads him to declare his readiness to attend "to such duties as may be assigned to me," carrying that declaration into actual practice. When that spirit shall permeate our Order, the larger membership suggested by our Commander-in-Chief in his statistical references will speedily follow.

He makes a single recommendation: "That the per capita tax remain at 24 cents for the coming year." The recommendation is approved.

The decisions of the Commander-in-Chief made during the year are approved.

The most important decision bears upon the question of altering or amending our Constitution. Your committee is unhesitating in its opinion that the Constitution must be safeguarded against the possibility of hasty, ill-considered amendments and alterations. The decision of your Commander-in-Chief on this subject was made upon the advice of the National Counselor, who gave it able and careful consideration. Your committee concurs with the opinion and the decision based thereon.

We regret the inability of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief to be with us and sympathize with their disappointment. Your committee commends their reports and their labors for our Order during their term of office.

Upon your return to your homes and Camps, you will study with much profit the reports of the National Secretary and National Treasurer. Your committee has no words of commendation—that is, no new words. Its vocabulary is exhausted. Reference is made to the reports of Committee on Officers' Reports for many years last past, which are hereby made a part hereof.

Our Commander-in-Chief was very happy and fortunate in his appointment of members of his staff. The work and reports of the National Counselor, National Chaplain and National Patriotic Instructor are models of their kind. They treat upon subjects of vital interest to our Order and which do not permit of mere hasty review. They represent infinite detail, quiet and unassuming work, all so necessary to the prosperity of our organization. They present in concentrated form the love and labors of the staff officers for our Order.

The report of the National Press Correspondent contains a recommendation that a "general publicity plan may be organized and put into effect in the interest of our Order."

Your committee concurs in the recommendation, and further recommends that the incoming Council-in-Chief be instructed

and empowered to cause said recommendation to be carried into effect, and that the sum of \$100.00, or so much thereof as may be required, be appropriated for the purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH M. GRANT,
C. A. WHITTLESEY,
E. W. HOMAN,
L. W. GAROUTTE.

Ralph M. Grant of Connecticut: I move that the report be received and approved.

The motion was seconded.

G. B. Abbott of Illinois: I rise to the point of inquiry concerning the recommendations of the committee, relative to the admission of women to our meetings. The record shows that at the Detroit Encampment proper, steps were taken for the passage of this legislation, followed by the action of the Encampment at Washington. We appear to be making fish of one and fowl of the other. Why we should safeguard our constitution at Washington and disregard it at Detroit is not quite clear to my mind. While I think that the decision, following the Washington Encampment, was wrong according to the rules I am not going to appeal from the decision. We have at one meeting admitted the ladies and the next night they have been refused admittance. The question I want to raise is this: Can we not bring this matter up and have it settled satisfactorily?

Commander-in-Chief: You are going to be given a chance and it is going to be done according to the rules and regulations laid down in the Constitution and Laws and the majority of the Encampment; that is the majority of those recorded present. That matter will be brought up following the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports. I did not notice whether any recommendation was made in that report to have it submitted to this Encampment, but I think we can do it and I think it can be settled here one way or the other as soon as we dispose of this report. We will take that up and vote upon the question of this amendment to the constitution and if it is carried by a majority of those recorded present it becomes a law of our Order. The majority of those recorded present—not the majority of those present and voting.

G. B. Abbott of Illinois: What is the construction of the words recorded present? Those who are entered as members of the Encampment or those who are present:

Commander-in-Chief: Those who have been recorded as present. If we have 104 marked present it will take 53 to pass the legislation.

VISIT OF DELEGATION FROM WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

Commander-in-Chief: The Committee on Fraternal Relations will retire to the anteroom and escort the Committee from the Woman's Relief Corps.

Charles F. Sherman of New York: Commander, your committee has the pleasure at this time of introducing the Com-

mittee on Fraternal Greetings representing our Sister Society, the Woman's Relief Corps, headed by Miss Kate Raynor, who, in addition to her membership in the Woman's Relief Corps, is bound to us by the double ties as a Past National President of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary and one of the sincerest friends the Sons of Veterans has had, accompanied by Mrs. Smythe, Department President of Iowa, and Miss Morrie Buckles of Washington, D. C.

Commander-in-Chief: The members of the committee from the Woman's Relief Corps. I assure you that the Sons of Veterans are very glad to hear greetings from your organization. I will introduce Miss Kate Raynor, Past National President of the Auxiliary.

Miss Kate Raynor: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers of the Sons of Veterans, I have come to you before in the capacity of a sister, and this morning I come to you as a mother. The Woman's Relief Corps stands in the same position to the Sons of Veterans as the Grand Army does. Our National President in sending us to you conferred a great honor on us. We appreciate that honor and we are going to ask you to stand by the Woman's Relief Corps, to assist in perpetuating the memory of the Veterans and of their sacrifices. We will depend upon the Sons and Daughters to do this. Our work is along the line of patriotism and we also teach that we should love one another. As long as "OLD GLORY" waves over the United States the Woman's Relief Corps will stand by those who saved the nation. We thank you for what you have done in the past and we ask you for your help and support in the future.

Commander-in-Chief: I will ask Brother Sherman to respond.

Charles F. Sherman of New York: Commander-in-Chief Stephens and members of the Committee from the Woman's Relief Corps. No greater honor in this Encampment could be given me than the privilege of answering your most kindly greetings, particularly because of the intimate relations and the friendly spirit which has so often been manifested by the Woman's Relief Corps toward the Sons of Veterans, and further because of the deep interest that I personally have in this delegation. Perhaps it may not be known to all of you, the grand work of the Woman's Relief Corps. Sister Raynor speaks of it as of mother organization and so it is, but of the same age as the Sons of Veterans, because we came into existence at the same time that those noble women did. It appears they have had their periods of prosperity as well as of depression and loss of membership. While we have now reached the number of 55,000 the Woman's Relief Corps has forged steadily ahead throughout the years of her existence until today it has a membership of 165,000 loyal women of America. (Applause). While you have not, in every instance, the ties of blood that is our privilege, you have been actuated by the same noble principle of patriotism and desire to serve as we have, and there is not a day that is not marked by some acts of loving kindness on your part. If it were possible to bring together all the acts of loyalty to the Grand Army and to the Sons of Veterans there is nothing that would convey them. Our deeds sink into insignificance as compared with the work of the Woman's Relief Corps, and I never see the badge of that organization that I do not feel my littleness as

compared with the magnificent work that they have performed. We say to you that we appreciate it, and we express to you our heartfelt thanks. As you continue in your work for the Grand Army of the Republic and as the necessity for deeds for that organization become less I trust that the affection and interest and devotion given to the parent organization may in a measure be given to the work of the Sons of Veterans, and that we go shoulder to shoulder actuated by the same principles of patriotism; the mothers, the sons and the grandsons, all engaged in the noble work of inculcating and teaching the right kind of patriotism. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: I will introduce Mrs. Smythe, Department President of Iowa.

Mrs. Smythe: I want to say to you it is a great pleasure for me to stand and look into the faces of the Sons of Veterans. My father was unable to go through the war. My grandfather was at the battle of Shiloh. I guess I got my patriotism from him. Everyone knows I am patriotic, whether they belong to the Woman's Relief Corps or not. As Department President I have endeavored to do all I can looking to the organization of Sons of Veterans camps. I thank you. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: We will now hear from Miss Buckles.

Miss Buckles: Commander-in-Chief and members of the Sons of Veterans, it is indeed a great pleasure for me to bring to you the heartiest greetings of the Woman's Relief Corps. (Applause).

The Committee was escorted from the hall.

National Secretary: The Credentials Committee now has to report 108 members recorded present.

COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

W. F. Chambers of Ohio: Referring to the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports, I would like to ask that at least \$300, at the option of the Council-in-Chief, be appropriated for publicity purposes. One hundred dollars to be expended for publicity is so trivial, it might just as well not be adopted, but if you give the national officers, in connection with the press correspondent, the right to increase that up to at least \$300, if in their judgment it is proper, we may get some good results. I make it as a motion, as an amendment.

H. M. Lewis of Kansas: Nothing can be accomplished with \$100. It would be a great benefit if the suggestion of the comrade from North Dakota were carried out and a copy of The Banner sent to every Post. That would be a step in the right direction. I heartily second the motion.

Commander-in-Chief: You have heard the motion that not less than \$100 be appropriated, and more, up to \$300, if in the wisdom of the Council-in-Chief, it is needed for publicity. Along these lines just spoken, I suggested that the incoming administration make arrangements to send a copy of The Banner to each Post in the country—there are 5300 of them—if, in the wisdom of the Council-in-Chief and the Commander-in-Chief, they have money enough to do so.

The motion as an amendment was agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: The motion for the adoption of the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports is now before you. The motion was agreed to.

AMENDMENTS TO C., R. & R.

Commander-in-Chief: We will take from the table the amendment to the constitution whereby the women's organizations may be admitted into our Camps. That question has been before us twice; through technicalities, perhaps, we have not yet settled it.

W. P. Wilcox, of Kansas: As a member of the Kansas Division, I wish to say that the most interest taken in the Camps is by those Camps which have Auxiliaries. In the Camp to which I belong, the great success is due with the splendid work of our Auxiliary. If you wish to build up the Western States in the Order of Sons of Veterans, let us allow the ladies to visit the Camps. I have been a member of the Sons of Veterans nearly thirty years. In all those years I have worked for the up-building of the Order. I joined the Sons of Veterans in Washington, D. C., the Maryland Division. I gave up my membership there when I returned to Kansas and am now a member of the Banner Camp of Kansas, due to the splendid Auxiliary we have. They prepare our social entertainments. As I have said, if you want to build up the great western Divisions, give us, my brothers, the privilege of inviting our sisters to our Camps and you will see the Order west of the Mississippi River prosper. (Applause).

Michael Crowley of New Hampshire: I take great pleasure in speaking upon that subject. I am a great admirer of the ladies, as all the Sons are. The men who do not like the ladies, the children, flowers and music, are not God's people. They are ready and will assist us. Their presence makes us more patriotic; makes us love our grand Country more. Adopt this resolution and put us back where we were. Bless the dear ladies.

VISIT OF DELEGATION FROM THE DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS.

Commander-in-Chief: The Fraternal Relations Committee will retire to the anteroom and escort the visiting delegation.

Charles F. Sherman of New York: I have the pleasure of introducing at this time a delegation from our sister society, the Daughters of Veterans, and to present Mrs. Ola Fairmon Dee, from the state of Illinois, Chairman of the delegation, Mrs. Elizabeth Peppard, of Ohio, and Miss Margaret Smith of Massachusetts, Division Chaplain.

Commander-in-Chief: Daughters of Veterans, we are always glad to welcome you into our Encampments.

Mrs. Ola Fairmon Dee: We will not take up a great deal of your time. We are here to bring you the greetings of our National President and of our convention, representing 10,000 Daughters. We wish you a very harmonious convention. The brother who escorted me, as you know, was elected your Commander-in-Chief at Detroit. We were very proud of the addition to our family. Mr. Commander, I want to present to you

this little gift of roses with love from the sisters to the brothers. An old soldier said to me, "What are you going to do when we old fellows are gone." I said, "We are going to love you as long as you let us and most of us then will transfer our love to the Sons." (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: I am sure that the membership of the Sons of Veterans is in accord with the Commander-in-Chief of this organization. They like to be loved by the Daughters of Veterans and these other patriotic organizations. I want to thank the Daughters of Veterans for these very beautiful flowers. I will call upon Miss Smith of Ohio.

Miss Margaret Smith: The Chairman was to do all the talking. However, I am glad to say a few words. I am pleased to be with you and to extend to you our greetings. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: We will now listen to Mrs. Peppard, of Ohio.

Mrs. Elizabeth Peppard: I am not going to take up your time only to tell you that I am awfully proud to come here. My father gave up his life for his country. He gave up his life for the service of "Old Glory." You will understand why I am so interested in our organization and in yours. I thank you for the privilege of speaking to this Encampment. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: I will ask H. Harding Hale, National Counselor, to respond to these greetings.

H. Harding Hale of Massachusetts: To the noble Order of the Daughters of Veterans. They have a particular place in our affections. We have great affection for her who leads your noble organization. We want you to feel that our relationship is a little closer than was the case about which I am about to relate. A man was spending a little leisure in a large city and struck up an acquaintance with another man. They compared notes and discovered that they came from the same town. They asked each other about various persons. One of them was Pat Murphy. The other asked if Dennie Murphy of their town was a relation of his. Pat said, "Yes, a distant relative. Dennis was my mother's first child and I was the twelfth." Quite distant. I don't want this delegation to go away from this Encampment without feeling that we cherish our fraternal ties with you and that we have a very close relationship with your organization. We share that joint heritage that has been passed down to us by those who struggled for four years from Bull Run to Appomattox. Daughters of Veterans, Daughters of Noble Sires who formed the grandest army that ever marched beneath any banner, we ask you to carry out to your organization our sincere appreciation and regard. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: I wish to present this delegation one of our badges for each member.

Mrs. Dee: I shall cherish this badge and will keep it among my souvenirs. I prize it very highly.

The Committee was escorted from the hall.

AMENDMENT TO C., R. & R.—WOMEN'S SOCIETIES.

Commander-in-Chief: All in favor of taking from the table the question of the amendment to the constitution whereby the

women's organizations may be admitted to our Camp will say Aye.

Ralph M. Grant of Connecticut: The motion I desire to take from the table is the question of admitting women into the Camps. If the Encampment votes favorable on the question, I desire to make a motion that the constitution be suspended so that that motion will go into effect immediately.

The motion was agreed to.

Wm. L. Barnum, Jr., of Illinois: I move that the allied patriotic organizations, the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G. A. R., the Daughters of Veterans, and the Association of Army Nurses be admitted to the Camps of the Sons of Veterans, at the option of the Camps.

The motion was seconded.

Commander-in-Chief: If you will refer to The Banner you will find that it is an amendment to Section 7, General Orders, for April issue of The Banner.

G. B. Abbott of Illinois: I originally fathered that proposition at the Chattanooga Encampment. I want it distinctly understood that I have experienced no change of heart on that subject. I trust, brothers, that you will be consistent and vote favorably on this proposition. It is a question of home rule. The Camps who do not care to admit the ladies as visitors do not have to. But let those Camps who will be benefitted by it, invite their ladies to visit the meetings. If that will help them, let us do it. If the other Camps do not want to admit them, that is all right. That is home rule. I move its adoption.

The motion was seconded by Michael Crowley of New Hampshire.

Commander-in-Chief: The matter has been taken from the table. It has been moved and seconded that the amendment to the constitution be passed and adopted.

W. P. Wilcox of Kansas: I am in favor of admitting our Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the G. A. R. to our meetings, as our Camp has been doing for the last three years, with great success. I know that good sisters of our country stand shoulder to shoulder with our organization. If it were not for the work of our sisters, some of our Camps would not survive.

Commander-in-Chief: I will say for the benefit of the brothers: this action is for the purpose of passing upon the amendment proposed. This action at this time is necessary because of the decision of your Commander-in-Chief on this question, in order to meet the constitutional requirements. We now have 108 recorded as the membership of this Encampment. In order to pass an amendment it will be necessary that the vote in favor shall be at least 55. If there is no particular objections we can vote on the question unanimously. Otherwise we will have a roll call.

E. R. Campbell of Maryland: It occurs to me that that is unnecessary. I rise to move the previous question. I do not think a roll call necessary.

William H. Russell of Kansas: If a roll call is necessary and is about to be had, let me suggest this for the purpose of making this amendment operative at once. I move that the

pending motion be amended and the pending legislation be now placed on the third reading, and that if carried, if no existing law be suspended, that the amendment become effective immediately.

G. B. Abbott of Illinois: I accept that as the original motion.

The motion was seconded by Michael Crowley of New Hampshire.

Commander-in-Chief: If there is no objection we will take up the question. Those who are in favor of admitting the ladies—who are in favor of this amendment—will vote Aye and those who are not in favor will vote No.

ROLL CALL OF DIVISIONS.

On the roll call 95 voted Aye and 7 No. The amendment was declared adopted.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now listen to a final report of the Committee on Resolutions.

FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: Your Committee presents the following resolutions.

We extend greetings and good wishes to the members of our Order who are in the military and naval service of our Country, whether in the Regular Establishment, the Navy, or in the National Guard of any of the States, and who have been mustered into the United States Service, and we bespeak for them that same spirit of loyalty and courage which characterized the patriotic devotion to duty of their fathers during the trying years of 1861-1865.

Whereas, The citizens of Kansas City, the Committees having in charge the arrangements of this Encampment, the members of the Missouri Division, and the people in general of this magnificent section of our glorious Republic, have, by their united and untiring efforts contributed to the pleasure and success of this occasion,

Resolved, That we hereby express to them individually and collectively, our deep sense of appreciation and gratitude for their many acts of courtesy and hospitality.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: I move the adoption of the report.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

E. R. Campbell of Maryland: I move that the National Secretary be instructed to forward a copy of the resolution relative to members of the Order to the Secretary of War and also a copy to the Secretary of the Navy, with request that the resolution be promulgated in due form.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
Reading, Pa., September 29, 1916.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of War,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:—

By direction of the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held at Kansas City, Mo., August 30-31, 1916, I have the honor to transmit the following resolution, unanimously adopted, viz:

"We extend greetings and good wishes to the members of our Order who are in the military and naval service of our Country, whether in the Regular Establishment, the Navy, or in the National Guard of any of the States, and who have been mustered into the United States Service; and we bespeak for them that same spirit of loyalty and courage, which characterized the patriotic devotion to duty of their Fathers during the trying years of 1861-1865."

with the request that the said resolution be promulgated in due form.

Very respectfully,

By order of the Encampment,

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

(Seal).

WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, September 23, 1916.

Mr. H. H. Hammer,
National Secretary, Commandery-in-Chief,
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.
Reading, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Secretary of War to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th instant, embodying a resolution adopted at the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held at Kansas City, Mo., August 30-31, 1916, endorsing the members of your Order in the service of the country, and to thank your Order, through you, for its patriotic interest.

Very respectfully,

H. P. McCAN,
The Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
Reading, Pa., September 29, 1916.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Navy,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:—

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mit the following resolution, unanimously adopted, with request that the same be promulgated in due form, viz:

"We extend greetings and good wishes to the members of our Order who are in the military and naval service of our Country, whether in the Regular Establishment, the Navy, or in the National Guard of any of the States, and who have been mustered into the United States Service; and we bespeak for them that same spirit of loyalty and courage, which characterized the patriotic devotion to duty of their Fathers during the trying years of 1861-1865."

Very respectfully,

By order of the Encampment,

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

(Seal).

NAVY DEPARTMENT.

Washington, September 26, 1916.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, transmitting a resolution, adopted at the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., extending greetings and good wishes to the members of your Order who are in the Military and Naval Service of the Country.

Very truly yours,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT,
Acting Secretary of the Navy.

Mr. H. H. Hammer,
National Secretary,
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.
Reading, Pa.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now have the Report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, RULES
AND REGULATIONS.

Edwin M. Amies of Pennsylvania: Your Committee has to report as follows:

Kansas City, Mo., August 31, 1916.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Brothers:

Your Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations beg leave to submit the following report:

1. Proposition by the National Secretary relative to Seals; substituting in lieu of Article 18, Chapter 6, as promulgated in C. & L. of 1912, the following:

"The Commandery-in-Chief, the several Divisions and Camps shall be provided with seals as follows:

"The seals of the Commandery-in-Chief and the several Divisions of the Order shall consist of the full Coat of Arms of the Order, surrounded, for the Commandery-in-Chief with the words, "Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, United States of America," and for the Divisions with the words, "..... Divisions, Sons of Veterans, United States of America."

"The Camp seals shall 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 whole shall be surrounded with the words, "..... Camp No., Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.," and the location, town or city and state shall be added to the same."

We recommend the adoption of the amendment as proposed.

2. Proposition from Pennsylvania Division relative to disbandment of Camps, Chapter 2, Article 1, Section 4, Page 5 to read:

Section 4. A Camp one year or more in arrears in the payment of per capita tax and failing or neglecting to forward reports, may be disbanded and the charter thereof revoked. Until the said Camp shall be disbanded, per capita tax shall be paid thereon and it shall be reported as though in good standing in the reports of the Division Secretary."

We recommend that the amendment as proposed and as altered above, be adopted.

3. Proposition to alter title of Article 3, of Chapter 2, C. & L.:

We recommend that the title of said Article be amended to read as follows:

"ARTICLE III.

Transfers and Discharges."

4. Proposition to amend Section 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 2, C. & L.:

We recommend the amendment, as follows:

That the words "or suspended." in the second line of said Section be stricken out so that said Section shall read as follows:

"Section 2. Members in good standing of disbanded Camps shall receive from the Division Commander transfer cards."

5. A proposition from the National Secretary as follows:

"There should be provided a book with the preamble of the Order printed therein for a newly initiated member to sign, in charge of the Camp Secretary."

This would meet the provision in the Ritual where, after the initiation of the recruit, it is required that he "sign the Constitution, Rules and Regulations."

It is recommended that a book to be Form H on the requisition form 1 and 1^{1/2} be supplied."

We concur in the above recommendation.

This concludes all matters which came properly before your Committee.

All other matters which came to the hands of your Committee which had not been duly promulgated in accordance with the Rules of the Order are herewith returned and made a part

of this report and attached hereto; upon these the Committee takes no action.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

EDWIN M. AMIES, Chairman,
W. H. RUSSELL,
W. M. COFFIN,
A. D. RHINESMITH,
LUCIUS A. DERBY,
Committee on C., R. & R.

Edwin M. Amies of Pennsylvania: The Committee recommends the adoption of the first proposition made by the National Secretary.

National Secretary: I move that the constitution be suspended and that the proposed change relative to Seals be printed in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

George B. Abbott of Illinois: Do the Camps now having Seals have to get new ones?

National Secretary: No. In several instances Camps getting Seals wanted to know the authority for the inscription. The Constitution does not now specify what inscription shall be placed on the Seals. I think it ought to go into the Constitution.

Edwin M. Amies of Pennsylvania: It was simply omitted from the present Constitution.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: I move that so much of Chapter VII of the Constitution as relates to amendments be suspended; this motion to cover the entire report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

The motion was seconded and agreed to; 79 votes being cast in favor of the motion, none against the motion, a rising vote being taken.

Edwin M. Amies of Pennsylvania: I move the adoption of this amendment as proposed.

The motion was seconded and agreed to, 84 votes being cast in favor, none against.

W. M. Coffin of Ohio: I move that during the reading of the report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, if there is no objection, the report as read to be considered as carried and that it be recorded as the unanimous vote.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Edwin M. Amies of Pennsylvania: I will read proposition Number 2 (see report of Committee).

No objections.

Edwin M. Amies of Pennsylvania: I will read proposition Number 3 to alter the title of Article 3 (see report of Committee).

No objections.

Edwin M. Amies of Pennsylvania: I will read proposition Number 4 to amend Section 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 2 (see report of Committee).

No objections.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: I move the adoption of the proposed amendments to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

The motion was seconded and agreed to, 84 votes being cast in favor, none against the motion.

Commander-in-Chief: The Constitution, Rules and Regulations will be amended accordingly.

Edwin M. Amies of Pennsylvania: The proposition Number 5 from the National Secretary relative to a new form of book is as follows (see report of Committee).

Commander-in-Chief: No objections being offered, the recommendation of the Committee will be adopted.

Edwin M. Amies of Pennsylvania: This closes all matters acted upon by the Committee which properly came before it. All other matters which have come to the hands of your Committee and which have not been acted upon are attached hereto, as they were not properly submitted, having been submitted to the National Secretary too late to be published; one from Missouri relative to giving Junior officers of both Camps and Divisions certain specific duties, an amendment to the Constitution and Laws, Article 21, Chapter 6, from New York, that a prayer invoking the Divine blessing upon the President of the United States, etc., be inserted in the closing ceremonies of the Camp ritual, a communication from the Pennsylvania Division bearing upon the Junior Order, and also an appeal from Frank H. Challs.

I move the adoption of the report as a whole.

The motion was seconded and unanimously agreed to.

REFERRING TO ALTAR—RITUAL.

G. B. Abbott of Illinois: I would like to know whether the question as to the position of the swords on the altar has been disposed of?

National Secretary: Commander-in-Chief, I refer you to page 130 of the proceedings of the Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment, and to the action of the Encampment on the report of the Ritual Committee suspending that part of Chapter 7 as relates to amendments for the purpose of making a change in the ritual. Commander-in-Chief Sherman ruled that the section was not suspended. When the transcript was received that part was overlooked, and it was assumed to have been adopted. Therefore, an appeal was made by the Commander of the Division of Connecticut as to the proper appearance of the swords upon the altar. The appeal was referred to in the Commander-in-Chief's report. In order that it may be properly corrected and made the law, I move that the action of the Encampment last year be now adopted or reaffirmed as the last reading. We have had two readings in the Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief: We can carry this in the same manner as the other Constitutional amendments. You will remember that the swords should go under the Bible. In order to provide for the correction of an error in our last proceedings, I will entertain a motion to suspend that part of Chapter 7 that refers to three years and I believe you will pass it.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: I make that motion, that we suspend that part of Chapter 7 as refers to the three years' requirements.

The motion was seconded and agreed to, 84 votes being cast in favor; none against the motion.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now vote upon the amendment.

National Secretary: I move that the amendment be adopted and become effective at once.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Park F. Yengling of Ohio: I move that we take a recess until 1:30 P. M.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Recess taken.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Encampment resumed at 1:30 P. M., Thursday, August 31, 1916, with Commander-in-Chief Stephens in the chair.

REMINISCENCES OF LINCOLN.

Commander-in-Chief: A Committee was appointed this morning, but it was not announced, consisting of Past Commander-in-Chief Campbell, Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman, and Brother L. S. Barnes of Ohio to confer with Comrade Smith Stimmel who spoke to us this morning to consider some plan or proposition that he has to make. Major Campbell will make a report for that Committee.

E. R. Campbell of Maryland: The Committee as stated has been in conversation with Comrade Smith Stimmel, who spoke to you this morning relative to his scheme of putting before the public his personal reminiscences of Abraham Lincoln. I asked him why he did not get the endorsement of the Grand Army. He said he never thought of that; that he did not know that it was necessary. The Committee has not had time to go over these matters. Comrade Stimmel desires to have this Encampment endorse him as speaker to the public generally, so that he may come out as introduced by the Sons of Veterans and give his lecture of Abraham Lincoln. The only thing I have to recommend is that this Encampment look kindly upon his action and endorse him to the public as a worthy member of the Grand Army of the Republic and worthy of consideration. He has issued a statement which is as follows:

PROPOSED PLAN.

The plan I would suggest would be to have as many of the Camps of a given Division as would care to have me visit their locality arrange dates so that I could make a tour of a Division by passing from point to point with as little delay as possible, and thereby save time and reduce the traveling expenses to the minimum; and when a tour of that Division is complete, pass on to the next Division that is ready for action.

EXPENSE AND COMPENSATION.

The expense and compensation for this work can easily be provided for by charging a modest admission fee of 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children under 15 years; one-half the gross receipts to go to myself, the other half to the local Camp under whose auspices the lecture is given, to cover other expenses.

In case any Camp should prefer to pay a definite sum for the lecture, to be given free to the public, the charge would be \$50 and local entertainment.

HOW TO DO IT.

How to do it involves the matter of publicity. In this the Sons of Veterans and their Auxiliaries, as soon as dates are fixed, should set to work talking about it to their friends and neighbors as they meet them from day to day. Let those who have acquaintances connected with newspapers of the place, speak to them about the coming event, and papers will make mention of it as an item of news. Interest the officers, teachers and pupils of the public schools, and those of other institutions of learning that may be in the vicinity. Then the day, or day before the performance is to come off arrange to have some trusty boys make a house to house distribution of small hand-bills as a last reminder. This can be done at a little cost and little labor. I would be willing to furnish these hand-bills all prepared, leaving blank space for time and place, which the local printer could fill in at little cost, or in small places these blanks could be filled in with blue pencil to good advantage.

When practicable, arrangements might be made to have a chorus of school children sing a couple of patriotic songs preceding the lecture or any other brief exercise in which children can take part. This is often a drawing card and done with good effect.

Kansas City, August 31, 1916.

Jesse A. Ditson, Colorado and Wyoming: I move that the report of the Committee be received and the recommendation adopted.

The motion was seconded by Park F. Yengling of Ohio and agreed to.

PRESS COMMITTEE.

William G. Dustin of Illinois: The Press Committee has to report that all the information of interest has been furnished the papers.

HISTORY OF THE ORDER.

A. I. Vesceilius of New Jersey: I move that the history prepared by the Committee and referred to the incoming Council-in-Chief be printed and sent out to members of the Order.

The motion was seconded by L. S. Barnes of Ohio.

Commander-in-Chief: The motion is that the history of the Organization as presented by the Committee be published in separate form and sent out to members of the Order. The Council-in-Chief is the proper body to determine whether we have a sufficient fund for the purpose; whether we can afford it. We don't want to pass something that will tie up their hands in a financial way. It would be a good idea to refer it to the incoming Commander-in-Chief and Council-in-Chief to act upon.

Michael Crowley of New Hampshire: I move an amendment to the motion that we refer the matter to the incoming Commander-in-Chief and Council-in-Chief, with power to act.

The motion was seconded by A. D. Bunger of Iowa.

The amendment to the motion was agreed to.

The original motion as amended was agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: The motion is carried and the matter is placed in the hands of the incoming administration.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: I received a communication from the local Camp which I will read as follows:

Kansas City, Mo., August 31, 1916.

The officers of the Major William Warner Camp No. 36, Division of Missouri, feel that the National Encampment should be made acquainted with the fact that the decorations which adorn this place of meeting have been voluntarily supplied and placed in position by Brother H. L. Mumm, Senior Vice-Commander, Division of Wisconsin, and Commander of Warsaw Camp No. 6, as a compliment to the Order in general.

Major William Warner Camp No. 36 acknowledges that without this action by Brother Mumm it would have been impossible for them to have furnished decorations in any way comparable with those you now see, inasmuch as no provision was made for same by the Citizens' Committee, and we hope and trust that we are not presumptuous in bringing this matter to the attention of the Encampment.

Very fraternally,

F. O. COX, Commander.

F. R. BALSIGER, Secretary.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: I move that this communication be made a part of the records of this Encampment and that we express our appreciation to this Brother for this service that he has rendered to the Commandery-in-Chief.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

National Secretary: The Credentials Committee begs leave to present a supplemental report and announce the name of George S. Geis, of the Division of Washington, 109 members of the Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief: I will call upon Brother Geis to tell us something about the Division of Washington.

George S. Geis of Washington: I can only say that it gives me great pleasure to visit the Encampment at this time. Washington is getting along nicely. Many of the old timers are keeping up their interest in the Camps. The Camps are having their usual meetings. Of course, they are not as successful as the Camps in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Illinois, but they are holding their own and we believe we will have a considerable gain in membership. The Encampments have been held so far away that Washington could not very well send a representative. It gives me great pleasure to meet with you again. It is always a pleasure to attend an Encampment.

William M. Coffin of Ohio: I ask consent to give a report of the Legislative Committee.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Your Legislative Committee begs leave to submit the following report:

Pursuant to the action of the Thirty-fourth National Encampment, the Commander-in-Chief, in General Orders, re-

quested all Camps and Divisions to adopt resolutions favoring a congressional legislative policy of "preparation" for the national defense; and also directed that the action so taken, together with the responses on the subject matter received from Senators and Representatives be communicated to the Legislative Committee.

Out of the entire Order, only eight Camps reported to this Committee their compliance with the said request.

With these reports there were transmitted responses from ten Senators and Nine Representatives, the majority of which were favorable to the policy indicated.

W. M. COFFIN,
FRED J. PHILLIPS,
W. B. MOYNIHAN.

W. M. Coffin of Ohio: The report of the Committee shows that the majority of the Senators and Representatives were favorable to the cause. Those who were not specifically favorable were inferentially so. It is inconceivable that only eight Camps complied with this request, which was directed by the Commandery-in-Chief. It was the intention of Brother Sautter, in recommending this Committee, to formulate some plan of centralizing the information as to how the Senators and Representatives stood on matters of Legislation in which our Order is interested. I want to report also that Brother Phillips, a member of the Committee states that he has been quite active in the matter. He has received from Senator Sherman of Illinois a copy of a Bill which is now before the Congress and was introduced by Senator Harding of Ohio who is a member of our Order. The Bill (S. J. Res. 99) as amended, is as follows:

JOINT RESOLUTION.

Authorizing and directing the Secretary of War to grant the free use, for military drill, of rifles to duly accredited Camps of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby authorized to grant to duly accredited Camps of the Sons of Veterans Reserve the free use for military drill of any rifles in the possession of the War Department. The Secretary of War shall arrange for the loan of such rifles in quantities sufficient to meet the requirements for military drill of the certified membership of such Camps of said Sons of Veterans Reserve as make application, without cost, other than transportation charges to said organizations, but under such suitable bond, executed by a responsible bonding company for the care and return of said equipment as the Secretary of War may reasonably require; Provided, That the Secretary of War shall be furnished with a list of the certified membership of such Camps of said Sons of Veterans Reserve as make application and the number attending military drills, which drills shall be held at least once a month; and if it shall appear that the number attending such drills falls below fifty per centum of the number of certified members of such Camps of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, the rifles loaned shall be returned to the War Department.

W. M. Coffin of Ohio: As I have said, the members of the Committee, individually and as a Committee, desired to know the views of the members of the Order at large, with the result that only eight Camps have responded. The Committee desires that the Commandery-in-Chief be informed as to what action has been taken. We have no recommendation.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: I move that the report be received and made a part of the proceedings of this Encampment and the Committee continued.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now have the report of the Committee on Military Affairs.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS.

Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.
Reading, Pa., May 15, 1916.

To the Chairman, and Members of the Committee on Military Affairs, Commandery-in-Chief, U. S. A.

Brothers:—

Pursuant to the action of the Commandery-in-Chief, Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment, Washington, D. C., September 30th, 1915, Page 143, Journal of Proceedings, proposed Amendment to the C. R. & R., referred to said Committee, is herewith enclosed for consideration and report by the Committee on Military Affairs.

The conclusion reached by said Committee should be submitted to the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment at Kansas City, Mo., August 29th-September 1st, 1916, through the Chairman of the Committee, Major E. R. Campbell, Past Commander-in-Chief, Clermont, Florida.

By order of the

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

(Seal).

Journal of Proceedings, Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Washington, D. C., 1915, Page 143.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON C. R. & R.

"S. S. Horn: I move that the matter be referred back to the Committee on Military Affairs for consideration and report in another year."

Commander-in-Chief: "S. S. Horn's motion is carried and the matter is referred to the Committee on Military Affairs."

As follows:

"Amend Section 1, Chapter V, add the following:"

"With the exception that Camps may maintain a firing squad not exceeding twelve men, and two sergeants, uniformed in accordance with Article XVI, Chapter VI, provided they do not parade on any other occasion than the funeral of a veteran, or on Memorial Day."

Section 1 A, Chapter V,

"It shall be the duty of Division Commanders to enforce observances of Section 1, and upon presentation of proper proof of violation thereof, to recommend the revocation of the charter of the offending Camp."

A new section to be known as

"Section 2, Article XVI, Chapter VI," as follows:

"It shall be the duty of Division Commanders to enforce the observance of Section 1, and the various subdivisions thereof, and upon presentation of proper proof of violation thereof, to recommend the revocation of the charter of the offending Camp."

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment. Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Greetings:—

In compliance with the foregoing instructions, and the official reference of the subject matter thereof, hereto attached, this Committee has the honor to submit the following; viz:

Fully realizing the importance of the measure in question, and with a knowledge of the scope, and life-giving power of the same, your Committee concurs with the proposed amendment, and hereby recommend its passage.

It is also recommended that, that in view of the fact that it has been accepted that the Commander-in-Chief has the inherent power to suspend an Officer, or member of our Order, (See, Speelman (e) page 144, Proceedings 1915) that upon due notice from the Chief-of-Staff, of violation of the Regulations under which the Reserve is governed, the Commander-in-Chief may suspend from membership any member of the Order, pending charges preferred in due form.

It is further recommended that the matter concerning the retiring of Officers of the Reserve, brought to your attention by the report of the Military Committee last year, and lost sight of, and upon which no action was taken by the Thirty-fourth Encampment, be enacted into law by this Encampment. It is as follows:

"An officer who has served ten years, and having reached field rank, at the expiration of such last commission may, on his request, be placed upon the retired list,—being privileged to wear the uniform of his rank upon formal occasions of the Order if the Reserve be represented, or in the field, if assigned to duty by a Brigade or Department Commandant."

The Sons of Veterans Reserve cannot hope to receive recognition by the War Department, the Nation, or the officials of the States unless it attains, and maintains a commendable degree of efficiency as a Military Organization worthy of our fathers, and our Order should recognize that fact.

Non-de-script uniforms, and multiplied rank, and the lack of proficiency in the use of arms are a laughing stock to all military men. To permit so-called military organizations, other than the Reserve, in our Order, to exist will bring to naught the enormous expense, and the years of faithful patriotic endeavor of many of our best members. To permit a very small percent of our members to strangle the Reserve is simply death to our Military Department, and the death will be mourned by thousands of our brothers and friends.

The life of the military spirit of our brothers is at stake; the honor due our fathers,—the Grand Army of the Republic,—is at stake; the reputation of our Order is at stake; the future prosperity of the Sons of Veterans is at stake.

Let us put aside personal selfishness, individual preference, and our ignorance of military pride and glory, and enact a law that will enable the State and the Nation to recognize the importance of a Reserve Volunteer Army, composed of men who are trained in military science, and who may be relied upon, should an occasion require.

Therefore your Committee recommends that the measures above cited, be enacted into law, and when so enacted that they be strictly enforced.

E. R. CAMPBELL, Chairman,
S. S. HORN, Secretary,
FRANK L. SHEPARD,
CHARLES K. DARLING.

Paterson, N. J., June 23, 1916.

E. R. Campbell, Chairman, Committee on Military Affairs, Commandery-in-Chief, U. S. A., Clermont, Florida.

Sir and Brother:—

I concur in the recommendation concerning the retiring of officers of the Reserve.

I do not concur in the other suggested amendments. I feel that Camps should be in a position to furnish an armed and uniformed company for purposes of escort upon Memorial Day or upon other occasions when requested by the Grand Army of the Republic, such as the parade incidental to holding of a Department Encampment or like occasions.

I doubt very much if the independent organizations now in existence are a detriment to the Reserve or in any degree retard its growth. It is a serious matter to revoke the charter of a Camp. We haven't any too many as it is. All Camps are doing splendid work for the Union veterans. This is the duty appreciated by the veterans.

Yours in F., C. & L.,
GEORGE W. POLLITT.

E. R. Campbell of Maryland: It appears that the subject matter referred to the Committee has been considered by the Committee, when in fact, it was something they really had nothing to do with, but in view of the action of the last Encampment as reported on page 143 of the proceedings, it seems that the report was referred to Committee on Officers' Reports. I have simply called the attention of the Encampment to the report as printed.

Commander-in-Chief: The report of the Committee was adopted. Whatever recommendation in there was adopted.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: I notice the report involves constitutional amendments. If Constitutional amendments are to be made, I don't think it can be done merely by the adoption of the report. It seems to me that the Constitutional matters should have been referred to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations for consideration and action. Certain-

ly we do not want to get into another tangle about amending the Constitution.

Commander-in-Chief: Past Commander-in-Chief Grant, in what way did your Committee on Officers' Reports dispose of the report of a Committee on Military Affairs?

Ralph M. Grant of Connecticut: We made no disposition, as our Committee decided not to report on the report of another Committee.

G. W. G. Estover of Illinois: It seems to me that in adopting the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports this morning, we did not necessarily adopt the report of the Committee on Military Affairs. Therefore, it should be taken up regularly.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: I move that the report of the Committee on Military Affairs be referred to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

The motion was seconded by E. R. Campbell of Maryland.

Edwin M. Amies of Pennsylvania: I hardly see the policy in referring this matter to the Committee. We should dispose of it in some other way.

Commander-in-Chief: I see this is an amendment to Section 1, Chapter 5, of the Constitution, and an amendment to the Constitution must be promulgated before any action can be taken on it.

W. M. Coffin of Ohio: To dispose of the matter, as a member of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, I concur in what Brother Amies has said. In view of the fact that it has been published, I move you that it be referred to the next Commander-in-Chief with instructions to the National Secretary to duly promulgate it before the next meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The motion was seconded by Edwin M. Amies of Pennsylvania, who withdrew the original motion.

National Secretary: It was promulgated last year and referred back to this Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief: That being the case, we can proceed to dispose of these two amendments. The report of the Committee, as shown on pages 65 and 66, provides for an amendment to Section 1, Chapter 5, and provides for a new Section to be known as Section 2, Article 16, Chapter 6. I will read that part of the report. Is there any action which it is desired shall be taken on this report.

W. P. Wilcox of Kansas: In the Eastern Divisions where you have large states in which to organize Camps, such action will not affect you, but in Missouri, Kansas and other Western States where the membership is not large enough to organize a Reserve, it will interfere with building up the Camps. In many of the Camps, we want to maintain a degree team or drill team for the young men and young boys interested in our Order. We in this Western country should have some consideration, in regard to this matter. In many of the smaller Camps, especially, we organize these drill teams and it helps. Brothers, give us some consideration in those matters and allow us to say how we shall organize those teams and perhaps we can later put them in the Reserve. We have a team in Topeka, but they are not uniformed, because under the law it will not be permitted. In

New York, Pennsylvania, and other Divisions, they are able to do those things, but out here in this Western country they are not so fortunate as to be able to organize companies of the Reserve.

C. A. Whittlesey of Ohio: Representing the Ohio Division, I think it is my duty to represent every Brother in that Division. I am a member of the Reserve, but we have in Cleveland a uniformed rank of the Sons of Veterans, chartered under the State of Ohio, and it is up to me to bring this before you. If you adopt this legislation that is now before the Encampment, you will say to that Camp of the Sons of Veterans that they can not continue the uniform rank and the result will be Ohio will probably lose one of its best Camps. The Cleveland boys will maintain a uniform rank. I am here to say as a member of the Division and as a member of the Reserve that I don't think that uniformed Camp will hurt the Reserve in the State of Ohio. The Camp maintains and acts as escort at Grand Army funerals. The Post asks that that Camp be their escort. I am here to protect the interest of the Brothers in the Division of Ohio. I therefore, move that we table the amendment at this time.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Edwin M. Amies of Pennsylvania: This question has been disposed of. I don't want to get into any argument pro or con. I, of course, am heartily in favor of these proposed amendments. I sat idly by and listened to the arguments, but let me digress just a minute. The object of the Reserve was originally for the purpose of stopping ridicule upon the Order of the Sons of Veterans. Ten years ago we started and did organize the military reserve body of the Sons of Veterans, which is a credit to any organization, and today we could put 7500 fully armed and equipped men into the service of the United States; men who would excite commendable report from any military man. Upon the other hand there are independent companies organized and in existence which are a disgrace to any military organization or any body of men who put on a uniform—a notable instance is the one brought before you by the Commander of the Ohio Division. The idea of that body of men uniformed, calling themselves a body of the Reserve, marching in public parade, all equipped as officers and carrying their swords and sabers in a position which was never heard of in the military tactics. We do not want to take the military spirit away from anybody. But we do say that this Commandery-in-Chief has by its act provided for a military reserve and I say that anyone who has taken the obligation ought to, at least abide by the obligation he took at that altar and comply with the rules and regulations, instead of saying, "If you don't do this. I won't play." (Applause).

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES.

Charles F. Sherman of New York: Past Commander-in-Chief Abbott, at Chattanooga, proposed that the Order provide a membership certificate for the Sons of Veterans. The Encampment took favorable action at that time, and made it necessary for the incoming officers to secure such a certificate. Upon investigation it was found impracticable to comply with the resolution as enacted at Chattanooga. I know that there are some brothers who would like to have a certificate of their membership in

the Sons of Veterans, but such a matter as that can not be settled here in a very few minutes. Believing, therefore, that such a membership certificate would be a desirable thing to have by many, but without making it obligatory or retroactive, but simply making it possible, so that every member could obtain such a certificate, if desired, to be lithographed and properly engrossed, I have gone to the trouble of having a drawing made of what, to my mind, is a suitable membership certificate. In order that I might bring it to the attention of this Encampment, I have brought a photograph of the proposed certificate. I believe that if, in your wisdom, you would appoint a committee to take the matter under advisement and consider a design and plan whereby it could be operative, to report to the next meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief, you would accomplish what many had hoped to accomplish at the Chattanooga Encampment. It would practically be no use to show this design, but it may give you a suggestion. If the members desire to have such a certificate, that they can frame, that will show to the world that they are members of the Sons of Veterans, it can be obtained at a price which puts it within the reach of every member of our Order.

William H. Russell of Kansas: Following the suggestion of Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman, I offer this resolution:

That there shall be appointed a committee of three, who shall consider the matter of the proposed membership certificate and submit the result of its labors at the next Commandery-in-Chief meeting, said committee to serve without expense to the Commandery-in-Chief and to consist of Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman of New York, National Secretary Horace H. Hammer, and Past Division Commander Franz Sigel of New York.

The resolution was seconded and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now listen to the report of the Council-in-Chief.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

Kansas City, Mo., August 31, 1916.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Greetings:

Pursuant to custom and authorization of the Constitution of our Order, the Council-in-Chief submits the following report for the administration term just closing:

ORGANIZATION.

Immediately after the close of the sessions of the Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment of this Order, held in Washington, D. C., September 28th to 30th, 1915, the duly elected members of the Council-in-Chief convened at Hotel Shoreham in that city, consisting of the following: Clifford E. Batchelor, Ansonia, Conn., Henry C. Springston, Peoria, Ill., and Frederick J. McMurtrie, Detroit, Mich. On proper motion, H. C. Springston was elected Chairman and F. J. McMurtrie, Secretary.

BONDS.

The amount of bonds of the bonded officers of the Commandery was fixed as follows:

Commander-in-Chief	\$1,000.00
National Secretary	5,000.00
National Treasurer	5,000.00

ENCAMPMENT ACCOUNTS.

The vouchers covering the expenses of the Washington Encampment were then duly audited, approved and ordered paid.

AUDIT OF BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS.

A detailed complete audit of the receipts and expenditures of the period was made by Members Batchelor and McMurtrie of the Council-in-Chief August 29th, 1916, covering the entire work of the Secretary and Treasurer as stated; these were verified as correct and certified as accurate.

RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE PERIOD.

September 30, 1915, balance \$ 1,861.00

RECEIPTS:

Received for per capita tax	\$13,948.83	
Received for charter fees	290.00	
Received for supplies	5,249.64	
Received for Junior Order supplies	126.68	
Received for Interest on deposits	52.14	
		<u>\$19,667.29</u>
Aggregate		\$21,528.29

DISBURSEMENTS:

General expenses	\$14,624.09	
Office expense	915.02	
Commander-in-Chief's expense	913.75	
Junior Order expenses	479.90	
Total disbursements		<u>\$16,932.76</u>
Balance		\$ 4,595.53

This balance is subject to this Encampment expense, also two months' charges of The Banner, ere any further per capita tax is available.

The books of both Secretary and Treasurer agree as to the aforesaid balance, which balance is further attested by a letter from the Cashier of the Reading National Bank, Reading, Pa., over his personal signature, which letter is hereto appended and made part hereof, as Exhibit "A."

PERMANENT RESERVE.

This Reserve Fund has been credited with \$4,661.81 as stated upon page 55 of the Officers' Reports, as published and promulgated at this Encampment. Your Council-in-Chief recommends no further appropriation to this fund at this time.

For your approval we beg to submit the following:

BUDGET.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FOR 1916-1917:

Per capita tax on 55,000 members	\$13,200.00
Membership fees	1,000.00
Charter fees	350.00
From sale of supplies	4,800.00
Total estimated receipts	\$19,350.00

ESTIMATED DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1916-1917:

Official publications	\$10,000.00
Supplies	2,500.00
Salaries	2,300.00
Commander-in-Chief traveling and other expense ..	1,000.00
Office expenses, Natl. Secy. and Natl. Treas.	1,000.00
Encampment Proceedings, publication	750.00
Office equipment, additions	250.00
Chief of Staff and Reserve	400.00
Past Commander-in-Chief's Badge	360.00
Miscellaneous expense, National Officers, not other- wise provided for	100.00
Bonds of National Officers	35.00
	\$18,635.00

ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS.

We believe in addition to the publication of one copy of the Encampment Proceedings for each Camp now existent, one copy should also be available for each new Camp mustered during the next term as well as copies for Past Officers, so therefore recommend the number of copies to be published be increased from 1500, as heretofore, to 2000, which increase has been anticipated in the preceding budget.

RECOGNITION BUTTON.

During the year the subject of a contract for furnishing such Official Recognition Button was submitted to the members of the Council-in-Chief who duly unanimously authorized the placing of such contract as recommended by the National Secretary.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN PRICES OF FORM SUPPLIES.

Owing to the greatly increased cost of stock, material, and other printing cost, the Council is advised by the National Secretary of the prior cost of all such forms and the probable cost of duplicating such forms, and after thoroughly investigating the matter, a schedule has been prepared consisting of all items affected by the proposed changes on both Camp and Division requisition blanks, showing the old cost and the proposed changed cost, which schedule is made a part of this report, and the Council-in-Chief recommends the adoption of such cost changes to Camps and Divisions as therein proposed.

Regret is expressed at the absence from this Encampment of our fellow member, H. C. Springston, from whose prior Encampment record it is readily adduced that circumstances extraordinary alone necessitates his presence elsewhere.

This report has been held open during the sessions, pending reception of any items referred to the Council by this Encampment; nothing having developed, the same is now closed.

PRICE LIST OF SUPPLIES.

Form	Present Paid by		New— To be Paid by	
	Division Form 1 1/2	Camps Form 1	Divisions Form 1 1/2	Camps Form 1
1—Requisition for Supplies, per 100.	.30	\$.40	\$.50	\$.60
3—Applications for Membership, per 100	.35	.45	.60	.75
4—Transfers, per 100	.40	.50	.60	.70
5—Membership Cards, Quar., per 100	.17	.19	Discontinue	Discontinue
Annual	.17	.19	Discontinue	Discontinue
5 1/2—G. A. R. Comrades' Cards, per 100.	.40	.50	Discontinue	Discontinue
6—Honorable Discharges, per 100.	.40	.50	.60	.70
7—Past Officers' Credentials, per 100.	.25	.35	.40	.50
8—Delegates' Credentials, per 100.	.25	.35	.40	.50
8 1/2—Alternates' Credentials, per 100	.25	.35	.40	.50
9—Receipts of the Evening, per set of 75	.10	.15	.15	.20
10—Treasurer's Monthly Reports per 100	.25	.35	.40	.50
11—Constitution, Rules and Regulations, per 100	2.00	2.50	2.60	3.00
12—Statements of Account, per 100	.20	.25	.30	.40
13—Camp Council Quarterly Reports, per 100	.25	.35	.40	.50
14—Notices to Delinquent Members, per 100	.20	.25	.30	.40
15—Court Martial Blanks, per set.	.15	.20	.25	.30
16—Request for Ancestor's War Record, per 100	.50	.65	.60	.75
17—Non-Com. Staff Warrants, per 100	.25	.35	Discontinue	Discontinue
18—Ode Cards, per 100.	.60	.75	.80	.90
19—Treasurer's and Council's Bonds, per 100	.25	.35	.40	.50
21—Ritual	.20	.25	.35	.50
27D—Camp Secretary's Quarterly Report Duplicate Book				.25
28D—Camp Treasurer's Quarterly Report Duplicate Book				.15
A—Descriptive Book	.30	.40	.65	.75
B—Camp Treasurer's Receipt Book	.25	.35	.30	.40
C—Secretary's Requisition Book	.25	.35	.30	.40
D—Minute Book	.35	.45	.55	.65
E—Ledger	.35	.45	.60	.70
F—Cash Book	.35	.45	.60	.70
G—Roll Book and Comrades of G. A. R.	.40	.50	.65	.75

Form.....	Present Paid by		New— To be Paid by	
	Divisions Form 14 $\frac{1}{2}$	Camps Form 1.....	Divisions Form 14 $\frac{1}{2}$	Camps Form 1.....
H—Book—Newly Initiated Members to Sign.....			.60	.70
I—General Order File.....	.40	.50	.50	.60
Electros of Badge, Large.....	.20	.25	.35	.40
Electros of Badge, Medium....	.18	.25	.30	.35
Electros of Badge, Small.....	.15	.25	.25	.30
Electros, Coat of Arms, Large.	.20	.25	.35	.40
Electros, Coat of Arms, Medium	.18	.20	.30	.35
Electros, Coat of Arms, Small..	.15	.18	.25	.30
Station Banners (3) and Flag.	2.70	3.10	3.50	4.00
Initiation Flags.....	.01	.02	.01 $\frac{1}{4}$	.01 $\frac{1}{4}$
Badges.....	.33	.42	.40	.50
Iron Cross.....	.33	.42	.40	.50
Bronze War Service Cross.....	1.00	1.00	1.25	1.50
Ribbons.....	.05	.10	.10	.15
Bronze Recognition Button....	.05	.08	.08	.10
Camp Seals.....	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50

(DIVISION SUPPLIES)

	Present	New
	Free	Free
0000—Password and Countersign.....	Free	Free
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ —Division Requisition for Supplies, per 100.	\$.60	\$.75
4 $\frac{1}{2}$ —Division Transfer Cards, per 100.....	.40	.60
21—Ritual.....	.20	.25
22—Installing Officer's Reports, per 100.....	.50	.75
23—Mustering Officer's Reports (to be Organizer's Reports of New Camps), per 100....	.25	.60
26—Camp Charter Applications, per 100.....	.70	1.25
27—Camp Secretary's Quarterly Reports, per 100	.80	1.00
27D—Camp Secretary's Quarterly Report Duplicate Book.....	.07 $\frac{1}{4}$	.15
28—Camp Treasurer's Quarterly Reports, per 100	.30	.50
28D—Camp Treasurer's Quarterly Report Duplicate Book.....	.02 $\frac{1}{4}$	.10
29—Dispensation Blanks, per 100.....	.30	.60
31—Com. Division Officers Appointed, per 100..	.80	1.00
32—Div. Non Com. Staff, per 100.....	.25	Discon.
33—Commissions Camp Officers, per 100.....	1.00	1.25
35—Division Secretary's Report of Camps Suspended, Reinstated, etc.....	Free	Free
37—Division Secretary's Consolidated Reports, per 100.....	Free	Free
37D—Duplicate Books of Form 37, for Record...		.25
38—Division Treasurer's Consolidated Reports, per 100.....	Free	Free

	Present.	New.
38D—Duplicate Books of Form 38, for Record...		.15
40—Division Council Voting Blanks, per 100...	.30	.50
43—Division Chaplain's Consolidated Reports, per 100	1.00	1.25
44—Camp Chaplain's Reports, per 100.....	.25	.60
45—Secret Work Envelopes, per 100.....	.20	.50
49—Certificates of Election of Division Officers, Delegates and Alternates to National En- campment .....	.05	.05
50—Camp Patriotic Instructor's Reports, per 100	.75	1.00
51—Division Patriotic Instructor's Consolidated Reports, per 100	1.00	1.25
55—Card Index Record of Camp, per 100.....	1.00	1.50
Division Secretary's Cash Book.....	2.50	4.00
Division Secretary's Requisition Book.....	3.00	4.00
Division Treasurer's Receipt Book.....	4.00	5.00
Dispensation Record	2.50	4.00
Division Seals	12.00	12.00
Black Book	2.25	4.00
Register of Charters.....	12.50	12.50

Form 5—Annual and Quarterly, being a duplicate or similar in purpose of Form B, the Form 5 be discontinued or dropped and Form B, used exclusively in place thereof; Form B to be Camp Treasurer's Receipt to Members, order for Password and Countersign (as now provided) and also to be the Visiting Card.

Forms 5½, "G. A. R. Comrades' Cards;" 17, "Non-Commissioned Staff Warrants;" 32, "Division Non-Commissioned Staff" being obsolete—also to be discontinued or dropped.

Supplies to be furnished on regulation requisition Form 1¼, and always forwarded to Division Headquarters.

ADDITIONAL BUDGET EXPENDITURE.

By action of the Commandery, while this report was in course of preparation, an amount of at least \$100.00 for Publicity purposes was voted the National Press Correspondent. After consultation with this official, your Council-in-Chief desires to include, as a Disbursement to the Budget before itemized, an item not in excess of \$300.00 for Publicity purposes.

It seems but fitting in closing the report of this Council-in-Chief that an appreciative expression be made of the unanimity of spirit of the three members thereof manifested during the year's work and the cordial relations existing between the Executive Officers of this Administration. It has been a pleasure, instead of an arduous task, to transact business with our efficient National Secretary and National Treasurer; their books are models of neatness and precision and the system in vogue is, indeed, efficient and comprehensive. It certainly has our unqualified approval.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK J. McMURTRIE,
C. E. BATCHELOR,

Council-in-Chief.

EXHIBIT "A."

Reading, Pa., August 28, 1916.

*Council-in-Chief of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans,
U. S. A.*

Gentlemen:

This is to certify that the balance of Mr. J. L. Rake, National Treasurer, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., on our books at the close of business August 28th, 1916, is \$4,595.53.

HENRY K. HARRISON,
Cashier.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: I move that the report of the Council-in-Chief be approved and accepted.

The motion was seconded.

W. F. Chambers: I don't think that that part of the report fixing the amount to be expended for publicity purposes at \$300 should be adopted, as it confines the incoming Council-in-Chief to a particular sum. They are men in whom we have confidence and their judgment ought to be good when the time comes for spending money.

The motion was agreed to.

FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

National Secretary: I submit the final report of the Committee on Credentials, showing a recorded membership of this Encampment of 109.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: I move that all Encampment Committees be discharged.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

NEXT ENCAMPMENT.

George B. Abbott of Illinois: I move that the next Encampment shall be held at the same time and place as that of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Commander-in-Chief: The next thing in order is the nomination and election of officers.

The National Secretary called the roll of Divisions. When Illinois was reached

Frank L. Shepard of Illinois: My dear Commander, and Brothers of the Encampment: In obedience to the direction of the brothers of the Illinois Division, I have the honor to present for your consideration our Past Division Commander William T. Church for the office of Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans. Justice compels me to say that Illinois alone can not claim the honor of the presentation of his name, for this call to Brother Church comes from every Division of our Order.

If we are to elect a man in worthy succession to our retiring Commander-in-Chief, we must elect our best.

The world war now devastating so many of the fairest places of the earth and so seriously diverting the progress of civilization, brings new and greater problems to our own beloved country. These problems echo new and greater duties to the Order of Sons of Veterans. If any body of citizenship shall enter into the consideration of such questions, surely the Sons of Veterans must be one to respond. The manifest destiny of our Order calls it to an active and constructive part in the solution of the vital matters fast coming on for such adjustment as will advance our country's welfare at home and its proper aspirations in the family of nations.

At such a critical period in the history of our country and our Order, the outstretched hand to Brother Church is most appropriate.

In this presence, I need not dwell on his merits. Nearly every brother here, in the years gone by, has worked with him, and everyone has felt the touch of his activities. His more than a quarter of a century as a loyal, active, working Son of a Veteran is known wherever the banner of our Order stands unfurled. Those brothers in the many and distant Camps, sustaining our organization, not knowing him personally, have felt the impulse of his loyalty and the quality of his soul, through his part in our ritualistic tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic. And the heroic men of that great body have felt his sustaining arm as the passing years have marked their lessened steps.

He who fashioned the hearts of all, has so enowwed William T. Church, that we, in pride, may say that we are permitted to tender for this high place not only our most loved, but in truth, also, our finest and best.

We speak with pride of the achievements of the Sons of Veterans. We congratulate you upon the year now drawing to a close. We express the confident hope of our Order's augmented membership, its increased activities, and its larger power for good. And to the brother so tendered to you, we yield an affection beyond the power of words to express. (Applause).

When Michigan was reached

Charles L. Pitcher of Michigan: As Commander of the Michigan Division, I move that the nominations close and that Brother William T. Church be declared the unanimous choice of the Encampment.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: Ohio is interested in this matter as well as Illinois. We all know the excellent qualities of Brother Church. Brother Shepard has told you in a most characteristic and admirable way of this brother. Brother Church is a man of unusual judgment—good judgment. That good judgment was reached in that important point in his life when he selected a helpmeet for life. He came over into the "Old Buckeye State" and selected one of her fairest queens. It affords me great pleasure, on behalf of the Ohio Division, to second the nomination of Brother Church for the high office of Commander-in-Chief for the coming year.

Edwin M. Amies of Pennsylvania: Ten years ago this month it was my high honor to be named as a candidate for Commander-in-Chief of this great organization, and my name was placed in nomination by him who now seeks that honor, and I would be derelict to myself and I would be derelict to this Order if

I did not now avail myself of the privilege of seconding the nomination of Will Church for Commander-in-Chief.

E. R. Campbell of Maryland: If I may be permitted at this time, it affords me great pleasure, and I voice the sentiments of the members of this Maryland Division, to second most heartily the nomination of Brother Church for Commander-in-Chief.

Charles F. Sherman of New York: The roll has been called. I have heard but one name mentioned for the high and honorable office of Commander-in-Chief. I, therefore, move that the Secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of this Encampment for William T. Church for Commander-in-Chief.

The motion was seconded and unanimously agreed to.

National Secretary: I hereby cast 108 votes for William T. Church of Illinois for Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: Brother William T. Church having received the unanimous vote of this Encampment for Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year, I hereby declare him elected as such. (Applause).

G. W. G. Estover of Illinois: Brothers, I have the honor of presenting the duly elected Commander-in-Chief, Brother William T. Church. I want just one moment. More than twenty years ago, I met Brother Church, when I was Commander of a Post of the Grand Army of the Republic. We were at a gathering where there were speeches. Among those who spoke was Brother Church. After he had made his speech, my good wife, with whom I lived for many years, and who had been unable to give to us that which we so much desired, a son, said to me, "If we only had a boy, and that boy was like Will Church, we would be happy." (Applause).

William T. Church of Illinois: Commander-in-Chief, and my brothers of the Commandery-in-Chief: Certainly your kindness to me today has raised feelings of gratitude almost too great for my imagination to grasp or my lips to suitably express. I have loved the Grand Army of the Republic second only to my Country. Loyalty to the flag and reverence for my father's record have given me an affection for this Order, so strong, so lasting, that nothing which might happen here or in any of the Camps or Divisions, will ever in any degree lessen my attachment to the Sons of Veterans. In honoring me with the office to which I have been chosen today, I know that the same sentiments are entertained by you, and you expect them to be manifested in my official conduct. Your attachment to this grand, old Order of ours, in the last analysis, is based upon the same principles and the same loyalty to the flag and reverence for the honor of the records of your fathers. These great and powerful sentiments bind us all together in a loyalty and patriotism; and in the months to come, while I shall endeavor to the best of my ability to perform my duty under the Constitution and Laws of the Order, I shall be assured at all times that every member of this Commandery-in-Chief is animated by the same purposes which shall animate me. (Applause).

Roll call of Divisions. When Connecticut was reached

Ralph M. Grant of Connecticut: In behalf of the Division of Connecticut, I desire to place in nomination for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, one of the brothers from that State. You will recall that the Division of Connecticut has

grown largely in the past few years. Our membership has grown from 600 to 2400. That has not been done without considerable effort on the part of our Division. We are proud of the result. It is the only Division, I believe, where the membership of the Sons of Veterans exceeds that of the Grand Army of the Republic. In increasing our membership we went to the men eligible to the Order who were prominent in the community in which they lived and in the State, and I wish to say to you today that there is not in the State of Connecticut a man who is prominent in the State or is prominent in his community who is not a member of our Order. Among those we obtained at that time is the brother I wish to place before you. I first knew the brother ten years ago; as president of the Business Men's Association of Connecticut, he appeared before a legislative committee in behalf of the business men of the State. He is a business man—a manufacturer. He had a way of getting what he wanted in the Legislature. He has the direct business man's way of getting what he wants. He has become active in the Sons of Veterans; he is a member of the Division Council of Connecticut. If misfortune should happen to our beloved Commander-in-Chief-elect, you will have in his place a man who would fill the position of that exalted office with honor. We sincerely hope, of course, that he will not be called upon to fill the office during his term of office. I take great pleasure in placing in nomination Brother Edward L. Graves, of the Division of Connecticut, for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. (Applause).

Charles F. Sherman of New York: It gives me great pleasure, on behalf of the Division of New York, to second the nomination of Brother Graves to the high and honorable office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and I do it because I have known the worth of this man for many years. I believe him worthy of the position.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: I move that the nominations be closed, and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of this Encampment for Brother Graves for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year.

The motion was seconded by Michael Crowley of New Hampshire.

The motion was agreed to.

National Secretary: I hereby cast 108 votes for Edward L. Graves of Connecticut for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: Brother Edward L. Graves having received the unanimous vote of this Encampment for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year, I hereby declare him elected as such. (Applause).

We will now take up the election of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Roll call of Divisions. When Missouri was reached:

C. A. Dorsey of Missouri: The office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief can and should be a working office. In presenting to you a candidate for that office, we are not doing so simply because it has been a matter of courtesy in the past to give the office to a member of the Division in which the Encampment is held. The brother we will name is not new in this Order. He earned his iron cross when the commanding officer of

the Camp was known as "Captain," and he has been a consistent and earnest worker in this Order ever since. The last six months he has been especially active. You will find that he will measure up to the calibre called for, and on behalf of the Missouri Division, I wish to place in nomination for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief a man from this Division who will stand behind you and support you. I take great pleasure in placing in nomination Brother Leon L. Roberts, of the Missouri Division.

W. P. Feder of Kansas: I just want to add this little word. About 18 or 19 years ago it was my pleasure to be elected as Commander of a Camp. At that time we had 1500 or 1800 members in Kansas; Brother Roberts was there, and none stood higher than he. This Encampment can do no better than to elect Brother Roberts as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. He can measure up to the standard and can be vouched for as being absolutely correct.

A. D. Bunger of Iowa: I move that the rules be suspended and that the National Secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of this Encampment for Brother Roberts as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

National Secretary: I hereby cast 108 votes for Leon L. Roberts of Missouri for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: Brother Leon L. Roberts having received the unanimous vote of this Encampment for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year, I hereby declare him elected as such. (Applause).

We will now take up the election of three members of the Council-in-Chief.

Roll call of Divisions. When Illinois was reached:

George B. Abbott of Illinois: Last year in Washington I took upon myself the pleasure of naming one of the members of the Council-in-Chief. The Encampment accepted my recommendation and elected him. I find upon inquiry that the brother I named has performed his duties well. I have known him many years, and have always known him to be on record as one of the faithful ones in the Division of Michigan. It is customary to give a member of the Council-in-Chief a second chance to make good if his work the first year is satisfactory, and there is certainly no reason why we should not do so this year. I, therefore, nominate Brother McMurtrie of Michigan as a member of the Council-in-Chief. (Applause).

G. W. Harrington of Kansas: It is almost 20 years since I have been privileged to meet the Sons of Veterans in a National Encampment, and as I look over this body with whom I have been associating for the past two or three days, I am impressed with the fact that we are growing older. Twenty years ago we were a "kid" organization; we talked like "kids," and, I guess, acted like "kids." It has, however, become a man's organization and the Order is taken more seriously than it was twenty years ago. We are now well started on the upgrade. We have become a body of men, who have put away childish things. We are for good citizenship. The patriotic men in a community ought to be the men in whose veins the blood of patriotic sires flows. I can assure you that it is the Sons of Veterans that

have made Kansas what it is. On behalf of the Kansas Division, I ask you to put upon your Council-in-Chief, one of the boys who all these years have kept this organization, and one who has been a conscientious worker, a man whom you have honored on a previous occasion by making him Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I ask you to elect Charles B. Martin of Kansas to a place on the Council-in-Chief. (Applause).

W. P. Wilcox of Kansas: It is my pleasure to add a word on behalf of Brother Martin. I have served with him when he was a private in the ranks; I have served with him when he was a Commander of a Camp, and when he was our Division Commander. So well has Charlie Martin performed his duty in his Camp and as Division Commander that he is loved by every brother throughout the Division to which he belongs. By a unanimous vote of the thirteen members here from Kansas, and backed by every brother belonging to the Order in Kansas, from the east to the west and from the north to the south, all will say when Charlie Martin returns to his home after he turns over his office, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; you have performed your duties as a noble Son of a Veteran." We are proud of Charlie Martin, because he is a good worker. When he was chairman of the legislative committee, or the pension committee, he was always thinking out where he could do good work with some senator or some congressman, where he could be of service to some worthy old soldier, and during his year he was able to bring about a raise in the pension of many old soldiers that would not have been raised had it not been for Charlie Martin. Kansas looks with pride to such a man as Charlie, and I desire to second his nomination. (Applause).

Charles F. Sherman of New York: You have just heard the nomination of two of the members of this Order. I am pleased to name for the third member of that very important body a brother from the Division of New York; one who for many years has been an enthusiastic and untiring worker for the Sons of Veterans. He has never stayed his hand if by raising it he could advance the interests of this Order. and he will prove, if you give him the honor of election, a worthy com-patriot of those whom you shall select for the other members of the Council-in-Chief. Therefore, on behalf of the New York Division, I nominate Brother William M. Anderson as the third member of the Council-in-Chief. (Applause).

W. P. Wilcox of Kansas: I move that the rules be suspended and that the National Secretary cast the unanimous vote of this Encampment for Brothers McMurtrie, Martin and Anderson, for Council-in-Chief for the ensuing year.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

National Secretary: I hereby cast 108 votes for Fred J. McMurtrie of Michigan, Charles B. Martin of Kansas, and William Anderson of New York, for members of the Council-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: Brothers Fred J. McMurtrie, Charles B. Martin and William Anderson having received the unanimous vote of this Encampment for members of the Council-in-Chief for the ensuing year, I hereby declare them elected as such. (Applause).

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The next thing in order is the installation of Officers.

Commander-in-Chief: Past Commander-in-Chief George B. Abbott of Illinois has been selected as the Installing Officer.

George B. Abbott of Illinois, as Installing Officer, installed the following officers in due form:

William T. Church, of Illinois, Commander-in-Chief.

Edward L. Graves, of Connecticut, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

L. L. Roberts, of Missouri, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Fred J. McMurtrie of Michigan, Council-in-Chief.

Charles B. Martin, of Kansas, Council-in-Chief.

William Anderson, of New York, Council-in-Chief.

George B. Abbott of Illinois: Brother Church, I have long hoped that I might see the day that you would be installed as Commander-in-Chief of this Order. In my lifetime there have been very few who have become so dear to me as you have. Commander-in-Chief Stephens, I feel justified in extending to you the thanks of the Commandery-in-Chief for the splendid work you have given the Order during the last year. I trust you will be with us for many years to come. On retiring I will ask Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman to say a few words.

PRESENTATION OF PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S BADGE.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: Brothers, a year ago at Washington it was my proud privilege, speaking for the membership of the Ohio Division, to present for your consideration the name of the brother who has served you as Commander-in-Chief for the last year. At that time, I believe, I predicted that when called upon to give an account of his stewardship a year hence, he would measure up completely and fully to all the requirements of that high office. We of Ohio who know him best, and probably love him most, are happy now to be here to join with you in saying that he has measured up, and that he has discharged fully and completely every obligation that has been given into his hands. Brother Stephens, you are about to retire from the office of Commander-in-Chief. The mantle of authority is about to pass from your shoulders to the shoulders of another, but we who know you, and love you, know that as during the long service which you have given to this beloved organization of ours, your interest in the future will continue as it has in the past. I know that I speak for every member of this Commandery and for every member of our beloved Order in wishing you long life and happiness. We hope that your prediction will come true, and that you will be with us for thirty years more, always fulfilling every duty, as you have in the past, that may be assigned you. I congratulate you upon the splendid record which you have made. I congratulate this grand organization of ours for having had you for its chief executive officer during the past year; and now, there comes to you, through custom, through our rules and regulations, the badge of honor that belongs to you as a Past Commander-in-Chief. It is one of the proudest moments of my life, at this time, on behalf of this organization, to present to you this gold star, emblematic of your splendid character, and the badge of the office, upon which you are about

to enter. God bless you, for long life, health, happiness and prosperity. (Applause).

PRESENTATION OF DIAMOND RING TO PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF STEPHENS.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio. Brothers, I am not yet through. Brother Stephens, in appreciation of the work which you have done, and as a slight token of the love and affection in which you are held by every member of this organization, I present to you, in their name, this golden band, embellished by this brilliant diamond stone. As it is worn by you, let it remind you of that ring of unbroken friendship which we, the members of this great organization, hold for each other. Take it, wear it, as evidence of the love and esteem in which you are held by your brothers in the Order of the Sons of Veterans; and, as we all go down through the years of the future, may we join together in the sentiment of the poet:

I live for those who love me.
 For those who know me true;
 For the Heaven that smiles above me,
 And awaits my spirit, too;
 For the right that needs assistance,
 For the wrongs that need resistance,
 For the future in the distance,
 And the good that I can do. (Applause).

Past Commander-in-Chief A. E. B. Stephens: I don't believe that I can make a speech on this occasion. I want to say to all of you that I am very much obliged to you for everything you have done for me personally and for the Order in general during the past year. It is hard for me to believe that I deserve all these splendid words. They sound very beautiful and I am very glad to hear them. I have tried to do my duty as Commander-in-Chief. I might have fallen down a little bit, but with the good assistance of the other National Officers and the Division Commanders, we have managed to have a very good year. I trust that our new Commander-in-Chief, Brother Church, will have the same loyal support from the same loyal brothers that I have had, and not only that, but that he will have a large addition from many of the Divisions that have not been very active during the past administration. I will wear this ring in memory of the days gone by. I expect to be with you right along. I expect to show you this ring every succeeding year for thirty years. (Applause).

PRESENTATION OF GOLD BUTTONHOLE DECORATION TO PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF STEPHENS.

National Secretary: I will not take up the time of the Encampment, only to present to Past Commander-in-Chief Stephens on behalf of Lew Rake and Horace Hammer the Past Commander-in-Chief's gold buttonhole decoration.

Commander-in-Chief William T. Church assumed the chair.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stephens: Brother Church, I will now make you a full-fledged Commander-in-Chief, by decorating you with this badge of office.

Commander-in-Chief Church: What is the pleasure of the Encampment?

PRESENTATION OF GOLD CHAIN TO PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF STEPHENS.

C. A. Whittlesey of Ohio: May I have a word? Past Commander-in-Chief Stephens, on behalf of the Ohio Division, I want to welcome you back home. You have received evidences of the love in which you are held, and have been given the badge of this organization. Now, on behalf of the boys of the Ohio Division, I want to bring you this chain, every link of it welded together by the love which the Ohio brothers have for you. May you live, not only for thirty years, but for forty years, that you may work with us in the ranks of the Ohio Division. (Applause).

Past Commander-in-Chief Stephens: I want to thank the brothers of the Ohio Division, and will say this: that I am going back in the ranks, and they will know I am in the ranks, and I will do a little more work under the leadership of our new Division Commander, so that Ohio will be, the next year, as it was this year, the leader in the percentage of members initiated during the year. (Applause).

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: I move that the records of this Encampment, the minutes as taken down by our official stenographer, be approved without reading.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief Church: There being no further business to come before the Encampment, we will proceed to close. Immediately upon the adjournment of this Encampment, the chair desires to meet every Division Commander at this desk.

The Encampment closed in due form.

OFFICIAL ROLL-CALL.

Completed report of the Committee on Credentials, Roster and Roll call of the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held at Kansas City, Mo., August 30, and 31, 1916, the * showing those present during the Encampment:

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF OFFICERS AND STAFF.

- *A. E. B. Stephens, Commander-in-Chief,
Court House, Cincinnati, O.
- Edwin W. Sanford, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief,
71 State St., Albany, N. Y.
- George Duffy, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief,
1002 Poplar St., Wilmington, Del.
- *C. E. Batchelor, Council-in-Chief,
Ansonia, Conn.
- H. C. Springston, Council-in-Chief,
1125 Jefferson Building, Peoria, Ill.
- *Fred J. McMurtrie, Council-in-Chief,
424 Ford Building, Detroit, Mich.
- *Edwin M. Amies, Chief of Staff,
Altoona, Pa.
- *Horace H. Hammer, National Secretary,
Reading, Pa.
- James Lewis Rake, National Treasurer,
Reading, Pa.
- *H. Harding Hale, National Counselor,
78 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
- Rev. Paul Robinson Hickok, National Chaplain,
17 Fifth St., S. E., Washington, D. C.
- *W. Y. Morgan, National Patriotic Instructor, Hutchinson, Kan.

PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF.

- Louis M. Wagner, 422 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.
- *Geo. B. Abbott, 108 South LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.
- George W. Marks, 537 Fulton St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
- Barstow S. Weeks, 2 Rector St., New York City, N. Y.
- Joseph B. McCabe, 198 Trenton St., E. Boston, Boston, Mass.
- Edwin Earp, Lynn, Mass.
- *W. H. Russell, La Crosse, Kan.
- James Lewis Rake, Reading, Pa.
- R. M. J. Reed, 2510 W. Lehigh Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
- Charles K. Darling, 610 Exchange Building, Boston, Mass.
- *Frank L. Shepard, The Temple, 108 S. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.
- A. W. Jones, Burgh Hill, Ohio
- *Edward R. Campbell, Clermont, Florida
- *Wm. G. Dustin, Dwight, Ill.
- *H. V. Speelman, U. S. Treasury, Washington, D. C.
- *Edwin M. Amies, Altoona, Pa.
- Ralph Sheldon, Lyons, N. Y.
- Edgar Allan, Jr., Richmond, Va.
- George W. Pollitt, 113 Hamilton Ave., Paterson, N. J.
- Fred E. Bolton, City Hall, Boston, Mass.
- Newton J. McGuire, 1001 Law Building, Indianapolis, Ind.

- *Ralph M. Grant, 902 Main St., Hartford, Conn.
 John E. Sautter, Aspinwall, Pa.
 *Charles F. Sherman, 46 South 4th Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDERS.

- Frank H. Challis, Manchester, N. H.
 E. Howard Gilkey, Columbus, Ohio
 R. M. J. Reed, 2510 W. Lehigh Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
 Raphael Tobias, 170 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

CONSTITUTIONAL LIFE MEMBERS.

- R. M. J. Reed, 2510 W. Lehigh Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
 O. B. Brown, Dayton, Ohio
 Charles A. Bookwalter, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Isaac Cutter, Camp Point, Ill.

DIVISIONS.

ALABAMA AND TENNESSEE.

- Com., J. Fred Ehrhart, 1729 Second Ave., Birmingham, Ala.
 Past Com., M. D. Friedman, 1237 So. 21st St., Birmingham, Ala.
 R. W. Biese, Chattanooga, Tenn.
 W. R. Cooper, Knoxville, Tenn.
 Valentine Gilb, Jr., Birmingham, Ala.
 E. R. Carter, Cincinnati, Ohio
 L. W. Friedman, Birmingham, Ala.
 W. F. Bolin, Birmingham, Ala.
 Orville H. Hall, Atlanta, Ga.
 Ivan A. Millar, Ensley, Ala.
 John F. Ehrhart, Birmingham, Ala.
 J. H. Larimore, Decatur, Ala.
 W. A. J. Moore, Florida
 Charles A. Brake, Birmingham, Ala.
 A. Ellwyn Ballard, Birmingham, Ala.
 *H. M. Austin, Bedford City, Va.
 Bert G. Covell, San Diego, Cal.
 Horace E. Shaw, Birmingham, Ala.
 Sylvester A. Arrico, Birmingham, Ala.
 John Tinker, Chattanooga, Tenn.
 Clark E. Bradford, Chattanooga, Tenn.
 Frank G. Kemper, Chattanooga, Tenn.
 Delegate, Frank M. Stoops, Chattanooga, Tenn.
 Alternate, W. J. Hillas, Chattanooga, Tenn.

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- Com., Joseph V. Griffin, 135 West Acacia Ave., Tropic, Cal.
 Past Com., Louis De P. Callahan, Los Angeles, Cal.
 Chas. L. Pierce, San Francisco, Cal.
 Harry T. Moore, San Francisco, Cal.
 A. G. Bennett, San Jose, Cal.
 E. W. Conant, San Jose, Cal.
 Geo. W. Conant, Police Dept., Los Angeles, Cal.
 H. W. Culver, Brawley, Cal.
 Theo. V. Brown, Jr., San Jose, Cal.
 H. A. Longfellow, 518 3rd St., Oakland, Cal.
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 D. Brandley Plymire, San Francisco, Cal.

	Geo. O. Lockwood,	L. A. Military Academy, Los Angeles, Cal.
	J. W. Cook,	28 E. Santa Clara St., San Jose, Cal.
Delegates,	F. Bernard Masterson,	Los Angeles, Cal.
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Alabama and Tennessee	1
Colorado and Wyoming	2
Connecticut	4
Illinois	17
Indiana	4

Iowa	3
Kansas	13
Maine	1
Maryland	3
Massachusetts	12
Michigan	6
Missouri	6
Nebraska	1
New Hampshire	1
New Jersey	2
New York	8
Ohio	10
Pennsylvania	9
Vermont	1
Washington	1
Wisconsin	4
Total	109

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"One delegate from each Division, whatever its membership, and one additional delegate for every five hundred (500) members, or major fraction thereof, in good standing, based upon the reports next preceding the Encampment."—Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

DIVISION.	MEMBERSHIP June 30, 1916.	NO. DEL.
Alabama and Tennessee	212	1
California and Pacific	546	2
Colorado and Wyoming	191	1
Connecticut	2282	6
Illinois	2417	6
Indiana	979	3
Iowa	638	2
Kansas	1295	4
Kentucky	132	1
Maine	2168	5
Maryland	675	2
Massachusetts	7405	16
Michigan	1236	3
Minnesota	461	2
Missouri	746	2
Montana and Idaho	115	1
Nebraska	263	2
New Hampshire	1177	3
New Jersey	1917	5
New York	6840	15
Ohio	5280	12
Pennsylvania	14648	30
Rhode Island	569	2
Vermont	857	3
Washington	305	2
Wisconsin	1701	4

Cincinnati, Ohio, September 20th, 1916.

The foregoing is a true and correct record and report of the proceedings of the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held at Kansas City, Missouri, August 30 and 31, 1916, as reported by Edward K. DePuy, Official Stenographer.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

A. E. B. STEPHENS,
Past Commander in-Chief.

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A. E. B. Stephens, Past Commander-in-Chief.
Wm. T. Church, Commander-in-Chief.

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