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OF THE
THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL
ENCAMPMENT
OF THE
COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF
SONS OF VETERANS
U. S. A.



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WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., was called to order at ten o'clock A. M., Wednesday, August 22, 1917, in Ford Hall, No. 15 Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts. Commander-in-Chief William T. Church in the chair.

Commander-in-Chief: The officers and members of the Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will now come to order. The Secretary will call the roll of the National Officers.

The National Secretary called the roll and the following officers were present:

William T. Church, Commander-in-Chief.
Edward L. Graves, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.
Leon L. Roberts, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.
Fred J. McMurtrie, Council-in-Chief.
Charles B. Martin, Council-in-Chief.
William M. Anderson, Council-in-Chief.
Edwin M. Amies, Chief-of-Staff.
H. H. Hammer, National Secretary.
Arthur L. Jones, National Counselor.
Rev. W. J. Patton, National Chaplain.
Guy Richardson, National Patriotic Instructor.

Commander-in-Chief: Brothers F. J. McMurtrie, Michael Crowley and C. A. Dorsey will be appointed inspectors to take up the pass-word.

Brother Albert J. Whittee of Massachusetts Division will act as Color Guard during the Encampment, and the door will be in the custody of details from the Massachusetts Division.

The Brothers appointed to take up the pass-word reported that all present were entitled to remain.

Commander-in-Chief: All present being entitled to remain, the Encampment will be in order.

We are met at a time of great seriousness in the affairs of the Republic, a time of much importance to the officers and members of this Encampment.

The National Chaplain will now lead us in seeking Divine Blessing upon our deliberations and direction in our conduct during this assemblage.

National Chaplain: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, most humbly do we beseech Thee to bless our native land and preserve our democracy in purity and strength for all coming time.

We thank Thee, oh God, that in Thy loving kindness and tender mercy we are permitted to meet once more in National Encampment. We rejoice in the history we have made during

the past year. We thank Thee for the manifestation of Thy favors, and for the growth that we have realized in our beloved Order. We particularly commend to Thee our need at this time, praying Thee, that in this session of our Encampment there may be manifest that spirit of devotion, that high ideal, that nobility and strength of purpose, which will indicate that we have in our hearts those sentiments and feelings which shall receive the commendation and blessing of God upon our deliberations. That we shall be enabled to go forth to execute the plans here in this Encampment in the days to come, that shall help in the upbuilding and strengthening of our grand democracy.

God bless the President of the United States. Give unto him the wisdom and understanding which he needs as our leader and commander. God bless his advisers, and give unto them that insight into the needs and conditions that enable them to wisely counsel, and safely and efficiently administer.

We pray Thy blessing upon the members of Congress. Grant unto them that which shall lead them out into the broad statesmanship which will make for the upbuilding of our nation and the permanency of democracy.

God bless the army and the navy of the United States of America, these boys who are going forth from our homes to maintain the honor of democracy, to sustain our institutions against autocracy. May the blessing of Almighty God rest upon their families; may the power of the Almighty surround them; may the Leader who lead Moses and Joshua of old, lead them into battle, give them the victory, and bring them home ultimately, with victory upon their banners, a victory which shall make for world peace and world democracy and for the utter and permanent establishment of all that makes for happiness.

Hear us and help us as we meet, for Thy name's sake. Amen.

The Encampment was then opened in due form.

Commander-in-Chief: And now, by virtue of the authority vested in me, I hereby declare the Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., duly open for the transaction of such business as may legally and properly come before it.

The following brothers will be appointed to serve upon the Committee on Credentials:

H. H. Hammer, National Secretary.
Henry Bender, of New Jersey.
E. H. Grove, of Maryland.
G. W. Pfeiffer, of Ohio.
E. E. Perry, of Vermont.

Under the direction of the Chairman of this Committee they will begin work at once.

National Secretary: Commander-in-Chief, I have an announcement to make on behalf of the Credential Committee; that the roll is completed as far as we are able to check up. Shall I call the roll?

Commander-in-Chief: Yes.

The roll was called by the National Secretary.

National Secretary: Commander-in-Chief, as a preliminary report of the Committee on Credentials, we report one hundred

and sixty-seven brothers present; and, as well as a preliminary report, I move that be the first roll-call of the Encampment.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

(The names of the Brothers on the first roll-call and those whose credentials were subsequently examined, passed upon by the committee, and reported to the Encampment, are contained in the official roll-call appended hereto, which is the complete roll of the Encampment).

A vacant chair near the altar was then draped with the National Colors and mourning by Arthur I. Vescelius, Commander of the New Jersey Division, in memory of Past Commander-in-Chief George B. Abbott.

Commander-in-Chief: Past Commander-in-Chief Maccabe has a duty to perform on behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Joseph B. Maccabe, of Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, I wonder if my old friend and collaborator, as we say in literature, Past Commander-in-Chief Earp is present? If so, will he please step to the front? I have something to say to him.

(Past Commander-in-Chief Earp advances to the altar).

Years ago, when I had locks a la Texas Jack, this brother and I were on the opposing line; and I want to say to his face, as I have said repeatedly behind his back, that at no time would he take unfair means, or as we say, in the school of athletics did he at any time, take advantage of the strangle hold. I refer to the ancient history of our beloved organization, Mr. Commander, and brothers, for, in those days, we had two organizations in this grand old Division, the Sons of Veterans, Post Order, and the Camp system, known as the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., of which you and I now are members.

In those days we traversed the length and breadth of this Commonwealth, contesting with each other as only red blooded boys strive for honorable success. Within the sound of my voice, or more properly speaking, within the sight of your vision, is the old Boston Common. On that Common, as a boy, I had the privilege of coasting, not in the days of General Gage by the way. (Laughter). We had, however, the same spirit that inspired those boys, to stand up against the red coated enemies of our country and demand their little rights. In that spirit, as Sons of Veterans, Brother Earp on one side and our beloved Bangs, Merrill, Kent and myself on the other, we fought up and down the trenches of good fellowship in the interest of the Order today, of which you are such splendid examples.

Finally, the inevitable occurred. The wisdom of our fathers also inspired us, and we came together.

May I digress as to a little bit of incidental history. You remember the great encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, I think in 1882 or 1883, at Denver, Colorado. Perhaps the majority of you were too young to remember the memorable event, but we, of older times will recall it. At that great convention the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., was recognized as the organization of the Sons of Veterans, to be fathered by the Grand Army of the Republic. At that great encampment was General Isaac S. Bangs, of beloved memory, and General William A. W. Ross, who was then assistant post master at Baltimore. These two beloved patriotic saints served the Grand Army of the Republic respectively as Junior Vice Commander and Senior Vice Commander. General Bangs was also Commander of the

First Grand Division, which embraced the New England States, and General Ross, Commander of the Second Grand Division, which then included what is known, geographically, as the Middle States. The central point of activity in the Second Grand Division was Pennsylvania, and as today, the Keystone state lead the Union. All the while this little gentleman standing in front of me was doing his duty as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, Post system. During that honorable period of patriotic service, not a harsh word escaped him, and no utterance of censure came from his lips as to our patriotism. Finally the test came, and the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., received the honors; not that the Grand Army loved the boys of the Post System any the less than they did us, but, because we happened to have better spokesmen at that great tribunal, we were recognized. So we came together like sensible boys in Faneuil Hall, and subsequently, in convention in what was then and for many years after, the headquarters of Sons of Veterans—the American House. All during the years that have passed since that splendid consolidation, which eliminated anything that might perhaps even savor of an entering wedge, or the spirit of disintegration, this brother has conducted himself like a good citizen, patriot, and Son of a Veteran; wearing only the badge of a modest brother in the ranks. The Commandery-in-Chief, in recognition of that fine spirit, Past Commander-in-Chief Earp, therefore takes pleasure in presenting you this badge, emblematic of your rank in the organization of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. You have worn your private's badge with honor. Now, accept the general's badge you are entitled to wear. We feel certain that you will carry it over your heart with the same degree of loyalty that aroused your endeavors and inspired you to conduct the affairs of your administration. Finally, and as a supplementary feature, may I also present this Past Commander-in-Chief's button to you on behalf of some of your personal friends, lead by Adjutant General Hammer. Excuse me, if I lapse into the old military vernacular. I am still a bit old fashioned. Good luck to you, and may we see you at many, many conventions of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. (Applause).

Edwin Earp, of Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief and members of the Commandery: To receive these tokens at this time, probably the last time that the Commandery of the Sons of Veterans will meet in Boston, and, without doubt, the last time that I shall see them here, combined with the beautiful words of Brother Maccabe in presenting them to me, renders it almost impossible for me to fittingly respond.

It would be unpatriotic for me to allude to the old times. It comes proper from him to allude to it, perfectly proper, for he was the victor. When I look upon this jewel, representing an Order that I love to the utmost of my heart, almost to veneration; when I look upon it and think of the troubles, trials and sacrifices that I had to go through to encompass and beat down the opposition that I met from my friend and brother on the other side; and when I look upon this badge, the emblem of the Order today, indicative of the unity, I wish to say that the token reminds me of the chains that bind the dead past to the living present moment.

Brothers, I assure you I shall wear these badges, these emblems upon all proper occasions, and when I am through, I promise to leave them to a posterity that I have educated to

uphold the traditions that we, as an Order, have striven so many years to uphold. Brothers, with a heart full of overflowing gratitude, I thank you and wish you God speed. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: I am very certain this incident is one that brings pleasurable recollection to all of us who recall the early days of the Order. I am glad that the Commandery-in-Chief has seen fit to recognize the services of one who gave to the Order, in its infancy, much of his time and of his effort. It is most fitting that this be recognized, as it has been at this time.

The appointment of the following committees is announced at this time.

COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Charles K. Darling, of Massachusetts.
John E. Sautter, of Pennsylvania.
Edwin C. Irelan, of Maryland.
A. I. Vescecius, of New Jersey.
J. Colby Beekman, of Illinois.

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut.
Arthur L. Jones, of Minnesota.
Ralph M. Campbell, of Pennsylvania.
J. Harris Loucks, of New York.
W. R. Graves, of Wisconsin.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Charles F. Sherman, of New York.
John C. Howes, of Maine.
Joseph Maccabe, of Massachusetts.
Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania.
A. A. Bronsdon, of Massachusetts.

COMMITTEE ON PRESS.

Henry F. Weiler, of Massachusetts.
Alonzo W. Elliott, of New Hampshire.
Charles P. Hall, of Rhode Island.
George W. Swift, of Michigan.
George W. Kreitenstein, of Indiana.

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

E. K. Gould, of Maine.
E. W. Homan, of Massachusetts.
Richard F. Locke, of Illinois.

National Secretary: Commander-in-Chief, with your help and that of the Encampment, we can dispose of the badges and the entertainment tickets for the members of the Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief: I think it is advisable to have the members of the Encampment receive their badges and notices of such provisions as have been made for the entertainment of the members and delegates at this time. What method of distribution have you to suggest, Mr. Secretary?

National Secretary: Call the name of the Chairman or the Commander of each Division, and he will come to the Secretary's desk and receive the badges and the compliments of the

Massachusetts Division, for his delegation. In that way it will make less confusion. The Commander of the Division come and receive the compliments for his delegation, as I call the Division.

Before that is done, Commander-in-Chief, I want to announce that in that compliment of the Division of Massachusetts one of the provisions of entertainment you will find a ticket embodying a number of features that will be of interest and benefit to the delegates and visitors, and a ticket to a luncheon to be served by the Massachusetts Division Auxiliary at 12:15 o'clock today at the rooms of the Twentieth Century Club, No. 3 Joy Street.

(The distribution of badges and compliments of the Massachusetts Division was made at this time).

Commander-in-Chief: The next order of business before the Encampment is the reception of officers' reports. The report of the Commander-in-Chief is in print. I have read it myself; I cannot recommend it to you. There are some things in it to which you will doubtless take exception. If I undertook to read it to you at this time you would not listen to it. Therefore, in order to find out what those things are I shall leave to the members and the officers of this Encampment the reading of that report for themselves.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, is your report prepared?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief: I think I can make the same report as you have. My report is in print there and the boys can read it for themselves.

Frank L. Shepard, of Illinois: Commander-in-Chief, in obedience to my own views, and the expression of those sitting about this part of the hall, I arise to say that it would be an obvious disappointment if the Commander-in-Chief did not read his report to this very large and splendid Encampment. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: I am afraid, Brothers, that idea originated under the gallery on my right, and that it does not extend entirely across the House. I have thought to save the time of the members of this Encampment by presenting the report in print so that you may all have it and read it at your leisure, or not, as you choose. I do not believe that it is wise or advisable for me to take the time to read the report to you, although I am anxious at all times to obey the wishes of the Encampment.

Frank H. Challis, of New Hampshire: I join in the sentiment expressed by my brother on the other side. I think we shall be very much better satisfied to have the Commander-in-Chief read his report to us. I fear very much that the suggestion that he makes, that if he leaves it to our discretion, we shall not read it. We shall have a lot of things to do when we go away from here, and, although I am very much interested in the proceedings of this Encampment, I very much fear that a report in print will be skipped over, and for the information of all of us I believe it is for our benefit to have the report, at least, of the Commander-in-Chief read to this Body. (Applause).

Edward R. Campbell, of Maryland: If it is in order, I would like to make a motion.

Commander-in-Chief: It is in order.

Edward R. Campbell, of Maryland: I move that the Commander-in-Chief be invited to read his report at this time.

Arthur I. Vescelius, of New Jersey: I second the motion.

The motion was put by the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. The motion was agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: Fine prospects for the Commander-in-Chief, in opening this Encampment to be overruled by the first motion that comes before the House. Nevertheless, he will endeavor to be a good soldier.

J. W. Powell, of Massachusetts: I was wondering if it would suit your pleasure to have the printed report in our hands so we could follow you as we go along.

(Cries of NO).

Commander-in-Chief: It would require too much time for distribution at this time I think.

The Commander-in-Chief then read his report as follows:

REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

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

Chicago, Illinois, August 18, 1917.

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

Brothers:—

I. Taking precedence of every other consideration at this time is the state of the Nation. The American Government has entered the greatest war of historic times. On the results of that conflict are staked the hopes of humanity; on its issue hang all the aspirations of liberty. The enemy by which we are assailed has marshalled all the aggressive attributes of men, all the ingenuity and resources of three powerful races, and all the evil force that minds trained in science and in infamy can devise for the overthrow of free government, and the subjugation of those peoples who have won independence in many a hard fought conflict. The crime against Belgium is unequalled by any other offense of organized men. The perfidy of the Imperial German Government has attained a degree of enormity never equalled by the monarchs of Persia or of ancient Rome. In the German Empire to-day a man is worth less than a charge of shrapnel. He is valued only for the force he can exert to prolong his Emperor's unholy rule. That government now proposes, and threatens to carry into effect by force, the demonetization of the man value of the world. It offers instead the infamous crest of German Autocracy on the plugged coin of slavery.

There is but one loyalty to-day for Americans and that is to our Government and our Flag and the freedom for which they fight. There is but one duty, and that is to support to the utmost the President and the Government in every move made for National Defense and the successful prosecution of the war. This utmost is not found alone in lip service or heart service, or both. They are useful, but in this dire need, there must go with them every effort that muscle and mind and fortune can exert, all given with the chastening grace of patriotic self sacrifice on the part of all our people. (Applause).

THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

II. In the past year the great parent order has added to its already immeasurable honors by the instant and hearty support it gave to the Government when our entry into the present war was announced. The GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC of course would do no other, and there the honor lies. Under the rare leadership of the able and knightly Commander-in-Chief, Captain William J. Patterson, it has re-affirmed, in every Department and State, the principles of loyalty so necessary to be followed in these critical times.

Commander-in-Chief Patterson has been most solicitous for our welfare. He has visited our encampments and counseled with our officers. On all occasions he has spoken well of us, and given us that gracious approval we have striven to merit. It is our hope that his expressed wish may be realized in fact, and that we may be accorded a large share in the patriotic work that great order has so long and so nobly conducted. At all times and in all places it has our undying affection, and, in many communities, we have been able to render its Posts material assistance. Seeking no honor or preferment for ourselves, we shall strive earnestly to continue and enlarge this field of our usefulness, realizing that all we may do is but a feeble tribute to its great deeds. Animated by such sentiments, we indulge in the hope that its members may find some satisfaction in the knowledge that their great Order will ever be our leader in loyal work for our country. This leadership shall not end, but continue to guide the generations to come, for though without possible succession, THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC can never die, but will live on through all the future raised to immortality in the hearts of the American people. (Applause).

III. At this time it is fitting that we review the condition of our own Order and take note of our collective ability to render efficient aid to our country in this national and world crisis, as well as to continue to be of increasing service to the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. In numerical strength we have made a respectable gain since the Thirty-fifth National Encampment. We had on the report of June 30, 1916, 1216 Camps and 55,055 members. The report for June 30, 1917, shows 1274 Camps and 57824 members. We have instituted 142 new Camps and initiated 10243 members this year, but we have lost 84 Camps and 7474 members, leaving the net gain on the 30th of June, 58 Camps and 2769 members. Prior to the first of January, 1917, interest in the work of the Order was apparent in the activity of a few Divisions, but was not general. Whether the minds of the members were led away from matters pertaining to the work of the Sons of Veterans by the political activity of the presidential election, coupled with the war conditions abroad, or were affected by local conditions only, is largely a matter of surmise. This general apathy was not common to all Divisions, as a few were notably active in the closing quarter of the last year, the Division of Massachusetts leading in that respect. With the beginning of the new year there was a marked change. The Divisions generally became active and earnest in the work of the Order and this condition has continued to the present time. Some of the weaker Divisions which had theretofore been almost on the point of dissolution, put themselves in good standing, installed new Camps, increased

their memberships and elected officers who have become active in the discharge of their duties. With the exception of an undesirably low membership in two or three of the smaller Divisions, I believe that all are in a healthy state to-day, even the smallest promising by their present activity, a renewal of good work for the Order.

I have been impressed with the idea that two things are of paramount importance to the welfare and progress of our Order. The first, and that to which I have given the greater time and effort, is to increase the prestige and standing of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., throughout the United States, and especially in all communities where Camps exist. I believe that it is of first importance that our Order should be a leader in all that makes for public welfare and good citizenship. Avoiding partisanship, it should, nevertheless, occupy an unquestioned and forceful stand on all matters of national importance. We want the time to come when the people will ask—"What is the attitude of the Sons of Veterans on this matter of public concern?"—and in the answer to find some measure of guidance.

The second proposition to which I have directed my efforts has, of course, been the growth of the Order, seeking to encourage the retention of all Camps and all members, and, at the same time, to add as many new Camps and members as the Order could be induced to obtain. It is perhaps too early to express an opinion, based on experience, of the legislation at the Kansas City Encampment by which suspension of members and Camps was abolished and provision made for the dropping of both when four quarters in arrears. If any opinion can be formed at this time, it would be that this legislation was wise and would result advantageously, both to Camps and to Divisions.

DIVISIONS.

At the close of the Kansas City Encampment a promise of loyal active service was exacted from all the Division Commanders there present. I believe that each endeavored, up to the close of his term, to perform that promise in letter and spirit. I have conducted an active correspondence with all Division Commanders, save two. There was one small Division from whose Commander I have been unable, during my term of office, to secure any response to any letter or communication. This is true, not only of the Commander of last year, but also of the newly elected Commander. With all other Division Commanders the relations have been cordial and active. Orders were issued for a campaign for 1000 new members in January, to be obtained by the gain of at least one member for the month in each Camp. It was recognized that this was the most difficult month in the year in which to carry out such an order, but the effort was worth while for it secured the addition of more than 500 new members. The effort was renewed by the orders given for the drive in May for an increase of 1000 members for that month. The results of the May drive were the addition of more than 1700 new members during the month. (Applause). In both these efforts all Division Commanders worked with energy and loyalty.

CAMPS.

The work of the Camps in our Order is as various as are their locations. Some are weak and indifferent, largely through want of communication with Division and National Officers,

and because of their lack of interest in patriotic work generally. Many are strong and active, made so largely by associations that conduce to their growth. During the past year in a number of communities several Camps have united to hold a large class initiation for the benefit of all, with very marked success. Boston and Springfield, Massachusetts, Alleghany County, Pennsylvania, and Moline and Rock Island, Illinois being prominent among these, all adding a large number of members to the Camps participating.

In December and January I addressed a personal letter to the Commander-elect of every Camp in the Order whose address I could obtain from the Division Officers. These letters brought a sheaf of fine responses, the Camp Commanders expressing great interest and pleasure in this personal attention. I am of opinion that some personal effort of this kind on the part of the Division and National Officers to the Camps and Camp Commanders will be productive of good results.

DECEASED OFFICERS.

IV. It is with great sadness that we are compelled to chronicle the loss during the year now past of a number who have been active and prominent in the affairs of the Order for many years; some of them have been so close to us in both personal and official relations, that officers and members alike, will feel in their departure the loss of true friends as well as faithful members of the Order.

Past Commander-in-Chief George B. Abbott died on Flag Day, June 14, 1917. One of the earlier Commanders-in-Chief, twice the recipient of this honor, faithful in his service to the Order during all of the years succeeding, willing to serve again as he did in subordinate positions, twice as Adjutant-General, the editor and compiler of our ritual, and acting during the last months of his life out of pure friendship and good will as my own personal aide, has left a record in the hearts of all the members of the Sons of Veterans that shall be treasured as long as the Order lasts.

During the past year nine Divisions of the Order have lost Past Division Commanders whom we have all delighted to know and to honor.

California and Pacific—Past Division Commander George W. Conart died June 14, 1917.

Connecticut—Past Division Commander Frank R. Hobson died February 22, 1917; Past Division Commander Arthur T. Holt died July 23, 1917.

Indiana—Past Division Commander George C. Harvey died November 16, 1916.

Iowa—Past Division Commander J. B. Rowen died July 29, 1917.

Michigan—Past Division Commander F. E. Munger died July 21, 1917.

New Hampshire—Past Division Commander Linn E. Drummer died December 4, 1916.

Ohio—Past Division Commander Ed H. Archer died August 31, 1916. Past Division Commander Hyman D. Davis died November 19, 1916.

Pennsylvania—Past Division Commander Karl Steward died December 3, 1916.

Rhode Island—Past Division Commander Herbert J. Briggs died in March, 1917.

These officers, one and all, will be held in faithful remembrance by all the members of our Order for the splendid service which they gave to it, for the welfare of their country and their fathers' record.

SONS OF VETERANS' RESERVE.

During the past year the Military Department of our Order has been conducted with the same efficiency that has marked the services of the officers in command for a number of years past. Without a doubt that Department has given to the nation to-day an unknown number of good soldiers who have acquired their knowledge of military discipline in the ranks of the Reserve. It is unfortunate for our Order and particularly for the Military Department that no volunteer organizations were accepted for the Country's service in the present war. Had the contrary been the case, our Order could have un doubtedly been ably represented by a brigade, and perhaps a division enlisted to the service through our Military Department. There being no opportunity for such enlistment, I addressed the following letter to the President of the United States:

"July 7, 1917.

The President,
Washington, D. C.

The Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., unqualifiedly support The President and The Government in the War with Germany.

We have now concluded the holding of the annual encampments in the twenty-six Divisions of the Order covering a majority of the States of the Union. In all officers and members have positively asserted their loyalty, and eagerly tendered their services, both military and civic, to the successful prosecution of the war.

From our 60,000 members and our 6,000 trained officers and men in the Military Department—The Sons of Veterans Reserve—we are enlisting all eligible men in the various branches of the Government's service. Every one of our 1250 Camps is a recruiting organization in its own community. We have suggested the name,—The U. S. A. Preferred,—for the soldiers of the New National Army; and are endeavoring to remove any suspicion of reproach implied in a draft, desiring these men enlisted by selection to feel that it is an honor to be called into the service of the United States however that call may come.

Mr. President, The Sons of Veterans individually and collectively, are yours to command for any governmental service, military or civic, for which they are fitted.

Our National Encampment will assemble in Boston the week beginning August 19, 1917. At that meeting, the entire Order, or the officers, myself included, will instantly respond to any duty that may be indicated.

I have the honor to be

Most obediently,

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,
Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

The following replies were received:

The White House,
Washington.

"July 9, 1917.

My dear Mr. Church:—

The President has asked me to thank you warmly for your letter of July 7th, and to assure you and the members of your organization that he deeply appreciates your generous support. He is very much gratified by your patriotic offer of service.

Sincerely yours,

H. TUMULTY,

Secretary to the President.

Mr. William T. Church,
Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans,
Chicago, Illinois."

War Department,
The Adjutant General's Office,
Washington.

"July 14, 1917.

Mr. William T. Church,
Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:—

I am directed by the Secretary of War to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 7th addressed to the President, and to thank you for the patriotic efforts and valuable suggestions of your organization. Your letter has been preserved for such reference as the needs of the service may require.

Very respectfully,

H. T. McCAIN,
The Adjutant General."

Our country is now but making ready to participate actively in a war which, if it is decided against us and our allies, can have but the most disastrous effect upon republican and democratic institutions throughout the world. It is within the chances of warfare that our resources shall be tried to the utmost before we shall be successful in overthrowing the malign and despotic powers of Central Europe. It is of the highest importance that our military department be increased in numbers, in efficiency and equipment, so that should the time come when the older members of the Order and those not now eligible for enlistment in the National Army, shall by any emergency be needed in their country's service, they will be qualified to act with credit to the Order and to the Nation.

DISCIPLINE.

V. During the past year I have been called upon to pass upon the proceedings of trial boards appointed by several Camps and properly transmitted to me through the Division Commander. All of these proceedings were submitted to the National Counselor, Arthur L. Jones, for an opinion, and in each case, I have concurred in his opinion and rendered a decision accordingly.

1. In the matter of John I. Nevin Camp No. 33, Division of Pennsylvania, against William A. Lynch, I disapproved the action of the trial board and the sentence of the Camp, on the ground that neither were warranted by the evidence.

2. In the case of Camp No. 95, Pennsylvania Division, against John A. Zeigenfuss, the sentence of dishonorable discharge was approved.

3. In the case of Camp No. 165, Pennsylvania Division, against Jesse A. Wallace, the sentence of dishonorable discharge was approved.

4. In the case of Camp No. 169, Pennsylvania Division, against Fred F. Moon, the sentence of dishonorable discharge was approved.

5. In the case of Camp No. 73, Pennsylvania Division, against W. Grant Magnin, the sentence of dishonorable discharge was approved.

The trial board proceedings from another Camp of another Division were submitted to me from which it appeared that the sentence attempted to be imposed was entirely too severe for the offense charged. I took this matter up with the Division and Camp officers and accused, and succeeded in having all parties interested agree upon a disposition of the matter which would result in the charges being withdrawn, reparation being made for the offense claimed, and the brother granted a withdrawal card that he might become a member of another Camp. This adjustment of the matter appeared wise to me and for the best interests of all concerned.

During this administration I was notified of a situation on which charges ought to have been preferred against a member of a Camp who was supported in his offense by the Camp Commander to such an extent that the latter would refuse to order a trial board to hear the charges. The matter has been disposed of by the trial of the offending member on another charge preferred and tried in his own Camp, which resulted in his dishonorable discharge from the Order.

It is apparent that our laws on the subject of discipline should be so amended as to authorize in such contingencies the appointment of a trial board by either a Division Commander or by the Commander-in-Chief. Amendments to the laws seeking to correct this deficiency will be presented to this Encampment.

I recommend that such action be taken in amending or revising the code on Discipline as to enable the handling of any such charge in the future by officers superior to the Camp Commander in event that he is involved, or refuses or neglects to act. It would seem also, that in certain cases the member preferring the charge should have the right of appeal.

DECISIONS.

All other questions submitted to me for decision have been referred to the National Counselor for an opinion, and, in each case, his opinion has been sustained. These are to be found in his very excellent report and need not be reviewed here.

I have had many requests for information and opinions as to the etiquette of the flag. Several members have suggested to me that a Flag Code should be prepared and promulgated by the Order for observance by the members. I have well in mind

"The Recognition of the Flag" prepared in 1913 by the then National Patriotic Instructor, Charles F. Sherman, and presented to the Chattanooga Encampment in the report of Commander-in-Chief Ralph M. Grant, and which was adopted as a part of the report. This, however fine as it is, does not seem to cover all the questions that arise, and it appears that it will be advantageously extended by the addition of a brief code. I have accordingly requested National Patriotic Instructor Guy Richardson to prepare such a code. This he has done and it has been published in The Banner. I do not reproduce it here as, unless it should be adopted by the Encampment, I do not think it should be incorporated in the proceedings; as it in no wise affects the laws of the Order it can be brought before the Encampment for consideration on motion. I, therefore, recommend the adoption of "THE FLAG CODE" as prepared by National Patriotic Instructor Guy Richardson and published in the August issue of The Banner.

NATIONAL OFFICERS.

VI. The officers associated with me in the Commandery-in-Chief have been eager and faithful in their relations to the Order. I believe that each has given as much of his time and effort as his situation would permit to the discharge of these duties. The Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief have both rendered me distinct aid on various occasions and have done so with zeal and ability. The National Counselor has been prompt and efficient in the disposition of all questions submitted to him. Our National Patriotic Instructor has enriched the literature of the Order in a way that will be long remembered and appreciated. The National Chaplain, notwithstanding the difficulties in securing returns, has been most active in the performance of his duty. The National Press Correspondent has secured valuable space for us in other publications as well as our own.

I have continued the custom of my predecessors in the appointment of Special Aides, with a slight modification of certain requirements for appointment. Commissions have been conferred upon all brothers reported who have secured five new members for the Order within any one quarter. A very much lesser number have been appointed for meritorious service to the Order consisting of some special service rendered outside of their own Camps. A few have been appointed and detailed for special services to the Commander-in-Chief. All have received their commissions with enthusiasm and have merited the recognition given them.

For twenty years I have personally known Horace H. Hammer and James Lewis Rake, our present National Secretary and Treasurer. The one has served the Order in any capacity to which he has been called, the other has filled the offices from Commander-in-Chief down; both have brought honor and advancement to the Order by reason of their efficient service.

I have read their praise in the reports of all Commanders-in-Chief for the past twelve years. More than this, I have known that within that time, the Order has always been able to meet its obligations with promptness, its accounts have been kept with precision, its purchases have been made to its advantage, and, while the per capita tax has been unreasonably reduced from time to time, there has been an ever growing surplus or reserve fund evidenced by the succeeding yearly reports.

At the close of the September quarter, 1905, the membership of the Order consisted of 738 Camps and 28,745 members; and the per capita tax was 36 cents. At the present time nearly all Divisions are in easy circumstances, with comfortable balances; whereas then but few had any surplus. Our membership has grown to 1274 Camps and 57,824 members at the close of the June quarter, 1917. The membership has more than doubled.

The labor of caring for the administrative work of the Order has nearly doubled.

The office of the National Secretary demands the entire time of the incumbent; and this is given with faithfulness and ability. The National Treasurer brings to the discharge of his duties, abilities of unusual degree. He has given to the requirements of this office the same particular attention and splendid ability which have raised him to a high station in the business world. Through the economies instituted by them the Order profits each year more than the amount of their meager salaries.

During my administration I have had the fact forcibly brought home to me that these officers are more than a mere secretary and treasurer; that they are giving to the administration of this Order expert services of high quality, coupled with an accurate knowledge of the Order's history, its accomplishments and its failures and keen appreciation of its present demands and future needs. Not only do they so handle the affairs of their respective offices as to require no direction or supervision from the Commander-in-Chief, but they are of such vast assistance to this officer who is new to his position each year, in advising him in advance of all matters requiring his attention, and relieving him of a vast amount of detail work pertaining to reports and finances so that he is enabled to devote almost his entire efforts to the progressive work of the Order. I am certain that the helpful manner in which they handle their respective offices increases the efficiency of any Commander-in-Chief with whom they serve at least 25 per cent.

I am well aware that their service has been to them purely a matter of patriotism and love for the Order, but this is no reason why we should, when well able to pay what such services are reasonably worth, expect these officers, or any as well qualified for the positions, to serve for a fraction of an adequate remuneration.

I appreciate the fact that the salaries of the National Secretary and National Treasurer are fixed by the Rules and Regulations of the Order; and the necessary formalities attending an amendment of the laws. Nevertheless, having now the ability to do justice to that one of these officers who carries the heavier burden of work, we should no longer hesitate to do so. Appropriation may be made at any time by the Commandery-in-Chief. I, therefore, recommend that there be appropriated for the ensuing year \$1,000 additional compensation for the National Secretary. (Applause).

THE BANNER.

VII. Our official paper, edited by a Past Commander-in-Chief who gave to the Order a brilliant administration as such, and whose devotion to the Order for many years has been as intense as his services have been valuable, is one of the most important factors in the advancement of the Sons of Veterans to their present standing in membership and importance. In fact,

this paper has become an institution of the Order. It is my sincere judgment that without it the Order would immediately suffer a large loss in membership, in enthusiasm and in spirit. To return to the old system of circulation of general orders on printed pamphlets would mean that few of the members and but a portion of the officers would ever hear or see these orders, the Commander-in-Chief would have no means of reaching the membership of the Order at large, and be confined to correspondence entirely in communicating with Division officers. Such a system may do in a military order but is most undesirable in a civic body like ours. More than all this, the Order would be deprived each month of the Camp news, of the news from our Auxiliary and of such splendid articles as have been contributed by the National Patriotic Instructor and by Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman in his capacity of National Press Correspondent. The editorial management of this paper could not be surpassed nor easily replaced. The contract for its publication expires at this time and should be renewed at this Encampment. During the past two years the continued and abnormal rise in the cost of print paper and all other supplies which enter into the production of the publication, as well as changes in mailing regulations, have increased the cost of putting this paper in the hands of our members, until it is being done at the present time for less than the cost of production to its publisher. This of course cannot continue. The Order cannot afford to have the size or quality of this official publication reduced, but can afford to pay what it is reasonably worth, as at present issued. I, therefore, recommend that the Council-in-Chief be authorized to negotiate a contract for the publication and distribution by mail of The Banner for a period of five years, upon the best terms which can be obtained consistent with the best interests of the Order; and that such contract be executed by the proper officers as heretofore.

NATIONAL DEFENSE.

VIII. The present war is writing in monumental letters of fire and blood the warning which the American people have refused to read in the history of the past, namely, that a Nation unprepared for defense, cannot maintain its independence. It is to be earnestly hoped that never again in the future will the American people imperil their country and their liberty by refusing to take adequate measures for the protection of both on the instant that they are invaded or assailed. The only adequate preparation which can be made is universal, obligatory military service, of every male citizen. (Applause). When properly instituted, we will have as necessary concomitants numerous well-equipped schools of instruction, large cantonments, ranges for rifle and ordnance practice, a navy of the first power, an air fleet of the first magnitude, abundant and efficient equipment for every branch of the service and a general staff competent and adequate to maintain the organization and conduct and direct all defensive operations.

The method now provided by the law for the selection and enlistment of the new National Army is but a right step in the right direction. It may or may not be best to begin in this way, but it is a beginning from which we shall speedily advance to universal service, if we are faithful to our duties as citizens and compel our Congress and Government to take the necessary legal steps for the institution of that service.

The Sons of Veterans can do much to aid in bringing this about. In the first instance, we can inculcate honor and respect for the members of the new National Army, officers and men. We can organize home societies to comfort and aid them while in service, and assist in the care of those who return injured or incapacitated, and we can in all our Camps and Divisions and in all their relations with other societies and with the public, carry on the propaganda for universal obligatory training and service. We can do this with no fear of militarism for that can never be the result when all are at once both citizens and soldiers of the Republic. (Applause).

In January of the present year I received invitations to send representatives of our Order to the Congress of Constructive Patriotism called by the National Security League to be held in the city of Washington, January 25th and 27th, and also to attend the Conference of Patriotic Societies held in the same city on January 15th. I detailed as Special Aides to represent the Sons of Veterans at these meetings, Past Division Commander F. T. F. Johnson of the Maryland Division, Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman and Francis E. Cross, Secretary of the Maryland Division. They performed their duties and have made report thereof, which reports with related correspondence are subject to the inspection of this Encampment. Thereafter representatives of these two meetings organized the Committee of Patriotic and Defense Societies in which our Order was invited to join and have representation. Believing that I had not the authority to commit the Commandery-in-Chief to this proposition, I assumed the position of a friend of the movement, have kept in touch with the officials of this Committee and now present to you its special invitation to the Sons of Veterans to become affiliated with the Committee as one of the represented societies. The invitation follows:

NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF PATRIOTIC AND DEFENSE SOCIETIES.

"Washington, D. C., July 12, 1917.

Col. William T. Church,
108 South LaSalle Street,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Sir:—

Realizing the splendid standard of patriotism maintained by the Sons of Veterans and appreciating its splendid organization and facilities for effective work, the National Committee of Patriotic and Defense Societies takes great pleasure in asking your organization to become affiliated with us as one of the so-called Represented Societies.

This representation places no obligation upon you except that you will, where possible, co-operate with the other organizations for the advancement of efficient patriotism, and that you will act as seems best on the different matters which we transmit to you from the Council of National Defense and other governmental bodies.

I will appreciate your presenting this invitation to the convention and securing action upon it.

Faithfully yours,

W. M. LEWIS,
Executive Secretary."

I recommend the acceptance of this invitation and that the incoming Commander-in-Chief be authorized to appoint the necessary representative or representatives of our Order to the National Committee of Patriotic and Defense Societies.

In June, I was requested by wire to meet the Hon. Herbert Hoover and the heads of leading patriotic organizations of the United States in a conference on Food Conservation at Washington, D. C. On July 11th, accompanied by National Secretary Hammer, I attended this meeting at which Mr. Hoover explained the views of the Government as to the shortage of certain food products in the world generally, the great need of our Allies for more than the ordinary surplus in this country and that in order to meet this need it would be necessary for the people of the United States to effect a distinct saving, particularly in the consumption of wheat and some other foods and eliminate all waste; that the United States Food Administrator desired to enlist the machinery of all patriotic organizations, as well as some others, in securing the return of reports of savings and the avoidance of waste, so that with this highly important information the Government would be able to more justly regulate the export of these products.

I indicated the willingness of the national officers and the Order to accept any service in this regard which the Government might desire of us. Resolutions were adopted by the assembled representatives of the various societies approving the position of the Food Administrator and pledging service and support. Owing to, I presume, delayed legislation on this subject, the Government's program of procedure is not yet placed before us. The correspondence and papers in this matter are presented for consideration of the Commandery-in-Chief, and I recommend that the Incoming Commander-in-Chief be authorized to take such action in reference thereto as may comport with the wishes and needs of the Federal Food Administration and the Government of the United States.

THE ALLIED SOCIETIES.

IX. THE SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY. This society continues its growth and usefulness in a most gratifying manner. Under the able and aggressive leadership of National President, Mrs. Mae E. Clothier, another successful administration is being now brought to a close, in which it has rendered much real service to our Order. It has been the means of saving some Camps and causing the institution of others. It has won its place in the great circle of patriotic societies, and at the same time, is pleased to occupy the position of an aide and wear the name of our Order.

DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS. It has been my good fortune during this year to meet at many Encampments, National President, Mrs. Myrtle W. Best, and to learn from her cordial personality and business-like methods, that our Sister Order, founded on the same sentiment as our own, is also growing to a place of power and usefulness. In these days when the industrial and social life of the Nation must also be organized to contribute to the public defense, a splendid career lies before this fine organization. We know that the members will realize all its possibilities, and grow in numbers and influence.

THE WOMANS RELIEF CORPS. Many times during the past few months it has been my pleasure to compliment the officers

and members of this Order, on their great numbers and their equally great efficiency. Their work is a model of thoroughness in all lines of loyal endeavor. Their proud position as Auxiliary to the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC keeps before our own Auxiliary an inspiring object lesson of leadership such as the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC has ever presented to the Sons of Veterans.

National President, Mrs. Ida K. Martin, in commendation of the Sons has been most gracious in many encampments and meetings, and has made us feel the keen interest her Order has in our own. I am very grateful to her and her officers for many courtesies to myself.

THE LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. Illinois was honored last year in the selection of Mrs. Virginia C. McClure as National President of this great organization of our mothers. Many of the loyal women of the great war period—those nearest to our Fathers and to us still grace that Order. To them we gladly tender our filial love and proudly accept the honor they confer upon us in admitting us to their charmed Circles. It is our great privilege to occupy the relation of dutiful Sons, and to render to our Mothers' Order any aid and assistance in our power.

JUNIOR ORDER. This should be made a feeder to our own Order. We are not bringing into the Sons of Veterans, the younger men—the grandsons of veterans who are eligible. Our average membership is now past middle age. The majority are too old for military service under present regulations. We need youthful blood and energy in our Camps. We must avoid becoming an order of old men.

Let us encourage the formation of Junior Camps, take an interest in their work and assist them to acquire a love for patriotic duties. Let us put before these boys, the commencement day when they shall graduate from the Junior Order into the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. Wherever the situation of a Camp will permit, it should have a junior camp under its protection and guidance.

PATRIOTIC HOLIDAYS.

X. These are occasions when we are impelled to join in the public expression of our loyalty, and to remember with appropriate ceremonies the great dead of the Nation and their heroic achievements.

UNION DEFENDERS' DAY, the anniversary of the birth of the great war President, is most fittingly celebrated by many Camps with functions of large importance to the Order and to the public. This is the first important day in the calendar year for patriotic exercises. It should be observed by every Camp of Sons of Veterans. Special meetings should be universally held on this day.

MEMORIAL DAY, grandest and saddest of the year should be most faithfully observed by every Camp and every member. Weeks before all should join under the direction of the Fathers' Organization in preparation for this day. The Posts now desire, and in many places need, our most active assistance. At no time will our efforts be more appreciated than at this season and on this day. Our friends and neighbors should be encouraged to forego sports and join with us in patriotic demonstra-

tion. In the formation of parades our members should take such position therein as is assigned to them by the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, or the commanding officer of the parade, if the former does not act. In no case should our members dispute questions of position or precedence with any military veterans' organization.

FLAG DAY should be remembered by all, and observed in accord with the custom and laws of the several States. Every member of the Sons of Veterans should own a flag, and have it properly displayed on this day.

VETERANS' NIGHT is peculiarly an institution of our Order. It is intended to be an occasion of patriotic revival when Fathers and Sons, friends and companions shall meet in our Camp rooms in a high tide of patriotic expression. This is the last patriotic function of our Order in the year. It would seem that with propriety we could invite to be with us, not only Veterans of the War for the Suppression of the Rebellion, but also Veterans of the Spanish-American War, as well as any soldiers of the present war who may be in the communities of our Camps. A real camp-fire in which all these may join with patriotic friends and citizens under the leadership of the Camp, in song and speech, would be the ideal form of entertainment. We must, of course, on this night make manifest our love for our Fathers and our undying attachment to the principles for which they fought. It is suggested that the services on this occasion may suitably be closed with a recital of a Veterans' Night pledge after the form of the one published in The Banner for November, 1916. Such a pledge properly formulated by the Ritual Committee would give something of a distinctive character to these meetings.

VISITATIONS.

XI. I have so far as possible accepted all invitations to visit Camps and Divisions. In a few instances, being compelled by the press of official business, or the unavoidable conflict of engagements, to decline calls, meetings have been missed which any officer would most earnestly wish to attend. To the brothers I have failed to meet for these reasons, I again express my most sincere regrets, knowing they will appreciate the circumstances which deprived me of the pleasure of being with them. Either at Encampments or at considerable meetings, I have visited the brothers of all Divisions east of Colorado except four, during the past year. Our Division Encampments are all held in April, May and June, from one to eight in a single week. In visiting these it has been the purpose to attend as many as practicable where the presence of a National Officer seemed really to be needed. In three different weeks three encampments each were visited; and this is somewhat difficult in the great distances between meeting places in the larger states. Expense, time of travel and the demands of the Commander-in-Chief's correspondence all put limitations upon his visitations. About one-fifth of the year has been so utilized. It is regrettable that the Divisions of the far west have not been reached in this way, but to have made them at their Encampments would have required almost another month's absence from Headquarters and an expense which the National Treasury could not afford. When our Order shall be able to finance more extended travel, it will be advisable to have the Senior and perhaps the

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief share in these visitations, so that every Division may be visited by one of the National Officers each year.

Wherever I have had the good fortune to go among Sons of Veterans, they have received me with so much enthusiasm and good will, that love for the Order has grown stronger with each trip. I am deeply grateful to officers and members in every Division I have been privileged to visit for most generous receptions and unending courtesies. It is to be hoped that some of them at least have not failed to receive some little aid, or some helpful thought in return for their great brotherly kindness.

XII. I have been jealous of my position for the Order's good. I have had a pride in my work, as I know my Father had a pride in his service to the Government in its need. I am grateful beyond expression to my brothers who preferred me to office in this way at this time. As in 1898, it has again been my lot to be in office at the beginning of war. To the duties of that office I have given, as best I could, all the effort and all the energy at my command. If I have helped the Sons of Veterans in their upward progress, if I have added an inch or an ell to the Order's rise in importance, or contributed in some small way to the support of our Government in this emergency, I am content. For the future I shall again be glad to serve with my brothers in the ranks.

Fraternally submitted in F., C. & L.,
WILLIAM T. CHURCH,
Commander-in-Chief.

GENERAL ORDERS.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. IX.

(Series of 1916)

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
Department of Commander-in-Chief,

Chicago, Ill., August 31, 1916.

I. At the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held at Kansas City, Missouri, the following officers were elected and installed:

Commander-in-Chief, William T. Church, of Illinois.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Edward L. Graves, of Connecticut.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Leon L. Roberts, of Missouri.

Council-in-Chief: Frederick J. McMurtrie, of Michigan; Charles B. Martin, of Kansas; William M. Anderson, of New York.

II. The following Staff appointments are announced:

National Patriotic Instructor, Guy Richardson, of Massachusetts.

National Chaplain, Walter J. Patton, D. D., of Wisconsin.

Personal Aide to the Commander, George B. Abbott, of Illinois.

III. The following elective officers continue in office for the remainder of their unexpired terms:

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

National Treasurer, James Lewis Rake, of Reading, Pa.

Chief-of-Staff, Edwin M. Amies, of Altoona, Pa.

IV. Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman, of Ohio, is hereby appointed National Press Correspondent, to have charge of publicity matters, in accordance with the action of the Encampment.

V. The Headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief are established at Room 626, 108 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

All general correspondence must be addressed to Horace H. Hammer, National Secretary, Reading, Pa.

VI. Legislation was enacted by the Encampment, effective at once, providing that any Camp may admit to its meetings members in good standing of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, Daughters of Veterans, Ladies of the Grand Army, Woman's Relief Corps and Army Nurses Association.

VII. Warrants heretofore issued to appointive officers on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief have expired and they are

respectively relieved. Aides will hereafter be appointed for such service as may appear desirable. Recommendations from Division Commanders will be received.

VIII. All dispensations heretofore issued are revoked, and returns must be made thereon to the National Secretary within 20 days from this date. When necessity requires immediate action in the institution of a Camp, application may be made to the Commander-in-Chief for leave to institute the same before the application for a charter is approved. Applications must be sent to the National Secretary, accompanied by a remittance payable to his order for \$2.50.

IX. The Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment designated November 19th as Veterans' Night, to be observed by Camps with fitting exercises in commemoration of the date of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Patriotic Instructors will arrange such exercises, and Camps will invite members of the Grand Army of the Republic, the ladies' societies and the public to participate. At or near this date Camps should arrange to have worn out or destroyed flags on veterans' graves replaced.

X. Members of the Grand Army of the Republic are always entitled to admission to Camp meetings. They and their great Order should at all times receive the profound respect and loyal devotion of the Sons of Veterans. To this end it is urged that the name of the parent Order should never be belittled by abbreviation. Its initials should not be used by our members, but in speech and in print, on all occasions, its full and glorious name should be—Grand Army of the Republic.

BLANK FORMS FOR CAMPS.

XI. Division Commanders will send out at once Forms 27 and 28 to all Camps for quarter ending September 30th, 1916. These forms—reports—of Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers—must be forwarded promptly to Division Headquarters immediately after September 30th, by every Camp together with per capita tax on each and every member in good standing. There must be no delay in forwarding these reports and tax.

Division Commanders will also send out in ample time to reach each Camp, Form 50—Camp Patriotic Instructor's Report. This report must be forwarded to each Division Patriotic Instructor immediately after December 31, 1916.

XII. Camps suspended, disbanded and dropped, quarter ending June 30, 1916:

No.	Location	Cause of Loss	No. Mem.
Division of Colorado & Wyoming.			
2	Fort Morgan, suspended	.....	16
Division of Indiana.			
5	Salamonia, suspended	.....	23
15	Fortville, suspended	.....	20
98	Washington, suspended	.....	30
121	New Albany, suspended	.....	23
138	Portland, suspended	.....	10
170	LaPorte, suspended	.....	38
305	Elwood, suspended	.....	11

	Division of Maine.		
10	Lewiston, suspended	11	
18	Springfield, suspended	10	
23	Freeport, suspended	21	
87	Bowdoinham, suspended	21	
91	Millinocket, suspended	34	
93	Lisbon Falls, suspended	43	
97	Castine, suspended	32	
98	Patten, suspended	20	
	Division of Maryland.		
2	Hagerstown, Md., suspended	17	
2	Mappsville, Va., suspended	19	
5	Parkersburg, W. Va., suspended	42	
7	Buchannon, W. Va., suspended	24	
8	Moundsville, W. Va., suspended	27	
	Division of Minnesota.		
9	Swanville, Minn., suspended	12	
1	Pierre, S. D., suspended	17	
6	Highmore, S. D., suspended	31	
1	Grand Forks, N. D., suspended	29	
2	Fargo, N. D., suspended	42	
3	Tower City, N. D., suspended	22	
	Division of New Hampshire.		
5	Newport, suspended	18	
33	Hollis, suspended	21	
	Division of New York.		
39	Clyde, disbanded	10	
87	Schoon Lake, dropped	12	
101	Bliss, dropped	16	
155	Fair Haven, dropped	36	
165	Auburn, dropped	18	
	Division of Ohio.		
7	Conneaut, disbanded	10	
	Division of Pennsylvania.		
18	Pittsburgh, suspended	22	
38	Alexandria, suspended	28	
70	Portersville, suspended	17	
94	Erie, suspended	5	
101	Clarion, suspended	36	
111	Conneaut Lake, suspended	24	
119	Newport, suspended	39	
134	Lykens, suspended	55	
144	New Kensington, suspended	20	
155	Apollo, suspended	5	
158	Princeton, suspended	36	
171	Petrolia, suspended	25	
176	Ambion, suspended	45	
	Division of Wisconsin.		
57	Marshfield, dropped	15	

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

CONSOLIDATED RETURNS OF DIVISIONS, QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1916.

Division	In Good Standing March 31, 1916.		GAIN				Total Gain.		Aggregate.		LOSS						Total Loss.		In Good Standing June 30, 1916.		Received for Per Capita Tax.	Cash in Division Treasuries.	Cash on Hand in Camp Treasuries.	Expended for Relief.	No. Members of Their Families Relieved.	No. Veterans or Their Families Relieved.									
			By Initiation.		By Reinstatement.						By Dishanded.		By Death.		By suspension.												By Dropped.								
			By Transfer.		Camps	Members					Camps	Members	Members	Members	Members	Members											Camps	Members	Camps	Members					
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members			Camps	Members	Camps	Members							Camps	Members																	
Ala. & Tenn.	11	229						11	229							17	17	11	212	\$ 12.72	\$ 3.00	\$ 100.00													
Cal. & Pac.	17	539		16		2	18	17	557			4		1		6	11	17	546	31.80	117.27	7.65	10.00	5	1										
Colo. & Wyo.	8	201		13			13	8	214					1	16	7	23	7	191	13.93	37.92														
Conn.	40	2256		75	1	3	79	40	2335			1	5	4		43	53	40	2382	151.17	106.30	3856.30	46.59												
Illinois	65	2412	1	66	2	8	76	65	2488			3	1	1		66	71	66	2417	151.54	994.27														
Indiana	27	946	4	200	1	4	205	31	1151			1		7	155	16	7	172	24	979	48.99	437.23													
Iowa	15	406	3	140		4	93	7	233	22	639			1				1	22	638	42.34	37.02													
Kansas	32	1120	5	196		1	38	6	234	38	1354			9	1			49	59	38	1295	78.06	380.25	245.63	1.50										
Kentucky	6	102	1	30			1	30	7	132								7	132	6.12	5.53														
Maine	50	2244	3	229	1	7	3	237	53	2481			2	3		8	192	116	8	313	45	2168	157.49	526.70	688.54	10.00									
Maryland	19	719	2	64	3	1	21	3	88	22	807			19	20	19		5	129																
Mass.	153	7165	2	338	18		8	2	364	155	7529							3	5	132	17	675	288.39	894.27											
Mich.	28	1123	4	106	59		4	165	32	1288				4	48				6	162	13	461	27.02	179.37											
Minn.	16	548	3	73	1		3	75	19	623			1	1		6	153	7	6	162	19	746	48.18	196.91	198.37										
Missouri	19	742		18		2	20	19	762									16		3	115	6.90													
Mont. & Ida.	8	115						8	115									9	263	14.67	134.05														
Nebraska	8	229	1	34			1	34	9	263						12	2	55	33	1177	77.39	227.63	1140.62	24.21	1	1									
New Hamp.	35	1195		35		2	37	35	1232			3	1		2	39		34	41	40	1917	24.82	278.76	6830.77	684.63	5									
New Jersey	39	1896		50	1	1	11	1	62	40	1958			7			4	158	5	190	167	6840	431.39	395.78											
New York	171	6867	1	146	3	14	1	163	172	7030		1	10	7	9	6		76	1	93	117	5280	345.76	209.03											
Ohio	111	4966	7	406	1		7	407	118	5373		1	10	3	1	3		264	13	654	215	14648	961.67	315.12	30885.04	6864.30									
Penna.	213	14550	13	707	26	2	19	15	752	228	15302			1			6		7	16	669	36.04	96.59												
R. I.	16	563		10	3		13	16	576					2	3		18		23	29	857	53.56	281.52	484.51											
Vermont	28	849	1	31			1	31	29	880										10	305	15.72													
Wash.	7	252	2	43		1	3	53	10	305			1	7	2		60	1	70	59	1701	110.95	84.80												
Wisconsin	58	1659	2	106	2	4	2	112	60	1771																									
Total	1200	63893	55	3132	122	10	247	65	3501	1265	57394	2	20	79	71	88	42	1041	51	1040	49	2339	1216	55055	13169.59	84769.18	88764.77	\$8306.60	26	12					

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
Mar. 29	4	Brockton, New York	24
Aug. 5	40	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	31
Aug. 7	22	Kansas City, Kansas	67
May 12	40	Warren, Ohio	41
May 26	107	Elkhart, Indiana	33
June 10	72	Bucyrus, Ohio	55
July 14	157	Hubbardstown, Mass.	23
XIV. Applications for charters for new Camps approved:			
Aug. 10		Chicago Heights, Illinois	33

By order of

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:
H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. X.

(Series of 1916)

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
Department of Commander-in-Chief,

Chicago, Ill., October 3, 1916.

I. The following staff appointment is announced:

National Counselor, Arthur L. Jones, Division of Minnesota.

II. The following appointment is announced:

A member of Committee on Military Affairs, succeeding himself, Past Commander-in-Chief Major E. R. Campbell, Division of Maryland, for a term of five years.

III. For the information of members of the Order, by the action of the Kansas City Encampment, officers of the allied organizations were elected as follows:

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, Commander-in-Chief,
William J. Patterson, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Woman's Relief Corps, National President, Mrs. Ida K. Martin, Minneapolis, Minn.

Ladies of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, National President, Virginia C. McClure, Peoria, Ill.

Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, U. S. A., National President,
Mae E. Clothier, Rockford, Ill.

Daughters of Veterans, National President, Myrtle W. Best,
Marietta, Ohio.

IV. The present time is most opportune for an active campaign for new members. All conditions of society at the present time are such as to arouse most strongly those national sentiments, which in ordinary times, lie dormant in many minds. We are approaching that season of the year, when thoughts of home and country have the greatest influence; when many patriotic holidays are observed with sacred ceremony; when the members of Camps are most desirous of rounding out the work of the year preceding the annual election. It therefore becomes

the first duty of the Division and Camp officers, from this time forth, to make all possible effort to induce eligibles without the Order to become members and co-workers.

To promote this end, it has been the established custom to offer the yellow ribbon as a reward for effective service. The Commander-in-Chief will therefore appoint as a Special Aide upon his staff, every officer and brother of the Order who brings into his Camp five new members of more, within the present quarter. The ribbons will be awarded and the warrants issued on the certificate of Camp Commanders communicated through their respective Division headquarters to the Commander-in-Chief, and the Roll of Honor for the quarter, with the names of the appointees and the number of members secured by each, their Division and Camps, will be published in The Banner as early as possible after the close of this quarter.

V. Officers and members should not be unmindful of the Junior Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. The lads should be trained in the ways of patriotism. Bring them together and form a Junior Camp. Apply to your Division Secretary for information.

VI. The Military Department of the Order remains under the command of Chief-of-Staff Edwin M. Amics, of Altoona, Pa., a most able and earnest military officer, and an honored Past Commander-in-Chief.

The Sons of Veterans Reserve are to be commended in the highest terms to all Divisions. As announced by the Chief-of-Staff with his report to the last Division Encampment, this Department is now capable of placing 7500 disciplined and equipped men at the service of their country. It should be the aim of every Division to have a part in this work and a Department of the Reserve in its jurisdiction.

For information relative to the organization of companies or a Department communicate with Chief-of-Staff.

VII. Camp officers and members should extend all possible courtesy and assistance to the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary. Our sisters in this Order are ever active in the earnest support of our Camps and of our own Order at large. From the Commandery-in-Chief down through the Divisions and Camps to the individual members, we are all in some measure the beneficiaries of their loyal efforts. They are entitled to and should receive every fraternal attention from us.

VIII. The National Alliance of Daughters of Veterans, U. S. A., our sister order whose membership is based on the same glorious records of service as our own, should at all times be the object of our thoughtful and brotherly consideration. They, as well as we, are members of the loyal family of America. Their aims and purposes are identical with our own.

IX. At the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, held at Kansas City, Mo., August 30-31, 1916, the following legislation was enacted (effective at once), and same is in force; and all will be governed accordingly:

RITUAL.

Page 4, paragraph 7, after the word, "crossed," last line, strike out "upon" and insert "under."

Page 8, next to last paragraph, provision for the admission at the option of Camps, of members in good standing of the

Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Daughters of Veterans, and Army Nurses.

CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Chapter 6, Article 18 (page 57) to read: "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."

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."

Chapter 2, Article 3, page 8, Title to read: "Transfers and Discharges."

Chapter 2, Article 3, Section 2, to read: "Section 2.—Members in good standing of disbanded Camps shall receive from the Division Commander transfer cards."

That Form "H," a book for newly-initiated members to sign, containing therein the Preamble of the Constitution (and Order) be provided and included on Forms 1 and 1½.

PRICES AND SUPPLIES.

X. Effective January 1st, 1917, a new price list of cost of supplies, adopted by the Encampment, will go into effect. This, greatly regretted, was imperative by reason of the very great advance in cost of material, production, etc. The supplies will be improved in quality. Some of the forms not in use will be dropped. New Forms 1 and 1½ will be ready prior to January 1, and in consequence Camps will be governed accordingly. Camps not having seals should order same from Division Headquarters.

PER CAPITA TAX.

Per Capita tax remains at 24 cents per annum, payable at the rate of six (6) cents per quarter.

Reports of the Camp Secretaries and Treasurers with tax for quarter ending September 30, must be forwarded to the respective Division Headquarters immediately after September 30th.

Divisions not having supplied Camps with Forms 27 and 28 should do so immediately for said quarter.

ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS.

A copy or Journal of the proceedings of the Thirty-fifth Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, at Kansas City, will be sent to each Camp, which must be filed by the Camp. These are now being printed.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S REPORTS.

Division Commanders should promulgate Form 50 at once, so that immediately after December 31, 1916, Camp Patriotic Instructors will forward to their respective Division Patriotic Instructors, their Camp reports on Form 50.

NO SUSPENSION OF CAMPS.

There can be no suspensions of Camps in future. A Camp may be (dropped) disbanded after per capita tax is due from such Camp for one year or more; until such a Camp is DISBANDED, per capita tax must be paid on said Camp and it must be carried and reported as in good standing, until per capita tax is due for one year or more. This must be observed for and including the quarter ending September 30, 1916.

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

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
Sept. 8	9	Canton, Illinois	25
Sept. 9		Walpole, Massachusetts	24
Sept. 12	68	Ilion, New York	36
Sept. 15	198	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	30
Sept. 28	78	East Troy, Wisconsin	17

Camps have been organized and charters issued thereto as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
Aug. 22	7	Chicago Heights, Illinois	29
Aug. 6	46	De Soto, Missouri	20
June 23	68	Ilion, New York	33
May 29	78	East Troy, Wisconsin	15

STATEMENT No. 1.

XII. Report of National Secretary for month of September, 1916:

RECEIPTS.

To balance, August 31, 1916.....		\$1801.64
Received for charter fees.....	\$ 12.50	
Supplies	330.63	
Junior Order—Supplies	2.10	

Total receipts

\$ 345.23

\$2146.87

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$1425.27
Office expenses	228.89
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	16.55

Total expenditures

\$1670.71

Balance, September 30, 1916.....

\$ 476.16

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$ 488.88
The Banner, September, 1916, subscription...	822.79
Printing	3.00
Reserve	63.85
Shipping supplies	11.75
Bonds, National Officers	35.00

\$1425.27

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For postage, express, telegrams, rent (Oct.- Dec., 1916, inc.), stationery (National Officers)	\$ 228.89
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\$ 228.89

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For postage, express, stenographer.....	\$ 16.55
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\$ 16.55

Total expenditures	\$1670.71
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Balance, September 30, 1916.....	\$ 476.16
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By order of

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. XI.

(Series of 1916)

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
Department of Commander-in-Chief,

Chicago, Ill., November 6, 1916.

I. The following appointments are announced:

For meritorious service to the Order, to be Special Aide on
the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

Arthur I. Vescelius, of Camp 8, New Jersey.
Frank Shellhouse, of Camp 356, Indiana.
E. J. McNight, of Camp 37, Massachusetts.
M. R. Goddard, of Camp 37, Massachusetts.
O. J. Sebolt, of Camp 45, Massachusetts.
Dr. E. W. Homan, of Camp 31, Massachusetts.
W. L. Anderson, of Camp 9, Massachusetts.
F. V. Bell, of Camp 9, Massachusetts.
J. T. H. Betterley, of Camp 158, Massachusetts.
Charles G. White, of Camp 16, Pennsylvania.
M. N. Baldwin, of Camp 39, Illinois.
Lewis F. McLaughlin, of Camp 54, Illinois.

For securing five members during the present quarter under General Orders No. 10, to be Special Aide on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

G. B. Lindsay, of Camp 104, Pennsylvania.
 Arthur R. Lewis, of Camp 344, Ohio.
 G. B. Lee, of Camp 344, Ohio.
 J. B. Humphrey, of Camp 219, Ohio.
 John Heidelbaugh, of Camp 219, Ohio.
 S. P. McDermott, of Camp 96, Ohio.
 Chas. Leitch, of Camp 96, Ohio.
 Chas. Halloway, of Camp 96, Ohio.
 Robert McCarty, of Camp 96, Ohio.
 George C. Battles, of Camp 27, Ohio.

II. About one-half of the Division Commanders have promptly responded to personal communications to them; and have reported most commendable activity in their Divisions. It is positively necessary that Commanders of Divisions should make their influence felt with Camp Commanders and members. Something more than general orders is required. Visits and personal letters are effective and should be freely employed to incite activity.

III. The annual election of Camp officers will take place in December. Care should be exercised in choosing those who have not only the ability, but the willingness to perform their duties acceptably; and who will earnestly strive throughout the year to promote the growth of their Camp and bring credit to the Order.

The installation of Camp officers may be a social feature; and arrangements should be under way by Camps to have successful affairs of this character on the last meeting night in December of each Camp. GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC Posts and the affiliated societies should be invited to attend. Every effort should be made to have a pleasant occasion and a large gathering.

Dispensation is hereby granted to, and authority conferred upon Division Commanders, to permit Camps to have public or open installations, and joint or union ceremonies with the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, Sons of Veterans Auxiliary and affiliated Orders.

IV. Attention is again directed to the celebration of Veterans' Night as enjoined in previous Orders. Camps should on these occasions, invite to be present, all who are eligible to membership, and especially those who have for any reason dropped out of the Order. Camp Patriotic Instructors and Camp Chaplains are respectively directed to report their part in these ceremonies to their Division Patriotic Instructor and Chaplain, who will, in turn, make report to the National officers.

V. Pursuant to the amendments of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations adopted at the Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Washington, and expressly made effective January 1, 1916, there is since that date no suspension of members by Camps.

1. A member one year in arrears in payment of dues may, by vote of his Camp, be dropped. Until so dropped, the Camp pays per capita tax on him.

2. A dropped member may be again admitted to the Order

in all respects as a new member in any Camp; and is required to pay no arrearages.

VI. Pursuant to the amendment of Section 4, Article I of Chapter 11 of the Constitution by the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Kansas City, which became effective on the date of its enactment, August 31, 1916, there is no suspension of Camps since that date.

1. When a Camp is one year or more in arrears for per capita tax and reports, the Division Commander may report the Camp disbanded and on his recommendation, its charter will be revoked by the Commander-in-Chief.

2. Until the Camp is so reported with such recommendation, the Division will pay per capita tax thereon to the National Secretary.

VII. As to Camps reported by Division Commanders as suspended in reports for the quarter ending June 30, 1916, or any previous quarter, in order not to impose any hardship on the Divisions, the following procedure will be observed:

1. Any such suspended Camp which is one year or more in arrears for per capita tax and reports by the quarter ending December 31, 1916, the Division Commander shall for that quarter, either report such Camp disbanded and recommend the revocation of its charter, or report it in good standing and pay the per capita tax in arrears thereon.

2. Any such suspended Camp which is not one year in arrears for per capita tax and reports by the December quarter, 1916, the Division Commander may defer his report thereon until such Camp is one year in arrears, but must then either report such Camp in good standing and pay the per capita tax thereon, or report the Camp disbanded, and recommend the revocation of its charter.

VIII. Division Commanders will at once send out to all Camp Secretaries for the use of Camp Patriotic Instructors, Form 50, so that this form can be returned by the Camp Patriotic Instructor to Division Patriotic Instructor immediately after December 31, 1916.

Form 27 for Camp Secretaries and Form 28 for Camp Treasurers should also be sent out to all Camps for the quarter ending December 31, 1916, at once. These must be provided promptly to all Camps; and there should be no delay in the promulgation of these forms.

Form 22—Report of Installing Officers—will also be sent out promptly by Division Commanders to installing officers; and will be returned on the night of installation to Division Headquarters. It is required that prompt returns be made of these reports.

Divisions not being supplied with these forms, will order same at once on requisition Form 1½ from the National Secretary.

IX. All Division Commanders must see that the per capita tax and reports of their Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers for the quarter ending September 30, 1916, are received by the National Secretary NOT LATER than November 20th. Per capita tax is at the rate of six (6) cents and all remittances must be made payable only to H. H. Haunmer, National Secretary, and forwarded to Reading, Pa. Every Division Com-

mander and Division Secretary has been notified to have tax and reports in by the time designated and there must be no delinquents.

New password and countersign will be forwarded upon receipt of per capita tax and reports.

X. New Camps have been instituted and charters issued thereto since last announcement as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
Sept. 18	158	Walpole, Massachusetts	22
Aug. 26	4	Smith Center, Kansas	17
Oct. 2	6	Elkhorn, Wisconsin	16
Oct. 20	20	Sparta, Wisconsin	16

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

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
Oct. 2	69	Dunkirk, New York	16
Oct. 12	58	Hyde Park, Massachusetts	20
Oct. 16		Ludlow, Vermont	28

STATEMENT No. 2.

XI. Report of National Secretary for month of October, 1916:

RECEIPTS.

September 30, 1916, to balance.....	\$ 476.16
Received for charter fees.....	\$ 12.50
Supplies	371.30

Total receipts	\$ 383.80
	<u>\$ 859.96</u>

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$ 834.08
Office expenses	6.15

Total expenditures	\$ 840.23
October 31, 1916, balance.....	\$ 19.73

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$ 6.00
The Banner, October, 1916, subscription.....	823.00
Shipping supplies	5.08
	<u>\$ 834.08</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For express	\$ 6.15
	<u>\$ 6.15</u>

Total expenditures	\$ 840.23
October 31, 1916, balance.....	\$ 19.73

By order of

Attent:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,
Commander-in-Chief.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. XII.

(Series of 1916)

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

Department of Commander-in-Chief,

Chicago, Illinois, December 1, 1916.

I. Every Camp of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., is ordered to initiate at least one new member, and show no loss in the month of January, 1917. This Order requires 1000 recruits immediately. Camp Commanders will be held responsible for compliance herewith by their respective Camps. Division Commanders will be required to see that these Orders are carried out in their respective Divisions.

II. Forthwith, after the last meeting of each Camp in January, 1917, the Commander will make a special report by postal card to his Division Commander, in the following form:

..... Camp No..... Division

On Advance January, 1917.

Initiated (here insert names)

No loss, or loss covered by gain. Net gain.....

.....

Commander.

For any Camp failing to comply with these orders, the Commander shall at the same time, in like manner, report as follows:

..... Camp No..... Division

In Retreat January, 1917.

.....

Commander.

III. On the 31st day of January, 1917, each Division Commander will report by wire to the Commander-in-Chief, the number gained in his Division. He will also report by mail to the National Secretary the names and numbers of Camps reporting "On Advance" with the number gained by each. The personal attention of every Division Commander and his staff must be given to the Camps to insure performance and secure prompt reports. There must be no delay.

IV. The purpose and object of this immediate increase will be explained in February, 1917, Orders; when the result will also be announced.

V. At this season of the year the members of each Division, where such homes exist, should strive in some way, by gifts or otherwise, to add to the holiday cheer of the children in the Soldiers' Orphan Homes. A little adds much to their happiness.

VI. From returns thus far received, it appears that Veterans' Night has been fittingly and generally celebrated throughout the Order. Camp Commanders for 1916 have yet a month in which to add luster to their iron crosses by efficiently carrying out the orders of their Division Commanders.

VII. The following appointments are announced:

For securing five new members during the present quarter under General Orders No. 10, to be Special Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

George Lyman Wheeler, Camp 6, Connecticut Division.
 Edgar T. Duncan, Camp 6, Connecticut Division.
 Lester B. Wilbur, Camp 26, Massachusetts Division.
 Clinton M. Borden, Camp 116, Massachusetts Division.
 George William Kimball, Camp 81, Massachusetts Division.
 Clayton H. Richardson, Camp 52, Massachusetts Division.

For meritorious service to the Order to be Special Aide on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

Lew W. McComb, Camp 11, Wisconsin Division.
 Howard L. Munn, Camp 56, Wisconsin Division.
 H. S. Siggelko, Camp 2, Wisconsin Division.
 Voyta Wrabetz, Camp 2, Wisconsin Division.
 George W. Conart, Camp 2, California and Pacific Division.

VIII. Attention is called to Sections 11 and 12 (pages 5 and 6) of the Rules Governing the JUNIOR ORDER Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., which require that:

"Camp Treasurer (of Junior Order Camps) shall in January of each year make a report in detail to the Division Commander of the membership, receipts and expenses of the previous year forwarding the same to the Division Secretary."

"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, forwarding the same to the National Secretary."

Camp Treasurers will report on Form 11.

Division Commanders will report on Form 12; they will also give notice hereof to Camps having Junior Camps and furnish the required forms, which can be procured from the National Secretary on requisition Form (Junior Order) O.

The password and countersign to Junior Order Camps for term January 1st to July 31st, 1917, will be withheld by Division Commanders until Camp report is received on Form 11.

IX. A Journal of the Proceedings of the Thirty-fifth Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, held at Kansas City, has been sent to every Camp in the Order. The Camp Commander will see that same is on file in the Camp.

X. Divisions which have paid per capita tax and forwarded Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the quarter ending September 30, 1916, have been furnished with the password and countersign for the term January 1st to July 31st, 1917. Division Commanders will issue this only to Camps that pay per capita tax and forward reports for the quarter ending December 31, 1916; and, upon receipt of report of Installing Officer.

Camp Commanders will not give the new password and countersign to any member NOT in good standing.

XI. Pursuant to the action of the Thirty-fifth Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, new requisition forms and new prices of supplies will be effective and in force on and after January 1, 1917; Camps and Divisions having old Forms 1 and 1½ (requisition forms) on hand after December 31st, will destroy them and USE ONLY the new forms thereafter. These forms should be ordered by Camps from Division Headquarters AT ONCE and by Divisions from the National Secretary without delay.

XII. Prompt returns and attention to reports required

from Camps will be insisted upon. Camp Commanders will see that on the last meeting night of December,—last meeting in this month and year—their Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers prepare and forward to their respective Division Headquarters the per capita tax and reports (Forms 27 and 28) for the quarter ending December 31, 1916. There must be no delay of these reports and tax. Where a Camp fails to meet, the Commander will see that returns and tax are forwarded to Division Headquarters, as though the Camp had held meetings.

Division Commanders should give this subject attention and prompt action on their part is directed. A dilatory Camp should be visited by a Division Officer and an effort made to have the Camp hold a meeting and forward the reports and per capita tax immediately to the Division Headquarters.

All Division and Camp Commanders and their officers shall make special and persistent efforts to have all delinquent members and Camps pay their arrearages and maintain their proper relation to the Order.

XIII. Division Commanders will make every effort to secure reports of installation of officers in every Camp promptly and see that returns are received as early in December as possible. This must have prompt and personal attention.

XIV. Camp Patriotic Instructors' Reports (Form 50) MUST be forwarded to Division Patriotic Instructors immediately after December 31st. Camp Commanders will see that this is done.

XV. Camps have been instituted and charters issued there-to, since last announcement, as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
Sept. 28	198	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	30
Oct. 9	58	Hyde Park, Massachusetts	16
Oct. 16	6	Ludlow, Vermont	16
June 27	252	Dunkirk, Ohio	18
Nov. 4	12	Elizabeth, W. Va., Maryland	21

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

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
Nov. 22	199	Catawissa, Pennsylvania	26
Nov. 23	252	Dunkirk, Ohio	34
Nov. 27		Albion, Michigan	17
Nov. 28	12	Elizabeth, W. Va., Maryland	27

STATEMENT No 3.

XVI. Report of the National Secretary for month of November, 1916:

RECEIPTS.		
October 31, 1916, to balance.....		\$ 19.73
Received for per capita tax.....	\$3454.23	
Charter fees	10.00	
Supplies	634.76	
Miscellaneous	1.00	
Junior Order—Supplies	5.45	

Total receipts	\$4105.44
	<u>\$4125.17</u>

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$1893.03
Office expenses (Oct. and Nov.).....	51.08
Junior Order—Supplies	13.25
Total expenditures	\$1957.36
Balance, November 30, 1916.....	\$2167.81

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$ 411.49
The Banner, November, 1916, subscription, and G. A. R. Posts.....	880.51
Encampment (1916) Journal of Proceedings, printing and shipping	491.77
Printing	31.60
Reserve (Military Department) Oct. and Nov.	40.06
Shipping supplies, Oct. and Nov.....	26.60
Publicity Department, Oct. and Nov.....	11.00
	<u>\$1893.03</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For postage, telegrams, express, stationery, Na- tional Officers (Oct. and Nov.).....	\$ 51.08
	<u>\$ 51.08</u>

JUNIOR ORDER.

For stock and supplies.....	\$ 13.25
	<u>\$ 13.25</u>
Total expenditures	\$1957.36
Balance, November 30, 1916.....	\$2167.81

XVII. Camps failing to pay per capita tax, Disbanded and Dropped, and their charters revoked, are:

Division of Illinois. Disbanded:

No. 20	Chicago	with 10 members
No. 92	Stonefort	with 10 members
No. 96	Sandwich	with 19 members
No. 176	Mt. Morris	with 16 members
No. 258	Lena	with 16 members
No. 301	Oblong	with 12 members

Division of Kansas. Dropped:

No. 2	Erie	with 55 members
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Division of New Jersey: A. T. A. Torbert Camp No. 15, Morristown, previously suspended and failing to pay per capita tax and delinquent with reports, is disbanded and the charter thereof revoked.

Division of New York. Dropped:

No. 45	Sacket Harbor	10 members
No. 54	Franklinville	26 members
No. 132	Greenwich	19 members

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY, QU

Division.	In Good Standing June 30, 1917		GAIN						LOSS											
			By Initiation.		By Transfer.		By Reinstatement.		Total Gain.		Aggregate.		By Disbanded.		By Death.		Honorable Discharge.		By Transfer.	
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Members	Members	Members	Members	Members	Camps
*Ala. and Tenn.....	11	212								11	212									
*Cal. and Pac.....	17	546								17	546									
Col. and Wyo.....	7	191		2					2	7	193									
Connecticut ...	40	2282		28	1			29	40	2311									2	
Illinois	66	2417	1	36	3		1	1	40	67	2457	7	98	1	1					
Indiana	24	979	1	88		3	55	4	143	28	1122									
Iowa	22	638	1	43				1	43	23	681								9	
Kansas	38	1295	3	161				3	3	164	41	1459								
Kentucky	7	132								7	132									
Maine	45	2168		15		3	75	3	90	48	2258				1	3				
Maryland	17	675		8		2	27	2	35	19	710				1	2				
Massachusetts	155	7405	2	123	11			2	134	157	7539			18	9	5				
Michigan	32	1236			8				8	32	1244									8
Minnesota	73	461		18	1	6	153	6	172	19	633				1				1	
Missouri	19	746	1	46				1	46	20	792					3				
*Mont. and Idaho.....	8	115								8	115									
Nebraska	9	263	1	18				1	18	10	281									
New Hampshire	33	1177		18		2	39	2	57	35	1234				4				1	
New Jersey	40	1917	1	86	1			1	87	41	2004				4	1				
New York	167	6840	1	187	3			4	194	168	7034			15	5	12				
Ohio	117	5280	1	152	2			1	154	118	5434				6	7	1			
Pennsylvania	215	14648	2	286	29	13	343	15	658	230	15306				29					8
Rhode Island	16	569		2					2	16	571									
Vermont	29	857	1	73				4	1	77	934				1	2	3			
*Washington	10	305								10	305									
Wisconsin	59	1701	1	53				14	1	67	1768				2	5				
Total	1216	55055	17	1443	59	29	718	46	2220	1262	57275	7	98	84	47	42				

*No Reports.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY, QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1916.

Division.	In Good Standing June 30, 1914.		GAIN				LOSS				In Good Standing September 30, 1916.		Received for Per Capita Tax.	Cash in Division Treasuries.	Cash on Hand in Camp Treasuries.	Expended for Relief.	No. Members or Their Families Relieved.	No. Veterans or Their Families Relieved.										
	Camps	Members	By Initiation.	By Transfer.	By Reinstatement.	Total Gain.	Aggregate.	By Disbanded.	By Death.	Honorable Discharge.	By Transfer.	By Dropped.							Total Loss.	Camps	Members							
																						Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members
*Ala. and Tenn.....	11	212	...	...	...	...	...	11	212	...	...	...	11	212	...	...	...	...	...				
*Cal. and Pac.....	17	546	...	...	...	...	...	17	546	...	...	...	17	546	...	...	...	...	...				
Col. and Wyo.....	7	191	...	2	...	...	2	7	193	...	...	...	7	193	11.96	21.05	...	...	...						
Connecticut ...	40	2282	...	28	1	...	29	40	2311	...	...	2	29	40	2282	142.24	29.14	3846.12	114.30	...						
Illinois	66	2417	1	36	3	1	1	40	67	2457	7	98	1	1	6	136	60	2306	137.91	691.43	...	...				
Indiana	24	979	1	88	3	55	4	143	28	1122	...	...	10	10	28	1112	73.69	433.29	...	3	...					
Iowa	22	638	1	43	...	...	1	43	23	681	...	...	9	7	16	23	665	37.32	1.22	...	...	...			
Kansas	38	1295	3	161	...	3	3	164	41	1459	...	1	61	1	61	40	1398	90.96	492.76	156.24	...	...				
Kentucky	7	132	...	...	...	...	...	7	132	...	...	...	...	7	132	7.92	11.81	...	...	...	...	...	
Maine	45	2168	...	15	3	75	3	90	48	2258	...	1	3	...	58	62	48	2196	134.61	335.25	871.00	15.00	...					
Maryland	17	675	...	8	2	27	2	35	19	710	...	1	2	...	29	32	19	678	43.82	265.61	1381.37	92.50	...					
Massachusetts ...	155	7405	2	123	11	...	2	134	157	7539	...	18	9	5	73	105	157	7434	457.16	915.10	12533.92	216.45	16	9				
Michigan	32	1236	...	8	...	...	...	8	32	1244	...	...	8	32	1236	74.16	201.04	119.78	300.12	...	...	...	...	
Minnesota	13	461	...	18	1	6	153	6	172	19	633	...	1	1	...	2	19	631	50.46	241.60	...	...	...		
Missouri	19	746	1	46	...	...	1	46	20	792	...	...	3	...	22	25	20	767	48.82	197.17	370.31	...	...	...	
*Mont. and Idaho.....	8	115	...	...	...	...	...	8	115	...	...	...	...	8	115	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nebraska	9	263	1	18	...	...	1	18	10	281	...	...	...	10	281	15.78	176.50	...	...	...	...	...	...
New Hampshire ...	33	1177	...	18	2	39	2	57	35	1234	...	4	1	...	7	12	35	1222	79.08	214.76	1014.28	...	...	...	
New Jersey	40	1917	1	86	1	...	1	87	41	2004	...	4	1	...	46	51	41	1953	123.27	227.44	5868.32	1071.69	...	...		
New York	167	6840	1	187	3	4	1	194	168	7034	...	15	5	12	6	158	6	190	162	6844	437.92	721.90			
Ohio	117	5280	1	152	2	...	1	154	118	5434	...	6	7	1	...	68	82	118	5352	345.00	64.81	...	...	...	
Pennsylvania	215	14648	2	286	29	13	343	15	658	230	15306	...	29	...	8	379	416	230	14890	955.57	319.97	32543.50	6460.37			
Rhode Island	16	569	...	2	...	...	...	2	16	571	...	...	...	16	16	16	555	33.68	160.65	...	...	...	...	
Vermont	29	857	1	73	...	4	1	77	30	934	...	1	2	3	...	16	22	30	912	60.84	325.19	459.63	11.82	1	1			
Washington	10	305	...	...	...	...	...	10	305	...	...	...	...	10	305	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wisconsin	59	1701	1	53	...	14	1	67	60	1768	...	2	5	...	69	76	60	1692	107.84	23.33	...	...	...	...
Total	1216	55055	17	1443	59	29	718	46	2220	1262	57275	7	98	84	47	42	7	1095	59	2529	1202	54731	\$3470.11	\$6071.02	\$59764.47	\$8282.26	20	10

*No Reports.

No. 143	Wilson	14 members
No. 162	Crittenden	17 members
No. 173	Moravia	17 members

By order of

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,
Commander-in-Chief.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. I.

(Series of 1917)

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
Department of Commander-in-Chief,

Chicago, Illinois, January 8, 1917.

I. Attention of Division and Camp officers is called to paragraphs I, II and III of General Orders No. 12, which require an increase of one and no loss in January, 1917, with a special report thereon. The Order must receive 1000 recruits this month. This means that every officer must perform his duty, and make his reports as ordered.

II. The following appointments are announced:

For securing five or more new members, during the quarter ending December 31, 1916, under General Orders No. 10, to be Special Aide on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

Jacob Schucker, Camp 22, Pennsylvania.
William G. Brenner, Camp 114, Pennsylvania.
Waldo Floyd, Camp 45, Massachusetts.
William Booth, Camp 22, Connecticut.
Edwin W. Munk, Camp 1, Colorado & Wyoming.
Harry M. Coen, Camp 1, Illinois.

For meritorious service to the Order, to be Special Aide on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

Thomas Sutton, Camp 22, Connecticut.
Dr. T. T. Warham, Camp 4, Minnesota.
Charles Vancil, Camp 9, Kansas.
George H. Ubel, Camp 22, Kansas.
F. S. Brooks, Camp 6, Kansas.
W. Frank Kesler, Camp 18, Kansas.
E. L. Moon, Camp 16, Kansas.

For the purpose of representing the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., at the Conference of Patriotic Societies to be held at Washington, D. C., on January 15, 1917, and also at the Congress of Constructive Patriotism to be held at Washington on January 25 to 27, 1917, pursuant to Special Orders No. 4, to be Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

F. T. F. Johnson, Past Commander Maryland Division.
H. V. Speelman, Past Commander-in-Chief.
Francis E. Cross, Secretary Maryland Division.

Note: Special Aide, Frederick V. Bell, should be accredited to Camp 158, Massachusetts, instead of Camp 9.

III. The National President of the Sons of Veterans Auxilliary, Mrs. Mae E. Clothier, of Rockford, Illinois, announces in orders that a set of floor flags will be given to the Division of the Auxilliary organizing the largest number of Auxillaries during the year; and a silk mounted flag to the Auxilliary making the largest net gain in membership during each quarter this year. Sons of Veterans should at all times aid their Auxillaries in making substantial gains and in their efforts to win these splendid trophies.

IV. Attention is called to the special communication on the observance of Union Defenders' Day. In this connection, members of the Order should know that the observance of this day was instituted by the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., at the eighth annual encampment in 1889, when, on the recommendation of Commander-in-Chief, George B. Abbott, Lincoln's birthday was given this title. Some years later, Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Bolton advocated the dedication, by the Sons of Veterans, of the entire month of February to Lincoln and a revival of patriotic devotion. So general has been the approval of this act of our Order, that the day is now, in the majority of the States, observed as a national holiday.

V. INSTRUCTIONS TO CAMP OFFICERS.

Per Capita Tax and Forms 27 and 28. Camp Commanders, Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers, will at once attend to the matter of forwarding per capita tax and reports for the quarter ending December 31, 1916, if these have not been forwarded to their respective Division Headquarters. It is absolutely required that there be no further delay with the payment of per capita tax and forwarding reports for the quarter stated.

Form 22. This is the report of the Installing Officer. This report must be forwarded to Division Headquarters at once. Division Commanders will give this personal attention and take such action as will result in having this report from every Camp immediately.

Form 50. This refers to the report of the Camp Patriotic Instructors, who will forward same immediately to the Division Patriotic Instructor. Camp Commanders will attend to this.

Form 1. New requisition Form 1, covering Camp supplies, is effective and in force since January 1st. All supplies required by Camps must be ordered from Division Headquarters on the new Form 1. This form was sent to every Division Headquarters early in December, with instructions to forward one to each and every Camp. Any Camp failing to receive the same, will notify the Division Headquarters.

It will be noted also, that the new prices, adopted by the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment, are in effect as required, and designated on the new Form 1. All old forms No. 1, should be destroyed. The new form must be used exclusively. Attention is directed to Form H provided for each new member of a Camp to sign.

Junior Order Reports, Form 11. Camps having Camps of the Junior Order attached, will see that Form 11 of the Junior Order is made out by the Treasurer of the Junior Order Camp and forwarded to Division Commanders. There must be no delay in rendering these reports. Camps not supplied with this Form will obtain same from Division Headquarters.

VI. DIRECTIONS TO DIVISION OFFICERS.

Commissions. Division Commanders will issue commissions to Camp Commanders, attested by Division Secretaries, with impression of the Division seal thereon, immediately upon receipt of Installing Officers' Reports and all other requirements being complied with.

Password and Countersign. Division Commanders will issue to Camp Commanders the new password and countersign, in effect January 1, upon receipt from Camps of reports on Forms 27 and 28, with per capita tax for the quarter ending December 31, 1916. Until this tax is received, together with reports for the said quarter, no Camp will receive password and countersign.

Camp Commanders will give this only to members in good standing in their Camps, December 31, 1916, with all indebtedness paid to the Camps.

Camps dilatory or negligent with their reports and per capita tax should be visited and communicated with by the Division officers, District Aides, etc., and the same secured, so that all may be in good standing.

Form 51. Division Commanders will see that their Division Patriotic Instructors promptly make out their reports on Form 51 and forward same without delay to the National Patriotic Instructor, Guy Richardson, No. 104 Robinwood Avenue, Jamaica Plain, Mass. This should be done as promptly as possible.

Forms 35, 37 and 38. Division Commanders, Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers must promptly forward to the National Secretary per capita tax and reports on Forms 35, 37 and 38 for the quarter ending December 31, 1916. These reports must be made on the NEW Forms, revised by action of the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment, and NO OTHERS. Old forms will be returned if used.

Instructions have been given to Division Commanders and Secretaries as to the time for having this tax and reports in the hands of the National Secretary. It is to be hoped no Division will be delinquent, or delay forwarding same.

Form 1½—Form H. Prices. New Form 1½, with new prices for supplies, must be used in ordering forms, supplies, etc., from the National Secretary. This includes Form H, which was adopted at the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment for each newly initiated member in every Camp to sign. Every Camp should have this new Form H.

It will be noted that the bronze recognition button of the Order costs to Divisions eight (8) cents each, and from Divisions to Camps ten (10) cents each. Badges and Past Camp Commander's Iron Crosses cost to Divisions forty (40) cents each; and from Divisions to Camps fifty (50) cents each.

Form 12—Junior Order. Division Commanders will make report to the National Secretary on Form 12, as to the membership and finances of each Camp of the Junior Order in their respective Divisions, received from Camps on Form 11. These reports, Form 11, to Division Commanders, and Form 12, by Division Commanders, are now due. These forms can be procured on Junior Order Requisition Form O, from the National Secretary. There must be no delay in the forwarding of these reports.

VII. ORDERS, CIRCULARS, ETC. Attention is again directed to the fact that Division Commanders DO NOT issue "GENERAL" Orders. The Commander-in-Chief alone issues "General Orders." For the information and general guidance of all concerned, it was enacted at the Twenty-seventh Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, held at Niagara Falls, 1908, that:

"Division Orders shall be issued by Division Commanders. All orders, circulars, etc., SHALL be in size 5½x8 inches, and only electro of the Regulation Badge be used at the top of Orders and Circulars, at the left hand corner."

Beginning with January, all Orders and Circulars will start with "Number 1" and thereafter be numbered consecutively.

VIII. Per Capita Tax and reports from the Division of Washington, for the quarter ending September 30, 1916, were received, showing:

	Camps	Members
No. in good standing, June, 1916.....	10	305
Gained by initiation.....		2
Aggregate	10	307
Loss: By dropped		5
No. in good standing September 30, 1916.....	10	302

This Division's report shows the Total Membership in the Consolidated Returns for the quarter to be 1,212 Camps and 55,033 members. New password and countersign has been issued to this Division and the Camps and Members thereof will receive same through the Division Commander when he receives from Camps their reports (Forms 27 and 28) and per capita tax for the quarter ending December 31, 1916.

No reports for the quarter ending September 30, 1916, nor per capita tax have been received from the Divisions of Alabama and Tennessee, California and Pacific, Montana and Idaho. The officers of these Divisions and individual members have been communicated with frequently, regarding the per capita tax and reports for the said quarter, but no response has been received thus far. Until per capita tax and reports for the September quarter is received, the password and countersign cannot be issued to these Divisions or members, and the Camps in the Order will be governed accordingly.

IX. Camps have been instituted and charters issued thereto as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
Sept. 14	10	Canton, Illinois	32
Nov. 27	69	Dunkirk, New York	17
Nov. 28	15	Willimantic, Connecticut	19

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

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
Dec. 11		Gardner, Kansas	22
Dec. 19	52	Charlotte, Michigan	19
Dec. 22		Post Mills, Vermont	22

STATEMENT No. 4.

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

RECEIPTS.

November 30, 1916, to balance.....		\$2167.81
Received for per capita tax.....	\$ 26.94	
Charter fees	10.00	
Supplies	1232.64	
Junior Order—Supplies	16.67	

Total receipts		<u>\$1286.25</u>
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		<u>\$3454.06</u>
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EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$1642.79	
Office expenses	138.55	
Commander-in-Chief's expenses (Oct.-Dec., inc.)	66.19	

Total expenditures		<u>\$1847.53</u>
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Balance, December 31, 1916.....		<u>\$1606.53</u>
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ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$ 177.00	
The Banner, December, 1916, subscription....	828.13	
Printing	11.50	
Reserve	28.00	
Shipping supplies	18.16	
Salaries	575.00	
Publicity Department	5.00	

		<u>\$1642.79</u>
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OFFICE EXPENSES.

For postage, stationery, express, rent (Jan.-Mar., 1917, inc.).....	\$ 138.55	
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		<u>\$ 138.55</u>
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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

(Oct.-Dec., 1916, inc.)

For postage, telegrams, traveling, office, stenographer	\$ 66.19	
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		<u>\$ 66.19</u>
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Total expenditures		<u>\$1847.53</u>
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Balance, December 31, 1916.....		<u>\$1606.53</u>
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By order of

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. II.

(Series of 1917)

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

Department of Commander-in-Chief,

Chicago, Illinois, February 1, 1917.

I. In General Orders No. 12, Series of 1916, every Camp of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., was ordered to make a net gain of at least one member in January, 1917, to the end that the Order might gain 1000 members in that month. Camps were ordered to report by postal card to their Division Commanders; the latter were ordered to report by wire to the Commander-in-Chief on the 31st day of January the net gain of their respective Divisions; and report to the National Secretary the Camps reporting "On Advance" with the number gained by each.

The returns are as follows:

Colorado and Wyoming	gained	1
Connecticut	"	34
Iowa	"	7
Illinois	"	58
Indiana	"	8
Maine	"	14
Massachusetts	"	15
Missouri	"	10
New Hampshire	"	34
New Jersey	"	8
Pennsylvania	"	42
Rhode Island	"	2
Vermont	"	7
California, report from Camp 3 only.....	"	5

Total gain245

Eight Division Commanders reported by wire; and five by mail. Total reporting thirteen. One-half of the Division Commanders, thirteen in number, made no report and failed to comply with orders.

The New Hampshire Division lacked but one of securing its quota, based on the number of Camps shown on the report for the September quarter.

II. The purpose of the order for an increase of 1000 members in January was twofold. First, it was issued to inspire activity and secure a creditable addition to the membership at a time when all patriotic societies should be expanding. Second, and of the greater importance, it was designed as a test of the efficiency with which the Sons of Veterans could respond to an order deemed to be in harmony with its principles and laws. This test was desirable that the members and officers might learn to better regulate their own duties to and conduct in the organization, and be thereby induced to make their individual and collective influence felt for an immediate and effective increase in the naval and military establishments of the United States. Its great purpose was, by comparison, to impress upon all members the urgent need of speedy and complete preparation for National defense; and to indicate some manner in which our membership could contribute a united influence to that end.

Events now happening and conditions impending in National affairs, leave but one line of duty for the Sons of Veterans,—to rally one and all in loyal support of our National Government.

This is no time for criticism or the display of partizanship. It is the time for patriotic action by every member whether his vocation be military, civic or industrial.

III. All Division Commanders will take measures to hasten installations of Camp Officers, all Division records should be complete, and include accurate rosters of Camp officers and their addresses. Another general order will be issued for a specific number of recruits in a certain month. Division and Camp Commanders will now make preparation to carry out that order with efficiency and promptness when it is issued.

IV. The following appointments are announced:

For securing five or more members in the quarter ending December 31, 1916, to be Special Aide on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

G. A. Earl, Camp 113, New York.
 Michael Seeley, Camp 14, Pennsylvania.
 D. G. Mauk, Camp 254, Pennsylvania.
 Frederick G. Briggs, Michigan.
 Harry A. Wills, Camp 72, Indiana.
 H. J. Williams, Camp 17, Pennsylvania.
 F. O. Cox, Camp 36, Missouri.
 H. E. Sargeant, Camp 7, Wisconsin.
 Otto H. Berner, Camp 7, Wisconsin.
 Louis Berner, Camp 7, Wisconsin.
 W. E. Dillon, Camp 54, Wisconsin.
 Ned Withers, Camp 54, Wisconsin.
 D. V. McElroy, Camp 58, Wisconsin.

For meritorious service to the Order to be Special Aide on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

Frank S. Treadway, Camp 36, Missouri.
 O. E. Nimmo, Camp 21, Wisconsin.
 R. C. Gelts, Camp 58, Wisconsin.
 George Warren, Camp 58, Wisconsin.
 Oscar Dopler, Camp 18, Wisconsin.
 William Ode, Camp 18, Wisconsin.
 B. S. Fox, Camp 83, Wisconsin.
 W. E. Chatterton, Wisconsin.
 Felix A. Kramer, Wisconsin.

V. The Commander-in-Chief will appoint as Special Aide on his Staff any member who secures the initiation into the Order of five or more members during the first quarter of 1917. The name of any member entitled to appointment must be certified by his Division Commander and must be accompanied by the brother's address and Camp number.

VI. DIVISION ENCAMPMENT. Each Division Commander will notify Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters as promptly as possible, as to the place and date of his Division Encampment.

VII. REPORTS OF JUNIOR CAMPS. Division Commanders are reminded that the annual report of Junior Camps in their Divisions are due. Such report was directed to be rendered to the National Secretary in communications and General Orders on

Form 12, which form was supplied to Division Headquarters. It is to be hoped that this report will be forwarded at once.

REPORTS FROM DIVISIONS. Division Commanders will at once forward per capita tax and reports of the Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers (Forms 37 and 38), for quarter ending December 31, 1916, to the National Secretary. It is positively necessary that these reports and the tax be forwarded at once. All have been notified and there must be no further delay.

REPORTS FROM CAMPS FOR MARCH QUARTER. Division Commanders will at once, if they have not done so, upon receipt of this, forward to every Camp in their respective Divisions, Forms 27 and 28, Camp Secretary and Camp Treasurer reports, for the quarter ending March 31, 1917. These forms must be sent to Camps from Division Headquarters promptly; and Camp Commanders will, immediately AFTER March 31, forward the reports with per capita tax, from their Camps, to their respective Division Headquarters.

VIII. Returns September Quarter 1916:

Per capita tax and reports from the Division of California and Pacific, having been received for quarter ending September 30, 1916, showing 17 Camps and 550 members in good standing—the password and countersign has been issued to that Division. Camps forwarding reports and per capita tax for the quarter ending December 31, 1916, to Division Headquarters will receive through Division Commander Joseph V. Griffin the password and countersign.

With the Division of Alabama and Tennessee failing to report the consolidated returns for quarter ending September 30, 1916, show 1,229 Camps and 55,583 members in good standing—a gain of 13 Camps and 532 members, over June quarter.

IX. Camps have been instituted and charters issued thereto since last announcement as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
Dec. 7	199	Catawissa, Pennsylvania	71
Dec. 29	8	Post Mills, Vermont	15
Dec. 12	21	Viola, Wisconsin	16
Jan. 4	52	Charlotte, Michigan	21
Jan. 22	3	Portsmouth, New Hampshire	16

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

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
Jan. 16		Vergennes, Vermont	21
Jan. 31	26	Leslie, Michigan	34

STATEMENT No. 5.

X. Report of the National Secretary for month of January, 1917:

RECEIPTS.		
December 31, 1916, to balance.....		\$1606.53
Received for per capita tax.....	\$ 263.58	
Charter fees	10.00	
Supplies	224.26	
Miscellaneous .....	.50	
Total receipts		\$ 498.34
		\$2104.87

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$1254.41
Office expenses	110.07
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	51.05
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Total expenditures	\$1415.53
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Balance, January 31, 1917.....	\$ 689.34

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$ 373.00
The Banner, subscription, January, 1917.....	828.04
Reserve (Military Department).....	32.87
Shipping Supplies	15.50
Publicity Department	5.00
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	\$1254.41

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For postage, telegrams, express.....	\$ 17.57
Stationery National Officers (stock supply) ..	92.50
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	\$ 110.07

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For postage, telegrams, traveling, office, stenographer	\$ 51.05
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	\$ 51.05
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Total expenditures	\$1415.53
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Balance, January 31, 1917.....	\$ 689.34

By order of

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. III.

(Series of 1917)

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
Department of Commander-in-Chief,

Chicago, Illinois, March 1, 1917.

ONE THOUSAND NEW MEMBERS FOR MAY.

I. The returns for the December quarter which your National Officers had hoped would show the increase for which they had put forth their utmost endeavor, show a gain of 15 Camps and a loss of but little over 50 members from the September quarter. This, however, is exceptionally good when it is considered that never before has this Order made a gain but always showed a loss in the December quarter for the year of a

presidential campaign. 'By hard work, we have this year practically held our own. On this the faithful work of the entire membership is to be commended and the officers and members congratulated.

ONE THOUSAND NEW MEMBERS FOR MAY.

II. When the returns are all in for the present quarter, it will be found that the results of the Order's work in the January drive for 1000 members, produced more than half that number during the month, and many more in February and March. From reports straggling in since February Orders were published, it appears that not more than one-half the members actually initiated were reported in time. Your National Officers are sure that this neglect will not be repeated in the new campaign. It is not possible to select a month for such work that will be entirely agreeable to all. War and disaster do not come on invitation. The new drive will be made in Memorial Day month when patriotism rises in the hearts of all. No Camp will be inactive that month. No Division Commander will fail to follow the campaign with energy and report with promptness. Let the spirit of the Fathers inspire and guide every officer and every member.

ONE THOUSAND NEW MEMBERS FOR MAY.

III. Every Division Commander of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., is required to make and report a net gain in his Division during the month of May, 1917, of as many members as his Division has Camps. Each Division Commander will, on the first day of June, 1917, and not later, make a special report by mail to the Commander-in-Chief stating the number of Camps in his Division, the number of members gained for the month, and the number lost in the month. He will also report the name, number and location of the Camp in his Division making the largest gain (charter members excluded).

In June Orders there will be published as "On Advance May 1917," the following:

The Division Commanders who make report in compliance herewith.

Honorable mention of the Camp in each Division which makes the largest net gain in membership for May.

Honorable mention of every National and Division Officer and Special Aide to the Commander-in-Chief who is reported to have organized a Camp in May.

Division Commanders who do not report as required will also be expressly noticed.

ONE THOUSAND NEW MEMBERS FOR MAY.

IV. Every Camp Commander in the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., is required to make a net gain of one or more members in his Camp for the month of May, and on the date of the last meeting of his Camp for that month, and not later, report its gains and losses by postal card mailed to his Division Commander. Efficient and prompt performance will be required of every Camp Commander. Here is the opportunity for the smallest Camp in any Division to earn honorable mention in June Orders.

ONE THOUSAND NEW MEMBERS FOR MAY.

V. This is a year of unprecedented conditions. Never since

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED

Divlson.	In Good Standing September 30, 1916.		GAIN						Total Gain.		Aggregate.		
			By Initiation.		By Transfer.	By Reinstatement.							
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members
Ala. and Tenn.....	...	...	...	...	...	10	202	10	202	10	202	10	202
Cal. and Pac.....	17	550	...	15	1	...	...	...	16	17	566	...	...
Col. and Wyo.....	7	193	...	5	...	...	...	...	5	7	198	...	...
Connecticut	40	2282	1	129	1	...	9	1	139	41	2421	...	...
Illinois	60	2306	1	80	...	1	15	2	95	62	2401	...	...
Indiana	28	1112	...	30	...	4	82	4	112	32	1224	...	...
Iowa	23	665	...	20	...	1	8	1	28	24	693	...	...
Kansas	40	1398	...	28	...	...	...	...	28	40	1426	...	...
Kentucky	7	132	...	4	...	...	...	...	4	7	136	...	...
Maine	48	2196	...	24	4	3	78	3	106	51	2302	...	...
Maryland	19	678	1	27	...	...	3	1	30	20	708	...	...
Massachusetts ...	157	7434	1	245	7	...	...	1	252	158	7686	...	...
Michigan	32	1236	1	28	24	...	...	1	52	33	1288	...	...
Minnesota	19	631	...	14	...	...	...	...	14	19	645	...	...
Missouri	20	767	...	28	...	...	...	...	28	20	795	...	...
Mont. and Idaho.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nebraska	10	281	...	23	...	...	...	...	23	10	304	...	...
New Hampshire	35	1222	...	20	...	...	...	...	20	35	1242	...	...
New Jersey	41	1953	...	25	...	...	3	...	28	41	1981	...	...
New York	162	6844	1	186	5	...	5	1	196	163	7040	...	...
Ohio	118	5352	...	104	2	...	29	...	135	118	5487	...	...
Pennsylvania	230	14890	1	340	52	...	...	1	392	231	15282	...	...
Rhode Island	16	555	...	11	...	...	...	...	11	16	566	...	...
Vermont	30	912	2	61	2	...	...	2	63	32	975	...	...
Wash. and Ore.....	10	302	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	302	...	...
Wisconsin	60	1692	3	86	2	...	30	3	118	63	1810	...	...
Total	1229	55583	12	1533	100	19	464	31	2097	1260	57680	...	...

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED RETURNS FOR QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1916.

Division.	In Good Standing September 30, 1916.		GAIN			Total Gain.		Aggregate		LOSS					Total Loss.		In Good Standing December 31, 1916.		Received for Per Capita Tax.	Cash in Division Headquarters.	Cash on Hand in Camp Treasuries.	Expended for Relief.	No. Members or Their Families Relieved.	No. Veterans or Their Families Relieved.				
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	By Initiation.	By Transfer.	By Reinstatement.	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	By Disbanded.	By Death.	Honorable Discharge	By Transfer.	By Dropped.	Camps	Members							Camps	Members		
Ala. and Tenn.....							10	202	10	202							10	202										
Cal. and Pac.....	17	550		15	1			15	17	566							17	566										
Col. and Wyo.....	7	193		5				5	7	198							7	198										
Connecticut.....	40	2282	1	129	1		9	139	41	2421							41	2421										
Illinois.....	60	2306	1	80		1	15	95	62	2401							62	2401										
Indiana.....	28	1112		30		4	82	112	32	1224							32	1224										
Iowa.....	23	665		20		1	8	28	24	693							24	693										
Kansas.....	40	1398		28				28	40	1426							40	1426										
Kentucky.....	7	132		4				4	7	136							7	136										
Maine.....	48	2196		24	4	3	78	106	51	2302							51	2302										
Maryland.....	19	678	1	27				30	20	708							20	708										
Massachusetts.....	157	7434	1	245	7			252	158	7686							158	7686										
Michigan.....	32	1236	1	28	24			52	33	1288							33	1288										
Minnesota.....	19	631		14				14	19	645							19	645										
Missouri.....	20	767		28				28	20	795							20	795										
Mont. and Idaho.....																												
Nebraska.....	10	281		23				23	10	304							10	304										
New Hampshire.....	35	1222		20				20	35	1242							35	1242										
New Jersey.....	41	1953		25			3	28	41	1981							41	1981										
New York.....	162	6844	1	186	5		5	196	163	7040	2	24	24	22	2	4	287	6675	431.59	17.75								
Ohio.....	118	5352		104	2		29	135	118	5487							118	5487										
Pennsylvania.....	230	14890	1	340	52			392	231	15282	6	111	26	3	1	2	379	5110	316.04	256.57								
Rhode Island.....	16	555		11				11	16	566							16	566										
Vermont.....	30	912	2	61	2			63	32	975							32	975										
Wash. and Ore.....	10	302						10	10	302							10	302										
Wisconsin.....	60	1692	3	86	2		30	93	63	1810	1	21	2	3	1	55	1810											
Total	1229	55583	12	1533	100	19	464	31	2097	1260	57680	6	156	107	90	70	7	1728	16	2151	1244	55529	\$3536.67	\$6755.53	\$59897.81	\$14066.10	13	17

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE JUNIOR ORDER—Consolidated Returns for Year ending December 31, 1916.

Division	In Good Standing Dec. 31, 1915.		In Good Standing Dec. 31, 1916.		Total.	Amount Received from All Sources.	Balance, Dec. 31, 1915.	Amount Expended.	Balance, Dec. 31, 1916.
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members					
Colorado and Wyoming.....	3	91	3	102	200	\$ 200	\$ 200	14.14	1277
Maine.....	3	83	3	109	2691	2691	14.14	3661	4688
Massachusetts.....	1	17	2	21	6259	6259	1230	1230	865
New Jersey.....	1	15	1	15	2035	17.65	8.05	8.05	430
New York.....	8	326	8	326	5565	594.66	533.13	363.53	363.53
Pennsylvania.....					18.00	18.00	4.35	13.65	13.65
Wisconsin.....					16	16	18.00	4.35	13.65
Total	16	517	19	613	\$1050.26	\$741.16	\$809.10	\$598.58	\$411.58

our Fathers were mustered out of the service of our Government, has the state of the Nation demanded so strongly a display of patriotic ardor as now.

Every National and every Division Officer in the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., is required to organize and have instituted in the month of May, 1917, one new Camp in his Division. Officers, look from your living fathers to the living flag; look from your fathers' tombs to the starry banner for which they fought, and say if you will fail to help organize the patriotism of this Nation in its present need. Division Commanders will report for honorable mention the name of each officer complying herewith.

ONE THOUSAND NEW MEMBERS FOR MAY.

VI. Every Aide on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief is summoned to active duty. Each of you is required to organize and have instituted a new Camp in May, 1917. Commence your work now. You can do it, else you would not have earned the yellow ribbon you are wearing. This will be the highest manifestation of your loyalty to your country, to which you are doubly called by reason of your position. Each Aide will make a special report of his Camp organized to the Commander-in-Chief, and will be accredited therewith in Orders.

ONE THOUSAND NEW MEMBERS FOR MAY.

VII. If the officers and members of the Order will loyally and actively respond to these Orders, on the first day of June, we will be able to make the slogan read "TWO THOUSAND NEW MEMBERS SECURED IN MAY." Will you throw off the mask of indifference and do it?

May is the Memorial Month of all patriots. Let us make it this year also a memorable month in the Sons of Veterans. Let us, in accord with the expressed wish of the Commander-in-Chief of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, put a Camp wherever the great Order of our Fathers needs one for its assistance and aid.

VIII. The following appointments are announced:

For meritorious service to the Order, with rank from January 26, 1917, to be Special Aide on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief.

J. Colby Beekman, Camp 89, Petersburg, Illinois.

For securing five or more new members during the present quarter, to be Special Aide on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

Perry R. Stebbins, Camp 10, Massachusetts.

F. H. Brock, Camp 65, Massachusetts.

F. Shreoe Armstrong, Camp 45, New Jersey.

E. A. Hoyt, Camp 7, Rhode Island.

Ira D. Shelton of 1055 Detroit Street, Denver, Colorado, has been appointed Secretary-Treasurer of the Division of Colorado and Wyoming, vice Archie L. White resigned. Rosters will be changed accordingly.

IX. The Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will be held in the city of Boston, Massachusetts, in the week beginning August 19, 1917, at the same time as the Annual Encampment of the GRAND ARMY OF THE RE-

PUBLIC. All Divisions should make adequate and timely preparations for a full delegation at this Encampment. Details and matters of accommodations will be announced in subsequent Orders. Arrangements for participation in the parade will be under the direction of the Chief-of-Staff, Brig.-Gen. Edwin M. Amies, of Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Begin now a grand rally of all the Divisions for the Boston Encampment, where a splendid welcome is assured from the great and active Massachusetts Division.

DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS.

X. Divisions have announced their annual Encampments to be held as follows:

- Massachusetts at Boston, April 10-11.
- Connecticut at Hartford, April 11-12.
- New Hampshire at Concord, April 12-13.
- Indiana at Indianapolis, May 10-11.
- Maine at Rockland, June 6-7.
- Illinois at Bloomington, June 6-8.
- Michigan at Battle Creek, June 13-15.
- New Jersey at Asbury Park, June 14-15.
- Colorado & Wyoming at Longmont, June 19-20.
- Pennsylvania at Johnstown, June 20-21.

As soon as possible all other Division Commanders will notify the Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters of the place and dates of their Division Encampments.

FORMS 27 AND 28.

XI. Division Commanders will at once send to each Camp Forms 27 and 28—Camp Secretary's and Camp Treasurer's reports, for the quarter ending March 31, 1917. These must be forwarded with per capita tax to Division Headquarters IMMEDIATELY after the close of the last meeting in March of every Camp.

FORM 9.

Attention is again directed to the use of FORM 9—by Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers. It is expected this will be complied with.

FORM 16.

If Form 16 is forwarded direct to the Commander-in-Chief delay can be avoided in securing the information desired by the use of that Form.

FORM 44—CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

Memorial Day preparations should be under way in every Camp. Division Commanders will promptly supply Form 44 to every Camp. This Form must be forwarded to every Division Chaplain promptly after the exercises on Memorial Day.

CAMPS' CHARTERS REVOKED.

XII. Camps having failed to pay per capita tax and make reports as required, reported Disbanded and Dropped, their charters are revoked, as follows:

Division of Alabama and Tennessee. Dropped:
No. 22 Morgan City, La..... 22 members

Division of New Jersey. Dropped.

No. 30 Hamburg 15 members

Division of New York. Dropped:

No. 134 Port Plain..... 15 members

No. 138 Argola 15 members

No. 176 Candor 20 members

No. 198 Olean 29 members

Disbanded:

No. 144 Canastota 10 members

No. 157 Sag Harbor..... 14 members

Division of Pennsylvania. Disbanded:

No. 55 Newton 5 members

No. 70 Portersville 17 members

No. 94 Erie 5 members

No. 119 Newport 39 members

No. 161 Calvin 20 members

No. 171 Petrolia 25 members

Division of Wisconsin. Dropped:

No. 65 Rhinelander 21 members

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

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
Feb. 5	92	Savanna, Illinois	23
Feb. 19	159	Williamstown, Massachusetts	22
Feb. 26		Poultney, Vermont	23
Feb. 26	50	Formosa, Kansas	27
Feb. 28	51	Linn, Kansas	25

Camps have been instituted and charters issued thereto, as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
Nov. 22	110	Albion, Michigan	28
Jan. 26	92	Savanna, Illinois	23

STATEMENT No. 6.

XIV. Report of the National Secretary for month of February, 1917:

RECEIPTS.

January 31, 1917, to balance.....		\$ 689.34
Received for per capita tax.....	\$3288.57	
Charter fees	12.50	
Supplies	245.46	
Junior Order—Supplies	2.01	
Total receipts		<u>\$3548.54</u>

\$4237.88

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$1447.79
Office expenses	29.22
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	206.70
Total expenditures	<u>\$1683.71</u>

Balance, February 28, 1917..... \$2554.17

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.	
For stock and supplies.....	\$ 515.68
The Banner, subscription, February, 1917.....	829.30
Printing	12.85
Reserve	61.07
Shipping supplies	10.39
Publicity department	18.50
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	\$1447.79
OFFICE EXPENSES.	
For postage, telegrams, express, stationery...\$	29.22
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	\$ 29.22
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.	
For postage, traveling, office, stenographer....\$	206.70
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	\$ 206.70
Total expenditures	<hr/>
	\$1683.71
Balance, February 28, 1917.....	<hr/>
	\$2554.17
By order of	
Attest:	WILLIAM T. CHURCH,
H. H. HAMMER,	Commander-in-Chief.
National Secretary.	

GENERAL ORDERS NO. IV.
(Series of 1917)

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
Department of Commander-in-Chief,

Chicago, Illinois, April 1, 1917.

ONE THOUSAND NEW MEMBERS FOR MAY.

I. Preparations for the observance of Memorial Day should now be under way in every Camp in the Order. All should participate in these sacred ceremonies and lend every possible assistance to the Posts of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. Patriotic citizens generally should be invited to co-operate with the Camps. This work may be carried on at the same time and in entire harmony with the great drive for 1000 new members in May. One of the strong inducements that may be held out to prospective recruits now is the privilege of at once joining in the exercises of Memorial Day, and of doing so while many of the Fathers are still with us, at a time when every patriot ought to give expression of the faith that in him rests.

II. The attention of Division Commanders is expressly called to Section III of General Orders No. 2, Series of 1917. Gratifying reports from some have already been received announcing that the drive for May is already begun. Others are

known to be on the advance for they are always there. No Division Commander or officer will be excused from active duty because his term expires or his Division Encampment is held in April or May. It will be the duty of such as are soon to retire from office to move faster now in recruiting, and in getting their Camps at work, so as to turn over an active campaign to each new Commander. Set a pace now which will compel incoming officers to work from the day of their election. Circularize your Camps. Write personal letters. Make visits. See that your Aides are active. Remember that results count and your success will be honorably noted in June Orders.

ONE THOUSAND NEW MEMBERS FOR MAY.

III. All other Officers, including Aides to the Commander-in-Chief are reminded of the duty imposed upon them in Orders No. 3. Read them again and frequently. Camp Commanders must increase the membership of their Camps. Officers and Aides must secure a new Camp each, to be instituted in May or sooner. Make a sacrifice of your time and efforts now because you are not only doing your Order great good, but a loyal work for your country as well. A number of officers have already moved forward and have reported Camps started. Remember that the Sons of Veterans was the first great patriotic order to take an open stand for National Defense and universal training and service.

ONE THOUSAND NEW MEMBERS FOR MAY.

IV. All Divisions are urged to select strong, active and willing men to succeed to the command for the ensuing year. Require of your candidates a promise to make the May drive a success, and to keep on the advance during the whole year.

ONE THOUSAND NEW MEMBERS FOR MAY.

V. Wherever possible in every Division, contests for the greatest increase in membership should be arranged between Camps in the same city, or in nearby towns to terminate with a joint meeting and class initiation on some date in May. This has proven a most effective means of recruiting. Every member certified by his Division Commander to have secured the initiation of five or more members in the second Quarter of 1917 will be appointed a Special Aide on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief.

ONE THOUSAND NEW MEMBERS FOR MAY.

VI. The following appointments are announced:

For securing five or more members, to be Special Aide on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

Willis Wood, Camp 20, Kansas.

Henry Weber, Camp 5, Missouri.

James Francis Rice (15 members), Camp 223, New York.

Guy S. Joslin, Camp 203, New York.

Peter A. Seddon, Camp 17, New Jersey.

Harry M. Williams, Camp 4, New Jersey.

W. W. C. Wood, Camp 5, Massachusetts. (He secured 20 members for class at Framingham).

F. E. Miller, Camp 101, Massachusetts.

For meritorious service to the Order, to be Special Aide on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

J. M. Gooding, Camp 41, Wisconsin.

Charles M. Wilson, Camp 18, Kansas.

ONE THOUSAND NEW MEMBERS FOR MAY.

VII. The Camps of Alleghany County in and around Pittsburgh through their Sons of Veterans Association, are in the drive for a class muster of 200 members. They will succeed, for they are loyal and earnest, and, under the leadership of Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, they propose to do their part in building up the Order as we have all been urged to do by the Commander-in-Chief of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

The Camps at Moline and Rock Island, Illinois, will end a highly spirited contest with a large class muster at an early date. District Aide Clendennin and their respective Commanders are to be commended for their excellent work.

The Kansas Division is on the advance and has taken to the field for the drive.

The Ohio and Indiana and Iowa Divisions are active and promise good results. California will offer a surprise. All the New England Divisions from Maine to Connecticut are in excellent condition for this campaign by reason of their good work in the quarter now closing.

Reports are earnestly desired at these Headquarters from the other Divisions; and especially from the Division Commander who has failed to respond to any communication or order.

ONE THOUSAND NEW MEMBERS FOR MAY.

VIII. Divisions have announced their annual Encampments to be held as follows:

Massachusetts at Boston, April 10-11.
 Connecticut at Hartford, April 11-12.
 New Hampshire at Concord, April 12-13.
 Rhode Island at Providence, April 17.
 Vermont at Montpelier, April 19-20.
 Indiana at Indianapolis, May 10-11.
 Missouri at Springfield, May 15-16.
 Kansas at Salina, May 16-18.
 Nebraska at Columbus, May 17-18.
 Maine at Rockland, June 6-7.
 Illinois at Bloomington, June 6-8.
 Minnesota at Minneapolis, June 8.
 Ohio at Akron, June 11-14.
 Michigan at Battle Creek, June 13-15.
 New Jersey at Asbury Park, June 14-15.
 Colorado and Wyoming at Longmont, June 19-20.
 Iowa at Davenport, June 19-21.
 Wisconsin at Kenosha, June 19-21.
 Pennsylvania at Johnstown, June 20-21.

As soon as possible all other Division Commanders will notify the Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters of the place and dates of their Division Encampments.

ONE THOUSAND NEW MEMBERS FOR MAY.

IX. Division Patriotic Instructors should, without further delay, forward their reports on Form 51 to the National Patriotic Instructor, Guy Richardson, 104 Robinwood Avenue, Jamaica Plain, Mass. There are a number who are delinquent. Each Division Commander should communicate with his own

officer at once and if any Camps have failed to forward their reports on Form 50 to the Division Patriotic Instructor he should take action to secure such reports at once.

ONE THOUSAND NEW MEMBERS FOR MAY.

X. All the Chaplains will report immediately after Memorial Day, May 30th. Division Commanders will now, without delay, send the Division Chaplains Form 43, and to all Camp Chaplains Form 44. The latter must be returned to Division Chaplains promptly on the conclusion of Memorial Day exercises. Camp Commanders are charged with the duty of seeing that this is done. Division Chaplains will, as promptly as possible, forward their reports on Form 43 to National Chaplain W. J. Patton, D. D., Berlin, Wis., so that consolidated returns can be prepared without delay.

SECRETARIES, AND TREASURERS' REPORTS.

XI. Camp Commanders are required to see that their Secretary's and Treasurer's reports have been forwarded to Division Headquarters on Forms 27 and 28 for the quarter ending March 31, 1917, with per capita tax. Prompt attention to these reports is most urgently requested at this time. Division Commanders must require Camps to make prompt reports and remittances.

The attention of all Camps is called to the use of Forms B and C. *Form B* should be issued to every member paying dues and the Camp Treasurers should be constantly supplied with the same. It carries an order on their Camp to give the password and countersign to the brother presenting it. *Form C* is the warrant of authority issued by the Camp for the payment of bills when approved by the Camp Council and should be filed with the Treasurers voucher. Continuous use of these forms is urged.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

XII. All proposed amendments of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations must be treated in accordance with Chapter 7, page 81 of the C. R. & R. It is the correct practice for a member desiring such amendments considered, to have the same recommended by his Division Encampment and the Division Secretary should forward the same to the National Secretary immediately after the Encampment, with a copy of the action of the Division under the Division seal, signed by the Commander and Secretary. Each communication should be written only on one side of the paper and should clearly designate the change proposed.

SUPPLIES.

XIII. Attention is directed to Chapter VI, Rules and Regulations, page 46, Art. V, of the C. R. & R., which provides:

"Camps must purchase all official supplies from Division Headquarters."

This requires that all Divisions should carry a sufficient stock of supplies at their respective Headquarters, so that Camp requisitions for supplies can be promptly filled. Many Divisions do not carry a stock of supplies. Attention should be given this subject so that there will be as little delay as possible in the filling of requisitions.

RECOGNITION BUTTON.

XIV. It is earnestly recommended that Division and Camp Commanders urge upon all members to at all times wear the Recognition button. See that this is done, and that our Order is prominently before the public thereby. Camps can procure these buttons from Division Headquarters on Form 1 and Divisions from the National Secretary on Form 1½.

DIVISION ELECTIONS.

XV. Immediately after Installation of the new Division Officers at Division Encampments, Form 49 must be forwarded in DUPLICATE to the National Secretary. These can be procured on Requisition Form 1½. They must be filled out complete and not be delayed. From these the roll of the Commander-in-Chief Encampment will be made up and no other form of credential will be required.

BONDS OF DIVISION COMMANDERS.

Every Division Commander must file a bond in the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars, within THIRTY (30) DAYS after his election. This MEANS thirty days and not any period thereafter. All newly elected Division Commanders will give this their personal and prompt attention.

The bond must be made to "William T. Church, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Chicago, Illinois."

See that the bond is so written and issued.

A Division Commander upon receipt of his bond will at once forward same to the Commander-in-Chief, for his examination, approval and acceptance, whereupon in accordance with the C. R. & R., it will be filed with the National Treasurer.

The kind of bond: It MUST be a SURETY COMPANY bond and no other form. This is prescribed by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations. Failure to file bond within the required time will be sufficient cause to deprive a Division Commander from filling that office.

XVI. Applications for charters for new Camps were approved as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
Mar. 2	53	Palco, Kansas	22
Mar. 12	25	Quenemo, Kansas	20
Mar. 19	160	Hopkinton, Massachusetts	27
Mar. 21	43	Somersville, New Jersey	33
Mar. 26		Greenville, Illinois	29
Mar. 30	55	Glasco, Kansas	25

Following new Camps have been instituted and charters issued thereto:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
Feb. 12	26	Leslie, Michigan	26
Mar. 1	24	Gardner, Kansas	35
Mar. 7	57	Poultney, Vermont	29
Mar. 21	53	Quenemo, Kansas	15
Mar. 23	43	Somerville, New Jersey	24

STATEMENT No. 7.

XVII. Report of the National Secretary for month of March, 1917:

RECEIPTS.

February 28, 1917, to balance.....		\$2554.17
Received for per capita tax.....	\$ 65.77	
Charter fees	12.50	
Supplies	437.27	
Junior Order—Supplies	15.20	
Total receipts		<u>\$ 530.74</u>
		\$3084.91

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$1609.41	
Office expenses	143.08	
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	27.58	
Total expenditures		<u>\$1780.07</u>
Balance, March 31, 1917.....		\$1304.84

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$ 100.25	
The Banner, March, 1917, subscription, and G. A. R. Posts	883.92	
Reserve, Military Department	23.95	
Shipping supplies	16.04	
Salaries	575.00	
Publicity Department	10.25	
		<u>\$1609.41</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For postage, telegrams, express, stationery, rent (April-June, 1917, inc.).....	\$ 143.08	
		<u>\$ 143.08</u>

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For postage, traveling, office, stenographer....	\$ 27.58	
		<u>\$ 27.58</u>

Total expenditures		<u>\$1780.07</u>
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Balance, March 31, 1917.....		\$1304.84
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By order of		
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WILLIAM T. CHURCH,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. V.

(Series of 1917)

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
Department of Commander-in-Chief,

Chicago, Illinois, May 1, 1917.

ONE THOUSAND NEW MEMBERS FOR MAY.

I. Most gratifying reports have been received from the various Divisions indicating a great state of activity. Many applications for Camp charters, and many certificates of members earning the yellow ribbon have been received. With earnest work in the last days of the month, it is assured that the 1000 increase will be more than reached. Officers and members keep up the recruiting to the limit of your capacity until the last day. Let us make this month's work a grand tribute of loyal work for the Order and our Country.

ONE THOUSAND NEW MEMBERS FOR MAY.

II. CAMP COMMANDERS, Attention: You must report your gains by postal card to your Division Commander at once after your last meeting in May. This is one of the calls your Country makes upon you. You have it in your power to make the gain of your Camp worthy of honorable mention. Will you do it?

OFFICERS AND SPECIAL AIDES: Some of you have promised to respond to Orders No. 3 with new Camps instituted in May. See that your work is done, and that reports of institution of your Camps are in the hands of your Division Commanders before the end of the month.

DIVISION COMMANDERS: Much of the success of this drive rests upon you. Your Officers and Camps will respond to your calls if you make them. Some of you failed to report on the January campaign. There will be no excuse for such failure on the May Drive. If you retire from office before June 1, it will be your duty to inform your successor of this obligation at the time of his installation. Each Division Commander on the first day of June, 1917, and not later, will make a special report to the Commander-in-Chief by mail, stating:

1. The number of Camps instituted in his Division in the month; and the name of the officer organizing each.
2. The total number of Camps in his Division.
3. The number of members gained and the number lost in the Division for the month of May.
4. The name, number and location of the Camp in his Division making the largest net gain in members, (charter members in new Camps excluded) during the month.

The above will receive honorable mention in June Order under the title "On Advance in May, 1917."

Division Commanders who fail to report as above required will also be expressly noticed in Orders.

ONE THOUSAND NEW MEMBERS FOR MAY.

III. The following appointments are announced:

For securing five or more members during the first or the

second quarter of 1917; to be Special Aide on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

A. S. Holbrook, Camp 270, Illinois.
 F. J. Clendennin, Camp 31, Illinois.
 H. H. Colby, Camp 31, Illinois.
 E. L. Cook, Camp 31, Illinois.
 Colin Dewrose, Camp 31, Illinois.
 Earl Hiatt, Camp 31, Illinois.
 N. A. Holt, Camp 31, Illinois.
 C. B. Paul, Camp 31, Illinois.
 C. P. Skinner, Camp 31, Illinois.
 A. H. Cleaveland, Camp 89, Illinois.
 Elmer Hornback, Camp 89, Illinois.
 Roy Williams, Camp 89, Illinois.
 George W. Ague, Camp 315, Illinois.
 William H. Carpenter, Camp 315, Illinois.
 Harry H. Cleaveland, Camp 315, Illinois.
 Linus L. Karns, Camp 315, Illinois.
 Eugene H. Johnson, Camp 315, Illinois.
 Sam Ryerson, Camp 315, Illinois.
 A. H. Nelson, Camp 300, Iowa.
 D. H. Fleming, Camp 20, Kansas.
 Arthur J. Rhodes, Camp 20, Kansas.
 Bruce S. Wilson, Camp 20, Kansas.
 Edward W. Struve, Camp 23, Kansas.
 Ralph H. Burbank, Camp 20, Maine.
 Lester Creencer, Camp 44, Maine.
 Jesse H. Townsend, Camp 51, Maine.
 Charles W. MacNear, Camp 64, Massachusetts.
 John H. Johnson, New Hampshire.
 Lewis C. Southard, Camp 43, New York.
 Martin E. Murphy, Camp 61, New York.
 George L. Carnwright, Camp 68, New York.
 Elwin G. Brownell, Camp 153, New York.
 J. D. Keiser, Camp 12, Ohio.
 W. G. Watts, Camp 74, Ohio.
 L. F. Webster, Camp 74, Ohio.
 William M. Coffin, Camp 100, Ohio.
 Henry K. Gibson, Camp 100, Ohio.
 Charles B. Lueders, Camp 100, Ohio.
 Robert D. Maddox, Camp 100, Ohio.
 Carlton E. Lee, Camp 344, Ohio.
 George Forrester, Camp 344, Ohio.
 J. H. Gordon, Camp 14, Pennsylvania.
 Thomas R. Parfitt, Camp 14, Pennsylvania.
 W. W. E. Moore, Camp 14, Pennsylvania.
 D. J. Snavely, Camp 14, Pennsylvania.
 George T. Yeaple, Camp 33, Pennsylvania.
 James George, Camp 132, Pennsylvania.
 W. H. Forbes, Camp 166, Pennsylvania.
 George T. McHenry, Camp 177, Pennsylvania.
 Jacob Pauly, Camp 194, Pennsylvania.
 William D. Acherman, Camp 30, Wisconsin.

It is a pleasure to note that brothers who have heretofore been appointed Special Aides have again this month been reported as securing five or more additional members for their Camps. It is hoped that all Aides will follow their lead. They are J. Colby Beekman of Illinois, Arthur R. Lewis of Ohio,

W. W. C. Wood of Massachusetts and Michael Seeley of Pennsylvania.

IV. MEMORIAL DAY. The GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC has directed that Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and General Logan's Memorial Day Order shall be read as a part of the public services held by that Order. In order that all Sons of Veterans may learn its fervent loyalty and that it may be preserved to us, that Order is here reproduced:

HEADQUARTERS
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Washington, D. C., May 5, 1868.

General Orders No. 11.

I. The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and those bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but Posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, Comrades, as our Regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains and their death a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remains to us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with the choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they have saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us a sacred charge upon the Nation's gratitude—the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this Order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department Commanders will use every effort to make this Order effective. By command of

JOHN A. LOGAN,

Commander-in-Chief.

N. P. CHIPMAN,
Adjutant-General.

V. FLAG DAY. June 14th should be recognized by every Son of Veteran as Flag Day, by the display of our country's colors. The Union League Club of Chicago has given permission to reprint for the members of our Order the following:

SALUTE TO THE FLAG.

Flag of our great Republic—
Symbol of human liberty,
Inspirer in battle,
Guardian of our homes—
Whose stripes and stars
Stand for courage, purity and union,
We salute thee!
We, the children of many lands,
Who find rest and safety
Under thy folds,
Give our hands, our heads
And our hearts to thee:
We pledge our lives
And sacred honor
To guard and revere thee
And our beloved country,
Forever.

VI. NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT: The Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will convene at the same time as the annual encampment of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC at the city of Boston in the week beginning Sunday, August 19, 1917.

1. Headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief will be established at the Hotel Bellevue, where accommodations may be had by all officers and members of the Encampment.

Regular rates only for rooms on the European plan will be as follows:

Double rooms, without bath, for two persons, \$3.00; for each extra person, \$1.00 per day;

Double rooms, with bath, for two persons, \$4.50; for each extra person, \$1.00 per day;

(Probably the average will be three persons to a room, in some cases, four persons).

Two double rooms, with connecting bath, two persons in each room, \$8.00 a suite; for each extra person, \$1.00 per day;

Large rooms with two double beds and bath, to be occupied by four persons, \$8.00 per day; extra persons \$1.00 per day each.

Members should secure reservations by addressing Hotel Bellevue, Boston, Mass. All members should arrive in Boston not later than Monday, August 20.

2. The parade of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC will take place on Tuesday, August 21. By General Orders No. 4 of Commander-in-Chief Patterson, it is provided that, with the exception of the necessary bands, and the Sons of Veterans who are the official escort of the parent Order, none but members of the Grand Army will be permitted in line.

The Sons of Veterans are signally honored by this order. Let us provide an escort that will be worthy of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, so far as in our power lies. The escort will be under command of Brig-Gen. Edwin M. Amies, Chief-of-Staff. All uniformed Camps and organizations in our Order should attend to the last member. Especially are the Divisions of New England and other nearby States required to turn out their full contingent. Preparations should be begun now.

3. The National Encampment will assemble for its first meeting at 10 o'clock a. m. Wednesday, August 22, at Ford Hall in Tremont Building less than two blocks from Hotel Bellevue.

4. To entitle a Division to representation in the National Encampment it must have made report and paid per capita tax for the quarter ending June 30, 1917; and must have made the following:

Division Chaplain's report on Form 43 to National Chaplain, Walter J. Patton, D. D., Berlin, Wisconsin.

Division Patriotic Instructor's report on Form 51 to National Patriotic Instructor, Guy Richardson, 104 Robinwood Avenue, Jamaica Plain, Mass.

The Division Commander's Surety Company bond in the sum of \$1000 running to the Commander-in-Chief Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., must have been approved and filed.

Certificates of election in duplicate on Form 49 must be forwarded to the National Secretary at once after the Division Encampment.

VII. DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS:

Indiana at Indianapolis, May 10-11.

Missouri at Springfield, May 15-16.

California and Pacific at Long Beach, May 15-19.

Kansas at Salina, May 16-18.

Nebraska at Columbus, May 17-18.

Montana and Idaho at Butte, May 24-26.

Maine at Rockland, June 6-7.

Illinois at Bloomington, June 6-8.

Minnesota at St. Paul, June 8.

Ohio at Akron, June 11-14.

New Jersey at Asbury Park, June 14-15.

Kentucky at Newport, June 16.

Colorado and Wyoming at Longmont, June 19-20.

Iowa at Davenport, June 19-20.

Maryland at Washington, D. C., June 19-20.

Wisconsin at Kenosha, June 19-21.

Pennsylvania at Johnstown, June 20-21.

Michigan at Battle Creek, June 20-22.

New York at Saratoga, June 26-28.

VIII. Following are newly chosen Division Commanders:

Connecticut—Charles H. Bissell, Southington.

Massachusetts—Dr. Ernest Homan, 15 Beacon St., Boston.

New Hampshire—Oscar E. Davis, Alton.

Rhode Island—Charles P. Hall, 47 Washington St., Providence.

Vermont—John P. Hoadley, Wallingford.

IX. Applications for charters for new Camps have been approved since last General Orders as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
Apr. 5	11	Deerfield, New Hampshire	22
Apr. 5	15	Key West, Florida, Ala. and Tenn.	21
Apr. 7		Hampton, Illinois	21
Apr. 9	7	Bradner, Ohio	45
Apr. 9	18	Defiance, Ohio	48
Apr. 9	13	Terre Alta, W. Va., Maryland	27
Apr. 10	60	Elmdale, Kansas	18
Apr. 11	6	Windom, Minnesota	29
Apr. 12	61	Lyndon, Kansas	23
Apr. 16		Pontiac, Illinois	57
Apr. 19	11	Hamilton, New York	25
Apr. 21		Butte, Mont., Mont, and Idaho	33
Apr. 23	152	Spencer, Iowa	39
Apr. 24		Waukegan, Illinois	20

New Camps have been instituted and charters issued thereto since last announcement as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
Feb. 7	55	Vergennes, Vermont	24
Feb. 12	159	Williamstown, Massachusetts	19
Mar. 30	208	Linn, Kansas	26
Mar. 31	53	Palco, Kansas	26
Mar. 20	160	Hopkinton, Massachusetts	22
Mar. 31	11	Deerfield, New Hampshire	19
Mar. 19	15	Key West, Florida, Ala. & Tenn.	16
Mar. 28	7	Bradner, Ohio	45
Jan. 27	6	Windom, Minnesota	29
Mar. 30	11	Hamilton, New York	25
Apr. 27	152	Spencer, Iowa	36

STATEMENT No 8.

X. Report of the National Secretary for month of April, 1917:

RECEIPTS.

March 31, 1917, to balance.....		\$1304.84
Received for per capita tax.....	\$ 318.14	
Charter fees	37.50	
Supplies	728.62	
Total receipts		\$1084.26
		<u>\$2389.10</u>

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$ 948.48	
Office expenses	35.63	
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	237.21	
Total expenditures		\$1221.32
Balance, April 30, 1917.....		<u>\$1167.78</u>

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock	\$ 38.90
The Banner, subscription, April, 1917.....	831.54
Printing	4.00

Reserve	25.73
Shipping supplies	19.81
Publicity Department	5.25
Appropriation—National Officers other than Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer, Chief-of-Staff	12.25
Miscellaneous	11.00
	<u>\$ 948.48</u>
OFFICE EXPENSES.	
For postage, telegrams, express, stationery...\$	35.63
	<u>\$ 35.63</u>
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.	
For postage, telegrams, traveling, stenogra- pher, express	\$ 237.21
	<u>\$ 237.21</u>
Total expenditures	<u>\$1221.32</u>
Balance, April 30, 1917.....	\$1167.78
By order of	
	WILLIAM T. CHURCH, Commander-in-Chief.
Attest:	
H. H. HAMMER, National Secretary.	

GENERAL ORDERS NO. VI.

(Series of 1917)

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
Department of Commander-in-Chief,

Chicago, Illinois, June 1, 1917.

THE U. S. A. PREFERRED.

I. Our Country is engaged in a great war. The Government will soon call to the colors a first contingent of Five Hundred Thousand men. It is our first duty to aid in this call by accepting registration and service if we are eligible and by investing the service with honor and distinction for those who are chosen. Our Country in this stern crisis needs them and also, the millions who will be chosen to follow them. These soldiers are being selected from the best youth of the land. They will win honors which History will gladly accord them. They will maintain the high standard of American arms established by our Fathers and their ancestors. The honor of the Nation will be safe in their keeping. Shall we have them feel the importance of their opportunity? Shall we inspire them with the honor of their selection and the confidence of our people? Let us do this in all communities. Let us salute them as the honor soldiers of the Nation—The U. S. A. Preferred.

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED RETURNS FROM DIVISIONS F

Division.	In Good Standing December 31, 1916.		GAIN						LOSS													
			By Initiation.		By Transfer.		By Reinstatement.		Total Gain.		Aggregate.		By Disbanded.		By Death.		Honorable Discharge.		By Transfer.		By Dropped.	
			Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Members	Members	Members	Members	Camps	Members
Ala. and Tenn.....	10	202	1	20	...	...	...	1	20	11	222	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Cal. and Pac.....	17	566	..	8	...	...	3	..	11	17	577	...	...	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Col. and Wyo.....	7	196	..	13	...	...	...	..	13	7	209	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Connecticut	41	2396	..	101	...	...	3	..	104	41	2500	...	...	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Illinois	62	2335	1	109	4	...	...	1	113	63	2448	...	...	10	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
Indiana	32	1152	..	39	...	...	...	..	39	32	1191	1	10	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	14
Iowa	24	677	..	21	...	...	4	..	25	24	702	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	46
Kansas	41	1361	5	210	4	...	2	5	216	46	1677	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Kentucky	7	132	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	7	132	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Maine	51	2202	..	129	1	...	48	..	178	51	2380	...	...	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	51
Maryland	20	682	..	4	...	...	2	..	6	20	688	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Massachusetts ...	153	7510	2	333	9	...	...	2	342	160	7852	...	...	23	38	13	...	...	...	...	...	103
Michigan	33	1257	2	47	46	...	...	2	93	35	1350	...	...	3	14	12	...	...	...	...	...	161
Minnesota	19	645	1	74	...	...	...	1	74	20	719	...	...	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	43
Missouri	20	767	..	14	1	...	...	..	15	20	782	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Mont. and Idaho ..	8	115	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	8	115	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nebraska	10	275	..	6	...	...	...	..	6	10	281	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
New Hampshire	35	1210	2	68	1	...	2	2	71	37	1281	...	...	5	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	34
New Jersey	40	1920	1	74	...	...	17	1	91	41	2011	1	8	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
New York	157	6675	1	207	1	2	46	3	254	160	6929	1	23	15	16	1	...	...	...	...	...	148
Ohio	118	5110	1	279	1	...	9	1	289	119	5399	11	120	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	237
Pennsylvania	223	14762	..	358	20	1	5	1	383	224	15145	...	...	21	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	302
Rhode Island	16	548	..	37	2	...	...	...	39	16	587	...	...	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	11
Vermont	32	960	2	86	1	...	1	2	88	34	1048	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	23
Wash. and Ore.....	10	276	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	10	276	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wisconsin	62	1728	..	40	...	...	18	..	58	62	1786	...	...	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	42
Totals ...	1253	55659	19	2277	91	3	160	22	2528	1275	58187	14	161	104	93	41	3	1438	...	...	...	...

*Deficit.

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED RETURNS FROM DIVISIONS FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1917.

Division.	In Good Standing December 31, 1916.		GAIN						Total Gain.		Aggregate		LOSS						In Good Standing March 31, 1917.		Received for Per Capita Tax.	Cash at Division Headquarters	Cash in Camp Treasuries.	Expended for Relief.	No. Members or Their Families Relieved.	No. Veterans or Their Families Relieved.			
			By Initiation.		By Transfer.		By Reinstatement.						By Disbanded.		By Death.		Honorably Discharge										By Transfer.		By Dropped.		Total Loss.
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Received for Per Capita Tax.	Cash at Division Headquarters	Cash in Camp Treasuries.	Expended for Relief.	No. Members or Their Families Relieved.	No. Veterans or Their Families Relieved.	
Ala. and Tenn.....	10	202	1	20	...	...	...	1	20	11	222	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	8	11	214	\$ 11.64	\$ 4.00	\$ 75.00	...	...	
Cal. and Pac.....	17	566	...	8	...	...	3	...	11	17	577	...	...	1	4	...	16	...	21	17	566	34.70	119.47	384.63	...	...	
Col. and Wyo.....	7	196	...	13	...	...	...	...	13	7	209	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	9	7	200	14.47	13.90	*4.05	...	...	
Connecticut	41	2396	...	101	...	...	3	...	104	41	2500	...	...	5	1	...	25	...	31	41	2469	167.33	281.95	4243.34	47.29	...		
Illinois	62	2335	1	109	4	...	...	1	113	63	2448	...	...	10	2	3	34	...	49	63	2399	158.90	658.84	...	...	...
Indiana	32	1152	...	39	...	...	...	...	39	32	1191	1	10	1	...	1	14	1	26	31	1165	77.31	534.32	...	...	5	4	
Iowa	24	677	...	21	...	...	4	...	25	24	702	...	...	1	...	...	46	...	47	24	655	44.05	51.15	...	...	...	...
Kansas	41	1361	5	210	4	...	2	5	216	46	1577	...	...	2	1	...	26	...	29	46	1548	101.78	536.52	441.16	40.96	2	1	
Kentucky	7	132	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	132	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	7	131	7.86	27.49	...	...	...	...
Maine	51	2202	...	129	1	...	48	...	178	51	2330	...	...	2	4	...	51	...	57	51	2323	163.89	376.85	920.99	24.90	...	...
Maryland	20	682	...	4	...	...	2	...	6	20	688	...	...	...	...	...	30	...	31	20	657	40.18	347.65	1514.74	319.50	...	...
Massachusetts	158	7510	2	333	9	...	...	2	342	160	7852	...	...	23	38	13	103	...	177	160	7675	513.52	1122.97	13528.49	1045.35	9	11	
Michigan	33	1257	2	47	46	...	...	2	93	35	1350	...	...	3	14	12	3	161	3	190	32	1160	66.78	329.92	190.77	639.12	...	...
Minnesota	19	645	1	74	...	...	1	...	74	20	719	...	...	3	2	...	43	...	48	20	671	43.07	363.50	...	...	...	...
Missouri	20	767	...	14	1	...	...	...	15	20	782	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	15	20	767	48.62	245.33	246.00	...	...	...	...
Mont. and Idaho.....	8	115	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	115	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	115	...	6.90	7.00	...	...	...	...	...
Nebraska	10	275	...	6	...	...	...	...	6	10	281	...	...	...	...	...	31	...	31	10	250	16.14	118.45	...	...	...	...	...
New Hampshire	35	1210	2	68	1	...	2	2	71	37	1281	...	...	5	2	2	34	...	43	37	1238	78.20	190.37	1447.83	20.00	2	...	...
New Jersey	40	1920	1	74	...	...	17	1	91	41	2011	1	8	4	...	...	28	1	40	40	1971	126.32	279.40	5573.46	1028.50	...	...	...
New York	157	6675	1	207	1	2	46	3	254	160	6929	1	23	15	16	1	148	1	203	159	6726	440.48	1061.71	...	...	...	...	...
Ohio	118	5110	1	279	1	...	9	1	289	119	5399	11	120	4	3	...	237	11	364	108	5035	345.48	242.50	...	...	...	...	...
Pennsylvania	223	14762	...	358	20	1	5	1	383	224	15145	...	...	...	...	...	302	...	328	224	14817	957.34	512.87	30274.71	8814.47	46	...	...
Rhode Island	16	548	...	37	2	...	...	...	39	16	587	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	16	16	571	41.29	192.87	...	...	...	...	...
Vermont	32	960	2	86	1	...	1	2	88	34	1048	...	...	...	...	...	23	...	26	34	1022	64.41	347.33	488.05	10.45	2	2	...
Wash. and Ore.....	10	276	10	276	10	276	...	16.56
Wisconsin	62	1728	...	40	18	...	58	62	1786	2	2	1	42	...	47	62	1739	111.94	89.81
Totals	1253	55669	19	2277	91	3	160	22	2528	1275	58187	14	161	104	93	41	3	1438	17	1837	1258	56350	\$3699.16	\$7961.17	\$59329.17	\$11990.54	66	18	

*Deficit.

ON ADVANCE IN THE MAY DRIVE.

II. We win with 1701 new members constituting a net gain over losses of that number. The real gain is larger for some Camps that have made gains have not reported; and a few Divisions have failed to report. The Divisions reporting are as follows:

Divisions.	Net Gain.
Colorado and Wyoming	0
Connecticut	46
Illinois	452
Indiana	10
Iowa	48
Kansas	91
Maine	108
Maryland	35
Massachusetts	132
Michigan	35
Missouri	30
Minnesota	0
Montana and Idaho.....	50
New Jersey	18
New Hampshire	33
New York	168
Ohio	112
Pennsylvania	250
Vermont	10
Wisconsin	64
Rhode Island	9

Total members gained in May Drive.....1701

Camps reported with greatest gain in their Divisions, and entitled to honorable mention are as follows:

Connecticut, No. 26, Derby.

Iowa, No. 300, Clear Lake—14.

Massachusetts, No. 22, Middleboro—6; No. 59, Framingham—6; No. 81, Chelsea—6.

New Hampshire, No. 2, Concord—5.

Pennsylvania, No. 131, Sharpsburg—62.

Vermont, No. 25, Wallingford—7.

Wisconsin, Ashland—7.

Illinois, No. 5, Mason City—27.

The Camps of Allegheny County, Pa., initiated a class of 122 members at one meeting in May, the largest class muster of the month, in which Camp 131, Sharpsburg, led with 62 members.

Divisions mustering new Camps during the month are reported as follows:

Ohio	1
Montana and Idaho	1
Pennsylvania	2
Iowa	1
Illinois	6
Maryland	1

Massachusetts	1
Missouri	1
Wisconsin	2
Kansas	1

Officers are reported to have organized Camps as follows:

Yale, Ill., by A. D. Rhinesmith, Division Secretary.
 Pontiac, Ill., by W. G. Dustin, Past Commander-in-Chief.
 Holbrook, Mass., by William A. Leslie, Senior Vice Division
 Commander.

Independence, Ia., by G. F. Taylor, Division Secretary.
 Columbia, Pa., by R. M. J. Reed and W. H. Pensyl.
 Shinglehouse, Pa., by D. J. Snavely, Division Commander.
 Butte, Mont., by Col. S. I. Reiche, Department Commander,
 Grand Army of the Republic.

Many of the reports are incomplete so that credit cannot be given for the Camps making the greatest gain in some Divisions, or to the officers organizing Camps. Division Commanders as usual have had much difficulty in securing returns from Camp Commanders, although these officers have been notified in General Orders for three successive months of the necessity for a prompt report prior to the first day of June; and in nearly all Divisions have had special letters addressed to them with blank forms of report or postal cards for making returns furnished by the Division Commanders. This shows a woeful lack of efficiency on the part of many Camp officers. Too many of them are unprepared to perform any specific duty promptly and effectively. This ought to be corrected. Every Camp officer should be as active and energetic and as prompt in attending to the affairs of his office as any Division or National Officer can be expected to be. The National Officers are satisfied that, if full reports had been received from all the Camps, that the total gain for the month of May would show several hundred more members. Nevertheless the drive has been successful; the Division Officers have in general responded loyally to the demands made upon them and the Order is to be congratulated upon the result. The new Division Commanders should see that the activity of May is continued through every month in the year.

Illinois Division leads with a gain of 452 for the month of May.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

III. The Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will convene at the same time as the annual encampment of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC at the city of Boston in the week beginning Sunday, August 19, 1917.

1. Headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief will be established at the Hotel Bellevue, where accommodations may be had by all officers and members of the Encampment.

Regular rates only for rooms on the European plan will be as follows:

Double rooms, without bath, for two persons, \$3.00; for each extra person, \$1.00 per day;

Double rooms, with bath, for two persons, \$4.50; for each extra person, \$1.00 per day;

(Probably the average will be three persons to a room, in some cases, four persons).

Two double rooms, with connecting bath, two persons in each room, \$3.00 a suite; for each extra person, \$1.00 per day;

Large rooms with two double beds and bath, to be occupied by four persons, \$8.00 per day; extra persons \$1.00 per day each.

Members should secure reservations by addressing Hotel Bellevue, Boston, Mass. All members should arrive in Boston not later than Monday, August 20.

2. The parade of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC will take place on Tuesday, August 21. By General Orders No. 4 of Commander-in-Chief Patterson, it is provided that, with the exception of the necessary bands, and the Sons of Veterans who are the official escort of the parent Order, none but members of the Grand Army will be permitted in line.

The Sons of Veterans are signally honored by this order. Let us provide an escort that will be worthy of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC so far as in our power lies. The escort will be under command of Brig-Gen. Edwin M. Amies, Chief-of-Staff. All uniformed Camps and organizations in our Order should attend to the last member. Especially are the Divisions of New England and other nearby States required to turn out their full contingent. Preparations should be begun now.

3. The National Encampment will assemble for its meeting at 10 o'clock A. M. Wednesday, August 22, at Ford Hall in Tremont Building less than two blocks from Hotel Bellevue.

4. The Roll of the Encampment will be made up from returns to the National Secretary on Form 49 in duplicate as forwarded by the various Division Commanders, showing under the certificates of Division Commanders and Division Secretaries those in good standing as follows:

Past Commanders-in-Chief; Past Grand Division Commanders; Constitutional Life Members; Past Division Commanders; Division Commanders; one (1) delegate from each Division whatever its membership, and one (1) delegate for every 500 members or majority fraction thereof, in good standing based upon the reports for the quarter ending June 30, 1917.

To entitle a Division to representation in the National Encampment, the following reports must have been made:

Division Secretary's and Treasurer's reports to the National Secretary accompanied by per capita tax for the quarter ending June 30, 1917.

Division Chaplain's report on Form 43 to the National Chaplain, Walter J. Patton, D. D., Berlin, Wis.

Division Patriotic Instructors report on Form 51 to the National Patriotic Instructor, Guy Richardson, 104 Robinwood Avenue, Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Division Commanders' surety company bond in the sum of \$1,000 running to William T. Church, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., must have been approved and filed.

Division Commanders are urged to be prompt in the forwarding of all reports and earnest in their efforts to have as large an attendance as possible from their Divisions at this Encampment.

The splendid Division of Massachusetts will spare no efforts to make this meeting in the historic city of Boston pleasant and attractive to all the visiting members. The fact that our Government is again in a state of war makes it imperative that

every officer and member of the Order be active in the expression as well as in the discharge of his patriotic duties.

IV. The following appointments are announced:

For securing five or more members during the second quarter of 1917, to be Special Aide on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

Arleigh J. Schmitt, Camp 18, Kansas.
 C. Z. McAlpine, Camp 27, Ohio.
 Elmer E. Boden, Camp 27, Ohio.
 William A. Creitz, Camp 17, Pennsylvania.
 Daniel Peltz, Camp 233, Pennsylvania.
 M. S. Phillips (29 members), Camp 249, Pennsylvania.
 Arthur Ross, Camp 273, Pennsylvania.
 A. L. Hower, Camp 273, Pennsylvania.
 John E. Sautter, Camp 139, Pennsylvania.
 A. H. Slater, Camp 139, Pennsylvania.
 H. C. Lea, Camp 139, Pennsylvania.
 E. A. Shoop, Camp 139, Pennsylvania.
 James Sellers, Camp 139, Pennsylvania.
 Clarence McMasters, Camp 139, Pennsylvania.
 Fillmore P. Harris, Camp 51, Maine.
 J. P. Harris, Camp 102, Maine.
 Charles B. Lyman, Illinois.
 Royal N. Allen, Camp 6, Illinois.
 Fred J. Phillips, Camp 6, Illinois.
 Al. Unger, Camp 6, Illinois.
 Harry T. Neely, Camp 1, Illinois.
 William A. Sparling, Camp 4, Michigan.
 Fred C. Jasdofor, Camp 4, Michigan.
 Ellis Fry, Camp 4, Michigan.
 Burt L. Pitcher, Camp 50, Michigan.
 R. J. LaLone, Camp 109, New York.
 For meritorious service:
 Frank M. Dow, Camp 52, Maine.

DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS.

V. Maine at Rockland, June 6-7.
 Illinois at Bloomington, June 6-8.
 Minnesota at St. Paul, June 8.
 Ohio at Akron, June 11-14.
 New Jersey at Asbury Park, June 14-15.
 Kentucky at Newport, June 16.
 Colorado and Wyoming at Longmont, June 19-20.
 Iowa at Davenport, June 19-20.
 Maryland at Washington, D. C., June 19-20.
 Oregon and Washington at Seattle, June 19-20.
 Wisconsin at Kenosha, June 19-21.
 Pennsylvania at Johnstown, June 20-21.
 Michigan at Battle Creek, June 20-22.
 New York at Saratoga, June 26-28.

DIVISION COMMANDERS.

VI. The following are the Division Commanders chosen since the last announcement:

California and Pacific, George B. Whited, Long Beach, Cal.
 Indiana, Ferren C. Focht, Winchester.
 Kansas, Frank U. Russell, LaCrosse.
 Missouri, Louis Drechsler, 2701 Blair Ave., St. Louis.

Montana and Idaho, W. C. Crum, c/o Western Drug Co.,
Helena, Mont.

Nebraska, W. A. Overman, Bennett.

INDEPENDENCE DAY.

VII. Officers and members of the Order are especially requested in this year to participate actively in their own communities in the celebration of Independence Day. It is highly important that we miss no opportunity to take part actively in all patriotic ceremonies. Our Nation's needs at this time are many and various, and among them one of the most important is an earnest display of loyalty on the part of every citizen, and especially on the part of us who are associated in one of the great patriotic orders of the country. Our best efforts should be made to induce a revival of patriotism among all our friends and neighbors.

CAMP AND DIVISION COMMANDERS.

VIII. Division Commanders will at once send out to each Camp—Forms 27 and 28—Camp Secretary's and Camp Treasurer's reports—blank, for return of same for the quarter ending June 30th, 1917.

Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers will fill these forms out promptly on and after the last meeting of each and every Camp in June, and Camp Commanders MUST see to it that they are forwarded with per capita tax after the meeting of the Camp on the last meeting night in June to Division Headquarters. There must be no delay.

Division Commanders will see that a special effort on the part of Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers is made to secure prompt returns of these reports with tax, and communicate with Camp Commanders, Secretaries and Treasurers to have these returns made as designated.

Upon receipt of both these reports with per capita tax, each Camp Commander will receive from Division Commanders Form OOOO—new password and countersign in effect July 1st to December 31st, 1917.

Camp Commanders will not give this new password and countersign to any member unless and except he is in good standing in the Camp June 30th, with all dues and fines paid to that date.

These reports are necessarily required to be forwarded on the last meeting night in June in order that returns and payment of tax can be made to the Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters, in time for the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment at Boston, Mass., week of August 19th.

All checks and remittances—of all kinds, from Divisions—must be made payable to H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, and forwarded to Reading, Pa.

Failure to have reports of the Division Secretary, Division Treasurer, and per capita tax for the quarter ending June 30th, 1917, in the hands of the National Secretary by the time specified and designated to all Division Commanders, Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers by special letter to such, will deprive such Divisions from having representation in the Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Reports of all National Officers must be printed and presented in that form to the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment

at Boston, and the necessity for promptness due to that requirement need not further be emphasized.

IX. To the retiring Division Commanders the Commander-in-Chief desires to express his most earnest appreciation of the active and efficient work with which the great majority of you have conducted the affairs of your Divisions during your terms of office; and to say that it is his belief that each of the Commanders present at the Kansas City Encampment has endeavored to observe in spirit and fact the pledge made at the conclusion of that Encampment.

In passing to the retired list, it is earnestly hoped that you will each aid in every possible manner your successor in becoming acquainted with the duties of his office, and in carrying on with equal activity the work to which he succeeds. Remember that you are now under the implied obligation to continue to do something of worth for the Order that has honored you in the past.

X. Following Camps have been Dropped, Surrendered their Charters and "Disbanded." The Charters thereof are revoked and these Camps directed to be stricken from the rolls:

Division of Indiana. Disbanded:

Camp No. 152 Knightstown 10 members

Division of Maine. Dropped:

Camp No. 84 Bryants Pond

Camp No. 97 Castine

Division of Michigan. Dropped:

Camp No. 5 Hemlock 26 members

Camp No. 8 Gladwin 33 members

Camp No. 125 Dundee 33 members

Division of New Jersey. Disbanded:

Camp No. 21 Carlstadt 8 members

Division of New York. Disbanded:

Camp No. 44 Naples 22 members

Division of Ohio. Disbanded:

Camp No. 4 New London 10 members

Camp No. 15 Montpelier 10 members

Camp No. 32 Buchtel 10 members

Camp No. 38 Magnolia 10 members

Camp No. 56 Wapakoneta 20 members

Camp No. 59 Quincy 10 members

Camp No. 60 Chardon 10 members

Camp No. 61 DeGraff 10 members

Camp No. 62 Centerburg 10 members

Camp No. 75 Beach City 10 members

Camp No. 125 Nelsonville 10 members

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

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
May 11	94	Columbia, Pennsylvania	47
May 11	33	Bourneville, Ohio	20
May 17	7	Grey Eagle, Minnesota	21
May 24	45	Salina, Kansas	36
May 24	200	Shinglehouse, Pennsylvania	58

May 25		Butte, Nebraska	15
May 28		Independence, Iowa	37
May 31	161	Holbrook, Massachusetts	46

Camps have been instituted and charters issued thereto since last announcement, as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
Mar. 17	50	Formosa, Kansas	22
Apr. 6	291	Greenville, Illinois	91
Apr. 12	55	Glasco, Kansas	24
Apr. 12	30	Hampton, Illinois	26
Apr. 27	61	Lyndon, Kansas	20
Apr. 13	37	Pontiac, Illinois	55
May 7	7	Grey Eagle, Minnesota	16
May 17	45	Salina, Kansas	16

STATEMENT No. 9.

XII. Report of the National Secretary for month of May, 1917:

RECEIPTS.

April 30, 1917, to balance		\$1167.78
Received for per capita tax.....	\$3381.20	
Charter fees	20.00	
Supplies	556.69	
Junior Order—Supplies	7.98	
Total receipts		<u>\$3965.87</u>
		<u>\$5133.65</u>

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$1170.82	
Office expenses	52.00	
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	196.85	
Total expenditures		<u>\$1419.67</u>
Balance, May 31, 1917.....		<u>\$3713.98</u>

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$ 179.85	
The Banner, subscription, May, 1917, \$831.51; to G. A. R. Posts, \$52.50.....	884.01	
Printing	8.55	
Reserve—Military Department	54.93	
Shipping supplies	12.35	
Miscellaneous	25.48	
Publicity Department	5.65	
		<u>\$1170.82</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For wrapping paper, and twine, stationery, National Officers, repairs to typewriter, postage, telegrams, express	\$ 52.00	
		<u>\$ 52.00</u>

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.	
For postage, telegrams, traveling, office, stenographer	\$ 196.85
	<u>\$ 196.85</u>
Total expenditures	<u>\$1419.67</u>
Balance, May 31, 1917.....	\$3713.98
By order of	
	WILLIAM T. CHURCH, Commander-in-Chief.
Attest:	
H. H. HAMMER, National Secretary.	

GENERAL ORDERS NO. VII.

(Series of 1917)

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
Department of Commander-in-Chief,

Chicago, Illinois, July 1, 1917.

IN MEMORIAM.

I. A great loss has come to us. Past Commander-in-Chief George B. Abbott on June 14th passed from this life to the Great Beyond. One of the early leaders of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., most followed and beloved, is now with us only in memory. He was one to whom command came early, as the full recognition of his ability, and remained long as the reward of his patriotic zeal. Twice elected Commander-in-Chief, his loyal work for the Order of his choice and preference continued with little interruption after he was relieved of office. Sacrificing his profession and all personal interests, he became the General Commanding of our young military order, led it to great popularity and numerical strength, remained with it as a retired officer, but on active duty, in its reverses, and nobly aided it in fighting its way upward again as a civic body to the proud position it presently occupies.

His was a rare nature with a rod of lightning for the wrong doer, a blanket of tenderness for the friend, a helping hand for the weak and a clarion call for those seeking a leader. His friendship was of that intense rugged nature that, having settled on the object of its affection, could be moved by neither allurements nor disaster. When convinced of the rectitude of his course, neither associations nor reward could stay his opposition. Withall he harbored no resentment, and his sympathy ever returned to the unfortunate. He was helpful. Since the Kansas City Encampment, he has been the Personal Aide of the Commander-in-Chief, and has given freely of his time and vast experience to the solution of many perplexing problems that have presented themselves. He has been a real aid, and his friendship was very close and dear. As a token of deference and respect to our departed Commander his place on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief will remain unfilled.

BOSTON ENCAMPMENT.

II. The Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will be held in the City of Boston in the week beginning Sunday, August 19, 1917. The attendance upon this Encampment ought not this year to be a matter of mere convenience or pleasure. Every delegate and officer entitled to participate should be there as a matter of duty. The Nation needs active work in all patriotic orders in this grave crisis.

1. Headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief will be established at Hotel Bellevue on Monday, August 20th.

2. THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC will parade on Tuesday, August 21st. The Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will be the official escort under command of Brig-Gen. Edwin M. Amies, Chief-of-Staff. Orders and instructions as to places of assembly and formation will be posted at National Headquarters on August 20th. Again are the Divisions of New England and the eastern States urged to turn out their full contingent for this service of honor.

3. The National Encampment will assemble for its first session at ten o'clock a. m. Wednesday, August 22nd, at Ford Hall in Ford Building, Ashburton Place corner of Bowdoin. The number is 15 Ashburton Place. Note correction of location erroneously stated in General Orders No. 6.

4. All members should arrive in Boston as early as Monday, August 20th, if possible. Rooms should be reserved in advance by addressing Hotel Bellevue, Beacon Street, Boston.

DIVISION COMMANDERS.

III. Your Division Encampments are over. You are in command for twelve full months' service to your respective Divisions. Begin now some constructive work. Do not wait until fall or winter to get acquainted with your Officers and Camps. All weather is good weather to the worker. Realize the grave condition of this Republic, and its impending dangers. Know that in the days to come the Sons of Veterans will have a large responsibility in its counsels, and in carrying its great burdens. Until you are called into the service of the Government, the most useful work you can do is to bring your own Division to a high degree of efficiency and activity. Come to the Boston Encampment with a report of some genuine progress for the Commander-in-Chief whom you shall elect there.

In addition to having reports for the June quarter promptly forwarded to National Secretary, Horace H. Hammer, you are requested to make a special report of the approximate number of members in your Division on August 10th, just prior to the National Encampment.

DIVISION COMMANDERS, 1917-1918.

Alabama and Tennessee—Frank M. Lane, 91 Illinois Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

California and Pacific—George B. Whited, Long Beach.

Colorado and Wyoming—C. F. Andrew, Longmont, Col.

Connecticut—Charles H. Bissell, 22 Center St., Southington.

Illinois—J. Colby Beekman, Petersburg.

Indiana—F. C. Focht, Winchester.

Iowa—A. D. Bunker, 2003 Washington Ave., Des Moines.

Kansas—Frank U. Russell, LaCrosse.

- Kentucky—V. I. Cartwright, Louisville.
 Maine—Allen L. Curtis, Belfast.
 Maryland—E. H. Grove, 108 13th St., N. E., Washington, D. C.
 Massachusetts—Ernest W. Homan, 15 Beacon St., Boston.
 Michigan—George W. Swift, 424 Ford Bldg., Detroit.
 Minnesota—A. L. Kinkead, Huron, South Dakota.
 Missouri—Louis Dreschler, 2701 Blair Ave., St. Louis.
 Montana and Idaho—W. C. Crum, 535 Fifth Ave., Helena,
 Mont.
 Nebraska—W. A. Overman, Bennett.
 New Hampshire—Oscar E. Davis, Alton.
 New Jersey—A. I. Vescelius, 89 Broadway, Paterson.
 New York—J. Harris Loucks, Tweddle Bldg., Albany.
 Ohio—G. W. Pfeifer, Mansfield.
 Pennsylvania—Ralph M. Campbell, New Castle.
 Rhode Island—Charles P. Hall, Room 5, 47 Washington St.,
 Providence.
 Vermont—John P. Hoadley, Wallingford.
 Washington and Oregon—No report.
 Wisconsin—W. R. Graves, Prairie du Chien.

APPOINTMENTS.

IV. The following appointments are announced:

For meritorious service to the Order, to be Special Aide on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

Louis W. McCall, Camp 12, Illinois.

For securing five or more members in the quarter ending June 30th to be Special Aide on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

M. Norman Nelson, Camp 300, Iowa.
 George Wm. Kimball, Camp 81, Massachusetts.
 Neil D. Cranmer, Camp 77, New York.
 Frank E. Bristol, Camp 203, New York.
 J. E. Dooley, Camp 41, Wisconsin.

U. S. A. PREFERRED.

V. New classes will be received at the officers reserve training camps in August. The Government is particularly desirous of having more applicants between thirty and forty-four years of age. Such men, if qualified, are assured of commissions in the National Army. Every Son of Veteran of the required age, not having dependants to support should apply for admission to one of these camps. Men having had military experience will be accepted if not over 50 years of age.

The Regular Army and the National Guard are still accepting volunteers. Every Son of Veteran, not able to qualify for a commission in the brief time allowed, should enlist in the service now.

"Your Country Calls." If you are selected for enlistment in the new National Army, accept the service gladly, remembering there is none more honorable, and that you are following the illustrious example of your Father.

Let us make every Sons of Veterans Camp in the Order a recruiting committee for the U. S. A. PREFERRED.

AFFILIATED ORDERS.

VI. The fraternal and most cordial greetings of the National Officers of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., are hereby ex-

tended to all Department Commanders, Presidents and Officers elected at the recent Encampments of all affiliated patriotic orders, with the earnest wish that each may attain for Order and self the highest success to which loyal ambition may aspire.

REPORTS.

VII. 1. Form 49 in duplicate is due from a number of Divisions. These must show the Past Division Commanders' addresses, number of Camps to which they belong, delegates, etc., to the Thirty-sixth Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Boston, and all detail called for therein so that the Encampment roll can be made up therefrom. Omissions and delays will result in failure of those entitled to be on the Encampment Roster.

2. Division Commanders, Secretaries and Treasurers MUST forward without delay Forms 35, 37 and 38 with per capita tax for quarter ending June 30th, 1917, to the National Secretary, so that the representatives from Divisions will have membership in the Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, at Boston, Mass., week of August 20th. Delay and failure to forward tax and reports will deprive Divisions from representation in the said Encampment.

3. Bonds of the newly elected Division Commanders to the Commander-in-Chief, are due from nearly all Commanders. Thirty days are allowed to furnish a bond—after election—and it is necessary that same be secured and forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief at once.

4. Camps that have not been instituted and for which applications for charter have been approved, should be organized and instituted at once. Report to the National Secretary should be made and it is urged and requested that same be done at once—and not later than July 28th—on Form 23—so that charters can be issued to such Camps and they be reported to the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment at Boston—for, this Administration and in this term.

5. Camp Commanders must see that per capita tax and reports (Forms 27 and 28) for quarter ending June 30th, 1917, are forwarded to their respective Division Headquarters AT ONCE—if they have not already been forwarded.

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

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
June 4	201	Greenville, Pennsylvania	27
June 4	22	Bayfield, Wisconsin	15
June 13	17	Blue Island, Illinois	18
June 15	24	Santa Monica, Cal. and Pacific	20
June 18	322	Franklin Forks, Pennsylvania	15
June 19		Windsor, Vermont	17
June 27		Plainfield, New Jersey	18

Charters have been issued to Camps instituted since last announcement, as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
May 16	13	Terre Alta, W. Va., Maryland	35
May 31	15	Waukegan, Illinois	24
May 15	94	Columbia, Pennsylvania	30
May 25	33	Bourneville, Ohio	24

June 8	200	Shingehouse, Pennsylvania	49
May 26	4	Butte, Nebraska	25
May 31	80	Independence, Iowa	21
June 14	201	Greenville, Pennsylvania	18
May 24	22	Bayfield, Wisconsin	15
May 13	1	Fort Smith, Ark., Missouri	26

STATEMENT No. 10.

IX. Report of the National Secretary for month of June, 1917:

RECEIPTS.

May 31, 1917, to balance.....		\$3713.98
Received for per capita tax.....	\$ 3.00	
Charter fees	15.00	
Supplies	315.35	
Miscellaneous	1.00	
Junior Order—Supplies	3.20	
Total receipts		<u>\$ 337.55</u>
		\$4051.53

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$1931.22	
Office expenses	134.27	
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	148.45	
Total expenditures		<u>\$2213.94</u>
Balance, June 30, 1917.....		\$1837.59

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$ 420.32	
The Banner, subscription, June, 1917.....	837.40	
Printing	9.40	
Reserve	46.03	
Shipping supplies	9.80	
Salaries	575.00	
Miscellaneous	25.62	
Publicity Department	7.65	
		<u>\$1931.22</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For postage, express, telegrams, stationery, rent (July-Sept., 1917, inc.)	\$ 134.27	
		<u>\$ 134.27</u>

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For postage, travelling, telegrams, office, stenog- rapher	\$ 148.45	
		<u>\$ 148.45</u>

Total expenditures		<u>\$2213.94</u>
Balance, June 30, 1917.....		\$1837.59
By order of		

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:
H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. VIII.

(Series of 1917)

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

Department of Commander-in-Chief,

Chicago, Illinois, August 1, 1917.

I. As a further mark of respect to the memory of Past Commander-in-Chief George B. Abbott, the charter of the Commandery-in-Chief and the charters of all Divisions and Camps will be draped with mourning for a period of thirty days from the opening of the Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment.

During the National Encampment at an hour to be there announced, a Memorial Service will be held for all members of the Commandery-in-Chief deceased during the past year.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

II. Every Division of the Order should have a full representation at this Encampment. It is not enough that the Division Commanders should be in attendance, but all delegates, alternates and all past officers entitled to a seat should be present. We meet this year fortunately in the great city of Boston, with its countless points of historic interest, many taking us back to the very beginning of the Republic and even into the far away colonial days. We have a beautiful hotel for the exclusive use of the Sons of Veterans and the Auxiliary. We shall be greeted with New England hospitality. The Hotel Bellevue on Beacon Street will make reservations for you. Come.

Notice has been received of the following:

1. The GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC will hold an open, semi-official session for the reception of greetings from all auxiliary orders on Monday evening, August 20th, at Mechanics' Hall.

2. The Sons of Veterans Auxiliary will tender a reception to the Commandery-in-Chief and Staff of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., on Tuesday evening, August 21st, at Howe Hall, 175 Huntington Avenue.

3. The National President and Staff of the Woman's Relief Corps will tender a reception in honor of the Commander-in-Chief and Staff of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, Tuesday evening, August 21st, at Hotel Vendome.

4. The National President and Staff of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will tender a reception to the Commander-in-Chief and Staff of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC Tuesday evening, August 21st, at Hotel Victoria.

5. The Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment will open at 10 a. m. Wednesday, August 22nd, 1917, at Ford Hall, 15 Ashburton Place.

To the heads of the several Ladies Societies, Mrs. Mae E. Clothier, National President of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary; Mrs. Myrtie M. Best, National President of the National Alliance Daughters of Veterans; Mrs. Virginia C. McClure, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and to Mrs. Ida K. Martin, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, our Order is indebted for so much cordiality, good will and generous aid; and the Commander-in-Chief is very cer-

tain that no one of these Orders could have selected a more gracious, lovely and loyal lady than these who have so ably and efficiently directed their Societies during the year now almost past. He is happy to acknowledge his many obligations to all; and to congratulate each upon the success she has so nobly won.

III. Division Commanders will notify the Commander-in-Chief by mail not later than August 10th of the approximate number in their respective Divisions on that date, including gain and loss since June 30th, and new Camps installed.

Charles Chamberlin has been re-elected Commander of the Division of Washington and Oregon.

IV. The following appointments are announced:

For securing five or more members during the June quarter to be Special Aide on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

Enoch C. Johnson, Camp 228, Pennsylvania.

J. W. Bowes, Camp 40, Pennsylvania.

C. S. WeMett, Camp 186, New York.

Albert N. Bateman, Camp 4, Michigan.

Henry E. Gardner, Camp 4, Michigan.

Earl Winters, Camp 4, Michigan.

Harry Marion, Camp 10, Michigan.

B. J. Rice, Camp 7, Michigan.

V. These are the final orders of an administration that has earnestly attempted to aid in the growth and advancement of our beloved Order. Your Commander-in-Chief has had with you, Brothers, a year of hard work and good fellowship. His ambition for the Sons of Veterans has had no limit. His efforts have been his best. He has endeavored to aid in advancing the standing and influence of the Order in home and state and nation; and to strengthen the ties that bind it to the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. Our Government has been assured that you and he are ready to enter its service in any capacity that we may be permitted, and at any time.

The results are with you. He is deeply sensible of the great honor you have conferred upon him; and keenly appreciative of the loyal support and generous assistance received from officers and members alike. The many friends of a year since have grown into multitudes. The badge of membership glows with a brighter luster, that retirement from office will never permit to grow dim.

May the Sons of Veterans become a mighty power for good in the United States of America.

VI. Proposed amendments to the laws of the Order have been submitted as follows:

From the New York Division:

Recommendation No. 1—

That a paragraph be added to Sec. 4, Art. 1, Chapter II of our Constitution to read as follows:

Camps having been dropped for three Quarters or less may be determined by the Division and may retain their original Charter.

Recommendation No. 2—

That a paragraph be added to Sec. 2, Art. VII, Chapter III. to read as follows:

Divisions shall pay to the Commandery-in-Chief \$2.50 for

the reinstatement of Camps which have been dropped three Quarters or less.

From the California and Pacific Division:

Chapter 3. Article 5. Section 1-B: No member shall be eligible to the office of Division Commander unless he be a Past Commander in good standing.

Chapter 3. Article 5. Section 3: To amend: Vacancies in delegate representation to and at the time of the Division Encampment may be filled by a vote of delegates from the camp in attendance at the encampment. The Camp Commander having the prior right to appoint members to fill vacancies.

Chapter 6. Article 8. To amend: Officers of Camps shall be installed either by a Past Commander or by some member of G. A. R. in good standing who shall make reports thereof upon the blanks furnished to him.

To add: Installation of Division Officers shall be performed at Encampment by a Past Division Commander to be chosen by the Division Commander-elect.

From the Iowa Division: That Sec. 4, Chapter 2, part of line 5 and all of lines 6, 7, 8 and 9 be stricken out and in place thereof the following be inserted:

"That when a Camp does not report per capita tax to the Division, that the Division Secretary shall be required to report only as suspended, and that no per capita tax shall be due the Commandery-in-Chief until said Camp shall be reinstated, when back per capita tax shall become due."

From W. B. McNulty, Past Commander of the Pennsylvania Division:

Chapter 1, Article I:

The name of this organization shall be the Sons of Union Veterans of '61-'65.

Article 4, page 3—

Add on page 4, after 1861-65 the words "Or whose ancestor was a member of or eligible to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic."

Section 2—

Camps, by permission of the Division Commander with approval of the Commander-in-Chief, may organize bodies to be called Honorary Corps, composed of citizens of the United States who will obligate themselves to support and obey the constitution, rules and regulations of the Order.

Chapter 2, Article I, pages 4 and 5, section—

Insert after the word "captain" on first line "Or Honorary Corps."

New section—

"Honorary Corps shall pay a fee of \$5 to the Division with which it would be connected."

New section—

"These corps may be disbanded by Commander-in-Chief when, in his judgment, the same should be no longer affiliated with the Camp and Order."

Section 4, Article I, Chapter 2, after the word "revoke" add "Provided where a Camp disbands, in accordance with Section

2 of the Articles, the Division will be relieved of the payment of tax."

Article VI, Section 1, page 9, in section a, strike out all after word "camps" and in lieu thereof insert:

"Shall be elected at the first meeting in December."

Article V, Chapter 3, page 23, strike out all after the word "Encampment" and in lieu thereof insert "May by two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) votes declare vacant the position of any elective officer for cause, and when said encampment is not in session elective officers can only be removed by the Commander-in-Chief, for violation of the constitution, rules, and ritual, to obey orders from higher and competent authorities.

Article IX, chapter 3, page 32, section 13, strike out the word "officers" and make it read "This Order of business may be transposed by majority votes."

Chapter 4, Article 3, page 34, Section 1, strike out this section, and in lieu thereof insert—

"Commandery-in-Chief by a majority vote may designate time and place for holding encampment."

Article VIII, Chapter 4, page 42, Section 13, strike out all after word "officer" and in lieu thereof insert "This order of business may be transposed by majority vote."

Chapter 6, page 45 and 46, strike out the word "six" and insert "three."

Article 7, Chapter 6, page 47, strike out word "quarterly" and insert "semi-annually;" also strike out "April and October." Strike out in the lower part of this article the word "quarterly" and insert "semi-annually."

Article 8, Chapter 6, page 48, strike out the words "Division Commander" and in lieu thereof insert the word "committee."

Article XI, Chapter 6, page 50 in Section 2, strike out all after the words "Surety Company."

Article XVI, Chapter 6, strike out all of the article and in lieu thereof insert "Uniforms worn by the Civic Body shall be similar to that worn by the Union Volunteers from 1861-65."

Article XVII, strike out all article and in lieu thereof insert "Insignia of rank shall be that as prescribed by volunteers of '61-65."

Section 5, Article XIX, Chapter 6, on page 61, strike out word "badge" and insert "member shall wear ribbon of three alternate stripes of red, white and blue."

Section 5, Article XIX, Chapter 6, page 60, insert after the words "all past commanders," "officer and camp commanders."

Section 5, Article XIX, Chapter 6, page 60, insert after the words Commander-in-Chief and all Past Division Commanders.

Article XX, strike out the entire article and insert in lieu thereof: "The only flag that will be used by the Order, shall be the United States regulation flag in bunting or in silk."

Article XXI, Chapter 6, page 72, strike out Section 2.

Article XXIV, Chapter 6, page 76, strike out entire article and in lieu thereof insert the following:

Section 1. The Commander-in-Chief shall have jurisdiction over charges preferred against members, Camps, or Divisions of the Order.

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOL

Division.	In Good Standing March 31, 1917.		GAIN						Total Gain.	Aggregate	
			By Initiation.		By Transfer.	By Reinstatement.					
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members
Ala. and Tenn.....	11	214	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	11	214
Cal. and Pacific.....	17	556	...	14	1	...	3	...	18	17	556
Colo. and Wyo.....	7	200	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	200
Connecticut	41	2469	...	77	1	...	...	78	41	2	2469
Illinois	63	2399	8	679	1	...	43	8	723	71	3
Indiana	31	1165	...	17	...	...	4	...	21	31	1
Iowa	24	655	2	79	...	...	6	2	85	26	655
Kansas	46	1548	3	130	1	...	1	3	132	49	1
Kentucky	7	131	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	131
Maine	51	2323	...	155	3	...	25	...	183	51	2
Maryland	20	657	1	40	...	...	1	1	41	21	657
Massachusetts ..	160	7675	1	271	8	...	...	1	279	161	7
Michigan	32	1160	...	5	71	2	61	2	137	34	1
Minnesota	20	671	1	32	...	...	...	1	32	21	671
Missouri	20	767	1	43	...	...	2	1	45	21	767
Mont. and Idaho....	8	115	1	28	...	...	...	1	28	9	115
Nebraska	11	260	1	28	...	...	...	1	28	12	260
New Hampshire ...	37	1238	...	38	...	...	3	...	41	37	1
New Jersey	40	1971	...	38	...	...	10	...	48	40	2
New York	159	6726	...	123	1	...	5	...	129	159	6
Ohio	108	5035	2	419	17	1	10	3	446	111	5
Pennsylvania ..	224	14817	3	521	31	4	40	7	592	231	15
Rhode Island	16	571	...	26	1	...	...	...	27	16	571
Vermont	34	1022	...	26	2	...	...	...	28	34	1
Wash. and Ore.....	10	276	...	4	...	...	...	...	4	10	276
Wisconsin	62	1739	2	95	1	...	5	2	101	64	1
Total	1259	56360	26	2889	141	7	219	33	3249	1292	59

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED RETURNS FOR QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1917.

Division	In Good Standing March 31, 1917.		GAIN						Total Gain.		LOSS								In Good Standing June 30, 1917.		Received for Per Capita Tax	Cash in Division Treasuries.	Cash on Hand in Camp Treasuries.	Expended for Relief.	No. Veterans or Their Families Relieved.	No. Members or Their Families Relieved.			
			By Initiation.		By Transfer.	By Reinstatement.		Aggregate.			By Disabled.	By Death.	Honorable Discharge.	By Transfer.	By Dropped.	Dishonorable Disch.	Total Loss.												
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members		Members	Camps		Members	Camps								Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members			
Ala. and Tenn.....	11	214	...	1	2	...	...	3	11	217	...	...	...	...	17	...	17	11	200	\$ 12.19	\$ 10.00	\$ 75.00	...	...	...	...
Cal. and Pacific.....	17	556	...	14	1	...	3	18	17	574	...	...	1	...	2	59	2	60	15	514	32.48	...	...	...	...	1	
Colo. and Wyo.....	7	200	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	200	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	7	199	9.60	...	...	...	...	...
Connecticut	41	2469	...	77	1	...	...	78	41	2547	...	...	5	2	4	7	18	41	2629	166.37	172.10	3691.17	156.50	...	...	...
Illinois	63	2399	8	679	1	...	43	8	723	71	3122	...	...	3	9	2	107	121	71	3001	231.07	380.13	...	...	...	...
Indiana	31	1165	...	17	...	...	4	21	31	1186	...	...	3	...	2	64	2	67	29	1119	70.37	487.15	...	...	...	...
Iowa	24	655	2	79	...	...	6	2	85	26	740	...	...	1	...	5	104	5	105	21	635	38.86	43.09	...	...	...	...
Kansas	46	1548	3	130	1	...	1	3	132	49	1630	...	...	2	...	...	59	61	49	1619	102.09	345.38	579.84	7.25	...	...	...
Kentucky	7	131	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	131	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	7	131	7.86	...	...	...	...	...	...
Maine	51	2323	...	155	3	...	25	183	51	2506	...	...	1	...	3	71	...	75	51	2431	175.31	234.12	792.17	5.26	...	...	...
Maryland	20	657	1	40	...	...	1	1	41	21	658	...	...	1	1	...	8	10	21	688	40.13	371.50	1569.74	264.25	...	...	...
Massachusetts ..	160	7675	1	271	8	...	1	279	161	7954	...	...	10	8	5	130	153	161	7801	507.80	1027.72	13140.13	448.40	13	12	...	
Michigan	32	1160	...	5	71	2	61	2	137	34	1297	...	...	2	26	...	4	32	34	1265	80.63	277.71	724.13	324.10	...	...	...
Minnesota	20	671	1	32	...	...	1	32	21	703	...	...	1	...	...	9	...	10	21	693	41.16	114.50	...	...	...	...	...
Missouri	20	767	1	43	...	...	2	1	45	21	812	...	...	2	...	22	...	24	21	788	48.45	207.20	237.35	...	...	...	...
Mont. and Idaho...	8	115	1	28	...	...	1	28	9	143	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	9	143	6.90	.10	...	...	...	...	...
Nebraska	11	260	1	28	...	...	1	28	12	238	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	12	238	16.10	...	...	...	...	...	...
New Hampshire ...	37	1238	...	38	...	...	3	41	37	1279	...	...	2	2	...	8	...	12	37	1267	83.24	223.40	...	...	...	...	...
New Jersey	40	1971	...	38	...	...	10	48	40	2019	...	...	3	4	...	40	...	47	40	1972	125.54	179.71	5925.88	306.39	...	...	...
New York	159	6726	...	123	1	...	5	129	159	6855	1	16	6	3	4	206	5	234	154	6621	420.63	648.50	...	...	...	...	...
Ohio	108	5035	2	419	17	1	10	3	446	111	5481	4	99	18	3	4	435	4	4	563	227	14846	967.90	704.96	518.50	8027.88	...	113	
Pennsylvania ..	224	14817	3	521	31	4	40	7	592	231	15409	...	...	1	2	...	25	...	28	16	570	39.14	171.27	...	...	...	...
Rhode Island ..	16	571	...	26	1	...	...	28	34	1050	...	...	3	2	1	7	...	13	34	1037	67.16	333.67	243.35	10.00	...	1	...
Vermont	34	1022	...	26	2	...	...	4	10	280	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	280	17.56	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wash. and Ore....	10	276	...	4	...	...	...	101	64	1840	...	...	2	...	2	15	...	19	64	1821	117.56	57.68	...	...	...	...	...
Wisconsin	62	1739	2	95	1	...	5	2	101	64	1840	...	...	2	...	15	...	19	64	1821	117.56	57.68	...	...	...	...	...
Total	1259	56360	26	2889	141	7	219	33	3249	1292	59609	5	115	72	44	68	13	1485	4	18	1785	1274	57824	\$3806.22	\$6497.77	\$27497.26	\$9570.03	13	127

Sec. 2. Charges against the Commander-in-Chief shall be made to the Council-in-Chief, who shall act upon the same, subject to an appeal to the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment.

Sec. 3. Charges may be preferred for violation of obligation, or the committing of any act tending to injure a Veteran, a Brother, or the Order of the S. of V., U. S. A.

Sec. 4. Charges shall be made in writing, and addressed to the Commander-in-Chief.

Sec. 5. The Commander-in-Chief may, if circumstances warrant, summarily discipline a member Camp or Division; and in the event of such action, he shall appoint within ten days thereafter a Trial Commissioner to take testimony and make such recommendations as he may deem proper; or he may, without action, appoint such commissioner, who shall proceed as set forth in the following sections.

Sec. 6. When a Trial Commissioner is appointed, upon receipt of charges, he shall give at least ten (10) days notice to the prosecutor and accused by registered mail, and shall state in such notice time and place for hearing. He shall have the power to postpone hearing, or continue same, and shall be empowered to subpoena witnesses.

Sec. 7. The Commissioner shall impartially try to secure all the facts at issue, and when report is complete shall furnish a copy to both the interested parties, who shall then have ten (10) days time to make objections to his report to the Commander-in-Chief.

Sec. 8. Upon receipt of Commissioner's report, the Commander-in-Chief may order a re-hearing by the same Commissioner, or he may dismiss the charges; or inflict punishment, subject, however, to an appeal by either party interested to the Commandery Encampment, which may by a majority vote of those in Encampment Session approve the act of the Commander-in-Chief; or they may dismiss the charges; reduce, or increase the sentence, or order a new hearing.

Sec. 9. No Counsel will be allowed at hearing before Commissioner.

Sec. 10. Where an appeal is taken to the Commandery Encampment, the prosecutor or accused, if brothers, or if not, any brother authorized by either party can appear before a committee, or the Encampment, or both, to represent the parties interested.

Sec. 11. The action of the Commandery Encampment shall be final, provided, however, that the matter may be presented to a subsequent Encampment, provided each party interested has received thirty (30) days notice prior to such Commandery meeting, and the action formerly taken can only be changed by a three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote of those present, and voting at said Encampment.

Sec. 12. Commissioners may employ a stenographer, and the expense of the trial shall be borne by the Camp of which convicted party is, or was, a member, or by the Division in which convicted Camp is a part; or may be paid from the funds of the Commandery-in-Chief. The Camp or the Division shall have power to collect such expense from the guilty member or Camp.

Sec. 13. Sentence may be reprimand, fine, suspension from

rights and privileges for a given time, or it may be expulsion. Fines shall be paid to such member, Camp or Division as the Commander-in-Chief may direct.

Sec. 14. Commissioner shall first call on prosecutor to present evidence, after which the defense shall present its case. He alone shall have power to question witnesses, and must be obeyed and respected at all times.

Chapter 7, page 81, strike out all after the words "Commandery-in-Chief" in the 22nd line of the chapter.

Add to Section 4, Article XI, Chapter 6, page 45, after word "encampments" "failure of Camps to forward reports by 20th of month following the close of a quarter, shall be fined 2c per member on all members reported at end of previous quarter, and additional 2c fine for each additional delinquent quarter.

From the Missouri Division:

Resolved, That we petition the Commandery-in-Chief, at the Boston Encampment, to consider an amendment to Chapter two (2), Article seven (7), Section two (2) of the Rules and Regulations, all covering the duties of the Senior and Junior Vice Commanders, as follows:

In addition to duties now imposed, the following be inserted:

Senior Vice Commander, under direction of the Commander, will be held responsible for the sick and relief work; authorized to appoint his own committee and change same every quarter. Where Camps officiate at Grand Army funerals, he will be held responsible for the obtaining of required pallbearers.

Junior Vice Commander, under direction of the Commander, will have charge of the recruiting work, both new and suspended, and also assist the Secretary and Treasurer in bringing back members who appear to have lost interest or who may be in danger of suspension for non-payment of dues. He shall appoint his own committee, changing same every quarter.

VII. New Camps have been instituted and charters issued thereto as follows, since last announcement:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
Apr. 27	18	Defiance, Ohio	63
Mar. 30	5	Butte, Mont., Montana & Idaho	28
May 26	161	Holbrook, Massachusetts	47
June 22	17	Blue Island, Illinois	22
May 22	4	Black River Falls, Wisconsin	24
July 5	8	Ordway, Col., Col. & Wyo.	15
May 29	11	Tiskilwa, Illinois	15
May 29	147	Yale, Illinois	25
May 31	301	Oblong, Illinois	41

VIII. Camps Disbanded and Dropped, have had their charters revoked as follows, and record will be made accordingly:

Division of California and Pacific. Dropped:			
Camp No.	35	Alturas, Cal.	20 members
Camp No.	1	Reno, Nevada	10 members
Division of Indiana. Dropped:			
Camp No.	98	Washington	22 members
Camp No.	121	New Albany	23 members

Division of Iowa. Dropped:

Camp No. 7	Ute	11 members
Camp No. 20	Knoxville	28 members
Camp No. 38	Sigourney	38 members
Camp No. 68	Central City	8 members
Camp No. 76	Marshalltown	15 members

Division of Maine. Dropped:

Camp No. 23	Freeport
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Charters revoked:

Camp No. 84	Bryant's Pond
Camp No. 97	Castine

Division of New York. Dropped:

Camp No. 53	Adams	64 members
Camp No. 117	Mamaroneck	38 members
Camp No. 190	Angelica	19 members
Camp No. 191	Cuba	36 members

Disbanded:

Camp No. 189	Belmont	16 members
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Division of Pennsylvania. Disbanded:

Camp No. 23	Danville	17 members
Camp No. 158	Princeton	36 members
Camp No. 176	Albion	10 members
Camp No. 180	Mt. Pleasant	36 members

STATEMENT No. 11.

IX. Report of the National Secretary for month of July, 1917:

RECEIPTS.

June 30, 1917, to balance.....		\$1837.59
Received for per capita tax.....	\$3688.03	
Charter fees	12.50	
Supplies	397.41	
Miscellaneous .....	.50	
Junior Order—Supplies	3.00	

Total receipts

\$4101.44

\$5939.03

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$2028.37
Office expenses	28.37
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	14.00
Junior Order—Shipping supplies, Sept. '16— July 31, '17, inc.....	2.30

Total expenditures

\$2073.04

Balance, July 31, 1917.....

\$3865.99

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For supplies	\$ 271.00
The Banner, July, 1917, subscription.....	837.51
Printing	8.30

Reserve (Military Department)	32.79	
Shipping supplies	8.74	
Salaries	383.33	
Miscellaneous—Encampment Appropriation for Badges (Past) Commanders-in-Chief, Con- ferring with U. S. Departmental Officials, Washington, D. C.....	479.85	
Publicity Department	6.85	
		<u>\$2028.37</u>
JUNIOR ORDER.		
Shipping supplies, 1916-1917.....	\$ 2.30	
		<u>\$ 2.30</u>
OFFICE EXPENSES.		
For postage, telegrams, express, stationery, mailing tubes	\$ 28.37	
		<u>\$ 28.37</u>
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.		
For postage, stenographer	\$ 14.00	
		<u>\$ 14.00</u>
Total expenditures		<u>\$2073.04</u>
Balance, July 31, 1917.....		\$3865.99
By order of		
Attest:		
H. H. HAMMER,		
National Secretary.		
	WILLIAM T. CHURCH,	
	Commander-in-Chief.	

SPECIAL ORDERS.

VETERANS' NIGHT.

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

Chicago, Illinois, October 3, 1916.

Another year has passed into history, during which our beloved country has enjoyed that abundant prosperity secured to it by the heroic deeds of our Fathers in the preservation of the Federal Union. Through their efforts in war and in peace, the United States have become in spirit and in fact, an indivisible nation. With a just pride in these achievements, we are associated for the purpose of perpetuating the memory, and emulating the loyalty of the members of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

To enable us to more fully do this, the annual observance of a time to be known as VETERANS' NIGHT has been enjoined by the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans upon all Camps in our Order. On Memorial Day we do homage to the great dead. On this night we make manifest our filial love for those who still survive to tell again the stories of that great conflict, and lead us in the way of patriotic endeavor.

Pursuant, therefore, to the ordinance and custom of the Order, all Camps of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will assemble in their respective places of meeting, or other suitable quarters on the night of Saturday, November 18, 1916, for the celebration of Veterans' Night, observing as nearly as may be, the following regulations:

Camp Commander will, on the preceding Sunday, see that so far as possible, flags upon Veterans' graves in cemeteries in their charge have been renewed.

It shall be the duty of Commanders, assisted by Patriotic Instructors and Chaplains, to arrange a suitable program for the meeting, a part of which shall in all cases be the reading of the Gettysburg Oration of President Lincoln, the anniversary of the delivery of which occurs on Sunday, November 19.

At a suitable time, previous to the meeting, Camp Commanders will invite to be present as honored guests of their Camps, all officers and members of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, and surviving Veterans of the War of 1861 to 1865 and certain of their number shall be requested to address the Camp.

Camps may also invite to attend and participate in these meetings the officers and members of all kindred ladies' patriotic orders, and our own Junior Order.

It is recommended that these meetings be open to all patriotic citizens.

On this important occasion, let all Sons of Veterans put aside for a few brief hours, all personal and business affairs, to meet with these Veterans Soldiers and Sailors in an annual revival of patriotism; grasp again the Father's hand; hear again the Father's stories; honor again the Father's record; and in his presence and hearing, renew again our pledges of fealty to flag and country which he did so much to preserve. Trim all your Camp fires with loyalty. Let patriotism burn in every heart.

Attest:

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,
Commander-in-Chief.

HORACE H. HAMMER, National Secretary.

UNION DEFENDERS' DAY.

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

Chicago, Illinois, January 2, 1917.

On the 12th day of February, 1917, the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will again celebrate Union Defenders' Day, the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, the great War President.

In following the precedents of the Order in calling for the general and generous observance of this day, in all Camps, in all Divisions, it is fitting to point also to that other great natal day, likewise a national holiday, occurring on the 22nd day of the second month of the year. The month of February gave to the world the sublime founder and the peerless preserver of the Federal Union:

WASHINGTON.

LINCOLN.

No mortal names may be writ beside these. In honoring either, we, of necessity, honor both. The admonition of Washington and the experience of Lincoln teach that in the observance of Union Defenders' Day, we should not only come with a wreath and a pæan for the great defenders of the past, but that we should approach the shrines of loyalty with a grave consideration for the state of the Nation to which these matchless leaders devoted their lives. In their own words we should find the inspiration of our thought and action, in the presence of unparalleled world conditions existing and threatening today.

Sons of Veterans: Take in your two hands Washington's Farewell address, Lincoln's Gettysburg oration, and the message to you of Elias R. Monfort, Past Commander-in-Chief of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, and know that you hold all the spirit and the letter of American patriotism.

Therefore, let all members and officers of the Order fulfill the obligations of this day and month with appropriate meetings and ceremonies, inviting the allied orders and patriotic citizens to join therein. Let the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., unite with all memorials and celebrations of Union Defenders' Day, and of the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln, the inculcation of a mighty sentiment for timely and complete National Defense.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,
Commander-in-Chief.

MEMORIAL DAY.

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

Chicago, Illinois; April 7, 1917.

The time approaches when our people should again visit the altars of loyalty. Memorial Day was instituted by our Fathers to commemorate their comrades who gave their lives for their Country's cause. It has been adopted by the Nation as its most sacred holiday. It is the day when Gratitude and Remembrance carry the rich blooms of springtime to the graves of our honored dead. It is the day when the survivors of the war for the Union in solemn parade display again their deathless devotion to the Republic. It is the day when the hearts of the people are prompted to make manifest the loftiest sentiments of patriotism.

Nevertheless, there are those, happily in decreasing numbers, who thoughtlessly make of this a day of sport. There are those who still look forward to it only as a legal holiday when they may refrain from labor to indulge in some favorite recreation. Their careless conduct is prompted by no vicious or disloyal motive. A fervent love of country lies dormant in their hearts. They too are good citizens, for a day gone astray. They need but to be shown that, in the stead of a deferred frolic, they may be permitted to enjoy on this Day the deep throbbing emotions that inspire the defense of home and country, and flood the soul with pride in chivalrous achievement. A ripple of joy rewards every success of the hunter, the fisherman, or the winner in manly sports; but these sink into currentless pools beside the rolling tide of impulse that heaves the breast and surges in the brain of one who loyally joins in the active celebration of Memorial Day.

Our Nation has entered upon another great war—a mighty conflict that is taxing every resource of all the many peoples who have been engaged. We have not yet begun to prepare to carry on war, or meet its demands and sacrifices. All things, from guns to ships, from food to disciplined soldiers and sailors are needed in vaster quantities than they can be had for many months. The price of this unreadiness will be some great reverse or catastrophe which must be borne with fortitude when it comes. With our Memorial services this year we must combine preparation for defense of the Nation. We must do things for the days of blank cartridges are past.

Commander-in-Chief William J. Patterson, of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, in his letter to our Order, and in his public addresses has expressed the hope that, without waiting to be asked, every Camp will seek out some way in which members and Posts of his great Order may be aided. Let that hope be realized this year. Let every Camp of Sons of Veterans, from this day, lend all aid and assistance in the power of its members to the preparation for Memorial Day observances. Work with and for the Posts. Do their work for them. Induce your neighbors and friends to forego sports and aid in making this a National Holy Day. Remember that when we have placed our wreaths on the graves of our dead heroes this May time, we shall turn not again to the pursuits of peace, but to the stern

realities of war. May the spirit of the Fathers we commemorate inspire and direct us in again defending American rights and honor.

Attest:

HORACE H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,
Commander-in-Chief.

COMMUNICATIONS

FROM THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

NO TIME FOR THE SONS OF VETERANS.

Chicago, Illinois, November, 1916.

My friend and neighbor has said: "I have no time to attend your meetings; it will be of no benefit to me to be in the Sons of Veterans."

My fellow American, in 1861, when the flag was dishonored, when the armed forces of rebellion assailed the Union, and attempted its dissolution, there were men who evaded their country's service on the same plea. Your father was not one of them.

There were those who remained at home and acquired riches, while our country was struggling to preserve its existence. Your father was not one of them.

Then, there were those who secretly aided your country's enemies. Your father was not one of them.

Your father and mine, be it said with much pride, forsook business, position, personal gain and all private affairs, giving their best years and staking their lives on the restoration of the Union. History records their sacrifices, and a grateful and united people acclaim their success. The glory of their military prowess has been made enduring by their survivors in fifty years of leadership in the arts of peace and the administration of just government.

Whether your father fell on the field of battle, has since answered the last reveille on the shore of the Great Beyond, or still meets with his comrades of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC you owe something to that father's record. You are indebted to him for the patriot's blood that flows in your veins, and for the incomparable country in which you live.

It is your duty to honor your father by some open and active manifestation of the loyalty you have inherited from him. It is your duty to assist in perpetuating the memory of his service. It is your duty to aid in that which makes for good citizenship, and for the defense of the Nation that honors your fathers and shelters you under the folds of the stars and stripes.

Although we know you will benefit from a membership with us, you are not invited to join for any such selfish reason. The disposition of your time and activity is not a question to be considered. It is a plain debt you owe to your Father and to your country, and which you can only discharge by giving the support of your membership to an Order that teaches reverence for the one and higher loyalty to the other.

No time for the Sons of Veterans? Have you no time to grasp your Father's aging hand on Veterans' Night? Have you no time to stand by your Father's grave on Memorial Day?

Have you no time to love the land of your birth; no time to salute the colors of your country? Is loyalty dead in your soul? Then, indeed, have you been mistakenly called "fellow American."

A VETERANS' NIGHT PLEDGE.

In the presence of these Comrades of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, on this Veterans' Night, in our Camp, we, as Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., do here highly resolve that we will maintain inviolate unto death, respect for our flag, loyalty to our country, and the sacred honor of our patriot fathers.

These will we ever defend.

It is recommended that the Camp Commander memorize the foregoing; and at the conclusion of Veterans' Night celebration, call the members of his Camp to their feet, and lead them in pronouncing the pledge in the presence of the comrades of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. It is a tribute they and our departed Fathers richly merit.

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,
Commander-in-Chief.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC Office of Commander-in-Chief

Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 10, 1916.

Mr. William T. Church,
Commander-in-Chief, S. of V.,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Commander-in-Chief:—

Answer to your letter of recent date has been delayed because of my absence from the city. I thank you for your letter and for the offer of the assistance of your organization during the coming year.

An organization with a membership such as yours, could and should be of great assistance to the Grand Army of the Republic, particularly to the smaller and weaker Posts. To whom should the Grand Army turn for aid, if not to the sons and daughters of its members and their comrades, and it is my belief that every son of a Union veteran should be as proud of his membership in the Sons of Veterans as is his father of the right to wear the bronze button, and the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., should so build up its organization as to be of even greater service to their fathers' comrades in the future than they have in the past. It is my hope that every Camp of your organization will not wait to be asked to assist, but will seek out some way in which members and Posts of the Grand Army may be aided.

Again thanking you for your offer of assistance and wishing for you a successful administration, I am,

Sincerely in F., C. and L.,

W. J. PATTERSON,
Commander-in-Chief.

The Commander-in-Chief of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, speaking for his great Order, expresses the hope that without waiting to be asked, the Camps of the Sons of Veterans will seek out some way in which members and Posts of the parent Order may be aided.

It should be our first duty and our highest pleasure to work earnestly and effectively for the fulfillment of this wish. In the heart of every great city, and in many quiet rural communities, there are aged comrades who need assistance. Many Posts have become small and weak, as the members pass away one by one. Brothers, do not let this opportunity pass. It may not return. The comrades departing will never come back. In the years to come, when your father's Post of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC is only a hallowed memory, you will have great satisfaction in recalling the aid you extended to it and its members in the year now before you.

To render efficient aid, we must be strong in number, as well as in spirit. If every officer and member of the Sons of Veterans will obey the orders for December, and loyally unite with his fellows in the January campaign for members, the 1000 gain will be secured with ease. There is an immediate and imperative need for this increase in our Order.

My brothers, will you help NOW?

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,
Commander-in-Chief.

THE AMERICAN NATION.

Chicago, Illinois, February, 1917.

Events travel more rapidly than plans. It was intended to urge upon the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., that this Order begin, with the celebration of Union Defenders' Day in this month of February, a nation-wide campaign for preparation for defense, exerting all its influence for preparedness and universal military training. The event, the coming of which has been inevitable for the past two and one-half years, has suddenly arrived. War is upon us. History will place the responsibility for our unreadiness where it belongs. It would be unseemly now to attempt to anticipate that verdict.

We are of that blood which has given to our country both civic and military virtue. As our Fathers stood in 1861 to 1865, so stand we today. We, without hesitation or condition, follow the illustrious example of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. The Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., to the last man are with our Government. It shall have our most earnest and loyal support in its efforts to protect American lives and vindicate American rights, now being attacked without cause or justification by an arrogant power of Europe.

Politics and partisanship must now be brushed aside. Personal ambition must be forgotten. Sectionalism is wiped out and state boundaries effaced. Our Government, through our President, has spoken for the American Nation.

The American People have not yet failed to meet any emergency thrust upon them. They will not be found wanting in this crisis. The Congress will now act with expedition to supply defensive needs. All the people must aid and bear with fortitude the reverses and adversities inevitable until the delayed

preparations are made effective. A stupendous struggle is impending. Its seriousness is already impressed upon the entire world. The extraordinary efforts of the nations now engaged, teach us the immensity of our needs, and the measures necessary to supply them.

We shall not require less than they. It is perhaps well that we are compelled to enter this war at this time, for when it ends, we shall be prepared to defend our country. We shall have built up an adequate navy; and we shall have a vast army of citizen soldiery. Both will be needed for when the present conflict is over, there without doubt will be an attempt by the debt burdened nations of the old world to exact tribute from America and Americans.

Sons of Veterans, you have able officers in your various Divisions. You have a personnel as high as any equal body of men in our land. Banish your indifference. Make your Order efficient. Make it of sounding influence among loyal citizens. Stand by your President and your Congress, as you have stood for the flag and your Fathers honor. Stand united for a West Point on the Mississippi and the Columbia, stand for an Annapolis on the Great Lakes, the Gulf and the Pacific. Stand for the most powerful navy that floats on, under and above the seas. Stand for a Federal Army adequate in numbers and equipment to insure the defense of all our boundaries and possessions. Stand for the universal training of the American youth to constitute a perpetual reserve to the Army of the United States.

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,
Commander-in-Chief.

YOUR COUNTRY CALLS.

Chicago, Illinois, March, 1917.

Sons of Veterans your Country is calling you to its service to-day with a command more imperative than ever issued from any official headquarters. The Government has not increased the United States Army. The President has not called for volunteers. The Congress has adjourned, after holding self-laudatory exercises over its own inaction, leaving an unprepared Nation facing certain war.

All this has transpired after two and one-half years of world wide warning, climaxed by the break of relations with Germany.

Your Country calls to-day for every patriot in the land to rally to its great need. It calls for the immediate intervention in public affairs of every true citizen. It calls for a nation wide awakening to the danger that threatens in foreign conspiracy. It calls for immediate organization of the followers of the flag and the lovers of liberty into a mighty force that shall peremptorily command our legislative and executive agents to perform their functions with no further delay. It calls for a manifestation of public sentiment that shall compel speedy performance of public duty, or speedy retirement from public office. It calls for the defense of the Nation.

Sons of Veterans this call to your Country's service comes from no favored or chosen leader. It ought to have been, but is not yet officially uttered by your Government. This call comes from the throbbing life of the Nation, swelling with the heroism

of its past, vocal with its needs of the present, and jealous of its prospects for the future. Will Americans defend themselves and their great heritage?

This call comes from the hills, the plains and the mountains of our broad land. It comes from prairie and river and forest. It comes from fields of corn and wheat and cotton and cane. It comes from factory and warehouse and the marts of industry. It comes from the commerce laden lakes, and the fertile islands of the sea. It comes from the lonely ranch and the packed tenement house. It comes from the little red school house and the great colleges of learning. It comes from the immortal memories of the founders of our Government. It comes from the glorious deeds of the saviors of the Union. From Bunker Hill and Yorktown; from New Orleans and Appomattox; from Manilla and Santiago comes the call to duty. From a million unmarked graves of the heroes of American wars; and from the magnificent monuments that commemorate the Nation's great dead, comes the silent challenge to make our future worthy of our past.

From every tie that binds, from every chord that swells, from every hope that is cherished, from every ambition that inspires, from every association that is dear, from every love, worthy sentiment and holy emotion, from our glorious flag, from the Father's record, from the mother's hope, from the wife and children of the home comes the Nation's call for defense.

What shall be our response to this great call? It shall not be indifference. A good citizen said recently: "To whom should we look for greater loyalty than to the Sons of Veterans?" The eyes of the people are upon us. The summons to military service can only come through and by the action of our Government. It will come in time, to all individuals qualified for such service.

In the interim, there is a great work for all in answer to the Country's call. Learn of the activity of the council for national defense and the advisory commission, authorized by Congress, and the great work that has been undertaken by them in organizing the industrial and transportation forces of the Nation for defensive purposes. Find a means to aid, even though in a small way in this movement.

War is no longer the mere campaigning of professional and volunteer soldiers. It now involves the co-operation of every resource and power of the peoples engaged. Find a place in this Nation wide organization where your talents may be useful to your country. Watch the conduct of your public officers and representatives. Support those who are active and loyal. Help to retire every one who is inefficient, or who fails or refuses to support any measure for National Defense. Begin now in your community and circles of influence to inculcate a powerful sentiment in favor of a strong defensive program, including industrial mobilization, the raising of an adequate army with abundant equipment, the building of an invincible navy; and the universal military training and service of all Americans fit for such duty.

Sons of Veterans, answer your Country's call to-day with a singleness of purpose to do your utmost in loyal service to the Nation preserved to you by your Father's glorious deeds.

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,
Commander-in-Chief.

MEMORIAL DAY CONSECRATION.

Chicago, Illinois, May, 1917.

To the somber grandeur and solemn pride of Memorial Day, there are this year added emotions that throb for the future as well as the past. Our Fathers fought the good fight, and won the glorious victory in the cause of human liberty a half century ago. The valiant enemy of the old days, his wounds healed with the balm of forgiveness, his heart glad with the renewed ties of brotherhood, now fully realizes that there is no more enmity among Americans, and his eyes turn with jubilant content to the one flag that symbolizes the fact and spirit of National unity. So on this day, as we bring to the tombs of our heroic dead the tributes of praise and love, there will arise the inspiring hope of emulating their great deeds in the world's present crisis. On this day we shall kneel at these shrines of ancestral greatness, there to consecrate the physical powers, the material wealth, the mental force and the moral worth of an undivided liberty-loving people to the overthrow of a powerful and insane despotism.

This Republic born of an old world weary of the wars of kings, and a virgin continent awaiting the advent of Freedom to develop and possess its wondrous resources, to-day consecrates its all to the assistance of that old world in its struggle for the liberty already attained by the new. In this act there is the momentary hesitation of irresistible power about to be set in motion. The Nation is poised gathering strength for the impending shock. It will strike hard. Into this effort will be poured all the force generated and stored by American progress from Plymouth Rock to this April declaration of war. No element that will contribute to success will be denied or withheld.

Into the debt burdened treasuries of our allies shall go sufficient of our wealth for their needs. Their granaries shall be filled from our broad fields. Their people and their armies shall be provisioned from our vast stores. Our mines and farms and forests and factories shall contribute to their necessities.

Over the far reaches of the seas wherein lurks the invisible foe of liberty, striking to death with equal ruthlessness the strong and helpless, the enemy and friend, a new hope will shine forth to the peaceful mariner, as the constellation of the Stars and Stripes appears in the war beclouded sky, bringing assurance that America has also consecrated her whole sea power now afloat, as well as all that her genius shall devise and build, to the restoration of the freedom of the ocean highways. And by and by, when the day of preparation meets the day of need, and when Old Glory has joined the banners of her sister Republics on the war torn fields of France and Russia, it will be known that on this Memorial Day America paid the full measure of devotion to Liberty's cause by the consecration of her fighting man power to its successful issue.

Let us then as Sons of Veterans join in the services of Memorial Day with reverence; and with the Spirit of the Fathers upon us reconsecrate all of our thoughts, ability and powers to the service of the Nation for which they lived and died.

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,
Commander-in-Chief.

THE U. S. A. PREFERRED.

Chicago, Illinois, June, 1917.

It is a distinctive honor to be in the military or naval service of the American Government, however the call to that service may have come.

In this month of June 1917, America is taking stock of her man power. She is about to honor many of those who are fit and worthy. Throughout all her domain, her first-born—her best born, are being selected for the country's service. The Sons of America—THE UNITED STATES PREFERRED, are called to the colors. The conditions of their enlistment insure a high personnel that will worthily maintain the high prestige of American soldiery.

Let the mantle of shame hide from us the craven heart and disordered mind that attempt to cast a stigma upon these soldiers. Let us discard the words "draft" and "conscript," not that either indicates any questionable quality, but because they have been mishandled by spotted patriots.

Into the service of the United States is coming the first true continental army our country has ever known. It is the advance guard of the great Universal Service army that will come marching up from all the state, as soon as the Congress in obedience to the will of the American people, makes provision that all must participate in the common defense. Then, and only then, will those chosen now by selective enlistment as best fitted for military duty, be superseded by universal service soldiers of the United States.

By principle and by tradition this Republic is irrevocably committed to the sacred cause of human liberty and political freedom. Its people will never abandon that cause for which their ancestors heroically fought, and which they have faithfully preserved. They have demonstrated the rectitude of universal suffrage, and their capacity for self-government. They are preparing now to assume the full obligation which these impose, and make a universal electorate a universal army of defense. Intelligent electors and trained soldiers—one and the same—Americans all. Militarism arises only when its forces are bound to a feudal lord or a despotic and irresponsible power. Kingship is one of its essential factors. Under the American system now being slowly worked out, the people, and all the people, will at once constitute and control both their civil government and their military establishment. The same hands that cast the ballots will also hold the guns. They will no more abuse or misuse the one power than the other. If Americans can be trusted longer to govern themselves, they can also be safely trained to defend themselves and their country's honor.

Pioneer life is well nigh a thing of the past in this land. Its hardships that contributed so much to physical vigor, have given place to easier conditions of livelihood, which with careless habits, sap the strength of undisciplined youth. Universal obligatory military training and service will in a single decade raise many degrees the sturdiness of our manhood, and in a generation promote more general virility of mind and body, replacing indifference with a disciplined deportment in every walk of life. America will then have a puissant citizenship secure in the fact that it knows how to fight as well as to vote.

Those are things of the future. In the immediate past we

have rolled in the luxury of plenty, and forgotten the guardianship of our heritage. Now untrained and unarmed we are involved in a great war with an unmoral government that is seeking to impose its debasing rule of despotic power on the entire world. It has made war upon us and killed our people. It has instituted organized piracy on the high seas. It has planned the subjugation and spoliation of our country. In this day of need—this National emergency—this world crisis, those who will constitute the UNITED STATES ARMY PREFERRED are answering to their country's call. They are chosen because they are free of dependents, because of their moral worth, their mental aptitude, and physical fitness to be trained for this great service.

Called to the colors of our Country in Liberty's cause! All honor to the first Five Hundred Thousand! To them shall be given the best training and most adequate equipment the Nation can now provide. Behind them shall work for their success every force and industry of our people. They will fight under a banner that has never been lowered in defeat. They will be inspired by the heroic deeds of our veterans of other wars to maintain the ever high standard of American valor. By their achievements they will again prove that the trained soldiers of Freedom can outfight the best drilled vassals of a degenerate king. A great opportunity opens today before these young soldiers; and they will meet it with loyalty and heroism.

Let one hundred million people arise to-day to salute with honor as they come, America's First Five Hundred Thousand—
THE U. S. A. PREFERRED.

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,
Commander-in-Chief.

SERVICE.

Chicago, Illinois, July, 1917.

Service is personal effort expended for another, or for the State, because it is due or because it is needed.

There is a service of love and loyalty that knows no whip of slavery or spur of surfdom. It draws its inspiration from the home and the flag; and willingly offers itself to the support of that Government which guarantees the honor and freedom of both.

When war wages "its wide desolation," when the rights of the people and the integrity of their established institutions are assailed by an autocratic government actuated by all the vicious forces of humanity, and unrestrained by either law, conscience or sentiments springing from the fellowship of men, it is an undeniable duty to oppose that degenerate power by force. We proudly recognize the fact that the United States has joined that opposition in the present war; and we freely offer our service in the army and navy of our country to aid in the destruction of that government which seeks the overthrow of liberty.

The greatest duty of man is to pay that he owes. There is no limitation to bar a debt of gratitude. Time and years do not liquidate it. In the American Revolution France loaned us the force that helped to make independence possible; and the great Declaration became an accomplished fact.

Nearly a century and a half have passed. The opportunity to discharge that debt with interest has arrived. The American Republic has not defaulted, but is meeting the obligation with eagerness and power, for Old Glory has joined the banner of her sister Republic; and American troops have brought reinforcements to the battle fields of France. This also is service.

To the Russian people who are just crossing the threshold of Republicanism, we have sent a Commission of statesmen and engineers to aid them in the formation of constitutions, and the organization of their industries. This too is service; and peradventure we may extend our assistance to aid in their military establishment as well.

The first Liberty loan in America was over subscribed. This was most excellent. There is another call for service now which can never be more than met. The Red Cross fund can never be over subscribed. Its limit is boundless as human capacity for suffering. The demands upon it will be as measureless as human woe. The emblem of the Rosey cross which for centuries represented a mystical hidden and undying fraternity veiled in supersition and dread, has been torn from its meaningless cloud, and made the chevrons of mercy and succor to the wounded, the dying and the victims of war.

A Colonel of an Iowa Regiment shot through the body lay thirty hours on the field of Shiloh while the opposing tides of blue and gray swept back and forth over him. The suffering of that day repeated many thousand times in the War of the Rebellion, will be prevented and relieved by our Red Cross in the campaigns before us. The stricken and the dying will be given immediate help, with all the aid science and skilled surgery can afford. Money to support the Red Cross is needed; and there is no limit to the amount. Give to the Red Cross until it hurts; and then give more. This is service.

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,
Commander-in-Chief.

THE WORLD WAR'S END—?

Chicago, Illinois, August, 1917.

The question is put daily, and answered with all the variations of imagination. When will this war end? It is only just begun. Our Republic is slow to anger, makes war with great hesitation, and prepares only when hostilities are commenced.

In 1776 when the American gospel of liberty was given to the world, true republicanism existed only in the Swiss Confederation, and to a lesser degree in the United Netherlands, and a few free cities. All the rest of the world was ruled by monarchs of hereditary type and title. Today, more than one-half the world is under a republic form of government; and two-thirds of the remaining half under democratized monarchies. The remnant is in the thralls of absolutism. What a powerful remnant it is! Its rulers have taught its people the doctrine of the divine right of kings; that all other nations must be subjected to their will and rule; that there is no morality in international relations; that solemn treaties impose no obligations which kings should observe; that the greatest good is to be

attained by killing all other peoples and robbing them of their property, lands and liberties. These theories were promulgated by Frederick II of Prussia in what has been styled the "Bible of Berlin" addressed to his nephew Frederick William II.

Religion is absolutely necessary in a state * * * but then it would not be very wise in a king to have any religion himself."

"As to war it is a trade, in which any the least scruple would spoil everything; and indeed what man of honor would make war if he had not the right to make rules that should authorize plunder, fire and carnage."

So with Moltke and carnage, Hohenzollern and fire, Bismarck and plunder, Prussia became Imperial Germany. The teachings of Frederick II have not been modified with the growth of empire. Their cutting edge was never keener than today. For nearly half a century the Imperial family of Germany, aided by the professors and the clergy, have taught their people that the world must be Germanized by the sword; and to use them to that end, have subjected their own people to military regulations that have everywhere and at all times placed the soldier above the citizen, degraded womanhood, and eradicated the smallest conception of human liberty from the mind of every subject. They have been taught the hymn of hate; and lured with the promised spoils of other nations. Some, unable to bear this regime, have expatriated themselves, and become valued citizens of humane governments. The triple propagandists have developed system and efficiency, and to their support attached the shopworn dual monarchy of Austro-Hungary, the renegade Bulgarian, and the unspeakable Turk. "Gott mit uns" is the blasphemous legend that flouts on the Hohenzollern banner, and leads this unholy alliance in murder, rapine, piracy and starvation deliberately imposed on conquered peoples.

The wicked are not the weak in this world. This Junker confederacy is powerful; it is unscrupulous; it is unmoral; it is desperately staking the wealth, the happiness and the lives of its peoples on a gamble for world wide power. It is cold-bloodedly driving to death millions of its own subjects, that it may extend Germany's debased rule over other nations, and compel a starving world to pay tribute to Teutonic tyranny.

When will this war end? Arrayed against the Hohenzollern aggregation are the world's great republics, and the monarchical democracies. Only one of these many allies, and that an Asiatic, adheres to absolutism. In Germany's foes are found those peoples that have attained all that is known by the name of liberty. In that name the allied nations, great and small, are defending themselves against the strongest military power the world has ever known, and one that fights also with starvation, slavery, and all manner of unclean weapons.

When will this war end? Right shall not forever tread the scaffold. Wrong shall not forever ride the throne. Somewhere, down the bloody years of the future, long and frightful though they be, Destruction awaits to overwhelm the Hohenzollern and Imperial German depravity. And there lies the end of the World War. Until the coming of that end America fights.

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,
Commander-in-Chief.

FLAG CODE.

The flag should fly only from sunrise to sunset, never being left out at night except when under fire from an enemy.

On Memorial Day the flag should be displayed at half staff until noon, when it should be raised to the peak until sunset.

When the flag is to be raised to half-staff or half-mast, it should first always be run to the peak and then lowered the width of the flag. When the flag is to be run down, it should first be raised to the peak and then retired. The flag should never be allowed to touch the ground.

The flag should always be hung flat in decorating, and never be festooned or draped. It should never be placed below a person sitting, and when used as an altar covering the Union should be at the right as you face the altar and nothing except the Holy Bible should ever be placed upon it. The flag should never be struck with a gavel or other instrument.

The flag should always be hung with the outside facing the audience, the Union to the left (as you view it on the wall) when hung horizontally, the Union to the right when hung perpendicularly. (Same appearance as if flag was attached to staff or reproduced by printing process).

When placed over a bier or casket the Union of the flag should be at the head.

In parade, or when crossed with other flags, the Stars and Stripes should always be at the right.

Used in unveiling a statue or monument, the flag should not be allowed to fall to the ground, but should be carried aloft to wave out, forming a distinctive feature during the remainder of the ceremony.

The flag should never be worn as the whole or part of a costume. As a badge it should be worn over the left breast.

The flag should never be reversed except in case of distress at sea.

In making a flag to order, remember that the proper dimensions have been fixed by executive order (May 26, 1916) as follows:

Its length should be just 1.9 times its height.

The Union, or part of the flag on which the stars appear on the blue field, should be seven stripes high and its length .76 of the height of the flag. The stars are five-pointed, with one point directly upward.

FLAG DAYS.

The special Flag Days, to be observed in all parts of the Order, are:

Lincoln's Birthday, February 12.

Washington's Birthday, February 22.

Inauguration Day (every 4 years) March 4.

General Grant's Birthday, April 27.

Mother's Day, second Sunday in May. (Resolution of Congress, in 1914).

Memorial Sunday, the Sunday next preceding Memorial Day.

Memorial Day, May 30.

Flag Day, June 14.

Independence Day, July 4.

GUY RICHARDSON,
National Patriotic Instructor.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

(Continued)

The reading of the Commander-in-Chief's report was greeted with prolonged applause.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief: I arise to my feet to make this statement. I think we have all listened with a great deal of attention and interest to the very able report rendered by our Commander-in-Chief, and if there are no objections it will be referred at this time to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

Commander-in-Chief: The report will go to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

John E. Sautter, of Pennsylvania: I move you that the reports of all other officers be referred to the proper committee without reading.

Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire: I second the motion. The motion was agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: All other officers' reports will go to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

The following reports were then submitted, which under the rule were referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports:

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Bridgeport, Conn., July 9, 1917.

To William T. Church, Commander-in-Chief, and Officers and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Brothers:—

First of all, I want to thank you for the honor you conferred upon me at Kansas City.

The following is a report of your Senior Vice Commander:

Upon my return to Kansas City, after the last National Convention, and election of officers, I was tendered a very cordial reception by Franklin Bartlett Camp No. 11—my own Camp. I have made a good many official visits throughout the Connecticut Division, most of them having been very pleasant and successful.

November 30, 1916, at the request of Commander Church, I made an official visit to Boston, where they had a very successful meeting, initiating eighty-seven candidates, which was a very successful and interesting affair.

April 17, 1917, I had the very great pleasure of accompanying our Commander-in-Chief, W. T. Church, on a very pleasant trip to Augusta, Maine, where a patriotic meeting was held in the Representative's Hall in the Capital building. The meeting was a great success.

Now, as your Senior Vice Commander, I wish to make a few suggestions, which I hope will be received in the same friendly spirit in which they are given.

First of all, what more can the Sons do that will add glory to the deeds of our Fathers? In my opinion, nothing! Our fathers made their own records. Now my advice is that the time has come for the Sons of Veterans to try and make a record for themselves that will be as lasting as the memory of the G. A. R.

First of all, let those of us that are too old to enlist, give our moral support to all the boys that do enlist, and give of our worldly goods all that we possibly can give to the Red Cross. And buy a Government Bond whenever our Country calls! Take an active part in all public demonstrations, whether local or National, patriotism is the object. Let the world know that the Order of Sons of Veterans is as alive to the interests and welfare of the United States of America as any body of men the country has ever produced.

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

E. L. GRAVES,

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

To William T. Church, Commander-in-Chief, and Officers and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Brothers:—

In making this report I will state briefly of the activities of your third highest officer for the year now nearing its close. A shortage of available time, and funds, not anticipated when the responsibilities of this position was assumed, has compelled me to confine my work to nearby points, and to correspondence.

Advertisements inserted in the newspapers, requesting names and addresses of eligibles to our Order, have brought good results. Inquiries were received from nearly every State in the Union, and one from the Territory of Hawaii. It has been a pleasure to me to know that some of these eligibles have joined our organization, and a significant fact developed that many of them were not aware that such an order as the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. existed.

It has been a great pleasure to me to represent our beloved Order at many patriotic meetings held under the auspices of our allied orders and others, and to know that the utmost harmony and goodwill exists in this locality between the Sons of Veterans and the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC and all allied organizations.

To Commander-in-Chief Church I wish to extend my gratitude for his uniform courtesy at all times and on behalf of the Missouri Division, for the inspiration of his presence and good counsel on the occasion of our Division Encampment at Springfield.

To all, I owe thanks and for the honors and courtesies received, I am sincerely grateful.

Fraternally submitted,

LEON L. ROBERTS,

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY.

Reading, Pa., August 1, 1917.

William T. Church, Esq.,
Commander-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

I have the honor to present report of this department for the term covering your Administration—1916-1917, as follows:

Conditions in this term were unparalleled. Presidential political campaign years have always been detrimental to recruiting and organization work. In such years we had great difficulty in retaining interest among the members and activity in Camps and Divisions. We sustained losses invariably in those years. This term was an exception for unfavorable conditions. A great war exists. This in the very nature of and applying to our Order needs no comment, except that it added to the unprecedented experiences encountered in the term. It materially interfered with the plans and work. Members had their energies and interest diverted from Camps and the organization. They were directed to activities incident to our Country's affairs. Members are interested in every manner. They are active and in many instances important factors in the Nation's welfare. Many have enlisted in the service of the Country and are doing their part as did our Ancestors in 1861-'65.

Under the circumstances you are to be congratulated as well as the Order, for the conditions and results that we are able to report affairs in today.

REPORTS AND RETURNS.

We have only the expected or anticipated attention of those responsible, to depend upon to render reports at the time designated. It is to be regretted, provoking, that so many will and do not give the attention. The delays in rendering reports and payment of per capita tax are most annoying. This applies to Camps as well, if not more so, than to Divisions. The exasperating feature is that communications and letters are not responded to on the subject. We have had this experience the past year with several Divisions and it is universal with Division Secretaries not being able to hear from Camps. This negligence makes our Order ridiculous. It is serious as well. Time fixed by law for reports and payment of tax has no consideration and no importance or significance. The consequence is that business and system is shattered and affairs demoralized. Provision should be made to overcome this. Either incompetency or deliberate neglect is the cause.

By having Division Officers or District Aides visit dilatory Camps and securing the reports and tax of such, is a remedy or means of finally obtaining same. This has been resorted to in some of the Divisions. In others it proves too expensive to follow as a practice. The obligation taken by such officers—of delinquent Camps—negligent officers—to render reports seems to have little if any significance. Too much leniency with reports and returns is largely the cause of these dilatory practices.

Suggestion has been offered that provision by enactment be the imposition of a penalty in the nature of a fine on such delinquents after a given time. In some Orders this seems to be a success in evading this seeming great evil in our Order.

There should be some method by which it could be impressed upon all required to render reports and returns that this feature must be religiously and positively complied with.

Undoubtedly a visit by some official in authority would accomplish the desired result and often prevent the loss of a Camp. Means provided would obviously meet the situation. If such Camps are known to have funds sufficient to pay their tax and the expenses of a Division Officer or District Aide, they should be inflicted with such a penalty, and a visit by such official; for, it would in a measure result in not only securing reports and returns for the quarter desired, but it might be an impression for the future. Again, it might result in a renewed interest in the activities of the officers and Camps and prove beneficial in more ways than the one desired.

SMALL DIVISIONS.

The smaller Divisions—continue in their usual state. Little if anything is done to arouse interest or to accomplish anything in most of them. Some have great difficulties to meet and obstacles to overcome. But, if they displayed more activity and endeavored to create an interest, organized new Camps, many of their handicaps (so regarded) would be removed, they would have greater prestige and could produce some results now sadly lacking. Some action should be taken whereby such Divisions can be increased to a reasonable membership so that the work of the Order can be properly executed in those Divisions.

In most of them Division Officers do nothing. All Divisions—small or large, should be required to regularly communicate with their Camps and Camp Officers. If this were observed better conditions could be reported and a stronger membership shown. Imagine Division Commanders who do not issue orders, communicate with their Camps, and the reason for small membership, no increase year after year, nothing accomplished—and usually delinquent with reports and in the payment of per capita tax—and the cause is apparent.

It should not be—but it was—necessary continually to “direct, instruct and order” a number of Division Commanders to forward to Camps blank forms for quarterly reports and payment of per capita tax. Camps not furnished with such blanks do not pay per capita tax—and the result—loss of Camps. No Camp should have cause for being dropped or disbanded through the neglect or want of knowledge as to the course of procedure on the part of Division Officers. Such should not be chosen to such offices.

LAWS, CUSTOMS AND ERRORS.

It is difficult to maintain the so-called landmarks, laws and established customs of the Order. This is owing to the omission of many subjects and specific definition, reference or description. For instance: We have had “General” Orders issued by Division Commanders whereas they should issue “Division” Orders. Some have been numbered without regard to established law and rule—starting at any time particularly after having been elected—with the “Number 1.” The number of an Order should be the next following number last to an Order, and should only be “1” with the beginning of a calendar year—succeeding numbers following thereafter. The regulations applying to Division Orders were adopted at the Twenty-seventh Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, at Niagara Falls, 1908.

Charter						
Division:	P. C. Tax	Fees	Supplies	Misc.	Total	Jr. Order
New York	1730.62	7.50	614.64		2352.76	
Ohio	1386.94	10.00	482.17		1879.11	7.81
Pennsylvania ...	3813.38	15.00	939.77	.50	4768.65	30.05
Rhode Island ..	149.08		82.24		231.32	9.98
Vermont	253.85	12.50	171.11		437.46	
Wash and Ore..	69.18		30.68		99.86	
Wisconsin	444.11	15.00	270.47		729.58	
S. V. Auxillary.			28.32		28.32	
Total	\$14489.46	\$165.00	\$5474.39	\$3.00	\$20131.85	\$55.61
Junior Order ..			55.61		55.61	
Total receipts from Divisions..	\$5530.00				\$20187.46	

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.	
For stock and supplies.....	\$2982.37
The Banner—Subscription, 1916-'17..	\$9128.65
To G. A. R. Posts.....	157.50
9286.15	
Encampment (1916)	491.77
Printing	89.20
Reserve (Military Department)	409.28
Shipping Supplies—Express	\$60.20
Mail	94.02
154.22	
Salaries	2108.33
Bonds, National Officers	35.00
Publicity Department	75.15
National Officers—Other than Commander-in-Chief, Secretary, Treasurer and Chief-of-Staff	12.25
Miscellaneous (Encampment Appropriation—Council-in-Chief, Badges (Past) Commanders-in-Chief, included)	541.95
Junior Order—Supplies and shipping.....	15.55
	<u>\$16201.22</u>
OFFICE EXPENSES.	
For wrapping paper and twine.....	\$ 12.38
Postage	184.78
Express	38.80
Telegrams	19.31
Stationery (National Officers)	252.04
Rent	450.00
	<u>\$ 957.31</u>
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.	
For postage	\$ 66.13
Telegrams	10.26
Traveling	758.24
Office	16.05
Stenographer	110.00
Express	8.90
	<u>\$ 964.58</u>
Total expenditures	\$18123.11

SUPPLIES.

Conditions in business affairs are not improved over last year as to prices, cost of material and delivery of product. Prices are unsettled, material difficult to obtain and delivery indefinite. Difficulty was experienced in procuring badges. This was due to the metal market and chemical features. No prices for badges or products of this nature are permanent. This applies also to the paper market, books, etc. With the nature of the supplies we require existing prices and delivery are quite a problem. The necessity for increased prices in our supplies, adopted at the last Encampment was apparent and accepted by the Divisions and Camps. In some items the prices are too low. It is to be hoped that we can maintain the schedule as designated on Forms 1 and 1½ even though the profits in many instances are insignificant. In the event that the cost of our supplies should again be beyond our charges and above the prices paid by Camps and Divisions, it is

Recommended: That authority be vested in the Council-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer and Commander-in-Chief, to increase prices in such items as necessary in proportion to the amount now paid and charged.

A number of Divisions fail to carry supplies. This is not good management. Every Division should carry a stock of supplies. Camps would have their requisitions filled more promptly.

Changes in the C. R. & R. at the Thirty-fifth Encampment necessarily required new Forms. Obsolete forms were destroyed. The new Forms or price lists were furnished all Divisions and Camps at the expense of the Commandery-in-Chief with no charge to Divisions or Camps.

An important matter affecting our investment in supplies is that many Camps and some Divisions do not purchase all their supplies or forms, through the channels prescribed or required by our laws. Many have their own forms and use such other than prescribed by the C. R. & R. Form 3—"Application for Membership" as provided by the Order is not generally used. Numerous Camps have their preferable and specific form for this use. Uniformity in the use of forms and supplies, system and compliance with the laws of the Order should prevail. The system and provision for obtaining supplies, furnishing them, is a fundamental principle and object of the Order. Camps, Divisions and the Commandery-in-Chief realize and benefit thereby. It is one of the only three (3) sources of revenue. Necessarily the Order should not have competition within itself and own body. Camps should and it is required, make all purchases from Divisions and Divisions from the Commandery-in-Chief—of the supplies enumerated and specified as being furnished. Such that are desired and required and which the Order does not supply is sufficient for purchase otherwise than through the Order.

The transactions in this department were as follows:

To cost of supplies on hand August 28, 1916 (Supplementary Report, 35th Encampment).....	\$3109.04
Cost of supplies purchased 1916-1917.....	2982.37
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Cost of supplies to account for.....	\$6091.41
Cost of supplies on hand July 31, 1917.....	\$3242.45
Cost of supplies sold during term, 1916-1917.....	\$2848.96

Amount received for supplies, to July 31, 1917, inc.....	\$5474.39
To cost of supplies sold.....	\$2848.96
Cost of supplies to Commander-in-Chief, National Patriotic Instructor, National Chaplain, and Divisions	15.58
Cost of wrapping paper and twine.....	12.38
Cost of shipping supplies.....	154.22
Express, freight, on supplies received.....	27.36
Total cost of supplies sold.....	\$3058.50
	\$1415.89
Cost of obsolete supplies (forms) charged off.	106.54
Profit	\$1309.35

JUNIOR ORDER.

The amount of business transacted in this department—the Junior Order—demonstrates the activity and interest therein. Last year's receipts for supplies amounted to \$126.68. It was the first year of the Junior Order's existence. The difference between it and this year—1916-1917 term—needs no comment. The Commandery-in-Chief receives no revenue from this body except from supplies. The investment is the amount of stock on hand July 31, 1917.

More interest in this Order should be taken. The rules designate that reports shall be made for the period ending December 31, of each year. At the end of 1916, the first Annual Report of the Junior Order, was as follows:

Division:	No. Camps	No. Members
Colorado and Wyoming.....	1	20
Maine	3	102
Massachusetts	4	109
THIRTY-SIXTH ENCAMPMENT		27
New Jersey	1	21
New York	1	15
Pennsylvania	8	326
Wisconsin	1	16
Total	19	609

Gains and losses, financial details, etc., in the respective Divisions pertaining to this annual report appear in General Orders No. 3, 1917, and are not given here to avoid repetition.

SUPPLY ACCOUNT—JUNIOR ORDER.

To cost of supplies on hand, July 31, 1916.....	\$354.71
To cost of supplies purchased during year.....	13.25
To cost of supplies to account for.....	\$367.96
To cost of supplies on hand, July 31, 1917.....	\$329.43
To cost of supplies sold during 1916-1917.....	\$ 38.53
Amount received for supplies, during year 1916-1917...	\$ 55.61
Cost of supplies sold	\$38.53
Cost of shipping supplies.....	2.30
Total cost	\$ 40.83
Profit	\$ 14.78

DIVISION MEMBERSHIP—GAIN AND LOSS.

Division	In Good Standing.				Gain		Loss	
	June 30, 1916 Camps	June 30, 1917 Mem.	June 30, 1917 Camps	June 30, 1917 Mem.	Cps.	Mb.	Cps.	Mb.
Ala. and Tenn..	11	212	11	200				
Cal. and Pac....	17	546	15	514			2	32
Col. and Wyo...	7	191	7	199		8		
Connecticut	40	2282	41	2529	1	247		
Illinois	66	2417	71	3001	5	584		
Indiana	24	979	29	1119	5	140		
Iowa	22	638	21	635			1	3
Kansas	38	1295	49	1619	6	324		
Kentucky	7	132	7	131				1
Maine	45	2168	51	2431	6	263		
Maryland	17	675	21	688	4	13		
Massachusetts ..	155	7405	161	7801	6	396		
Michigan	32	1236	34	1265	2	29		
Minnesota	13	461	21	693	8	232		
Missouri	19	746	21	788	2	22		
Mont. and Idaho	8	115	9	143	1	28		
Nebraska	9	263	12	288	3	25		
New Hampshire.	33	1177	37	1267	4	90		
New Jersey	40	1917	40	1972		55		
New York	167	6840	154	6621			13	219
Ohio	117	5280	111	5366		86	6	
Pennsylvania ..	215	14648	227	14846	12	198		
Rhode Island ..	16	569	16	570		1		
Vermont	29	857	34	1037	5	180		
Wash. and Ore..	10	305	10	280				25
Wisconsin	59	1701	64	1821	5	120		
Total	1216	55055	1274	57824				
Gain over June 30, 1916.....			58	2769				

CONSOLIDATED RETURNS—1916-1917.

	No. in good standing June 30, 1916.....	Camps	Members
	1216		55055
Gain—			
		Camps	Members
By Initiation		74	8151
Transfer			391
Reinstatement		68	1701
Total gain		142	10243
Aggregate			
		1358	65298
Loss—			
		Camps	Members
By Camps Disbanded.....		35	530
Death			367
Honorable Discharge			274
Transfer			222
Dropped		49	6077
Dishonorable Discharge			4
Total loss		84	7474
No. in good standing June 30, 1917.....	1274		57824
Gain over June 30, 1916.....	58		2769

Amount reported expended for relief (reported by one-half of the Divisions).....\$43,909.02
 No. members or their families relieved.....226
 No. Veterans or their families relieved..... 58

Very little attention is given these items—and only a few Divisions report same.

Amount in Division Treasuries, June 30, 1917.....\$ 6,164.53

Amount in Camp Treasuries, June 30, 1917.....\$56,747.10

NEW CAMPS IN DIVISIONS.

Reported to July 31, inclusive.

Division:	Charters Approved	Number Applicants	Camps Instituted	Charter Members
Alabama & Tennessee	1	21	1	16
California & Pacific...	1	20	1	16
Colorado & Wyoming..	1	31	1	15
Connecticut	1	19	1	19
Illinois	11	296	11	383
Indiana				
Iowa	3	128	2	57
Kansas	9	218	9	201
Kentucky				
Maine				
Maryland	2	54	2	56
Massachusetts	5	139	6	149
Michigan	3	70	3	75
Minnesota	2	70	2	45
Missouri	1	29	2	46
Montana & Idaho.....	1	33	1	28
Nebraska	1	15	1	25
New Hampshire	2	43	2	35
New Jersey	2	51	1	24
New York	3	77	3	75
Ohio	5	177	5	180
Pennsylvania	6	183	5	198
Rhode Island				
Vermont	5	111	5	112
Washington & Oregon.				
Wisconsin	6	108	6	102
Total	71	1893	70	1857

Amount received for Charter Fees, vary, owing to previous credits in Divisions of Missouri and New Jersey in this item.

Divisions having greater number of Camps instituted than is shown in approval of charter applications, had such Camp applications for charter approved in Administration preceding. Charters were issued to such Camps in this Administration.

PER CAPITA TAX.

Unless new projects are introduced or a change in policy adopted, the finances and membership warrant a continuance of the present rate of per capita tax. This requires economy. There must be discretion in disbursements. All Divisions have funds in their treasuries, which was the exception up to a few years ago. If they maintain their membership our income will not be reduced. But there should be a larger membership and a greater number of new Camps organized. Divisions are benefited thereby more than the Commandery-in-Chief. Every effort

should be made to organize new Camps, so that our resources will be substantially increased.

Recommended: That the per capita tax be fixed at twenty-four (24) cents for the term 1917-1918, payable quarterly, at the rate of six (6) cents.

With this amount or rate of per capita tax there need be no other change in the fixed receipts or income, unless provision be made from some source to obtain revenue not now derived, or proposed to be abolished.

THE BANNER.

The services of "The Banner" are most valuable to the Order. Frequently it is resorted to as a medium of information and brings the prompt results expected. It is a splendid and reliable aid to and indispensable in Headquarters work. Every opportunity should be taken by Divisions and Camps to appropriate it to their uses and needs. Interest can always be aroused in Camps if Divisions resort to the columns of the official organ. The members can be reached through it in a manner entirely different from any other method. They are always to be interested thereby. Excellent service has been rendered by "The Banner" and this can always be used for the best interests of the Order.

CONCLUSION.

To you as Commander-in-Chief, the National Officers and Staff, and all, grateful acknowledgment of many courtesies, favors and assistance, is made.

Our official association ends. Many, many years of friendship brought us closer the past year. May this endure. May many years be added to you and may you enjoy all the success possible. The expression of highest esteem and personal regard on the part of the membership is conveyed to you, through this department.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

Of the National Secretary, to the Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Boston, Mass., August 23, 1917:

DR.	RECEIPTS.	CR.	DISBURSEMENTS.
	Aug. 1-Aug. 23, Inc.		By General Ex-
	To balance, July 31...\$3865.99		nenses ....\$2356.27
	Received for		Office
	P. C. Tax.....\$121.55		Expenses... 23.19
	Charter Fees .. 5.00		Com.-in-Chief's
	Supplies ..... .74		Expenses... 13.83
	Interest on de-		Total expenditures...\$2393.29
	posits of funds.		Balance, Aug. 23, 1917 1652.04
	from National		
	Treasurer 52.05		
			\$4045.33
	Total receipts	\$ 179.34	
		\$4045.33	

ITEMIZED RECEIPTS FROM DIVISIONS.

Aug. 1-23, inc.

Division:	P. C. Tax	Charter Fees	Supplies	Total
Cal. and Pac.....	\$ 1.02			\$ 1.02
Col. and Wyo.....	2.34		\$.74	3.08
Iowa		\$2.50		2.50
Kansas	102.09			102.09
Nebraska	16.10			16.10
Ohio		2.50		2.50
Total	\$121.55	\$5.00	.74	\$127.29
Interest on deposits of funds.....				52.05
Total receipts				\$179.34

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

August 1-23, inc.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For The Banner, August, 1917, subscription...	\$ 848.14
Encampment	1464.96
Printing .....	.60
Reserve	25.00
Publicity Department	5.25
Other than Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, Treasurer, Chief-of-Staff	12.32
	<u>\$2356.27</u>
OFFICE EXPENSES.	
For postage, \$22.09; telegrams, \$1.10.....	\$ 23.19
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.	
For stenographer, \$10.00; express, \$3.83.....	\$ 13.83
Total disbursements	<u>\$2393.29</u>
Balance, August 23, 1917.....	\$1652.04

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,
H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

REPORT OF NATIONAL TREASURER.

Reading, Pa., August 1, 1917.

Honorable William T. Church,
Commander-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.

Sir:—

I have the honor to submit the following as the report of the financial transactions of the Commandery-in-Chief for the current year now closing.

The appended statement shows the balance carried over from the preceding administration, and the receipts from all sources during the present year, through the National Secretary, charged to this department:

1916—	
September 1, balance	\$ 1,801.64
September 21, receipts	185.22
September 21, receipts	160.01
October 9, receipts	135.44
October 23, receipts	148.25
October 31, receipts	100.11
November 2, receipts	231.85
November 17, receipts	390.22
November 20, receipts	1,916.40
November 21, receipts	130.06
November 22, receipts	770.99
November 24, receipts	638.98
November 29, receipts	26.94
December 8, receipts	116.35
December 12, receipts	346.15
December 15, receipts	129.92
December 30, receipts	693.83
1917—	
January 10, receipts	101.36
January 26, receipts	268.78
January 31, receipts	128.20
February 9, receipts	157.10
February 14, receipts	108.36
February 17, receipts	1,006.84
February 21, receipts	1,703.63
February 24, receipts	176.53
February 28, receipts	396.08
March 6, receipts	124.92
March 13, receipts	102.37
March 22, receipts	184.88
March 31, receipts	118.57
April 9, receipts	287.30
April 17, receipts	375.56
April 21, receipts	119.90
April 26, receipts	121.57
April 30, receipts	179.93
May 2, receipts	537.15
May 6, receipts	177.16
May 11, receipts	198.59
May 15, receipts	1,617.16
May 19, receipts	472.96
May 22, receipts	596.21
May 23, receipts	175.10
May 31, receipts	191.54
June 5, receipts	115.30
June 30, receipts	222.25
July 7, receipts	179.29
July 17, receipts	253.58
July 23, receipts	124.03
July 25, receipts	129.75
July 28, receipts	1,441.19
July 31, receipts	1,973.60
Total receipts	\$21,989.10

Against the foregoing there has been credited the following vouchers paid upon certification of the National Secretary and approval of the Commander-in-Chief:

Voucher No. 1290.....	\$ 92.73
Voucher No. 1291.....	81.25
Voucher No. 1292.....	238.00
Voucher No. 1293.....	868.94
Voucher No. 1294.....	76.94
Voucher No. 1295.....	3.00
Voucher No. 1296.....	63.85
Voucher No. 1297.....	5.50
Voucher No. 1298.....	30.70
Voucher No. 1299.....	35.00
Voucher No. 1300.....	45.75
Voucher No. 1301.....	112.50
Voucher No. 1302.....	16.55
Voucher No. 1303.....	6.00
Voucher No. 1304.....	823.00
Voucher No. 1305.....	11.23
Voucher No. 1306.....	20.25
Voucher No. 1307.....	229.62
Voucher No. 1308.....	1,411.40
Voucher No. 1309.....	56.25
Voucher No. 1310.....	2.60
Voucher No. 1311.....	1.25
Voucher No. 1312.....	31.91
Voucher No. 1313.....	40.06
Voucher No. 1314.....	8.26
Voucher No. 1315.....	61.51
Voucher No. 1316.....	11.00
Voucher No. 1317.....	150.00
Voucher No. 1318.....	3.00
Voucher No. 1319.....	35.50
Voucher No. 1320.....	828.13
Voucher No. 1321.....	28.00
Voucher No. 1322.....	12.61
Voucher No. 1323.....	525.35
Voucher No. 1324.....	75.00
Voucher No. 1325.....	5.00
Voucher No. 1326.....	3.00
Voucher No. 1327.....	3.25
Voucher No. 1328.....	112.50
Voucher No. 1329.....	66.19
Voucher No. 1330.....	150.00
Voucher No. 1331.....	120.00
Voucher No. 1332.....	25.00
Voucher No. 1333.....	45.00
Voucher No. 1334.....	125.50
Voucher No. 1335.....	828.04
Voucher No. 1336.....	32.87
Voucher No. 1337.....	7.53
Voucher No. 1338.....	25.54
Voucher No. 1339.....	5.00
Voucher No. 1340.....	51.05
Voucher No. 1341.....	194.11
Voucher No. 1342.....	68.00
Voucher No. 1343.....	6.00
Voucher No. 1344.....	99.00
Voucher No. 1345.....	976.37
Voucher No. 1346.....	11.75
Voucher No. 1347.....	2.60

Voucher No. 1348	61.07
Voucher No. 1349	6.23
Voucher No. 1350	33.38
Voucher No. 1351	18.50
Voucher No. 1352	206.70
Voucher No. 1353	70.00
Voucher No. 1354	21.25
Voucher No. 1355	9.00
Voucher No. 1356	889.10
Voucher No. 1357	23.95
Voucher No. 1358	6.00
Voucher No. 1359	533.49
Voucher No. 1360	75.00
Voucher No. 1361	10.25
Voucher No. 1362	1.95
Voucher No. 1363	112.50
Voucher No. 1364	27.58
Voucher No. 1365	87.06
Voucher No. 1366	831.54
Voucher No. 1367	4.00
Voucher No. 1368	25.73
Voucher No. 1369	3.96
Voucher No. 1370	17.50
Voucher No. 1371	14.32
Voucher No. 1372	237.21
Voucher No. 1373	150.00
Voucher No. 1374	9.85
Voucher No. 1375	22.75
Voucher No. 1376	884.01
Voucher No. 1377	5.80
Voucher No. 1378	54.93
Voucher No. 1379	2.35
Voucher No. 1380	54.70
Voucher No. 1381	5.65
Voucher No. 1382	12.38
Voucher No. 1383	13.70
Voucher No. 1384	4.00
Voucher No. 1385	196.85
Voucher No. 1386	134.02
Voucher No. 1387	3.30
Voucher No. 1388	3.00
Voucher No. 1389	30.00
Voucher No. 1390	250.00
Voucher No. 1391	837.40
Voucher No. 1392	9.40
Voucher No. 1393	46.03
Voucher No. 1394	2.78
Voucher No. 1395	548.41
Voucher No. 1396	75.00
Voucher No. 1397	7.65
Voucher No. 1398	112.60
Voucher No. 1399	154.45
Voucher No. 1400	15.00
Voucher No. 1401	150.00
Voucher No. 1402	85.00
Voucher No. 1403	23.50
Voucher No. 1404	837.51
Voucher No. 1405	5.80

Voucher No. 1406.....	32.79
Voucher No. 1407.....	385.11
Voucher No. 1408.....	350.00
Voucher No. 1409.....	71.50
Voucher No. 1410.....	102.75
Voucher No. 1411.....	6.85
Voucher No. 1412.....	4.93
Total	\$18,107.56

In addition to which there was disbursed for account of the Junior Order:

Voucher No. J-12.....	13.25
Voucher No. J-13.....	2.30
Total disbursements	\$18,123.11

BALANCE ACCOUNT.

Total receipts	\$21,989.10
Total disbursements	18,123.11
Balance, cash on hand	\$ 3,865.99

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND.

This fund amounts to \$4,728.88, invested as follows:

\$2,000.00 in Collateral Mortgage Notes of the International and Great Western Railway Company, \$1,603.13 in the Savings Fund and \$1,125.75 on deposit in open account in the Reading Trust Company.

I would respectfully recommend authorization to invest a round sum of say \$2,500.00 out of the funds now placed with the Reading Trust Company in such forthcoming bond issue as the Government may issue for war purposes.

With the termination of another year I can only repeat that service for the Order has been a source of continued pleasure. Uniform courtesy has continued to mark the intercourse with the other departments. To you, Commander-in-Chief, to my immediate associate the National Secretary, and to the remainder of the official family, I return my acknowledgments.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

J. L. RAKE,

National Treasurer.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

Of the National Treasurer, Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Boston, Mass., August 23, 1917:

To cash balance, July 31, 1917.....	\$3865.99
Receipts from all sources from the National Secretary, August 1-23, inc.....	179.34
	\$4045.33

Against, which, in accordance with the action of Thirty-sixth Encampment, is charged the following disbursements:

Voucher No. 1413.....	\$113.11
Voucher No. 1414.....	212.58
Voucher No. 1415.....	32.80
Voucher No. 1416.....	107.70
Voucher No. 1417.....	120.30
Voucher No. 1418.....	115.50
Voucher No. 1419.....	126.75
Voucher No. 1420.....	53.30
Voucher No. 1421.....	30.00
Voucher No. 1422.....	116.44
Voucher No. 1423.....	848.14
Voucher No. 1424.....	5.25
Voucher No. 1425-6.....	122.34
Voucher No. 1427-8.....	189.08
Voucher No. 1429.....	50.00
Voucher No. 1430.....	150.00

Total disbursements \$2393.29

August 23, 1917, final cash balance..... \$1652.04

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

J. L. RAKE,

National Treasurer.

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR.

Minneapolis, Minn., June 30, 1917.

To William T. Church, Commander-in-Chief, and Officers and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Brothers:—

During my term of office several questions have been submitted by the Commander-in-Chief, some involving matters of discipline and others relating to matters of eligibility to our Order. In each case an opinion was rendered and is now on file with the Commander-in-Chief.

Fortunately for your humble servant and for the Order, no serious or fundamental question has arisen and the splendid condition of our Order at the present time speaks eloquently of the good work accomplished by the present Administration. Our field of labor grows larger every year and our responsibilities are likewise increasing. At no time in the history of our Country has there been such a demand for patriotic work and the opportunity is ours. Are we each doing "our bit?"

I have attached hereto statement of questions submitted and opinions rendered.

During my term of office, the following matters have been submitted to me by the Commander-in-Chief, opinions in relation to same are herein set forth.

Question 1:

May one whose Grandfather on Mother's side fought for the Stars and Bars and whose Grandfather on the Father's side

fought for the Stars and Stripes, join the Sons of Veterans on record of loyal Grandfather?

Opinion. Yes.

Question 2:

Whether Division Commander would have the right to assess a fine of three cents per member on Camps failing to make returns within a given period after the close of the quarter.

Opinion. The only penalty authorized under Section 4, Article 2, Chapter 6 of the Constitution on a Camp which fails to pay per capita tax or other indebtedness on time is that the Camp shall not be entitled to representation in Division or Commandery-in-Chief Encampments. A fine as above set forth would be illegal.

Question 3. Discipline:

Colonel John I. Nevin Camp No. 33, Division of Pennsylvania, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

vs.

Wm. A. Lynch.

Should action of Trial Board be sustained?

Opinion. No. In my judgment the evidence did not warrant the finding of the Board.

Question 4:

Answering the question raised by Brother P. C. G. P. Lindsay, New Brighton, Pa. "I have been looking up the record of George L. Pearson. I find that he was mustered in on August 28, 1863, and went to Pittsburgh but there is no record of his discharge. If you have Bates History Vol. 5, look on page 1323 you will find the Muster roll of the Company but date of Discharge unknown."

Opinion. Under Article No. 4 of the Constitution, "All male descendants whether through the paternal or maternal line, not less than 18 years of age, of sailors, soldiers or marines, who were regularly mustered in, served honorably in, or who were honorably discharged from the army or navy of the United States of America, through the war of the rebellion 1861-65 ***** Under these provisions set forth, in my judgment, a descendant of George L. Pearson over 18 years of age would have the right to apply for membership in our order.

Question 5. Discipline:

Camp No. 95, Pennsylvania Division,

vs.

John A. Ziegenfuss.

Should action of Trial Board be sustained?

Opinion. Yes.

Question 6. Discipline:

Camp No. 165, Pennsylvania Division,

vs.

Jesse A. Wallace.

Should action of Trial Board be sustained?

Opinion. Yes.

Question 7. Discipline:

Camp No. 169, Pennsylvania Division,

vs.

Fred F. Moon.

Should action of Trial Board be sustained?

Opinion. Yes.

Question 8. Discipline:

Camp No. 73, Pennsylvania Division,

vs.

W. Grant Magin.

Should action of Trial Board be sustained?

Opinion. Yes.

Fraternally yours,

ARTHUR. L. JONES,

National Counselor.

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN.

To William T. Church, Commander-in-Chief, and Officers and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Brothers:—

I have the honor herewith to submit my consolidated report as National Chaplain for the year 1916-17.

This is the fourth time that I have been permitted to serve our Order in this capacity and it is always a pleasing task to me to give to the Order of Sons of Veterans the best that is in me. Desirous of avoiding what might be construed as egotism or self-praise, yet I could wish that all our Division and Camp Chaplains might be constrained to manifest more interest in the performance of the duties which pertain to the office accepted by them at the time of their appointment. The startling degree of inefficiency, or the culpable neglect of duty manifested both by Camp and Division Chaplains in regard to their annual reports should demand more careful consideration in the selection of men for those positions by Division and Camp Commanders.

My statistical report will show that but 58% of the Camp Chaplains of 24 Divisions reported, while two Division Chaplains failed to report. A few of the Division Chaplains were prompt in forwarding their consolidated reports, while in many cases, the reports were obtained only after much delay and lengthy correspondence. Such an internal condition as the above facts imply might have been tolerated twenty-five years ago, when we were a body of "kids," but at the present age of our order and of our members it is a disgrace and should not be tolerated.

Two Division Chaplains, viz., E. E. Carter, Alabama and Tennessee, 11 Camps and 200 members, and the Rev. William B. Pruner, Connecticut, 41 Camps and 2494 members, submitted a 100% report. I have no doubt that there were proportionately as many careless or indifferent Camp Chaplains in those two Divisions as in any of the other twenty-two Divisions, yet these

Division Chaplains present a 100% report, and their work is worthy of special mention.

Of the larger Divisions, the Rev. Warren Francis Law, M. D. L., Massachusetts, with 161 Camps, leads with a 94% report, and the Rev. John C. Henry, New York, with 158 Camps, is second with a 78% report; while the Rev. C. C. Peale, Ohio, with 108 Camps submits only a 26% report.

SOME INTERESTING COMPARISONS.

Owing to the fact that our country is engaged in the greatest war, and for the loftiest ideals for which men ever fought of all history, I expected to be able to present some comparative statistics which might show increased activity on the part of our membership, but I have to confess that I am disappointed. For example, it seemed reasonable to expect that the observance of our great Anniversary Days would be marked by an increased attendance, the result of a patriotic enthusiasm which would seek in this manner to find expression. I find that according to the report of National Chaplain the Rev. William H. Halleck for the year 1910, that 353 Camps observed Union Defenders Day; in the report for 1915, the Rev. Ernest L. Benson, National Chaplain, 357 Camps were credited with such observance, and the report for this year will show that 385 Camps observed the day, a gain of but 32 Camps in seven years.

About the same condition prevailed in regard to the number of members participating in Memorial Day services, viz., in 1910 the report shows that 18,510 participated; in 1915 there were 24,232 members, and this year there were 22,883, or more than 1,300 less than were reported last year.

In religious matters we have done little better. In the year 1910 there were 15,202 reported present at Memorial Sunday services; in 1915 there were 15,232; this year there were 15,202. A remarkable coincidence is to be noted in the foregoing statistics.

These comparative statistics are not offered in any spirit of destructive, or fault-finding criticism. Rather, they are presented for the purpose of reconstruction, and are respectfully urged upon the attention of those who are most industriously studying the internal conditions of our Order and are endeavoring to realize the growth in membership which long has been the hope of the Old Guard. Your National Chaplain is of the opinion that we have been working along wrong lines, or, better, have been over-emphasizing the minor factor and neglecting the major factor of the problem. Instead of making the securing of members the beginning and the ending of our efforts, I respectfully urge that, for the time being, we forget that object entirely and that every brother who is really desirous of seeing our Order assume the numerical importance which our principles and objects deserve shall exert his utmost endeavor to secure a revival, in his own Camp, of the observance of our duty towards the great Anniversary Days of our Order. I dare to assume the office of a prophet and predict that as the result of such united and aggressive activity exerted on the internal affairs of the Order for twelve months, the increase in membership would exceed the record of any previous period. To me this procedure seems so logical and practical that it requires no argument.

This opinion is based on an active membership of nearly

thirty years and as a result of an opportunity of studying at first hand every locality of the Order except the Pacific Coast.

TOTALS FOR THE YEARS 1916 AND 1917.

In my consolidated report, Table No. 1, it will be noted that in addition to the totals for the current year, I have also given totals for corresponding items for the year 1915-16. The manner in which the Order runs "true to form" in these totals is interesting if not inspiring. For instance: I report 5,273 members in line Memorial Day, and my predecessor reports 5,257, or a gain of 16 for the year. Firing squads furnished this year 278; last year 273. Addresses delivered by members this year, 837; last year, 955. Number of Camps observing Union Defenders Day this year, 385; last year, 344.

CEMETERIES AND DECORATION OF GRAVES.

In the number of cemeteries visited, flags placed at graves and graves decorated, the report indicates a gratifying increase over the preceding year. The number of cemeteries reported visited this year was 3,354, an increase over last year of 478; flags placed on the graves of Veterans this year, 241,333, increase, 83,161; graves reported decorated, 188,884, increase, 44,312.

VETERAN'S NIGHT, NOVEMBER 19.

It would have been gratifying to have been able to include in this report some statements concerning the observance of Veteran's Night in the several Divisions. In compliance with your request, Commander-in-Chief, I addressed a letter to each Division Chaplain urging that Camp Chaplains in the respective Divisions be instructed to encourage and assist in the observance of the occasion. I also requested each Division Chaplain to send me such a report of the observance of the anniversary as was obtainable on his part, and further requested that copies of circular letters sent to the Camp Chaplains be sent to me in order that I might properly credit the Division with such a recognition of its activities as the subject deserved. Not a reply or a report was received by me.

DETAILED REPORT.

In preparing the tables of details I have deviated from earlier custom. Instead of presenting these details in a series of separate tables, I have prepared a consolidated Table No. 2, where, at a glance, the necessary data may be obtained and comparisons made, under the same heading, with corresponding conditions in all the Divisions reporting. In this table it is interesting to note how several Camps of a given Division excel in certain departments of work; and in no single Division does any one Camp carry off all the honors.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

To our Commander-in-Chief, William T. Church, I desire to express my hearty appreciation of the honor conferred on me in appointing me to a position on his staff. This honor is doubly valued because of the friendly feelings cherished through many years of personal association.

To our old-time friend and most efficient National Secretary, Horace H. Hammer, I am indebted for most cordial co-operation and active assistance in securing delinquent reports. While to

TABLE NO. 2.

Divisions.	Percentage of Camps Reporting.		Camps Report Largest Membership.		Camp Reporting Greatest Number in Line Memorial Day.		Camp Reporting Greatest Number Armed and in Line.		Camp Reporting Greatest Number Uninformed on Memorial Day.		Number of Firing Squads Fulfilled on Memorial Day.	Addresses by Members Memorial Day.	Camp Reporting Greatest Attendance Memorial Sunday.		Number Camps Observing Union Defenders' Day.	Number of Deaths During Past 12 Months.	Number of Funerals Attended in a Body.		Number of Burial Services by Camps.		Number Camps Using Memorial Services.		Cemeteries Visited by Camps.	
	Camp No.	Members	Camp No.	Members	Camp No.	Members	Camp No.	Members	Camp No.	Members			Camp No.	Members			S. A. R.	S. V.	S. A. R.	S. V.	"A"	"B"		
Alabama and Tennessee...	100	1	40	1	25						4	14	1	30	6	40								20
California and Pacific....	18	2	102	2	40	2	17	2	25	4	2	2	14			1	1					1	1	
Colorado and Wyoming...	67	6	63	6	21								1	30		3		1						
Connecticut	100	11	294	11	100	11	60	49	40	4	22	6	75	20	9	54	7	3	1					272
Illinois	50	25	175	315	50	26	48	6	20	7	31	89	49	7	10	43	3	6			5	1	111	
Indiana	67	48	116	48	80	171	30	85	31	4	17	44	45	7	6	37	4	3	2	4	1	77		
Iowa	41	300	80	6	50	300	9	106	6	2	2	6	300	42	1	28	1	3			1		4	
Kansas	22	16	134	18	63	18	8	18	8	2	11	18	53	12	2	7	1							
Kentucky	71	4	37	4	30			4	18		2	4	25											7
Maine	72	4	170	4	125	26	24	4	100	10	33	4	102	18	12	44	13	4	12	6	4	242		
Maryland	80	2	89	2-6	39	2-3	30	2	35	9	21	3	27	11	6	13	4	4	2	2	2	2	36	
Massachusetts	94	78	200	11	130	59	43	78	90	40	140	5	74	89	54	173	46	27	30	17	14	642		
Michigan	40	1	154	1	68	50	20	10	4	2	15	1	34	6	2	20	1	4	1	2	5	73		
**Minnesota	10	6	52	6	26	3	5			1	1	6	35	1	1	5		2		2		3		
Missouri	30	4	125	42-50	24	2	10	4-35	10		7	35	26	4	1	8							2	
*Montana and Idaho.....	13	5	50	5	30																			
**Nebraska	20	134	18	134	12	134	6			1	2	140	12			3								
New Hampshire	77	1	102	38	73	18	40	38	73	9	15	38	53	14	15	29	9	7	4	3	1			
New Jersey	55	4	157	1	87	4-38	51	38	60	16	31	1	73	18	10	42	11	3	3	11	2	165		
New York	78	140	315	140	125	141	65	178	75	39	157	168	80	62	56	265	35	65	27	33	20	600		
Ohio	26	12	221	1	150	83	26	83	26	11	52	1	70	11	14	22	7	6	3	5	2	110		
Pennsylvania	60	14	598	8	275	9	96	9	96	95	217	14	300	79	99	236	71	105	52	48	17	710		
Rhode Island	62	9	87	5	45	16	29	16	31	9	2	5	20	4	2									74
Vermont	50	4	71	4	40	20	22	77	20	2	7	4	25	2	14	1					7	3	86	
***Washington and Oregon	43	2	64	2	40	2	14	2	10	1	18	2	52	3	1	1	1							87
Wisconsin	30	18	107	42	47	21	14	54	40	7	15	18	30	5	3	32	2	1	3	3	3	5	84	
Totals	58									279	838			386	306	1120	218	246	140	152	80	3357		

* One Camp reported.

** Two Camps reporting.

*** Three Camps reporting.

many Division Commanders and Division Chaplains I wish to express my appreciation of their hearty co-operation and appropriately to acknowledge their efforts to make this report as complete as it is.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I. I recommend such legislation as will require each Division Chaplain to submit a report of not less than 34% of the Camps in his Division.

II. That in all Divisions where the Annual Encampment adjourns after May 15th, that the out-going, and not the incoming Division Chaplain be empowered to complete the consolidated report for his Division and forward same to the National Chaplain.

The present system enables an inefficient or a neglectful Division Chaplain to "pass the buck," if I may be pardoned an applicable slang phrase, to his successor, and should the successor be of the same class, permits him to charge the fault to his predecessor, and the National Chaplain presents a lot of statistics of little real value because they are far from complete or representative of the work of the entire Order.

SUPPLEMENTARY.

Since above report was prepared for the printer and submitted to the Commandery-in-Chief, the two delinquent Divisions, referred to in the body of the foregoing report, have forwarded a hastily prepared consolidated report, thus complying with the letter of the law. These reports have been embodied in Tables No. 1 and No. 2. The reflections and recommendations contained in my report are strongly emphasized by such belated action.

WALTER J. PATTON, D. D.,
National Chaplain.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

To William T. Church, Commander-in-Chief, and Officers and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Brothers:—

"The war is the greatest event to arouse Patriotism in Division ever known,"—such is the pertinent comment of the Division Patriotic Instructor of Alabama and Tennessee, and I doubt not that this represents the sentiment of all our Divisions this year. The members of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., now are seizing the opportunity to make practical the patriotic instruction that for years they have been trying to teach to others. The Division Patriotic Instructor of Nebraska wrote on Memorial Day from Fort Snelling, Minnesota, "I am in United States service as Colonel of Infantry, U. S. V. I have no data of any kind here, neither is it possible for me to secure it." Yet, we account this Brother an ideal member of our Order and congratulate his Division upon having the honor of so loyal an

officer. Needless to add, his report was forwarded by his Division Secretary. This is but a single instance out of hundreds that might be cited to show how quickly our men, many of them leaders in Camp and Division, have responded to the call for the greater service in behalf of their country.

An optimistic note runs through nearly all the Division Reports from Ohio's "Division Commander has worked hard to put new life into whole Division work," to Indiana's "Division looks the best it ever has." How could it be otherwise with such a fervent patriot as William T. Church as our leader, whose unique ability not only to command but to demand action has been so successfully demonstrated throughout our entire Order!

Of course it has been a great year for special Patriotic meetings, but Camp 6, New York Division, seems to be the leader in this respect, with "twenty-two separate Patriotic occasions." Michigan is forming Junior Camps, bands and drum corps, and interesting moving picture houses in patriotic displays. Colorado and Wyoming reports a strong bond of association between G. A. R. and S. of V. because of meeting together. Connecticut conducted a special campaign for essays in schools, with profitable results both to the Order and the G. A. R. Illinois made urgent efforts to have Camps increase their membership that more might receive the benefits of patriotic teaching and the spirit of our Order.

Before giving a resume of the answers to the questions on Form 51 (a complete summary of which appears in the accompanying schedule), I beg permission to offer a few facts "for the good of the Order" that may sound like criticism but are nevertheless true.

Why do not all Camp Patriotic Instructors make full and *prompt* returns? The neglect to do this is by no means confined to the smaller Divisions, though the weaker Divisions usually suffer from the ignorance or lack of the interest of the Division Instructor. The California and Pacific Division Instructor did not know of his appointment until the date of the Encampment at which his report was due. The Iowa Secretary-Treasurer, to whom I am indebted for a creditable report, says, "Our Camp Patriotic Instructors never send in any reports and the Division Instructor never returns a blank." The Minnesota Instructor cut his report down as no blank was furnished him, though he adds, "Everything working fine up this way." The New Jersey officer was "too busy" to compile a report, but the Division Secretary-Treasurer came to the rescue. The Washington and Oregon Division Instructor confesses that he was not awake to all the responsibilities of the position and so had no data except from his own Camp.

But what of the larger Divisions with capable and conscientious Division Instructors? They can report only what the various Camp Patriotic Instructors report to them. Thus, Maine, with 51 Camps, received but 33 returns; Pennsylvania, with 223 Camps, received reports from only 113; while Ohio with 118 Camps reported in good standing December 31, with the Division Instructor's Report not closing until May 1, had reports of just 18, or about 15% of the entire number.

The Divisions cited ate but examples—there may be others where the proportion of reports is as small or smaller. The blank is deficient in not calling for this information, without which the report means little. I give these examples to show

how much, and how little, the various summaries may represent of the real patriotic work of the entire Order.

The main thing, of course, is to get the patriotic work done. But if we are to have a system of reports, and Division and National officers to receive and weigh and summarize them, why not insist upon getting complete reports from the various Camps, and that *promptly*? If the Camps are doing things worth telling about, let's have the facts, and let's have them set down in black and white and forwarded to the proper officers early in the year.

Division Patriotic Instructors' Reports of some kind—in three instances made out and sent by the Division Secretary—were received from all of the twenty-six Divisions. The results, by questions, are:

1. All public schools in nineteen Divisions are supplied with flags. Six Divisions indicate that some schools are not so supplied.

2. Twenty-two Divisions report the salute to the flag given in schools, usually "occasionally." Illinois and Kentucky report that it is not given in all the schools.

3. As to the observance of special Patriotic days, it appears to be very general for all the days mentioned, excepting for Grant and McKinley Days. The Division of Alabama and Tennessee is the only one reporting Lincoln Day as not observed. Iowa does not observe Memorial Sunday nor Flag Day. Flag Day is also not observed by Nebraska.

4. Teachers are reported generally as showing a lively interest in Patriotic observance, Maine indicating three exceptions.

5. A total of 10,573 is reported from seventeen Divisions as the number of flags donated to schools. Alabama and Tennessee being credited with 3000, and Ohio with 2217 of them.

6. About half the Divisions offered prizes to public school pupils for Patriotic essays, though some indicate that these instances are rare. Here is a field to be cultivated by every Camp Patriotic Instructor who should bring the matter to the attention of every Camp not in the habit of offering such prizes. May I call those interested in this important part of our work to my suggestions on the subject in the August issue of The Banner?

7. Seventeen Divisions find that Lincoln's Gettysburg tablet has been placed in public schools; six that none have been so placed.

8. No Division reports that Sunday schools were not invited to have special services, but a few indicate that some Camps did not extend such invitations.

9. Maine and Illinois indicate that a few Camps did not invite the public school children to take part in Memorial Day exercises, but all other reports on this question show no exceptions.

10. Memorial Sunday was generally observed by the churches throughout twenty-four Divisions, the other two not answering this question.

11. Alabama and Tennessee and Iowa report several objectionable school histories in use, and Pennsylvania reports one, but all carefully refrain from giving names of books and references to objectionable parts.

12. A total of \$6319.00 is reported from eighteen Divisions as amount expended in furthering patriotic instruction. Of this, Pennsylvania reports \$1800.00, and New York \$1246.00.

13. Twenty-four Divisions report that Camps offer their services to the G. A. R. for Memorial Day and other occasions. Pennsylvania reports 111 Camps that do not offer their services, the other Divisions not replying to this question.

14. The fourteenth question, "Do Camps assume charge of Memorial Day for the Posts?" is answered in a variety of ways, indicating that in many Divisions the majority of the Camps assist but do not assume full charge. The number of Camps assuming full charge is doubtless increasing rapidly each year—a necessity which we profoundly regret but an opportunity for us which is equivalent to duty.

Brothers, in these days Patriotism is on all lips and the word has come to mean many different things to many different peoples. Even in our boasted "Land of the Free" this much-used term has been subject to many interpretations. For us, as true Sons of Veterans, it can mean only, "My Country, first and wherever she wants me." May the Spirit of the Fathers of '61 be ours today, and may the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC survive to behold the new glory that shall come to the American flag as it is carried triumphantly to free a continent from tyranny.

Respectfully submitted,

GUY RICHARDSON,

National Patriotic Instructor.

104 Robinwood Avenue, Jamaica Plain, Mass., July 7, 1917.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT.

August 15, 1917.

To William T. Church, Commander-in-Chief, and Officers and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Brothers:—

It has been my effort during the past year to give publicity to such matters as I thought would prove of interest to our membership and result in benefit to our Order.

I have contributed articles each month to The Banner, our official organ, and in this way have kept in close touch with all the members of the Order in the various Divisions and Camps. In addition to this I have been so fortunate as to reach the membership of the Grand Army of the Republic through the columns of The National Tribune, which paper has shown most gracious generosity in its allotment of space to my communications. This favor, I am sure, is highly appreciated by all of our Brothers, for above all else it is our desire as well as our duty to maintain the good will of the Fathers and to do everything within our power to support and adhere to the principles of the parent organization.

News items have been given the daily and weekly press on different occasions during the year, and in each instance the

SCHEDULE.

Annual Consolidated Report of National Patriotic Instructor for the year ending December 31, 1916. Divisions and Division Patriotic Instructors making this report.

	Date report received.	Number of Camps December 31.	1. Do all public schools have flags?	2. Flag salute — Daily or Occasionally.	3. Observe Patriotic Days.	4. Teachers show lively interest.	5. Number of flags donated.	6. Prizes offered by Camp or individual.	7. Gettysburg tablets presented to schools.	8. Sunday schools invited to hold special services.	9. Public schools invited Memorial Day.	10. Memorial Sunday observed by churches.	11. Objectionable school histories?	12. Amount expended for Patriotic Instruction.	13. Do Camps offer services to G. A. R.?	14. Do Camps assume charge of Memorial Day?	Miscellaneous.
Alabama and Tennessee C. A. Sharpe.....	June 21	10	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	3000	no	no	yes	yes	some	yes	none	yes	yes	"The war is the greatest event to arouse Patriotism in Division."
California and Pacific Walter J. Desmond.....	June 13	17	yes	yes-D	yes	generally				yes	yes	yes	770	\$12	yes	no	
Colorado and Wyoming H. O. Neville.....	June 2	7	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	325	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	\$50	yes	assist	Close bond with G. A. R., meeting together.
Connecticut William W. Vars.....	Mar. 21	41	yes	yes	yes	yes	172	both	10	yes	yes	yes	no	\$350	yes	11 entire 14 partial 2 with c.	Special campaign of essays in schools.
Illinois J. Colby Beekman.....	Mar. 14	62	many	not all-O	yes	some	some	few	yes	yes	some	yes	no	\$200	yes	assist	Urged duty of increasing membership.
Indiana Frank A. McIntyre.....	April 20	32	yes	yes-O	yes	yes	1517		some	yes	yes	yes	no	\$358	yes	most all	"Division looks the best ever."
Iowa G. F. Taylor, Sec.....	July 2	24	nearly all	yes-O	yes	as a rule	don't know	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	none	yes	yes	Instructors do not report.
Kansas Will H. Russell.....	June 19	41	majority	yes-D	yes	generally	300	some	many	yes	yes	yes	no	\$150	yes	most all	Public meetings, flag raisings, drum corps, etc.
Kentucky Richard Mason.....	June 6	7	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	not known	not known	not known	many	yes	yes	not known	none	yes	no	
Maine Gay C. White.....	Mar. 10	51	30 are 1 not	27 yes 2 no	in 31	20 do 3 not	15	1	yes-5 no-24	21 were 10 not	30 were 2 not	in 31	no	\$96	yes	20 do 11 not	Thirty-three Camps reported.
Maryland H. S. Churchy.....	Feb. 12	20	yes	yes-O	yes	yes	3	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	\$50	yes	some	
Massachusetts Joe Mitchell Chapple.....	Mar. 7	158	yes	yes-O	yes	yes	427	some	yes	majority	yes	yes	no	\$408	yes	assist	Some Camps assume full charge.
Michigan Geo. E. Cogshall.....	May 31	33	yes	yes-O	yes	yes	57	3	5	10	yes	yes	no	\$177	yes	1	Starting Junior Camps; forming bands.
Minnesota H. S. Madland.....	June 9	29	yes		yes		121							\$45			Had no blank, so cut down report.
Missouri Walter H. Voss.....	June 25	20	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	none	no	many	yes	yes	yes	no	\$125	yes	most	Special observance of Lincoln Day in St. Louis schools.
Montana and Idaho..... Edwin S. Thomas.....	July 20	8	yes	yes	yes	yes	not known	not known	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	not known	yes	not known	Now organizing drill corps in cities.
Nebraska H. B. Reed, Acting.....	July 3	10	half	yes-D	yes	yes	12	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	\$10	yes	yes	Division Patriotic Instructor in U. S. service.
New Hampshire Martin P. Bennett.....	April 3	35	yes	yes-O	yes	yes	9	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	\$64	yes	50 p. c.	Elaborate celebrations of Union Defenders' Day.
New Jersey John L. Reeger, Sec.....	June 20	40	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	22	some	8	yes	yes	yes	no	\$335	yes	yes	Division Patriotic Instructor "too busy" to report.
New York Hermon L. Brockway.....	June 25	157	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	873	yes	35	62	yes	yes	no	\$1246	yes	yes	Camp 6 held 22 separate patriotic occasions.
Ohio Irvine L. Dungan.....	June 2	118	yes	yes-O	yes	yes	2217	3	3	11	17	17	no	\$793	yes	yes	Only 18 Camps reported.
Pennsylvania Ralph M. Campbell.....	June 6	223	yes 106 no 4	36-D 19-O	106	71	1126	yes-22 no-82	yes-16 no-89	yes-72 no-36	yes-106 no-4	yes-99 no-11	yes-1 no-109	\$1800	no-111	yes-83 no-25	Only 113 Camps reported. Special mention by 44.
Rhode Island John W. Maguire.....	April 11	16	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	17	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	not known	yes	yes	
Vermont O. F. Page.....	Mar. 21	32	yes	yes-O	yes	yes	360	no	6	yes	yes	yes	no		yes	50 p. c.	Data from Division Patriotic Instructor's own Camp, only.
Washington and Oregon Carl H. Elliott.....	July 2	10			yes						yes			\$50	yes		Reported by Division Secretary.
Wisconsin Ralph E. Smith.....	July 13	62	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	few	yes	yes	yes	no	nothing reported	yes	nearly all	

same have received favorable consideration. My belief is that our Order would be greatly benefited through a wider publicity, and I recommend that appropriation of a sum necessary to carry this idea into effect be made at the coming Boston Encampment.

Fraternally submitted,

HARLEY V. SPEELMAN,
National Press Correspondent.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS.

Easton, Pa., June 11, 1917.

To William T. Church, Commander-in-Chief, and Officers and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Brothers:—

The Committee on Military Affairs begs to submit the following report:

But one subject has been presented for action during the past year: That of amending the laws of the Sons of Veterans Reserve to provide that the 'Service Uniform' (O. D. or Khaki), with corresponding ornaments, insignias, stripes, chevrons, etc., as outlined in heretofore existing Regulations, be adopted for all service and ceremony;—with an additional privilege that local units may also equip with the regulation blue.

The report of action by the Boards of the several Departments indicated an overwhelming majority favorable to the change. By a unanimous vote the amendment was approved by your Committee, together with such additional changes to conform to the requirements of the National Defense Act and the Department of War, as to insignias, etc., for the prescribed uniform.

The action of the committee was further approved by the Commander-in-Chief, and in accordance with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Order, becomes a part of the laws of the Reserve, and revised Regulations are now in effect.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

E. R. CAMPBELL, Chairman,
S. S. HORN, Secretary,
FRANK L. SHEPARD,
GEORGE W. POLLITT,
CHARLES K. DARLING,
Committee on Military Affairs.

WELCOME BY MAYOR JAMES M. CURLEY.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief: The Guard advises me that the Honorable James M. Curley, Mayor of Boston, is here seeking admission.

Commander-in-Chief: I will ask Past Commander-in-Chief Bolton to escort the Mayor of Boston to the Encampment.

(The Mayor was then escorted to the altar amid great applause).

Fred E. Bolton, of Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, I have the honor to present the Honorable James M. Curley, Mayor of Boston.

Commander-in-Chief: Mayor Curley, we are pleased, indeed, to welcome you to our encampment this day. Commander-in-Chief Bolton, will you escort His Honor to the platform?

(Mayor Curley was then escorted to the platform).

Commander-in-Chief: Brothers of the Encampment, we have the great honor and pleasure of receiving his Honor, the Mayor of Boston. (Applause).

Mayor Curley: Worthy Commander and Brothers of the National Encampment of Sons of Veterans, it is a very great pleasure as Mayor of the City of Boston to come here and extend the hospitality and the courtesies of the city to this splendid assembly.

One of the most imposing features of the Grand Army parade on yesterday was the massing of the colors along the route of parade. If ever there was a time in the history of America when a revitalization of patriotic fervor was necessary, I believe that time is here and now. I firmly believe that through organizations like yours, the organizations of the Spanish War Veterans and the Civil War Veterans, that the true road to duty has been pointed out to the youth of America. (Applause). We are fundamentally a thoughtless people. We are given to delegating responsibilities and labor, and since the establishment of our Government it is the same patriotic few, year in and year out, and their descendants to whom has been delegated the important work of maintaining law and preserving law in the hour of peace, and maintaining the honor and the dignity of the flag and the nation in the hour of war. (Applause).

We have been fearful of the man on the horse, and our fearfulness and timidity has been based on a realization of the abuse of power by the military forces in other lands and in other tongues, but the most hopeful sign of this nation's progress along the lines of true democracy was exhibited when ten million American boys marched to the voting booths in every city and town of America, without the shedding of a single drop of blood, without a thought of organized protest, and enrolled for service in the defense of flag and nation, whenever it might be required. (Applause).

There still remains an important duty for the patriotic organizations of America, for, unless you do the thinking for the rest of the American people, they will not do it themselves. (Applause). You must do the thinking; yours must be the voice back home; intelligent, clear sounding, to which the men in Washington must give heed for the welfare of the nation. (Applause). It is our duty, as we love America; it is our duty, as we hope for the future of America; it is our duty, as we desire an ideal democracy, where equality shall be a reality and not theory; that the conscription law be rigidly enforced, and that exemption be accorded no man unless he is honestly and justly entitled to exemption. (Applause).

There is an attempt being made in one of the largest and most populous commonwealths of this nation to exempt from military service members of the police department, and members of the fire department, because of the peculiar character of their work. And, strange to say, that request for exemption has the approval of most of the leading officials of New York

City. I was asked by the press if I believed the firemen and policemen should be exempted, and my answer was that no man is of so great value that he is indispensable, and the probability is that if every city official dropped dead today another delegation would take their places tomorrow. (Applause). And in thirty days it would not be known they ever inhabited the earth; and I was honest, and I said that applies to the Mayor more particularly than anybody else.

Now, the point is this, those bars must not be let down because of wealth, because of position, because of influence, or because of trivial excuses that are presented for political reasons. Let down the bars for the policemen and firemen, what is the next step? They would say, the letter carriers, exempt them. Then they will say, the engineers and firemen in all the public buildings, exempt them; and by the time you would get through, ninety per cent of all you should send will be exempted, and you have got to fall back on the volunteer system once more. Let's go through it. Make every man do his duty. Take our state militia of Massachusetts; some of the finest young men that we have in this Commonwealth. Major Casey giving twenty-six years of his life to the volunteer militia. Take the man recently made brigadier general in our state, General Sweetzer. He closed up his office when the Spanish-American War was declared and put a sign on the door "Will reopen for business when the war is over and Spain is licked." (Applause). He left a wife and left some children at home, and left his business. Some other less patriotic citizen came along and picked up his business, and when he came back, he had to start in all over again, because clients do not wait, even for doctors or lawyers, unless they owe them money. Then the Mexican trouble came along. He closed up his office once more and went to the border. And now the great European war is declared, and for the third time he closed his place of business. Do you conceive of any good sane reason in the world why General Sweetzer and Major Casey and a lot of men like them should shoulder the burden of the cares and responsibilities of Uncle Sam, and let less worthy and less patriotic men, many of whom owe allegiance to no flag, and derive all the benefits, continue to receive the benefits of this land? (Applause).

So, as an American citizen, I believe in, and have advocated from the start, universal military service. I am going to ask the members of this organization, before they close their convention in Boston to send forth a good virile message from this old patriotic city, that the sons of those who stood ready to make the supreme sacrifice that America might live and that equality might be the lot of all men in America, that they believe that no class should be allowed exemption with the exception of those who are physically or mentally unfit, and those who have dependents that must be taken care of. They should be exempted, but the single man, to exempt him because of his position is to break down the corner stone of the most necessary institution for the promotion of ideal democracy, universal military service. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: We are deeply indebted for this patriotic message, brought to us at this time, in this cradle of patriotism, at the opening of our Encampment. I will ask Past Commander-in-Chief Shepard of Illinois to say a word in reply to his Honor's message.

Frank L. Shepard, of Illinois: I was just thinking, Mr. Mayor, that this perfectly splendid address that you have favored us with this morning is especially welcome to some of us who come from a great inland city, and came here to hear these pure, rain-washed words of American patriotism from the Mayor of this splendid city.

I will not endeavor to speak at length, but on behalf of the brethren here, from the richness of our hearts, we thank you for this welcome. We thank you for these words of patriotism. The sentiments that you have expressed seem to round out, as they fit in with the thoughts, with the ambition and the sentiment and the spirit of this Encampment. Boston was always American and remains American. No visitor can come to your city without being impressed with that fact. The little ones on the street, as well as the older residents, and the veterans, feel and express by their attitude of patriotism and its fire, that they have in the fullest measure an American patriot as their chief executive. Mr. Mayor, we thank you.

Mayor Curley: Gentlemen, I am very grateful to you. You are going to be with us for the remainder of the week, and if there is anything you want, why tell Fred Bolton. (Laughter and applause).

(The Mayor was escorted from the Encampment).

Commander-in-Chief: At this time, it would be well, in order to facilitate the entertainment of the members of the Encampment at luncheon, to fix the time at which we shall return after recess. I will entertain a motion to that effect.

Ernest W. Homan, of Massachusetts: I move you, sir, that when we adjourn, we adjourn to two o'clock.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

National Secretary: The Credentials Committee desire to present a supplemental report by reporting that we have 181 members in the Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief: It is the request of the ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic that the Committee on Fraternal Relations visit them this afternoon. It is the request of the presiding officers of all the ladies' organizations that but one member of your committee speak at each of their meetings, and only one.

John E. Sautter, of Pennsylvania: I move you that all communications from individual members, Camps or Divisions be referred to the proper committees without reading, and all resolutions.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire: I move that we now adjourn.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to, and the Commandery-in-Chief adjourned until two p. m.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Encampment reconvened at 2 o'clock p. m., Wednesday, August 22, 1917, with Commander-in-Chief Church in the Chair.

Commander-in-Chief: The Encampment will come to order. The Secretary has some communications to present to the Encampment at this time.

National Secretary: Commander-in-Chief, I have quite a number of communications, congratulatory and extending good wishes to the Encampment. I will read them.

(Telegram)

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 21, 1917.

H. H. Hammer,
National Secretary, Sons of Veterans,
Hotel Bellevue, Boston, Mass.

Have just interviewed surgeon who strenuously objects to my going, so I will reluctantly have to forego the pleasure of meeting the numerous friends. My sincere good wishes to all and the hope that the Encampment may be an entire success.

J. L. RAKE,
National Treasurer.

National Secretary: A few weeks ago Brother Rake was run down by a bicycle and had his leg injured, and he was in a hospital with a cast on it to discover whether or not it was broken. Four weeks ago he was brought home to Reading—he was stricken in Philadelphia—and he now has his knee in a brace, and the physician thought he could go, but since then special treatment has been provided for him and he will not let him go so he cannot be here.

(Telegram)

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 20, 1917.

Col. Wm. T. Church, Commander-in-Chief, S. of V.,
Care Bellevue Hotel,
Boston, Mass.

I regret very much that conditions at home will prevent me attending the National Convention. It is a great disappointment to me. Our Division Commander is doing excellent work for the Division. Pleased to note the substantial increase in membership under your administration. Congratulations.

W. H. HYDEN,
Delegate-at-Large from California.

LaCrosse, Kan., Aug. 17, 1917.

F. E. Bolton,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Fred:—

Under the shadow of the many historic places in your city, where American blood was shed for liberty, and with the nation now in war, and the sound of marching feet and the clang of sword and gun, all about you, I know the old spirit of patriotism will run high. Oh, that I could be with you. There will be sadness too, for Dr. Abbott will be missing from his accustomed place, and his voice, always lifted up for the 'good of the Order, will not be heard. I would that I could be with you if only long enough to drop a word of appreciation upon his memory; his was a beautiful soul. Convey to all the brethren and to the Encampment my love for all and for the Order to which we have pledged our fealty.

Yours sincerely,

W. H. RUSSELL.

(Telegram)

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 21, 1917.

Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,
Hotel Bellevue, Boston, Mass.

Too busy to come. America for Americans have blazed trail. Divine rights of Pope or Kaiser don't go.

D. W. RITTENHOUSE.

(Telegram)

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 20, 1917.

Mr. Wm. T. Church,
Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,
Hotel Bellevue, Boston, Mass.

I extend greetings to the Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans. Am very sorry that business prevents my attendance. Success to Brother Johnson.

N. J. McGuire.

Lyons, N. Y., Tuesday, Aug. 21, 1917.
H. H. Hammer, National Secretary,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Horace:—

I am all tied up, six hundred exemption claims, all to be acted upon within the next few days. One hundred and thirty called to be examined today and as many more tomorrow. It hurts dreadfully not to be able to meet and see you. Had I known or thought it would take so long, I never would have accepted the appointment on the board. Kindly give my regards to all and especially to Ned. If I had the time would write him, but will let this do for you both. With best wishes, I am,

Respectfully,

RALPH SHELDON.

New York, Aug. 22, 1917.

F. E. Bolton, Esq., Chairman,
Room 38, 15 Beacon Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear General:—

Upon my return to my chambers, after a short vacation, I find your letter of August 14, and regret to advise you that it will be impossible for me to attend the Encampment.

Yours fraternally,

BARTOW S. WEEKS.

Burgh Hill, Ohio, Aug. 18, 1917.

Mr. F. E. Bolton,
Boston, Mass.

My Dear Sir and Brother:—

It surely would be a great pleasure to meet you and others of my old friends and associates, as well as many new ones, but with the infirmities of four score years circling about me I am compelled to deprive myself of the pleasure of attending.

With kind regards to all, I am,

Fraternally yours,

A. W. JONES.

(Telegram)

Army of Phillipines,
Chicago, Ill., Aug. 22, 1917.

Frank L. Kichgassner,
15 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

Kindly convey my best wishes and greetings to Sons of Veterans and friends at Encampment who unanimously elected me Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the last National Encampment in Boston. Our Order has always stood for patriotism and preparedness, then and now.

GEORGE E. GEIS,

National Aide-de-Camp, Army of Phillipines.

Indianapolis, Central Ave. at Twenty-fifth St.,
August 18, 1917.

W. T. Church, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Veterans Organization,
Boston, Mass.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:—

I am awfully sorry to say at this late date that it will be impossible for me to be at the convention. This will be my first absence from the National ceremonies since I became active in the organization.

My father's age and health at this time is such that I care not to be away from home even one single night. Also account of being a member of our Governor's military staff I am on special duty much more than half of the time at our Fort Benjamin Harrison.

Convey to the splendid boys and my friends in the organi-

zation my greetings and sincere wishes for a pleasant and successful meeting. I hope and trust I may never be absent again from the National meetings, at least until my age limit might prevent and it will be several years yet until I reach the age of one hundred years.

Love and regards to all.

Loyally,
FRANK SHELLHOUSE.

Evansville, Ind., Aug. 19, 1917.

Hon. W. T. Church,
Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A.,
Boston, Mass.

My Dear Mr. Church:—

With sad heart I pen you a few lines to advise you that I cannot attend the Encampment this year. Last Saturday morning, without warning, my baby Thos. W. Lindsey, Jr., was stricken with diphtheria and, in spite of all we could do, died Monday afternoon, August 13, at five o'clock. He attended the convention with me last year at Kansas City and was to accompany me to Boston. May you and all the delegates be spared a similar bereavement, and wishing the Encampment success, I beg to remain,

Yours fraternally,
THOS. W. LINDSEY.

Valparaiso, Ind., Aug. 19, 1917.

Wm. T. Church,
Commander-in-Chief, S. of V.,
Boston, Mass.

My Dear Commander:—

I deeply regret my inability to be with you this year, in National Encampment.

I wish you an enjoyable time and a most successful Encampment. Please convey my best wishes to all friends, and say that my fondest wish is that I may be able to meet with you next year.

Loyally yours in F., C. & L.,
A. W. McDANIEL,
Past Division Commander.

Akron, Ohio, Aug. 20, 1917.

Mr. Wm. T. Church, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,
Boston, Mass.

My Dear Commander:—

I certainly regret that my work is such that I cannot be with you in Boston. You are to be congratulated on the good report that you will have for the Encampment.

With kind regards to all the boys and wishing for you the "best Encampment ever," I beg to remain,

Yours in F., C. & L.,
C. A. WHITTLESEY.

St. Louis, Aug. 18, 1917.

Wm. T. Church, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

My Dear Brother Church:—

It is with regret that I cannot attend this Encampment which I so gladly looked forth to, but having a sprained foot and not able to walk will compell me to miss this great work of ours. I was looking forth with pride to return my visit and see you preside as you did me at Springfield, Mo., I again say I regret very much that I cannot attend as much can be learned at our National Encampment, and being a regular for many years makes it much harder for me to miss.

Kindly give my best wishes to all the boys and may your meeting be a successful and harmonious one.

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

A. J. ALLBRECHT,
Past Division Commander, Missouri.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 20, 1917.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Boston, Mass.

My Dear Brothers:—

Official duties require my presence here at this time, and on this account I will be unable to attend the meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief. This is indeed a keen disappointment to me, for I have been anticipating a good old-fashioned reunion with the "Boys" in good old hospitable Boston.

My earnest wish is that this meeting of the Commandery may be largely attended by representatives from the various Divisions and that its deliberations may result in much good to our beloved Order.

With fraternal greetings, I am,

Sincerely yours,

H. V. SPEELMAN,
Past Commander-in-Chief.

Camp Douglas, Wis., Aug. 17, 1917.
Headquarters, 1st Wis. Inf.,

From Lew McComb, Camp Douglas, Wis.

To Hon. William T. Church, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

My Dear Commander:—

I hereby tender you and your associate officers and delegates assembled, fraternal greetings on this thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Although not personally present I am with you in thought and spirit in all that our grand organization stands for.

With best wishes for a profitable and pleasant encampment.

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

LEW WALLACE McCOMB,
Past Division Commander, Wisconsin Division.

Riverhead, N. Y., Aug. 21, 1917.

My Dear Brother Hammer:—

I had hoped to the last moment that I could go to Boston today, but Uncle Sam sent me a telegram last night saying I must meet him at Camp Upton today, at 11 o'clock and you can bet I'll be there. I shall miss seeing you all very much.

Give my very best regards to brothers and sisters as well. I think I have the biggest kind of a job yet cut out for war workers.

Yours sincerely in F., C. & L.,
W. A. WATERMAN.

Gray, Me., Aug. 20, 1917.

W. T. Church, Esq.,
Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Commander Church:—

As it now looks very doubtful about attending the Encampment to express to you my personal appreciation of your valuable and patriotic work for our Order I will take this way of making known to you my sentiments. May the Encampment be a pleasant and profitable one and in the years to come may you continue to grow in the respect, honor and esteem of your brothers and may success attend you in all your ways.

Yours in F., C. & L.,
ARTHUR M. SOULE.

Concord, N. H., Aug. 21, 1917.

Mr. A. W. Elliott,
Hotel Bellevue, Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

Owing to the stress of business and the condition of my family I don't think it will be possible for me to go to Boston this week.

The bulk of the troops at the camp grounds leave Concord tomorrow.

Hoping that you are having a fine time. I am,
Fraternally yours,

HENRY E. CHAMBERLIN.

Commander-in-Chief: The Secretary has various communications which, under the order adopted this morning, will go to the committees without reading. The roll-call of the Divisions will now be made in order to ascertain if any further communications are to be presented at this time.

Roll-call of Divisions and reception of communications was had.

National Secretary: Will you permit me to just open up these communications, these resolutions, and just announce the subject of them, for the reason that very often the National Secretary is accused, if the committee does not act on the proposition, of not presenting it to that committee.

Commander-in-Chief: You will make a record of the presentation by stating the subject matter of the communication.

National Secretary: I will not ask to read the resolutions but just state what the subject is and from what Division, so that they will know that it is presented, as a matter of fact, and that it was not buried by the Commandery-in-Chief not receiving it.

Here is one from California and Pacific, a request for restoration of past rank of some brothers. Another request to permit an elderly lady to wear the yellow ribbon. That will give you an idea of some of the propositions we have to consider.

From Illinois, a request for restoration of past rank of various brothers.

Resolution from Maine for restoration of past rank.

From Ohio, a similar one.

Resolution from Pennsylvania for restoration of past rank.

Resolution from Rhode Island for restoration of past rank.

From Wisconsin, relative to prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

Resolution relative to the codification of the rules for use of the flag, and so forth.

Communication from Wisconsin relative to ritual ceremony. Changing the sentence beginning thus, "It has cleared the way for civilization, etc." by inserting, "It is assisting the oppressed peoples of other lands to dethrone autocracy and to make democracy safe everywhere."

Commander-in-Chief: I believe, Mr. Secretary, the Committee on Ritual has not been appointed. I will make that appointment later this afternoon, and you can withhold that communication until the committee is named.

National Secretary: A resolution from Washington, D. C., requesting all patriotic organizations to take action on a proposition that they are very deeply interested in. Under the present laws of the states of Arkansas, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, Texas, Oregon and Wisconsin, a person declaring his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States, but as yet not such citizen, may vote at all elections, state or national. They want us to take such action as will amend the laws of the United States, to have only persons who are actual citizens to vote.

An individual resolution relative to Comrade Osborne's bill in Congress, providing that the United States flag shall be displayed in all United States courts while in session, and so forth, together with a copy of the House Bill.

A resolution relative to observance of Mother's Day, and so forth.

From California; amendments to the Constitution.

Washington and Oregon; to change the name of organization, and so on and so forth.

Iowa; relative to amending Sec. 4, Chap. 2, on Camps not paying per capita tax, Division shall not be required to pay to Commandery-in-Chief.

From Wisconsin; relative to no member shall be eligible

to membership as Division Commander unless he has served one term as Camp Commander.

Missouri; relative to remitting per capita tax to members enlisted in army, and as to duties of Senior and Junior Vice Commanders of Camps.

New York; recommendation relative to Section 4 of Article 1, pertaining to Camps dropped, and so on.

From W. B. McNulty, Pennsylvania Division, relative to changing name; and decorations, badges and so forth, and also a form of discipline for courts, national and so on.

Maine; relative to abolishing twenty-five cent membership fee, and so forth.

Ohio; relative to Camp Secretary and Camp Treasurer entitled to rights of Past Commanders.

Charles H. Bissell, of Connecticut: The Department of Connecticut has presented a communication in regard to restoration of rank, which was by mistake in the hands of the Fraternal Relations Committee. I would like to have it go on record as having been presented to the Resolutions Committee.

Commander-in-Chief: It now is in the hands of that Committee. Let the record show that a communication has been received from the Division of Connecticut with reference to restoration of past rank.

National Secretary: I am in receipt of greetings from the National Committee of Patriotic and Defense Societies.

Commander-in-Chief: The desk is clear.

Commander-in-Chief: For the benefit of the chairman of the respective committees, the custodian of the hall has offered to open the Williams Room in the corner of the building for the use of committees whenever it is required, and he can be found in the corridor.

National Secretary: Commander-in-Chief, I have here an invitation for the encampment next year, from Asbury Park and St. Joseph, Missouri. They were very cordial invitations, and I have replied to them.

Commander-in-Chief: Very well, they will be recorded.

In August orders it was announced that a memorial service for members of this Encampment who have died during the past year would be held at some time to be fixed by the Encampment. Information has come to us of the decease of two Past Division Commanders since the reports were printed. It was also requested that the present Commanders of each of these Divisions in which such a death had occurred would designate some member of their respective Divisions to speak briefly in memory of the departed ones at this memorial service. I wish within the next few minutes the Division Commanders occupying such position would hand in to the Secretary, in writing, the names of those who will address the Encampment at these memorial services; and also, in view of the information received since the reports were printed, the names of the deceased brothers from their respective Divisions so that we may have this information whenever it shall be the pleasure of the Encampment to hold this service. The services ought not to occupy more than forty minutes to one hour. The addresses should all be brief, preferably not exceeding five minutes. If the Encamp-

ment desires at this time to fix the hour for holding that service. I will be glad to consider a motion or suggestion.

Frank H. Challis, of New Hampshire: Commander-in-Chief, I would move that this memorial service be held today at half past four o'clock. Some times, at some Encampments, the memorial service has been postponed to such time that a great many of the members have gone away. I have always felt that a service of this kind ought to be attended largely, and I know it has not been in a great many cases, and I therefore would move that the service be held this afternoon at four thirty o'clock in this hall.

Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire: I second the motion. The motion was agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: Are there any committees ready to make report at this time? It is desirable that the work of the Committees be reported as promptly as possible to the Encampment.

If there are any brothers in the Encampment who have not presented their credentials they may do so at any time. The Credential Committee is now in session.

If any committee is ready to make a partial report, it may be received at this time. This will include special, as well as standing committees.

VISIT OF DELEGATION FROM LADIES OF GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief: I am just informed that a delegation from the Ladies of the Grand Army is waiting.

Commander-in-Chief: I will ask Brothers Dorsey, Phillips and Kreitenstein to escort the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic to the Encampment.

(The delegation was escorted to the Encampment).

C. A. Dorsey, of Missouri: Commander-in-Chief, I have the honor to present Mrs. Delia Henry of St. Louis, Past National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander-in-Chief: We welcome you to our Encampment, Mrs. Henry.

George W. Kreitenstein, of Indiana: Commander-in-Chief, I have the pleasure of introducing Mrs. Katherine Compton of Chicago.

Commander-in-Chief: We welcome you to our Encampment.

Fred J. Phillips, of Illinois: I have the pleasure of introducing to you Mrs. Mary H. Howard, Past Department President of Pennsylvania.

Commander-in-Chief: We welcome you, Mrs. Howard, to our Encampment.

Brothers, you will escort the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic to the platform.

(The ladies were escorted to the platform).

Commander-in-Chief: Members of the Encampment, I take great pleasure at this time in introducing to you Mrs. Delia Henry, Past National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, our mother's organization. We shall be pleased to hear from her. (Applause).

Mrs. Henry: Commander-in-Chief, and members of the Encampment, for the first time this is my proud privilege to bring to your splendid organization the greetings of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and when I gaze in your faces and know that the blood of those grand men who made American prosperity possible, flows through your veins, I just want to raise my voice and cry, all honor and all hail.

Years before the Civil War came there was not a statesman who could be found who thought this Republic would last over ten years, but it remained for that war to show that it belongs to the centuries; and to those noble men, your fathers, belonged that honor so glorious. To be a son of a loyal soldier of the Union is an honor that money cannot buy and royalty cannot bestow. I believe the Almighty power had a purpose in bringing this organization into existence. You are the ones to perpetuate the true history of the war; and when the last one of our heroes are tented on that great Eternal camping ground, your organization will stand, perpetuated by your descendants, a living monument of their hearts and homes, more glorious than marble or granite can ever be; and show to the world in future years that the perpetuation of their deeds has fallen into safe hands.

Your organization not only touches the present, but it reaches far into the future, and cannot help but exert an ever increasing influence for good.

We, the Ladies of the Grand Army, feel the ties of blood that bind us to your organization. We thank you from our hearts; we bid you God speed in your work; and we are grateful and highly appreciative of all the grand and splendid accomplishments that your great organization is doing.

I am not going to take up much of your time; I know you are so busy; but, boys, I want to say to you that to us, the Ladies of the Grand Army, you are the same, and like your fathers, almost as the Holy Grail.

I want to tell you before I close that we have highly admired and appreciated your Commander-in-Chief, and we promised last year that we would all go to Church this year, and we all have. (Applause). It has been said that flowers are the most exquisite manifestation of God's love; so we have brought this floral message of our Creator, and give them to those we respect and love, and this is due your Commander and every member of the grand organization of the Sons of Veterans.

(Presenting spray of flowers).

This badge that we wear, money cannot buy, nor royalty cannot bestow.

(Presenting Commander-in-Chief Church with badge).

Commander-in-Chief, Mrs. Henry, I receive with the greatest of pleasure these beautiful flowers and this badge of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

During the past year, Brothers, I have been the recipient of so many courtesies and so much kindness from these ladies who are visiting us at this time, and their National President, Mrs. McClure, of Illinois, that I most delight to welcome them as the first delegation which has visited our Encampment, and I will ask Past Commander-in-Chief Stephens of Ohio to express further to them our delight at this visitation.

A. E. B. Stephens, of Ohio: Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, I do not know why the Commander-in-Chief se-

lected me to respond to your very beautiful speech, but, in speaking for the Sons of Veterans gathered at this National Encampment, I want to say that we appreciate the words that you have just spoken more than we can tell. We not only appreciate your words, but we appreciate the work that you have done during the past year, and the work that you have been doing in the last number of years.

As age creeps on we find that it is pretty hard to get along in our patriotic work and make it entirely successful without the aid of the women. (Applause). In teaching patriotism, and in conducting the work of our Order, we have had the full help and strength and work of all of the patriotic organizations headed by the patriotic women of our country.

Like Commander-in-Chief Church, I have had the pleasure of visiting many of your circles, and I had the pleasure of becoming a member of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, at Boston, something over a year ago; and, before I close, I will say that we expect to meet you in years to come; we expect our work to be along the same lines that it has been in the past, and the fruit of our labor we expect to see grow as our country progresses. I thank you. (Applause).

(The Ladies were escorted from the Encampment).

Commander-in-Chief: Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman has the floor.

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: I will read the report of the committee appointed at Kansas City on Membership Certificate.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans.

By authority of the Commandery-in-Chief in session at Kansas City a committee was appointed to consider a suitable membership certificate. The Committee have obtained such a certificate, and it is here at this Encampment so all may view it.

The Committee has proceeded thus far without any expense whatever to the Commandery-in-Chief, notwithstanding the artist who prepared the design has been to considerable expense. Our thanks are due Prof. DeFelice, the artist, for much time devoted to the work.

Fraternally submitted,

C. F. SHERMAN,

H. H. HAMMER,

Committee.

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: Past Division Commander Franz Sigel of New York was also a member of that Committee, but sent word of his inability to be present.

This is the full report; and, brothers, we have here the design of the certificate of membership. It is not definite; it is not positive; it is simply suggestive. It is the province now of this Commandery-in-Chief to accept this as it is or with modifications, or make any changes that they may desire; but the adoption of any design is of a contractual nature, and this

committee have no authority in any sense to bind this Body. We, therefore, present our report, and offer as a resolution, that the matter now be referred to the members of the Council-in-Chief, who are virtually the trustees of this organization, to meet the person who submitted this sketch and enter into any contractual relation that may be necessary. I offer that resolution, and will permit this design to remain here, so that any of the brothers can see it.

Commander-in-Chief: That concludes the report of the committee.

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: Yes.

Commander-in-Chief: What will you do with this report of the Committee on Membership Certificate. A motion has been made for its adoption.

Francis Callahan, of Pennsylvania: I had no idea that the motion had been made to adopt.

Commander-in-Chief: A motion was made but not seconded.

Edward R. Campbell, of Maryland: I second the motion.

Commander-in-Chief: The question is upon the adoption of the report, and the reference of the matter to the Council-in-Chief.

The motion was put and agreed to.

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: May I add, I will put this sketch on the chair, so the brothers may examine it at their leisure, but be very careful and treat it with a great deal of kindness. This sketch, on the part of the designer, represents more than an outlay of one hundred dollars, on his part, to prepare this, and I do not want to have him suffer the loss. In case we do not adopt this some other organization can be given the opportunity.

Commander-in-Chief: We have arrived, Brothers, at the order of unfinished business. Mr. Secretary, is there any unfinished business to come before the Encampment?

National Secretary: No, Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: What is the pleasure of the Encampment at this time? The Encampment has already ordered that the memorial services be held at four thirty. The Encampment alone can rescind that order.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief: I move we rescind that motion.

Commander-in-Chief: I don't know that a motion to rescind is in order.

Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire: I make a motion we reconsider that.

Commander-in-Chief: Assuming that Brother Crowley voted in the affirmative on that motion, the motion will be entertained. The motion is seconded by the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. The question is, that the motion fixing the hour for memorial services today at four thirty be reconsidered.

The motion was put and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: The original motion is before you for consideration. Are there any remarks?

Samuel S. Horn, of Pennsylvania: I move to amend by changing the hour for holding the memorial services from four thirty to immediately.

The motion to amend was seconded.

Commander-in-Chief: The question is on the amendment, that the motion be so amended as to provide that the memorial services shall be held immediately.

The motion to amend was agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: The motion as amended is before the Encampment.

The motion as amended was put and agreed to.

Fred J. Phillips, of Illinois: Commander-in-Chief, a committee of the Ladies of the Auxiliary is in waiting.

Commander-in-Chief: What is the pleasure of the Encampment, in view of the now present complication?

John L. Reeger, of New Jersey: I move that we now receive the ladies.

A. E. B. Stephens, of Ohio: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

VISIT OF DELEGATION FROM SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY

Commander-in-Chief: I will ask Commander Swift, Brother Boyer and Brother DePuy to escort the ladies to the Encampment, and I will ask Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Roberts to respond to their greeting.

(The delegation was then escorted to the Encampment).

George W. Swift, of Michigan: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, it is a pleasure to introduce to you Miss Ida M. Patterson, National Secretary; Katherine J. Reese, National Treasurer; and Margaret W. Carney, National Patriotic Instructor. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: We take pleasure in welcoming you to our Encampment. Brothers, you will conduct these National officers of our Auxiliary to the platform.

(The ladies were escorted to the platform).

Commander-in-Chief: Brothers of the Encampment, I know that you will appreciate this visit from the National Secretary, the National Treasurer, and the National Patriotic Instructor of our own Auxiliary, and I have great pleasure in introducing to you at this time, Sister Ida M. Patterson, National Secretary of our Auxiliary. (Applause).

Miss Patterson: Commander-in-Chief Church and Brothers, I deem it a very great honor to bring the greetings of your Auxiliary to you. It is always a very great pleasure for the committee from the Auxiliary to come to you, and I want to say to you that we are the three most envied ladies of our convention. I am sure that many of the sisters travel long distances to come to our convention, in hopes that they may come to the Sons with our greetings. I think our President picked out two of the best looking women in our organization, Mrs. Reese, our efficient National Treasurer for the past two years, and Miss Carney, our capable Patriotic Instructor for the past year. I have not figured out why she sent me, unless it was because these two girls are so good to look at that some one must do the talking. (Laughter).

I know that many of these Sons of Veterans would not come to the Encampments if it were not to meet the girls that you

meet here. (Applause). We are always glad to meet the Sons of Veterans when we come to your conventions.

We are pleased to see this large assemblage; we know you have enjoyed a prosperous year; and we congratulate the Commander-in-Chief and his staff upon the results achieved. I offer a special word of praise to your splendid Commander-in-Chief, who has so ably lead you this last year. As an Auxiliary, we are very grateful for the consideration he has shown us during the year, and I congratulate the Order of Sons of Veterans upon having so distinguished a gentleman as William T. Church for a leader. (Applause).

Our Auxiliary has asked me to express to you, Commander-in-Chief Church, our gratitude for the consideration and the interest you have taken in us this year, and in behalf of our organization, it gives me great pleasure to present to you this token of our appreciation. (Applause).

(Presenting a beautiful clock).

To you we bring the personal greetings of our National President, as well as the members of our Auxiliary.

Your Auxiliary has not been idle during the past year. We have had a substantial gain in membership, and we have accomplished much in patriotic work and in relief work in the Grand Army family. We have affiliated ourselves in the Red Cross movement in all our Divisions. We have outgrown our infancy, and, naturally, much is expected of us. We are forging ahead, and the future holds great opportunities for us.

We realize that we live in a wonderful country; a country over which one flag waves, and we are proud that this is because of the patriotism of our fathers and your fathers.

The members of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary are not unmindful of the part taken today in preserving this honor by the members of the Sons of Veterans. We know that many of them have responded to the call in many ways. Many of the members of our organization are giving up their husbands, sons and brothers. Our own National President has given her sons to the service to preserve the institutions founded by our fathers.

As an organization we are trying to cultivate love of country, of home and flag among the children of our land. We are striving to prove a worthy auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans; to be loyal to you; and we hope that you will realize that, and that you will give us the same measure of loyalty that we are always ready to give to you.

With loyal hearts, individual service, and ready hands, we are ever ready to help you in any way we can.

Your Auxiliary, while sharing your prosperity, and your joys, also share your sorrows. I have been asked to express to you the sorrow we feel in the loss of your good Brother, Past Commander-in-Chief, George B. Abbott. We feel that we have lost one of our best friends; one who always proved his loyalty to us. Brother Abbott wrote our first ritual, helmed install our first set of national officers, and has always stood ready to aid us in any way he could.

Being a member of the Illinois Division, Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, I hope you will pardon this rather personal tribute of appreciation of Dr. Abbott; for, since the time I became a member of the Order, Dr. Abbott has always been a lover of mine. It is said that the greatest lives are the simplest; that the lives most useful to the world are the most tender and loving

in their friendships. The friend you mourn today was formed of that infinitely rare mixture that now and then, at long intervals, combines to make a man of influence. Brother Abbott was one of the rarest souls that ever lived and died. His was of humble birth, a brave and fearless life, a peaceful, fitting end. We who knew him, we who loved him, we who dared to praise him while his heart yet beat cannot feel that we shall never hear his voice again.

In the history of our organization, where he lived and died, the works of our devoted dead will one day shine in words of everlasting light. When, in the infinite economy of nature, there be another land where crooked paths are made straight, where Heaven's justice shall review the judgments of the earth, where there shall be a Great Wise Humane Judge before whom the sons of men shall pass, we can hope nothing better for ourselves than to pass that Infinite Presence as the friend of George B. Abbott.

Our dear friend, long and well have we known you; devotedly have we followed you; implicitly have we trusted you; fondly have we loved you. Your call has come and we work on without you, listening hopelessly for your devoted voice; but though you are laid away, your life will be a guiding star in our way. If there be any praise, any honor, any virtue in these things, my dear departed friend, I lay them at your feet. (Applause).

VISIT OF DELEGATION FROM GRAND ARMY.

Commander-in-Chief: Brothers of the Encampment, a delegation from the Grand Army of the Republic is here, and I have just invited our sisters of the Auxiliary to remain with us during the reception of this delegation from the Grand Army of the Republic, because I want, whether you do or not, sufficient time to thank them for the good things with which they have overwhelmed me.

I will delegate Past Commander Davis, Past Commander Challis, and Past Commander Chambers to escort the delegation of the Grand Army to the Encampment.

(The brothers retired and escorted the delegation to the Encampment, amid great applause).

Oscar E. Davis, of New Hampshire: Commander-in-Chief, it gives me great pleasure at this time to introduce to you and our Encampment, Past Commander-in-Chief Elias R. Monfort of the Grand Army.

Frank H. Challis, of New Hampshire: Commander-in-Chief, it gives me pleasure to introduce to you Past Chaplain-in-Chief Bishop Samuel Fallows, of the Grand Army.

William F. Chambers, of Ohio: Commander-in-Chief, it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you Past Department Commander G. A. Hosley, of Massachusetts.

Commander-in-Chief: We welcome you to our Encampment.

Brothers, you will escort our distinguished visitors to the platform.

(The delegation was then escorted to the platform).

Commander-in-Chief: Brothers of the Encampment, and Sisters of our Auxiliary, I have great pleasure this afternoon in introducing to you the Past Commander-in-Chief of the Grand

Army of the Republic, who gave to us that beautiful Christmas letter, which the January issue of The Banner brought to you as a magnificent legacy in the last months of the year 1916. That letter will never die in Sons of Veteran's literature, and it is an honor and pleasure to present to you its author this afternoon.

Elas R. Monfort: Commander, Ladies of the Auxiliary and Comrades, it is really a pleasure to be with you again to meet so many sons and grandsons of my comrades, because there is a strain of sadness when you think of thirty-four thousand of the comrades of the Grand Army dying in a year, last year 34255 and the year before 33120. They are passing away, but the work that they accomplished will never pass away, and the work that they are doing today will be done by you. You are the lineal descendants, and upon you rests the responsibility of building character from the bottom to the top. (Applause).

I never knew a man in the army fit to command who had not learned to obey from his mother's lap, and through the various lines of education through which he passed.

We are today against a great problem, but it is not such a problem that we need to fear. The old flag that we love so much, and that was carried by Washington in defense of human liberty, and in the establishing in the primeval forests of this nation, as the nucleus of a great nation; the same flag that was carried to demand and concede equal rights upon the ocean's wave the flag that was lifted when Lincoln broke the shackles of five million of bond men and which floated over the victory that preserved our liberty in the unity of this nation. It was carried for humanity by many of you to Cuba and the Phillipines, in defense and protection of a weak nation. It is today lifted higher and higher as the emblem of universal liberty, of equal rights, to all men; of liberty under law, and of the protection of the weak, and of the extending of a helpful hand to everyone who needs it.

Oh, it is wonderful when you think of what we have gone through, and what Russia must go through; but don't let us be discouraged about the work that will be accomplished there. That nation will have to go through the fires of revolution before the average common sense of the people is sufficiently strong to make a Republic out of that nation. But I won't speak of that.

I come to you today as the representative of 140,000 comrades of the Grand Army, to carry their fatherly greetings to you as their lineal descendants upon whom rest the responsibilities now resting upon them, to preserve and perpetuate the principles upon which this nation is founded, and the virtues which we profess. I come to you, by instruction of the Grand Army, to bring you this greeting, and I have brought with me, fortunately, two of the most distinguished men in that Encampment, who will speak to you, and so I do not desire to interrupt the business of your Encampment, or delay you too long, and therefore, I take pleasure in introducing to you Past Chaplain-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Bishop Samuel Fallows of Chicago, Illinois. (Applause).

Bishop Samuel Fallows: Commander-in-Chief, friends, comrades, we are a wonderful admiration society, we old fellows and you young men. You are our boys, and we glory in you,

in what you have done, in what you are doing, and in what you are going to do.

As I came in I heard beautiful words from the lips of this distinguished lady from your Auxiliary, and heard with joy and pleasure the eulogy she pronounced upon Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, Dr. Abbott. Over his grave, as we laid him away to rest, it was my privilege to say words of appreciation and of love, which came from the depths of my heart.

The battle once begun is bequeathed from sire to son, and, oh, our hearts swell with joy unutterable that we have such sons, sons who are worthy of any sire the world has known, and worthy of the best sires that sons ever had. (Applause).

I do not desire to speak long, only to say this—can't help saying it, because I am now in the thick of the fight and I want to be on the firing line just as long as God gives me health and strength and vigor; on the firing line now as on the firing line fifty-six years ago. I just came from the meeting of the survivors of my first regiment, with whom I went fifty-five years ago to the front. That war, in some respects, was the greatest war in history. In many respects it will still remain the greatest war in history, from the fact that on its results, thanks to the God of nations and the God of battle, on its results depend the greatness, the grandeur, the importance of the United States of America at this present hour. (Applause). We came, we saw, we conquered, but in conquering we won an everlasting compact between North and South, meaning the welding forever of this great nation; and, thus welded together, we are now in the van of the race.

I want to say this, as I close. We are in the thick of the fight; next to the Civil War, the greatest war in the annals of time; and we are in it to the last man, and the last dollar, if necessary; we are in it for a fight to the finish, for the salvation, first of our own nation, and for the salvation of democracy the wide world over. (Applause). I say in your behalf, I say in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic, I say in behalf of the boy that has gone from my own home and hearth, or is going to the front, in behalf of the boys we are sending in our place to fight for us, in behalf of the whole United States of America, we say to that colossal menace of the world, to this organized banditti of the race, we say to them, by the grace of God, and the valor of American arms, with those of the allies; you shall not put a crown of thorns upon the weakest or the humblest nation on the face of the earth; you shall not crucify mankind on the cross of an inhuman barbaric anti-christian liberty crushing autocrat. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: Members of the Encampment, I have great pleasure in introducing to you Comrade Hosley, Past Commander of the Department of Massachusetts, who will say a few words to you.

G. A. Hosley: Commander, Ladies of the Auxiliary, and Comrades of the Sons of Veterans, I hardly need an introduction to you boys. Your Commander said I would say a few words to you, but, after this cordial welcome it is almost tempting to load up and run at the mouth. However, your time is precious, and you have a great deal of business; I bring you the greetings of the Grand Army, as well as my associates here, and, at the same time, as one of the executive committee that

is entertaining our guests from abroad, I wish to thank personally, and this will be done later from our Association, our committee in general, for the great assistance that you have rendered us in helping us entertain these comrades from abroad. Your assistance has been of great service to us.

There was a time in years gone by—I think you will pardon me, because I don't think there is a comrade here of the Sons of Veterans who knows Hosley but what knows he is one of the best friends you boys have; I think my stumping around and holding those old Methodist camp meetings throughout this state in eighteen different cities in one winter demonstrates my faith and my good services in your cause. But, as I said, years ago the time was when I thought, well, the Sons of Veterans don't amount to much, and I used to wonder if you ever would. (Laughter). I was younger then and you were younger. Many of you were going up fools hill; just the period when you wanted to put on airs, and thought you knew it all; but you have got bravely over it, boys; you have got to the summit and gotten down to practical facts, where you are working with a will, and you are of great assistance to the Grand Army; and, let me say, boys, that the Grand Army has come to that conclusion and fully appreciates your work. (Applause). Keep on in your good work. You have got to that basis now where you have gone to work and set aside ideals and brought facts into the foreground, and that is the basis you want to work on, and it is a basis I feel you will continue to work on.

You should take an interest, not only in the Grand Army, as you are doing, but take an interest in all the affairs of your community, locally and nationally. Don't be afraid—don't seek it—but don't be afraid to accept office if it is asked of you. Take an interest. Shame on any young man who thinks he is too good or fastidious to indulge in politics. Let me tell you, young men, that the people of this country, the welfare of this country, rests in the hands of you young men. We are the ones that are going off the docket, as Past Commander-in-Chief Monfort said, we are dropping out, and it is up to you to meet your full requirements of the hour. Politics is now, ever was, and ever will be just as good or just as bad as the men who dominate it; and, when you wait for the character of politicians to change before you take your place and do your duty to make the Government of this country what it should be, pure and strong, you, yourselves are to pay the debt to these old comrades who offered their lives that this government might exist. I thank you. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: I trust that each one of these distinguished members of the Grand Army of the Republic will convey to Commander-in-Chief Patterson, for us, the thanks of this Encampment, and my personal thanks for appointing him to visit us. We are indebted to each one of them for this visit, and indebted to the Commandery-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic for selecting such a distinguished delegation to come to us this afternoon and give us these inspiring addresses. (Applause).

I take pleasure in asking Past Commander-in-Chief Edgar Allen, Jr., to respond to our visitors' addresses.

Edgar Allen, Jr., of Maryland: Commander-in-Chief, Brothers, this is a peculiar and fitting pleasure which has been afforded me. I look back over the years of the past and I recall

a time when I was a little fellow, I attended with my father the various encampments throughout the country; went to Milwaukee something like twenty-five or thirty years ago, and more later; my father was at that time living; some of our fathers are buried in unknown graves; in my native state, Virginia, some of our fathers have been spared to be with us on this occasion. We owe to these men the priceless heritage which we have been given. It is through them that our existence is made possible; and it has been fittingly said, were it not for these men, this present condition could not exist; there would be no union; there would be a number of provinces and states; and the allies could not look to the United States of America for that support which is absolutely necessary and essential for the successful culmination of this terrible conflict. These men made that fact possible.

For years we have hoped and cherished, as Sons of the soldiers of '61 to '65 that we could honorably keep green the memory of these men who made history for us in this country; and, as years have gone by and we have seen General Nevius—and brothers, he was Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army when I was your Commander-in-Chief, and how beautiful it was, because General Nevius was not only of the same regiment, but of the same Company, with my father, the Seventh Michigan Cavalry, Company M. And then as years rolled by and we had our good friend, General Monfort, and others I will not stop to mention, but it is these men who are making it possible for us to perpetuate their memory and do for them that which they would be glad for us to do, to carry on this work of patriotism, which, brothers, we must carry on honorably. It is a pleasure for me today to be here, and to reply to these comrades, because, General Monfort may not probably remember me, but I had the pleasure of entertaining him in Richmond when I was postmaster in that city and he was postmaster at Cincinnati.

I could not help but think when I heard the Parson talking of the story I once heard of a man who went to the preacher and said "Brother, don't you believe in that rule of 'Whosoever shall smite you on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.' "Oh, yes," he says "I do, I believe in that principle." Well, with that, the fellow hauled off and smashed him a pretty good smash. The preacher got up, saying "That is all right, brother. There is another saying 'Whatsoever your hand findeth to do, do it with all your might,' and he jumped on the fellow and licked the stuffing out of him. (Laughter). And so I felt, when I heard our brother talking of the Parson; and I like to hear a fighting preacher. That Comrade's address did more to help this Encampment than any one thing that has occurred since we have been here. We like to see a man that is good at heart but ain't afraid to use his muscle and to stand up for what he believes is right; and I will bet his Company and his Regiment received many a good hard lesson of fighting quality and ability during the time from '61 to '65.

Now, Comrades, as Sons of Veterans, we are just tickled to death to have you with us. All of our patriotic organizations owe you everything. We are only too glad to let you understand and feel that we are not entitled to the rank, to the prestige which you have won; we are not entitled to any of that glory, but we do want to do this, if you will let us do it, if you feel that these young men, some of whom are getting along now in

years a little bit, if you just feel that we are worthy, not now, but if you feel that we are worthy, in conjunction with these ladies, to carry on and keep green that memory that you have made and if you would put on our shoulders that heritage, as some of you have attempted to do, there are some of us, at least, and in that much good can be done, there are some of us Sons of Veterans who are willing to join the organization, who are willing to wear their colors, in Virginia as well as in Massachusetts; who will, if you will permit it, continually serve your memory and this nation, as is best and fitting a worthy lover of that flag. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: I want all the members of this Encampment to understand that General Fallows won his commission in the great war for the suppression of the rebellion in leading his men upon the line of battle, and not in the service in the line of his ministry. I want you to know that he is a soldier. You do know that he is one of the most eminent of our great Divines. Brothers, of this Encampment, we have been honored today by the presence of these men. May they return to visit our Encampments many, many years to come. We thank you. (Applause).

(The delegation was then escorted from the Encampment amid prolonged applause).

Commander-in-Chief: (To the delegation from the Auxiliary) I am sure that you know that no other visitation, no other condition, no other circumstance or casualty would have been permitted to interrupt your visit but that of a visit of a delegation from the Grand Army of the Republic. We are glad that you were here at this time, because we know that their inspiring addresses have pleased and appealed to you, as they have to us.

As for myself, sisters, I am overwhelmed with your kindness. You have said so many good things about me today that I dare not attempt to answer them, but only to suggest that I fear you have not been strictly careful to adhere to lines of truthfulness. You have given me something which I very much need, a good timekeeper, and I assure you that it will be appreciated and cared for as one of the happiest mementos of the honors which have come to me during the year that is passed.

Now, as much as I would like to continue to talk to you as long as my brothers here would permit, I recognize the fact that, to a certain extent, they still control my actions, and, therefore, I am going to ask our Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brother Roberts, to respond to your greetings.

Leon L. Roberts, of Missouri: Commander-in-Chief, and Ladies of the Auxiliary, it is indeed a great pleasure for me to be selected to endeavor to express to you our appreciation of your greetings to us.

We do not feel and think only of what you have done this year, what you are doing now, what you have done the year before, but we think of what you have done in the previous years, back even to the days of the good old Ladies Aid Society. It has been a pleasure for me to follow your progress from the time of its earliest organization. My thoughts I am unable to word as I wish but I want to express to you our appreciation of your National President in sending National Officers to greet our members, whom we have learned to know from year to year, from encampment to encampment, and members whom we have

learned to love because of that association; and, will you take back to your National President and to your Encampment our high appreciation of your work, not only from the Commandery-in-Chief here assembled, but from fifty-seven thousand loyal Sons of Veterans from one end of this nation to the other. I thank you. (Applause).

(The Ladies were then escorted from the Encampment).

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

Commander-in-Chief: Brothers, the time has almost arrived at which we first fixed the hour of our memorial service. Unless there is some other matter to come before the Encampment at this time, we will proceed with our memorial service.

It is fitting, that, in opening these services, I should acquaint you with a statement made by Past Commander-in-Chief Monfort, while he was here, of a very unfortunate accident which occurred this afternoon, according to the report that came to him, that one of the few surviving Army Nurses, one of the old ladies whom we have seen here at our Encampments, meeting from time to time in the past, was killed this afternoon in an elevator accident in one of the hotels of this city, a most regrettable incident. I am unable to announce her name, and I am fearful almost to learn it for fear that it may be one whom I have met within the past few days.

In opening this service, it seems fitting that the Encampment should approach the throne of Providence with a word of prayer, and in this we will be lead by our National Chaplain.

National Chaplain: Almighty God, Creator of all things, Preserver of all men, and Author of everlasting life, we come into Thy presence at this moment in very humble reverence.

We stand as a body, as it were, at the graves, at the open graves, and look into the faces of those whom we love, whose presence with us was so sweet, and the ties of a blessed fellowship. We give thanks unto Thy name for their presence with us in the years gone by. We thank Thee for their fellowship. We thank Thee for the inspiration which their presence gave to us, and for all the ties that bind our hearts so close together in the fraternal and patriotic fellowship of our order; and today we listen for the sound of the voice that is still; today our hands tingle with the touch of the hand that is past.

We pray that Thy blessing may rest upon us in this service; that the memory of those who have been with us in the past, and gone from us, may so inspire us that today we shall dedicate ourselves anew to the service of the Invisible, to the service of our Father, and to that blessed fellowship which means so much to us. Thank God for those who have gone before; thank God for those who are with us. May the lives of those who are present, today, these men, be such before Him, in heart and in service, that when Thou shalt call us into our joys, and we shall lay aside the armor and weapons of our warfare, and shall lay aside the cross and take up the crown, may our Great Commander welcome us and say, "Well done good and faithful servant." Amen.

Commander-in-Chief: As the members of our Order advance in years, and as many of us perhaps already have arrived at or passed the meridian of life, these memorial services will become of deeper interest to all.

One of the pleasing incidents to a membership in this splendid order of ours is the memory of friendship, long continued. One of our past officers was great as a friend. Many of us will recognize particularly this quality in which he excelled. Past Commander-in-Chief, Frank L. Shepard, will speak to us of Past Commander-in-Chief George B. Abbott.

Frank L. Shepard, of Illinois; Commander and Brothers: George B. Abbott was the best known and most loved member of the Sons of Veterans. The reason of that is two fold; first, his early enlistment in the ranks of our Order, coming in, as he did, in his youth when the membership was young, when its imagination ran high, when its industry was great, when especially in the small cities there still were gathered the sons and the families of the Grand Army of the Republic, since scattered to other points and to large centers of population. And to the other fact of his immediate enlistment into the active service of our Order. With his ability and industry and ever present enthusiasm and patriotism, he took, and always retained, his place as a working Son of a Veteran.

He in turn rapidly passed, because of his great ability, his tremendous energy and his leadership, through the various offices, Captain of his Camp, Colonel of his Division, as we then designated the officers, various positions of importance in the Commandery-in-Chief, and twice Commander-in-Chief. But not content with that, still and always a Son of a Veteran, he not only knew how to lead and command, but just as well did he know how to follow and obey; he could take a place as private or as Captain or Colonel or of Commander-in-Chief with equal facility and equal fidelity.

He was the most loved because of his inherent desire of helpfulness. George Abbott would study out avenues and plans to help some brother or some sister, someone in our organization, someone in the allied organizations, some Camp, some Division, our Order as a whole, or any unit or part of our allied organizations. These ladies who referred to him today evidence that. A brother in the rear ranks was the same to him as the Commander-in-Chief; he knew no difference; he evidenced no distinction between the two. He could walk beside the private, or salute his superior officer. So, coming on down through the years; attending his Camp at home, in attendance at his Division Encampments; visiting Camps everywhere; installing officers every year; initiating members into the Order; mustering new camps into the organization; helping all; always helping; he became and was our best and our most loved.

Most of you will understand that, after an almost daily contact of approximately twenty-five years, broken only by his trips abroad, it would be impossible for me to go into the personal relations of Brother Abbott and his brothers at home, much less myself, and I leave the most beautiful part of this noble man to someone who can speak concerning it with greater calmness than myself.

Brother Abbott, you all know from your contact with him, was the tenderest of us all. At the same time he was one of the most courageous of us all. He never was afraid to condemn anything he thought was wrong, or to advocate anything he thought was right, no matter whether he stood alone on the floor of this Commandery-in-Chief or whether he was with the great majority.

The words of Kipling might be appropriately so adapted as to fairly describe George B. Abbott.

"He could dream—and not make dreams his master;
He could think—and not make thoughts his aim;
He could meet with Triumph and Disaster,
And treat those two impostors just the same;
He could talk with crowds and keep his virtue,
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch."

Brother Commander, this afternoon, devoted to greetings from the allied organizations, and merging into this memorial service, seems a most appropriate time to refer to Past Commander-in-Chief Abbott. He was a sentimental man, an idealist, but a practical worker, and everything that pertained to the finer ideals of the human mind and the heart made a powerful appeal to him. The service this afternoon, these greetings and this memorial, the prayer by his old and good friend, Chaplain-in-Chief Patton, and all of the events of this hour, the arrangement of the altar, which he attended to so many times; our beautiful flag, the appeal to patriotism, all were a part of him, and the Sons of Veterans was the biggest part of the last quarter of a century of his life.

At the death of Tennyson, Huxley figuratively caused Westminster Abbey to say, with respect to the interment in that great memorial—

"Bring me my dead!
Into the storied hall,
Where I have garnered all
My harvest without weed;
My chosen fruits of goodly seed;
And lay him gently down among,
The Men of State, the men of song:
The men that would not suffer wrong,
The thought-worn chieftains of the mind,
Head servants of the human kind."

Dear Commander, in response to the thirty-sixth annual roll-call of the Commandery-in-Chief, the Illinois Division points to this vacant but flag draped chair, and begs to place upon the record of our Order the splendid example, the noble life, and the enduring memory of our deceased brother, Past Commander-in-Chief George B. Abbott.

Commander-in-Chief: Many of our Divisions have been bereaved during the past year of those who have contributed much to their success and advancement. The far-off Division of California and Pacific lost one of its great men, a strong man, a man of honor, and a man of principle, a man anxious to do any duty for the Order, one whom I had the honor to have serve as one of my Special Aides up to the time of his death. As no representative of the Division of California and Pacific is present in the Encampment, Brother Michael Crowley will respond on behalf of Past Division Commander George W. Conart, who died June 14th last.

Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers: The last time I saw Brother Conart, I think, was at Detroit. He was there with Brother Scott of California. He was jovial and had that great smile upon his face and pleasant word, which you would think would last for years and years.

But the Almighty saw fit to take him. I will say, out of sight, in mind; I have him in mind now, but he out of sight, only in Heaven with the rest of the great people.

He was one that was a friend behind your back, similar to that old friend of mine, Doctor Abbott, whom I knew well.

Brother Conart was a strong man; he was a man that admired and loved the Sons of Veterans and its work. He was looking forward to the time when he would be of more assistance to the Order; because he was way over there in California, but he says, "Distance will lend enchantment," and was thinking of the future, when his encouragement and his work as a Son of a Veteran would influence the rest of the boys out there.

Mention was made this afternoon about quality. That is what we want in this Order. We want that that will be lasting and elevating for the future posterity. Brother Conart was one of those men, and he was an example to young men of today, and one they could look to and follow in the future. He was one whom the Commander-in-Chief honored by appointing him as Special Aide upon his staff, to look after California, and to help those that had fallen out of the Order of Sons of Veterans and assist them back into the ranks. May God bless his family and the Sons of California.

Commander-in-Chief: The Division of Indiana is one of those that mourn. Past Division Commander George C. Harvey died November 16th, last. Brother Geo. W. Kreitenstein will speak to us.

Geo. W. Kreitenstein, of Indiana: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers: George C. Harvey died during the past year. His father was killed in the trench in battle. Naturally when the organization of Sons of Veterans was started he was one of the first boys in Indiana to join the Order, in 1883. He was the first Captain of his Camp, at Danville, Indiana. In 1883 he was elected Division Commander, and during all these years, I think I can safely say, he only missed three or four meetings. At one time he was National Counselor of this Order and gave it his splendid advice. We boys of Indiana, when we got into trouble, would always go to George for advice. We mourn him in Indiana, and I am sure the Order misses one of its best friends, both in Indiana and in the national Body.

Commander-in-Chief: The Division of Michigan is another that claims our attention at this time. Past Division Commander F. E. Munger died on July 21st of the present year. Brother McMurtrie will speak of him.

F. J. McMurtrie, of Michigan: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers of the Encampment: My own personal tribute in the form of an obituary of his life is contained in the last copy of The Banner, and it would seem to me superfluous to go into the same field. There are, however, a few other items I wish to speak upon. One of the most fitting tributes that has occurred to the brothers has occurred during my presence in this Encampment. I have been called by the name of Brother Munger, at least, half a dozen times by mistake. Even our good National Secretary did so on first clasping my hand. We have been pretty nearly inseparable, Munger and McMurtrie, for a good many years. It was my privilege, in 1895, to sign a charter making him a member of the Order. He was my successor a few years later as Division Commander. He has officiated in

each and every capacity of the Camp and of the Division; a faithful worker, and a true and loyal friend. It seems peculiar that in his connection with this Order I should have been the originator of his membership, and the last to place a tribute of affection upon his memory here.

Brother Munger was able, as I have stated, in all capacities, and you will find his name mentioned in connection with committee work for years.

It was my pleasure further, not only to lay the flowers of memory on his remains, but also to be with him in many of his hours of illness prior to the time of his untimely passage. His mind was exceptionally active for a number of months, while the disease was running its fatal course, and in all of those hours he delighted to dwell upon the memories of the past. The June Encampment, a month exactly preceding his passing, I came to him personally—we sent a tribute of memory to him from the Encampment, which he appreciated dearly.

Brothers, it has been my pleasure to be associated with Brother Munger for years, and I feel the better and the nobler man by having had this close contact with a noble character.

Commander-in-Chief: The Division of New Hampshire on the 4th of December last suffered a loss in the death of Past Division Commander Linn E. Drummer. Past Division Commander Frank H. Challis will speak to us of him.

Frank H. Challis, of New Hampshire: Commander-in-Chief, Brothers of this National Encampment: I was strongly impressed, as must have been all the older members of this Encampment, with the opening words of our Commander-in-Chief, referring to our advance in years. We are no longer, as has been referred to by our Grand Army men here, we are no longer the boys that formed this Order more than thirty years ago; and we, the older part of those who are assembled here, as we meet in this National Encampment, and as we grasp each other by the hand, we cannot help thinking of the time when some of us, as we meet here, will not meet again.

There are those within our ranks who are not as conspicuous as others, but they are faithful from dawn until setting sun. There are those who do not aspire to membership or to office in the larger bodies; but there are those who, in their Camps and in their Division, from years end to years end, perform their duties as Sons of Veterans and their duties as citizens of this great Republic. One of those was Linn E. Drummer. He was not one of those who passed through all offices and then remained at home or in obscurity and did not render to the Order the service they should, in return for the honors that have come to them. But for years and years, in his Camp and in our Division, he did everything whenever he could, wherever he was placed; to carry on the work of our Order, and to spread abroad the principles of patriotism.

He was, as has been said here this afternoon, a man, who in his station, in his home, did not disdain to mingle in all the activities of life. He was interested to a certain extent in politics, because he believed the things which he thought should be brought about could be only brought about that way; and whether in politics, whether in Sons of Veterans, whether in any relation of life, the word of Linn E. Drummer was to be depended upon. He was one of those men whom it is good to know, and who, being dead, yet speaks to those who know him.

Brothers of the New Hampshire Division, will you please arise in your places while we salute the memory of Linn E. Drummer. (The brothers of the New Hampshire Division arose and saluted).

Commander-in-Chief: The Division of Ohio has suffered a double loss. Past Division Commander Ed. H. Archer died August 31st of last year. Past Division Commander Henry D. Davis died November 19th last. Past Commander-in-Chief Stephens will speak to us of them.

A. E. B. Stephens, of Ohio: Ohio has lost two of its oldest members, Ed. H. Archer of Dennison Camp No. 1, Columbus, Ohio, and Hyman D. Davis—the Commander has his name Henry, his name is Hyman—of Lookout Camp No. 466, Cleveland, Ohio.

These are two members of the Sons of Veterans who perhaps became members at the beginning of the Order. I remember them in 1886, when I became a member of the Sons of Veterans. Perhaps at my first Division Encampment they were among the first whom I had the pleasure of greeting as a brother Son of a Veteran.

Ed. H. Archer was active in all of the affairs of the Order in the Division of Ohio. He attended regularly, with few exceptions, our Division Encampments. He took an active part in all of the work. He was one of the organizers of Camp No. 1 at Columbus, Ohio. In 1898 we elected him Division Commander. His life was given principally to his state and to his particular neighborhood. As a young man he was elected mayor of his native village, and later became attached to the different state offices. At the time of his death he had but recently retired as Assistant State Treasurer on account of ill health. I can only say in memory of Brother Archer that he was a good and true man, a good citizen, of patriotic manhood, and true and loyal to every trust that was ever given him.

Hy. D. Davis was not only a local character, but he was a national character. He was originally a member of the Hillsboro, Ohio Camp, and later on moving to Cleveland, Ohio, became a member of Lookout Camp at that place. For a number of years he was Mayor of his local city, Hillsboro, Ohio. He took an active part in all of the affairs of his neighborhood; he took an active part in all of the affairs of his state. He was one of the most lovable men in our Division; everybody seemed to love Hy. Davis. He was a man of unassuming nature, quiet and generally peaceful. He was perhaps the best speaker, the best orator, we had in the state of Ohio. We elected him Division Commander in 1905, I believe. His administration of affairs met with the approval of all the Sons of Veterans of our Division. He attended National Encampments more frequently twenty-five or thirty years ago than he did in later life. The older members of the Commandery-in-Chief remember Hy. Davis and they remember Ed. Archer. The younger members perhaps have not had the opportunity to become acquainted with them.

In the loss of these two brothers Ohio is grieved. We miss them in Ohio; we miss them at our Division Encampments; we miss their advice and their help in all of our patriotic work. I can only say that their lives to us, and to the younger members of our Division, has been an example for us to follow; and I know that the acquaintances that they have made, and

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the friendships that they have cemented in our Division, will live long long after this day.

Commander-in-Chief: Pennsylvania mourns the loss of a Past Division Commander, very dear to all who knew him, Karl Steward, who died December 3rd last. Past Division Commander Francis Callahan will speak to us of him.

Francis Callahan, of Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers: It is a singular, yet noteworthy fact, that in this twentieth century, which gives such rich promise of progress, advancement, knowledge, and accomplished facts, far beyond the visionary dreams portrayed by Bacon in his new Atlantis. The primary impulse of mankind concerning the memory of those who traveled the voyage which knows no return have remained practically unaltered. The records, monuments and works of antiquity, preserved for our information, convey the almost universal thought of the fervent desire of man to have his memory cherished beyond the grave. Posterity and its judgment and never far removed from us. It unconsciously influences the motives and conduct of the vast majority, and is, I verily believe, a potent factor in the development and welfare of mankind.

The glimpse afforded us of the dim and distant past reveals mainly the means by which the then rulers of kingdoms and empires took to inform their subjects, in the centuries which they fondly believed would witness the ever increasing glories of their dynasties. How well they governed, how securely they laid the foundation for a love and reverence which they would be unable to enjoy.

So with our deceased brother, Past Division Commander Karl Steward of Pennsylvania; he governed well and securely laid the foundation for a love and reverence, which at this time he is unable to enjoy.

The example set by the high and mighty is followed by the humble and the lowly. It differs only in degrees and not in kind. Ancient Egypt, with its storeroom of embalmed mummies, stored in houses of seeming permanent endurance, with descriptions upon the walls of the tombs, setting forth the dignities and virtues of the deceased, have found imitations down the social scale as far as means and opportunity permitted.

We come here as a body of men from different parts of the United States, in this great national body, to legislate for those in the various states; and we have with us today some of the men who have come here to give their time and their energy in the affairs of this organization that probably will not be at the next National Encampment. So we have come here today to eulogize those of the various Divisions with which we are connected.

I want to say to you, Brothers, that Past Division Commander Karl Steward of Pennsylvania was one of those aggressive men. He was a man who at all times attended the Division Encampments and also the National Encampments. Brother Karl Steward was one of those busy men, but still he always had time to take an interest in the welfare of the Order of the Sons of Veterans. I can truly say that by the loss of Karl Steward the Pennsylvania Division has lost a true and faithful brother.

Commander-in-Chief: The Division of Rhode Island suffered the loss of Past Division Commander Herbert J. Briggs, who

died in March of the present year. Brother Roscoe M. Dexter will speak to us of him.

Roscoe M. Dexter, of Rhode Island: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers: The duty which I have to perform was delegated to me a little while ago by the Commander of the Division of Rhode Island, and, in conformity with his wish, I am going to say a few words in appreciation of the memory of Herbert J. Briggs, who died in March, 1917.

Brother Briggs was a Past Division Commander of the Division of Rhode Island. Both before and after being Division Commander he occupied the office of Division Engineer. As Division Engineer he was responsible for a work of great value, of more than great value, of inestimable value. As Division Engineer he was more largely responsible than any other one man for the platting of all or very nearly all—I think there are very few that are not platted—of the graves in Rhode Island of the veterans of the Civil War. Rhode Island is not a very large state, but has the reputation of being the most densely populated of any of the United States, and in it are many cemeteries, some of them of recent origin, but many are very old, and before the graves were platted there were a great many graves of veterans scattered throughout the cemeteries that no one knew about and no record was had of their location. I think it was a great work that Brother Briggs did in this respect.

Brother Briggs was probably not known to very many, if any, of the members here assembled, outside of his own Division. He was a very steady, hard working, reliable man. He was honest and honorable. He was modest, and a man of very few words. I have seen him many times called upon to speak, and I do not think in responding he ever used over twenty-five words. In emulation of his example, I will make this eulogy brief and close my remarks by simply telling you that he was one of those very few men to whom that quotation, which you all know so well, is justly applicable, "By their deeds ye shall know them."

Commander-in-Chief: Should there be any other loss unknown at the present time among the membership of the Commandery-in-Chief, that fact may be communicated to the National Secretary, and notice will be given of the same in the preparation of the proceedings. Brother Corsbie, of Iowa, do you know of any Commander?

W. L. Corsbie, of Iowa: I wish to state that Past Division Commander J. B. Rowan died in Webster City, July 29 of this year.

Commander-in-Chief: Was he a Past Division Commander?

W. L. Corsbie, of Iowa: He was Past Division Commander of the State of Iowa, yes, sir.

J. Clinton Hiatt, of Maryland: I desire to say that Past Division Commander Rowan was at one time Commander of William B. Cushing Camp No. 30, of Washington, D. C., and at our last meeting we instructed the Committee on Resolutions to prepare resolutions and forward them to his family, and in the last issue of The Banner there is a short article by our National Correspondent, Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman.

Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut: The Division of Connecticut has sustained a double loss during the past year. Two

brothers, Past Division Commanders, for more than a quarter of a century members of our Order, and who, over fifteen years ago were elected, one the immediate successor of the other, as Division Commander of our Division, died. One, Frank R. Hobson, on the 22nd of February this year, and the other, Arthur T. Holt, on the 23rd of July of the present year. It seems a coincidence. They were life long friends, as well as brothers of our Order. They succeeded one the other in the office of Division Commander, and within a very few days of the other they have passed across the Great Divide; and, while we of the Connecticut Division, and you of the Commandery-in-Chief, have sustained a great loss, I can but look upon it as their gain.

They were men of ability, and men whose time was indeed precious to them because of their occupation, and yet they gave unceasingly to the Order. They exemplified the principles of the Order. Nay, more, they exemplified the obligation of the Order of the Sons of Veterans. The Division of Connecticut has lost members that will be missed, and the State of Connecticut has lost citizens that will be missed, because a good Son of a Veteran is always a good citizen. It is their gain, and, while we mourn, we rejoice with them that they have gone to a well merited reward.

Commander-in-Chief: Past Division Commander Frank R. Hobson of Connecticut died February 22, 1917; Past Division Commander Arthur T. Holt of Connecticut died July 23, 1917; Past Division Commander J. B. Rowan of Iowa died July 29, 1917; and Past Division Commander Herbert J. Briggs of Rhode Island died in March of this year. These names will be added to the roll.

The Memorial Services were closed by singing one stanza of "Nearer my God to Thee."

Commander-in-Chief: The Encampment will now resume the regular order of business. If there is no other matter to come before the Encampment at this time it will be in order to take a recess until tomorrow morning. I will announce the Committee on Ritual.

COMMITTEE ON RITUAL.

- A. E. B. Stephens, of Ohio.
- Francis Callahan, of Pennsylvania.
- C. A. Dorsey, of Missouri.
- Frank H. Challis, of New Hampshire.
- Charles H. Young, of Rhode Island.

Charles F. Sherman, of New Jersey: Commander-in-Chief, I move you that we now adjourn until 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

John L. Reeger, of New Jersey: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to, and the Encampment adjourned until 9:30 o'clock, August 23, 1917.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Encampment resumed at 9:30 o'clock a. m., Thursday, August 23, 1917, with Commander-in-Chief Church in the Chair.

Commander-in-Chief: The Credentials Committee has a supplemental report.

National Secretary: Your Committee submit a supplemental report, Commander-in-Chief, showing 192 brothers on the roll of the Encampment.

Charles K. Darling, of Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, the Committee on Officers' Reports submits the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Boston, Mass., August 23, 1917.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Brothers:—

Your Committee on Officers' Reports begs leave to submit the following report:

The Committee has been much impressed, as it feels sure was also the Encampment, by the report of the Commander-in-Chief. Not only was it clear in its diction, but it was most comprehensive in covering fully the activities of the Order during the past year. One cannot fail to be impressed, not only with the spirit in which our Commander-in-Chief entered upon the discharge of his duties, but with the manner in which he has carried through the various lines of activity to successful completion. A most trying year in many respects in which to stand at the head of our Order, it is fully apparent from this report that not a single subject which the exigencies of the times have made it incumbent upon us to take within the scope of our activity has been overlooked. We most heartily commend what he has set down as our duty in connection with national defense and his tender of the services of our Order to the National Government in this time of emergency.

Taking up specifically his recommendations, we concur in the decisions rendered by him and promulgated to the Order.

The recommendation in regard to the amending or revising of the Code on Discipline is respectfully referred to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

We concur in the decision regarding the adoption of a Flag Code.

We concur in the recommendation relative to the appropriation of \$1000 as additional compensation to the National Secretary for the ensuing year.

Your Committee concurs in the recommendation relative to

authorizing the Council-in-Chief to negotiate a contract for the publication and distribution by mail of The Banner for a period of five years.

Your Committee approves the action of the Commander-in-Chief in connection with the National Committee of Patriotic and Defense Societies and concurs in his recommendation in connection therewith, as well as the recommendation relative to the Federal Food Administration.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

We commend this officer for his fidelity to the trust imposed, and feel that he has earned the thanks of the Commandery-in-Chief for his earnestness in the discharge of his duties.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

His report, while brief, has in it the full spirit of service rendered to the Order in connection with increase in membership, and shows his devotion to the cause in which we are all so deeply interested.

NATIONAL SECRETARY.

A consideration of his report confirms the opinion of each succeeding Commandery-in-Chief, that this officer displays in the performance of his duty such skill and wisdom as has merited the commendation of the members of our Order. The statistical portion thereof is very interesting and shows conclusively the conciseness with which the records of his office are kept and the interest he manifests in the welfare thereof. He is ever ready to give to the various Divisions advice and assistance which have proven to be of the greatest help to the officers in command.

We concur in the recommendation relative to permitting the Council-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer and Commander-in-Chief to increase the prices of supplies when necessity arises, as set forth therein.

We concur in the recommendation that the per capita tax be fixed at twenty-four cents for the term 1917-1918, payable quarterly at the rate of six cents.

NATIONAL TREASURER.

We very much regret the absence from this Encampment of our National Treasurer, whose services to the Order have been of the highest value during many years, and concur in his recommendation that he be authorized to invest the sum of \$2500 in such forthcoming bond issue as may be made by the Government for war purposes.

NATIONAL COUNSELOR.

This report presents clearly and succinctly the matters referred to him during the year, and the opinions rendered by him meet with our approval.

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN.

This officer has demonstrated a great interest in a very important part of our work, and this interest has convinced him of a dereliction on the part of Division Chaplains in the matter of rendering their reports. It is very important that Division Chaplains perform the duties of their office as required by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Order. To make these reports of any value for statistical purposes, they should

be practically complete. The Committee regrets that it cannot specifically recommend the adoption of the two recommendations of the Chaplain-in-Chief, although fully agreeing with him in the spirit in which they are offered and the purpose which he seeks thereby to attain. It would appear, however, to the Committee that it would require an amendment of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations to make a report of less than 34 per cent of the Camps of a Division no report at all, and especially in this a serious matter because upon it might depend representation of a Division in the Commandery-in-Chief. Similarly as to the other recommendation, that where Annual Encampments are held after May 15th, the outgoing and not the incoming Division Chaplain shall make a consolidated report for his Division. It is doubtful whether this duty could, by adoption of the recommendation, be made part of the duties of a Chaplain who had ceased to hold his official position.

The Committee recommends that the Encampment express its disapproval of incomplete reports, whether made to the Chaplain-in-Chief or to any other officer, and that every effort should be made by these officers to place the responsibility therefor upon Division Commanders in office at the time the reports are due to be forwarded, and also hold to equal responsibility their successors in office, even though the delinquency occurred prior to their assuming such office.

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

This officer has in his report supplemental the excellent work done by him during the year, and has richly earned the gratitude of the Commandery-in-Chief for his services.

CHIEF-OF-STAFF.

The report of this officer, while not submitted in print, has been carefully read by us and we commend what he has to say in reference to the status of the Reserve. It is evident that the affairs of this important branch of the Order are safe in his hands and that his administration should receive our hearty commendation.

The Committee on Military Affairs and the National Press Correspondent submit brief reports of their work, which meet with our full approval.

We regret the absence from the Encampment of the National Press Correspondent, Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman, but his work is known and appreciated by us all.

Respectfully submitted,
 CHARLES K. DARLING, Chairman,
 ARTHUR I. VESCELIUS,
 J. COLBY BEEKMAN,
 EDWIN C. IRELAN,
 J. E. SAUTTER.

Charles K. Darling, of Massachusetts: I move the adoption of the report.

Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire: I second the motion. The motion was agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: A delegation from the Woman's Relief Corps is in waiting. I will ask Past Commander Callahan,

National Chaplain Patton and Commander Davis of New Hampshire to escort the ladies to the Encampment.

Frank L. Shepard, of Illinois: While we are waiting, I call your attention and the attention of the Encampment to the very serious accident which happened to Past Commander-in-Chief Gilman yesterday afternoon. All of us recall the cheerfulness and kindness of Comrade Gilman, while he was Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, to the Sons of Veterans, but that is only a page in his whole life. It would seem that we could do nothing that would be adequate as an expression of our affection for him, or our sympathy at this moment, but, as a slight evidence, I move you that the Commander-in-Chief be authorized to express to him our sympathy, in such language, and in such form, as he may see fit.

R. H. Dexter, of Rhode Island: I second the motion.
The motion was agreed to.

(At this point the delegation from the Woman's Relief Corps was escorted to the Encampment).

VISIT OF DELEGATION FROM WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

Francis Callahan, of Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief, it gives me great pleasure at this time to introduce to you Mrs. Laura W. Willow, the Department Secretary of the State of Pennsylvania of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Commander-in-Chief: Sister Willow, we are very glad indeed to welcome you to our Encampment.

Oscar E. Davis, of New Hampshire: Commander-in-Chief, it gives me great pleasure at this time to introduce to you and our convention Mrs. Kate Carlin, Department President of Washington and Alaska.

Commander-in-Chief: Mrs. Carlin, we are very glad to welcome you to our Encampment.

National Chaplain Patton: I am more than pleased and delighted to introduce to you and our convention, Miss Cora E. Harris, former Department President of Wisconsin.

Commander-in-Chief: Miss Harris, we are glad to welcome you to our Encampment this morning.

Brothers, you will escort the distinguished ladies to our platform.

(The ladies were escorted to the platform amid applause).

Commander-in-Chief: I have great pleasure, Brothers, in introducing to you this delegation from the grand Woman's Relief Corps. No words that I could say at this time will add to the esteem in which we hold that splendid organization. Mrs. Willow will address you.

Mrs. Laura W. Willow: Commander-in-Chief and members of the splendid organization of the Sons of Veterans: Now, I speak advisedly, because I am the wife of one and the mother of four. (Applause).

We come to you this morning with the greeting from our National President, Mrs. Ida K. Martin, and she has told me of the many pleasant occasions upon which she has met your Commander-in-Chief, and we voice the sentiment of the entire organization of the Woman's Relief Corps when we say to you that we are very fond of the Sons of Veterans. The Pennsylvania Division of Sons of Veterans know all about it; know all my

family history, so it would not be necessary for me to tell it here.

I want to say to you that this committee is composed of women from the Far West, the Middle West and the East, and we are proud to come to you with our greetings. We bring to you, as I said before, the greetings of the National President, and the National Body, and personally we bring to you the greetings of Washington and Alaska, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, the banner state of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. (Applause).

We know your time is valuable, as is ours. We are sorry that we might not have come earlier, and I want to say, before I close, that there is no paper, nothing that comes into my family, month after month, that I study and know all about more than I do the official paper of the Sons of Veterans, The Banner. (Applause). I venture to say that Mr. Willow gets lots of information that he has not gotten from the paper that his wife finds out first, because she has a little more time to look it up. I thank you for this hearty welcome.

Commander-in-Chief, I understand you have had a very successful year. I congratulate you upon the year's work, and to all I wish you God speed. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: Ladies, I want to say just one word to you, and that is to express my great esteem for your National President, who has shown our Order and myself so many courtesies during the past year, and whom I know has given to your Order a most successful administration.

I will call upon Past Commander-in-Chief Grant to respond to the greetings of the delegation from the Woman's Relief Corps.

Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut: Commander-in-Chief, Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps, and Brothers: for I am to speak the words that are in the hearts, thought I cannot speak them as fully as I may, I cannot speak the real and true feelings that lie in the breast of each brother present, for you and all those noble women who are associated with you in your magnificent work. We are sons of veterans. Some of us have been engaged in the military service of our country, and our sons are now engaged in the military service of the country. You will pardon a personal reference: I have one of my sons who is now in France, on the other side, and he is fighting for his country on the other shore. In those hours, hours of duty and hours when his thoughts go back to his home and to his country, is he thinking of his Dad? No. His thought goes back to his mother. And the thoughts of our boys will continually go back in all those hours to their mothers, their wives and their sweet hearts, because they come closer, closer, to the fighting boy than any one living being. And so it is our feelings go out to your organization; we appreciate what you have done for us; we appreciate your courtesies, coming here, possibly a matter of form, but yet more than that, you have come here out of a real love for our Order, we believe.

We accept your greetings, accept your affection, accept your service, with the deepest appreciation, and ask you to return to your Encampment and tell them how much we appreciate your coming, and that we bid you God speed in your work. (Applause).

(The ladies were escorted from the Encampment).

Commander-in-Chief: Is any committee ready to report?

Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut: The Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations is ready to report.

Commander-in-Chief: You may present your report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut: To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-sixth National Encampment:

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

The Division of California and Pacific presented three amendments to the constitution. The first one as follows:

"Chapter 3. Article 5. Section 1-B: No member shall be eligible to the office of Division Commander unless he be a Past Commander in good standing."
Your Committee reports unfavorably.

I would move, Commander-in-Chief, unless there is objection the action of the Committee, as reported, be considered sustained.

John L. Reeger, of New Jersey: I second the motion.
The motion was agreed to.

Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut: The second amendment is—

"Chapter 3. Article 5. Section 3: To amend: Vacancies in delegate representation to and at the time of the Division Encampment may be filled by a vote of delegates from the camp in attendance at the encampment. The Camp Commander having the prior right to appoint members to fill vacancies."

The Committee approves this amendment.

The third amendment is—

"Chapter 6. Article 8. To amend: Officers of camps shall be installed either by a Past Commander or by some member of the G. A. R. in good standing who shall make reports thereof upon the blanks furnished to him.

To add: Installation of Division Officers shall be performed at Encampment by a Past Division Commander to be chosen by the Division Commander-elect,"
Your Committee report unfavorably.

The Division of Iowa presented the following resolution:

"That Section 4, Chapter 2, part of line 5 and all of lines 6, 7, 8 and 9 be stricken out and in place thereof the following be inserted:

"That when a camp does not report per capita tax to the Division, that the Division Secretary shall be required to report only as suspended, and that no per capita tax shall be due the Commandery-in-Chief until said camp shall be reinstated, when back per capita tax shall become due."

The Committee report unfavorably.

The Division of Maine presents the following resolution:

"Whereas, At a meeting of Shepley Camp it was voted to ask the Division of Maine to request legislation of the Commandery-in-Chief looking towards the abolish-

ment of the twenty-five cent membership fee assessed on camps for new members, believing that such a tax is not now needed by the National Encampment.

"Resolved, That our delegation to the next National Convention in Boston be instructed to use all honorable means toward the enactment of said legislation."

The Committee report unfavorably.

The Division of Missouri presented the following:

"Whereas, Our Government is at present engaged in warfare, and

"Whereas, A large percentage of the members of Camps of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., have enlisted in the service of the Government, and

"Whereas, The Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., has always been foremost in inculcating patriotism and love of country, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Missouri Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in encampment assembled, instruct the Camps of the Division that the per capita tax of any brother member in good standing, who has enlisted in the Country's Military Service, will be remitted to the Camps during the term of his enlistment, plus a period of six months after expiration of his enlistment.

"Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Commandery-in-Chief with a request that the National Commandery recommend the adoption of the foregoing to all Divisions and that the Commandery-in-Chief remit to the various Division, the per capita tax of each member reported as enlisted in the Military Service of his Country, as outlined above."

Your Committee approve of the spirit which prompts the Division of Missouri, and approve of anything that is an encouragement or indicative of approval of enlistment of our members in the military service of our country, but they were obliged to report this resolution unfavorably, for the reason that in many of the states provisions have been made for Home Guards and like military organizations. May I state, in my own state of Connecticut we have a Home Guard of ten thousand members, and we have some Camps who have entire companies in that Guard, but every man is working at his dally task, and there is no reason why his dues should be remitted, and a resolution of this sort is, in our judgment, altogether too far sweeping, and for the reason that the Divisions are best able to judge of their own condition and what the scope of such action should be. For that reason we report unfavorably.

The Division of Missouri also present the following resolution:

"Resolved, That we petition the Commandery-in-Chief at Boston Encampment, to consider an amendment to Chapter two (2), Article seven (7), Section two (2) of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and the first and second paragraphs of Page 52, of the Ritual, all covering the duties of the Senior and Junior Vice Commanders, as follows:

In addition to duties now imposed, the following be inserted:

"Senior Vice Commander: Under direction of the Commander, will be held responsible for the sick and relief work; authorized to appoint his own committee and change same every quarter. Where camps officiate at Grand Army funerals, he will be held responsible for the obtaining of required pallbearers.

"Junior Vice Commander: Under direction of the Commander, he will have charge of the recruiting work, both new and suspended, and also assist the Secretary and Treasurer in bringing back members who appear to have lost interest or who may be in danger of suspension for non-payment of dues. He shall appoint his own committee, changing same every quarter."

All the duties herein covered certainly should be covered by Camps, but each Camp, in the judgment of the Committee, should be permitted to do that work in the province of their own Camp. If they choose to put one of these duties upon the Senior Vice Commander it is entirely within their power to do so under our present constitution. Likewise as to the Junior Vice Commander. But it seems to the Committee ill judgment that we should attempt to make it compulsory for all the Camps, because we would interfere very seriously with the active workings of a great many Camps. For that reason, while we approve of having these duties performed, there should not be strictly a constructional regulation of this sort. We report unfavorably.

The New York Division has two recommendations. First:

"That a paragraph be added to Section 4, Article 1, Chapter II of our Constitution to read as follows:

"Camps having been dropped for 3 quarters or less may be reinstated upon payment of a required fee to be determined by the Division and may retain their original charter."

Your Committee reports favorably. The purpose of this resolution, as the Committee understands it, is that where a Camp may have been dropped for a period of not more than 3 quarters, 9 months, if some good live energetic brother can go and get that Camp back, that they can have the original charter returned to them without paying the new charter fee. The Order has lost nothing; they have the Camp back into the Order; it is along the line of saving these Camps. Certainly if we could do anything that would correct that condition we should do it. It is no injury to our Commandery-in-Chief, and we approve very heartily of this provision.

The second recommendation is—

"That a paragraph be added to Section 2, Article VII, Chapter III to read as follows:

"Divisions shall pay to the Commandery-in-Chief \$2.50 for the reinstatement of Camps which have been dropped 3 quarters or less."

Which is the amount, I believe, that they should pay, and the Committee approve of it.

The Division of Ohio presented the following:

"That Chapter II, Article VI, be amended by adding thereto a new section, to be designated Section 7 and to be and to read as follows:

"Sec. 7. Any member who shall hereafter serve, or complete the service of, five full, consecutive terms as Camp Secretary or as Camp Treasurer, shall be entitled to all the rights, privileges and honors now accorded by law to Past Camp Commanders."

Your Committee reports unfavorably. Your Committee has in mind, I think, at least, two, within the past ten years, of like propositions that have been before this Commandery-in-Chief, and in each instance has been refused. This is not indicative that the Commandery-in-Chief does not approve of five years' honest work on the part of the Secretary or the Treasurer, but it believes that if a Camp is fortunate in having a brother who has served five years and who merits the iron cross and the name of Past Commander, that he is worth having the actual rank of Commander, and that they should reward him by electing him Commander of that Camp, and we feel that there is no occasion for giving a man a *nom de plume* that he has not actually gotten. He can be called a Past Commander, but he may not have a Past Commander's right, a right to vote in the Division Encampment. Why not give him the real goods.

William F. Chambers, of Ohio: In reference to that, I desire to call attention to the fact that if a man works, as every Secretary and every Treasurer must work, for five long years there should be some recognition of that. We can give them no other recognition than that of the right to a seat in our Encampment. There is not to any Camp a man more entitled to consideration than the Treasurer. Without the Treasurer, the Commander and the balance of the organization amounts to nothing. We need money, we have to have it, and if a man for five years puts in his entire time, without any other compensation than that of the honor of working for the organization, we ought, at least, to give him the same recognition that we would give to a brother who would occupy the seat of Commander for one single year, and that year should not have been of any consequence had he not had the loyal support of the Secretary and Treasurer. By that way it will enable us to keep each man in the position for a long time. As it is we often have to take them out of this position that they are thoroughly fitted for, and put them in as Commander in order to give them the right to vote. It is very true that one who has been a Commander could occupy that position, but how few will do that. As a rule, after they have been Commander, they do not take the subordinate position, and that is the reason Ohio is for that.

John E. Sautter, of Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief, I move the concurrence in the recommendation of the Committee, in order to bring it before the Encampment.

National Secretary: I would like to inquire from Brother Chambers whether that also relates to the National Secretary to make him Past Commander-in-Chief? (Laughter).

William F. Chambers, of Ohio: We, as a subordinate body would hardly have the right to make a suggestion in regard to the Commandery-in-Chief. The Commandery-in-Chief is supreme over everybody and every camp. We make no recommendations that will govern the Commandery-in-Chief.

W. L. Corsbie, of Iowa: I would like to bring a little test of that kind. In Iowa we have a Secretary and Treasurer who is now this year starting in on his ninth consecutive year as Secretary, and if a recommendation of that kind be passed, then I would like to see it carried on, not for the Camps, but for the Division, to give a man like he, who has put in nine years, the Past Division Commander's vote. Many, many national conventions, Taylor has attended through the courtesies of the boys sending him, but he comes here, he hasn't a voice in our national convention, and a man of that kind, I think, would be entitled to it.

Frank O. Wilkinson, of Ohio: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, if there is any person in an organization that should receive recognition it is the Camp Secretary and the Camp Treasurer. I know myself that I filled that office for a period of fifteen years, in those days known as the First Sergeant of the Camp, not only when I was Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and my friend, Brother Bundy was the Commander-in-Chief, we filled those two offices year in and year out; and I want to say right now, while I was a Camp Commander for a number of terms I do not know of any person in the Camp that is of more importance, or in any other organization, than the First Sergeant or Secretary of your organization. I say in all organizations. For a period of many years I have been a secretary of a Masonic lodge; they have elected me year in and year out; and in all organizations you will find the same thing, that the Secretary or the First Sergeant, or any officer who holds the official capacity, clerical position, is more important than the Master of a lodge.

William M. P. Bowen, of Rhode Island: I second the motion of Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter.

Commander-in-Chief: Which was that the report of the Committee on the resolution be concurred in.

The motion was put and agreed to.

Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut: The Division of Pennsylvania has presented a large number of propositions, amendments to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations. I think there are twenty-four of them. Some of them are of not large moment. You could only understand them by having your Constitution, Rules and Regulations at hand and comparing with the matter that I could read to you: "Chapter 4, Article 3, Page 34. Section 1, strike out this section and in lieu thereof insert, Commandery-in-Chief," and so forth. You could only get the meaning of that by having it and comparing it. Your Committee have reported unfavorably on all those, except those that I will explain to you, upon which they have reported favorably. If there are any of those which you want read specifically, I would be very glad to take them up. Unless there is interest on your part to that extent, it will be covered by the unfavorable report of the Committee.

I would suggest, the first one upon which the Committee report unfavorably is the suggestion to change the name of this Organization to the Sons of Union Veterans 61-65.

The next provision is one that provides for the formation of Honorary Corps connected with our Order of Sons of Veterans. Those Corps may be composed of citizens of United States. We report unfavorably.

But, passing to the matter upon which we have reported favorably. The following:

"Strike out Article XXIV, Page 76 of the Rules and Regulations and in lieu thereof submit the following:

"Section 1. The Commander-in-Chief shall have jurisdiction over charges preferred against Members, Camps, or Divisions of the Order."

Commander-in-Chief: Past Commander-in-Chief Grant, may I interrupt you a moment. There is present a delegation of the Daughters of Veterans, and I assume it will take some time to conclude your report.

Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut: It will.

Commander-in-Chief: If we have now consent we will suspend and admit the delegation. I will ask Past Division Commander Miller of Pennsylvania and Past Commander Bradford of Massachusetts to escort the delegation of the Daughters of Veterans to the Encampment.

(The ladies were escorted to the Encampment).

VISIT OF DELEGATION FROM THE DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS.

Charles J. Miller, of Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief, it gives me great pleasure at this time to introduce to you Mrs. Maud Ford, Past Division President of Connecticut, Daughters of Veterans.

Commander-in-Chief: Mrs. Ford, we are very glad indeed to welcome you to our Encampment this morning.

Fred J. Bradford, of Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, it affords me great pleasure to present Past Division President of the Daughters of Veterans of Massachusetts, Mrs. Grace M. P. Brock.

Commander-in-Chief: Mrs. Brock, we are very glad indeed to welcome you to our Encampment.

Brothers, will you escort our visitors to the platform.

(The ladies were escorted to the platform).

Commander-in-Chief: Brothers of the Encampment, I have great pleasure in introducing to you Mrs. Ford of the Daughters of Veterans.

Mrs. Maud Ford: Members of the National Convention, assembled for the thirty sixth time: It is indeed a rare privilege, as well as an honor that of extending to Sister Brock and myself the privilege of bringing the greetings to you from the Daughters of Veterans.

The organizations of the Sons and Daughters of Veterans are something to the Grand Army of the Republic that never can be filled by other people. For that reason we enjoy highly the duties of our work, and trust you do the same.

Just before reaching your meeting place we passed the State House, and we felt that it should indeed be an inspiration to you, in carrying on your convention, to feel that you were meeting-so near this historic place.

I wish to bring you the best wishes and loving greetings of every member of the National Daughters of Veterans, and

wish for you a most successful and prosperous convention. No better time could have been chosen for this convention than now, when so many of our Brother sons have had to give up their work to take up the duties of the country; and in all your words and actions remember that you are working for—

Your flag and my flag,
And, oh, how it holds,
Your hand and my hand,
We hope secure within its folds.

Your heart and my heart,
Beat quick at its sight;
Sun kissed and wind torn,
The red, the blue, the white.

The one flag, the great flag,
The flag for me and you,
Glorify all else besides,
The red, the white, the blue.

(Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: I am very glad, Brothers, to introduce to you Sister Brock, also of the Daughters of Veterans.

Mrs. Grace M. P. Brock: Brothers of the Encampment: Coming up the street I felt that I would let Sister Ford do all the talking; but, like every other woman, I had a word to say, and I am going to say it.

I first of all, want to perform my official duty of adding, to her extension of greetings from our organization, my own. I believe it is the first time I have been privileged to come into a National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, and I am certainly glad of the privilege to do it in my own home City of Boston, and certainly do extend to you the sincerest greetings of the Daughters at Paul Revere Hall. You have the earnest support of every Daughter of Veteran in all your loyal undertakings.

The thought that came to me as I sat here, and which I want to speak of particularly, may possibly affect the boys from Massachusetts rather than elsewhere. But when Sister Ford spoke of the inspiration that came from the golden dome at the side here, I thought of two other inspirations which I have received since being in the City of Boston, from this Encampment. The first was Tuesday morning, when I saw some thirteen or fourteen hundred Sons of Veterans acting as escort for the Grand Army of the Republic. Sons, it was a wonderful sight to see you lined up and leading that parade. Let us hope that never will there be another Grand Army parade that you will not have hundreds and hundreds more than there was in this one this year. (Applause).

The other inspiration was last evening, in Mechanic's Hall; first, the veterans carrying those flags down the aisle to the stage. Then, from the gallery, where my seat happened to be, looking down on the floor of that great auditorium and seeing those bared or bald and gray heads of the veterans, our fathers. Boys, just think of it, all these men gathered there after all these years, and filled with the enthusiasm that they had last night. How they sang and how they enjoyed it. Don't it make you feel ashamed of the sons that haven't even the backbone to

join your organization? (Applause). It makes me sick at heart for the daughters. We have thousands and thousands of them, and they will not even sign their name to the pledge that shows they are the daughters of one of those heroes.

Then, too, Brothers, the work that is before us now; for you perhaps to march forth, if not, to furnish accoutrements for somebody else, and for us to help here at home. All these things can but fill us with anxiety, as well as pleasure, to think that we perhaps can do just a little bit for Old Glory that was saved by our fathers.

Now, Brothers, I won't take another minute of your time; you are busy and we are busy; and I extend to you my personal greetings, that of Massachusetts, and again that of our National Convention. I thank you. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: Sisters of the Daughters of Veterans, please convey to your most excellent National President, Mrs. Best, the sincere thanks of this Encampment, and of myself, for delegating you to represent your Encampment. I am sure that the inspiration you have brought us this morning will add very much to the pleasant memories we shall carry from this assemblage.

National Counselor Jones will reply to your greetings.

National Counselor Arthur L. Jones: Commander-in-Chief and Sisters, representatives of that splendid organization, the Daughters of Veterans: We do appreciate these greetings, because they come from those who are kith and kin to us. To be very frank, Brothers and Sisters, blood is a little thicker than water.

I want to say to you and to our Sisters—I am using the word "we"—we have the proudest heritage of any living soul; that heritage is our father's record in the Civil War. (Applause). Nothing in this life that can come to you or to us of such priceless value; and oh, I would join with the sister, and say, where, where are the thousands of sons and the thousands of daughters who do not seem to wake up to that great heritage. Lord grant that the day may soon come when all over this land there will be an awakening, and perhaps this great tragedy that is now taking place will be the cause of the awakening, and instead of fifty or sixty thousand there will be five hundred thousand sons and five hundred thousand daughters. (Applause).

Time is going. May I offer, in closing, a toast, which I would dedicate to the Sons and to the Daughters of Veterans of the Grand Army.

My country's flag, of thee,
Flag of the noble free,
Of thee I sing:
The flag our fathers bore,
Where deadly missiles tore,
Many brave hearts made bare,
Thy life to save.

Oh, God, who rules above,
Author of peace and love,
Our flag defend;
Should hand of traitor dare,
Its silken folds to tear,
Or seek to mar a star,
God strike him dead.

When I am laid to rest,
The flag I love the best,
Above me wave;
Around my ashes cold,
This silken train unfold,
This flesh and spirit,
Hold in love's embrace.

(Applause).

(The ladies were escorted from the Encampment).

VISIT OF DELEGATION FROM SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY.

Commander-in-Chief: I am informed that a delegation from the Auxiliary is in attendance with some flowers in commemoration of Past Commander-in-Chief Abbott. I will ask Colonel Horn of Pennsylvania, Commander Vescelius of New Jersey, and Past Commander Elliott of New Hampshire to escort this delegation to the Encampment.

(The delegation was then escorted to the Encampment by the committee).

Arthur I. Vescelius, of New Jersey: Commander-in-Chief, it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you Mrs. Waugh, the Division Treasurer of Massachusetts Division, Auxiliary of Sons of Veterans.

Commander-in-Chief: We are very glad indeed to welcome you to our Encampment this morning.

Samuel S. Horn, of Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief, it gives me pleasure to introduce Miss Minnie Fowler Scott, Division Aide of Massachusetts.

Commander-in-Chief: We are pleased to welcome you, Sister Scott.

Alonzo W. Elliott, of New Hampshire: It gives me great pleasure at this time to present to you Mac L. Bush, Massachusetts Division Treasurer.

Commander-in-Chief: We are very glad indeed to welcome you, Sister Bush.

Brothers, will you escort our visitors to the platform.

(The ladies were escorted to the platform).

Commander-in-Chief: Brothers, I have great pleasure in introducing to you at this time, Mrs. Waugh, a member of our own Auxiliary. (Applause).

Mrs. Waugh: Brother Church, and Brothers of the Order: We are here from the National Body of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary to bring this token of our love, to dedicate that memorial chair that you have in memory of Brother George B. Abbott, and it gives me great pleasure at this time, Commander-in-Chief Church, to give it to you to place upon that chair.

(Presenting a beautiful spray of flowers).

Commander-in-Chief: I thank you, and I thank you for the spirit which prompts this offer. We know that we have the affection and love of all the members of our Auxiliary, but this memento from you to our beloved Past Commander-in-Chief George B. Abbott, brings to us the realization of the close relation that exists between your splendid Order and our own.

Chaplain-in-Chief Patton, I will ask you to receive this offering of our Auxilliary and place it for them in the vacant chair of our Past Commander-in-Chief.

(The floral offering was here placed in the vacant chair by Chaplain-in-Chief Patton).

Commander-in-Chief: Commander Loucks of New York, will you respond to this tribute from our Auxilliary?

I, Harris Loucks of New York: Sisters of our Auxilliary: You bring to us a touch of sadness on this occasion. We are reminded again, as we have been so many times, during this Encampment, of the loss of one of our greatest men, the loss of Past Commander-in-Chief Abbott. We miss in this convention his words of wisdom, his great mind, his splendid ability, his loving affection for the fathers who fought so nobly to preserve the Union, and how much more at this time than at any other time, it is hard for us to say, as we now are engaged in a great conflict. He brought perhaps to us, as much as any other man in the Order, the ideas that Lincoln expressed at Gettysburg, when he said, "Let us here highly resolve that these honored dead shall not have died in vain."

Brother Abbott's life was spent in exemplifying that which your Order and our Order are trying to make the world realize, and to make the young men and the young women, that are now growing up, realize.

We thank you for coming here and expressing in this splendid way your appreciation, your love, your affection and esteem for our dear Brother. (Applause).

(The ladies were escorted from the Encampment).

Commander-in-Chief: A request comes to me from the Auxilliary to know whether we will adjourn promptly at 12 o'clock for luncheon. If not, they will have their lunch first.

Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire: I make a motion we adjourn at 12 o'clock.

Commander-in-Chief: Wouldn't it be more courteous to let the girls eat first?

Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire: Always leave it to the Ladies, Mr. Commander-in-Chief: I always give them the right of way.

George W. Krettenstein, of Indiana: I move that when we take a recess that we take a recess at one o'clock this afternoon.

National Chaplain Patton: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: Past Commander-in-Chief Grant has the floor.

Report of Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations—Resumed.

Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut: (Reading):

"Section 1. The Commander-in-Chief shall have jurisdiction over charges preferred against Members, Camps or Divisions of the Order.

"Section 2. Charges against the Commander-in-Chief shall be made to the Council-in-Chief, who shall act upon the same, subject to an appeal to the Commander-in-Chief Encampment.

"Section 3. Charges may be preferred for violation

of obligation, or the committing of any act tending to injure a Veteran, a Brother, or the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

"Section 4. Charges shall be made in writing, and addressed to the Commander-in-Chief.

"Section 5. The Commander-in-Chief may, if circumstances warrant, summarily discipline a Member, Camp or Division; and in the event of such action, he shall appoint within ten days thereafter a Trial Commissioner to take testimony and make such recommendations as he may deem proper; or he may, without action, appoint such commissioner, who shall proceed as set forth in the following sections.

"Section 6. When a Trial Commissioner is appointed, upon receipt of charges, he shall give at least ten (10) days notice to the prosecutor and accused by registered mail, and shall state in such notice time and place for hearing. He shall have the power to postpone hearing, or continue same, and shall be empowered to subpoena witnesses.

"Section 7. The Commissioner shall impartially try to secure all the facts at issue, and when report is complete shall furnish a copy to both the interested parties, who shall then have ten (10) days time to make objections to his report to the Commander-in-Chief.

"Section 8. Upon receipt of Commissioner's report, the Commander-in-Chief may order a rehearing by the same Commissioner, or he may dismiss the charges; or inflict punishment, subject, however, to an appeal by either party interested to the Commandery Encampment, which may by a majority vote of those in Encampment Session approve the act of the Commander-in-Chief; or they may dismiss the charges; reduce, or increase the sentence, or order a new hearing.

"Section 9. No Council will be allowed at hearing before Commissioner.

"Section 10. Where an appeal is taken to the Commandery Encampment, the prosecutor or accused, if brothers, or if not, any brother authorized by either party can appear before a committee, or the Encampment, or both, to represent the parties interested.

"Section 11. The action of the Commandery Encampment shall be final, provided, however, that the matter may be presented to a subsequent Encampment, provided each party interested has received thirty (30) days notice prior to such Commandery meeting, and the action formerly taken can only be changed by a three-fourths (¾) vote of those present, and voting at said Encampment.

"Section 12. Commissioners may employ a stenographer, and the expense of the trial shall be borne by the Camp of which convicted party is, or was, a member, or by the Division in which convicted Camp is a part; or may be paid from the funds of the Commandery-in-Chief. The Camp or the Division shall have power to collect such expense from the guilty member or Camp.

"Section 13. Sentence may be reprimand, fine, suspension from rights and privileges for a given time, or it may be expulsion. Fines shall be paid to such member, Camp, or Division as the Commander-in-Chief may direct.

"Section 14. Commissioner shall first call on prosecutor to present evidence, after which the defense shall present its case. He alone shall have power to question witnesses, and must be obeyed and respected at all times."

This provision is approved with the exception that the right of appeal from one Commandery to the next one is disapproved.

National Secretary: On that proposition, may I inquire, does that carry the form of procedure in cases of discipline now? How will we provide the form of procedure?

Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut: There is no form attached to this. It will have to be prepared. The person taking the appeal, the Commandery-in-Chief will appoint some person to act as Commissioner. The old form is obsolete. It will be in the way of a finding by Committee.

Commander-in-Chief: I might say, all the trials had this year, the forms have been prepared by the party to the proceeding.

William M. P. Bowen, of Rhode Island: I would like to inquire in this report, whether there is a limitation on the amount of the fine. It strikes me that that is rather a strong proposition.

Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut: Brothers may be reprimanded and fine shall be made as the Commander-in-Chief shall see fit, but, with the right of appeal to the Commandery.

William M. P. Bowen, of Rhode Island: There ought to be some limitation on the fine.

Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut: The Committee was not prepared to name any. This matter will come up on action in the Encampment. I did not understand the Brother objected to it.

William M. P. Bowen, of Rhode Island: That was only a suggestion.

Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut: The Division of Wisconsin presented the following:

"Whereas. The Ritual, Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Sons of Veterans. U. S. A., are not definite upon the question of eligibility to the office of Division Commander, therefore be it

"Resolved, That it is the sense of the Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Wisconsin Division, Sons of Veterans, that an amendment to the constitution should be presented to the annual Encampment of Commandery-in-Chief by the members from Wisconsin Division at Boston, 1917, and that this amendment be and read as follows:

"No member shall be eligible to election to the office of Division Commander unless such member has been duly elected to and has served for at least one term as Camp Commander."

Your Committee disapproves.

The Division of Washington presents the following:

"Whereas, As a large proportion of our present as well as prospective members are men who have reached their majority; and for the purpose of adding the right and proper dignity to our beloved Order, we, your Committee respectfully submit the following resolution and ask for its adoption by the Camp:

"Resolved, That General George A. Custer Camp No. 1, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., desires the name of our organization changed from 'Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,' to 'SONS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,' and that our desires in this regard be communicated to the Division Commander of the Division of Washington and Alaska with the request that he may take it up with the Commandery-in-Chief.

"Resolved, That the term 'Veteran,' has become so common that it is applied to the old timers in every occupation and walk in life to such an extent that it has ceased to have significance or special application in connection with those heroes who so valiantly defended the Flag of Our Country during the dark days of '61-'65.

"Resolved, That as there is but one (and there can never be another) 'GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,' the changing of the name of our Order as sought for in this resolution, will add dignity to our organization and the meaning will give unmistakable prestige as it will show that the Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic are the descendants and true representatives of the men who fought in the war for the preservation of the Union."

There is no endorsement that I have been able to observe on the documents from the Division of Washington and Alaska. Your Committee, however, disapprove of the proposed amendment.

Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire: I would like to ask Past Commander-in-Chief Grant with reference to the one you disapprove, of the Commander serving one year. Did you not approve one previous to that?

Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut: We disapproved.

Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire: Of both?

Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut: Of both, yes. This amendment was that no one would be eligible to the office of Division Commander unless he first served as Camp Commander for at least one term.

Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire: That is the second State that recommends that.

Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut: Yes, and we disapprove of it.

Mr. Commander-in-Chief, that completes the report of your Committee. I move that the matters which have been approved by the Committee, and approved by this Encampment, be considered as having been adopted as a whole upon first reading and continued to the next meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Edward K. DePuy, of Maryland: I second the motion.

William F. Chambers, of Ohio: I want to ask whether it

would require the suspension of the third year limit rule to pass those, to become effective, quicker. If so, then there should be a motion to suspend the rules. Am I correct?

Commander-in-Chief: There is no provision in our Constitution for the suspension of rules, Brother Chambers. Are there any other remarks?

The motion was agreed to.

Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut: I move the report of the Committee be accepted.

Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire: I second the motion. The motion was agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: Is there any other committee ready to report at this time? Mr. Secretary, have you any business on your table?

National Secretary: There is no business on my table, but there is something running in my mind.

Commander-in-Chief: Can't you run fast enough to catch it?

National Secretary: I hope so, with your permission. I did not hear a report, Commander-in-Chief, made of the demonstration, or the part that we had in the procession on Tuesday. Now, there may have been a report; if there has, then I am out of order.

Commander-in-Chief: No such report has been made.

National Secretary: Well, Commander-in-Chief, it strikes me that we ought to have some official statement, some record presented here, so it will get into the proceedings, a record of the extraordinary and splendid demonstration made by the Commandery-in-Chief here in this Grand Army parade. It is the greatest in the history of the organization, and, surely, we ought to have an official record. I am told, Commander-in-Chief, almost officially, that we had 3,026 members of the organization in our Sons of Veterans column, and it strikes me we ought to have it in the record in the proper form.

Commander-in-Chief: The National Secretary is quite right.

A. J. Whittee, of Massachusetts: I want to say this: Past Commander-in-Chief Amics has asked me to give him the number and he is to make a report later.

Commander-in-Chief: Is the Chief-of-Staff present? I understand that such a report is being prepared and will be presented to the Encampment before its adjournment.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL.

A. E. B. Stephens, of Ohio: The Committee on Ritual is ready to report.

Commander-in-Chief: You may present the report.

A. E. B. Stephens, of Ohio: Brother Commander-in-Chief, there have been submitted to the Committee on Ritual, three resolutions, or changes in the ritualistic work:

"Resolved. That this Division Encampment approve of and recommend to and for adoption by the National Encampment at Boston, Massachusetts, that we favor adding to by inserting in the historical part of the tribute to the Flag, of the initiation ceremony of the ritual immediately after the sentence beginning thus:

'It has cleared the way for civilization, etc.,' the sentence follows: It is assisting the oppressed peoples of other lands to dethrone autocracy and to make democracy safe everywhere."

Your Committee reports unfavorably upon this proposal.

The proposed changes in the ritual offered by the Division of Pennsylvania. I think this has been published. I don't know whether it is necessary to read all of this or not.

Commander-in-Chief: It has not been published.

A. E. B. Stephens, of Ohio: (Reading):

"Opening Ceremony:

Com.: All assume their stations.

One rap Senior and Junior Vice standing at station, Color Bearer standing half way between Commander and altar facing the altar holding flag directly in front of him. Chaplain standing one pace to his right, Patriotic Instructor half way between his station and altar. Secretary standing with roll-book in hand at the right end of line facing Commander in rear of the altar. Camp Council next, then Treasurer, Guide, Inside and Outside Guards, Musicians on right of Secretary with drum.

Com.: Guide, open Bible.

Guide salutes, and says, 'Your orders have been obeyed,' and slips back in line.

Com.: The Secretary will call the roll.

Secretary salutes, calls the roll, and says he finds all present, or reports such absentees.

The Commander then details substitutes, who take their position in line.

Com.: Chaplain, you will now ask the blessing of God on our deliberation.

Chaplain salutes.

The Commander gives command, 'Parade at rest.'

Chaplain then says, 'O, God, We pray Thee to Bless our actions, and to preserve our beloved country.'

Members respond, Amen.

Commander gives command, attention.

Com.: Patriotic Instructor, you will now recite Lincoln's Address at Gettysburg.

Instructor salutes, and delivers the charge."

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Graves: I arise to a point, and ask for information, if it is possible at this time to ask Past Commander-in-Chief Stephens if this committee recommends these changes.

A. E. B. Stephens, of Ohio: The Committee does not recommend.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Graves: Then what is the use of our sitting here through that lot of gushing?

A. E. B. Stephens, of Ohio: There is no particular use that I know, but I am performing a certain duty that has been imposed upon me.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Graves: Then I move it be not read.

The motion was seconded.

Commander-in-Chief: The motion is that the reading of these amendments to the ritual be dispensed with and the Committee present its recommendation.

The motion was put and agreed to.

A. E. B. Stephens, of Ohio: The Committee reports unfavorably upon the adoption of this.

We have a resolution offered by Camp 54 of Medford, Massachusetts. It was endorsed at the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Division, held in Boston, Massachusetts, April 10th and 11th, and ordered referred to the Commandery-in-Chief.

"Whereas, There is a concerted movement by the patriotic societies allied with the Grand Army of the Republic of this State (Massachusetts), to adopt one and the same form of Flag Salute, and

"Whereas, In the interest of uniformity among the allied Orders, the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., should adopt the same declaration of loyalty to our Flag,

"Resolved, That this Encampment (Massachusetts Division) petition the National Encampment to take such action as will amend and shorten the pledge of allegiance in our ritual that it shall read as follows: 'I pledge allegiance to the American Flag, and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.'"

The Committee reports not in favor of the change of pledge of allegiance.

Edward R. Campbell, of Maryland: I move you, Sir, that the report of the Committee be accepted and the recommendations adopted.

John L. Reeger, of New Jersey: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to and the report of the Committee was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Commander-in-Chief: Is the Committee on Resolutions ready to report?

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: We shall be very glad to.

Commander-in-Chief: Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman has the floor.

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: We have here, Commander-in-Chief, a resolution, and, with the consent of the Commandery-in-Chief, it would be probably a saving of time not to read in full the resolution, but, as far as possible, give simply a summary of it by a title.

Commander-in-Chief: Is this procedure satisfactory to the members of the Encampment?

No objection is offered.

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: This resolution provides that the United States flag shall be displayed in all the United

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States Courts while in session, and that the attention of foreign born applicants for naturalization shall be directed to the national flag, and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the judicial committees, both of the House of Representatives and the United States Senate. Your Committee approve of the resolution. (Applause).

A resolution which appears to have had the favorable action of all of the other five allied patriotic organizations in reference to an honorable effort to have the pension committees of both the Senate and House report favorably on the same. Such a resolution has had favorable action in this Encampment previously, and, in view of the fact that our sister societies have endorsed it, your Committee recommend favorable action. (Applause).

A resolution which came to us in regular form, referred to the waiving of the per capita tax of members of the Division. Action having been taken on a similar matter, the Committee passed the matter.

We have here perhaps the usual number of requests from Divisions for the restoration of rank of Past Commanders. Your Committee have gone carefully through these several resolutions, and will give a brief summary as to them.

One from the Division of Pennsylvania, Louis Hermann, Camp No. 10. Your Committee report favorably.

Division of Pennsylvania, Joseph C. Pontius, of Camp No. 13. Committee report favorably.

Another from Pennsylvania, George Alker, Camp No. 13. Your Committee report favorably.

Another from the Division of Pennsylvania, W. J. Bateman, Camp No. 19. Committee recommend favorable action.

From the Division of Connecticut, J. Frank North, Camp No. 25. Committee report favorably.

From the Division of New York, John J. Hare, of Camp No. 19. Committee report favorably.

From the Division of California and Pacific, John W. Stailey. Does not indicate that this application was ever presented at a meeting of the Camp, or had action thereon. Therefore, your Committee report unfavorably.

Another from the Division of California and Pacific, F. R. McGregor, Camp No. 2. Your Committee recommend favorable action.

From the Division of Massachusetts, Preston H. Starett, of Camp No. 65. Committee report favorably.

Brothers, Charles E. Storey, A. G. Jewett and Frank W. Lothrop, of Camp No. 24. Your Committee report unfavorable action, referring it back to the Division; the record is not complete.

From John H. Clifford Camp No. 150, Albert E. Borden, Arthur C. Drew, Arthur W. Forbes, William E. Jennings and Joseph W. Webster, all of Camp No. 150, New Bedford. Your Committee report favorably.

Brother George N. Lawrence, of Camp 137; record incomplete, and your Committee recommend unfavorable action.

Resolution in reference to J. H. Barton, of Camp 58. Com-

mittee report unfavorably; referred back to the Division for the completion of information.

Rev. Brother W. F. Low, of Camp No. 5; Committee recommend unfavorable action, referring it back to the Division for additional information.

Another resolution, a blanket resolution, requesting that past rank be restored to all past captains or commanders in Camp 156. Committee recommend unfavorable action.

George B. Bryner, of Camp No. 31, Illinois Division. The request shows simply that the petitioner has made the request, but there is no certification whatever of the Camp. It does not appear as though the Camp ever had it. It came direct from the individual. The Committee recommend unfavorable action.

E. L. Cook, Camp No. 24, Illinois Division. This brother was Commander of his Camp at the time the Camp disbanded. Your Committee held that he had never had the rank or title of Past Commander; therefore, it could not restore that which he had not possessed. Committee report unfavorably.

F. F. Putnam, of Camp No. 8, Canton, Illinois, and J. G. Moss, of Camp No. 8, Canton, Illinois. This resolution simply shows that the individual made application, but there had been no action whatever by the Camp. The Committee report unfavorably.

Samuel W. King, of the Illinois Division, Camp No. 43. He petitions, but the Camp not having complied with the request, your Committee report unfavorably.

William C. Noll, of Illinois Division, Camp No. 20. Camp having failed to present any reason for loss of rank, or any recommendation on this whatever, Committee report unfavorably.

William F. Locke, of Bellingham, Washington. Brothers, this is a unique request. He asks to be restored to the rank of Past Department Commander of the Department of Washington, and he is evidently more familiar with the Grand Army of the Republic than the Sons of Veterans. This does not show that it had the action of the Division; it simply had the approval of the Division Commander; therefore, we report unfavorably.

Charles H. Coburn, of Camp 20, Saco, Maine, and Lewis T. Harriman, Camp 19, Westbrook, Maine. Committee report favorably.

An application from a brother in Rhode Island, who was formerly a Past Commander in Maine, but this does not give any evidence to the Committee, any legal evidence to the Committee that he was a Past Commander of Maine, and Rhode Island is unable to certify to that effect. This is Chester E. A. Starrett, Camp No. 7. Your Committee report unfavorably.

A resolution introduced by a Brother from Wisconsin for the enactment of such laws, rules or regulations as may be necessary to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors either during the period of the war or permanently as may be deemed best, and so forth. Disapproved by the Committee.

A resolution presented by an individual that the Commandery-in-Chief furnish to a person known as the Mother of the Sons of Veterans in California a Commandery-in-Chief ribbon to be attached to a badge. We felt that was outside of the province of this body, and recommend unfavorable action thereon.

Resolved, That in the death of Past Commander-in-Chief, George B. Abbott, of Chicago, one has been removed whose close association, of long standing with the Order of Sons of Veterans, was a contribution influential and inspirational. His labors were those of love of a great heart, and we treasure them in memory's affection. A rare spirit has left life's highway.

Whereas, The Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., now in National Encampment, in a city that has made an unprecedented record for true American patriotism and unswerving loyalty to the principles of free government, universal liberty, and devotion to the highest ideals in civic matters, the influence of which events are being felt to the uttermost parts of the world and our Republic.

Resolved, That we hereby renew our fealty to Flag and Republic, and the eternal rights of human liberty, and again pledge our service, our strength, our hearts, in support of our Government to the utmost of our ability.

Resolved, That we emphatically and unequivocally protest against the action of individuals, societies, or organizations that have opposed, and are opposing, in any way, the enforcement of the selective draft law, hindered or impeded its results, and consider all such as being unworthy of American citizenship. (Applause).

Resolved, That we do here now declare to all the world that we favor universal military training as the surest guaranty for peace.

Resolved, That we counsel, even urge all our members of service liability age to respond to the call to duty, weighing not their own gain, but counting it as an opportunity to serve both God and the Republic. (Applause).

Resolved, That we now, henceforth and forevermore count no sacrifice too great to bring a lasting peace that shall make forever after a recurrence of such a mighty war impossible. (Applause).

Resolved, That we hereby express our grateful appreciation to our hosts, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the City of Boston, the Massachusetts Division, Sons of Veterans, and individual members of the Order, who have all contributed to make this a memorable meeting. They have been untiring in our behalf, have extended courtesies of an unusual character, the memory of which will remain in our hearts for a long time. (Applause).

Fraternally,

C. F. SHERMAN,
A. A. BRONSDON,
E. M. AMIES,
JOHN C. HOWS,
JOSEPH B. MACCABE,
Committee.

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: Commander-in-Chief, I move you, sir, the adoption of the Report of the Committee on Resolutions.

Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire: I second the motion.

J. W. Powell, of Massachusetts: If this report as given is adopted unanimously a great injustice will be done, which I am

sure your honored Committee had no thought of perpetrating. The resolution as presented by the Massachusetts Division in behalf of Camp 156, of Boston, seeks to correct a grave injustice for which nobody is to blame, but which has gone on from year to year for a great many years. Camp 156, named after Sergeant William H. Carney, is the Camp which seeks to have the past rank restored to the Commanders who have served the Camp as Commander during the years before the old Camp 82 went out of existence. Sergeant William H. Carney Camp No. 82 was organized in July, 1887, just thirty years ago, and that Camp was maintained in the Massachusetts Division for a great many years. In the course of time circumstances over which we had no control made it necessary for this Camp to give up its Charter. The thought at that time was, that the Charter would be given up for a short time only, and at the time when I happened to be Chief Aide of the Massachusetts Division, I made special effort to resuscitate the old Camp, and not until a year ago were we able to re-establish the old Camp, and for the past year there has been no more vigorous Camp in the Massachusetts Division than old Camp 82, which has been revised under the number of 156.

What we seek to do is simply this: To restore the Camp—to restore the rank of Past Commanders to the Brothers in the Camp, five in number, who were Commanders, Past Commanders, at the time the old Camp went out of existence. Those names, I am sorry the Committee did not read the names as they were given. They were Benjamin H. Washington, Ulysses G. Powell, Albert W. A. DeLeon, Alexander A. Seldon, and George F. Murray. Those men have done loyal work in helping to build up the Massachusetts Division. The boys of Camp 156 have taken a tremendous interest in the entertainment of this Encampment, and whatever gratitude you feel for the Massachusetts Division comes in large part to those Brothers who have backed up our Division Commander in entertaining you here, and it is so fortunate that on this very medal here you have the reproduction of the 54th Massachusetts Regiment, of which Sergeant Wm. H. Carney was a member; went out in 1863, to defend the stars and stripes. It is after that man that our Camp is named. He is the one of whom you have heard so much, who, on July 18, 1863, at Fort Wagner, when our boys scaled the parapet and came back bringing the flag, with honor, saying "Boys, the old flag never touched the ground." (Applause).

It is our privilege, Commander-in-Chief, to perpetuate the glory of Sergeant William H. Carney and the men who, with him, upon that day brought glory and luster to the American arms, and we beseech you, my brothers, as an act of justice, to give to these men who have served as Past Commanders of the old Camp 82, to give to them equal honor with these others whom the Committee have recommended here to have their past rank restored. These men whom the Committee has recommended are worthy men; they are worthy of having their past rank restored; and we say to you that in that whole list there are no names more worthy of having their past rank restored than the names of these men who are on the roll of Camp 156, and members today, and whom we wish to have put on as Past Commanders.

We are at a great disadvantage, for the only vote we have in the encampment is the vote of the man who happens to be

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the sitting Commander, and the only one vote we have is my own vote, but mine is obtained in another Camp.

These Brothers are just as worthy as I. The brothers of the Massachusetts Division know of the great work of Camp 156. We are doing loyal work together in order to maintain the prestige of our organization; and there is nothing that this Encampment can do that will be of so great encouragement as to have you put the seal of approval on that work, and say that the past rank should be restored. I trust, Commander-in-Chief, that the members of this Encampment will send word by me back to Camp 156 that the rank of these brothers shall be restored in accordance with the resolution. (Applause).

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: Your Committee would have been very glad to have had an opportunity for this brother to have made an explanation, but we have rendered a report on this, without any prejudice whatsoever in the matter, on purely technical grounds, as that they do not comply with the plain letter of the Constitution, which prescribes a way whereby past rank may be restored. These brothers are not exceptions in any case. You have heard the report of the Committee. Your Committee reported unfavorably in a number of cases, simply because they did not proceed in regular form. This body seldom goes into the merits of these cases. They are passed upon in the Camp, by the Division, and if in regular form, are simply reviewed, and if the form is irregular they are sent back, without prejudice, to the point of origination; and they can come up next year, and the year after, if there is any injustice done to these brothers. We must have the information before us before we can consistently report favorably upon such a request.

Charles H. E. Moran, of New York: I would like to ask for information. Has not the Massachusetts Division approved the restoration of these brothers?

Commander-in-Chief: Brother Moran of New York requests information, if the Massachusetts Division has acted upon this matter.

J. W. Powell, of Massachusetts: I can answer that. The petition was brought in due form at the last encampment of the Massachusetts Division and unanimously passed, to come up to this body.

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: This is from the Division Commander and refers to the case of these several brothers mentioned by the brothers on the floor. "The petition does not go into details to show when the rank of Past Camp Commander was earned nor the cause of its loss. I would request that the petition be referred back for more information and proof of service." That is what we have done. That is signed by the Division Commander.

Fred E. Bolton, of Massachusetts: Substantially, what Brother Sherman has read is correct. Brother Powell will be the last brother to imagine there would be any prejudice in the case. The custom in the Division has always been to have a committee to review the petitions for past rank as they come to the Division Encampment. A permanent committee has heretofore existed. By some inadvertence there was no committee designated this year. Our records in the Division will bear me out, that for years we have had a committee, and anybody that knows it will not dispute that. We never allow a matter

to come before the National Encampment unless we are able to sustain every part of the information therein.

I know the brothers to whom Brother Powell refers, and know the Camp, and there is no injustice being done, if the report of the committee is accepted, and because we, in Massachusetts, who, in a hurried convention allowed some things like that to get by without an opportunity to have them reviewed. If you authorize the Massachusetts Division to restore them, it will be restored. If it is necessary to wait a year, the Massachusetts Division prefer that. I believe there are other cases from the Massachusetts Division where the same thing applies.

Commander-in-Chief: There are cases from many other Divisions in which the records are insufficient.

Ernest W. Homan, of Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, and members of the Encampment, I signed this letter and wrote a letter to the Commander-in-Chief, in accordance with the laws of our Order, stating exactly the conditions as we found them in this restoration of past rank. Some of these applications that have been made for restoration of past rank had fulfilled the law in every detail, and therefore, we recommended that it be restored. In other cases, as you have already heard, probably there was no information as to record, how long he served, or any information in regard to it whatever. Division Secretary Weiler, on his own account, without my commanding him to do it, took the pains to go over the records and try to verify as much as he could, and we have recommended they be restored. I hope that these Camps that have made application for restoration of past rank, and it has been recommended that it be referred back to us, will take it graciously and go into it further in their own Camps, and get the necessary data, and the Division, I am sure, will take pleasure in recommending that their rank be restored.

J. W. Powell, of Massachusetts: I simply want to say there is no truer friend to our Camp than the Division Commander, and we have no desire to embarrass our Division Commander, and rather than have an impression that anything of the kind comes from Camp 156 we will cheerfully accept the conditions as they are, and simply postpone our request for another year. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: And the brothers from Illinois will be with you in the same situation.

National Chaplain: In connection with this report, I do want to emphasize the fact that the only resolution for war prohibition has come from Wisconsin. (Laughter).

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: I don't know whether it has slipped out of my hands or not, but I have two names from Diamondale, Michigan, presented in regular form, and they are not here with these papers at this time, but I recall the petition of the individuals to the Camp, the certificate of the Camp to the Division, and the Certificate of the Division to the Commandery-in-Chief, and I therefore would like to have these included in our report. They are W. J. Bateman and Benjamin T. Fry of Camp No. 19, Diamondale, Michigan. The Committee reports favorably.

Commander-in-Chief: The question is on the adoption of the report of the Committee on Resolutions.

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The motion was agreed to and the report adopted.

Commander-in-Chief: I understand the Council-in-Chief is now ready to report.

REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 23, 1917.

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

Brothers:—

Your Council-in-Chief acting under authorization of the C. R. & R. submits its annual report for the term just closing.

Immediately after the close of the preceding Encampment sessions at Kansas City, Mo., the Council-in-Chief, consisting of Frederick J. McMurtrie, Charles B. Martin and William M. Anderson, met and organized by electing Frederick J. McMurtrie, Chairman, and Charles B. Martin, Secretary.

Bonds of the various officers for the year were fixed as follows:

Commander-in-Chief	\$1,000.00
National Secretary	\$5,000.00
National Treasurer	\$5,000.00

A complete and thorough audit of the financial records of the National Secretary has been made covering the receipts and expenditures for the term just closing; paid vouchers were checked covering all expenditures and the same was ascertained to agree with the reports of the National Secretary and National Treasurer exactly.

RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE PERIOD.

Balance at beginning of year all vouchers paid.....\$ 1,801.64

RECEIPTS.

From Per Capita Tax.....	\$14,611.01	
From Charter Fees	170.00	
From Sale of Supplies.....	5,475.13	
From Miscellaneous Receipts	3.00	
From Interest received on deposits.....	52.05	
From Junior Order matters.....	55.61	
Total receipts		20,366.80
Aggregate		\$22,168.44

DISBURSEMENTS.

General Expense	\$16,201.22	
Office Expense	957.31	
Commander-in-Chief's Expense	964.58	
Total disbursements		18,123.11
Net balance on hand, all vouchers paid		\$ 4,045.33

This balance is correct and is attested to by certificate to that effect from the Reading National Bank, Reading, Pa., the bank of deposit, over the personal signature of Henry K. Harri-

son, Cashier, which certificate is hereunto appended and called "Exhibit A."

The balance as stated is subject to the month's charge of "The Banner" and the expenses of this Encampment; the next Per Capita Tax being available after September 30, 1917.

Owing to the uncertainties of the present financial conditions, the Council-in-Chief recommend no further additions at present to the Permanent Reserve.

Your Council-in-Chief desires in commendation of the administration to call your attention to the following:

The Budget for this year as estimated and the actual receipts and expenditures for the year have been set up in parallel showing adherence to and economy of the budget system.

Item.	Estimate.	Actual.
Receipts.		
Per Capita Tax	\$13,200.00	
Membership Fees	1,000.00	\$14,611.01
Charter Fees	350.00	170.00
From Sale of Supplies.....	4,800.00	5,475.13
From Miscellaneous Receipts		110.66
	\$19,350.00	\$20,366.80
Disbursements.		
Official Publications	\$10,000.00	\$ 9,286.15
Supplies	2,500.00	2,982.37
Salaries	2,300.00	2,108.33
Com-in-Chief, Trav. and other Exp...	1,000.00	964.58
Off. Exp. Nat'l Sec. & Nat'l Treas....	1,000.00	957.31
Office Equipment Additions, unused..	250.00	
Encampment Proceedings, publication	750.00	491.77
Chief-of-Staff and Reserve.....	400.00	409.28
Past Com-in-Chief's Badge	300.00	300.00
Misc. Exp. Nat'l Off. not inc. above...	100.00	12.25
Bonds of National Officers.....	35.00	35.00
Publicity	300.00	75.15
	\$18,935.00	500.92
Miscellaneous		\$18,123.11

Your Council-in-Chief desire to say that we find an economy administered this year of at least \$1500.00, for which we desire to commend you personally.

Very few items of sufficient importance to be called specifically to the attention of the Council-in-Chief have arisen and these are unessential to detail here.

We recommend the publication of 2,000 copies of the Proceedings of this Encampment and that a copy of the same be included in each Camp packet issued to Camps mustering.

This Encampment has already by its action approved the renewal of the contract for publishing The Banner, referring the same to the Council-in-Chief, they to secure the best possible terms for the same. Your Council-in-Chief after going thoroughly into the details of the matter with Brother Dustin present to this body for final action of ratification the following contract, which we believe to be thoroughly equitable to all Division Commander, shall be printed under the respective Division

head; if in the judgment of the Publishers the publication of parties thereunto, and recommend that this Commandery-in-Chief by its action ratify our action in thus contracting with Brother Dustin upon the embraced conditions and for the named consideration.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT made and entered into this 23rd day of August, 1917, by and between the COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., hereafter designated as the Commandery, and WILLIAM G. DUSTIN and ALLAN S. HOLBROOK and others, a co-partnership doing business as and under the name of DUSTIN & HOLBROOK, of the City of Dwight, Illinois, hereafter designated as the Publishers, WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, The Commandery at its Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment authorized and directed its proper officers to enter into and execute on its behalf, a contract with the said Publishers for the editing, publication and circulation, monthly of an official paper or organ, named "The Banner," of the Order of Sons of Veterans, for the term of five years commencing January 1, 1918; and whereas, the said Dustin has heretofore edited, published and circulated the official paper or organ, named "The Banner," of said Order, and the said Publishers are able and anxious to continue the same pursuant to the said action of the said Commandery and the terms of this agreement.

THEREFORE BE IT AGREED by and between the parties hereto that the said Publishers shall edit, publish and circulate, monthly, an official paper or organ, named "The Banner" of and for the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., for the term of five years, commencing January 1, 1918; and that in case of the death of either publisher, the other shall carry out the terms of this contract; said paper shall be devoted to the interests of said Order of Sons of Veterans; it shall consist of at least 16 pages; the paper pages shall be $10\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{3}{4}$ inches, and the type pages shall be $9\frac{1}{4} \times 13$ inches; six pages of said paper, as near as practical in the makeup thereof, shall be set in what is known as eight point type and devoted to general orders, official circulars, Reserve news, communications, editorials, war stories, and general news applicable to the Order; the Commander-in-Chief shall have control of the space apportioned for general orders and official circulars; eight pages of said paper, as near as practical in the make-up thereof, shall be set in what is known as six point type and devoted to news from the several Camps and Divisions; all copy from Camps and Divisions to pass through the hands of the Division Commander thereof or through the hands of some one designated by him or by such Division as a Division Correspondent or otherwise; the space contained in such eight pages shall be divided between and apportioned to the several Divisions as equitably as practical; if the space apportioned to any Division is not filled by such Division, the Publishers are authorized to fill the same with general miscellany for the good of the Order; all copy for publication in said paper shall be at the office of said Publisher not later than the first day of the month of publication; said paper shall be published and mailed as near the middle of each month as practical; the paper shall contain a roster of the general officers of the Commandery and of the Reserve; the names and addresses of the several Division Commanders, and the several Division correspondents when certified by the respective Divi-

any communication or advertisement sent to them for publication appears to be not for the best interests of the Order, such communication or advertisement shall be referred to the Commander-in-Chief and his decision on the question of publication shall be final; the Publishers shall have the right to use the other two pages of said paper for advertising as they may determine, and the pay therefor shall belong to said Publishers; said Publishers shall furnish and deliver in bulk extra copies of said paper to any officer or member of the Order desiring the same for distribution of recruiting purposes, at the rate of one dollar and fifty cents per hundred copies, and orders for such extra copies shall be placed with said Publishers not later than the first day of the month of publication; if in such order for extra copies it is desired that they be mailed direct by the Publishers then the names and addresses of the persons to whom such copies are to be mailed together with an additional one cent for each copy for postage, shall accompany the order; each Division Secretary shall furnish to said Publishers a list of the Camps and the members in good standing in such Division, together with their postoffice addresses, and the several Division Secretaries shall be responsible for correct mailing lists of the same; the several Division Secretaries shall report to said Publishers such changes and additions in such mailing lists of their respective Divisions as occur during each month, and the Publishers shall report to each Division Commander such changes and additions in the mailing list of his Division as are received direct by said Publishers from the several Camps and members thereof or from the Postmasters, to the end that identical and currently correct mailing lists may be made and kept by such Publishers and such Commander and said Publishers shall furnish to the National Secretary at the close of the first quarter of each year a copy of the consolidated mailing list; said publishers shall address and promptly mail to each Camp and to each member of the Order, in good standing and appearing on such mailing list, a copy of each issue of said paper, postage prepaid.

IN CONSIDERATION WHEREOF, the Commandery agrees to collect from each member of the Order in good standing the sum of one and two thirds cents per month for and as payment of the said paper so published and sent to such members, and agrees to pay monthly for the preceding month, through its National Treasurer, to said Publishers, upon their certificate that the publication and circulation has been performed agreeably to the terms of this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., pursuant to the action of its Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment, has caused this agreement to be executed by its Commander-in-Chief, and to be attested and its seal to be affixed by its National Secretary, and the said William G. Dustin and Allan S. Holbrook, co-partners as Dustin & Holbrook, have affixed their hands and seals, this day of August, 1917.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
 By Its Commander-in-Chief.
 Its National Secretary.
 (SEAL)
 Executed in duplicate.

To your Council-in-Chief has also by resolution been referred the investigation of the Membership Certificate proposal as tendered by the De Felice Studio of New York City.

We desire to state we met the artist personally and thoroughly went over the matter of furnishing the certificates under the proposal the text of which is as follows:

August 16, 1917.

Sons of Veterans of the United States of America.

Gentlemen:—

The original design of the Membership Certificate for the members of the Sons of Veterans, United States of America, that we are presenting to you, through the Committee in charge, is submitted at the following conditions:

1. After the approval and acceptance of the design and of the proposition, The De Felice Studio will take care of the Engraving of the same in dimensions such as submitted by photograph which is $13 \times 17 \frac{1}{4}$ inches at its own expense and print on a good quality of paper, such as specimen shown and always keep in stock a sufficient number of blanks to be ready at any request without any deposit of money on the part of the organization.

2. The De Felice Studio is offering the Certificate at the following prices: In colors and gold same as the original, at \$1.50 each and in one tint such as sepia or brown at \$1.00 each. These prices include blank, engrossing of name, date, etc., in French Roundhand Text (workmanship to be of the highest grade) also mailing and shipping expenses.

3. In consideration of the large sum required to publish this certificate the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America should guarantee to purchase no less than Three Thousand (3000) Certificates each year for a period of Ten (10) years. A discount of 15% will be allowed after the purchase of the first Five Thousand (5000) Certificates.

4. Payments to be made monthly or bi-monthly, that is every month the De Felice Studio would send a bill for all the Certificates furnished during that period.

5. The copyright of the design will be the property of the De Felice Studio, with the understanding that the drawing will be used exclusively for the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America and not for any other purpose.

6. The De Felice Studio will endeavor to furnish a cut of the Certificate to be published in the official Bulletin, announcing the issue of such Certificate.

Hoping to be favored with the acceptance of the drawing and the proposition and thanking you in advance, we beg to remain,

Respectfully yours,

THE DE FELICE STUDIO,

G. De Felice, Prop.

There occurs the following comments:

1st. The stated quantity of 3,000 or more per year for ten years. This, as will be noted, is not limited to 30,000 certificates maximum as all in excess of 3,000 per year would not count on a stated maximum.

2nd. The proposal recites the copyright to be vested and remain in the De Felice Studio. This is verbally explained as

only for protection until a reasonable minimum be secured. This we claim is indefinite and we believe inasmuch as our organization is a Corporate body, it being therefore responsible, any copyright in the event of contractual relations, should be vested in our own Commandery-in-Chief.

3rd. Two colors and prices are named, and in the event of any favorable action by your body, we should desire instructions as to choice.

We believe definite action upon this matter owing to the amount involved, should rest with the body itself so make no recommendations thereupon, simply stating our investigations and findings.

NEW BUDGET.

For your approval we submit the following for the ensuing term.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FOR YEAR 1917-1918.

Per Capita Tax upon 57,000 members.....	\$13,680.00
Membership Fees	1,000.00
Charter Fees	300.00
From sale of supplies	5,000.00
Total estimated receipts.....	\$19,980.00

ESTIMATED DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR 1917-1918.

Official Publications	\$11,200.00
Supplies	2,000.00
Salaries	3,300.00
Commander-in-Chief, traveling, etc.....	1,000.00
Office Furniture and Fixtures, additional.....	250.00
Publicity Purposes	300.00
Encampment Proceedings, publication	500.00
Chief-of-Staff, Reserve	400.00
Past Commander-in-Chief's Badge	300.00
Bonds, National Officers.....	35.00
Expense National Chaplain, National Patriotic In- structor and others not otherwise provided for...	100.00
Office Expense National Secretary and Treasurer.....	500.00
Total estimated disbursements.....	\$19,885.00

In the above budget as will be noted, your Council-in-Chief has been conservative as to receipts, and more can reasonably be expected, while we believe provision has been made for all contemplated expenditures even as increased by this Encampment.

As in former years the spirit and interest of your Council-in-Chief has been constant and unanimous in its desire to subserve the best interests of the Order; to co-operate with the other National officers and to perform, to the best of their ability, the duties of the office to which elected.

In this we have been ably assisted by our Commander-in-Chief, the National Secretary and National Treasurer, with whom we have been more intimately associated, to all of whom we give our hearty thanks for courtesies received and valuable assistance rendered.

FREDERICK J. McMURTRIE, Chairman,
CHARLES B. MARTIN, Secretary,
WILLIAM M. ANDERSON,
Council-in-Chief, Year of 1916-17.

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 Charles W. Hendel, Vice President
 Henry K. Harrison, Cashier

Reading, Pa., Aug. 18, 1917.

"EXHIBIT A"

To the Council-in-Chief, 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 18, 1917, is \$4,045.33.

HENRY K. HARRISON,
 Cashier.

Commander-in-Chief: Brothers, you have heard the report of the Council-in-Chief. What is your pleasure on this report?

Arthur I. Vescelius, of New Jersey: I move the report be received and adopted as part of the minutes of this meeting.

Fred J. Phillips, of Illinois: I second the motion.

Commander-in-Chief: The question is on the adoption of the report of the Council-in-Chief.

Chaplain-in-Chief Patton: The report on that certificate of membership has no recommendation. Would it have to be acted on separately?

Commander-in-Chief: It would.

Chaplain-in-Chief Patton: I move to amend, that we do not adopt the certificate.

Commander-in-Chief: Well, the motion as put and stated, Brother Patton, would not have any effect at all with reference to the adoption, rejection or otherwise, of this certificate. It simply leaves the matter before the Encampment, with no action taken. So I think your amendment would not be necessary, in view of that.

Chaplain-in-Chief Patton: I see.

The motion was put and agreed to, and the report adopted.

Commander-in-Chief: Is there any other committee ready to report? At this time, Brothers, it may be well to give further consideration to this certificate of membership. Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman, have you anything to say to the Encampment with regard to the proposed certificate of membership?

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: Commander-in-Chief, I have not thought to debate the matter at all. In pursuance of the instructions of the last Commandery-in-Chief, and of an often repeated request that something of that character be provided, your Committee prepared, or had prepared, and submitted, this certificate, and they were very glad indeed to be relieved after having presented their report.

Personally, I would like to have a membership certificate

of the Sons of Veterans that may take place with similar certificates of other societies of which I have membership. I am not in favor of this corporate body investing one cent in the stocking up of such a certificate. I told the gentleman who presented the plan that I did not believe that this Body would specify any certain definite number which must be bought. I do not know how you are going to force people to buy them; and unless you have that assurance, he could not, as a business man, make an investment which would be required for the making of the plates, unless he was willing to do it on purely a speculative basis, taking the chance that you and the brothers at home would desire such a certificate. I doubt very much if he would be willing to do that. Certainly, as a member of this Commandery-in-Chief, I would not favor entering into a contract whereby we were obliged to buy any certain number. If we could have an arrangement whereby the Commandery-in-Chief could profit by the sale; if we could buy this outright and own it and sell it, as we sell our badge to our members, and make a profit by so selling, I believe that there would be real value in it.

The time may come, Brothers, when the badge will not be the distinctive feature of a Son of Veteran. I do not know that, I do not speak advisedly, but I say, the time may come. Other societies do not use a badge, and we probably use ours because the Grand Army of the Republic uses a badge. In the Sons of the Revolution, of which I have a membership, the badge is not compulsory, it is optional; and a certificate of membership is provided in the Sons of Revolution, prepared by one of the most celebrated artists of the country, for which a charge of five dollars is made, and men who have membership therein are proud to have framed in their home and in their office a certificate proving that they are a descendant of a Revolutionary Soldier. I would like to have such a certificate to prove that I as the son of a Union Soldier.

I commend the attitude of our Council-in-Chief, who I think have acted very wisely in presenting this matter to this Encampment; and I realize, Commander-in-Chief, there is no motion before the house, and I am not prepared to present a motion favoring entering into a contractual relation between the Commandery-in-Chief and the DeFelice Studio.

Commander-in-Chief: It may then be understood that the report of your Committee on Membership Certificate is now before the Encampment?

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: The report of our Committee was accepted, and the matter, by resolution, was referred to the Council-in-Chief. I think the stenographer's minutes of yesterday will show that, and this Committee, consisting of Hammer, Sigel and myself completed their work in entirety yesterday.

Commander-in-Chief: I believe that statement is correct, but the Committee has not been discharged. The Encampment may do as it pleases with this Committee.

Frank I. Shepard, of Illinois: Commander-in-Chief, I am embarrassed in not knowing the name of this Committee, technically. I move you that the Committee on Investigation of Membership Certificate be honorably discharged. Commander, to clear up the disposition of this matter, I desire to include in the same motion that the proposal made by the DeFelice

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Studio, with respect to a membership certificate, be declined, for the reasons, among others, as stated in the report of the Council-in-Chief.

National Secretary: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

William G. Dustin, of Illinois: Commander-in-Chief, I feel that it is my duty to return sincere thanks for the company which I represent in the publication of the Official Organ, to thank every man in this convention for his kindness, and the confidence displayed in us. I make the usual promise that we will try and do our best for the Order in every way possible. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: Is any committee ready to report at this time? Has the Press Committee a report to make? Is the Committee on Fraternal Relations ready to report?

Richard F. Locke, of Illinois: Commander, their work is not yet completed.

Commander-in-Chief: Is the Chief-of-Staff present?

National Secretary: Commander-in-Chief, I move we recess until two o'clock.

John L. Reeger, of New Jersey: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to and the Commandery-in-Chief took a recess until two o'clock p. m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Commandery-in-Chief resumed at two o'clock p. m., Thursday, August 23, 1917, with Commander-in-Chief Church in the Chair.

Before the regular business of the Encampment was taken up, Brother Frank C. Huston of Indiana entertained the Encampment with some stirring songs, which were greatly enjoyed and appreciated.

Commander-in-Chief: Is any committee ready to report at this time?

National Secretary: The Committee on Credentials makes a supplemental report; 200 members are now on the roll of the Encampment.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: Commander-in-Chief, with the permission of this Body, your Committee on Resolutions would like to present this supplemental report; a matter referred to it by your Commander-in-Chief. (Reading):

Resolved, There be appropriated from any unexpended balance the sum of Fifty Dollars to be presented to the Army Nurses as a slight token of the esteem in which we hold their organization."

Favorable action recommended.

Fraternally,

C. F. SHERMAN,
A. A. BRONSDON,
J. B. MACCABE,
E. M. AMIES,
JOHN C. HOWES,

Committee.

John L. Reeger, of New Jersey: I move that the supplemental report be adopted.

Fred J. Phillips, of Illinois: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to, and the supplemental report adopted.

Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut: By reason of a sudden illness of Past Commander-in-Chief Amies, Chief-of-Staff, I have been requested by him to give a report that he intended to give to this Encampment as Chief-of-Staff. It had been his intention as such, and in response to the order of the Commander-in-Chief, to have control of the parade, and to give the figures

of the number of Sons of Veterans who were actually in the parade, that it might be a matter of record.

There were in line 1,156 Sons of Veterans in uniform; 1,780 ununiformed; and 90 with the several stands of Colors; a total of 3,026. (Applause).

It had also been his intention to call attention, that this is the largest number of Sons that were ever in parade, at least at a National Encampment; and he had intended to give expression to a sentiment, and you know it would have been in elegant and well-chosen language, giving expression to the sentiment that, as this is the largest number of Sons that were ever in parade in National Encampment, and as the number of the Grand Army is from each Encampment to Encampment, decreasing; so it is hoped this will be an expression of the increasing membership of our Order, as that of our parent organization decreases, and of the increasing work that our Order may accomplish as the work of our parent Order decreases. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: In this connection, and as part of the supplemental report of the Chief-of-Staff, let the record show that the count of the Sons of Veterans in line in this escort to the Grand Army of the Republic, on the occasion of this parade, was made by A. J. Whittee.

Ora L. Stone, of Massachusetts: I would simply like to ask if that report includes all the Brothers of the different Camps who were color bearers for the different Posts? I, myself, with three other Brothers, paraded with Post 66, and I know that the Colors in the Post in front of me were also carried by Sons of Veterans, and I know of many others.

Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut: The Chief-of-Staff said that did not include those that were detailed with the Grand Army. This includes those who were in the escort body alone. It is known there was a very large number of Sons also in the parade in the lines indicated, but these were not counted. This is the escort, pure and simple.

Commander-in-Chief: We so understand.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN.

National Chaplain Patton: Commander-in-Chief, I would like to have permission to add a supplemental report to my report. I received reports from the two delinquent Divisions and other Divisions, increasing the statistics I have had, and I would like to have permission to incorporate a supplemental report in the printed report.

Commander-in-Chief: Your report will be received.

VISIT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AND ADJUTANT GENERAL OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Commander-in-Chief: I notice the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic is at the door, together with the Adjutant General of the Grand Army of the Republic. I will ask Past Commander-in-Chief Dustin to take this chair for a few minutes. The National Officers will fall in at the altar, to escort the Commander-in-Chief, and the Adjutant General of the Grand Army of the Republic to the Encampment.

I will ask Past Commander-in-Chief Darling of Massachusetts, Past Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Shepard of Illinois, and Past Commander-in-Chief A. E. B. Stephens of Ohio, to assume the stations of other officers.

(Past Commander-in-Chief Dustin assumed the Chair. Commander-in-Chief Church and National Officers retired and escorted the visitors to the Encampment amid prolonged applause).

Commander-in-Chief Church: Past Commander-in-Chief Dustin I have the distinguished honor of presenting to you, and to this Encampment, the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Captain William J. Patterson.

I have also the honor to present to you, and to this Encampment, the Adjutant General of the Grand Army of the Republic, Captain H. H. Bengough.

Past Commander-in-Chief Dustin: I assure you that we are very glad indeed to welcome you to this Encampment.

Brothers, you will please escort our distinguished visitors to the platform.

The Commander-in-Chief will now assume the Chair.

(Commander-in-Chief Church assumed the Chair and the visitors were escorted to the platform).

Commander-in-Chief: Brothers of the Encampment, we have grown from infancy to maturity, under the leadership of the comrades of these men, who come to us today, with filial affection of our fathers in their hearts, bringing us a record of military glory that never has been, and shall not be eclipsed in the great war that is raging today. (Applause).

More than this, they bring to us a record of a half century of proud achievement in the civic conduct of this great nation, which has raised it to be, not a first, but the first power of the earth.

It is unfitting that I use many words in presenting to you today this grand man, Commander-in-Chief William J. Patterson, of the Grand Army of the Republic. (Applause).

I have followed him over many of our great states, and everywhere heard him in our meetings, and in his own, on public occasions in which he has participated, say those words of approval, which mean so much to us when they come from a man who measures his words and speaks advisedly. Everywhere and upon all occasions the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic has voiced his approval of your society and mine.

I have the honor to present to you the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. (Applause).

William J. Patterson: Commander-in-Chief, comrades of the Sons of Veterans: I have been using my voice so much the last two or three days, and on several occasions have had to shout at the top of my voice to be heard, and I am somewhat hoarse at the present time; but I certainly appreciate the cordial and enthusiastic reception you have extended to us today.

I have learned a good deal in the last year. I have been around in company with your able and eloquent Commander-in-Chief, and have learned something of the inward workings of the Sons of Veterans during that time. I have changed my views considerably regarding this Organization in the last two

or three years. Unfortunately for myself and my own immediate comrades, our experience, early experience with the Sons of Veterans was not favorable. We had a camp that was called after me, the Patterson Camp, organized as an auxiliary or associate or whatever you term it, No. 157 of the Department of Pennsylvania; that is a good while ago, and they were all pretty young fellows, and, of course, they knew it all at that time, and did not want any suggestions from the Grand Army of the Republic; and the consequence was that they went to the wall, and my namesake received an early burial. But of late, especially in the past year, I have been learning something of what this Organization means, and what you are doing; and under the able and clear statements of your Commander-in-Chief, and the meetings that I have attended of your organization in various parts of the country, I have learned something of what you are doing in the direction of patriotism, and in assisting the Grand Army of the Republic in its work in teaching patriotism and instructing in the lessons of loyalty at this particular time.

Loyalty, you know, never meant more than it does now. In the years that have just passed we regarded patriotism and loyalty as a sort of sentiment. Now it is a reality. Those that are preaching loyalty and patriotism know what it means; and the young men that have been called from our midst to go across the seas know they are taking their lives in their hands when they go forth, as we did, to defend the flag of our country. This organization, I think, so far as my observation goes, is doing more than any other outside of the Grand Army of the Republic, in spreading the principles of patriotism and loyalty among the people of this nation.

The Sons of Veterans Order is a growing organization. Your Commander-in-Chief has been increasing your membership very materially at all points where I have had the pleasure of meeting him and meeting your Organization in session. They, of course, uphold the principles that we contend for, the main ones. Of course, at this time, as I said, patriotism and loyalty—yet there are other things that this organization can materially assist the Grand Army of the Republic in; and that is in assisting Memorial Day exercises, in assisting in visiting the public schools and in teaching the rising generation lessons of patriotism. This organization, as you know, is destined to follow the Grand Army of the Republic when that great organization passes into history. (Applause).

The question sometimes is raised as to the right of the Sons of Veterans to continue the work of their fathers; but it is no new feature, it is no new principle, no new experience, to know that the sons of any war have continued to represent their fathers in subsequent organizations. You are, no doubt, familiar with the history of the Cincinnati that is being perpetuated and carried on since the days of the Revolutionary War until the present time, by inheritance. The sons are entitled to membership on the record of their fathers, and their sons, and on down, until you get to the present generation. The Loyal Legion, composed of officers of the Civil War, have their organization continued and perpetuated by inheritance. The son can inherit the membership of his father, and the grandson can inherit the membership of his son. So it goes on down the line, to keep it up by inheritance. So I judge that this organization can be continued indefinitely on the same principle. The time is coming.

as we realize, that our organization will pass out of history, pass out of existence, and become a matter of history. When that time comes we look forward to the Sons of Veterans to continue the work of patriotism in our country; we look to them to continue the work of commemorating the memory of those who served in the Civil War. Of course, this service does not do so very much for those that are under ground, but that very service is a patriotic object lesson to those that are living. So that I take it that this organization has a great future before it; and I think, and I have said so all along, that every Veteran of the Union Army during the Civil War ought to have his son in this organization. (Applause).

The greatest difficulty that I found existed in the South. The young men there were very reluctant to identify themselves with what they considered the minority party. The Sons of the Confederates have a strong organization in the South, but when it comes to Veterans, Sons of Veterans of the Union Army, they are very scarce, and hardly an organization of that kind exists there.

I had some experience with Confederate Veterans in the South, and find that they are not the enemies of our Union Soldiers that they were fifty years ago or over. They are now cordial and hearty in their friendship and in their loyalty. In my travels through the South, I never struck a Confederate or rebel flag floating anywhere, even in the Confederate Soldiers Home that I visited. The Stars and Stripes were floating in front of this institution, and the inmates of these homes were just as cordial as anybody else in extending welcome and greeting to the head of the Grand Army of the Republic that met with them and said a word of encouragement to them. They, of course, feel that they were not entirely wrong, or wrong at all, in their late contest, but I talked to one gentleman; I said, "Are you not satisfied that your conditions are a great deal better today than they were before the war?" "Oh, yes," he said, "that is true; we are better off, we are in better condition, we are better financially." Then I said, "Why do you stick up for your own cause that you fought for?" "Oh, well, you fellows had no business to come down and correct our sins for us; that was our own fault, and we could take care of it." He said, "The people who have sins to correct don't like other people to remind them of it, or force them to get rid of them; they want to do that of their own good free will."

In another place that I visited, where they had a banquet, Union Soldiers and Confederate Soldiers, both sides there, in harmony, and eating and drinking at the same table. They had the Governor of the State there, the grand-nephew of a veteran soldier, or the grand-nephew, rather, of Governor Bruff of Ohio, a son of a veteran soldier, and I said to him, "How in the world did you get elected governor down in this rebel state?" "Oh," he said, "a nomination down here means an election." "Well then, how did you come to be on the Democratic side down here?" "Oh," he said, "if you want anything you have got to be on the Democratic side in this state." But, he said when he was running for that office they raised the cry on him that he was the son of a Union Soldier and ought not to be elected, ought not to receive the nomination. He said he went onto the stand and defended his position; said he would be less than a man if he did not defend the reputation of his father; so that he was eventually nominated and elected. He made a patriotic

speech at that banquet. There they had ex-Governor Gibbons, a Confederate, in his full Confederate gray uniform; he made a rousing speech and said he recollected the time when he first went into the war that they had the idea that one Confederate could lick six Yankees, as he termed it. He said they originally termed the New Englanders as Yankees, but, owing to the tricks and sharp practices that the Union soldiers played upon them, that they got to using the term "Yankees" to apply to all Northern soldiers. He said when they first were taken into the service, on their way to the front, they concluded that one Confederate could lick six Yankees. He said that when they got half way to the front they began to reconsider that decision and thought that three was about enough for any one Confederate to whip; and then he said they got up on an elevation where they saw these long lines in blue, stretched out there, with their glistening guns and bayonets; he said that every man looked eight feet high and four feet wide, and their knees were not so stiff as they were when they started. (Laughter).

I went to the Confederate Home at Little Rock, Arkansas; I met them there; they had the Confederate Veterans there; had their wives with them, those that had wives; and I met an old gentleman by the name of McLean; he wore a general's uniform; a man that was well fixed, lost his property, and finally had to go to a soldiers' home; and his wife looked like a very stately lady; but he said to me, "I never was anything else than a Union man, but when my State went out to fight against the Union I thought it was my duty to stay with my neighbors and friends and entered the service with them, I fought to the end, and when the end came I was very well pleased with the result and accepted it, and am now glad that the United States won in this fight." So that you see that the sentiment there, as I said before while in this city in an address to my Encampment, that loyalty and patriotism was now strong throughout the South, and that the Confederates and Union men would now be found marching shoulder to shoulder in the great conflict that is raging across the ocean between autocracy and democracy, and that with such men we were bound to win in the end.

I suppose you will recall, from history, that Henry Ward Beecher was sent across to England to advocate the cause of the North. There was some fear of their recognizing the Southern Confederacy. Henry Ward Beecher, as you know, was an eloquent orator and preacher. He went there; when he got to Birmingham, England, they hooted and hollered at him for over an hour before he could get the crowd to listen. The English people were against us of the North; and when he got a lull in the excitement, some one yelled out and said, "You have promised to lick the rebels in six months and you haven't done it yet." That was the second year of the war. "Yes," he said, "we were fighting Americans; if we had been fighting you English we would have licked you in three months." They admired his spunk and they allowed him to go on. So, I say, when we were fighting in our own country we were fighting our own people that were just as equally brave as we were. So that when we get these two factions united in one army, we can do double, and more than double the work we did during the Civil War.

But I don't want to go on with this reminiscencing, farther than to compliment you on the splendid work you are doing in this country, and especially do I want to compliment your Com-

mander-in-Chief for the splendid work he has been doing throughout the country. His eloquence on the platform, and his plain and commonsense statements made to Grand Army people, lead them to believe and to see, as I have seen, what this organization is accomplishing, and how you are backing up the efforts of the Grand Army in spreading patriotism and loyalty throughout the country. I therefore bid you Godspeed in your good work, and hope that the coming year will prove equally successful to that which is now drawing to a close. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: Members of the Encampment, last evening I had the good fortune to meet, at the reception of the Daughters of Veterans, the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army and the Adjutant General. I asked the Adjutant General to promise me that he would see that the Commander-in-Chief got to our Encampment today, and he promised me that he would remove every obstacle from the way, and also promised me that he would come himself, and he has kept his promise, as he always does. I know that you want to hear from the Adjutant General, H. H. Bengough, of Pittsburgh. (Applause).

Adjutant General H. H. Bengough: Commander Church, Sons of Veterans: It is true, as the Commander-in-Chief of your organization has said, that we did meet last night, and I gave him my promise. I did that in view of the fact that I was sure of a condition that would exist this afternoon; otherwise I could not have made the promise. For one year, about, I have been under the direction and control of the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, necessarily so in order that the work of the organization might be performed in a manner suitable and creditable to him; but I felt sure that before this hour would arrive that we both would be relieved from official duty; and I want the Brothers—I will call you Brothers—to know and understand that the new administration of the Grand Army of the Republic has been started about two hours ago, and Past Commander-in-Chief Patterson and Past Adjutant General Bengough, I know, feel a great deal of relief and a good deal of gratification that the hour has arrived. When I, at the solicitation of one whom I had been associated with in the work of the Grand Army, and in other ways, for thirty-five years, asked me to become his Adjutant General, I little understood the great responsibility and the amount of work that would have to be performed during the term of one administration. I am certainly thankful to the Lord that it is all over and that we have got out of it, I believe, creditably to ourselves.

I want to emphasize in a manner the declaration made by Commander-in-Chief Patterson with regard to the early organization of the Sons of Veterans, one of the camps of which was attached to our Post. Now, when I look back and consider all the conditions that surrounded those boys at that time, I little wonder that they were—may I be pardoned for the expression—*young dam fools*; but I have had during the year a very fair opportunity to get a better impression of the Sons of Veterans. I was present at that great meeting held in the Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial Hall in Pittsburgh, when your Commander-in-Chief was present, and that great band of young men were taken into your Order. How many of them were there, Church?

Commander-in-Chief: There were 122.
Adjutant General H. H. Bengough: 122 men; they were men; they were not boys. Among them was one whom I had

known for many years—many I had known, of course—but one of these I had known for many years, and learned to honor and regard him very highly, one of the judges of the Common Pleas Court of Allegheny County. That bunch of men that were taken into your organization that night had a force of character that I haven't the least doubt in the world would prove of great service to your organization.

I want to just briefly, because I am tired, but I want to briefly refer to one fact in connection with our meeting here in Boston, one that has impressed me very, very seriously. There came, it seems to me, a splendid opportunity to carry, not only throughout this country, but throughout this world, a moral force out of the meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic in Boston, that will be so effective, so far as conditions are concerned in this country, and I speak advisedly, not only in this country, but throughout Europe. It was that feature that brought the representatives of the Russian government here at this time, and brought into our Encampment the Ambassador of Russia, and brought forth out of that Encampment a resolution that I doubt can be surpassed among the great papers of the past and present; strong, forceful; and when that ambassador said, in that Encampment, that that resolution would be wired to Russia, to Petrograd, and from there to every regiment on the battle line in Russia, it seemed to me that that was worth all that it has cost, all the sacrifice that the comrades of the Grand Army had to make in order to reach this National Encampment. For, remember, remember, as you have seen them yourselves on the streets of Boston, it certainly, it certainly, in hundreds and hundreds of instances has been a sacrifice for many of these comrades to reach here, because of their physical condition. It would be much better, indeed, for them, had they not incurred the worry, and, sometimes I think hardship, to make a trip such as many of them did from the far off West.

I do hope now, boys,—I like to call you boys, notwithstanding the fact that some of you have whiskers, but you are boys so far as we are concerned; you are our boys. (Applause). The thought just comes to me now, if the representative men of your organization exercise that kind of care necessary for success, and will elect to the head of your organization men with forceful character, and who, when they go abroad, no difference where it may be, can represent you in such a manner as my dearly beloved Church has done during this last year, it will be a credit to your organization. (Applause). Let nothing else, let no influence go into your work except that influence that will bring about the best results for the whole. I thank you. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: I will ask Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, coming from the same State as our distinguished guests, to reply to their greetings. (Applause).

John E. Sautter, of Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief Patterson and Adjutant General Bengough, Commander-in-Chief Church, Brothers of this Encampment: No duty that our well-beloved Commander-in-Chief could ask me to perform would bring me quite so much pleasure as that of attempting to respond to the greetings of the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic and his Adjutant General; because, not only am I from the same state, the Great State of Pennsylvania, but from that great County of Allegheny, and that great City of Pittsburgh. I have known these distinguished guests of ours

for a number of years; I know the high esteem in which they are held by the residents of their home city and county. So that one year ago, although I was prevented from attending the Encampment at Kansas City, it gave me great pleasure that one from my home city should be selected to fill, what I consider, the highest and most honorable position that a man can be called on in this life, that of Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. (Applause). I am happy to know that he has brought honor to himself, and honor to our city, by the manner in which he has fulfilled the arduous duties of that office.

Brothers, we have reached almost the close of another session of the Commandery-in-Chief, and, as I was listening to the eloquent words of our distinguished guests, the thought came to me, what an opportune time it was that they should visit us, just at the time when we are preparing to close our session and return once more to our homes; and I sincerely trust that every member of this Encampment will carry back with him the words that they have just listened to, and endeavor, as best they can, as true Sons of Veterans, to live up to the high ideals that our fathers of the Grand Army of the Republic have a right to expect of us.

Grand Army of the Republic! Oh, I would that I had the eloquence, the power, to bring to the Brothers of this Encampment the feeling of my heart, when I think of the men of that organization. Fifty years ago they completed the greatest task that had ever been imposed upon the young manhood of America, the task of defending and saving this nation of ours, and bringing back to us this beloved flag, unsullied, and without a star obscured; completed a mighty task that required four years of sacrifice, four years of bloody warfare, but completed it in such a manner as to ultimately win, even the approbation of those whom they conquered, because I believe that every true citizen of the Southland today is glad that Appomattox found them defeated and not the victors.

And then, my Brothers, what is the end of the story? Were the boys of '61 to '65 content to rest upon their return home? No, they continued their labors, not only saved this nation from '61 to '65, but, by their acts, as citizens of this country of ours, have made the United States what it is today, the greatest and most powerful and best beloved nation on the face of the earth. (Applause). Am I saying too much when I say that this credit belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic? I don't believe I am, my Brothers, because they have been the living examples of true patriotism, and by their acts and by their words they have instilled into the hearts of the people, since the time of that dreadful conflict, true love of country and true veneration for this beloved flag of ours. Oh, I love to think of the victories won by our fathers from '61 to '65; I like to read of Gettysburg and of Shiloh and of Fredericksburg; I like to think of Lincoln and of Grant and of Sherman and of all the rest of the brave boys in blue; but I like better, my Brothers, to give some thought to what those men have accomplished for the good of this nation of ours after they ceased to be soldiers and again became citizens. I believe that the greatest asset that this nation has had, the greatest asset we have today, is the remnant of that mighty army of blue, represented by the Grand Army of the Republic. (Applause). Oh, what thoughts came to us; how our hearts were thrilled, what emotions filled us, as we were per-

mitted, under the providence of God, once more to look upon them as they marched through the streets of this historic city! Was there a man, woman or child who was not affected, who was not thrilled, who was not made a better man, woman or child, because they were permitted to again view the Grand Army of the Republic in parade. I think I saw the heading of one of the papers that said it was the last parade of the Grand Army of the Republic. No, Brothers, it is not the last parade of the Grand Army of the Republic, because so long as God gives them strength, they insist, when they meet in annual encampment, on marching through the streets of the city, in order that the people might gain inspiration and love of country, and flag, because of being permitted to again see them. (Applause).

Now, Commander-in-Chief Patterson, may I not, as one who has some knowledge of what you have done for the Order of the Sons of Veterans, express to you, by the commission given me by the Commander-in-Chief of our Order, our sincere and heartfelt thanks for your gracious visit to us, and for your kindly words.

Brothers, we have been admonished. The Grand Army of the Republic have a right to call our attention to our failings if we have any. It is our duty as Sons of Veterans to meet, as best we can, through our efforts, that which is expected of us by the Order of our fathers, the Grand Army of the Republic; and, only as we meet those duties, and meet their reasonable expectations, have we a right to feel satisfied that, as Sons of Veterans, we are carrying out the real purpose of this organization, to assist the members of that organization, and all honorably discharged soldiers, to keep alive the fires of patriotism, kindled by them; to protect that flag, if need be, as they protected it fifty and more years ago. The Grand Army of the Republic have again brought to us, by their chosen leaders, their words of cheer; and I sincerely trust, as the members of this Encampment shall return to their homes, it will be with the determination that, through their efforts, the organization of the Sons of Veterans will increase in numbers, increase in influence, and that we will endeavor, as best we can, to make our organization a power for good in this great nation of ours; that we might be able to continue the work, not to succeed the Grand Army of the Republic, because we have no desire of that kind, but that, as a patriotic organization, their sons, we might continue through the generations, their teachings, that the people of this country shall ever have knowledge of the sacrifices of the Boys of '61 to '65. (Applause).

(Commander-in-Chief Patterson and Adjutant General Bengough were then escorted from the Encampment amid great applause).

Commander-in-Chief: The Encampment will be in order.

National Counselor Jones: Commander, may I have just one moment? A matter came to my attention; it was while reference was being made to the delegation that carried the flags for various departments of the Grand Army, in the parade. On the way down from Minnesota, a Department Commander of the Department of Minnesota, said to me, "Jones, you know we have a flag forty feet long and twenty feet wide that has been carried in the national parade for years. This is the first year we are ready to turn it over to the boys to carry. Will you get a delegation of twenty Sons and have them carry it in front of the

Minnesota Department?" I told him I would. I knew that the loyalty of the boys down here would respond at the opportunity; and so, just before the parade, while the Massachusetts boys were forming over there on Commonwealth Avenue, I went over to state the case and asked for twenty volunteers, and in just that quick time twenty of the boys in uniform responded. They carried that flag, and the incident that I want to call your attention to is the fact that, as the old flag, carried by the Sons of Veterans of Massachusetts, went down the Avenue, it collected \$185 for Red Cross work. On behalf of the Department Commander of Minnesota, I express to you, not only his personal appreciation, but also the appreciation of the other members of the Department, and your humble servant, for the splendid services and the manner in which it was rendered by the Sons of Veterans of the Massachusetts Division. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: Any committee ready to make further report at this time? Is the chairman of the Press Committee in the Encampment? Is the chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Relations in the Encampment? Are there any further communications, Mr. Secretary?

National Secretary: There are none, Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: Is there any new business to come before the Encampment?

National Secretary: Shall the further reports of the Press Committee and Fraternal Relations Committee be received when their respective chairmen return?

National Secretary: I so move.

Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire: I second the motion.

Commander-in-Chief: The question is on the reception of the reports of Press Committee and Committee on Fraternal Relations when the chairmen of those committees shall return to the Encampment.

The motion was put and agreed to.

The report of Edwin M. Amies, Chief-of-Staff, was submitted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF CHIEF-OF-STAFF.

William T. Church, Esq., Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and Officers and Members of the Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment.

Greetings:—

In submitting my report as Chief-of-Staff for the ensuing year, I feel that it may be received by some with a feeling of curiosity. In view of the status of our country with a foreign power, it might be expected that this report would show an enormous decrease in membership, the general thought being that our ranks would be thinned by reason of enlistments in the service of the United States Government, but on the contrary the membership of the Reserve shows a slight increase. There are two reasons for this, the first being that the membership of the Reserve is somewhat above the Reserve Limit, the second because of the Laws enacted by our Government, the method of enlistment and service in the United States Army, and other arms of the service, is prescribed, and therefore, the member-

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ship has remained almost status quo. The tender of the entire Reserve body was made to the United States Government through the regular channel by our present Commander-in-Chief, and due acknowledgment made. Not only was this tender made nationally, but the various departments, notably Pennsylvania, made tender of its entire body to the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, due acknowledgment of which was also made. Many inquiries have passed through this office from members presumed to be better posted as to why our organization has not been called upon as a body. Existing Laws, recently made, prevent this, and those of our members who have criticised this office, had they been conversant with the present method of enlistment, would not have made foolish inquiries and unwarranted criticism. All that possibly could have been done to bring our organization to the attention of the War Department has been done, and due recognition was made of our offers.

This office, after consultation with many of our members having the welfare of our organization at heart, believed that it would not be good judgment to hold encampments of the various military departments and, therefore, acting upon such advice and judgment, no encampment under canvass of the Reserve has been held. It was deemed that in view of a state of war existing, and in which our nation was engaged, it would not be the proper thing to have in camp an armed and equipped body of men, when it might be thought such body should be in service of the Government. We, realizing, that until such time would come that the proper tender could be made and accepted that then it would be time for the Reserve to assemble in a body and endeavor to be enlisted and mustered in the service of the United States Government as such.

Therefore, under the present situation of war, I will not attempt to go into detail excepting to say that the membership is slightly increased in the Reserve. The report of the Adjutant General is, as heretofore, complete and exhaustive in every detail. The information therein contained is of the utmost importance and any one will be able to readily discern the comprehensiveness with which this report is compiled; and the thanks of this Commandery-in-Chief is due to the Adjutant General for his carefulness and painstaking effort in bringing this information to you.

FINANCES.

I am again calling your attention to the financial report of the Chief-of-Staff. The expenditures of this office, including that of the Adjutant General's, amounts to \$409.28, which amount does not consume the appropriation made to this department. At no time since this department has been organized has the appropriation made to it been entirely consumed. I had advised previously that it might be in the future that this office would ask for a satisfactory and larger appropriation, but since our country is in the state that it now is, this may not be expected, and the department will be conducted upon a minimum of cost.

I cannot let the opportunity pass without again returning my thanks to the various officers of the Commandery-in-Chief for their assistance and advice in conducting the various affairs of this office during the year and the present crisis. We have been confronted with serious questions and upon the various officers have I relied for their advice and experience, and we believe that so far as mortal man could, we have met the situation

in the best way. I trust that our relations may still continue pleasant and agreeable and to the officers and the membership at large, I desire to again express my appreciation of their helpfulness and assistance.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWIN M. AMIES,
Chief-of-Staff.

Commander-in-Chief: The next order of business is the nomination and election of officers.

National Secretary: Before we get to that business, I suggest that you, as Commander-in-Chief, could tell whether or not anything can be done under our law, by which we can use that report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations on Discipline. A little bit personal in reference to the Commander-in-Chief's report; he had to have four dishonorable discharges in my Division of Pennsylvania; and we must have something different from what we have; we must have some form, or this organization cannot go on in the way we do now, to punish a man in his own Camp, or have no punishment at all. While I am the last one to suggest, or the last one to raise, in any manner, shape or form, the changing of our constitution; yet we know we are deficient and lacking. If I don't get into the record as making that motion, Commander-in-Chief, I suggest that we ought to do something. Let us adopt, if we can, in some manner, that recommendation of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, in conformity with the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief, to accept and put into law, at any rate, in some manner, that discipline; and if it does not require anything extraordinary, I move that be adopted as the law of the Order in some manner, shape or form. Now, you are a lawyer and know how to shape that up, so that we will have something to regulate the Organization, and we ought to have it, and I appeal to the Encampment, and ask for a Brother to second it.

John L. Reeger, of New Jersey: I will second it.

Commander-in-Chief: I understand the motion is in effect a motion to suspend the Constitution and Laws.

National Secretary: Yes, only I did not want to say it that way.

Commander-in-Chief: And to enact as a law of this Order, effective from today, the recommendations on the subject of discipline, as found in the report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and that this motion has been seconded. The question is before the Encampment.

William M. P. Bowen, of Rhode Island: I suggest perhaps attention was not paid fully to it when it was read. I would suggest it at least be read for the information of the Brothers.

National Secretary: I suggest, it was published in The Banner.

Commander-in-Chief: Yes, unless some change was made by the Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant, did your Committee make any alterations in the paragraph on discipline from those published in The Banner?

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Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut: We made no changes, except the one that provides for appeal from one meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief to the succeeding one. That we eliminated.

Commander-in-Chief: Then, Brothers, with this exception, the articles on discipline are the same as were published in the August issue of *The Banner*. Are there any remarks upon this motion?

William F. Chambers, of Ohio: I only want to call attention to a ruling of a prior Council-in-Chief, holding that no previous Commandery-in-Chief can pass any rules that bind a subsequent Commandery-in-Chief. Where the subsequent Commandery-in-Chief desires to abolish those, it can be done by motion to suspend those rules, and that is a ruling and has been passed on twice by preceding Commanderies-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: That question is not being raised at this time, Brother Chambers. Are there any further remarks upon the question before the house?

The motion was put and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: The articles on discipline are adopted as the law of the Order from this date.

Charles H. E. Moran, of New York: On a question of information. Has any action been taken relative to the meeting of the next Commandery-in-Chief, or are we going to meet with the Grand Army at Portland, or is this matter going to be referred to the Council-in-Chief?

Commander-in-Chief: It is the law of this Order that we meet with the Grand Army of the Republic. (Applause).

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Commander-in-Chief: The next order of business is the nomination of officers. The Secretary will call the roll of Divisions for nominations for Commander-in-Chief.

(The Secretary called the roll of Divisions).

When the Division of Maryland was reached:

Edgar Allan, Jr., of Maryland: Commander-in-Chief, Brothers: In the selection of a man to fill the position of Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, we naturally look to the man who has given long and continuous, faithful service, but that does not mean that that one qualification will make a Commander-in-Chief. We also look to the man's peculiar qualifications.

Maryland has had in mind for many years a man they had thought measured up to that point of proficiency, and who, at some time, we would place before your Encampment for your consideration. We have a man whom we believe meets all of these requirements. We have a man who has served in most of the important positions of the Order, and we believe will be a credit to our organization. When his service has been finished you will find that he has given to you a labor of love; that he has given a service of sacrifice; that he has performed a duty, and that duty has been well done.

I have the honor, Commander-in-Chief, to nominate Brother Frederick T. F. Johnson of Washington, D. C., for Commander-in-Chief. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: Brother Johnson of Maryland is nominated for Commander-in-Chief. The roll-call of the Divisions will proceed.

National Secretary: Commander-in-Chief, the roll has been called.

A. E. B. Stephens, of Ohio: Brother Commander-in-Chief: The boys from Ohio have been listening to the call of the roll, and they have not heard the name of that great state mentioned. We take this opportunity, however, of seconding the nomination of Brother Johnson as our next Commander-in-Chief. (Applause).

Brother Commander, I move that the nominations be closed on the Commander-in-Chief, and that Brother Johnson be elected by the full vote of this Encampment, and that the Secretary of the Encampment cast the ballot of this Encampment for him.

Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire: I second the motion.

Commander-in-Chief: The question before the Encampment is that the nominations for Commander-in-Chief be closed, that Brother F. T. F. Johnson be declared the sole nominee, that the National Secretary be instructed to cast one ballot as the ballot of the Encampment for Brother Johnson for Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year.

The motion was put and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: Brothers J. Clinton Hiatt of Maryland, and W. B. Fletcher of Maine, will be appointed tellers to receive the ballot from the National Secretary.

The National Secretary then cast the unanimous ballot of the Encampment for Frederick T. F. Johnson.

J. Clinton Hiatt, of Maryland: I have the pleasure of announcing the unanimous ballot of the Encampment for Frederick T. F. Johnson as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans.

Commander-in-Chief: Brother Frederick T. F. Johnson of Maryland is elected Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: Nominations are in order for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. The Secretary will call the roll of Divisions.

The Secretary called the roll of Divisions. When the Division of Rhode Island was reached:

William M. P. Bowen, of Rhode Island: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers: I remember attending, a few years ago, one of the public functions in our neighborhood in the little State of Rhode Island, at Providence, at which the honored Governor was present, and when he was called upon for some remarks, he said, "I am reminded very much of the occasion of the small boy and a very lively dog, who upon inquiry as to where the man of the house was, said he had gone away, and then upon inquiring why they kept that dog, the small boy said, 'Mister, we keep that dog to bark when the boss is away.' So that in every organization there must be somebody to bark when the boss is away; not only in the Sons of Veterans, but in every patriotic and military organization there is some line of work that should have assistance in.

The Division of Rhode Island has been honored at various times by the offices in the Commandery-in-Chief; by Commander-

in-Chief Spink, by Commander-in-Chief Barton, both of whom are no longer with us; and by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Tobias. We have been glad, not that these men were merely elected to office, but that they were able to render to this organization the measure of service which an office in it deserves; and so today we are very glad to be here in this beautiful hall dedicated to the service of man, and in the shadow of the guilded dome of this great State House, and present to you a name that I think will do honor to the Order; a man whom we might bring forward as a young man, were it not for the fact that he is 27 years old in the service of his Camp and his Division; a man who has gone through all the grades of the camp work, who has been Division Treasurer, Division Secretary, Junior Vice Commander, and a man I think well qualified to be of great assistance to the Commandery-in-Chief.

I take pleasure, therefore, in presenting the name of Charles H. Young, Past Division Commander of the State of Rhode Island, for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief; and we present him, above all, as a man who is loyal to his camp, his Division, and to the Order. I trust therefore you will have the pleasure of electing Past Division Commander Charles H. Young, and in order that you may see him I will ask him to kindly stand up. (Applause and laughter).

Commander-in-Chief: Brother Charles H. Young, of Rhode Island is nominated for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

W. L. Corsbie, of Iowa: Commander-in-Chief, I take great pleasure in nominating a man whom I have known for several years, and known and seen in several different National Encampments; in fact, I take pleasure in nominating a man for Senior Vice Commander who has attended more National Conventions than any other man, I think; a man whom all of us know; his face is familiar to every man in this convention. I take great pleasure in nominating Michael Crowley of New Hampshire.

Commander-in-Chief: Brother Michael Crowley of New Hampshire is nominated for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(The Secretary continued the calling of the roll of Divisions).

National Secretary: Commander-in-Chief, the roll-call of Divisions has been completed.

The balloting was proceeded with and the tellers announced the vote as follows: For Charles H. Young, 122½ votes; for Michael Crowley, 19½ votes; total vote cast, 142.

Commander-in-Chief: It appears that Charles H. Young of Rhode Island has received the majority of the votes of the Encampment, and he is declared elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year.

Michael Crowley of New Hampshire: I take great pleasure in announcing that I make a motion to make it unanimous, and in behalf of those who voted for me, I take the pleasure in saying that I ask the unanimous vote for his election as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The motion was seconded.

Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire: It is a pleasure to know, in one sense, that I had so many so-called true friends; people that I helped to elevate in a National Encampment, from

the commencement up to today, and, as I said, I want this organization of Sons of Veterans to be Sons of Veterans, as you Sons of Veterans listened to those old Veterans who came here, and the Daughters who came here, and other men who came here, and to inculcate in your minds the masterpiece of manhood and of knowledge and of foundation of Sons of Veterans and the young men who are to carry on the future United States of America, the Stars and Stripes that you are loyal to here, and you come here in a hypocritical way and say something and go here and act otherwise—

Commander-in-Chief: Brother Crowley, I want to ask you a favor, a personal favor.

Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire: It will be granted.

Commander-in-Chief: There is a delegation of three old Army Nurses waiting to visit this Encampment.

Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire: I always give in to the women.

Commander-in-Chief: I know you do. We thank you.

Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire: That is one thing you can find in Crowley. He who laughs last laughs best. You can't down Crowley, because God and the angels are with him. When you are down Crowley will be on top, in health and happiness. (Applause).

The motion to make the election of Charles H. Young unanimous was put and agreed to.

VISIT OF DELEGATION FROM ARMY NURSES.

Commander-in-Chief: There is a delegation of the Army Nurses waiting to be received in this Encampment. Brothers, will you receive them at this time? There being no objection, we will receive them. I will ask Brothers George W. Kreitenstein and Frank N. Huston to escort the delegation to the Encampment.

(The delegation were then escorted to the Encampment).

George W. Kreitenstein, of Indiana: Commander-in-Chief, it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you Mrs. Margaret Hamilton, Past National President of the Nurses Association of America; Mrs. Mary Smith, National Junior Vice President of the Nurses Association of America; and Miss Anna Hamilton, daughter of Past National President Hamilton.

Commander-in-Chief: We are pleased to welcome you to our Encampment.

Brothers, you will escort our guests to the platform.

(The ladies were here escorted to the platform).

Commander-in-Chief: Brothers of the Encampment, I have great pleasure in introducing to you at this time Mrs. Margaret Hamilton, the Past National President of the War Nurses Association, who will now speak to us.

Mrs. Margaret Hamilton: Mr. Commander and Members of the National Organization of Sons of Veterans: It gives me great pleasure to be here today and to look into your faces and to tell you that I have come with loving greetings from the old Civil War nurses in convention here in Boston.

We remember your fathers when they were very much younger than some of you are, and we remember them with love.

We remember their sufferings and what they endured that this country might live, and that the old blessed flag might come home without a star missing. Nobody knows better than we do what your fathers endured during those four long years.

I had an experience in nursing from April, 1862, until the close of the war, 1865, and during that experience I could recite to you the awful sufferings, the awful fevers, the awful wounds, and everything that any man was called upon to endure. Men were brought into our hospitals mangled, from such battles as Petersburg, the Wilderness, and all the other battles. My first experience was with the men at Chickamauga, where McClellan failed in that campaign. They came in from that siege, not wounded, but, oh, sick unto death with fevers; all manner of kind of sickness; and a short time after they were brought to our hospital smallpox broke out, and, of course, they were isolated a long distance from the hospital. My first hospital was in West Philadelphia, and it was under the superintendency of Dr. Isaac I. Hay, the Artic explorer, and he was a wonderfully good man; he was a dignified man, but he had a heart of kindness, and he was surely good to the soldiers. The hospital was built to accommodate five thousand, but when these big battles were fought they had to pitch tents for about three thousand outside on the grounds of the hospital. Many of the tents were occupied by colored soldiers, and we had only about forty nurses, besides the wardmasters; so you can imagine what our work was; we worked day and night, and nobody will ever be able to tell the story of what we endured at that time. I remember my feet were so blistered, and I was so busy I did not realize it. We were busy day and night, as I say, in order to help alleviate the suffering. Some of the men were taken out of the ambulances dead when they arrived at the hospital; died on the way from the railroad to the hospital.

Well, I presume you have heard all these stories before and I won't take up your time to repeat all the sorrow that I saw during my three years' service; but after all, I do thank God that I had a part in it. It was not a very proper thing at that time for any one, especially a woman, to go and do that work. They did not have the freedom that the women have today, not at all; and the doctors at that time did not want any women, but they were very glad soon afterwards to call for help from the women; and the girls of that day were brought up to be practical; not many girls in those days but what knew about sickness; in their own family they were all able to do something for anybody that was sick. There wasn't so many social events to take up their time and so many societies and orders and clubs. We were domestic, and we were taught to be useful. I heard a doctor say that he would give more for a practical nurse than he would for a trained nurse, because the trained nurse paid so much attention to technique. He said it didn't amount to very much many times.

I am delegated to come here today and bring you these loving greetings from the nurses, and to tell you that you can never be grateful enough for what your fathers have done. They have built up this country. Where would our West be if it had not been for your fathers who migrated out there and made state after state, and everybody dreaded to have them come home, for they did not know what they might do, but they did, and they built up a new country, a rich country, and all honor to them, and they never can be appreciated enough; and neither

can this country ever be grateful enough for what the men of the Civil War did for this country. I am proud, as I say, that I had a part in that sacrifice at that time; and now, Sons of Veterans, and Commander and Officers of the Association, I thank you for so patiently listening to this story of mine; and I say, God be with us all until we meet again; for we have to depend on God for everything. There is no other power apart from God that can take care of us but God. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Smith, we are very grateful to you for this visit today. I assure you that every member of our Order appreciates in the highest the good work that you did for our fathers, comrades, in the time of the great war.

I shall ask National Chaplain, Dr. Patton, to respond to the greetings you have brought to us.

National Chaplain Patton: Commander-in-Chief, ladies: You honor us by your presence today. We feel that in your presence we are in the presence of those who have gone before, a generation of yours. We recognize the magnificent work which you did for our fathers and their comrades in the gentle hand pressed upon their brow, fevered from the effects of wounds, and shattered by the shot and shell. Remembering what they endured and suffered, probably, as you have suggested, my Sister, it will never be written, in the history of men, how much you have done, what you have seen, nor what you have suffered.

I recall an incident that came to my notice not long since concerning the ministry of women. A soldier had been wounded and was carried into the hospital in a fevered state. Word was sent to his parents that he was not killed but was thought to be dying. His mother hastened quickly to the hospital at the front, and begged the surgeon to permit her to see her boy. He told her that, probably, should he permit her to go in, the shock of meeting his mother would perhaps kill him, but she begged and entreated, and said to let her go in and sit beside him and that she would not even speak to him. He finally consented. She went in and sat beside her boy, and oh, how she longed to gather that wounded and shattered body to her loving bosom, but she restrained her desire, and placed her hand softly and gently upon his brow. Without opening his eyes, he murmured softly, "Mother, you have come."

Brothers, these women that met our fathers when all else failed; when the shout of battle and the call of commands meant nothing more to them; when life had fairly been shattered out of their bodies by suffering; and when they were helpless and hopeless; away from home and mother and wife and sister; what these women did for those men, God only can tell, and Eternity only can reveal.

Sisters, we thank you for your presence, and the inspiration it brings to us; and will you carry back to your Convention our hearty God speed in your good work. (Applause).

(The ladies were then escorted from the Encampment).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS RESUMED.

Commander-in-Chief: The roll-call of Divisions will proceed for the nomination of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. The National Secretary called the roll. When the Division of New Jersey was reached:

Arthur I. Vesceilius of New Jersey: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers: I would nominate for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief a brother who has served well; served his Camp; his Division, as a Division Commander; has held all the offices, you might say, in his Camp and Division. He held the office of Secretary and Treasurer four years, Patriotic Instructor, and has been a model Division Commander. He has done his work well. I cannot say more than this. I nominate for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Past Division Commander Henry Bender of New Jersey.

Commander-in-Chief: Past Division Commander Henry Bender is nominated for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The National Secretary completed the roll-call; no other nominations being made.

A. E. B. Stephens, of Ohio: Brother Commander, I move that the nominations be closed and the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of this Encampment for Brother Bender of New Jersey for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The motion was seconded by Michael Crowley of New Hampshire.

The motion was agreed to.

The National Secretary then cast the ballot of the Encampment for Henry Bender of New Jersey for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: Brother Henry Bender of New Jersey is elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Nominations are now in order for three members of the Council-in-Chief.

National Secretary: I move that the call of the roll of Divisions be dispensed with and that the nominations be made without a roll-call.

Commander-in-Chief: If no objection the roll-call of Divisions will be dispensed with.

J. Harris Loucks of New York: Commander-in-Chief, I would like to present for one of the members of the Council-in-Chief William M. Anderson of New York.

W. L. Corsbie, of Iowa: I take great pleasure in nominating Brother A. E. B. Stephens of Ohio as a member of the Council-in-Chief.

A. E. B. Stephens, of Ohio: I thank the Brother from Iowa for suggesting my name for Council-in-Chief, and I desire to place in nomination Brother William F. Chambers of Ohio. He has been a member of this Order for a long number of years. You all know him because you have noticed that he takes the wrong side of every question that comes before our Very Honorable Body. (Laughter). It is on account of this particular characteristic of Brother Chambers that he would make a very good member of the body of men composing the Council-in-Chief.

He is perfectly equipped in every direction. I could tell of all the important positions he has occupied that equips him for this particular office, but I will not take up your time; it would take perhaps all of the rest of the afternoon for me to enumerate them; but I, in behalf, and in the name of the delegation who are here from the state of Ohio, present the name of Brother William F. Chambers.

Commander-in-Chief: Brother William M. Anderson of New York and Brother Stephens of Ohio and Brother Chambers of Ohio are nominated for Council-in-Chief.

Michael Crowley of New Hampshire: Brother Charles B. Martin of Kansas should go back and I therefore nominate Brother Martin.

Commander-in-Chief: Brother Martin is nominated for Council-in-Chief.

National Secretary: I move the nominations be closed.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

A. E. B. Stephens, of Ohio: Commander-in-Chief, when I arose to my feet to nominate Brother Chambers, I might have omitted the fact that I withdrew my name; that I was not a candidate. If you did not understand it that way, why, I hope you will now.

Commander-in-Chief: I understand you wish to be a candidate against Brother Chambers.

A. E. B. Stephens, of Ohio: I withdrew my name, as presented here.

Commander-in-Chief: Well, do you withdraw your remarks against Brother Chambers?

A. E. B. Stephens, of Ohio: Yes.

J. Harris Loucks, of New York: Commander-in-Chief, I move that the Secretary be instructed to cast one ballot for the three men who have been nominated, and ask the unanimous consent of the Encampment that such procedure may be taken.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

The Secretary cast the ballot of the Encampment for William M. Anderson of New York, William F. Chambers of Ohio, and Charles B. Martin of Kansas for Council-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: Brothers William M. Anderson, William F. Chambers and Charles B. Martin are elected to the Council-in-Chief for the ensuing year.

This concludes the election of officers.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

El. W. Homan, of Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief: Chairman Gould had to leave and he asked me to report that we have presented the greetings to all of the Allied Bodies.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Commander-in-Chief: Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman of New York will install the officers.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman then installed the following officers in due form:

Frederick T. F. Johnson of Maryland, Commander-in-Chief.
Charles H. Young of Rhode Island, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Henry Bender of New Jersey, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

William M. Anderson of New York, William F. Chambers of Ohio and Charles B. Martin of Kansas, Council-in-Chief.

Installing Officer Sherman before turning the Chair over to Commander-in-Chief Johnson said:

Commander-in-Chief Johnson—and that must have a peculiar significance to you as I address these words—you have been chosen, by the unanimous vote of your Brothers here, to the highest office within their power to bestow; an office that, not only, possesses great honor, but, likewise, great responsibilities.

Your election to this honorable position is an evidence, not only of the high regard and appreciation of your work and ability as a Son of a Veteran in the City where you live, the Division where you have membership, but throughout the length and breadth of the United States wherever the Order of the Sons of Veterans is known; and it is also an assurance that your conduct of the affairs of this Order will be characterized by faithful, earnest and conscientious devotion to the responsibilities devolving upon you.

Commander Johnson, let me say to you, personally, that I welcome you sincerely to this position of Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans; and may He, in whose hand we are at all times, guide you, counsel you, and give you that success which I know you deserve, and which I feel assured you will achieve.

Assume command of this splendid Body of men.

Brothers, your Commander-in-Chief. Let us salute him.

(The Encampment saluted the newly elected Commander-in-Chief). (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Johnson: Brothers, I wish to thank you for the kindness you have bestowed in elevating me to this office.

It has been done freely and with good fellowship. Now, I want to ask a favor of you. I want to ask the earnest assistance of every member in this Encampment, and of every member of the Order at large, for earnest work during the coming year.

I realize that I have succeeded a gentleman, a Brother, whom it will be hard, very hard, under the circumstances, to equal, if I can equal; but I want you to help me to try. I know you will for the reason that you have elected me to this office. Now, Brothers, we must get down to work; we must enlarge our Order, so that we may carry out the principles that were announced here this afternoon by the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. We must disseminate, through the land, patriotism, and we must do it well, for we have coming to our shores, and will have at the close of this war, great numbers of Europeans who understand not liberty; who think, from their education, that liberty is license, and that license goes in the United States. It is to teach these people that we have organized to assist the Grand Army in teaching them how to respect the flag, how to respect our laws, and how to carry them out. Now, can I depend absolutely on you for this? (Cries of "Yes").

Brothers, I thank you. (Applause).

PRESENTATION OF PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S BADGE
AND DIAMOND RING TO PAST COMMANDER-
IN-CHIEF CHURCH.

Fred E. Bolton, of Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, I have not had occasion to particularly address the Encampment during its stay here, nor have I particularly desired to do it, but I am on my feet now because I am doing something that I not only wanted to do, but that I have been asked to do.

I want to say to you, Brothers, that a little more than an hour ago I was in Concord, and, by a ride, which I think broke all the speed laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and beat anything that Paul Revere ever undertook, we got back here in time to perform what is to me a very pleasant duty; and, my remarks are to be to Brother Church; and if he will let me stand out here and look him in the eye while I talk to him, because I am not going to make a speech.

Brother Church I have been privileged to be your friend for a great many years, and have been in that circle of acquaintances of yours in the Sons of Veterans who have waited patiently for the time to come when you would consent to be Commander-in-Chief of the organization. Every fond hope that they had, every expectation of the sort of service that you would give to the organization, has been realized. You have been a brilliant Commander-in-Chief. You have been an exceptional leader, and you have inspired every one of us; and among those who have never come in contact with you before, have lead them to a more devoted service in the organization.

It has been a privilege for every one who has contributed in a slight degree to the success of your administration, a privilege to have had the opportunity to have worked with and through you, and incidentally for the organization, because everything you did was for the Sons of Veterans.

Now, I well know what the custom is when a man gets through being Commander-in-Chief, but here is just the part that I want to refer to. There was a brother among us for years that always had the opportunity of presenting to the retiring Past Commander-in-Chief the mark of his past rank. I have received it at his hands, as have many others, and we were impressed with what he always said to us, and I cannot help but feel that it would be much better, perhaps, if some one from your own Division than myself were to take his place, because were he living, I am sure no one would feel prouder than George B. Abbott to have pinned that mark on the breast of the one he called, as I have heard him call many times, his boy, because he put you into this organization, your membership came through his sponsorship, and he has watched every step that you made in the Order. It is a peculiar compliment to me, therefore, for some of your close friends to have given me the opportunity, not to take Brother Abbott's place, in that fatherly, kindly, brotherly, loving way that he would, but, as one who does claim to be your friend, to sense that satisfaction that I can express on behalf of all these brothers for the devotion you have given to us.

And, therefore, it is with more than ordinary pleasure that I am permitted to pin upon your breast the mark of the Past Commander-in-Chief, wearing which will be but an indication of well deserved tribute of service splendidly performed for the organization. (Applause).

In later years, there will come to you that sweet satisfaction of having done your best, and knowing that your best was recognized by those who constitute the membership of the organization. But, in recent years, they have, in the Commandery, and among the close circle of friends, sort of changed the idea of just what a man should receive, and, therefore, their good sense has prevailed, because, perchance I think it is better judgment to give a man something he can wear every day of his life, have with him every minute of his life, instead of having something that he has to keep in cold storage most of the time for fear somebody will "pinch" it from him, and this is the ring that goes with the badge. As it encircles your finger, it seems to me it will convey to you that tender clasp of the hand of friends who would be constantly seeking out to reach yours if they were privileged to meet you every day; and the sparkle of its jewels will represent to you that affection of love that is in the hearts of every one of us for a brother that has been, at least, one of the best, if not the best Commander-in-Chief we ever had. (Applause). May you wear it with all the affection from your associates that you have for the organization of Sons of Veterans itself. (Applause).

Past Commander-in-Chief William T. Church: Past Commander-in-Chief Bolton, and Brothers of this Encampment, certainly I appreciate the kind words that have been spoken by a Past Commander-in-Chief who is well worthy to step into the place vacated now by him who occupied that vacant seat in the past. We regret the absence of that dear old friend, but these things must come with the course of time; and there are other old friends that are dear to us, and my brothers of this Encampment, you could have selected none better to present to me this decoration and this symbol of your kindness and respect, than Past Commander-in-Chief Bolton. I am glad that you have chosen him. I am grateful for the good fellowship, friendship, and love he has conveyed to me in these words.

I have been ambitious for this Order. I have wanted to see the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., the leaders in the affairs of the nation. I have given to you the best that I had. If it has raised the Order in the slightest degree in the way that my ambition has pointed, I am more than repaid for all the effort I have made. While I have now joined the ranks of the has-beens, I assure you, Brothers of this Encampment, that I shall ever continue to be active and earnest in the work and the affairs of the Order, and shall be as jealous for the success of the Order under my distinguished successor, and his successors, as I have been at any time in the past. (Applause).

We have been so splendidly entertained by this grand old Division of Massachusetts; we have been made to feel every day and every hour that we have spent in its jurisdiction that the men, the brothers of this Division, were men of high type, men who are already on the advance, men who are able to do great things, and are doing them, and doing them well; that I assure you, Brothers, if there has been one moment of my life prouder than the present, it was, when, as your Commander-in-Chief, I marched in the parade with the escort of the Grand Army of the Republic in this splendid city, with that grand escort of Sons of Veterans, composed so largely of the members of this and the adjoining Divisions. I hope the time may soon come when, whether our Encampments shall be held in the East, in the Middle States, or in the Far West, that we shall be enabled,

whatever the location may be, to equal, in some degree, this splendid escort as long as the Grand Army of the Republic shall be able to move in parade.

I thank you all for your great kindness, your many good acts, the splendid assistance you have given to me; and I want to say that, but for the work, honest, faithful, earnest and untiring which you have given to this Order during the past year, nothing that your Commander-in-Chief could have done would have been of moment. I thank you, Brothers, from the bottom of my heart. (Applause).

PRESENTATION OF SILVER PITCHER TO PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF CHURCH.

J. Colby Beekman, of Illinois: Past Commander-in-Chief Church, you have come here with the insignia of the highest office this Order has within its power to bestow pinned upon your breast, and you are going away with the emblem that indicates your position as a high private in the rear ranks.

Illinois has always loved you and admired your sterling qualities. The splendid work done the past year has intensified that love, and increased that admiration. Words soon become memories, and it is the pleasure of the Illinois Division, through me, its Commander, to present this material token of its love and affection that the Illinois Division has for you. I take great pleasure in presenting to you this pitcher. (Applause).

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: Commander Beekman, and Brothers of the Illinois Division: I have always had a great pride in my Division, and love for its membership; and I assure you that this most beautiful and useful token of your regard for me is one that I shall ever prize among my most valued possessions. It will remind me, as Commander Beekman has said, daily of the brothers with whom I have worked, and with whom I have found so much good fellowship for so many, many years of my life.

I thank you, Brothers of Illinois, and I am glad, not because of the value of your gift, but because of the great value of your friendship which prompts it. I am going back with you to the good old Division of Illinois. I thank you, Commander and Brothers. (Applause).

APPOINTMENT AND INSTALLATION OF CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF.

Commander-in-Chief Johnson: Brothers, I wish to announce partly the Staff. I appoint as National Chaplain, Rev. A. A. Bronsdon of the Massachusetts Division, and I will ask Brother Sherman to install him. The other appointments will be made later and announced.

Installing Officer Sherman: Past Commander-in-Chief Shepard, will you kindly escort Brother Bronsdon to the altar. (The Chaplain-in-Chief-elect was escorted to the altar).

Installing Officer Sherman: Brother Bronsdon, pardon me if I trespass just a second, and instead of using the words which have been so beautifully written for the installation of our officers, say a personal word of gratification that our new Com-

mander-in-Chief has chosen you for that beautiful office of National Chaplain; for the opportunity it affords you. The Commandery-in-Chief, the Massachusetts Division, and the Camp, of which you have the honor to be a member, are all greatly honored by your selection for this office.

It is in line with your profession, and seems most fitting; you have made a most enviable record in the Division where you are best known; and now that you have been called into a larger field of usefulness, it seems to me to be particularly pleasing to all who have had the pleasure of acquaintance with you. I will ask you to raise your hand and take the usual obligation as an officer of the Commandery-in-Chief.

(The obligation was then administered by Installing Officer Sherman).

Commander-in-Chief Johnson: Brothers, any further business?

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, I move the minutes of this Encampment be approved, as recorded by the stenographer; and that all the Encampment and Working Committees be discharged.

Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire: I second the motion. The motion was agreed to.

William M. Anderson, of New York: Commander-in-Chief, the Council-in-Chief will meet tomorrow morning at nine o'clock at the hotel.

Commander-in-Chief: Is there any further business to come before the Encampment? Brothers, the Council-in-Chief will meet tomorrow morning in the Red Room of the Bellevue Hotel, and it is requested that all the newly elected officers be present at that meeting.

William T. Church, of Illinois: Commander-in-Chief, may I be heard just a moment. I move you, Commander-in-Chief, that a communication be sent from this Encampment, by the Commander-in-Chief, to the only absent officer of the Commandery-in-Chief, Brother James Lewis Rake, who is unable to be here; that a word of greeting, fellowship and sympathy be sent to him by the Commander-in-Chief, in the name of this Encampment.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: Is there any further business? If not, we will proceed to close.

The Encampment then closed in due form.

OFFICIAL ROLL CALL.

Completed report of the Committee on Credentials, Roster and Roll-call of the Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held at Boston, Massachusetts, August 20-24, 1917, the * showing those present during the Encampment:

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Pennsylvania	14846	31
Rhode Island	577	2
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Wisconsin	1821	5

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WILLIAM T. CHURCH,
Past Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

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William T. Church, Past Commander-in-Chief.
F. T. F. Johnson, Commander-in-Chief.

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