

PROCEEDINGS
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
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1917-19

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Thirty-eighth
Annual Encampment

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



Held at

COLUMBUS, OHIO

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 11

1919



FRANCIS CALLAHAN
Past Commander-in-Chief



HARRY D. SISSON
Commander-in-Chief

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENTS

No.	Year.	Date.	Place.	State.
1st	1882	Oct. 18	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
2nd	1883	Aug. 6-7	Columbus	Ohio
3rd	1884	Aug. 27-30	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania
4th	1885	Sept. 17-18	Grand Rapids	Michigan
5th	1886	Sept. 1-2	Buffalo	New York
6th	1887	Aug. 17-19	Des Moines	Iowa
7th	1888	Aug. 15-17	Wheeling	West Virginia
8th	1889	Sept. 10-13	Paterson	New Jersey
9th	1890	Aug. 26-29	St. Joseph	Missouri
10th	1891	Aug. 24-29	Minneapolis	Minnesota
11th	1892	Aug. 8-12	Helena	Montana
12th	1893	Aug. 15-18	Cincinnati	Ohio
13th	1894	Aug. 20-23	Davenport	Iowa
14th	1895	Sept. 16-18	Knoxville	Tennessee
15th	1896	Sept. 8-10	Louisville	Kentucky
16th	1897	Sept. 9-11	Indianapolis	Indiana
17th	1898	Sept. 12-14	Omaha	Nebraska
18th	1899	Sept. 7-9	Detroit	Michigan
19th	1900	Sept. 11-13	Syracuse	New York
20th	1901	Sept. 17-18	Providence	Rhode Island
21st	1902	Oct. 7-9	Washington	D. C.
22nd	1903	Sept. 15-17	Atlantic City	New Jersey
23rd	1904	Aug. 17-19	Boston	Massachusetts
24th	1905	Sept. 18-20	Gettysburg	Pennsylvania
25th	1906	Aug. 21-23	Peoria	Illinois
26th	1907	Aug. 20-21	Dayton	Ohio
27th	1908	Aug. 25-27	Niagara Falls	New York
28th	1909	Aug. 24-26	Washington	D. C.
29th	1910	Sept. 20-22	Atlantic City	New Jersey
30th	1911	Aug. 22-25	Rochester	New York
31st	1912	Aug. 27-29	St. Louis	Missouri
32nd	1913	Sept. 16-18	Chattanooga	Tennessee
33rd	1914	Sept. 1-3	Detroit	Michigan
34th	1915	Sept. 28-30	Washington	D. C.
35th	1916	Aug. 30-31	Kansas City	Missouri
36th	1917	Aug. 22-23	Boston	Massachusetts
37th	1918	Aug. 20-21	Niagara Falls	New York
38th	1919	Sept. 9-11	Columbus	Ohio

PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF

Elected.	Name.	Division.	Address.	Deceased
1881	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania		
1882	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania		
1883	*Frank P. Merrill	Maine		
1883	*A. P. Davis	Pennsylvania		July 8, 1909
1884	*Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania		May 1, 1899
1885	Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania	422 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.	January 12, 1889
1885	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio		
1886	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio		October 19, 1901
1887	*George E. Abbott	Illinois		October 19, 1901
1888	*George E. Abbott	Illinois		June 14, 1917
1889	George W. Marks	New York	537 Fulton St., Brooklyn, N. Y.	June 14, 1917
1889	*Charles J. Griffin	Indiana		
1890	*Leland J. Webb	Kansas		December 21, 1902
1891	*George T. Brown	New York		February 23, 1893
1891	Edwin T. Earp	Massachusetts	Lynn, Mass.	
1891	Bartow S. Weeks	New York	2 Rector St., New York, N. Y.	
1892	*Marvin E. Hall	Michigan	Hillsdale, Mich.	
1893	Joseph B. Maccabe	Massachusetts	198 Trenton St., Boston, Mass.	
1894	*William E. Bundy	Ohio		August 16, 1903
1895	William H. Russell	Kansas	La Crosse, Kansas	
1896	James Lewis Rake	Pennsylvania	Reading, Pa.	
1897	Charles K. Darling	Massachusetts	610 Exchange Bldg., Boston, Mass.	
1898	Frank L. Shepard	Illinois	108 So. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.	
1899	*A. W. Jenes	Ohio		October 6, 1918
1899	*R. M. J. Reed	Pennsylvania	2510 W. Lehigh Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.	
1900	*Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania		November 24, 1912
1901	Edward R. Campbell	Maryland	Clermont, Florida	
1902	*Frank Martin	Indiana		February 7, 1912
1903	*Arthur E. Spink	Rhode Island		November 3, 1915
1904	*William G. Dustin	Illinois		February 14, 1918
1905	Harley V. Speelman	Ohio	1652 Hobart St., N. W., Washington, D. C.	
1906	Edwin M. Amies	Pennsylvania	Altoona, Pa.	
1907	Ralph Sheldon	New York	Lyons, N. Y.	
1908	Edgar Allan, Jr.	Maryland	Richmond, Va.	
1909	George W. Pollitt	New Jersey	113 Hamilton Ave., Paterson, N. J.	
1910	Fred. E. Bolton	Massachusetts	City Hall, Boston, Mass.	
1911	Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	1001 Law Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.	
1912	Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	Sage-Allen Bldg., Hartford, Conn.	
1913	John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania	203 Emerson Ave., Aspinwall, Pittsburgh, Pa.	
1914	*Charles F. Sherman	New York	46 South 4th Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	
1915	A. E. B. Stephens	Ohio	42 Wiggins Block, Cincinnati, Ohio	
1916	William T. Church	Illinois	108 So. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.	
1917	Fred. T. F. Johnson	Maryland	McGill Bldg., Washington, D. C.	
1918	Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania	Room 225, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.	

*Deceased.

†Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief Encampment.

‡Not a Member.

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TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Thirty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., was called to order at 2:30 o'clock P. M., Tuesday, September 9, 1919, in the Elks' Banquet Room, Columbus, Ohio, with Commander-in-Chief Francis Callahan in the chair.

Commander-in-Chief: There are three Sisters of Columbus, Ohio, Auxiliary, who wish to perform a duty at this time. I call the assembly to order to permit them to proceed.

VISIT OF COMMITTEE FROM THE SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY.

The Ladies were escorted to the Commander-in-Chief's station.

Mrs. Ed. S. Wilson, Past Division President of Ohio Sons of Veterans Auxiliary: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers: We girls of the Columbus, Ohio, Auxiliary would like to present our dear Brother Callahan with these beautiful roses without the thorns, representing our love to all the Sons of Veterans of this national body. We have a membership of 225 of the most loyal Auxiliary girls we believe in the United States. If there is anything at all that we can do we are willing to do it. Accept these roses, without the thorns (presenting the roses) from the the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary No. 17 of Columbus, Ohio.

Commander-in-Chief: Boys, I am in your class. I knew that, just as soon as I saw the roses. Sister Wilson, I appreciate the kind thoughts of the Sisters of the Columbus Auxiliary. These beautiful roses remind me of the beautiful faces of the ladies who compose that valiant organization. I thank you for your courtesy.

The visiting Sisters were escorted from the hall.

Delegate Frank F. Stoops of Tennessee: Commander-in-Chief, it is my pleasure to present to you a gavel made from wood that grew on the battlefield of Chickamauga.

Commander-in-Chief: You weren't anywhere near at hand when that bullet went into that tree. Brother Stoops, convey to the members of your Camp my high appreciation of their remembrance of me when they were so far away, as to present me with a gavel taken from the battlefield that our fathers and forefathers fought on, those heroes that we represent here today. I shall always cherish this token of their esteem.

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

The National Secretary will call the roll of officers.

ROLL-CALL OF NATIONAL OFFICERS.

The roll-call showed the following National Officers present:

Francis Callahan, Commander-in-Chief.
 Elmer E. Perry, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.
 Charles H. Bissell, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.
 R. J. Williams, Council-in-Chief.
 Ernest W. Homan, Council-in-Chief.
 Arthur D. Rhinesmith, Council-in-Chief.
 Edwin M. Amies, Chief-of-Staff.
 Horace H. Hammer, National Secretary.
 James Lewis Rake, National Treasurer.
 Rev. Edward H. Brewster, National Chaplain.
 Frank McCrillis, National Patriotic Instructor.
 H. V. Speelman, National Press Correspondent.

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

Inspectors, Harry A. Beaver and W. W. Morey of Columbus, Ohio.

Inner Guard, Ed. S. Wilson, Division Secretary of Ohio.

The Encampment was opened in due form. National Chaplain Brewster invoked the Divine blessing. The singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" and "America" was led by Prof. Frank C. Huston of Indiana.

Commander-in-Chief: All members of the Commandery-in-Chief will be photographed in front of the Memorial Hall after this session.

The following will constitute the

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Horace H. Hammer, National Secretary, Chairman.
 H. F. Weiler, of Massachusetts.
 Frank Mills, of Nebraska.
 F. C. Focht, of Indiana.
 Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire.

National Secretary Hammer presented the following report, signed by all members of the Committee:

Temporary Headquarters, Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Elks' Hall, Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 9, 1919.

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

Brothers:

Your Committee on Credentials reports that all Divisions are entitled to representation in this Encampment.

As a preliminary report, we submit the names (210) of the following members of this Encampment, duly enrolled:

(This and subsequent reports of the Committee on Credentials giving names of accredited representatives are embodied in the Official Roll-Call, those present being marked with an *).

Signed:

H. H. HAMMER,
 H. F. WEILER,
 FRANK MILLS,
 F. C. FOCHT,
 MICHAEL CROWLEY,

Committee on Credentials.

National Secretary: I move that the report be accepted and made the first Roll-call of the Encampment.

Motion seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief E. R. Campbell. The motion was agreed to.

Past Commander-in-Chief James Lewis Rake, of Pennsylvania, reported a delegation of Ladies in waiting, and he was directed to escort them into the room.

Past Commander-in-Chief Rake: I have the honor of presenting to you the representatives of the local and National Ladies of the Spanish American War delegation.

Commander-in-Chief: On behalf of the Sons of Veterans, I welcome you. We are pleased to have the honor of your presence. Brother Rake, escort the distinguished ladies to the front. They were duly escorted to the platform.

Commander-in-Chief: It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you Mrs. O'Brien, Past State President of the Auxiliary of the Spanish American War Veterans.

Mrs. O'Brien: Commander-in-Chief: It gives me great pleasure to come to you today. I don't know whether I am trembling or not, but this is just a little bit out of my line. I could talk to any one of you alone much better than I can talk to you together. Our National body held a meeting in San Francisco last week. Our National President, Mrs. Lemert, said she would be unable to be here and asked me to represent her. I am sure you would enjoy hearing her much better than hearing me. I hope you will have just as good a time as we are having. We welcome you to our city and to our homes, so come again sometime and see us.

Commander-in-Chief: It now gives me great pleasure to present Mrs. Anna Bosworth, President of the local Auxiliary to the Spanish American War Veterans.

Mrs. Bosworth: As you can see by the introduction, Mrs. O'Brien should be far more familiar in talking to a bunch of men. This is the first time in my life I ever acted as President, and I am really worse than trembling a little—I am simply scared to death. But I always said I never gave up and showed it any. I certainly am glad to bring greetings to you from the Spanish American War Veterans Auxiliary in their behalf. I am certainly glad, too, to welcome you to our city. I certainly am proud of the Civil War Veterans, the Spanish American War Veterans and the Sons of Veterans—why should not I be? My father was a Civil War Veteran, and my husband (the best fellow on this earth) was a Spanish American War Veteran. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief: I am about to accord honors to their distinguished escort—will he respond to their remarks.

Past Commander-in-Chief Rake: Like Christ between the thieves, I would find the rose between the two thorns. The end of the simile is that you will find the rose between the two thorns. Pardon me. No, it is not nervousness—it is my recent association with some newlyweds. Our organization has been almost disrupted in the last few months, between the organization and the Auxiliary. But we fellows are lucky. I am glad to have you ladies here that we may have a new crop to draw from. Some of us may be aged, but don't let that disturb you. You

will get over your nervousness when you are better acquainted with the Sons of Veterans who are before you. Don't be overawed and don't be nervous while you look them in the face—they are not half as bad as they look. God knows they look bad enough. They are perfectly harmless, however, except those recently married and they are in the process of taming. They make the best soldiers.

Mrs. Bosworth: Who, the married ones?

Past Commander-in-Chief Rake: You have a keener perception than has our Commander-in-Chief—you get my point immediately. That is why we are taming the newly married men. We believe all the faults of their past lives should be open books to their wives so that when we send them forth to the battles of life they can go and fight for their country without any other clouds on their minds. Never mind "Buzz." The other one has gone out the door. Ladies, I didn't intend to make a serious speech.

Mrs. Bosworth: Take men as they mean, not as they say.

Past Commander-in-Chief Rake: Again your perception is rather keen. We are delighted to have you here, for the sentiments for which you stand in your organization. There is no dividing line in this organization. They represent the men who have given their lives to defend Old Glory so that the matter of the name amounts to nothing. It is the honor of having defended Old Glory. You represent that loyalty for which this organization stands and we are therefore glad to have had you with us today.

The visitors were escorted from the hall.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter of Pennsylvania: The Committee on the "State of the Order" is in session in the small room to the left of the hall. The committee shall be glad to have any Brother who desires to present anything to them verbally or in writing to come to their meeting. We don't want you to leave the session at this time if you desire to remain, so that we say we will be in session after the close of this session of the Commandery-in-Chief and shall then be glad to have any brother interested (and I believe you are all interested) in the work of this committee. Appear before the committee and make your suggestions.

Commander-in-Chief: It is my duty to re-appoint the Committee on the State of the Order for another year. I announce the appointment of the following committees:

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut, Chairman.
 Fred E. Bolton, of Massachusetts.
 Charles F. Sherman, of New York.
 John E. Sautter, of Pennsylvania.
 Wm. T. Church, of Illinois.
 C. Walter Tozer, of California and Pacific.

COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Fred T. F. Johnson, of Maryland, Chairman.
 Charles H. Heimsoth, of New York.
 J. Kirkwood Craig, of New Hampshire.

Arthur I. Vescelius, of New Jersey.
Ralph H. Burbank, of Maine.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania, Chairman.
H. Harding Hale, of Massachusetts.
Wm. B. Hartzog, of Michigan.
Clifford C. Ireland, of Illinois.
Robert T. Alcorn, of Connecticut.

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Ralph Sheldon, of New York, Chairman.
E. H. Milham, of Minnesota.
Leon L. Roberts, of Missouri.
Ned Withers, of Wisconsin.
Eugene Carr, of Washington and Oregon.

COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND CEREMONIES.

Charles W. Senior, of Rhode Island, Chairman.
Wm. H. Hyden, of California and Pacific.
H. M. Lewis, of Kansas.
Daniel D. Sharp, of Minnesota.
C. F. Miller, of Pennsylvania.

COMMITTEE ON PRESS.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio, Chairman.
J. Clinton Hiatt, of Maryland.
Fred W. Spear, of Vermont.
Lewis A. Dilley, of Iowa.
Walter C. Mabie, of Pennsylvania.

Commander-in-Chief: Next in order is the reading of Officers' Reports. I want to read my report for the reason that I have encountered a very strenuous year. I am somewhat elated although my work was hard and laborious with numerous communications; at the same time we have held this good old organization above the 51,000 mark. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Perry, please take the Commander-in-Chief's station.

REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 5, 1919.

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

Brothers:

It was a great privilege to be chosen by your honorable body one year ago to preside over the destiny of the Organization of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., as the Commander-in-Chief, and as my term is now coming to an end, I render you a report of my stewardship.

Since our last Encampment meeting a great epidemic of influenza swept over our land, laying waste many interests of industry, and deterring to an almost annihilating extent the various Camps of the Sons of Veterans, so that there was not very

great activity displayed by the membership in securing new members or the organization of new Camps. But, with the ending of the War that was in vogue on the European Continent, there appeared to be a new spirit of life enthused into the masses of the people who are taking on renewed vigor in the interest of all metropolitan sources.

The Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., stands more prominently in the eyes of the World today, than it has ever before, by reason of its activity during the wide World War. To my predecessors a great amount of this credit is due, by reason of their great activity in the promulgating of the Ambulance Fund, and the Committee of the Patriotic Societies, the War College, the Food Administration, which has given our Order a wide circulation of advertisement and prestige, which by the ending of the War, will bring our Order more prominently before the public.

On assuming office I immediately proceeded to carry on the good work originated by my predecessors. In the matter of the Ambulance Fund, I issued a second appeal for this fund on October first, 1918, for the purpose of purchasing more ambulances and presenting them to the United States Government. In January, 1919, pursuant to the declaration of the President of the United States, Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, that the World War is ended and assurance of peace, I ordered that the project directed by authority of the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, at Niagara Falls, New York, 1918, that during the continuance of the War, each Division be required to contribute the equivalent of one dollar per capita each year, and that the Commander-in-Chief, the National Secretary and the National Treasurer be directed to apply such funds to the needs of our Government, be discontinued and no further action relating thereto be taken; all orders and instructions pertaining to securing this fund, collections, contributions, by members of Camps and Divisions are hereby countermanded. No funds or receipts to be credited to the purpose or object have been received by the National Treasurer.

My co-operation with Mr. William Mather Lewis, Executive Secretary of the National Committee of Patriotic Societies, also Food Administrator, Mr. Herbert S. Hoover, and Colonel C. W. Weeks, General Staff, Chief Historical Branch, War Publication Department, Pictorial Section, War Plans Division, Army War College, no doubt has brought our Order more prominently to the notice of our National Government.

We have lived as an Organization for over Forty (40) years, and met all obligations, and I can see a great future ahead for it, for our boys rendered a service of valor in the wide World War, as their fathers did from 1861 to 1865.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

At the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held at Niagara Falls, August 20th and 21st, 1918, on recommendation of the then Commander-in-Chief, F. T. F. Johnson, and on a resolution presented by the Committee on Officers reports, a committee of six members of the Commandery-in-Chief were appointed to devise

ways and means for the betterment and further advancement of the organization of the Sons of Veterans in general, the Committee consisting of:

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph M. Grant of Connecticut;
 Past Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Bolton of Massachusetts;
 Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter of Pennsylvania;
 Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman of New York;
 Past Commander-in-Chief William T. Church of Illinois; and
 Past Division Commander Charles W. Tozer, of California and Pacific Division.

This Committee has issued statements in The Banner from month to month, soliciting from the membership in general, suggestions as to changes in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, or any other matter that might prove beneficial to our Order.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

The relationship existing between the Order of the Sons of Veterans and the Grand Army of the Republic, which was perfected many years ago, still continues to grow closer, with the good will and cordial relations which has existed between the members of this Organization and those of the Grand Army of the Republic, as an indication of the interest manifested by that parent Organization in the welfare of the Organization of the Sons of Veterans.

The membership of the Grand Army of the Republic have taken on renewed vigor in an effort to organize new Camps and increase the membership of those in existence.

It was my privilege during the past year, as well as a great pleasure to come in contact with the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, The Hon. Clarendon E. Adams, the true and loyal friend of our organization, who by his geniality, impresses forcibly upon those with whom he comes in contact, his love and good will for a continuous success of the Organization of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

In my various connections with him at the many Division Encampments, his courtesies were many—not only to myself, but to the Sons of Veterans in Encampment.

I desire to thank him for the many courtesies extended, not only to myself, but to the entire Order of the Sons of Veterans, as it was through him we were able to perfect successful arrangements for the convening of our National Encampment at Columbus, Ohio.

THE ALLIED SOCIETIES.

It was a great pleasure to me on a number of occasions, at the various Division Encampments, to meet the heads of the various National Bodies—Mrs. Eliza Brown Daggett, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Rose E. Houghton, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and Mrs. Estella M. Moore, National President of the Daughters of Veterans. These ladies apparently are very much interested in the success of our Organization. They have so expressed themselves with a willingness to do all in their power

to promote interest and welfare in our Order. This of course must be gratifying to our membership. We are indebted to a great extent to these Allied Patriotic Societies for their good will and friendly expressions, and no doubt their good will and assistance will be far reaching in years to come.

I desire to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation and thanks for the many courtesies rendered me during the past year.

FEDERATION OF ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE
REPUBLIC.

The matter has been approached to me by letter from Mrs. Eliza Brown Daggett, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, favoring a Federation of the Allied Organizations of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In my judgment at this time it may be the proper course to pursue, as it would be the means of bringing closer together the various organizations so attached, and would have a tendency to unite our organization in closer proximity with the Grand Army of the Republic and all other Allied Organizations thereto. The suggestion was put forth, should this meet with favor in the Commandery-in-Chief, that a representative be selected by the Commandery-in-Chief to meet with the delegate selected by the National body of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the other Allied Organizations thereto, at the place designated for the holding of the National Encampments on the Saturday previous to the convening of same.

SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY.

Under the able leadership of Miss Margaret W. Carney, the National President and her loyal and efficient corps of Officers, as well as the entire membership, the Auxiliary has advanced to a great extent in its patriotic work, and has rendered invaluable assistance to our Order. It has shown by its zeal and integrity the value of its numbers.

It was my pleasure during the past year to come in contact on many occasions with its National President, whom I found at all times ready to lend her aid and assistance to our Order. I extend to her my gratitude for her many courtesies extended to me and to our Order.

NECROLOGY.

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, THE HON. A. W. JONES.

In the death of Past Commander-in-Chief, Hon. A. W. Jones, the Order has lost one of its best and beloved members. Brother Jones died the week of October 6th, 1918, after a lingering illness of several months. He became affiliated with our Order many years ago, and was one of its most loyal and enthusiastic advocates, and devoted to a great extent, his time to its welfare and success.

Brother Jones was a public man of high legal attainments in his native State, having been a well known Attorney-at-Law. He was nominated and elected Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, serving two terms. He was elected Commander of the Division of Ohio in 1897—and at the Seventeenth Annual En-

campment of the Commandery-in-Chief, held at Detroit, Michigan, in 1899, he was elected Commander-in-Chief.

He was also a Veteran of the War of the Rebellion from 1861 to 1865. He was an ardent and enthusiastic advocate of the Order of the Sons of Veterans.

COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF, WILLIAM F. CHAMBERS.

In the death of Council-in-Chief, William F. Chambers the Order has lost one of its well known and beloved members. Brother Chambers died after a lingering illness at his home in Cincinnati, Ohio, December 27, 1918. He was senior member of the Council-in-Chief, having been first elected to that office at the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment at Boston, Massachusetts, in 1917, and re-elected at the Niagara Falls Encampment in 1918.

He was a well known Attorney-at-Law in Cincinnati, and was active in the affairs of the Organization of the Sons of Veterans, being a regular attendant at the Commandery-in-Chief Encampments.

It is also an unpleasant duty for me to announce the deaths of a number of Past Division Commanders the past year, as well as numerous other deaths occurring among the membership of the various Camps.

Massachusetts—Past Division Commander, Fred E. Warner, September 16, 1918.

New Jersey—Past Division Commander, Charles Schmidt, November 2, 1918.

Wisconsin—Past Division Commander, F. H. B. McDowell, October 10, 1918.

Alabama and Tennessee—Past Division Commander, Wm. F. Bolin, February 16, 1919.

Massachusetts—Past Division Commander, Frank E. Warren, March 10, 1919.

Connecticut—Past Division Commander, G. Brainard Smith, April 22, 1919.

California and Pacific—Past Division Commander, Harry Culver, in France.

Pennsylvania—Past Division Commander, C. Day Rudy, June 18, 1919.

Missouri—Past Division Commander, Louis Drechsler, June 23, 1919.

Minnesota—Past Division Commander E. F. Heller, August 4, 1919.

While we deplore the loss of all our Brothers who have passed away from all earthly cares let us hope that their lives are crowned with everlasting happiness in the realms of Heaven above.

ORDERS.

General Orders have been issued monthly and published in The Banner, and fully set forth the activities and requirements of the Order and its conditions from month to month.

Special Orders have been issued as occasions required.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence of the Commandery-in-Chief has been extensive, but by strict attention to duty has been promptly handled. I have been diligent to the extent of keeping in close touch with all Divisions, and much to my great joy this has been successful and beneficial.

I communicated by letter to each Past Commander-in-Chief, Past Division Commander, Division Commander, Division Secretary and Treasurer, and each Officer of the Commandery-in-Chief, the importance of their support and influence in the upbuilding of our Order:

It was gratifying to me to receive in a number of cases, encouraging response. I will say that the membership have been very courteous to my communications, and I have had little cause for criticism due to laxity in this connection.

PUBLICITY.

The plausibility of publicity to our Order in the Public Press as a means of advertising and to build up the membership in numbers, has been suggested by many of our members. This might be a success to some extent, and also bring into the Order a class of undesirables.

My observation is that the Orders that have no such feature have been making the greatest gains. The publicity part remains within ourselves, as it is within the membership of other great Orders who busy themselves in the interest of their organization. Of course if we are going to lie dormant within ourselves and wait for publicity from other sources, we will not ascend far above our present membership, but will descend to a lower membership.

So publicity remains with the membership themselves—not a few but all.

AIDES.

Following the methods of my predecessors the appointment of Brothers as Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, for meritorious service rendered in securing five or more new members in their Camps during a single quarter has been continued, and during the present term fifty-eight (58) such Aides have been appointed.

No appointments have been made, except on merit. Each one of the fifty-eight appointed have secured five new members or more, some having secured thirty (30) new members during a single quarter. This alone is gratifying to me.

"THE BANNER."

This well composed Organ of our Order—the genial Editor—Brother Holbrook, who is ever ready with a boost for our Order, and who has waited patiently from time to time for mailing lists from the various Camps. It appears that some of the Camps have become derelict in the furnishing of the mailing lists of their membership to The Banner and the correcting of the same from time to time, as to the dropping off of members and the mustering in of new members.

It is my opinion that Commanders of Divisions could remedy such matters by correspondence with the Commanders of the various Camps in their Divisions.

DISCIPLINE.

While it was an unpleasant duty for me to perform, I was compelled to suspend four (4) Divisions under the law for not sending in their quarterly reports and per capita tax when due, which I believe was not on account of the great laxity, but by an oversight on part of those in authority.

Discipline to my mind is the success of any well organized body. Without discipline the body so organized is a mob, and beyond control, but I can truly say that during my incumbency in office, my mingling with those in authority in the Commandery-in-Chief, the various Divisions and to the humblest member of the Order, have been such as to warrant no complaint from me.

I have found them ready and willing at all times to adhere to all orders and communications issued and sent by me. I have nothing but the highest praise for the entire membership.

TRIALS.

There have been no trials held in the Order the past year.

DECISIONS.

There have been no calls for decisions to be registered by this Department the past year.

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE.

The Reserve does not seem to be meeting with the requirements. Little interest appears to be manifested by the rank and file or to be taken generally in the Military Department. The Officers in charge have been attentive to their duties and active in efforts to promote activity and create an interest throughout the Order, in this Department. But apparently the results have not been accomplished. Undoubtedly this lack of interest by the members of the Order, in the Camps especially, and conditions existing generally in the Reserve, is due to the military activity in other directions, especially in the World War.

The Reserve should be a successful feature. As such it would be an attractive adjunct to our Order and accomplish the intent and purpose for which it was organized and for which the Commandery-in-Chief provides.

This is an important matter for the Committee on the State of the Order.

DISPENSATIONS.

During the past year eight (8) Dispensations were issued to organize and institute new Camps without first submitting the application for a Charter to these Headquarters for approval, and six (6) new Camps were instituted as a result thereof.

MEMBERSHIP.

As to the membership and variations thereof, the report of the National Secretary will show that on June 30, 1918, there were 1,163 Camps and 54,125 members in good standing.

On June 30, 1919—1,125 Camps and 51,819 members in good standing—a loss of 38 Camps and 2,479 members.

This was expected by a majority of the membership at Niagara Falls last year on account of the War conditions existing at that time. During the year a pestilence of influenza swept our land. This had a tendency to deter the progress of our Order, so that a very few new Camps were instituted, and a very few new members were mustered into our Order.

While I am very optimistic as to the future welfare and growth of our Order, the past year has not reached my expectations.

I have labored zealously to bring about great results, but on assuming the responsibility of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, I realized the various obstacles, in force at the time, would be a detriment to the growth of our Order. With all that we should congratulate ourselves that we have maintained a standard of over 50,000, a membership beyond all reproach.

I am congratulating myself that I retained the membership above the 50,000 mark.

SPECIAL DAYS.

It is pleasing to me to say from reports received that generally speaking appropriate exercises were carried out by Camps of the Order throughout the Country on the Anniversaries which our Organization is pledged to observe: Lincoln Day—Veterans' Night—Union Defenders' Day—Appomattox Day—Memorial Day and Flag Day, indicating the spirit of patriotism maintained by our membership.

It was a great pleasure to me to be present at the great Lincoln Banquet and Demonstration of the New Jersey Division at Trenton, New Jersey, in February last—also the Pennsylvania Division Banquet and Union Defenders' Day Celebration. These affairs are very profitable to our Order and should be encouraged in all Divisions.

FINANCES.

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

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

In order to maintain our present financial condition, I would recommend that the per capita tax remain at thirty-six (36) cents per member the coming year.

VISITATIONS.

I am sorry to say that on account of so many of the Divisions holding their Encampment at the same time, I was unable to arrange matters to attend but nine (9) Encampments—I journeyed to the weakest of the Divisions, with the intention of encouraging the membership, which I believe I have accomplished.

It was a great pleasure for me to be with the members of

the Order, at the Encampments at which I was present, as your Commander-in-Chief. I had the extreme pleasure of meeting the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic; the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps; the National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; the National President of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary and the National President of the Daughters of Veterans at the several Encampments which I attended, namely: New Hampshire, Connecticut, Indiana, Nebraska, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York, and New Jersey.

DEATH BENEFIT ASSOCIATION.

To this Branch of our Organization I pay great tribute as an economical means of paying death benefits. I commend to the Camps of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., the Death Benefit Association. To my knowledge the D. B. A. has been the means of keeping alive the activities of Camps on its rolls.

I would recommend to those Camps who have not as yet enrolled, that they appoint a committee to look into the benefits derived from this institution.

APPRECIATION.

I am pleased with the cordial relations which have existed at all times during my administration with the Official Family of the Commandery-in-Chief, as they showed a willingness to do all they could, and each certainly stamped his individuality on the membership in his respective territory.

For a number of years National Secretary H. H. Hammer and National Treasurer J. Lewis Rake, have more than any others, been the Captains at the helm, steering the good ship to safety, and why should they not? By their incumbency, the Order is well served, they are both familiar with all the details concerning our Order, and I owe a great token of appreciation to these two Brothers.

I would recommend that a compensation of one thousand (\$1000.00) dollars be allowed Brother H. H. Hammer in conjunction with his salary the coming year. He is worth it, and more too; take it from me, as I know whereof I speak.

IN CONCLUSION.

The tide is ebbing away and soon I will be classed with the has beens; a new Commander-in-Chief will become responsible for the material welfare of the Sons of Veterans for another year. Whoever he may be, he is entitled to the same spirit of loyalty that has been given his predecessors.

I am looking forward to my relegation to the rear, not to die a natural death, but to confine myself to the ranks in the same spirit of activity that enthused me before my elevation to the highest office within your gift.

I herein tender to you all my heartfelt thanks for the great honor that you conferred on me by electing me to the high and exalted office of Commander-in-Chief.

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

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

GENERAL ORDERS

GENERAL ORDERS NO. IX.

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

Department of Commander-in-Chief,
Room 225, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

September 1, 1918.

General Orders No. 9,
Series 1918.

I. Having been elected and installed as Commander-in-Chief, at the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held at Niagara Falls, New York, August 20-21, 1918, command is hereby assumed.

II. The following officers were duly elected and installed:
Commander-in-Chief, Francis Callahan, of Philadelphia, Pa.
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, E. E. Perry, Barre, Vt.
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Charles H. Bissell, South-
ington, Conn.

Council-in-Chief: William F. Chambers, 519 Main St., Cin-
cinnati, O.; A. D. Rhinesmith, Board of Trade Bldg., Peoria,
Ill.; E. W. Homan, West Lynn, Mass.

III. The following Staff Officers have been appointed.

National Counselor, Herbert S. Siggelko, Boyd Block, Madi-
son, Wis.

National Chaplain, Rev. Edward H. Brewster, 24 High St.,
Auburn, Me.

National Patriotic Instructor, Frank McCrillis, 500 Henry
Bldg., Portland, Oregon.

National Press Correspondent, Past Commander-in-Chief H.
V. Speelman, 1652 Hobart St., Washington, D. C., of the Division
of Ohio.

The above named officers will be respected accordingly.

The following elective officers continue in office for the re-
mainder of their unexpired terms:

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

National Treasurer, J. Lewis Rake, Reading, Pa.

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

CORRESPONDENCE AND REMITTANCES.

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

All remittances for charter fees, per capita tax and supplies
must be sent to the National Secretary.

CONSOLIDATED RETURNS—QUARTER ENDING

Division	No. in Good Standing March 31, 1918.		GAIN						Total Gain		Aggregate	
			By Initiation		By Transfer		By Reinstatement					
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	
Alabama & Tennessee...	11	177	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	11	183
California & Pacific....	13	471	...	19	...	...	1	...	22	13	493
Colorado & Wyoming...	...	197	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	197
Connecticut	41	2438	...	36	...	...	...	36	41	2474	
Illinois	60	2540	2	205	1	...	8	2	211	62	2754	
Indiana	24	966	...	21	...	...	1	...	22	24	988
Iowa	17	760	1	35	...	...	...	1	35	18	795
Kansas	51	1652	1	42	...	...	22	1	64	52	1716
Kentucky	6	114	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	114
Maine	51	2392	...	73	4	...	8	...	85	51	2477	
Maryland ...	16	527	...	6	...	...	2	...	8	16	535
Massachusetts ...	160	7680	...	129	9	...	...	...	138	160	7818
Michigan	35	1225	...	14	...	...	...	...	14	35	1239
Minnesota	18	590	2	54	...	...	...	2	54	20	644
Missouri	18	657	1	33	...	...	...	1	33	19	690
Montana & Idaho.....	9	143	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	143
Nebraska ...	11	284	...	3	...	1	11	1	14	12	298	
New Hampshire	36	1204	...	18	...	...	8	...	26	36	1230
New Jersey	36	1856	1	41	...	...	6	1	47	37	1903
New York	142	6190	1	119	16	3	60	4	195	146	6385	
Ohio	94	4704	4	296	...	...	...	4	296	98	5000
Pennsylvania	215	14308	...	214	40	...	...	...	254	215	14562
Rhode Island	16	533	...	9	1	...	...	...	10	16	543
Vermont	37	1111	1	63	...	...	...	1	63	38	1174
Washington & Oregon...	12	323	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	323
Wisconsin ...	65	1767	...	14	...	...	2	...	16	65	1783
Total	1201	54809	14	1450	73	4	129	18	1652	1219	56461	

CONSOLIDATED RETURNS—QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1918—OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY.

Division.	No. in Good Standing March 31, 1918.		GAIN				Total Gain.		Aggregate.		LOSS					Total Loss.		No. in Good Standing June 30, 1918.		Amount Received for Per Capita Tax.	Cash on Hand at Division Head- quarters.	Cash on Hand in Camps.	Expended for Relief.	No. Members of Their Families Relieved.	No. Veterans or Their Families Relieved.			
			By Initiation		By Transfer.						By Reinstatement		By Disbanded	By Death.	Honorable Discharge											By Transfer.	By Droppell.	
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members				Camps	Members											
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members		
Alabama & Tennessee...	11	177	6	19	2	1	22	13	183	1	4	1	1	18	20	13	178	\$ 11.70	\$ 7.00	\$ 100.00								
California & Pacific...	13	471	19	2	1	22	13	493	1	1	1	1	18	20	13	473	31.99											
Colorado & Wyoming...	1	197					7	197									6.01											
Connecticut	41	2438	36	1		36	41	2474	4	2	2	23	29	41	2445	153.54	168.95	3589.86	26.50									
Illinois	60	2540	2	205	1	2	214	62	2754	5	2	3	83	93	62	2661	172.39	579.79	55.57									
Indiana	24	966	21	1		22	24	988	1	1	1	45	1	46	23	942	60.51	473.83	1769.16	1								
Iowa	17	760	1	35		1	35	18	795	1	1		1	3	18	792	50.17	29.93	23.95									
Kansas	51	1652	1	42		22	1	64	52	1716	15	430	1	1	43	15	475	37	1241	75.69	531.33							
Kentucky	6	114						6	114								6.84		5.06	272.93				7.50				
Maine	51	2392	73	4		8	85	51	2477	7	2		1	112	1	121	50	2356	155.23	283.94	706.31	.30	1					
Maryland	16	527	6			2	8	16	535	3			3	6	16	529	32.88	437.18	2408.43	75.50								
Massachusetts	160	7680	129	9		138	160	7818	17	12	10	85	124	160	7694	486.15	568.84	13387.23	760.70	12	8							
Michigan	35	1225	14			14	35	1239					13	331	13	332	22	907	57.08	430.52	302.82	202.19						
Minnesota	18	590	2	54		2	54	20	644	1			2	3	20	641	35.47	323.72	310.58									
Missouri	18	657	1	33		1	33	19	690			1		19	20	19	670	39.97	101.19	237.91								
Montana & Idaho	9	143					9	143							9	143												
Nebraska	11	284	3	1	11	1	14	12	298				2	28	2	28	10	270	16.77									
New Hampshire	36	1204	18			8	26	36	1230	6	2		12		20	36	1210	76.02	194.01	956.59	331.00	5						
New Jersey	36	1856	1	41		6	1	47	37	1903	1	5	2	3	22	1	32	36	1871	115.80	192.63	5920.60	554.50	7				
New York	142	6190	1	119	16	3	60	4	195	146	6385		6	4	7	244	261	139	6124	376.30	430.23	3308.76	42.65	7	3			
Ohio	94	4704	4	296		4	296	98	5000	5	1		37	43	98	4957	311.66	305.49		8.35								
Pennsylvania	215	14308	214	40		254	215	14562	9	2	1	205	217	215	14345	901.36	52.97	27326.24	4167.03	49	1							
Rhode Island	16	533	9	1			10	16	543	3	2		12	17	16	526	33.27	227.56	454.64									
Vermont	37	1111	1	63		1	63	38	1174	4	1	2	22	29	38	1145	69.42	373.30	317.16									
Washington & Oregon	12	323					12	323					2	20	2	20	10	303	18.18	154.88								
Wisconsin	65	1767	14			2	16	65	1783	1	17	1	14	229	15	247	50	1536	94.82	93.81	688.66	2.25						
Total	1201	54809	14	1450	73	4	129	18	1652	1219	56461	17	452	80	36	27	40	1598	66	2336	1153	54125	\$3389.22	\$5966.66	\$62137.40	\$6178.47	81	12

Checks and money orders must be drawn in favor of H. H. Hammer, National Secretary.

The per capita tax to the Commandery-in-Chief is six cents for the quarter ending September 30, 1918, and nine cents per quarter commencing October 1, 1918. Supplies, forms, etc., must be procured by Camps from the respective Divisions upon proper requisition blanks. Division Commanders will see that an adequate supply is kept on hand to honor requisitions as received.

REPORTS.

V. All Division Commanders are hereby directed to promptly forward to each and every Camp in their respective Divisions, Forms 27 and 28, reports of Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers for the quarter ending September 30, 1918. These forms properly filled out must be forwarded by every Camp to Division headquarters immediately after the close of the quarter together with the per capita tax on each and every member in good standing as required by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations. Camp Commanders are held responsible for these reports to be forwarded without delay and Division Commanders are likewise responsible that the consolidated reports are promptly forwarded to the National Secretary.

Division Commanders will also send out Form 50—Camp Patriotic Instructor's report, in ample time. This report must be forwarded to the Division Patriotic Instructor immediately after December 31, 1918.

VI. All dispensations heretofore issued are hereby revoked and returns must be made thereon within 20 days of this date.

AIDES.

VII. All special Aides heretofore commissioned are hereby relieved from duty. They are no longer entitled to wear the Commandery-in-Chief Ribbon or exercise the duty of such office. Aides will be appointed for such service as may appear meriting such selection.

VETERANS' NIGHT.

VIII. Attention is called to the action of the Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment in designating November 19th of each year as Veterans' Night. Camps are enjoined to fittingly observe that date—the anniversary of the day that the immortal Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg address. Camp Patriotic Instructors should arrange exercises befitting the occasion to which the members of the Grand Army of the Republic should be invited and treated as Honored Guests. Camps are urged to see that on that date the faded and worn out flags on Veterans' graves are replaced as far as possible with new flags.

LEGISLATION.

IX. Constitutional Amendments, Alterations, Changes, etc., Effective AT ONCE:

Chapter 2, Article 1, Section 4, (page 5)—Add the following paragraph:

"Camps having been dropped for one year or less may be

reinstated upon payment of a required fee to be determined by the Division and may retain their original charter."

Chapter 2, Article 2, Section 2, (page 6)—Strike out Paragraph (c) and insert in lieu thereof:

"(c) Each application then shall be balloted upon singly and alone by a secret ballot, at which not less than five ballots shall be cast. Three 'black balls' shall reject. Upon election, the applicant shall be duly obligated or initiated. Upon election, cant so obligated or initiated, shall be presented with a Regulation badge, and a copy of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and his name shall be entered upon the Rolls and Regulations provided, that the obligation or pledge may be given either in the Camp room, or by a communication in writing either in newly elected applicant."

Chapter 2, Article 2, Section 3, (page 7)—to read:

"Sec. 3. Each application for membership must be accompanied with a fee of not less than five dollars."

Chapter 3, Article 7, Section 2, (page 30)—Add:

"Divisions shall pay to the Commandery-in-Chief \$2.50 for the reinstatement of Camps which have been dropped one year or less."

Passed to Second Reading and to be acted upon finally at the Thirty-eighth Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, 1919, viz:

From the Division of California and Pacific, Chapter 3, Article 5, Section 3:

"Sec. 3. 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."

Per capita tax 36 cents, effective after October 1, 1918, payable quarterly at 9 cents.

The Commander-in-Chief was authorized and directed to require from each Division of the Order a contribution of one dollar per capita per year, not counting or charging for such as are serving as soldiers, sailors or marines of the present war, and the Commander-in-Chief, the National Secretary, and National Treasurer constituted a committee to see to the application of the fund so raised.

The Encampment provided for the appointment of a committee on State of the Order. This committee is to consider, advise and plan for the upbuilding of the Order, increase of membership, suggest and propose such changes and plans as may be deemed advisable. The committee shall report at the Encampment of 1919. Commander-in-Chief F. T. F. Johnson appointed the committee as follows:

Past Commanders-in-Chief: Ralph M. Grant, Sage-Allen Bldg., Hartford, Conn.; Fred E. Bolton, Room 38, 15 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.; John E. Sautter, Aspinwall, Pa.; Charles F. Sherman, 46 South Fourth Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; William T. Church, 108 South LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.; Charles Walter Tozer, 58 Sutter St., San Francisco, Commander of the Division of California and Pacific.

EFFECTIVE AT ONCE—CAN BE OBLIGATED OUTSIDE OF CAMP ROOM.

An applicant for membership in a Camp may be obligated outside of a Camp room and need not be required to attend a meeting of the Camp to be initiated. A Camp can determine or decide whether or not it desires to receive a member under such conditions.

The present procedure will be followed. An application for membership will be presented to a Camp; Committee on Investigation will be appointed. The Committee will report, and if such applicant is elected, and it is desired, the Camp Commander or Camp can delegate or appoint a member to administer the obligation of the Order by which such an applicant becomes a member of the Camp and the Order.

The obligation will be filed with the Camp Secretary, the name of the new Member will be placed on the Camp Roll, in the books of the Camp Secretary and Treasurer as now, and the new member having signed the obligation thereby subscribes to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Order, and the By-Laws of a Camp.

The membership fee shall not be less than five (\$5.00) dollars. Camps will be governed accordingly and where by-laws are in conflict same will be amended or changed to conform to the new proviso.

IN EFFECT OCTOBER 1, 1918.

X. For the quarter ending December 31, 1918, the per capita tax is at the rate of nine (9) cents on each and every member in good standing December 31, 1918, and each quarter thereafter. The tax is due on all members in good standing, at the end of each Quarter, at the rate of nine cents—but no Membership Fee—the additional 25 cents on each member paid heretofore—is abolished beginning quarter ending December 31, 1918, and will not be paid for or in that quarter nor thereafter.

The Membership Fee of twenty-five (25) cents must however, be paid for the quarter ending September 30, 1918, with per capita tax at the rate of six (6) cents—for the last time.

XI. Past Division Commander Samuel S. Horn, of Pennsylvania, whose term expired as a Member of the Committee on Military Affairs, is hereby reappointed, for a period of five years. The Committee in order of appointment is constituted as follows:

Past Commander-in-Chief George W. Pollitt, of New Jersey.

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles K. Darling, of Massachusetts.

Past Commander-in-Chief E. R. Campbell, of Maryland (Address, Clermont, Florida), Chairman.

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Shepard, of Illinois.

Past Division Commander Samuel S. Horn, of Pennsylvania.

NEW MAILING LISTS OF CAMPS TO THE BANNER.

XII. In conformity with the policy and instructions of Commander-in-Chief Johnson, to Camps. NEW MAILING LISTS of each and every Camp will be insisted upon to be furnished

The Banner. These lists must be sent by Camp Secretaries to Division Secretaries who will promptly forward same to The Banner, Dwight, Illinois. Every member of the Order is entitled to receive The Banner each month. Failure to receive it is due to a Camp Secretary or Division Secretary not complying with the requests and instructions on this subject. All Division Commanders are directed to lend their aid to secure these lists.

Camp Secretaries who have forwarded NEW lists are not subject to this reference, nor expected to furnish another NEW list.

Upon the initiation or reinstatement of a member the Camp Secretary should at once send the name and address of such to the Division Secretary, who should note it and forward to The Banner. A member no longer in good standing for any reason, should likewise be promptly reported.

A member changing his residence or address should have his address changed to The Banner through the same source without delay.

Every effort should be made by Camp Secretaries to see that Brothers who are serving with the colors—in this World War—receive The Banner. It is as little in the way of a favor that can be done for members who would be interested in having news pertaining to Camps and the Order and it is a small service to render by a Camp Secretary to such members.

DIVISION AND CAMP ORDERS AND CIRCULARS.

XIII. Attention of Division and Camp Commanders is directed to the recommendation of Commander-in-Chief Ralph Sheldon, 27th Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Niagara Falls, 1908, which was adopted and made the law of the Order, viz:

"On all orders and circulars the electro of the Regulation Badge be used, and that, only in the left hand corner of the beginning or top of orders, circulars, etc. The size of orders and circulars to be 5¼ inches by 8 inches."

For uniformity and compliance with regulations Division and Camp Commanders will be governed accordingly—in the size of their orders, circulars, etc.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

XIV. To our Brothers on the Pacific Coast acting under the leadership of Past Division Commander Frank McCrillis, representing Commander-in-Chief F. T. F. Johnson, at the Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic held in Portland, Ore., we are under many obligations. Our Order, through the efforts of the Camps and Brothers in charge of Brother McCrillis, well maintained its reputation for service to the Grand Army of the Republic—with 250 Sons of Veterans acting as escort and making a most creditable showing in parade. The members of our Order acquitted themselves acceptably to the G. A. R. and our thanks are due Brother McCrillis, his aides and all Sons of Veterans who assisted him.

To the Grand Army of the Republic our Order pays tributes of highest devotion, love, respect and honor. In extending to Commander-in-Chief Adams of the G. A. R. our congratulations

we also tender him the services of all Sons of Veterans and the Camps for such aid and assistance to Posts as it may be his and their pleasure to request through the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, at any and all times.

AMBULANCE FUND.

XV. One-sixth of the Camps of our Order contributed to the Ambulance Fund. Surely all will want to be represented in that fund and in that great work of our Order. The fund reported to the Niagara Falls Encampment subscribed by Camps and members was \$20,226.64. The Auxiliary through its National President Miss Mayme E. Dwyer, National Secretary Miss Kate Teufel, National Treasurer Mrs. E. C. Hansen, turned over to our fund \$6,200. This purchased for our Order with plates on each Ambulance, fourteen (14) Ambulances, which the War Department has now under way and they will in a short time be on the front in France.

Camps and Members that have not contributed to this fund and so desire, can do so by forwarding same through their Division Headquarters—otherwise funds subscribed under the action of the Niagara Falls Encampment, should be applied to the per capita collection of One Dollar for War purposes to be raised by the Order. Ambulance Fund contributions will be received if so designated to be applied.

Our gratitude, praise and appreciation to and for the services of the Auxiliary in this Ambulance Fund work, which they did so much for and were so liberal in their activities, is beyond our expression. Our Order is under everlasting obligations to the ladies and this sentiment expressed by the 37th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, is promulgated for the information of our membership.

Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries are requested to give all publicity possible to this Ambulance Fund subject. Have newspapers in your respective localities informed and fully advised as to the Order's accomplishment in this respect, and see that it is generally announced in all localities.

"WITH THE COLORS."

XVI. It is earnestly urged upon all Division Commanders and Division Secretaries, to obtain the names of each and every Brother of every Camp, serving in the present World War, in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or in any other branch of the United States Service. It is desired that tribute be paid all such members of our Order. In due course the record will be called for. It is hoped that this request will not be disregarded.

Division Commanders should at once obtain a list from every Camp having members in the service as designated and be prepared to report same when called for.

THE AUXILIARY.

XVII. Greatly appreciating the services of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, a splendid patriotic organization of ladies, doing excellent work for our Camps and Order, it is urgently recommended to all Camps not having an Auxiliary to promptly help organize one and be assured thereby of valuable aid and service in upbuilding Camps and the Order.

Deeply grateful for the honor of having been chosen to the highest office in the Order and realizing the ability and service of my predecessors, the hearty co-operation of every member is requested in personal service, advice and suggestions to the end that this Administration will not be below the high standard established. Mindful of the expectations and responsibilities imposed, an earnest endeavor will be made to faithfully and promptly perform the duties and serve all. Every member is urged to work for the reinstatement of dropped members and to "Rally 'round the Camp Colors"—for success.

NEW CAMPS.

XVIII. Camp No. 4, Hamilton, Division of Ohio, was instituted May 11, 1918, and charter issued thereto, since last announcement.

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

Aug. 13, Leesburg, Ohio, 21 applicants.

Aug. 26, Cherokee, Iowa, 71 applicants.

XIX. Following Camps having been disbanded and dropped quarter ending June 30, 1918, the charters are hereby revoked and record will be made accordingly:

Indiana—Dropped: Camp No. 305, Elwood, 11 members.

Kansas—Disbanded: Camp No. 4, Smith Center, 17 members; Camp No. 6, Garden City, 30 members; Camp No. 11, Topeka, 18 members; Camp No. 12, Valley Center, 24 members; Camp No. 17, Concordia, 30 members; Camp No. 22, Kansas City, 68 members; Camp No. 24, Gardner, 35 members; Camp No. 52, Pleasanton, 10 members; Camp No. 53, Palco, 20 members; Camp No. 58, Ellis, 16 members; Camp No. 84, Kingman, 37 members; Camp No. 85, Nickerson, 38 members; Camp No. 95, Cawker City, 33 members; Camp No. 260, Downs, 28 members; Camp No. 1, Praque, Okla., 26 members.

Maine—Dropped: Camp No. 87, Bowdoinham, 15 members.

Michigan—Dropped: Camp No. 3, Saginaw, 24 members; Camp No. 5, Hemlock, 26 members; Camp No. 9, Union, 27 members; Camp No. 11, Hesperia, 19 members; Camp No. 12, Quincy, 23 members; Camp No. 16, Schoolcraft, 17 members; Camp No. 19, Dimondale, 20 members; Camp No. 26, Leslie, 31 members; Camp No. 40, Gladstone, 20 members; Camp No. 52, Charlotte, 26 members; Camp No. 125, Dundee, 33 members; Camp No. 147, Petosky, 30 members; Camp No. 216, Port Huron, 28 members.

Nebraska—Dropped: Camp No. 142, Bennett, 16 members; Camp No. 145, Stanton, 12 members.

New Jersey—Disbanded: Camp No. 29, Belleville, 5 members.

New York—Dropped: Camp No. 2, DeRuyter, 27 members; Camp No. 35, Copcnhagen, 30 members; Camp No. 107, Delevan, 14 members; Camp No. 110, Prospect, 11 members; Camp No. 115, Versailles, 10 members; Camp No. 147, Little Falls, 31 members; Camp No. 156, Monticello, 22 members.

Washington and Oregon—Dropped: Camp No. 6, Cheney, Wash., 10 members; Camp No. 5, Tillamook, Ore., 10 members.

Wisconsin—Dropped: Camp No. 12, Evansville, 10 members; Camp No. 15, Bloomer, 15 members; Camp No. 19, LaCrosse, 15

members; Camp No. 20, Sparta, 19 members; Camp No. 21, Viola (disbanded), 17 members; Camp No. 23, Oneida, 2 members; Camp No. 24, Ripon, 22 members; Camp No. 43, Kaukauna, 17 members; Camp No. 44, Endeavor, 16 members; Camp No. 52, Marinette, 9 members; Camp No. 58, Grand Rapids, 8 members; Camp No. 60, Augusta, 20 members; Camp No. 63, Portage, 14 members; Camp No. 68, Mondovi, 24 members; Camp No. 69, Spring Valley, 21 members.

By order of

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. X.

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

Department of Commander-in-Chief,
Room 225, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

October 1, 1918.

General Orders No. 10,
Series 1918.

SONS OF VETERANS WAR FUND.

I. Attention is directed to "The Sons of Veterans War Fund—An Appeal" appearing in this issue of The Banner.

This applies to all Camp Commanders, Camp officers and every member of the Order.

It is hoped it will be endorsed by the membership with favorable action and prompt compliance therewith.

In the holiday season think of the Boys "OVER THERE." Have in mind our loved ones doing service for us on the battle fields and on the seas—for our protection, and compare the comforts we are enjoying with what they are enduring—for us.

BROTHER: You are asked to contribute during the year **ONLY ONE DOLLAR**—for this War Fund—to be applied for the benefit and use of the "Boys OVER THERE." Our own members—those of our Order—are to benefit. Many of them are your sons, members of your Camps, your relatives and near and dear ones.

Give all this consideration. Be liberal in responding and be prompt.

This fund is not for an individual and is not solicited for personal popularity, advantage, favor or gain. It is for the benefit of "OUR BOYS OVER THERE"—our members, those of the Sons of Veterans—your kin and friends—and you owe them all you can do for them.

Make a Thanksgiving "Giving" out of it and if you have NOT contributed your ONE DOLLAR by that time add it to your Christmas expenses and let it be your Christmas Offering in behalf of those in the service of our Country—that the Sons

of Veterans War Fund may be of the service to all that it is desired to be.

You will know whether or not you CAN give. You are appealed to GIVE it, and it is hoped you will not fail.

Make it a Thanksgiving "GIVING" and a Christmas Offering.

By unanimous action of the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, held at Niagara Falls, 1918, it was directed that:

"a per capita of One Dollar be contributed by each member of the Order—EXCEPT THOSE MEMBERS WHO ARE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES—for War Purposes to be paid during the year."

Division Commanders have been instructed to inform their Camps officially, of this action; to direct that Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers notify all members of every Camp accordingly; and that all prepare and arrange for the collection of this contribution from each member.

Each member contributing should receive a Receipt. This receipt has been furnished by the Commandery-in-Chief. Each Division Headquarters has been supplied with said receipt, and Division Commanders and Division Secretaries have been instructed to send a supply of these Receipts to each Camp, sufficient for each member contributing to be furnished under the signature of every Camp Treasurer, with one of these Official Receipts.

This will be notice to all Camps that these receipts have been sent to the respective Division Headquarters and that their Division Officers should send same to a Camp; and that a Camp Treasurer should sign name and deliver to a member contributing.

THE WAR FUND: When all the members of a Camp have contributed, the Camp Treasurer and Camp Commander will forward the total amount to the Division Treasurer, who should issue a receipt promptly therefor.

When all Camps in a Division have completed their contributions, the Division Treasurer will send the total amount by check or draft—the total amount for the Division—to National Treasurer J. L. Rake, Reading, Pa., for which receipt will at once be issued.

No Camp contributions and no individual contributions will be made to the National Treasurer.

All Camps will collect the amounts from their members. All Divisions will collect the amount from their Camps. Camps will forward to Division Treasurers when all have contributed; and when Divisions have completed collections in the Camps, the total amount will be forwarded.

NOTE: Contributions for the War Fund WILL NOT BE REQUIRED FROM MEMBERS OF THE ORDER WHO ARE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE of the United States.

Brothers in the U. S. Service are exempt from this per capita contribution.

It is hoped this will be promptly and successfully raised and that not one Brother will fail to contribute.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

II. Attention of all Camp Commanders is directed to the change in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, adopted at the Niagara Falls Encampment—apply to:

Chapter 2, Article 2, Section 2, Page 6, (c) wherein it is provided that:

"Each application then shall be balloted upon singly and alone by a secret ballot, at which not less than five ballots shall be cast. Three black balls shall reject. Upon election, the applicant shall be duly obligated or initiated. Each applicant so obligated or initiated, shall be presented with a Regulation Badge, and a copy of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and his name shall be entered upon the Rolls of the Camp; PROVIDED, THAT THE OBLIGATION OR PLEDGE MAY BE GIVEN EITHER IN THE CAMP ROOM, OR BY A COMMUNICATION IN WRITING FROM THE NEWLY ELECTED APPLICANT."

This should be the means of securing many new members by all Camps and members of Camps should have no trouble in securing many applicants, with this inducement.

No eligible can have the excuse that he has not time, does not care for initiation, ceremony or features of that character, and for that reason as heretofore, has declined to affiliate with the Sons of Veterans. All such objections have been overcome by this legislation.

Every member of the Order can secure a member or many members for a Camp with this provision.

A Camp should have a Committee composed of the Camp Commander and other officers, or members, constituted with authority to administer the Obligation to any applicant or new member that can be secured for the Order, without requiring an initiation. It is hoped that all will be active in the work of recruiting, seeking out such eligibles and secure them for membership.

Every member is appealed to in this matter and requested to seek out eligibles, and have them join the Order with this inducement. Good reports and large increases ought to result from this—if properly applied, and it is earnestly urged upon all to apply this to the fullest extent.

NEW APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP FORM.

III. New Application Form (3) for the obligation of members and admission of new members to any and all Camps, under the provisions of the legislation of the Commandery-in-Chief, are now ready for distribution and will be furnished by the National Secretary on Requisition Form 14.

Camps will order same from Division Secretaries on Form 1.

Divisions and Camps should always have a supply of these Forms and all other supplies and Forms, on hand.

OBLIGATED OUTSIDE OF A CAMP ROOM.

With new Form 3—Application for Membership—a newly elected member can be obligated outside a Camp room, need

not be required, if a Camp so decides, to be initiated, and need not be at a camp meeting to be obligated; but, the obligation can be administered by any member designated by a Camp.

IV. The Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Niagara Falls, 1918, restored Past Honors and rank as Past Camp Commanders to the following, and the Division Commanders and Division Secretaries in the respective Divisions, will make record accordingly:

DIVISION OF ILLINOIS.

Benjamin F. McClelland, Camp No. 1, Chicago.
 J. Grafton Moss and Floyd F. Putnam, of Camp No. 10, Canton.
 Arve K. Johnson and George R. Briner, of Camp No. 31, Moline.
 Samuel W. King, Camp No. 43, Joliet.

DIVISION OF MAINE.

George R. Bowley and Frank Bowley, Camp No. 46, Sanford.
 John W. Keithley, Camp No. 51, Biddeford.
 Clarence S. Chick and Ulysses G. Sweet, of Camp No. 105, Kittery.

DIVISION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

George K. Sanborn, Camp No. 3, Portsmouth.

DIVISION OF PENNSYLVANIA.

James V. Stewart and Harry G. Gaunt, of Camp No. 1, Philadelphia.
 Sylvanus Van Horn, Camp No. 2.
 James G. Fink, of Camp No. 3.

DIVISION OF RHODE ISLAND.

Chester E. A. Starrett, Camp No. 7, Olneyville.

PER CAPITA TAX.

V. Per capita tax for quarter ending September 30th is at the rate of six (6) cents from Divisions, and the Membership Fee of twenty-five (25) cents is also payable for the said quarter.

Camps that have failed to forward per capita tax and reports for the quarter ending September 30th, Forms 27 and 28, it is expected will do so at once.

Division Commanders will make every effort to get the reports and per capita tax for the quarter ending September 30th, from all Camps.

Reports and per capita tax for the quarter ending June 30, 1918, having been received from the Division of Montana and Idaho, showing 10 Camps and 173 members in good standing, complete reports and payment of per capita tax for said quarter of all Divisions.

REINSTATEMENT OF CAMPS.

VI. Camps that have been Dropped for one year, or LESS, may be reinstated by paying to Divisions a fee which a Division may require from such a Camp.

Divisions must pay to the Commandery-in-Chief \$2.50 on such a Camp.

Such Camps when reinstated may retain their original charters.

This action by the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment at Niagara Falls, should be an inducement and means to reorganize and reinstate many of the Camps reported Dropped the last year. Every Division Commander should, and it is hoped will, take advantage of this and promptly revive, reorganize and reinstate many of these Camps.

MEMBERSHIP FEE ABOLISHED.

VII. Beginning with October 1st and thereafter there will be no Membership Fee of twenty-five (25) cents required on newly initiated members. This fee will not be exacted on new members nor paid by Camps to Divisions nor by Divisions to the Commandery-in-Chief, on and after October 1st.

Per capita tax beginning with December quarter will be a straight payment on all members in good standing but NO MEMBERSHIP FEES.

Divisions will pay the Commandery-in-Chief beginning with the quarter ending December 31st, 1918, a per capita tax of nine (9) cents.

REPORTS—FORMS 27 AND 28.

Blank Forms 27 and 28, Reports of Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers, should be sent out at once to all Camps, by all Divisions for the quarter ending December 31st, 1918.

CAMP PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S REPORTS.

VIII. Division Commanders will see that Form 50—Camp Patriotic Instructors' Reports are sent to each Camp so that all Camp Patriotic Instructors will render this report December 31st, 1918, to all Division Patriotic Instructors. Division Commanders will have these reports promptly in the hands of their Division Patriotic Instructors. Camp Patriotic Instructors must give this their personal attention; and Camp Commanders will attend to this matter without further notice.

Division Patriotic Instructors will as soon as possible after December 31st, forward their reports on Form 51, to National Patriotic Instructor Frank McCrillis, 500 Henry Bldg., Portland, Oregon.

Forms 50 and 51 must be ordered by Division Secretaries on Requisition Form 1, from the National Secretary, and they will obtain a supply at once to furnish their Camps with said Form 50.

VETERANS' NIGHT.

IX. Camp Commanders will instruct their Camp Patriotic Instructors to prepare a suitable service for Veterans' Night, November 19th, or as near thereto as possible, in commemoration of the deeds and sacrifices of our Fathers—the men who preserved the Country in 1861-'65. It is directed that all Camps have as their guests the members of the Grand Army of the Republic on that evening. Entertain them, and have them entertain our membership. Let it be a time for tribute to the

Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and for us to show our appreciation, our esteem, our honor for these honored and splendid men still with us. We cannot do too much honor to them and it is our duty and should be our pleasure to do all possible to have them with us on this occasion.

Camp Patriotic Instructors, Camp Chaplains and Camp Commanders should prepare at once for the observance of this event. The address of President Lincoln at Gettysburg, the anniversary of the delivery of which we observe on this night, should be the principal feature of all programs. Have this address recited, and other features included to make it a successful and most pleasant evening for the Comrades and our members.

Members of the kindred societies, the Auxiliary and others should be invited to participate and all should prepare an instructive, interesting and helpful evening, to the honor of our Order, and in compliance with the action of the Commandery-in-Chief designating this event.

Flags weather worn and destroyed on graves of Veterans should be replaced with perfect and new flags in honor of this occasion.

NEW MAILING LISTS FOR THE BANNER.

X. In order that every member in good standing in every Camp will receive the Official Organ of the Order—"The Banner," to which each member is entitled every month, it is hereby ordered that: Camp Commanders will see that their Camp Secretaries send at once to their Division Secretaries a complete roster or list of members in a Camp in good standing, with the address of each member. Every Division Commander is expected to give this matter his personal attention. Every Camp Secretary will also attend to this.

Such Camp Secretaries that have complied with this and HAVE furnished a NEW mailing list, are not required nor expected to forward another or duplicate list.

These lists MUST be kept in order and up to date, if members are to receive The Banner. A member dropped should be reported AT ONCE, so that his name can be stricken from the mailing list. A new member's name should be added and reported AT ONCE to a Division Secretary and such names should receive immediate attention by a Division Secretary.

Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries will give this regular and prompt attention.

CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

XI. Amendments and changes to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations as adopted by the Thirty-seventh Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, at Niagara Falls, have been announced in General Orders No. 9, September issue of The Banner. Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries will cut these from The Banner and insert in the Camp copy of the C. R. & R. for use of the Camp Commander.

Inserts for the Constitution have been printed and will be furnished with orders for Form 11, from Division Secretaries.

THIRTY-SEVENTH ENCAMPMENT JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

XII. The Journal of Proceedings of the Niagara Falls Encampment will be promulgated to Division Headquarters by direction of the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment, and promulgated by Divisions to Camps, as heretofore. These will be distributed within a short time to all Divisions.

MEMBERS IN THE U. S. SERVICE.

XIII. It is urgently recommended that every member of the Order serving our Country in this World War be NOT dropped from the rolls of a Camp. It is hoped that every Camp will be sufficiently patriotic to appreciate the honor of having members in the Country's service and show that appreciation and gratitude by carrying such on the rolls. We should be proud of such membership. We cannot honor them enough. In dollars and cents it is easy to reckon, but their services are not so to be computed. It is hoped every Camp will continue to carry on its rolls every member it may have in the service, in honor and in good standing always.

AMBULANCE FUND.

XIV. Attention is directed to the communication from the Office of the Surgeon-General, U. S. A., appearing in this issue of *The Banner*, relative to the Ambulances provided for the War Department by the Sons of Veterans and the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary. This shows the appreciation of our effort and the service same has rendered.

AIDES TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

XV. For services designated, following are appointed Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, and they will be duly respected:

For securing more than seven new members in three months: Francis H. Brock, Camp No. 65, Athol, Division of Massachusetts.

For organizing a new Camp: Custer Snyder, Lorain, Division of Ohio.

Members of the Order will be appointed Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief on Merit and Merit only, in organizing new Camps and securing of five or more new members in their Camp.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

XVI. The Committee on State of the Order as provided for by the Thirty-seventh Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, at Niagara Falls, has organized by the selection of Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph M. Grant, as Chairman.

The Committee is constituted as follows:

Past Commanders-in-Chief:

Ralph M. Grant, Chairman, Sage-Allen Bldg., Hartford, Conn.

Fred E. Bolton, 15 Beacon St., Room 38, Boston, Mass.

John E. Sautter, Aspinwall, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Charles F. Sherman, 46 South 4th Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

William T. Church, 108 So. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill., and

Division Commander, Charles Walter Tozer, 58 Sutter St., San Francisco, Cal.

This Committee will have under consideration various matters pertaining to the condition and state of the Order, and such references as the Thirty-seventh Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief submitted to it.

TO CAMP COMMANDERS.

XVII. Your attention is directed to the communication of Commander-in-Chief Clarendon E. Adams of the Grand Army of the Republic, appearing in this issue of The Banner.

At the first meeting of your Camp after receipt of The Banner, you will cause to be read to the members of the Camp, when in session, this letter, that record may be made thereof in all Camps, showing our hearty endorsement of the sentiments expressed by Commander-in-Chief Adams in his introductory to our Order in his Official capacity, as the leader and head of the great Order we honor, cherish and revere.

Camps will be attentive to such duties and assistance they can render to the Posts or Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic on all occasions and in such manner as may be indicated at any and all times.

XVIII. Camp No. 22, Leesburg, Division of Ohio, was instituted with 21 members August 31, 1918, and charter issued thereto since last announcement.

STATEMENT No. 1.

XIX. Report of the National Secretary for month of September, 1918:

RECEIPTS.

August 22, 1918, to balance.....	\$141.38
Received* for per capita tax.....	\$ 1308
Charter fees	2.50
Supplies	163.18
Total receipts	<u>\$178.76</u>
	\$320.14

EXPENDITURES.

For general expenses	\$148.86
Office expenses	168.89
Total expenditures	<u>\$317.75</u>
Balance, September 30, 1918.....	\$ 2.39

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$ 50.75
Printing	30.50
Reserve (Military Department)	32.61
Bonds, National Officers	35.00
	<u>\$148.86</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For stationery, National Officers.....	\$ 56.39
Rent, October-December, 1918, inc.....	112.50
	\$168.89
Total	\$317.75
By order of	

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

FROM COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ADAMS, GRAND ARMY OF
THE REPUBLIC, TO SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

C. E. Adams,
Commander-in-Chief,
Omaha, Neb.

A. M. Trimble,
Adjutant-General,
Lincoln, Neb.

HEADQUARTERS
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Office of Commander-in-Chief,
World-Herald Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.

September 19, 1918.

Mr. Francis Callahan,
Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My Dear Commander and Comrade:

I was indeed very greatly pleased to receive your cordial and felicitous letter. Your good words coming from 60,000 members who are the sons of noble sires, the intrepid brave and patriotic men who marched and fought with Grant and Sherman, Thomas and Sheridan, Hancock, Meade and Logan, adds not only to their interest but brings with them memories rich in the brightest pages of our country's history. The time was when we spoke of the Civil War as an era in our Country's history—today we can proudly say it is an era in the World's great history.

The Civil War brought into the field 2,778,304 American soldiers; 2,500 battles were fought, the money cost was \$6,189,908.58, practically fourteen (14) per cent of all the men engaged lost their lives, nearly every home in the Northland paid the supreme sacrifice; but that was worth all that it cost, because it gave us the immortal Lincoln, the savior of his country; General Grant and his "unconditional surrender" proposition; Sherman and his memorable battles and his "March to the Sea." But above all, it saved us our glorious "Union undivided and our flag unsullied."

We are now in the midst of a great world's war, testing whether that Union inaugurated by our forefathers and saved by our fathers shall endure. Testing whether we shall be free

men or slaves, citizens or subjects. Testing whether the murderous Kaiser of Germany or the freedom loving men and women shall rule the world.

We must win the war and let me emphasize the stern words of General Pershing: "We must whip Germany, we can whip Germany, we will whip Germany." And let us resolve, my comrades, that we will not shrink from a single obligation which we as free people owe the world, until the Kaiser of Germany is buried deep beneath the ruin he has created.

I trust your membership will rapidly increase, as it should. Your fathers, living and dead, have not only been the conservators of our patriotism, but the principles for which they fought are the beacon lights of the world today.

I trust I shall have the pleasure of meeting with many of your departments during the year, and that my meeting with you is only a pleasure deferred.

Sincerely your, in F., C. and L.,

CLARENDON E. ADAMS,
Commander-in-Chief.

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

Department of Commander-in-Chief,
Room 225, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

September 16, 1918.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

I have the honor to extend to you cordial congratulations on your election as Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic; and on behalf of over 1,200 Camps and 60,000 Members of the Sons of Veterans—sons of the Comrades of the great GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, which you have the distinction to command—I have the pleasure in offering to you their assistance, co-operation and service in any capacity that you may direct or require at any time. It will be a pleasure to render any service you may see fit to request.

If it meets with your pleasure I should be pleased to have a word from you to our membership, and will take great pleasure in promulgating same throughout our Order. A number of your predecessors, Past Commanders-in-Chief Gilman, Monfort, Palmer, VanSant, Patterson, and others, gave us splendid letters, which we issued to all the Camps and membership, and it will be a great honor and pleasure if you will care to address in a communication, at your convenience, our membership.

Many of our Camps have sole charge of the ceremonies incident to Memorial Day, aid in many ways the Posts of the G. A. R. in many sections of the Country, furnish firing squads and render valuable assistance to the Comrades at funerals, etc., and in many other ways are of benefit to the Posts.

I should esteem it a favor to meet you and become personally acquainted with you on the occasion of any of your visits to this section of the Country at any time, to the end that we may be of mutual service and that you may have the oppor-

tunity to convey personally any commands, suggestions or advice for our Order to follow for the benefit of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Again extending to you congratulations and the greetings of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. And with best wishes for a successful and prosperous term. I have the honor to be

Yours Sincerely in F., C. and L.,

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,

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

Hon. Clarendon E. Adams,

Commander-in-Chief,

Grand Army of the Republic,
Omaha, Nebraska.

SONS OF VETERANS' WAR FUND—AN APPEAL.

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF.

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Department of Commander-in-Chief,
Room 225, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

October 1, 1918.

To Division Commanders, Division Secretaries, Division Treasurers, Camp Commanders, Secretaries and Treasurers, and Every Member.

Brothers:

The Thirty-seventh Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief held at Niagara Falls, 1918, unanimously called upon each and every member of the Order—EXCEPT THOSE MEMBERS WHO ARE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES—to pay a per capita of One Dollar for War Purposes during the year.

Every Order is doing the same.

It was understood and expected that the Commander-in-Chief, in announcing this project and making the call for this contribution, would "state specifically what this fund is to be raised for."

At the present time, under existing conditions, if sufficient returns of contributions ARE MADE COMPLETE and FINISHED by Divisions in time therefor, the fund or amount so turned in to the National Treasurer will be applied to the purchase of more ambulances, which are needed.

Such additional and later contributions, where Divisions have not completed their collections, will be held until advice from the Government officials is received suggesting as to what specific purpose the fund can be used to most advantage.

In view of our splendid Ambulance Fund achievement, whereby fourteen Ambulances are virtually now in France through the contribution of our own and Sons of Veterans Auxiliary of \$25,000, it is expected this appeal will be generously responded to. Many Camps as well as several Divisions did not respond or contribute to the Ambulance Fund. It rests with them as to whether or not they were justified.

Not one member or Camp responsible can evade this appeal

for one dollar or the action of the Encampment, with an excuse that they have contributed to Red Cross, War funds or work, or in other fields. Every other member and everybody has been and is doing that. We must give, keep on giving and continue giving—until this World War is won. We will win. One of the ways to win is the success of such movements as this.

Reasons and arguments, persuasion and pleading are not necessary as to why Sons of Veterans should give. Their intelligence, knowledge of events are sufficient and their loyalty is the guarantee that they will give.

This fund is to be expended by direction of the action of the Commandery-in-Chief, for War Purposes. Many of our members in the service of our Country will realize and benefit therefrom.

It is necessary that this fund be raised within the time specified "during the year." This requires that it be completed by June 30, 1919, and the last dollar paid by that date. Members desiring to contribute more can do so.

As a THANKSGIVING DAY (near at hand) "giving"—in appreciation of what the American Army and Navy have done, are and will be doing by that time—an earnest and personal appeal is made to each and every member of the Order to GIVE ONE DOLLAR to this War Fund. Let it be your "THANKSGIVING GIFT" and all be paid as a "CHRISTMAS OFFERING." Add this One Dollar to your Christmas expenses—pay it to your Camp Treasurer—and you will not feel that it has been a hardship, burden, or that you have even sacrificed anything to give it.

Thanksgiving Day—November next—have in mind the deeds and brilliant action of our Army, Navy and Marine Corps "Over There"—those in the Training Camps "Over Here," all "giving themselves" for us and our welfare—and GIVE One Dollar for the Sons of Veterans War Fund. Be sure to give it—if not on Thanksgiving Day—not later than Christmas.

Thousands of our members will benefit from this fund—members of your family—sons, brothers, grandsons, relatives and friends—members of the Order. Give for them. Contribute without further appeal, and do it AT ONCE.

It is hoped that no member, Camp or Division will fail in this duty. Let this be a pride to us in our future and have it live in the records of the Order as a successful achievement.

Division Commanders are hereby ordered to give this their personal attention, and Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers are directed to act promptly in the premises. Take up immediately this matter with the Camps in your respective Divisions for the prompt compliance with and accomplishment of this project.

Camp Commanders are hereby ordered to give this their immediate attention. They are directed to communicate this action to all members of their Camps, under attest of Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers will be prepared accordingly. Each member of a Camp should at once be notified by the Camp officers and the collection made as soon as possible from all.

Camp Treasurers are hereby ordered to receive contributions and collect One Dollar from each member of the Camp—if possi-

ble with and for the quarter ending December 31, 1918—and not later than quarter ending June 30, 1919.

The amount collected must be forwarded by Camp Treasurers to Division Treasurers.

Division Treasurers must forward same by check or draft to J. L. Rake, National Treasurer, Reading, Pa.

Receipts furnished by the Commandery-in-Chief will be issued by Camp Treasurers to every member contributing. Division Treasurers must receipt to Camp Treasurers, The National Treasurer will receipt to Division Treasurers. The fund will be accounted for and reported as turned in to the National Treasurer.

Brother:

This is an appeal directly to your patriotism, to your appreciation of the services, sacrifices and splendid heroism of our "Boys Over There." You cannot ignore it if your blood runs right—if you realize who and what you are—the DESCENDANT—Son or Grandson—of a Veteran of the War for the UNION.

You read with pride of the deeds of the boys "Over There." You are thrilled with their deeds, your blood tingles and runs quicker as you realize what they experience and what they risk and do—and how they fight—for us and humanity and FREEDOM and Universal Liberty. They DO and Die. Let us GIVE for such.

Show how much you value their services—show your patriotism, do your part by GIVING AT ONCE—to your Camp Treasurer—for this WAR FUND—and you will again be doing and helping in YOUR DUTY—for "Over There."

By order of

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. XI.

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

Department of Commander-in-Chief,
Room 225, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

November 1, 1918.

General Orders No. 11,
Series 1918.

SONS OF VETERANS' WAR FUND.

I. Continuing the Appeal for the "SONS OF VETERANS' WAR FUND," the membership is reminded of its duty and all are requested to give this project every assistance in the Camps and among the members.

The Order must not fail in this movement. It did not in the Ambulance Fund. It must urge and work for the success

of this "War Fund." It is a duty. It should be a pleasure for every member to contribute.

All must be impressed by the benefit that this Fund can be made by the aid and help a contribution can render. The boys "Over There" are in the minds of all.

Directing further attention to "An Appeal—The Sons of Veterans War Fund," in this issue of The Banner, it will not be necessary further to refer to the duty of every member of the Order in this respect.

NEW FOOD CONSERVATION PROGRAM.

II. In 1917 Commander-in-Chief William T. Church tendered the services and assistance of the Sons of Veterans to the United States Food Administration in the dissemination of and assistance in conservation of food.

Food Administrator Herbert S. Hoover has called upon us to assist in a new Conservation program for our people throughout the country. This will go into effect the week of December 1st-7th.

IT IS RECOMMENDED: That Division Commanders and Division Secretaries procure from the Federal Food Administrators in each of the Divisions (States) copies of Food Administrator Hoover's SPECIAL MESSAGE on this subject, and promulgate this message to ALL Camps in every Division.

Copies of this Message will be provided by the Federal Food Administrator in each State upon request, and the United States Food Administration earnestly desires this method and plan of co-operation with it on the part of the Sons of Veterans.

Therefore for the aid we can render and the service we can assist in it is hereby ordered that all Division Commanders and all Division Officers localize as much as possible this feature and this call of the United States Food Administration.

Each State is in charge of a Federal Food Administrator, and that official will endeavor to get in communication with the Division and Camp Officers so that all members of the Order will be called upon to render the assistance in the manner and project desired.

Every member of the Order is expected to comply to the fullest possible extent with the provisions of this new food conservation program, lend every assistance and take every opportunity possible at all times to see that same is observed and carried successfully into operation.

Your loyalty is depended upon, and your interest in Government success in all matters will be sufficient to see that your efforts are effective in this matter in your respective localities, and that all members of the Order observe and carry into effect the said program.

RE-EMPLOYMENT OF RETURNED SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

III. At the Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Boston, 1917, upon recommendation of Commander-in-Chief William T. Church, the Order took membership in the National Committee of Patriotic Societies. Since that time the work of the Societies has been progressing.

One of the features now being met by the Societies is the "Re-Employment of Returned Soldiers, Sailors and Marines from Service."

This is a work that every member of our Order can do something in and for. It is recommended that everything possible be done and nothing overlooked in any case which may present itself to a Camp, the Officers or any member thereof. Any Soldier, Sailor or Marine that can be assisted in any manner, to secure employment, after his return from service in our Country's cause, should have the assistance and influence of every member of the Order to secure employment.

Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries are hereby ordered to give this publicity among the members of every Camp. It is recommended that a list be prepared by Camp Secretaries of firms requiring employees and when practicable refer such returned Soldiers, Sailors and Marines to employers who can give such employment.

This is a most laudable and worthy cause that our Order can take up and it is hoped it will not be neglected.

The National Committee of Patriotic Societies, Union Trust Building, Washington, D. C., has requested the assistance and co-operation of the Sons of Veterans in this work. Let no Camp fail in its duty in this respect.

FARM HOMES FOR THE MEN FROM "OVER THERE."

The above Committee of Patriotic Societies is active in behalf of Senate Bill—S. 4947, called the Myers Bill, providing under the plans of the Department of the Interior for the giving of farm homes to the soldiers, sailors and marines when they return from "Over There"—after the War is ended.

It is recommended that Camps and members having in mind the services of all such, communicate with the members of Congress from their respective districts on this subject, at once, to the end that support for the Bill may be secured and its final passage promptly obtained.

GIVE HIM THE BEST GAS MASK.

IV. The National Committee of Patriotic Societies in which the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.—all, Camps of the Order—have taken membership—requests our co-operation and "Help give him 'Over There' the BEST GAS MASK."

A Nation wide campaign has been launched which demands the assistance of every boy, girl, man and woman—for the procurement and conservation of fruit pits and nut shells, with which the German poison gas may be combatted. Fruit pits and nut shells are used in the manufacture of carbon for the respirator. The quality of the carbon produced determines in a large measure the efficiency of the gas mask. Fruit pits and nut shells produce the best carbon for the purpose.

You are requested to urge and take action which will save these for Government purposes and use and turn same over to the Red Cross.

This should be a pleasure to comply with and a patriotic

duty that should appeal to every member to do his share in and for.

Give out the needed information and attend to the details for the gathering of these pits and shells.

This individual co-operation will give YOUR SON—YOUR BROTHER—or some close relative and friend—the BEST and SAFEST GAS MASK.

The horror which "GASSED" brings to the trenches demands your co-operation in this request of the National Committee of Patriotic Societies.

Camps are requested to instruct their Committees on Auxiliaries, to make special visits to the meetings of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliaries and obtain their assistance and co-operation in this campaign.

THE "BOYS OVER THERE."

V. That a record may be obtained of the number of members of our Order in the military service of the United States, Form 50—Camp Patriotic Instructor's Report—has been revised and calls for this information—by action of the Thirty-seventh Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, 1918.

Form 50 is due from every Camp December 31, 1918—and every Camp Patriotic Instructor must render this report at that date to the Division Patriotic Instructor.

Division Commanders will order Form 50 on Requisition Form 1½ from the National Secretary and send same to each Camp at once.

THE AMBULANCE FUND.

VI. The Ambulance Fund—started in last year's Administration, is still remembered and contributions thereto are acknowledged in this issue of The Banner.

It is commendable that Camps are still at work in this splendid movement and that members feel that this fund still appeals to them.

VETERANS' NIGHT.

VII. November 19th—the date commemorating the delivery of the Gettysburg Battlefield address by the immortal Lincoln—is designated by the Order as "Veterans' Night." This is a tribute to and in honor of the Union Soldiers, Sailors and Marines in the War for the Union—'61-'65.

Let not this occasion pass unobserved. More than ever now is it a time for observance. Present experiences should impress upon us all the appropriateness of applying this feature of the Sons of Veterans. Every Camp Patriotic Instructor is hereby ordered to perform the duty of his office for this occasion, and every Camp Commander—in accordance with the provision of the Ritual applying to the Camp Patriotic Instructor of his Camp will see that same is carried into effect.

Pay tribute to the Veterans of 1861-65 and remember the boys "Over There"—as well. Our obligations to the Veterans should be appreciated more than ever.

Camps are directed to invite the Comrades of the G. A. R., members of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary and all allied bodies to participate in the exercises of Veterans' Night.

Let this year's observance be a great occasion and it is hoped every Camp will successfully observe it. Make patriotism the feature.

Camp Commanders and Camp Patriotic Instructors are directed to prepare and arrange appropriate programs and exercises.

It is ordered that a feature shall be the reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg address. Camp Patriotic Instructors will arrange for this.

Veterans' Night will be observed by all Camps on November 19th—or as near that date as convenient.

Weather worn flags on Veterans' graves should be replaced by new flags as directed by the designation of this occasion.

RENEWED ACTIVITIES REQUESTED.

VIII. It is realized that illness and health conditions throughout the Country the past several weeks prevented Camp activities. In many sections no meetings of Camps or gatherings of any kind could be held. These circumstances ending Camps and members and especially Division Officers are urged to active duty in recruiting new members, the reinstatement of Dropped members and Camps and organization of new Camps.

PASSWORD AND COUNTERSIGN.

IX. Division Commanders will note: Password and countersign for term beginning January 1st, will be issued to all Divisions forwarding reports Forms 37 and 38, and per capita tax for quarter ending September 30th.

This password and countersign will be issued by Division Commanders ONLY to such Camps which pay per capita tax and forward reports FOR THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1918. No Camp can receive this password and countersign until per capita tax and reports are received at Division Headquarters for December, 1918, quarter.

BANNER MAILING LISTS OF CAMPS.

X. NEW mailing lists of the names of every member of all Camps were ordered to be forwarded to Division Secretaries by ALL CAMP SECRETARIES March last.

A number of Camp Secretaries in various Divisions have failed to comply with this order.

Owing to this neglect on the part of Camp Secretaries the members of such Camps are NOT receiving The Official Organ of the Order—"THE BANNER."

Every member of every Camp is entitled and supposed to receive the paper every month, WITHOUT COST TO HIM.

It is believed that failure or continual neglect by Camp Secretaries to comply with this Order is not understood.

That such may understand it is ordered that every Camp Secretary NOT having forwarded a list of the members of a

Camp, with addresses of the members, DO SO AT ONCE—forward to each Division Secretary—who will immediately send said list to The Banner, Dwight, Illinois, so that each and every member can and will receive The Banner every month.

This applies only to such Camp Secretaries that HAVE NOT forwarded a NEW mailing list to The Banner. Those who have forwarded same are not required to again send a list.

It is an injustice to the members of the Order not receiving the paper to which they are entitled, by reason of neglect on the part of a Camp Secretary to furnish such a list.

Division Commanders will attend to this matter at once and through Camp Commanders will make every effort to obtain these lists.

All Division Commanders and Division Secretaries have been furnished with a list of Camps delinquent and not receiving the Official Organ. Get these lists.

REPORTS AND PER CAPITA TAX.

XI. Reports of Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers—Forms 37 and 38, with per capita tax for the quarter ending September 30, 1918, are due. All Division Commanders, Secretaries and Treasurers have been notified of a fixed date to have these reports and tax in the possession of the National Secretary.

Per capita tax for quarter ending September is at the rate of six (6) cents. The Membership Fee—twenty-five (25) cents on each member initiated during the quarter must also be paid.

Failure to forward reports and tax as designated will deprive Divisions and Camps from receiving the new password and countersign.

Camps that have not forwarded their reports to Division Headquarters—Forms 27 and 28—with tax for September quarter—must do so at once that there may be no further delay in this important matter.

DECEMBER 31, 1918, QUARTER.

Quarter ending December 31, 1918, the per capita tax will be at the rate of nine (9) cents on each and every member in good standing. No Membership Fee—will be paid, by which the twenty-five (25) cents on each new member initiated during a quarter will be abolished.

Division Commanders should immediately send out to all Camps in their respective Divisions Forms 27 and 28, Camp Secretary and Camp Treasurer Reports for the quarter ending December 31, 1918, so that all Camps will be provided with same in ample time.

INSTALLATION OF CAMP OFFICERS—REPORTS.

XII. Division Commanders are expected to use Form 22 Report of Installation of Camp Officers—which ceremony should take place the first meeting night in January. These Forms should be ordered at once from the National Secretary on Requisition Form 1½. These provide a complete Camp Roster of officers and are indispensable to Division Headquarters.

Dispensation is hereby granted to all Division Commanders to authorize public installation and ceremonies incident thereto.

Installations should be made attractive, entertaining and instructive and should be the occasion for pleasure, campfires, social enjoyment and gathering of our allied organizations at Camp meetings. The Comrades and Posts of the G. A. R. should have special invitations to these ceremonies and it is hoped all Camps will have them as their guests where open, installation ceremonies are held.

REINSTATEMENT OF DROPPED CAMPS.

XIII. Every Division Commander and all Division officers should make a special effort to reinstate the Camps that have been dropped within less than one year. Such Camps can be reinstated by adding to the per capita tax the sum of \$2.50 to the Commandery-in-Chief and Divisions may fix the required fee to be paid by said Camps. It is expected that all Division Officers will appreciate this provision and be active in restoring these Camps to the rolls of Divisions. There should be little difficulty in reinstating many of these Camps if Division Commanders will insist on their Division and Staff Officers taking some part in the work of their respective Divisions results will follow. It is recommended that all Division Commanders assign their Division and Staff Officers to duties of this kind and have them perform active service.

COMMISSIONS FROM COMMANDERS.

XIV. Division Commanders will issue to each Camp Commander installed for the term of 1919—upon receipt of Installing Officer's Report—a Commission—Form 33. This is required in accordance with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations—Chapter 6, Article 10.

These Commissions must be procured from the National Secretary on Requisition Form 1½.

DEATH BENEFIT ASSOCIATION.

XV. The Sons of Veterans Death Benefit Association should appeal to every member of the Order. Eligibility therein is membership in the Camps and Sons of Veterans Auxiliaries. Full particulars and all necessary information will be supplied upon application to Secretary William R. McGirr, 2628 West Somerset St., Philadelphia, Pa.

DIVISION COURTESIES.

XVI. Division Commanders are requested to exchange Division Orders and Circulars with each other throughout the Order. Much valuable information and uniformity can be obtained thereby.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP—NEW FORM 3.

XVII. Attention is again directed to the new Form 3—Application for Membership. There is no increase in cost from the old or former Form 3. Every Camp should have a supply of this new Form. Order same from Division Headquarters on

Form 1. Divisions must order these from the National Secretary on Requisition Form 1½.

With new Form 3—it is provided that a newly elected member can be obligated outside a Camp room, need not be required if a Camp so decides, to be initiated and need not attend a Camp meeting to be obligated. The obligation can be administered by any member designated by a Camp.

This Form is not confined or restricted to use by eligibles in the Army or Navy. It applies and can be used for the admission of an eligible to a Camp any place or any time. It should be of great benefit and advantage to obtain new members in all Camps.

AIDES.

XVIII. For service designated the following Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief are hereby appointed and they will be respected accordingly, viz:

Charles F. Aument, Camp No. 19, Lancaster, Division of Pennsylvania, for the organization of a new Camp.

Peter Sedden, Camp No. 17, Gloucester, Division of New Jersey, for securing five new members during the last quarter.

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF A. W. JONES.

XIX. It is a painful duty to announce to the membership the death of our beloved Past Commander-in-Chief Hon. A. W. Jones, at his home, Burgh Hill, Ohio, the week of October 6th, in his 81st year.

He was conspicuous in public affairs for years in the Commonwealth of Ohio. Called to various public positions all of which he eminently qualified in he was advanced to the high office of Lieutenant-Governor. He was an able lawyer, splendid Christian gentleman, loyal Son of a Veteran and of the highest integrity. Deceased was always interested in the Order and took an active part in its affairs when possible for him to do so.

He was a member of Baldwin Camp No. 2, Youngstown, Division of Ohio, for many years. He served as Division Counselor and was Division Commander of the Division of Ohio 1897-1898. At the Seventeenth Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief held at Omaha, Neb., 1898, he was elected Commander-in-Chief. This office he filled most acceptably and successfully, endearing himself to all.

The sympathy of the Order is tendered his family, Camp and Division.

It is hereby ordered: That Division and Camp Commanders drape the Division and Camp Charters for a period of thirty (30) days, in memory of our late Past Commander-in-Chief.

CHARTER APPLICATIONS APPROVED.

XX. Since last announcement applications for charters for new Camps have been approved as follows:

October 3, Camp No. 210, Schenectady, N. Y., 20 applicants.

October 9, Camp No. 23, Lititz, Pa., 59 applicants.

Charter has been issued to Camp No. 146, instituted at York, Division of Nebraska, September 30, 1918, with 74 members.

STATEMENT No. 2.

XXI. Report of the National Secretary for month of October, 1918:

RECEIPTS.

September 30, 1918, to balance.....	\$ 2.39
Received for per capita tax.....	\$.57
Charter fees	5.00
Supplies	184.24
Junior Order—Supplies	4.80

Total receipts	<u>\$194.61</u>
	\$197.00

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$140.60
Office expenses	13.20

Total expenditures	<u>\$153.80</u>
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Balance, October 31, 1918.....	\$ 43.20
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ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For printing	\$116.25
Reserve (Military Department).....	24.35

\$140.60

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For stationery	\$ 13.20
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Total expenditures	<u>\$153.80</u>
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By command of

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

AN APPEAL—SONS OF VETERANS WAR FUND.

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

Department of Commander-in-Chief,
Room 225, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

November 1, 1918.

To Division Commanders, Division Secretaries, Division Treasurers, Camp Commanders, Camp Secretaries, Camp Treasurers, and Every Member.

Brothers:

At the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Com-

mandery-in-Chief, at Niagara Falls, N. Y., August, 1918, the following was *unanimously* adopted:

"That during the continuance of the War each Division be required to contribute the equivalent of One Dollar per capita each year, and that the Commander-in-Chief, the National Secretary and the National Treasurer be directed to apply such funds to the needs of our Government.

"That the contribution for War work be not required from members of the Order who are in the Military Service of the United States."

The "NEEDS OF OUR GOVERNMENT" constitute the designation for and application of at this time—the fund as and if received in amount sufficient to meet requirements.

Otherwise same will be announced when further and complete returns are made—and as the proper Government Officials at such time may designate.

The foregoing it is expected will be received favorably and be the inducement for prompt and successful furtherance of this project.

EVERY MEMBER of the Order except those in the service of our Country as specified, is expected to contribute One Dollar.

EVERY MEMBER is appealed to to do so at once.

EVERY MEMBER is looked upon to do his duty in this respect.

EVERY MEMBER though he has liberally contributed to other funds—and it is believed he has—owes it to himself—to give One Dollar to the Sons of Veterans War Fund.

GIVE AND KEEP GIVING.

WE MUST GIVE!

EVERY OTHER ORDER of standing is doing likewise.

Other organizations designate amounts of contributions of members greatly in excess of ONE DOLLAR, fixed by our Order.

Some of the other Orders are pledged to contribute and raise among their membership—millions of dollars—to the amount of ten millions of dollars.

ONLY One Dollar is requested from each member of the Sons of Veterans.

While the responsibility is on the Divisions to give and contribute the equivalent of One Dollar per capita, which means that each Division shall raise the amount of One Dollar for every and all of its members in a Division, the members of every and all Camps are earnestly requested for their patriotism, duty and regard for the Order—to *give ONE DOLLAR, OR MORE*, if they desire.

Be as liberal as possible. No worthier cause can claim or exact a dollar from any man whose blood runs red and who has respect, reverence and love for HIS FATHER OR THE OLD FLAG.

NOW is the TIME TO GIVE. NOW is the time the fund can be applied and put to use for the comfort and NEEDS of the boys "Over There."

To emphasize that NOW is the time to GIVE be impressed

with the following to Past Commander-in-Chief Johnson relative to the Sons of Veterans and Sons of Veterans Auxiliary Ambulance Fund:

War Department
Office of Surgeon General
Washington

September 11, 1918.

F. T. F. Johnson,
McGill Bldg., 908-914 G St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We have been informed by our ambulance chassis' factory that shipment has gone forward of the fourteen (14) ambulance chasses which were purchased from the twenty-five thousand dollar (\$25,000.00) fund given to Colonel Darnall for this purpose. A handsome name plate bearing the inscription that you desire was placed on the dash of each of these chasses. In the very near future, the ambulance bodies will be forwarded to the same Port of Embarkation. These bodies will be placed upon the chasses upon their arrival overseas.

We again desire to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation to you and your Organization for the splendid display of patriotism. *The Medical Department of the United States Army is in great need of ambulances at this time, and your gift has come at a most opportune time.* We again thank you officially as well as personally.

By direction of the Acting Surgeon General:

C. R. DARNALL,
Colonel, Medical Corps.

By: W. T. FISHLEIGH,
Major Sanitary Corps, U. S. A.

GIVE NOW. Give before or on Thanksgiving Day, as a "Thanksgiving Giving" and FEEL RIGHT, feel content and Thankful and grateful to the Army and Navy for what they have and are accomplishing for our benefit, the welfare of humanity and World Peace after it's over, "Over There."

FEEL how much you owe to them for what they are DOING for us, for YOU—and, GIVE, GIVE, as you feel.

Give to and for the boys "Over There"—because you are giving to *your own*—many of you—having sons, brothers, relatives—"YOUR OWN"—"Over There." GIVE to and for them. Give as promptly as possible to close the fund and to have it of use and to apply it, for the needs.

This Appeal and a contribution per capita—or the action of the Commandery-in-Chief in its legislation pertaining thereto—has no bearing on the increase in the per capita tax. It has no connection with the expenses or per capita tax of Camp, a Division or the Commandery-in-Chief. For that reason it is not a hardship nor an imposition on a Camp, a Camp's treasury, a Division or a Division's treasury. This WAR FUND is NOT associated in the slightest with any of these.

THIS APPEAL is for personal contribution. It is a donation in a sense from and by each and every individual member

of a Camp (and exemption at that) irrespective and independent of a Camp or a Camp's treasury. It is not EXPECTED, SUPPOSED OR REQUESTED, NOR DESIGNED to be from a Camp as a whole NOR A CAMP'S TREASURY.

And, THAT CANNOT be an excuse to neglect or FAIL TO PAY THIS ONE DOLLAR—or more—by each and every member.

Compare the achievements of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., with the accomplishments of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

When was there a call for funds for a patriotic movement in the name and under the auspices of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., until that of the Ambulance Fund? NEVER.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans have erected numerous memorials, many monuments and subscribed more to the monument in memory of Major Wirz at Andersonville (for brutal treatment of Union prisoners of War) than our Order has raised and expended for patriotic purposes in all the years of its existence!

Every member of the Order has an opportunity by contributing and complying with the action of the Commandery-in-Chief, to show that his obligation is of consequence, that this appeal to his Patriotism is a matter of conscience with him and that he appreciates and realizes what he owes to those "Over There."

HOW TO GIVE.

Camps should appoint Committees to canvass their membership and secure from each member One Dollar or more. Camp Treasurers should give each contributor a receipt. These receipts should be received by Camps from Division Headquarters, and be in possession of all Camp Treasurers. The receipts for each Camp and all members thereof were supplied from Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters to ALL DIVISION SECRETARIES—October 2-5. All Division Headquarters have received these receipts.

If these receipts have not been forwarded to Camp Treasurers or Camps, Division Commanders will AT ONCE send them to Camps. There should be no failure or neglect in this respect.

When all members of a Camp have contributed and the fund is closed in a Camp—the Camp Treasurer will promptly forward the full and complete amount to the Division Treasurer.

The Division Treasurer will promptly forward the ENTIRE AMOUNT contributed by ALL CAMPS in a Division to National Treasurer J. L. Rake, Reading, Pa., by check or draft.

The fund will be published and accounted for, application thereof announced by official designation of Government Officials—under whose advice it will be applied.

By order of

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. XII
HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
Department of Commander-in-Chief,
Room 225, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

December 1, 1918.

General Orders No. 12,
Series 1918.

I. "Oh, Thus be it ever when Freemen shall stand,
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation,
Blest with victory and peace may the Heaven-rescued land,
Praise the power that hath made and preserved us a Nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: 'In God is Our Trust!'
And the Star Spangled Banner in Triumph shall wave
O'er the Land of the Free and the Home of the brave."

Beautiful as a flower to those who love it, terrible as a meteor to those who hate it, it is a symbol of the power and the glory and the HONOR of over a hundred million Americans!

The World War is over. Victory has brought Peace! The Old Flag—ever the symbol of Freedom, Liberty and Justice has again Triumphed!

Rejoicing with the Members of the Order on the successful achievements of Right over Might, it is urged upon all to re-dedicate and reconsecrate themselves—in their Patriotism and love for "Old Glory"—to the glories of the past, responsibilities of the future, and more than ever appreciate their heritage; and adhere to and emulate the principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

REPORTS AND PER CAPITA TAX.

II. The newly elected officers of a Camp cannot be installed until the Installing Officer has the per capita tax and reports (Forms 27 and 28) of a Camp for the quarter ending December 31, 1918—or a receipt from Division Headquarters for per capita tax for said quarter can be shown.

This must positively be adhered to.

Where a Camp fails to meet Division Commanders should detail a Division or Staff Officer or Member authorized by Special Order to conduct a meeting, election of officers, secure reports and per capita tax and install the Officers.

Reports and per capita tax for quarter ending December 31, 1918, must be promptly forwarded by Camp Officers to their Division Headquarters, so that all members entitled thereto can have the new password and countersign, and that all Camp Officers can be installed at the specified time.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

III. Installation of Camp Officers must take place the first meeting night in January, 1919. If for any reason this cannot be complied with installation will take place as soon thereafter as possible. Provision is made by the use of Form 22 for Report of Installation of Officers to Division Headquarters. All

Divisions are expected to use this Form, which can be procured on Requisition Form 1½ from the National Secretary.

CAMP COMMANDER'S COMMISSION.

IV. Division Commanders and Secretaries are required by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, Chapter 6, Article 2, Section 10, to issue to every Camp Commander a Commission. This Commission is Form 33 and will be supplied on Requisition Form 1½ by the National Secretary. Every Camp Commander should demand his Commission from Division Headquarters if not provided therewith.

Commissions should be issued immediately upon receipt of Installation Officer's Report and all should be in possession of Camp Commanders early in January.

CAMP PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S REPORTS.

V. This Report—Form 50—to be procured on Requisition Form 1½ from the National Secretary, is highly important. Revised at the Niagara Falls Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, it provides for special information and data concerning the patriotic work of a Camp, and members of the Order in the Military and Naval Service of our Country. Full and complete returns on this Form are greatly desired.

Camp Patriotic Instructors will forward this Report (Form 50) to Division Patriotic Instructors the last meeting night in December (this month).

Division Commanders must supply this Form to all Camps and should promulgate at once.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP—FORM 3.

VI. Divisions are not procuring this new Form and supplying Camps as they should. This Form should be in possession of every Division as well as Camps. It provides for the obligation of an eligible without requiring his attendance at a Camp meeting for initiation and to take the obligation. It should be the means of adding many new members to all Camps.

JUNIOR ORDER CAMP REPORTS.

VII. Attention is directed to Sections 11 and 12, Rules Governing the Junior Order, which require Junior Order Camps to report to Division Commanders on Form 11 of the Junior Order.

Division Commanders will report to the National Secretary on Form 12 without delay. These Forms will be supplied by the National Secretary on Junior Order Requisition Form O.

PASSWORD AND COUNTERSIGN.

VIII. Form OOOO has been issued to all Divisions having paid per capita tax and forwarded reports—Forms 35, 37 and 38—for the quarter ending September 30, 1918, to the National Secretary.

This form will be issued by Division Commanders only to Camps that forward reports Forms 27 and 28, and pay per capita

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF NATIONAL

Division	In Good Standing June 30, 1918.		GAIN						Total Gain.		Aggregate.	
			By Initiation.		By Transfer.		By Reinstatement.					
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members
Alabama and Tennessee....	11	176	...	3	...	...	...	3	11	179		
California and Pacific.....	13	473	...	22	...	2	...	4	28	13	501	
*Colorado and Wyoming...	7	197	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Connecticut	41	2445	...	14	...	...	2	...	16	41	2461	
Illinois	62	2661	...	45	...	1	...	...	46	62	2707	
Indiana	23	942	...	18	...	...	...	1	19	23	961	
Iowa	18	792	...	82	...	...	...	...	82	18	874	
*Kansas	37	1241	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kentucky	6	114	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	114	
Maine	50	2356	...	15	...	...	6	...	21	50	2377	
Maryland	16	529	...	8	...	...	1	...	9	16	538	
Massachusetts	160	7694	...	34	3	...	...	...	37	160	7731	
Michigan	22	907	...	18	...	...	...	...	18	22	925	
Minnesota	20	641	...	17	...	...	1	...	18	20	659	
Missouri ...	19	670	...	15	...	...	1	...	16	19	686	
Montana and Idaho.....	10	173	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	173	
Nebraska	10	270	1	98	...	...	...	1	98	11	368	
New Hampshire	36	1210	...	5	...	...	...	...	5	36	1215	
New Jersey	36	1871	...	7	...	...	4	...	11	36	1882	
New York	139	6124	...	65	4	2	43	2	112	141	6236	
Ohio	98	4957	1	76	...	...	...	1	76	99	5033	
Pennsylvania	215	14345	...	97	44	...	...	...	141	215	14486	
Rhode Island	16	526	...	8	...	...	...	...	8	16	534	
Vermont ...	38	1145	...	18	2	...	...	...	20	38	1165	
Washington and Oregon...	10	303	...	9	...	...	...	...	9	10	312	
Wisconsin	50	1536	...	7	...	...	1	...	8	50	1544	
Total	1163	54125	2	681	25	2	64	4	801	1167	55099	

* No report received.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY—QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1918.

Division	In Good Standing June 30, 1918.		GAIN				Total Gain.		Aggregate.		LOSS					Total Loss.		In Good Standing September 30, 1918.		Amount Received for Per Capita Tax.	Cash on Hand at Division Head- quarters.	Cash on Hand in Camps.	Expended for Relief.	No. Relieved, and Families.								
			By Initiation.		By Transfer.						By Reinstatement.		By Disbanded.		By Death.											Honorable Discharge	By Transfer.	By Dropped.				
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Veterans							
Alabama and Tennessee.....	11	176	..	..	3	..	..	..	3	11	179	..	..	..	..	1	10	1	10	10	169	\$ 10.71	8.00	\$ 100.00	..	..	..	..	..
California and Pacific.....	13	473	..	22	..	..	4	..	28	13	501	..	..	..	..	..	19	19	13	482	33.10	15.38	292.42	..	..	..	..	..
*Colorado and Wyoming...	7	197	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	197	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Connecticut	41	2445	..	14	..	..	2	..	16	41	2461	..	3	1	..	..	16	20	41	2441	149.12	220.34	3638.51	249.20	..	..	..	..	..
Illinois	62	2661	..	45	1	..	..	..	46	62	2707	6	131	7	..	2	..	6	156	56	2551	161.61	137.17	..	..	..	..	..	..
Indiana	23	942	..	18	..	..	1	..	19	23	961	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	25	23	936	59.58	503.39	3353.18	..	..	..	..	..
Iowa	18	792	..	82	..	..	..	..	82	18	874	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	7	18	867	67.60	123.46	263.84	..	..	..	..	..
*Kansas	37	1241	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	1241	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kentucky	6	114	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	6	114	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	114	6.14	6.22	385.00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Maine	50	2356	..	15	..	..	6	..	21	50	2377	..	..	8	1	..	1	208	1	217	49	2160	132.45	237.35	788.14	..	..	..	..	..
Maryland	16	529	..	8	..	..	1	..	9	16	538	..	..	2	..	2	42	2	44	14	494	31.16	542.24	2458.28	375.00	..	..	..	..	..
Massachusetts	160	7694	..	34	3	..	..	..	37	160	7731	..	34	15	3	..	46	..	98	160	7633	464.44	761.70	13455.21	148.85	5	1	..	..	..
Michigan	22	907	..	12	..	..	..	..	18	22	925	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	28	..	29	22	896	57.18	65.85	269.58	2.75	..	..	..	..
Minnesota	20	641	..	17	..	..	1	..	18	20	659	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	659	42.83	305.44	194.29	..	..	..	..	..	..
Missouri	19	670	..	15	..	..	1	..	16	19	686	2	33	1	3	..	..	4	2	41	17	645	41.55	134.21	380.43	1.45	1	..	..	..	..
Montana and Idaho.....	10	173	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	10	173	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	173	10.38	51.19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nebraska	10	270	1	98	..	..	..	1	98	11	368	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	11	366	23.52	160.51	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
New Hampshire	36	1210	..	5	..	..	..	..	5	36	1215	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	4	36	1211	73.61	232.43	865.79	5.75	1	1	..	..	..	..
New Jersey	36	1871	..	7	..	..	4	..	11	36	1882	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	35	36	1847	112.15	121.21	4934.90	565.75	5	..	..	..	..
New York	139	6124	..	65	4	2	43	2	112	141	6236	..	..	11	5	1	4	155	4	172	137	6064	381.19	245.20	4832.25	154.32	5	4	..	..	..
Ohio	98	4957	1	76	..	..	..	1	76	99	5033	..	..	7	..	..	..	72	..	79	4954	306.43	412.28	1244.83	1.50	1	..	..	..	..	..
Pennsylvania	215	14345	..	97	44	141	215	14486	10	1	106	..	117	215	14369	880.57	124.74	23540.85	7053.53	80	14
Rhode Island	16	526	..	8	8	16	534	1	2	16	532	33.34	229.82	395.45	3
Vermont	38	1145	..	18	2	20	38	1165	1	2	18	38	1147	72.24	326.02	258.53
Washington and Oregon...	10	303	..	9	9	10	312	3	10	309	20.25
Wisconsin	50	1536	..	7	1	..	8	50	1544	18	50	1526	92.59	109.49	420.16
Total	1163	54125	2	681	25	2	64	4	801	1167	55099	8	164	96	29	7	8	820	60	2554	1107	52545	\$3264.04	\$5023.64	\$62076.64	\$8558.10	101	20

* No report received.

tax to Division Headquarters—for the quarter ending December 31, 1918.

Camp Commanders can only give this password and countersign to members in good standing in Camps December 31, 1918.

BANNER MAILING LISTS.

IX. Many Camps have failed to forward the names and addresses of their members to Division Secretaries for such members to receive the Official Organ of the Order—"The Banner." This is neglect of a Camp Secretary and failure of a Camp Commander to have it done.

All Camps not having forwarded said lists have been reported to Division Commanders and Division Secretaries.

They are urged to adopt means and take action whereby these lists can be secured. These lists are required from Camps that have NOT forwarded same since March 31, 1918. Camps that have forwarded lists since that date or at that time are NOT required to again forward lists.

Every member of the Order is entitled to receive The Banner every month. It can only be sent to such if a Camp provides a list of its members to Division Secretaries.

AIDES.

X. Having secured seventeen (17) new members in the last quarter, Charles B. Lyman, Camp No. 26, Rockford, Division of Illinois, is hereby appointed an Aide on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief and will be respected accordingly.

O. J. Parker, Camp No. 48, Logansport, Division of Indiana, is appointed an Aide on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, having secured five (5) new members during last quarter. He will be respected accordingly.

DIVISION ROSTER CHANGE.

XI. In the Division of Minnesota, George W. Turner, 5128 43rd Avenue, South, Minneapolis, Minn., succeeded C. L. Pettee, Resigned, as Division Secretary-Treasurer.

XII. Application fee for charter for new Camp at Baker, Oregon, Division of Washington and Oregon, was received on November 21.

CAMPS DISBANDED AND DROPPED.

XIII. The following Camps having disbanded and dropped, the charters thereof are revoked and Division Secretaries will make record accordingly, viz:

Division of Alabama and Tennessee—Dropped: Camp No. 21, Vidalia, Louisiana, 10 members.

Division of Illinois—Disbanded: Camp No. 8, Chicago, 11 members; Camp No. 9, Stockton, 12 members; Camp No. 29, Bloomington, 56 members; Camp No. 78, Farmer City, 7 members; Camp No. 90, Ellisville, 20 members; Camp No. 147, Yale, 25 members.

Division of Maine—Dropped: Camp No. 98, Patten, 10 members.

Division of Maryland—Dropped: Camp No. 3, Hagerstown, Md., 20 members; Camp No. 3, Huntington, W. Va., 14 members.

Division of Missouri—Disbanded: Camp No. 21, Kirksville, 10 members; Camp No. 50, St. Louis, 23 members.

Division of New York—Dropped: Camp No. 18, Marathon, 25 members; Camp No. 117, Mamaroneck, 15 members; Camp No. 125, Deposit, 25 members; Camp No. 205, Gilbertville, 18 members.

STATEMENT No. 3.

XIV. Report of the National Secretary for month of November, 1918:

RECEIPTS.

October 31, 1918, to balance.....		\$ 43.20
Received for per capita tax	\$3273.19	
Charter Fees	2.50	
Supplies	75.91	
Total receipts		<u>\$3351.60</u>
		\$3394.80

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$2890.53	
Office expenses	73.40	
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	117.52	
Total expenditures		<u>\$3081.45</u>
Balance, November 30, 1918.....		\$ 313.35

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock	\$ 84.20	
The Banner, subscription, September, October, and November, 1918, inclusive.....	2208.46	
Shipping supplies, Aug.-Nov., 1918, inc.....	22.87	
Salaries	575.00	
		<u>\$2890.53</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES.

August-November, 1918, inclusive:		
For postage, telegrams, stationery, express....		\$ 73.40

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

August-November, 1918, inclusive:		
For postage, telegrams, traveling, stenographer, express		\$ 117.52
Total expenditures		<u>\$3081.45</u>

By command of

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

SONS OF VETERANS WAR FUND.

Brothers:

At the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, at Niagara Falls, N. Y., August, 1918, the following was unanimously adopted:

"That during the continuance of the War, each Division be required to contribute the equivalent of One Dollar per capita each year, and that the Commander-in-Chief, the National Secretary and the National Treasurer be directed to apply such funds to the needs of our Government.

"That the contribution for War Work be not required from members of the Order who are in the Military or Naval Service of the United States."

The foregoing will receive the attention designated and previously requested.

Instructions promulgated pertaining to the War Fund will be continued to be complied with.

Other conditions warranting, "*To apply such funds to the needs of our Government,*" due and prompt announcement will be made.

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS.

To the Members of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

World events give us cause for Special Joy this Christmas Season and anticipation of Great Happiness the coming year.

A frightful menace conquered, World War of four years of untold anguish fought and won, Humanity and Freedom Saved, "Our Home Fires Burning" brighter than ever; the part Our Country—America's Soldiers, Sailors and Marines—took therein, from our own firesides—our sons, brothers and dear ones—Victory, the War Won—and ended, and PEACE!

These are causes for a Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Not unmindful of the missing from the Family Circles, those who will not return with our Victorious Forces, our consolation will be that their memories will be cherished, their names honored, because "they have not died in vain"—but that they made the Supreme Sacrifice for Humanity, Everlasting Freedom and PEACE.

To all—"PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN"—and a Happy New Year.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF.

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Department of Commander-in-Chief,
Room 225, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

December 1, 1918.

To the Officers and Members, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Brothers:

The National Committee of Patriotic Societies in which our

Order has membership since the Thirty-sixth Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, 1917, requested that, the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., with other patriotic societies having membership in the said National Committee of Patriotic Societies, send a message of Greetings—Christmas Greetings—to the soldiers, sailors and marines in service Overseas—to be read to all commands on Christmas Day, December 25th, as a message from our Order—from the members of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Pursuant thereto your and our message as prepared by National Patriotic Instructor Frank McCrillis, approved by the Commander-in-Chief, will be as follows, and the same will be read on Christmas Day to all the forces serving under General Pershing as a CHRISTMAS GREETING from each and every member of the Order to every soldier, sailor and marine—“OVER THERE.”

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
Department of National Patriotic Instructor,
500-502 Henry Building,
Portland, Oregon.

CHRISTMAS, 1918.

To the American Soldier, Sailor and Marine in Active Service on Land and Sea and in the Air:

Greetings and Best Wishes from the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

On this sacred day our hearts turn with one accord to America's sons who in foreign lands are fighting for civilization and the freedom of the peoples of the world.

We raise our voices in thanksgiving for the courage and valor shown and the magnificent achievements attained by both officers and men in every branch of war endeavor. America is proud of her sons “over there” and our hearts are thrilled by their sacrifices and daring deeds of heroism.

In sending this testimonial of our deep appreciation and affection we renew the assurance of our unswerving support and our everlasting fidelity to the American arms and to the cause to which they are dedicated.

May the God of justice and love grant us continued victories, hastening the day when universal peace shall come and when true democracy shall control and govern the world.

Sincerely,

FRANK McCRILLIS,
National Patriotic Instructor.

Approved and promulgated:

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES.

Organized Feb. 21, 1917, to assist in the co-ordination of the work of National Preparedness and Patriotic Service carried on by various organizations in the United States.
Lt. Gen. S. B. M. Young, Honorary Chairman; George Wharton Pepper, Chairman; Wm. P. Bonbright, Treasurer; Charles C.

Moore, Vice Chairman; Charles Franklin Curtis, Vice Chairman; William H. Cowles, Vice Chairman; Edward Harding, Chairman; Executive Board; William Mather Lewis, Executive Secretary. Executive Offices: Union Trust Building, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Francis Callahan, Commander-in-Chief, October 25, 1918.
Room 225, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of October 24th together with the enclosed greetings to the American soldiers. This greeting is so excellent that I am submitting it to the other societies for their guidance. We will also submit it to General Pershing to be read to the members of the American Expeditionary Forces on Christmas Day.

Faithfully yours,
W. M. LEWIS,
Executive Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. I.
HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
Department of Commander-in-Chief,
Room 225, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

January 1, 1919.

General Orders No. 1,
Series of 1919.

WILLIAM F. CHAMBERS, ESQ.

I. Death has entered the official family of the Commandery-in-Chief. With deep regret announcement is made of the passing away of William F. Chambers, senior member of the Council-in-Chief, December 27, 1918.

Deceased was re-elected to the Council-in-Chief at the Thirty-seventh Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Niagara Falls, 1918, having served faithfully the term previously. He was also Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, 1914-1915. He was an active member, influential, greatly interested in the affairs of the Order, and previous to his selection to office represented the Division of Ohio in many Encampments of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The sympathy of the membership is extended the family, his Camp and the Division of Ohio.

It is hereby ordered that Division and Camp charters be draped in memory of our deceased officer for a period of sixty (60) days.

II. A new year confronts us. Camp administrations have changed with a new term opening, new officers, and a new prospect. Improved conditions are looked for. New officers have ambitions. Active officers will produce success. Aspirations can only be realized with results.

The World War, with consequences so greatly affecting and materially interfering with operations of Camps, virtually ended and Peace at hand—Patriotism and reverence for the Old Flag greater than ever—the members of our Great Order on the thres-

hold of a New Year have a new inspiration. Re-dedicating ourselves to the principles and objects of our Order—they should be an incentive for renewed zeal, activity and interest in the up-building of the Sons of Veterans.

All members are appealed to for their co-operation. Every member is earnestly requested to secure eligibles to unite with Camps; work for the reinstatement of former members and the organization of new Camps.

Camp Officers are urged to pay deference to Comrades of the G. A. R. and to invite them and the Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic to frequent meetings of Camps.

Eligibles who served our Country in the Great World War—for Humanity, Freedom and Justice—should also be honored and sought for membership in our Order.

Cordially Greeting the new Camp Officers and tendering them good wishes all are urged to be earnest and zealous in making their Camps active.

WAR FUND DISCONTINUED.

III. For reasons stated in this issue of The Banner under caption "Sons of Veterans War Fund Discontinued," the project of securing a per capita contribution of One Dollar for the "Needs of our Government," will be discontinued.

There are no needs of our Government which the fund could be made available for the purpose for which it was to be applied.

All orders applying to this War Fund, directions for securing and transmitting same to the National Treasurer, are hereby countermanded and no funds for this object or purpose will be forwarded to the National Treasurer.

No contributions or returns have been received by the National Treasurer for this Fund.

UNION DEFENDERS' DAY.

IV. February 12th—the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, dedicated by our Order to the honor of Union Veteran Soldiers, Sailors and Marines of 1861-'65, as UNION DEFENDERS' DAY, should be observed by every Camp. Patriotic exercises should be the feature. Camp Patriotic Instructors and Camp Commanders will arrange to make the occasion this year a great event, in view of the achievements of the American Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Aviators, and all engaged in our Country's part and success in the Great World War—now ended.

CAMP PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS' REPORTS.

V. Reports of Camp Patriotic Instructors—Form 50—are due from every Camp in the Order. It is expected that every Camp Patriotic Instructor has forwarded his report as of December 31, 1918, to all Division Patriotic Instructors.

This form has been revised and provides for important data to which attention has been directed in previous General Orders.

Camps delinquent with this report should be communicated with by Division Patriotic Instructors at once and every effort made to secure this return for the records to be obtained therefrom.

Division Patriotic Instructors will make prompt compilation of Forms 50—reports from Camps—and as soon as possible forward on Form 51—Annual Report of Division Patriotic Instructor to National Patriotic Instructor, Frank McCrillis, 500 Henry Building, Portland, Oregon.

CAMP PER CAPITA TAX AND REPORTS.

VI. Camp Commanders are hereby ordered to attend to the prompt forwarding of per capita tax and Reports—Forms 27 and 28—of the Camp Secretary and Camp Treasurer—to their respective Division Headquarters—for the quarter ending December 31, 1918. This will enable the Division Officers to furnish new password and countersign to Camp Commanders and they in turn can give same to the members of Camps without delay and inconvenience.

DIVISION OFFICERS' REPORTS.

VII. Division Commanders, Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers will see that Forms 35, 37 and 38, Reports of Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers, are promptly forwarded to the National Secretary, with per capita tax for the quarter ending December 31, 1918. There must be no delay in forwarding these reports and tax.

REINSTATEMENT OF CAMPS.

VIII. Attention is again directed to the provisions of the Constitution (Niagara Falls Encampment, 1918), whereby Camps having been Dropped for one year OR LESS, can be reinstated at a fee which may be determined by a Division; and such a reinstatement will require the payment of \$2.50 to the Commandery-in-Chief; and the Camp can retain its original charter.

This should be an inducement for all Division Commanders and Division Officers generally to work—for the restoration of delinquent Camps, such that have been dropped within a year and thereby secure many additional Camps.

It is hoped this will appeal to all Division Commanders and that they will take action to recover many of their Dropped Camps.

PASSWORD AND COUNTERSIGN.

IX. Form 0000—Password and Countersign effective January 1st, has been promulgated to all Divisions. Camps will be furnished with this only when they pay per capita tax and forward reports to Division Headquarters.

Camp Commanders will give the password and countersign only to such members in good standing December 31, 1918.

COMMISSIONS.

X. Division Commanders will see that all Camp Commanders installed for the present year, will receive a Commission—Form 33—issued and attested by the Division Secretary. Every Camp Commander is entitled to and should receive a Commission without delay.

INSTALLING OFFICERS' REPORTS.

XI. Division Commanders and Division Secretaries should

see that Form 22—Report of Installing Officer—is promptly received, recorded and new roster issued without delay. ^{No de-}linquent Camps should be on this roll as the business of a Division Headquarters requires prompt receipt of Installation Report of Camp Officers.

THE BANNER MAILING LISTS.

XII. A number of Camps have neglected to forward lists and addresses of their members to their Division Secretaries. The members of these Camps are not receiving The Banner—the Official Organ—to which they are entitled every month. They are not informed nor advised regarding the Order, its work, and know nothing about affairs.

Division Commanders and Division Secretaries have been directed, requested and appealed to to obtain these lists. A number have complied and secured the lists. Others apparently pay no attention to the subject.

It is the duty of Division Commanders and Division Secretaries to obtain these lists and forward them to The Banner, Dwight, Illinois, so that every member can and will receive The Banner each month.

Camp Secretaries that fail to send in these lists are negligent and at fault.

It is urged upon all to give this matter personal and immediate attention and forward these lists as directed.

SPECIAL ATTENTION IS DIRECTED—to the following:

Division Secretaries will **AT ONCE** forward to The Banner, Dwight, Illinois, the names of Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries of **ALL** Camps that have *failed* to send in mailing lists—so that each Camp Commander and Camp Secretary of each of said Camps, will receive The Banner; and same will be filed by all Camp Secretaries receiving it.

JUNIOR ORDER CAMP REPORTS.

XIII. Annual Reports of the Camps of the Junior Order must be forwarded at once by Division Secretaries to the National Secretary. Prompt attention to these returns, blanks for which were forwarded, is directed.

AIDES.

XIV. Following Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief have been appointed and will be respected accordingly:

Leon L. Roberts, Camp No. 36, Kansas City, Division of Missouri, having secured five (5) new members within the last quarter.

R. L. Pickell, Camp No. 48, Logansport, Division of Indiana, having secured six (6) new members within the quarter.

Walton Christie, Camp No. 192, Dexter, Division of New York, having obtained six (6) new members within the quarter.

William H. Forbes, Camp No. 166, Franklin, Division of Pennsylvania, having secured seven (7) new members in the quarter.

Frank P. Schnekle, Camp No. 2, Philadelphia, Division of Pennsylvania, having obtained five (5) new members in the quarter.

A. J. Barnes, Joplin, Division of Missouri, having organized a new Camp.

William O. Nute, Camp No. 4, Sanford, Division of Maine, having obtained five (5) new members in the quarter.

Captain W. W. Morey, Camp No. 1, Columbus, Ohio, having secured five (5) new members during the last quarter.

ADDITIONAL QUARTERLY REPORTS.

XV. Reports and per capita tax for quarter ending September 30, 1918, have been received from the Divisions of Colorado and Wyoming, showing 7 Camps and 197 members in good standing, and Kansas, with 36 Camps and 1,236 members in good standing.

Camp No. 15, Auburn, Division of Kansas, has been Dropped with 19 members. The charter of said Camp is hereby revoked.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT.

XVI. All Divisions having reported and paid per capita tax Consolidated Report for the quarter ending September 30, 1918, shows:

Gain—		Camps	Members
Number in good standing last report, June 30, 1918.	1163		54298
Gained by organization and initiation.....			699
Gained by transfer			58
Gained by reinstatement from dropped.....	2		77
Aggregate	1167		55132
Loss—		Camps	Members
By camps disbanded.....	8	164	
By death		96	
By honorable discharge		29	
By transfer		7	
By dropped	9	858	
Total loss		17	1154

Number in good standing Sept. 30, 1918.....1150 53978

Amount received for per capita tax, \$3354.14.

Amount in Division treasuries, \$5,542.43.

Amount in Camp treasuries, \$62,44.80.

Expended for relief, \$8,558.10.

Number members or their families relieved, 101.

Number veterans or their families relieved, 20.

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

October 12, Camp No. 153, Cherokee, Iowa, 45 members.

December 6, Camp No. 23, Lititz, Pa., 63 members.

August 17, Camp No. 2, Baker, Ore. (Washington and Oregon), 15 members.

STATEMENT No. 4.

XVIII. Report of the National Secretary for month of December, 1918:

RECEIPTS.

November 30, 1918, to balance.....	\$313.35
Received for per capita tax.....	\$ 90.10
Supplies	235.41

Total receipts	325.51
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	\$638.86
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EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$520.10
Office expenses	112.50

Total expenditures	\$632.60
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Balance, December 31, 1918.....	\$ 6.26
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EXPENDITURES.

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$108.35
Encampment—Printing Journal of Proceedings 37th (Niagara Falls, 1918), Encampment... ..	365.63
Reserve, November and December, 1918.....	36.12
Miscellaneous	10.00
	\$520.10

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For rent headquarters, Jan.-March, 1919, inc....	\$112.50
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Total expenditures	\$632.60
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By order of

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

WAR FUND DISCONTINUED.

To Division Commanders and Brothers:

PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION OF THE PRESIDENT—Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy—that the World War is ended and assurance of Peace,

It is hereby ordered:

That the project directed by authority of the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, at Niagara Falls, N. Y., 1918,

“That during the continuance of the War each Division be required to contribute the equivalent of One Dollar per capita each year, and that the Commander-in-Chief, the National Secretary and the National Treasurer be directed to apply such funds to the needs of Our Government,”

Be discontinued and no further action relating thereto be taken.

All orders and instructions pertaining to securing this fund, collections, contributions, by members of Camps and Divisions—are hereby countermanded.

No funds or receipts to be credited to the purpose or object, have been received by the National Treasurer.

Camps and Divisions having received contributions for the purpose designated, are reminded that the casualty lists of the boys "Over There" and the Vacant Chair in the family circle, possibly the family needs—and to "Keep the Home Fires Burning"—will suggest a channel whereby the funds in hand can be most worthily applied.

In F., C. and L.,

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

H. H. HAMMER
National Secretary.

JAMES LEWIS RAKE,
National Treasurer.

January 1, 1919.

TO NEW CAMP OFFICERS.

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

Department of Commander-in-Chief,
Room 225, City Hall,

Philadelphia, Pa., January 1, 1919.

To New Camp Officers:

You have taken a new obligation. As Camp Commander or the office you now fill you have responsibilities that are vital to your Camp. You have made new pledges and positive promises under oath.

Have these made an impression upon you? Do you realize what you bound yourself by oath to do? Do you appreciate what you pledged yourself to—what you promised?

The installation ceremonies are not mere form. They are more. They impose a sacred duty.

If you were not impressed by the obligation you took as an Officer; by the pledges and promises you made—read the ceremonies, study the obligation and learn what they should mean to you.

Your opportunities for the success of your Camp are your responsibilities. Realizing what you can attempt to accomplish you will arouse a new interest in your Camp. You will have a successful Administration.

Camp Commander:

Should take the initiative to create activity and interest in Camps. Have some feature at a meeting of the Camp. Make the session or meeting interesting and worth while attending, for your members. Attract them. They will attend meetings if they have an incentive, some reason, cause to be present. Make them welcome and feel that they have a part to do and that some portion of the work of the Camp depends upon them. Pro-

nose some new object, introduce new ideas, new plans and have a purpose at each meeting. Consult the members about matters relating to the Camp, obtain from them suggestions for the conduct of affairs of the Camp. Have them assist in activities and projects for your meetings.

Camp Secretary:

Attend to your duties. Be prompt with your reports to Division Headquarters every quarter. Do not neglect what you are responsible for. Keep your records to date. Take pride in having them correct. Do not fail to answer correspondence promptly. Determine to always give all matters your immediate attention. A Secretary who does his duty makes a successful Camp.

Camp Treasurer:

A Camp's existence and success depends principally on the ability, activity and attention given—by a Camp Treasurer. Be at your Camp meeting regularly. Be diligent in collecting the dues of your members. Don't neglect that important feature. See that every member pays his dues promptly. If this is done your Camp will prosper. Give this your constant attention. Be a real business man in this respect. Thereby you will make your Camp a success. Keep your members always in good standing—get their dues from them. See that your Camp does not owe per capita tax; that your reports and tax are always forwarded to Division Headquarters on the last meeting night in each Quarter. Your ability will show whether or not your Camp is successful. Be an example to others. A Treasurer not concerned about a Camp's finances should not have the office.

Camp Council:

You have important responsibilities. The prosperity of your Camp is in your charge. The gathering of funds, dues, finances in general are your duties. See that all revenues are secured. Supervise affairs, assist the officers in interesting the members, be able to show them something for their investment and membership in the Camp. Give the duties of your office the attention required and your Camp will be a real one.

To the Members:

Give your Officers encouragement. Attend the meetings of your Camp. Give it your influence. Don't let the Officers do all. Don't expect others to do what you can, should and know you ought to and can do. **YOU—DO SOMETHING.** Be proud of your right to be a member of the Sons of Veterans. It is a great honor. Realize that it is a distinction. Our Fathers saved Our Nation. Our Country made the World safe for Humanity, assured Freedom and guaranteed Justice to all. Your honor to be a member of the Sons of Veterans is not anybody's nor every person's. Your Camp is the one place to have the benefit of this. Your activity will be an inspiration to others as well as yourself. Give your Camp some attention, some consideration. **DO** something for it. You can get a new member—many if you will. Get all you can.

Camp Commanders and Officers:

Don't neglect conferences. Have frequent consultations about the needs and interests of the Camp.

Arrange for events at meetings of the Camp. Have Committees on Entertainment, and have attractions frequently. Get the Entertainment Committee at work for attractive meetings regularly.

Have a Recruiting Committee. See to it that this Committee seeks out eligibles. Make it important that candidates be secured. Work through this Committee for new members.

Memorial Day Committee—always should be active. Have it comprise influential members of the Camp. Keep before this Committee the importance of its work and have it constantly in touch and communication with Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Commander and Officers—should endeavor to always have something to propose at a meeting that will interest the members. Social and instructive features will interest many. A locality will largely govern and demonstrate what should be introduced to make a Camp a success.

Camp Commander:—You are responsible for what can be made of a Camp. It is your duty to assure yourself that the essentials are being complied with. If you fail to do this you are uninformed and have not the interest or ability a Camp Commander should have.

All are appealed to for earnest, active, renewed interest in our Order, recruiting of new members, the reinstatement of former members, and such efforts as will advance our Order and make it all that it should be.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. II.

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

Department of Commander-in-Chief,
Room 225, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

February 1, 1919.

General Orders No. 2,
Series of 1919.

UNION DEFENDERS' DAY.

I. UNION DEFENDERS' DAY—February 12th—the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, dedicated by our Order to the honor of the Union Veterans of 1861-'65, who preserved the Union, is at hand.

All Camps, Camp Commanders and Camp Patriotic Instructors know their duty for this occasion. Patriotic exercises will be the order.

Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic should be honored guests, Sons of Veterans Auxiliary and members of affiliated orders invited and the occasion made a special feature.

Eligibles should be sought to attend and secured for membership.

Fittingly honor the deeds of our Fathers and extol the memory of Lincoln.

It is hereby ordered that in every Camp and observance of this occasion the Lincoln Gettysburg Address be read or recited.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

II. In accordance with the request of the "Committee on State of the Order," as announced in The Banner, January issue, views and suggestions to improve conditions in the Order—are invited. All having subjects to present will submit same to the Committee promptly and will address each or all as follows:

Ralph M. Grant, Sage-Allen Bldg., Hartford, Conn.

Fred E. Bolton, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

John E. Sautter, 20 Emerson Ave., Aspinwall, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Charles F. Sherman, 46 South Fourth Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

William T. Church, 108 South La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.

Charles W. Tozer, Holbrook Bldg., 58 Sutter St. San Francisco, Cal.

CAMP OFFICERS' REPORTS.

III. Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers failing to receive from their Division Headquarters Forms 27 and 28, on which to make quarterly returns—and reports for the quarter ending March 31st, should communicate immediately with Division Headquarters and obtain these blanks. Camp Commanders should give this matter their personal attention and attend to forwarding these reports with per capita tax promptly at the end of the quarter—last meeting in March—to Division Headquarters.

This should be given attention each quarter. Division Headquarters must always supply these Forms to Camps in advance and see that returns are made promptly.

ACTIVE CAMPS.

IV. Camps are again urged to be active and interested in affairs. Social functions are recommended. The return of those who served our Country in the World War is an opportunity for a Camp to show its appreciation, opportunity to obtain results in a community. Have these who return home at a meeting and hear their experiences; do them honor and entertain them with your members, families and eligibles. Have Camp Fires, public ceremonies, make your Camp a part of the public demonstrations and welcome to those returning home from "the war" and have such features as will prove attractive, interesting and of benefit to all. Keep up interest in your Camp. Make the meetings attractive.

Camp Commanders and Camp Patriotic Instructors are urged to be attentive to these matters, invite the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, and other allied associations to your Camp meetings and make them interesting to all.

PER CAPITA TAX AND REPORTS.

V. Per Capita Tax and Reports—Forms 37 and 38, from all Divisions, for quarter ending December 31, 1918, are now due;

and, if any Camps have been Reinstated, 'Dropped or Disbanded, Form 35 also—to accompany Forms 37 and 38.

Division Officers have been notified of the necessity for these reports and tax to be in the hands of the National Secretary promptly and at a specified date. There can be no extension of time. Books will be closed as stated. Tax and reports not received a Division is delinquent.

NEW FORM 3.

VI. New application Form 3, provided at the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment 1918, is not being used as extensively as it should be. Advantage should be taken of the provisions of this new application for membership form by all Camps, thereby increasing the membership.

CAMP COMMANDERS' COMMISSIONS.

VII. Every Camp Commander should receive and is required to have by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, a Commission. This Form—33—must be furnished by every Division Commander and Division Secretary to Camp Commanders.

INSTALLATION REPORTS.

VIII. Division Commanders will see that all Camps report their newly installed Officers and Staff to Division Headquarters. This should be done without further delay and all Camps officers should be complete at Division Headquarters.

CAMP PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S REPORTS.

IX. Camp Patriotic Instructors should at once forward to Division Patriotic Instructors Form 50. This was due December 31, 1918. Division Commanders will see that there is no further delay in securing these reports.

BANNER MAILING LISTS.

X. A year ago it was ordered that all Camp Secretaries forward to Division Headquarters a new list with addresses of the members in each Camp, same to be forwarded to The Banner, Dwight, Illinois, by Division Secretaries, and by which all members in every Camp would receive regularly the official organ of the Order—THE BANNER—every month.

Approximately nine thousand members of the Order are not receiving The Banner due to the neglect of Camp Secretaries to comply with the order stated.

Appeals on numerous occasions have been made for these lists and orders issued directing same to be forwarded.

Division Officers are members of Camps not receiving The Banner, indicating their interest and activity in this matter.

Camp Commanders are also negligent and responsible for this condition.

This order now applies to the newly installed Camp Commanders and new Camp Secretaries. They are directed to AT ONCE forward to their Division Headquarters lists—not previously supplied—and Division Commanders will, it is expected, and they are hereby directed, to make every effort to obtain lists from all Camps delinquent and forward same to The Banner,

Dwight, Ill. Camps that have supplied new lists are not required to do so again.

BLANK FORMS FOR REPORTS.

XI. Division Commanders are hereby ordered to at once forward to all their Camps blank Forms 27 and 28, Camp Secretary and Camp Treasurers Reports—so that all will be supplied for reports and payment of per capita tax for quarter ending March 31, 1919.

REINSTATEMENT OF DROPPED CAMPS.

XII. At the last Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief provision was made for the reinstatement of Camps DROPPED for one year or less—at a fee to be fixed by Divisions; and the payment to the Commandery-in-Chief of \$2.50, by which the original charter of a Camp can be retained. Division Commanders should avail themselves of this opportunity to secure many of their former Camps, previously dropped and should be able to restore many of such Camps to the rolls and have them in good standing. **REVIVE SUCH CAMPS. GET THEM BACK.**

PAST CAMP COMMANDER'S BADGES.

XIII. In response to inquiries the Past Camp Commander's Badge—to be worn by Camp Commanders having served to the end of their respective terms—is supplied on requisition by Camps to Division Headquarters and by the Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters to Division Headquarters on requisition therefor.

This badge has not been abolished. All Past Camp Commanders having served to the end of the term are entitled to wear this badge and can procure same through the prescribed channels.

DIVISION ENCAMPMENT DATES.

XIV. Division Commanders will notify Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters as soon as possible, of the dates of their respective Division Encampments and places where same are to be held.

ENCAMPMENT REPORTS—FORM 49.

XV. Form 49—Certificates of Election at Division Encampments, reporting new Division Officers, Past Division Commanders, Delegates to the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment, etc., must be forwarded to the National Secretary FROM and at the time of the Division Encampment. These must be filed in duplicate. They will be supplied by the National Secretary on Requisition Form 1½ and every Division must make returns on these Forms. Division Commanders will procure these Forms without delay.

AIDES.

XVI. On recommendation of Division Commanders following Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief are hereby appointed, for active service in the Order, and they will be respected accordingly:

George W. Weaver, Camp No. 1, Philadelphia, Division of Pennsylvania, having secured five new members for his Camp during the quarter.

William Schmelia, Charles Van Fossen, Charles H. M. Eldridge, all of Camp No. 17, Gloucester, Division of New Jersey, each having secured five new members for membership in said Camp, during the quarter.

F. D. Wollom, (Bosworth), Camp No. 36, Kansas City, Division of Missouri, having secured five new members during the quarter for his Camp.

Fred. J. Turck, Camp No. 61, Schenectady, Division of New York, having secured seven new members for his Camp during the quarter.

STATEMENT No. 5.

XVII. Report of the National Secretary for month of January, 1919:

RECEIPTS.

December 31, 1918, to balance.....	\$ 6.26
Received for supplies	\$263.30
Total receipts	<u>263.30</u>

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$ 34.52
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	78.15
Total expenditures	<u>\$112.67</u>
Balance, January 31, 1919.....	\$156.89

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock	\$ 15.75
Reserve—Military Department	18.77
	<u>\$ 34.52</u>

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

December, 1918—January, 1919, inclusive:	
For postage, traveling, stenographer.....	\$ 78.15
Total expenditures	<u>\$112.67</u>

By order of

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Attention is directed to the statement of the "Committee on State of the Order," appearing in the January issue of THE BANNER.

The Committee solicits the views of any and all members to meet present conditions in the Order.

Propositions for consideration should be submitted without delay to:

RALPH M. GRANT, Sage-Allen Building, Hartford, Conn.

FRED E. BOLTON, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

JOHN E. SAUTTER, 207 Emerson Avenue, Aspinwall, Pittsburgh, Pa.

CHARLES F. SHERMAN, 46 S. Fourth Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

WILLIAM T. CHURCH, 108 South La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.

CHARLES W. TOZER, Holbrook Building, 58 Sutter St., San Francisco, Cal.

COMMITTEE.

MEMORIAL TO WORLD WAR VETERANS.

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

Department of Commander-in-Chief,
Room 225, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

To Division Commanders and Camps:

Attention is directed to the interest all Camps should take in monuments, memorials and testimonials in honor of those who served in the World War.

It is suggested that Chambers of Commerce, City and County Officials, Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic and affiliated societies be invited to participate and movements of the kind inaugurated under the auspices of Camps of Sons of Veterans in every locality.

Monuments or memorials to the men who participated in the World War should not only have the support and encouragement of the Camps of the Sons of Veterans but they should be the first interested and such projects should emanate in and be under the supervision and charge of Camps.

It is recommended that all Camps be interested and take such action as will have our Order take its proper part in these projects.

William A. Thrush Camp No. 25, Peoria, Division of Illinois, has under way a splendid movement for a grand memorial to the men of the World War, and has organized under its auspices City Officials, the Chamber of Commerce and other influences which will result in a fitting tribute.

Division Commanders are directed to call attention of Camps to this subject and interest their Camps and members in similar projects to the end that there may be some incentive and object for the Sons of Veterans to accomplish in honor of those who sacrificed all for the Freedom of the World, Justice and Humanity.

By order of

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

LINCOLN—THE LIBERATOR.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
826 World-Herald Building,

Omaha, Nebraska, January 26, 1919.

To Mr. Francis Callahan,
Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

And Sons of Veterans:

Abraham Lincoln, the great Liberator—

"He belongs to the ages" was the remark of Edwin M. Stanton, Lincoln's Secretary of War, when he laid down the hand of Lincoln cold in death. Then we knew him as the liberator of a race of four million people, now the liberty loving people of all nations know him as the great liberator. His words spoken for freedom have become the beacon light of the peoples of the world in their desire to throw off autocracy.

Then he was regarded the saviour of the American Union, the land of the free; now his words are the mighty inspiration that is dethroning oppression and wrong and upon which are being builded a mighty union that shall become the central sun of a higher civilization, around whose orbit will cluster the peace of the world. Even though he sleeps he speaks as man never spoke before.

Men and nations are applauding Lincoln today, who fifty years ago refused even to listen to his words of wisdom. Words uttered by him more than a half century ago are being carefully gathered and stored in the great libraries of human thought and blessing the hearts of mankind. Philosophers are studying the pure simplicity and deep wisdom that come from the recesses of his great soul.

His words are no longer idle utterances; men are receiving wisdom from him daily, and from them is constantly springing new lessons of devotion to the principles of right and justice. His utterances are enlightening the world and will lead to the disenchantment of the oppressed everywhere.

Around the altar of his memory and the wisdom of his words must center the great questions now being considered by the peace councils in Europe. Hate was not in him; the villainous hand that vanquished him made him martyr to liberty, not only on our own shores, but upon the shores of foreign lands.

Abraham Lincoln was no conqueror, but a deliverer; he was an American in the purest sense; he thought as Americans think; he acted as Americans act; he talked as Americans talk; he was pre-eminently an American; he was inflexible for right, yet he was as tender as the heart of a devoted mother to a suffering child. The clouds of war, the heat of battle, the prejudice of party, the jars and disturbances and combinations of men could not influence him or swerve him from his moderation, his mercy and his love of justice.

The greater his duties became, the more he was trusted;

he was not spectacular; he never tried to act a part, but he always did his part; he was not venturesome looking for great things to come to him in the future; he was a genuine patriot, a man serving his people, fulfilling his duty, free from animosity, free from lust for power, no fads or fallacies; he was so great that he pursued the plainest, simplest course in life; he seemed unconscious of his own being, always thinking of others—this made him illustrious and vitalized his whole being—no shepherd had ever gained the hearts of his little flock as Abraham Lincoln gained the hearts of all our people. He was true and just to all and thus his great life ended.

Respectfully,

C. E. ADAMS,
Commander-in-Chief

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
Department of Commander-in-Chief,
Room 225, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

Philadelphia, Pa., February 1, 1919.

Promulgated and Ordered:

The foregoing will be read on the occasion of all observances by Camps of Union Defenders' Day and will be made a part of the program and exercises.

By order of

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

LINCOLN—UNION DEFENDERS' DAY.

Brothers:

Tribute to the memory of Abraham Lincoln—Commander-in-Chief of our Sires—will be paid by our Order.

One of the principles and objects of the Sons of Veterans is to observe the birthday anniversary of Lincoln—February 12th.

Designated as UNION DEFENDERS' DAY in honor of the services and sacrifices of our Fathers and Ancestors of 1861-'65, for the preservation of the UNION, in song and story, feast and flow of soul once again let our tribute be registered.

Camps are urged to assemble the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and Veterans of '61-'65 with their families on this occasion. Pay them tribute.

The members of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary should also be guests and all allied societies should be invited to participate.

In consonance with custom and the principles of the Order it is directed that all Camps observe Union Defenders' Day with appropriate ceremonies. Camp Patriotic Instructors and Camp Commanders should arrange Patriotic exercises and programs.

Make the event a reunion, instructive and entertaining celebration in honor of the Victory of our Arms and the Glory of the Old Flag in the World War ended for Justice, Right over Might, and Freedom for Humanity.

Abraham Lincoln—his memory honored in the civilized world, revered in heathen lands where Light penetrates, exalted by our Sires, ever cherished by Sons of Veterans.

The Veteran Soldiers and Sailors of the War of 1861-'65—ours to care for, respect and honor.

In F., C. and L.,

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. III.

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

Department of Commander-in-Chief,
Room 225, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

March 1, 1919.

General Orders No. 3,
Series of 1919.

TO BE READ AT CAMP MEETINGS.

APPOMATTOX DAY.

I. April 9th—the anniversary of Lee's Surrender to General U. S. Grant, should be observed and it is hoped every Camp will celebrate the occasion with patriotic and instructive exercises having as guests the Veterans of 1861-'65, the Sons of Veterans Auxiliaries and affiliated societies.

Camp Commanders will instruct their Camp Patriotic Instructors to arrange suitable programs for the occasion.

Let the event be a great patriotic rally and include the Boys of 1918-'19 in honor.

Invite eligibles to our Order and impress upon them the importance and duty to become members of the Order.

Let all honor the members of the Grand Army of the Republic on this anniversary and show them our appreciation and respect for their services to maintain the Union.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENT.

II. In accordance with sentiment throughout the Order and the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Commander-in-Chief, the Thirty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief will be held in the City of Columbus, Ohio, at a time to be designated in 1919.

On invitation of Commander-in-Chief C. E. Adams of the G. A. R., and Department of Ohio G. A. R. officials, as well as City Executive Committee of Arrangements of Columbus, the Commander-in-Chief, together with the National President of

the Auxiliary and other officers of both Orders, and also National Officers of all allied societies, conferred at Columbus, relative to plans and arrangements for the next Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Most liberal concessions will be accorded us through the courtesy and recognition of our Order and the Auxiliary, through the Commander-in-Chief Adams and Adjutant-General A. L. Trimble of the G. A. R. as well as the officials of Ohio G. A. R. and Executive Committee.

The Members of the Sons of Veterans and Auxiliary of Columbus, and all interested are most cordial in their invitation for our Encampment, and extend a hearty welcome to all.

Extensive preparations are under way for most successful Encampments of all societies and it is hoped all Divisions will be largely and fully represented.

Due announcement will be made and complete details will be given in due course. All are assured a most enjoyable Encampment, hospitable reception and a hearty welcome.

DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS.

III. Dates and places of Division Encampments 1919, will be reported to Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters by Division Secretaries as soon as possible, in order that record may be made thereof.

Division Commanders are directed to Chapter 3, Article 3, Constitution, Rules and Regulations, Pages 20-21.

Every Division must hold an Encampment. All Encampments must be held BEFORE July 1st.

Encampments are announced as follows:

Illinois, at Rockford, June 10-12.

Indiana, at Elkhart, May 6-8.

Maine, at Waterville, June 11-12.

Massachusetts, at Boston, April 8-9.

Missouri, at Joplin, May 15-16.

Montana & Idaho, at Deer Lodge, Mont., June 12-13.

New Hampshire, at Concord, April 17-19.

New Jersey, at Asbury Park, June 26-27.

New York, at Elmira, June 24-26.

Ohio, at Lima, June 16-19.

Pennsylvania, at Lancaster, June 11-12.

Wisconsin, at Waukesha, June 16-18.

CHANGES IN LAWS.

IV. Proposed Amendments to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, should be submitted to and acted upon at Division Encampments. Camps having propositions to present should have same acted upon in Division Encampments. Division Headquarters will present through the proper Officers all proposed amendments adopted by Division Encampments with signature of Division Commander, attested by Division Secretary, with seal of the Division attached, to the National Secretary, in ample time for publication in General Orders, as required by law.

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION—FORM 49.

V. Immediately after installation of Division Officers at a

Division Encampment, FORM 49—CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION, and report of Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Grand Division Commanders, Constitutional Life Members, Past Division the next Commandery-in-Chief Encampment, MUST be forwarded to the National Secretary—IN DUPLICATE.

These can be procured and should be ordered AT ONCE on Requisition Form 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ from the National Secretary.

CAMP CHAPLAIN'S REPORTS—FORM 44.

VI. Division Commanders should promulgate to all Camps without delay Camp Chaplain's Report—Form 44, so that all may be provided therewith in ample time for reports to Division Chaplains—applying to Memorial Day—May 30th.

These Forms should be ordered and procured AT ONCE on Requisition Form 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ from the National Secretary.

Division Commanders will supply every Camp with Form 44 AT ONCE.

CAMP SECRETARY'S AND CAMP TREASURER'S REPORTS.

VII. Division Commanders will see that all Camps are supplied with Camp Secretary's and Camp Treasurer's Report Blanks—Forms 27 and 28, for the quarter ending March 31st, 1919—AT ONCE.

These reports must be furnished each Camp without delay. Division Headquarters will order same promptly from the National Secretary on Requisition Form 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ and supply all Camps regularly.

Camps not receiving these blanks will report same to the Commander-in-Chief.

REINSTATEMENT OF DROPPED CAMPS.

VIII. Attention of Division Commanders and Division Officers—is again called to the legislation at Niagara Falls Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Chapter 3, Article 7, Section 2, Constitution, Rules and Regulations, permitting the re-instatement of Camps that "have been Dropped for one year, or less."

Advantage should be taken of this provision. Division Commanders and Division Officers have a splendid opportunity hereby to re-organize and revive Camps and have them in good standing and again on the rolls of the Order.

It is hoped every Division Commander will take action and have all Division Officers interested in active efforts and services in securing such Camps.

Every Division Commander should take the initiative in this and outline plans and have the co-operation of all Division Officers for the re-instatement of Dropped Camps.

CAMP PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S REPORTS.

IX. Many Camp Patriotic Instructors have failed to forward to their Division Patriotic Instructors Form 50—due December 31st, 1918. Camp Commanders will attend to this matter without further notice and see that said reports are for-

warded without delay. Division Patriotic Instructors and Division Commanders should give this personal attention and make every effort to obtain these reports at once.

As soon as possible Division Patriotic Instructors will consolidate their Camp returns and report on Form 51 to National Patriotic Instructor Frank McCrillis, 500 Henry Building, Portland, Oregon.

SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARIES.

X. It is earnestly recommended that all Camps not having attached thereto Sons of Veterans Auxiliaries organize same and assist this splendid Association of Patriotic women in the work they perform for the benefit of Camps and our Order.

Camps having Auxiliaries are always a success and the most prosperous. Auxiliaries are a valuable aid to our Order in every way and of great benefit in the work of Camps.

Information desired will be cheerfully and promptly furnished by National President Miss Margaret W. Carney, 565 Lebanon St., Melrose, Mass, or National Secretary, Mrs. Mabelle M. Ham, 2 Warwick Park, North Cambridge, Mass.

The Sons of Veterans Auxiliary is the officially recognized aid and auxiliary of the Sons of Veterans, having been endorsed and approved by the Fourth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, 1885.

It is hoped this will receive the attention and action desired and requested.

MAILING LISTS FOR THE BANNER.

XI. Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries are again reminded that if they have not forwarded to their respective Division Headquarters the addresses and lists of members of their Camps they must do so at once. This is required in order that all members of every Camp can receive the Official Organ of the Order—"The Banner," every month.

Division Commanders and Division Secretaries will give this matter their attention, secure these lists of Camps delinquent and forward same without delay to "The Banner, Dwight, Illinois."

AIDES.

XII. On recommendation of Division Commanders Aides appointed on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, are as follows. They will be respected accordingly:

William H. Malone, Camp No. 25, Belding, Division of Michigan, for having secured eight (8) new members for his Camp during the quarter.

Past Division Commander David J. Snavely, having secured six (6) new members.

Ross Sanner, having secured fifteen (15) new members.

William W. E. Moore, having secured six (6) new members.

All of Camp No. 14, Division of Pennsylvania, Johnstown, and all of the said new members having been initiated in said Camp, during the quarter.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF NATIONAL

Division.	In Good Standing Sept. 30, 1918.		GAIN						Total Gain		Aggregate	
			By Initiation.		By Transfer.		By Reinstatement.					
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members
Alabama and Tennessee	10	169	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	169
California and Pacific..	13	482	...	3	...	...	15	...	...	18	13	500
Colorado and Wyoming	7	197	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	197
Connecticut ...	41	2441	...	24	...	...	...	...	...	24	41	2465
Illinois	56	2551	...	34	...	...	1	...	...	35	56	2686
Indiana	23	936	...	9	...	...	3	...	...	12	23	948
Iowa	18	867	1	82	1	...	...	1	...	83	19	950
Kansas	36	1236	...	2	8	...	1	...	...	11	36	1247
*Kentucky	6	114	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	114
Maine	49	2160	...	23	...	...	120	...	...	143	49	2303
Maryland ...	14	494	...	7	1	...	...	...	...	8	14	502
Massachusetts ...	160	7633	...	48	3	...	...	...	...	51	160	7684
Michigan	22	896	...	15	...	...	1	...	...	16	22	912
Minnesota ...	20	659	...	17	...	...	...	...	...	17	20	676
Missouri	17	645	1	98	...	...	1	1	...	99	18	744
Montana and Idaho...	10	173	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	173
Nebraska	11	366	1	15	...	1	10	2	25	13	11	391
New Hampshire	36	1211	...	5	1	...	3	...	...	9	36	1220
New Jersey	36	1847	...	22	...	...	7	...	...	29	36	1876
New York	137	6064	1	62	...	1	20	2	82	139	137	6146
Ohio	99	4954	...	56	...	...	1	...	...	57	99	5011
Pennsylvania	215	14369	1	176	4	...	...	1	180	216	215	14549
Rhode Island	16	532	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	538
Vermont ...	38	1147	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	10	38	1157
Washington and Oregon	10	309	1	80	...	...	...	1	80	11	10	389
Wisconsin	50	1526	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	19	50	1545
Total	1150	53978	6	807	18	2	189	8	1014	1158	1150	54992

* No Report—no tax paid.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY FOR QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1918.

Division.	In Good Standing Sept. 30, 1918.		GAIN				Total Gain.		Aggregate.		LOSS					Total Loss.		In Good Standing Dec. 31, 1918.		Amount Received for Per Capita Tax.	Cash on Hand at Division Head quarters.	Cash on Hand in Camps.	Expended for Relief.	No. Members of Their Families Relieved.	No. Veterans of Their Families Relieved.							
			By Initiation.		By Transfer.						By Reinstatement.		By Disbanded.	By Death.	Honorable Discharge.											By Transfer.	By Dropped.					
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members				Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Amount	Cash	Cash			Expended	No.	No.		
Alabama and Tennessee	10	169						10	169						19		19	10	150	\$	13.50	\$	2.00	\$	100.00							
California and Pacific..	13	482		3			15	18	13	500			4		12		16	13	484		43.56		33.93		275.36							
Colorado and Wyoming	7	197						7	197						64		64	4	133		11.97		31.39									
Connecticut	41	2441		24				24	41	2465			13	4	2		44	63	41	2402		216.18		182.53		3584.16		11.70				
Illinois	56	2551		34			1	35	56	2586			9	2	1		72	84	56	2502		225.18		353.03				15.00				
Indiana	23	936		9			3	12	23	948			8	2			28	38	23	910		81.09		532.48		4960.52			11			
Iowa	18	867	1	82	1			1	83	19	950			5	3		10	18	19	932		83.88		221.61		203.11		18.45				
Kansas	36	1236		2	8		1	11	36	1247	5	136	4			33	5	173	31	1074		96.48		539.46								
*Kentucky	6	114						6	114							6	114															
Maine	49	2160		23			120	113	49	2303			18	3	2		95	118	49	2185		196.65		393.59		1014.42		15.00	1			
Maryland	14	494		7	1			8	14	502			2	1		12	15	14	487		43.33		408.11		2132.43		645.50					
Massachusetts	160	7632		48	3			51	160	7684			50	14	3		99	166	160	7518		676.62		1052.21		13952.72		288.85	5	9		
Michigan	22	896		15			1	16	22	912			8	2	2		83	95	22	817		73.53		116.47		363.86						
Minnesota	20	659		17				17	20	676			2			20	22	20	654		58.83		214.43		512.22		4.00	1				
Missouri	17	645	1	98			1	1	99	18	744			1	6		6	13	18	731		59.58		159.23		288.63						
Montana and Idaho	10	173						10	173									10	173		15.17		54.01									
Nebraska	11	366	1	15		1	10	2	25	13	391							13	391		36.34		201.24		49.78							
New Hampshire	36	1211		5	1			9	36	1220			10	5	1		42	58	36	1162		104.58		217.30		882.87		5.00	1			
New Jersey	36	1847		22			7	29	36	1876	2	35	15		1		40	2	91	34	1735		161.40		77.17		4776.84		793.68	23	1	
New York	137	6064	1	62		1	20	2	82	139	6146	1	25	37	12	4	4	305	5	383	134	5763		521.17		378.34		5586.78		197.71	18	11
Ohio	99	4954		56			1	57	99	5011			18				231	249	99	4962		428.58		630.14		1469.88		4.50				
Pennsylvania	215	14369	1	176	4			1	180	216	14549			55	1	1		1173	216	13376		1187.01		229.83		28406.22		19003.98	214	13		
Rhode Island	16	532		6				6	16	538			4		1		17	22	16	516		46.44		166.15		376.58		28.50				
Vermont	38	1147		10				10	38	1157			6	1		15	22	38	1135		102.15		355.16		394.55							
Washington and Oregon	10	309	1	80				1	80	11	389						19	19	11	370		33.30										
Wisconsin	50	1526		13			6	19	50	1545					8	187	8	193	42	1352		121.68		177.06		474.08						
Total	1150	53978	6	807	18	2	189	8	1014	1158	64992	8	196	275	56	18	15	2569	29	3228	1129	51764	\$	\$4639.12	\$	\$6779.87	\$	\$69805.01	\$	\$21031.87	274	34

* No Report—no tax paid.

Clifford B. Wilson, Camp No. 11, Bridgeport, Division of Connecticut, for having been actively engaged in recruiting new members.

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

Feb. 1, Camp No. 36, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., 41 applicants.

Feb. 12, Camp No. 37, Joplin, Mo., 70 applicants.

Camps have been instituted and charters issued thereto as follows:

Aug. 19, '18, Camp No. 210, Schenectady, N. Y., 22 members.

November 27, '18, Camp No. 37, Joplin, Mo., 69 members.

July 27, '18, Camp No. 78, Harvard, Neb., 15 members.

XIV. Camps Disbanded and Dropped, the charters of which are hereby revoked, quarter ending December 31, 1918, are as follows:

Division of Colorado and Wyoming—Dropped: Camp No. 5, La Junta, Col., 21 members; Camp No. 7, Greeley, Col., 17 members; Camp No. 9, Grand Junction, Col., 14 members.

Division of Kansas—Disbanded: Camp No. 10, Cherryvale, 22 members; Camp No. 50, Elmdale, 22 members; Camp No. 55, Glasco, 24 members; Camp No. 61, Lyndon, 28 members; Camp No. 223, Rush Center, 40 members.

Division of New Jersey—Dropped: Camp No. 6, Keyport, 15 members; Camp No. 16, Red Bank, 20 members.

Division of New York—Disbanded: Camp No. 124, Attica, 25 members. Dropped: Camp No. 83, Cohocton, 17 members; Camp 153, Woodhull, 18 members; Camp No. 186, Wayland, 22 members; Camp 188, Andover, 12 members.

Division of Wisconsin—Dropped: Camp No. 4, Black River Falls, 24 members; Camp No. 6, Elkhorn, 16 members; Camp No. 13, Keshena, 8 members; Camp No. 14, Belleville, 27 members; Camp No. 17, Ladysmith, 22 members; Camp 56, Wausau, 25 members; Camp No. 66, Darlington, 19 members; Camp No. 67, Hillsboro, 18 members.

STATEMENT No. 6.

XV. Report of the National Secretary for month of February, 1919:

RECEIPTS.

January 31, 1919, to balance.....	\$ 156.89
Received for per capita tax.....	\$4639.12
Charter Fees	5.00
Supplies	262.22
Junior Order—Supplies	1.70
Total receipts	\$4908.04
	\$5064.93

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$3233.83
Office expenses (December, 1918-February, 1919, inclusive)	57.54
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	110.72
Total expenditures	\$3402.14
Balance February 28, 1919.....	\$1662.79

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$ 264.55	
Subscription—The Banner:		
December, 1918	\$746.87	
January, 1919	749.30	
February, 1919	756.00	2252.17
Encampment		106.14
Printing		2.75
Shipping supplies, December, 1918-February 1919, inclusive		33.27
Salaries		575.00
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		\$3233.88
OFFICE EXPENSES.		
For postage, express, telegrams, stationery, December, 1918-February, 1919, inclusive.		\$ 57.54
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.		
For postage, office, traveling, stenographer....		\$ 110.72
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Total expenditures		\$3402.14
By order of		

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:
H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

TO THE SONS OF VETERANS FROM ITS AUXILIARY.

565 Lebanon Street,
Melrose, Mass., March 1, 1919.

To the Camps of the Sons of Veterans.

Dear Brothers:

Now that the War is over and you have something to think of besides war activities, you are naturally thinking of what you can do to build up and strengthen your Camp. Have you thought what a great benefit an Auxiliary would be to your Camp? I wonder if you really know just what the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary is and what it is doing for the Camps and for all patriotic causes! It seems to me that if you were truly familiar with our work that we would not need to urge you to form an Auxiliary to your Camp.

The Sons of Veterans Auxiliary is the officially recognized Auxiliary of the Sons of Veterans. It is devoted to their principles and pledged to the furtherance of their objects. Its members are the wives, sisters and lineal descendants of soldiers and sailors who served in the Union Army or Navy during the Civil War, and the mothers and wives of Sons of Veterans. It is represented in twenty-six states, has over four hundred Auxiliaries, and a membership of approximately twenty thousand. The Sons of Veterans Auxiliary has an established reputation along patriotic lines. Every appeal for a patriotic or charitable

purpose receives a prompt and ready response from our Order. Our first thought is the upbuilding of the Sons of Veterans, but in our devotion to their cause, we have not forgotten the need of the Veteran, his dependent ones, or the Army Nurse. Our Order is especially interested in patriotic education, and in each community where there is an Auxiliary, we are working to teach the children loyalty to the memory of the Boys in Blue, and fidelity to the flag for which they fought.

This is what some of the prominent Sons of Veterans think of their Auxiliary:

"This splendid organization is of great assistance and a powerful aid to our Order. Its influence in our Ambulance Fund project has been used to great advantage and has been of no little consequence. As frequently in the past, it has again demonstrated to what extent and how valuable its assistance can be and is, and how much can be expected of it and how greatly it is to be relied upon. The members of the Auxiliary were enthusiastic in their services for the War Ambulance Fund and their efforts show the benefit and help they are capable of rendering.

"It is to be regretted that many Camps have no Auxiliaries. Every Camp that has an Auxiliary knows the assistance and value of the services rendered by this society. Better and more satisfactory results would obtain if every Camp would organize an Auxiliary."—(Extract from report of National Secretary, H. H. Hammer, Encampment of 1918).

What the locomotive is to the train; what the electric current is to the motor; what gasoline is to an automobile, this and much more is the Auxiliary to a Camp of Sons of Veterans. And no Camp is so nearly 100 per cent efficient as when it has an aggressive Auxiliary looking for opportunities to demonstrate its value.

Because of an intimate acquaintance of both organizations for nearly 30 years, I am willing to pay high tribute to the members of the Auxiliary and testify in no uncertain terms that in many cases, it has not only supplemented the work of the Camp, but sometimes been the leader in doing the work for which Camps were instituted.

There is no other recognized Auxiliary of the Sons of Veterans, and I urge all members of the Sons of Veterans to assist in upbuilding our own Auxiliaries. To any Camps so unfortunate as to be without such an aid, my suggestion would be to get busy at once and create such an organization.—(Charles F. Sherman, Past Commander-in-Chief).

I am glad of an opportunity to pay this tribute to the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, one of the finest patriotic orders of women in our country today, and next to the Woman's Relief Corps, the largest. Every one is too familiar with the work of the Woman's Relief Corps as an Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic to need further comment, and in order that you may quickly grasp what the Auxiliary is, I would simply say

it is our Relief Corps. It is the same to a Camp of the Sons of Veterans as a Corps is to a Post.

Occupying a position well at the front among patriotic Orders, closely associated with every good movement in our Order, there stands the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary ready to render still greater service, to make further sacrifice if need be in order that the Sons of Veterans may come into their own.

Wouldn't you like to have an Auxiliary connected with your Camp?—(Dr. E. W. Homan, Council-in-Chief, Massachusetts).

Officially recognized many years ago as the Auxiliary to the Order of the Sons of Veterans, the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, during all these years, by their devotion to the principles upon which both orders are founded, and by their practical assistance so frequently rendered, have proven their value to the Sons of Veterans.

Working in an unostentatious manner, they to-day can rightfully claim a place as one of the leading patriotic organizations of women in our country.

Disregarding any sentiment as to the obligation of the Sons of Veterans to aid them in their desire to increase the number of Auxiliaries, and thus their strength and ability to do a greater work, and there is a deep obligation in this respect, inasmuch as they cannot organize until the Camp to which the Auxiliary is to be attached takes action favorable to such organization, the known history of the past should cause each Camp that does not have an Auxiliary attached to it to give serious consideration to this question, because of the value an Auxiliary will prove to the Camp.

Records show conclusively that but few Camps that have an Auxiliary are lost to the Order of the Sons of Veterans, and that many Camps are enabled by virtue of that fact to do a more telling work for good.

From a knowledge gained by being a member of a Camp that has an Auxiliary that is doing a splendid work, as Commander of the Division of Pennsylvania and as Commander-in-Chief I unhesitatingly recommend to any Camp that is working alone, that they approve of the organization of an Auxiliary, assist in its formation, and by working together, permitting the Auxiliary to do such work as can best be done by the loving hearts and willing hands of women, quickly prove the value of the Auxiliary as a co-partner in the great patriotic work that lies before us.—(John E. Sautter, Past Commander-in-Chief).

Over thirty years close observation of the usefulness of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary as efficient aids to Camps, has convinced me that organizations of this character are essential to the proper conduct of the affairs of any live, up-to-date Camp, and seem always to round out and complete the working machinery of Camps desiring to do their full duty as required by our obligations. Auxiliary No. 3, New Jersey Division, has been since July 28, 1888, an energetic, efficient helper in all the en-

terprises and work undertaken by Hugh C. Irish Camp No. 8, and I take great pleasure in recommending that all Camps not having an Auxiliary do institute one at once.—(George W. Pollitt, Past Commanders-in-Chief).

An Auxiliary to a Camp can be instituted only at the request and with the approval of the Camp to which it is to be allied. If a Camp is true to its own interests, it ought to give its approval to the organization of an Auxiliary for a Camp without an Auxiliary is only working half-time. Is your Camp a large, successful and prosperous one? It will be a larger, more successful and more prosperous Camp if you have an Auxiliary. Remember each Auxiliary member adds one more to the working force of your Camp.

We offer you the splendid assistance of a band of patriotic women, organized to work for your interests. Will you accept this offer? If you will, write to the National Headquarters, and we will be glad to give you all information, and unlimited assistance towards the organization of your Auxiliary.

As a special incentive to the organization of Auxiliaries, the National Order will present a set of floor flags to each Auxiliary instituted before September, 1919.

Yours fraternally,

MARGARET W. CARNEY,
National President.

Attest:

MABELLE M. HAM,
National Secretary.

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

Department of Commander-in-Chief, Room 225, City Hall,
Philadelphia, Pa., March 1, 1919.

To Division Commanders, Camp Commanders, Officers and Brothers:

Approving and promulgating the foregoing—attention is directed to the action of the Fourth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief held at Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1885, at which, the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary was officially recognized as our Auxiliary.

It is therefor, our duty to give every influence, assistance and encouragement to the Auxiliary and Auxiliaries in their efforts to increase their membership and in the organization of new Auxiliaries.

The membership of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliaries is composed of those nearest and dearest to the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines of the War of the Rebellion of 1861-'65, and for that particular reason we should endeavor to interest them in this splendid body of loyal women who have and do always work unstintedly for the Sons of Veterans.

I heartily endorse and approve of this effort to win your attention to their cause. I urge every Camp and every indi-

vidual member to do something towards organizing a new Auxiliary or to secure new members for such as are in existence.

Always ready and willing to serve us, let us be equally loyal to them, ever mindful of the fact that the greater the success of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, the greater the assistance rendered to our Camps and our Order.

Fraternally yours,

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

APPOMATTOX DAY.

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

Department of Commander-in-Chief, Room 225, City Hall,

Philadelphia, Pa., March 1, 1919.

To Camp Commanders, Camp Patriotic Instructors and Brothers:

"OLD GLORY"—more beautiful than ever. Since the GREAT SURRENDER Day of April 9th, 1865—more powerful more than ever symbolical of FREEDOM, JUSTICE and protection to HUMANITY.

'Oh, Long may it wave
O'er the Land of the Free
And the Home of the Brave.'

APRIL 9th, 1919—the Fifty-fourth Anniversary of the surrender of the mighty Lee to the INVINCIBLE GRANT—should be fittingly observed by all Camps.

Survivors of the thrilling days of which THE SURRENDER was the climax are with us. They made possible the glorious Country we have, the prosperity and happiness we enjoy. They saved the Union and preserved the Nation.

"Blest with victory and peace
May the heaven rescued land
Praise the power that hath
Made and preserved us a Nation."

All honor to the Veterans of 1861-'65. Let them, their deeds and services in War and Peace, be honored.

With Our Fathers remember the Boys of 1918-'19—those who rallied in the Great World War for Freedom, Justice and Humanity—"Over There."

Let Appomattox Day 1919 be a joyous and happy celebration in honor of the triumph of the Old Flag, the Veterans of '61-'65, and have the Boys of 1918-'19 participate. The Sons of Veterans Auxiliary and affiliated societies should be invited. Make the occasion a real Sons of Veterans patriotic gathering.

All Camps are urged to properly observe Appomattox Day. Camp Commanders and Camp Patriotic Instructors will give the matter prompt attention and arrange a program of patriotic and instructive exercises suitable for the event.

By order of

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

**"MINUTE MEN"—IN CAMPS AND DIVISIONS—ALL ACTIVE
AND RECRUITING.**

Department of Commander-in-Chief, Room 225, City Hall,

Philadelphia, Pa., March 1, 1919.

To Division Commanders, Division Officers, Camp Commanders,
Camp Officers:

Now that conditions which interfered with activities of Camps are over and again becoming normal, all members are appealed to for active work in Camps and Divisions. War work can no longer interfere with members to be interested in affairs in their Camps. The epidemic which raged throughout the Country is ended. Meetings and assemblies are not now prohibited. After all these experiences there should be a great revival of activity and interest in the Camps and Divisions. This is requested. It is urged and expected. It is appealed for.

During the War there were many kinds of "Drive." Many learned to be "MINUTE MEN." Can we not now be "Minute Men" for our Camps and the Order? Let all resolve to be such and the results will be astounding success.

Camp Commanders are urged to organize their Camp members into "Minute Men"—to recruit, to secure new members, seek the former members and have them reinstated and start a renewal of interest in every Camp. Camp Commanders should have frequent conferences with Camp and Staff officers of Camps, devise plans and arrange for active work in all features associated with Camps. Every Camp should have an active "Entertainment Committee." This Committee should be at work. It should arrange for and have frequent functions, social gatherings and interest all members. Public affairs should be held. Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, Members of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, affiliated Orders and eligibles should be invited and assembled on these occasions.

Camp Members should be communicated with and their services secured as "Minute Men." Have ALL the members of a Camp take part in this program. Have all members "Minute Men." Have all assist in planning and working for an increased membership. This should be immediately started and acted upon in every Camp and efforts made without delay to inaugurate a campaign for new members in ALL Camps.

Division Commanders should take the initiative. They are expected to lead. Their Camps look to them for that. They have responsibilities which they should appreciate. They should not be satisfied to retire from office with merely having been Division Commander. They should have a record for service and achievement. They should strive to accomplish such. Division Officers also have their responsibilities. They are supposed and expected to participate in these with Division Commanders. It is their duty to do so. They should render every assistance in their power to Division Commanders. The opportunity confronts all for a successful campaign for organizing new Camps in every Division, reviving interest in Camps for securing new members and have a renewal of activity in every Division. All should be equal to it and render to their Division the results expected of them.

GOOD OF THE ORDER MEETINGS.

Division Commanders are urged to hold "Good of the Order Meetings." Assemble Division Officers and confer with them. At such conferences outline a campaign for work—for a revival of interest and a renewal of activity in all Camps; for a revival of new members and reinstating former members and the organization of new Camps. If Camp Commanders, Past Commanders and active members in a Division can attend such conferences of "Good of the Order Meetings," have them present—and arrange that they be "Minute Men." Discuss and plan for the upbuilding of the Order and all Camps. Arrange to assist weak Camps, strengthen them and encourage them by such action as will retain them and continue them.

Plan work for District Aides. Put them into active action. With Division Officers assign the District Aides to have charge of certain parts or sections of a Division.

Have these Officers and Aides visit Camps in their districts. Instruct and authorize them to secure reports and per capita tax of Camps delinquent (if any), ascertain the needs and requirements of Camps, render such assistance and give them information necessary for the proper conduct of business, the work of a Camp and that will make such active and attentive to the duties required by the Order.

Keep these Division Officers and Aides constantly in contact with Camps and in this respect have the Division Officers and Aides "Minute Men" for Camps.

At these "Good of the Order Meetings"—or conferences, exchange ideas, consider propositions, investigate conditions in the respective Camps and be governed in meeting the requirements by what the necessities demand.

Division Commanders are urged to act at once in the foregoing and it is hoped all will give it their prompt attention and active co-operation.

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. IV.

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
Department of Commander-in-Chief,
Room 225, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

April 1, 1919.

General Orders No. 4,
Series of 1919.

MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 30.

I. Memorial Day, May 30th, should be observed more extensively if possible, than ever before, The World War ended—many of "ours" having made the Supreme Sacrifice—our loving and patriotic duty—to remember our objects and principles—sacredly call for our observance and participation in doing honor to our Fathers and Ancestors of the War for the Union, on that day.

These are only a few of the achievements to which I call your attention. We want you to investigate our work for yourself proud of the Sons of our country and proud of your Auxiliary. For further information

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Auxiliary from promotion will interest you and you will organize an

and not having an Auxiliary among the Sons of Veterans established by the National

T. W. CARNEY,
National President.

is no apologist for its response in every regard ungrudgingly bestowed. It is entirely too formal; the respect which the Union does deserve. The same patriotic sacrifice and defense of the Union. It is not our Camps available to advance the interests of the Auxiliary?—(J. L.

auxiliary because God created men and women. I believe in the Auxiliary because of the patriotic as men, and the promotion of patriotic the Auxiliary because of the greater artistic gifts, do that men cannot—

and the cause of a greater and better America needs everything that can be done. I believe in the Auxiliary because the Auxiliary is no longer an experiment—but with its splendid record of service, an approved agency for good. I believe in the Auxiliary because it has a leadership second to none, and an organization so led cannot meet with defeat. I believe in the Auxiliary because they believe in the Sons of Veterans—and when faith meets faith, you have a combination of incomparable usefulness. I believe in the Auxiliary, because whatever the new day may bring us, I know they will receive it with us, share its responsibilities with cheerfulness, endure its trials with patience, and

GOOD OF THE ORDER MEETINGS.

Division Commanders are urged to hold "Good of the Order Meetings." Assemble Division Officers and confer with them. At such conferences outline a campaign for work—for a revival of interest and a renewal of activity in all Camps; for a revival of interest and a renewal of activity in all Camps; for securing new members and reinstating former members and the organization of new Camps. If Camp Commanders, Past Commanders and active members in a Division can attend such conferences of "Good of the Order Meetings," have them present—and arrange that they be "Minute Men." Discuss and plan for the up-building of the Order and all Camps. Arrange to assist weak Camps, strengthen them and encourage them by such action as will retain them and continue them.

Plan work for District Aides. Put them into active action. With Division Officers assign the District Aides to have charge of certain parts or sections of a Division.

Have these Officers and Aides visit Camps in their districts. Instruct and authorize them to secure reports and per capita tax of Camps delinquent (if any), ascertain the needs and requirements of Camps, render such assistance and give them information necessary for the proper conduct of business, the work of a Camp and that will make such active and attentive to the duties required by the Order.

Keep these Division Officers and Aides constantly in contact with Camps and in this respect have the Division Officers and Aides "Minute Men" for Camps.

At these "Good of the Order Meetings"—or conferences, exchange ideas, consider propositions, investigate conditions in the respective Camps and be governed in meeting the requirements by what the necessities demand.

Division Commanders are urged to act at once in the foregoing and it is hoped all will give it their prompt attention and active co-operation.

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. IV.

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

Department of Commander-in-Chief,
Room 225, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

April 1, 1919.

General Orders No. 4,
Series of 1919.

MEMORIAL DAY. MAY 30.

I. Memorial Day, May 30th, should be observed more extensively if possible, than ever before, The World War ended—many of "ours" having made the Supreme Sacrifice—our loving and patriotic duty—to remember our objects and principles—sacredly call for our observance and participation in doing honor to our Fathers and Ancestors of the War for the Union, on that day.

These are only a few of the achievements to which I call your attention. We want you to investigate our work for yourself, so that you will know that if we feel proud of the Sons of Veterans, you also have reason to be proud of your Auxiliary. Write to the National Headquarters for further information regarding the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.

The following endorsements of your Auxiliary from prominent members of the Sons of Veterans will interest you and attest the benefits to Camps that have and will organize an Auxiliary.

It is greatly desired that every Camp not having an Auxiliary organize one. Information regarding the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, will be cheerfully furnished by the National Headquarters.

Yours fraternally,

MARGARET W. CARNEY,
National President.

Attest:

MABELLE M. HAM,
National Secretary.

ENDORSEMENTS.

The Sons of Veterans Auxiliary needs no apologist for its existence. Through the mutations of time its response in every crisis has been prompt, enthusiastic and ungrudgingly bestowed. Its recognition by our membership has been entirely too formal; it has been lacking in the substantial endorsement which the unselfish devotion of the Auxiliary has and does deserve. The eligibility of its membership rests upon the same patriotic sacrifices made by our fathers in response to the defense of the Union. If from union comes strength, why should not our Camps avail of the splendid opportunity which offers to advance the interests of our own Order by up-building that of the Auxiliary?—(J. L. Rake, National Treasurer).

I believe in the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary because God never made anything that could go without women. I believe in the Auxiliary because women are as patriotic as men, and are therefore entitled to organize for the promotion of patriotic action and feeling as men. I believe in the Auxiliary because there are things that women, with their greater artistic gifts, and their greater power of sacrifice, can do that men cannot—and the cause of a greater and better America needs everything that can be done. I believe in the Auxiliary because the Auxiliary is no longer an experiment—but with its splendid record of service, an approved agency for good. I believe in the Auxiliary because it has a leadership second to none, and an organization so led cannot meet with defeat. I believe in the Auxiliary because they believe in the Sons of Veterans—and when faith meets faith, you have a combination of incomparable usefulness. I believe in the Auxiliary, because whatever the new day may bring us, I know they will receive it with us, share its responsibilities with cheerfulness, endure its trials with patience, and

give of their love and service to its need. God bless the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary and crown their service with a rich reward.—(Rev. Edward S. Brewster, National Chaplain).

The splendid work of the patriotic women of our country during the terrible times of the great World's War through which we have just passed, and the troublous days of reconstruction through which we are now passing, will leave its impress and influence upon rising generations.

Much of the patriotism in the communities of our country is due to the work and teaching of the patriotic women's organization allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, especially the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.

We find that the work of the women in the Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans has been so earnest and effective in the communities where located, that the Camp of Sons of Veterans there located becomes progressive, active, influential, and successful.

The work performed in past years by the Auxiliary, and its association with other organizations, has proven without a doubt the value of its influence. These organizations have grown closer together in recent years, and it is needless to say that every progressive Camp should have associated with it an Auxiliary.—(Past Commander-in-Chief A. E. B. Stephens).

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

Department of Commander-in-Chief, Room 225, City Hall,
Philadelphia, Pa., April 1, 1919.

To Division and Camp Commanders, and Brothers:

Again directing attention to the official recognition and endorsement of the Commandery-in-Chief, of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, as the Official Auxiliary of our Order, the foregoing is approved and promulgated, with recommendation to ALL Camps not having an Auxiliary, to organize same—for the material aid and benefit Camps derive therefrom.

Yours in F., C. and L.

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. V.

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

Department of Commander-in-Chief,
Room 225, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

May 1, 1919.

General Orders No. 5,
Series of 1919.

MEMORIAL DAY.

"We deck their graves alike today,

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For postage, stenographer	\$ 25.20
Total expenditures	<u>\$1113.89</u>
By order of	

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

RECRUIT—AND RECRUIT.

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

Department of Commander-in-Chief, Room 225, City Hall,

Philadelphia, Pa., April 1, 1919.

To Camp Commanders, and Members:

Due to the epidemic of sickness and death during that period—the returns for quarter ending December 31st, 1918, were very unsatisfactory. Meetings of Camps could not be held. Camp activities were completely at a stand still. Many Brothers passed away. Numerous others as well as members of their families were ill.

This condition is now happily ended. Nothing now prevents activity and interest in Camp work.

During the quarter referred to the gain was eight (8) new Camps and 1,014 members. The loss was severe.

Appeal is made to all for consideration of present conditions. Properly appreciated action will result. The losses will be recovered and the reverses overcome. Opportunity presents itself.

During the World War few members were not active or engaged in some work incident thereto. This is not now required. In a slight degree activity applied for the Order as has been the case in war work will result in great achievement and accomplish most encouraging results.

Minute Men were suggested in a previous reference. It is hoped and expected that Camp Commanders are working along those suggestions and are having active co-operation.

Every member of the Order can do something. Camp Commanders must arouse them to their duty and see that they are interested. It is a matter for Camp Commanders. The responsibility is theirs. There is no excuse for a Camp Commander failing to have the co-operation and assistance of the members of his Camp if he does his duty and interests his Officers and Members in the work of the Camp.

Many members are influential and prominent in their various localities. They can do much for the Sons of Veterans. If they and our members generally would interest their acquaintances who are eligible, to have them join our Order, our gains would be very great.

Many of our members are active in other Orders—for which

they obtain new members, but they fail or neglect to have in mind the same service they could render for the Sons of Veterans.

(Such are appealed to for service in behalf of the Sons of Veterans and requested to have in mind this Order for their eligible friends to join and secure them for our Order.

It is urgently requested of and urged upon each and every member to secure a member—or members—for his Camp. Members are also requested to give attention to the dropped members and make every effort to secure their reinstatement.

CAMP COMMANDERS—ATTENTION:—At your next meeting appoint a Committee or Committees—on Recruiting. Have this Committee or Committees prepare lists of eligibles and of dropped members; confer with them and endeavor to secure their application for membership. Make every effort possible to start a movement AT ONCE—to recruit new members and secure the reinstatement of former members.

By order of

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

TO THE SONS OF VETERANS FROM ITS AUXILIARY.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY, U. S. A.
565 Lebanon St., Melrose, Mass.

April 1, 1919.

To the Camps of the Sons of Veterans.

Dear Brothers:

Have you read the letter from the National Sons of Veterans Auxiliary which appeared on the front page of the March issue of The Banner? If you have, you will realize what some of the representative members of the Sons of Veterans think of the work of their Auxiliary. Their opinion will mean more to you than anything we could say.

Did you ever stop to think that the largest and strongest Divisions of the Sons are the most enthusiastic supporters of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary? If you look up the matter in your own Division, you will probably find that the best Camps are those to which Auxiliaries are attached.

It is not the result of chance that the best Camps and the strongest Divisions endorse the Auxiliary. The men who have brought these Camps and Divisions to their high standing know the value of an Auxiliary organization. Do you not want to profit by their knowledge?

Our first consideration is always our work for the Sons of Veterans. We are proud to be the Auxiliary to so splendid an organization, but our patriotic activities do not cease there. Do you know that in the past five years we have presented over 35,000 flags to schools, institutions, etc.? Do you know that in the past five years we have spent over \$30,000.00 for Relief? You do know that we contributed \$7,000.00 to the Ambulance Fund last year.

Division Commanders must file this bond within thirty (30) days after election.

All newly elected Division Commanders will be governed accordingly.

Present Division Commanders and Division Secretaries will present this matter to newly elected Division Commanders, so that they will be informed and attend to same without delay.

CAMP PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S REPORTS.

VII. Form 50—Camp Patriotic Instructor's Report is required from many Camps. This report was due from every Camp December 31st, 1918. Division Commanders and Division Patriotic Instructors will secure these reports without further delay.

Division Patriotic Instructors will forward AT ONCE their Consolidated Reports—Form 51—to National Patriotic Instructor Frank McCrillis, 500 Henry Building, Portland, Oregon. Division Commanders will give this their personal and immediate attention.

Divisions failing to have Division Patriotic Instructor's Reports—Form 51—in the hands of the National Patriotic Instructor—will be deprived of representation in the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment.

CAMP SECRETARY'S AND TREASURER'S REPORTS.

VIII. Forms 27 and 28—Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurer's Reports for the quarter specified, with quarter ending March 31st, are due from Camps to all Divisions.

Camp Commanders will see that their Secretaries and Treasurers Reports for the quarter specified, with per capita tax, are forwarded at once to their respective Division Headquarters.

Camps failing to forward per capita tax and reports will be deprived of representation in Division Encampments until same are received by Division Secretaries.

Division Commanders, Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers will see that Forms 35, 37 and 38, with per capita tax for quarter ending March 31st are forwarded promptly to the National Secretary.

These Reports and Per Capita Tax cannot be delayed if a Camp or Division is to be in good standing.

IX. On recommendation of Division Commanders, for having secured at least five (5) and more, new members, during the quarter, following are hereby appointed Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief. They will be respected accordingly:

Carl S. Spalding, Camp No. 26, Rockford, Division of Illinois, having secured five (5) members.

Webster C. Foster, Camp No. 14, Decatur, Division of Illinois, having secured six (6) members.

George Alker, Camp No. 13, Philadelphia, Division of Pennsylvania, having secured six (6) members.

P. F. Sheeby, Camp No. 3, Prairie du Chien, Division of Wisconsin, having secured five (5) members.

BANNER MAILING LISTS.

X. Camp Commanders Attention: Secretaries of Camps who have not sent NEW mailing lists of the members of their Camps to their Division Headquarters will do so AT ONCE. These lists are required for the members to receive a copy of The Banner (without cost) each month. Camp Secretaries who have forwarded such a list within the past year are NOT required to furnish any list. New lists will be insisted upon from all that have NOT complied with orders to furnish same.

Division Commanders and Division Secretaries will obtain lists from delinquent Camps without delay.

COMPLETE CONSOLIDATED REPORT.

XI. The Division of Kentucky reported for December, 1918, quarter 6 Camps and 107 members in good standing, a loss of 7 members from the previous quarter. Total membership, quarter ending December 31st, 1918, 1,135 Camps and 51,871 members in good standing.

RESIGNATION ELECTION.

XII. Charles Ross, Smithburg, Maryland, was elected Division Commander (vice Harry L. Streib, resigned), of the Division of Maryland. He will be respected accordingly.

STATEMENT No. 7.

XIII. Report of the National Secretary for month of March, 1919:

RECEIPTS.		
February 28, 1919, to balance		\$1662.79
Received for per capita tax.....	\$ 9.63	
Supplies	270.93	
Total receipts		<u>\$ 280.56</u>
		\$1943.35
EXPENDITURES.		
By general expenses	\$957.81	
Office expenses	130.88	
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	25.20	
Total expenditures		<u>\$1113.89</u>
Balance, March 31, 1919.....		\$ 829.46

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.		
For stock and supplies.....	\$ 68.64	
The Banner, March, 1919, subscription.....	756.71	
Reserve (February-March, inclusive).....	119.52	
Shipping supplies	12.94	
		<u>\$ 957.81</u>
OFFICE EXPENSES.		
For rent, April-June, 1919, inc., postage, stationery, express		\$ 130.88

For "THE PROPER OBERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY," committees should have preparations well under way. Every Camp should be active. Every member should be informed of the duties assigned. Let every member of the Order arrange to be in line that day. Pay tribute to the memory of those who saved the Nation. Every Son of a Veteran knows his duty. Every Camp should do its part.

Camp Commanders are hereby ordered to have proper arrangements made for the participation of their Camps in the observance of the day.

Camps will attend Divine Services in a body on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day. Arrangements should be made for appropriate services. Camp Commanders and Camp Chaplains are directed to give this immediate attention.

CAMP CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

II. Every Camp Chaplain will make a report to the Division Chaplain on Form 44 immediately after the ceremonies on Memorial Day—May 30th.

Camp Commanders will give this prompt attention.

Division Commanders will at once promulgate to all Camps Form 44. Order same on Form 1½ from the National Secretary.

Division Chaplains will promptly make return on Form 43 to Rev. Edward H. Brewster, National Chaplain, 24 High St., Auburn, Maine.

Divisions failing to make return to the National Chaplain will be deprived of representation in the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment. Division Commanders will give this immediate attention.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENT.

III. The Thirty-eighth (38th) Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., is hereby ordered to convene at Columbus, Ohio, week of September 7, 1919, at the same time as the Fifty-third Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Commandery-in-Chief sessions will be held in the Elks Hall. Due announcement of date will be made.

Temporary Headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief will be established at the Hotel Virginia. This Hotel will also be the Headquarters of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.

Reservations for rooms must be made direct to the Hotel Virginia. Rates—European plan:

One or two persons in a room—without bath, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per day.

One or two persons in a room—with bath, \$3.50 to \$5.00 per day.

The Sons of Veterans Encampment Committee, of Columbus, in charge of all matters concerning the Sons of Veterans and Sons of Veterans Auxiliary comprises:

Past Division Commander R. J. Williams, Chairman, Room 28, City Hall; Division Secretary Ed. S. Wilson, 127 East Nor-

wich Avenue; Horace S. Kerr; Edward C. Turner; Clarence H. Weber.

Program will be announced in future General Orders. Extensive arrangements are under way for a successful and pleasant Encampment. All members of the Order should make every effort to attend.

Railroad rates will have prompt attention and due notice of same will be given.

DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS.

IV. Every Division MUST hold an Encampment prior to July 1st, in accordance with Chapter 3, Article 3, Constitution, Rules and Regulations. Division Commanders will be governed accordingly.

Division Encampments are announced as follows:

Alabama and Tennessee, at Birmingham, Ala., June 28.

California and Pacific, at Santa Ana, May 13-18.

Colorado and Wyoming, at Rocky Ford, Col., June 3-5.

Connecticut, at New Haven, April 23-24.

Illinois, at Rockford, June 10-12.

Indiana, at Elkhart, May 6-8.

Kansas, at Wichita, May 21-23.

Kentucky, at Berea, May 14-15.

Maine, at Waterville, June 11-12.

Maryland, at Baltimore, June 3-4.

Massachusetts, at Boston, April 8-9.

Michigan, at Traverse City, June 18-20.

Missouri, at Joplin, May 15-16.

Montana and Idaho, at Deer Lodge, Mont., June 12-13.

Nebraska, at York, May 20-21.

New Hampshire, at Concord, April 17-18.

New Jersey, at Asbury Park, June 26-27.

New York, at Elmira, June 24-26.

Ohio, at Lima, June 16-19.

Pennsylvania, at Lancaster, June 11-12.

Rhode Island, at Providence, April 15.

Vermont, at Rutland, May 21-22.

Washington and Oregon, at Wenatchee, June 18-19.

Wisconsin, at Waukesha, June 16-18.

FORM 49—CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION.

V. Immediately after adjournment of Division Encampments, Form 49—Certificates of Election of Division Officers, Delegates, etc., must be forwarded to the National Secretary in DUPLICATE—in order to make up new roster and Commandery-in-Chief Encampment roll.

Division Commanders will give this personal attention. Form 49 should be ordered at once from the National Secretary on Requisition Form 1½.

BONDS—DIVISION COMMANDERS.

VI. In accordance with the C. R. & R., Chapter 6, Article XI, every Division Commander is required to file a SURETY COMPANY bond. This bond must be in the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars and made to "Francis Callahan, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Philadelphia, Pa."

tribute on Memorial Day. And not only him—but his—his
widow—his orphan—and his friend—

He is gone—but not forgotten—
Hushed the voice that once did speak;
And the soldier's march is over—
And he lieth down to sleep.

O'er him march the coming thousands—
Past him goes a changing world—
Shall he therefore be forgotten.
Shall the flag for him be furled

Still the figure of the soldier—
Of the man of sixty-one—
Rises when we think of duty—
Calls from out oblivion.

Yesterday was like tomorrow—
And if we forget the past—
What assurance has the future
That its memory will last?

Let us then pay honor to them—
To the men of sixty-one—
Flowers—songs—and loving tribute—
For their sakes—and for our own.

In F., C. and L.,
EDWARD H. BREWSTER,
National Chaplain.

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
Department of Commander-in-Chief, Room 225, City Hall,

Philadelphia, Pa., May 1, 1919.

The foregoing is approved and promulgated.

Camp Commanders will be governed accordingly and tender the services of their Camps to Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic for such assistance as they can render the Comrades for the observance of Memorial Day.

Camps having charge of Memorial Day exercises will appreciate their duties and perform same accordingly.

In accordance with the custom and action of the Commandery-in-Chief Encampments, Camps will attend in a body the Sunday previous to Memorial Day, Divine Services, for and at which Camp Chaplains will arrange for proper and appropriate services.

Camp Commanders are directed to have their Camp Chaplains forward to their Division Chaplains Form 44, immediately after the Memorial Day ceremonies. Camp Commanders will give this their personal attention.

Division Chaplains will make returns of Consolidated Camp

Reports on Form 43, as soon as possible and forward *without* delay to Rev. Edward H. Brewster, National Chaplain, 24 High St., Auburn, Maine.

By order of

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. VI.

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
Department of Commander-in-Chief,
Room 225, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

June 1, 1919.

General Orders No. 6,
Series of 1919.

FLAG DAY.

I. June 14th—"Flag Day"—is directed to be observed by all Camps in a manner fitting the achievements represented by our beautiful National Ensign, all Sons of Veterans honor, revere and cherish.

Victory again crowns it. In a World War—for justice, humanity and freedom—it conquered and shone as the Light through a frightful menace.

It was the inspiration to and for those who sacrificed their all—"Over There." It was the hope for all "Over Here."

Let us pay tribute to "Old Glory."

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

Camp Patriotic Instructors and Camp Commanders will be governed accordingly.

INDEPENDENCE DAY.

II. In honor of the great achievement of our Soldiers, Sailors and Marines in the World War and for our Victory, Independence Day—July 4th, 1919, should be a great occasion for rejoicing and every Camp should celebrate.

Patriotism should be dominant and all Camps should arrange for the observance of the event in keeping with all that the occasion signifies to Sons of Veterans.

Camp Patriotic Instructors, in connection with Camp Commanders will be governed accordingly.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENT.

III. Prompt attention must be given all reports, returns and requirements for the Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief to be held at Columbus, Ohio, week of September 7th.

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$954.11
Office expenses	22.86
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	184.60
Total expenditures	<u>\$1161.57</u>
Balance, April 30, 1919.....	\$ 390.91

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies	\$160.60
The Banner, April, 1919, subscription.....	757.88
Reserve	23.07
Shipping supplies	<u>12.56</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES.

\$ 954.11

For postage, telegrams, express, stationery.... \$ 22.86

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For postage, telegrams, traveling, stenographer \$ 184.60

Total expenditures

\$1161.57

By order of

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

MEMORIAL DAY.

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
Department of National Chaplain,
24 High St., Auburn, Maine.

May 1, 1919.

To Division and Camp Commanders, and Brothers:

With the approach of Memorial Day which in conformity with a long-standing custom will be observed as usual on May 30th—our thoughts turn to the duty and problem of its observance—our whole desire being that the day shall not fall behind other days of a similar character either in the generality or quality of its observance, but rather surpass in both respects if possible any other Memorial Day.

This seems especially appropriate in view of the new significance which the day now has for multitudes of people whose interest in the day has not grown out of their own experience but has been fostered alone by their appreciation of history and the sentiment in favor of a proper observance of the day created by our own and other Orders.

That "God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform" has been demonstrated in this—for a day that seemed destined to surrender its claim upon the devotion and interest of people—has suddenly—through the providence of the recent

war—come to occupy a more commanding place in the calendar of our sacred days than any other.

The boy in blue who might some day have been forgotten—so far as the general public is concerned—for he never would have been forgotten by those who like ourselves held filial relations to him—is destined now to be remembered anew—perhaps forever—through his identification with the boy in khaki—of another generation—but thank God of the same great and holy spirit. This relation of two generations of heroes—made clear and inevitable by Memorial Day—creates a situation which has not obtained before—and it is necessary that all our plans for Memorial Day be made adequate to this new feeling of debt and obligation. And who should be quicker to pay grateful and loving tribute to the heroes of today than those who have been glad for many years to pay such tribute to the heroes of yesterday?

I suggest therefore that wherever the Sons of Veterans have formal connection with the Memorial Day observance—assuming, i. e., any responsibility whatever for the program—that they encourage a plan of observance sufficiently broad to insure a grateful and loving tribute to ALL the LOYAL dead.

Another difficulty that confronts us this year—though we have been confronted with it now for a good many years—is the increased distance between us—in point of time—and those whose memories we wish to cherish and whose deeds we have sworn shall never die. This in itself would not be disastrous—for what has time to do with merit—were it not for the fact that the distant often seems the unimportant—the present commanding our interest with much more ease than the past. And what a present—a present of victory for the cause of democratic life and government—a present of a possible League of Nations—a present of an international comity never dreamed of or even hoped for in the past—a present of generous giving—of widespread and practical idealism. Could we not well be excused with such a present if we should fail somewhat in our appreciation of the past? But there are two things we should remember and emphasize in all our Memorial Day plans—one that this present—is an outgrowth of the past—that Gettysburg and Appomattox belong to the same symphony of the world's hopes and aims as Chateau Thierry and St. Mihiel—The symphony like any other could not all be played at once—in the necessity of the case some movements had to precede some others—but the music of it all is one. And who would applaud a finale who would not also be interested in the overture?

And second whatever the relation of the events of the War of the Rebellion to the hopeful, and even dazzling present—and I believe the relation to be most real and vital—the events of the days which we especially commemorate on the 30th of May possess intrinsic worth—in themselves they are great and holy—the tears shed in those days of struggle were real and bitter tears—the prayers said were deep and fervent prayers—and the battles fought—and the wounds suffered and the lives given—were all parts of as real and great a tragedy as the world has ever seen. Apart from what the Union soldier has contributed to this hour—he is worthy of all praise—and for himself—I beseech—for his own worth and heroism—that we pay him

Maine, at Waterville, June 11-12.
 Maryland, at Baltimore, June 3-4.
 Michigan, at Traverse City, June 18-20.
 Minnesota, at St. Paul, June 4.
 Missouri, at Joplin, May 15-16.
 Montana and Idaho, at Deer Lodge, Mont., June 12-13.
 Nebraska, at York, May 20-21.
 New Jersey, at Asbury Park, June 26-27.
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 Ohio, at Lima, June 16-19.
 Pennsylvania, at Lancaster, June 11-12.
 Vermont, at Rutland, May 21-22.
 Washington and Oregon, at Wenatchee, June 18-19.
 Wisconsin, at Waukesha, June 16-18.

DIVISION PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS REPORTS.

VI. Division Commanders are again reminded that Division Patriotic Instructors' Reports from several Division are due. These must be forwarded on Form 51 to National Patriotic Instructor Frank McCrillis, 500 Henry Building, Portland, Oregon, without delay.

DIVISION CHAPLAIN'S REPORTS.

VII. Immediately after Memorial Day exercises Camp Commanders will have their Camp Chaplains forward Form 44, Camp Chaplain's Report, to the Division Chaplain. There must be no delay and can be no excuse for not complying with this order.

Division Chaplains will forward their Report (Form 43) without delay to Rev. Edward H. Brewster, National Chaplain, 24 High St., Auburn, Maine.

CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION.

VIII. Immediately after adjournment of Division Encampments Form 49 in DUPLICATE must be forwarded to the National Secretary. These forms must be obtained on Requisition Form 1½ from the National Secretary. It is important that this Form is forwarded without delay.

BONDS OF DIVISION COMMANDERS.

IX. Every Division Commander must give a bond within thirty days after election at a Division Encampment. The Constitution, Rules and Regulations require that it shall be a Surety Company bond—and no other kind.

Division Commanders will promptly file a surety company bond in the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars made to "Francis Callahan, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Philadelphia, Pa."

AIDES.

X. On recommendation of Division Commanders following are appointed Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, for having secured five or more new members during the quarter for their Camps. They will be respected accordingly:

Division of Illinois: Charles H. McMahon, Camp No. 26, Rockford.

Division of Indiana: George Matthews, Camp No. 28, Richmond, Division Commander, having secured eight (8) members.

Division of Iowa: H. M. Reynolds, Camp No. 85, Iowa Falls, having secured eight (8) members.

Division of Maine: Ernest G. Waldron, Past Division Commander, Camp No. 3, Bangor; Leon E. Moore, Camp No. 20, Saco, having secured six (6) members; Eugene Hayes, Camp No. 105, Kittery.

Division of New Jersey: John Souden, Camp No. 11, Atlantic City, for having rendered valuable assistance in the organization of a new Camp in another Division.

Division of New York: Clarence Ayers, Camp No. 77, Elmira.

Division of Pennsylvania: Joseph L. Seaman, Camp No. 29, Philadelphia, having secured seven (7) members; George Lavelly, Camp No. 14, Johnstown; Bruce Alter, Camp No. 14, Johnstown; Harry C. Stamm, Camp No. 19, Lancaster; John D. Ferrill, Camp No. 244, Norristown.

Division of Wisconsin: William T. Smith, Camp No. 3, Prairie-du-Chien.

NAMES OF CAMP MEMBERS—THE BANNER.

XI. Numerous Camp Secretaries, for which Camp Commanders are responsible, are delinquent with the lists of their members—names and addresses—so that all can receive the Official Organ of the Order—"The Banner," to which each member is entitled every month.

Division Commanders and Division Secretaries are again directed to see that these lists are obtained at their respective Division Headquarters and forwarded without delay to The Banner, Dwight, Illinois.

PER CAPITA TAX AND REPORTS.

XII. Division Commanders and Division Secretaries have been notified as to the date per capita tax and reports for quarter ending March 31st, 1919, are required to be in the hands of the National Secretary. All must be prompt and there can be no delay in the transmission or receipt of the tax and reports.

NEW CAMP.

XIII. Camp No. 36, Saratoga Springs, Division of New York, was instituted March 20th, 1919, with 50 charter members, since last announcement of newly instituted Camps.

STATEMENT No. 8.

XIV. Report of the National Secretary for month of April, 1919:

RECEIPTS.

March 31, 1919, to balance.....		\$ 829.46
Received for per capita tax.....	\$422.49	
Supplies	300.53	
Total receipts		\$ 723.02
		\$1552.48

With Spring-time's fairest flow'rs,
 And now and then the songster's lay,
 Makes bright the solemn hours;
 The violet and lilac, sweet,
 Or wreath of evergreen,
 At every soldier's head and feet,
 Memorial Day is seen."

I. Our sacred duty for Memorial Day is before us. Camp Commanders will assemble their Camps for such duty as may be required for the observance of Memorial Day, May 30th.

In conjunction with Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic such exercises as are prescribed will be conducted.

Camps in charge of the ceremonies will perform all duties applying and in accordance with the Ritual.

As Sons of Veterans it is our opportunity to show the patriotism our Order fosters, our reverence for the Old Flag and what it represents.

It is ours to impress upon all the respect and veneration they should have for the services and sacrifices of our Fathers, who preserved the Nation.

Let us do our duty. Every member has his part to take and service to perform. It is hoped all will answer roll call. Pay your tribute to those who saved our Country by being in line May 30th.

Sunday preceding Memorial Day all Camps are directed to attend Divine Service in a body and have services applicable to Memorial Day.

Camp Commanders are directed to have their Camp Chaplains forward report (Form 44) immediately after the ceremonies on Memorial Day, to their Division Chaplain.

Division Chaplains will forward as soon as possible their Report (Form 43) to Rev. Edward H. Brewster, National Chaplain, 24 High Street, Auburn, Maine.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENT.

II. As previously announced the Thirty-eighth (38th) Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will convene at Columbus, Ohio, week of September 7th, 1919.

Railroad rates will be one cent a mile. Tickets will be on sale September 1st. Detailed information will be promulgated in future General Orders.

The rate will apply only to members of the Grand Army of the Republic and their families; Sons of Veterans, Sons of Veterans Auxiliary; Woman's Relief Corps; Ladies of the G. A. R.; Daughters of Veterans; Army Nurses Association; and members of the families of members of each of the foregoing organizations accompanying them to the Encampment.

The Commandery-in-Chief sessions will be held in the Elks Hall.

Temporary Headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief will be established at the Hotel Virginia, which will also be the Headquarters of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.

Reservations for rooms must be made direct to the Hotel Virginia. Rates—European plan:

One or two persons in a room—without bath, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per day.

One or two persons in a room—with bath, \$3.50 to \$5.00 per day.

The Sons of Veterans Encampment Committee, of Columbus, in charge of all matters concerning the Sons of Veterans and Sons of Veterans Auxiliary comprises:

R. J. Williams, Chairman, Room 28, City Hall; Ed. S. Wilson, 127 East Norwich Ave.; Horace S. Kerr; Edward C. Turner; Clarence H. Weber.

COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF ELECTION.

III. R. J. Williams, Past Division Commander of the Division of Ohio, Room 28, City Hall, Columbus, Ohio, was elected a member of the Council-in-Chief, to succeed William F. Chambers, deceased, with rank from April 24th, 1919, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 6, Article V, Section 3, of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations. He will be respected accordingly:

NEW DIVISION OFFICERS.

IV. Divisions having held Division Encampments elected:
Division of Connecticut—Division Commander, Henry E. Gage, 99 Webster Ave., Hartford; Division Secretary-Treasurer, Isaac T. Jenks, P. O. Box 1233, New Haven.

Division of Massachusetts—Division Commander, Ellsworth M. Brown, Gardner; Division Secretary, Henry F. Weiler, 15 Beacon St., Room 38, Boston; Division Treasurer, Fred E. Bolton, 15 Beacon St., Room 38, Boston.

Division of New Hampshire—Division Commander, Freeman H. Hoyt, Nashua; Division Secretary-Treasurer, S. S. Smith, Exeter.

Division of Rhode Island—Division Commander, Charles W. Senior, 361 Plainfield St., Providence; Division Secretary, George E. Hand, 40 Curtis St., Providence; Division Treasurer, Alfred B. Carr, Dodgeville.

DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS.

V. Every Division MUST hold an Encampment prior to July 1st, in accordance with Chapter 3, Article 3, Constitution. Rules and Regulations, Division Commanders will be governed accordingly.

Division Encampments are announced as follows:

Alabama and Tennessee, at Birmingham, Ala., June 28.

California and Pacific, at Santa Ana, May 13-18.

Colorado and Wyoming, at Rocky Ford, Col., June 3-5.

Illinois, at Rockford, June 10-12.

Indiana, at Elkhart, May 6-8.

Iowa, at Cedar Rapids, June 3-5.

Kansas, at Wichita, May 21-23.

Kentucky, at Berea, May 14-15.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF NATIONAL SE

Division.	In Good Standing Dec. 31, 1918.		GAIN						Total Gain.		Aggregate.	
			By Initiation.		By Transfer.		By Reinstatement.					
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members
*Alabama & Tennessee.	10	150	10	150
California & Pacific....	13	484	...	8	2	10	...	13	494
*Colorado & Wyoming.	4	133	4	133
Connecticut	41	2402	...	17	1	...	3	...	21	41	41	2423
Illinois	56	2502	...	36	36	56	56	2538
Indiana	23	910	...	23	1	...	1	...	25	23	23	935
Iowa	19	932	...	34	4	38	19	19	970
Kansas	31	1074	...	10	10	31	31	1084
Kentucky	6	107	1	...	1	6	6	108
Maine	49	2185	...	61	3	...	60	124	49	49	49	2309
Maryland	14	487	...	10	2	...	12	14	14	499
Massachusetts	160	7518	...	134	15	...	...	149	160	160	7667
Michigan	22	817	...	18	...	...	...	18	22	22	835
Missouri	18	731	...	...	...	...	...	3	18	18	734
Minnesota	20	654	...	5	...	...	1	6	20	20	660
*Montana & Idaho....	10	173	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	10	173
Nebraska	13	391	...	27	...	...	...	27	13	13	418
New Hampshire	36	1162	...	13	13	...	...	26	36	36	1188
New Jersey	34	1785	...	11	2	...	1	14	34	34	1799	
New York	134	5763	1	114	5	1	39	2	158	136	5921	
Ohio	99	4762	...	39	2	...	3	44	99	99	4806	
Pennsylvania	216	13376	...	413	3	...	...	416	216	216	13792
Rhode Island	16	516	...	9	1	...	...	10	16	16	526
Vermont	38	1135	...	19	...	...	3	22	38	38	1157
*Washington & Oregon	11	370	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	11	370
Wisconsin	42	1352	...	23	...	...	5	28	42	42	1380
Total	1135	51871	1	1027	52	1	119	2	1198	1137	53069	1

*No reports received for Quarter ending March 31, 1919.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1919.

Division.	In Good Standing Dec 31, 1918.		GAIN						LOSS								In Good Standing March 31, 1919.		Amount Received for Per Capita Tax	Cash on Hand at Division Headquarters.	Cash on Hand in Camps.	Expended for Relief.	No. Relieved, and Families.					
			By Initiation.			Total Gain.	Aggregate.	By Disbanded			Total Loss.																	
			Members	By Transfer.	By Reinstatement.			Members	By Death.	Honorable Discharge		By Transfer.	By Droppd.															
Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Amount Received for Per Capita Tax	Cash on Hand at Division Headquarters.	Cash on Hand in Camps.	Expended for Relief.	Members	Veterans				
*Alabama & Tennessee.	10	150						10	150																			
California & Pacific...	13	484		2			10	13	494			2	1				13	16	13	478	42.03	23.89	274.54					
*Colorado & Wyoming.	4	133						4	133																			
Connecticut	41	2402		17	1		21	41	2423			12	9				12	39	41	2334	210.87	281.47	4300.77	8.50				
Illinois	56	2502		36			36	56	2538			1	1	4			18	23	56	2515	220.05	273.71	483.36					
Indiana	23	910		23	1	1	25	23	935	1	10	1	1				14	1	26	909	79.74	62.67	6417.69		4			
Iowa	19	932		34	4		38	19	970				2	2			96	101	19	869	75.15	296.24	488.24					
Kansas	31	1074		10			10	31	1084								39	39	31	1045	94.05	593.35	188.03					
Kentucky	6	107			1		1	6	108								3	3	6	105	9.45	4.61	455.67					
Maine	49	2185		61	3	60	124	49	2309			8	1	4			24	37	49	2272	198.99	426.68	953.44	17.25				
Maryland	14	487		10		2	12	14	499				2				1	3	14	496	43.11	398.89	2759.48	425.50				
Massachusetts	160	7518		134	15		149	160	7667	1	17	39	21	9			56	142	159	7525	665.19	389.85	14528.51	973.00	27			
Michigan	22	817		18			18	22	835				2				7	9	22	826	72.72	144.34	409.62	1.49				
Missouri	18	731		3			3	18	734					2			9	11	18	723	62.19	160.34	342.64					
Minnesota	20	654		5		1	6	20	660	1	24	1					11	1	36	19	624	55.80	284.39	512.49	12.00			
*Montana & Idaho.....	10	173						10	173								10	173										
Nebraska.....	13	391		27			27	13	418								1	29	1	29	12	389	34.81	196.32	11.73			
New Hampshire	36	1162		13	13		26	36	1188	1	11	3	6	1			9	1	30	35	1158	104.22	156.23	992.57				
New Jersey	34	1785		11	2	1	14	34	1799	1	28	6					33	1	67	33	1732	152.91	114.54	7527.87	1404.82	18		
New York	134	5763	1	114	5	1	39	2	158	136	5921		27	13	24		142	206	136	5715	506.59	414.42	5039.61	295.65	17			
Ohio	99	4762		39	2	3	41	99	4806				10	3	8		168	189	99	4617	406.98	622.13	2001.79					
Pennsylvania	216	13376		413	3		416	216	13792	6	57	40	3	2			200	6	302	210	13490	1176.93	413.63	32635.27	12778.95	158		
Rhode Island	16	516		9	1		10	16	526								7	7	16	519	45.21	96.46	218.36					
Vermont	38	1135		19		3	22	38	1157				1	1			5	7	38	1150	101.79	366.52	334.43					
*Washington & Oregon	11	370						11	370								11	370										
Wisconsin	42	1352		23		5	28	42	1380								16		18	42	1362	120.51	145.82	558.08				
Total	1135	51871	1	1027	52	1	119	2	1198	1137	53069	11	147	156	69	50	1	918	47	2166	1090	50903	\$4483.29	\$5871.50	\$81264.19	\$15917.16	224	23

*No reports received for Quarter ending March 31, 1919.

Railroad rates will be one cent per mile. Tickets will be on sale September 1st. Rates will apply to members of the Grand Army of the Republic and their families; Sons of Veterans, Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Veterans, Army Nurses Association; and members of the families of each of the said Societies accompanying them.

Headquarters will be established at the Hotel Virginia. Reservations must be made by addressing "The Hotel Virginia, Columbus, Ohio."

Rates: European plan:

One or two persons in a room without bath, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per day.

One or two persons in a room with bath, \$3.50 to \$5.00 per day.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN LAWS.

IV. Recommendations or proposed changes in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, as adopted by Division Encampments, must be submitted without delay to the National Secretary, by Division Commanders, under attest of Division Secretaries and Division Seal, so that publication thereof in General Orders can be made, as required by the laws of the Order. All proposed changes should be written on one side of paper.

Proposed amendments to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations should set forth the law and prescribe in the exact language the substitute or law as amended.

CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION—FORM 49.

V. Certificates of Election (Form 49) of Division Officers and Delegates, etc., must be forwarded in Duplicate to the National Secretary—without delay, in order that the roll for the coming Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief can be made up and printed. These Certificates must show addresses and be legibly written. There must be no delay in forwarding these Certificates. Procure same on Requisition Form 1½ from the National Secretary.

BONDS OF DIVISION COMMANDERS.

VI. The Constitution, Rules and Regulations, require that each Division Commander must give a surety company bond within thirty (30) days after election. This must be given prompt attention.

This bond must read—"To Francis Callahan, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Philadelphia, Pa."

The bond must be in the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars.

Newly elected Division Commanders will give this their immediate attention and have their bonds forwarded at once.

CAMP OFFICERS' REPORTS.

VII. Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers Reports (Forms 27 and 28) for the quarter ending June 30th, 1919, must be forwarded to their respective Division Headquarters ON

THE LAST MEETING NIGHT OF THE QUARTER, with per capita tax due.

There can be no delay in these.

Owing to the date of the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment it is necessary that all reports are received promptly so that records and returns from all Camps and Divisions can be completed.

Camp Commanders are directed to attend to this and give the matter their personal attention. They will be certain to know that their Camp Secretary's and Camp Treasurer's Reports with per capita, have been forwarded to their Division Headquarters.

PASSWORD AND COUNTERSIGN.

VIII. New password and countersign for the period July 1st-December 31st, 1919, will be issued to Camps forwarding reports and paying per capita tax for the quarter ending June 30th, 1919. Camps failing to forward these reports and paying per capita tax to their Division Headquarters will not receive the password and countersign for the term stated, until said reports and per capita tax are received.

Division Commanders will be governed accordingly.

DIVISION OFFICERS' REPORTS.

IX. Division Officers' reports—Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers—(Forms 35, 37 and 38)—with per capita tax for the quarter ending June 30th, 1919, MUST be forwarded without delay to the National Secretary.

Division Patriotic Instructors' Reports (Form 51) must be forwarded (they have long been due)—to National Patriotic Instructor Frank McCrillis, 500 Henry Bldg., Portland, Oregon, at once.

Division Chaplains' Reports (Form 43) are due and must be forwarded to Rev. Edward H. Brewster, National Chaplain, 24 High St., Auburn, Maine, without delay.

DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS.

X. Every Division MUST hold an Encampment in accordance with Chapter 3, Article 3, Constitution, Rules and Regulations before July 1st.

Encampments are announced as follows:

Alabama and Tennessee, at Birmingham, Ala., June 28.

Colorado and Wyoming, at Rocky Ford, Col., June 3-5.

Illinois, at Rockford, June 10-12.

Iowa, at Cedar Rapids, June 3-5.

Maine, at Waterville, June 11-12.

Maryland, at Baltimore, June 3-4.

Michigan, at Traverse City, June 18-20.

Minnesota, at St. Paul, June 4.

Montana and Idaho, at Deer Lodge, Mont., June 12-13.

New Jersey, at Asbury Park, June 26-27.

New York, at Elmira, June 24-26.

Ohio, at Lima, June 16-19.

Pennsylvania, at Lancaster, June 11-12.

Washington and Oregon, at Wenatchee, June 18-19.

Wisconsin, at Waukesha, June 16-18.

ROSTER CHANGES.

XI. California and Pacific—Division Commander, William H. Hyden, Woodward Hotel, Los Angeles, Cal.; Division Secretary-Treasurer, John A. Medlar, 1014 South Hill St., Los Angeles, Cal.

Indiana—Division Commander, W. T. Knipple, Logansport; Division Secretary-Treasurer, Newton J. McGuire, 1001 Law Bldg., Indianapolis.

Kentucky—Division Commander, Victor I. Cartwright, 1018 South 28th St., Louisville; Division Secretary-Treasurer, E. B. Roebuck, 24 Washington Apts., Louisville.

Nebraska—Division Commander, Frank Mills, Lincoln; Division Secretary, R. G. Drake, Lincoln; Division Treasurer, A. W. Dort, Lincoln.

BANNER MAILING LISTS.

XII. In order that every member shall receive the Official Organ of the Order every month, to which all are entitled with no cost, Camp Secretaries that have not furnished to their Division Secretaries list of the members of their Camps and mailing addresses, will do so at once. Division Secretaries will forward same immediately to "The Banner," Dwight, Illinois, and thereafter each member will receive the publication every month. Quite a number of Camp Secretaries have failed to send lists in consequence of which many members are not receiving The Banner.

The responsibility is on Camp Secretaries and the Camp Commanders negligent in not requiring their Secretaries to send in said lists.

AIDE APPOINTED.

XIII. On recommendation of the Division Commander, Frank Lincoln Knodle, Camp No. 16, Rockford, Division of Illinois, has been appointed an Aide on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, having secured five (5) new members during the quarter. He will be respected accordingly.

NEW CAMPS.

XIV. Since last announcement following new Camps have been instituted and charters issued thereto:

May 19, Camp No. 44, New York, N. Y., 17 members.

May 11, Camp No. 25, Bakersfield, Cal., California and Pacific, 16 members.

May 12, Camp No. 12, Santa Ana, Cal., California and Pacific, 17 members.

DIVISIONS SUSPENDED.

XV. Failure to comply with the requirements of Chapter 6, Article 13, of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and under authority of Chapter 3, Article 1, Section 2, the following Divisions, having neglected to forward per capita tax and reports for the quarter ending March 31, 1919, after due and official notice, are hereby suspended:

Divisions of: Alabama and Tennessee, Colorado and Wyoming, Montana and Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

These Divisions will remain suspended until returns and payment of tax are received for the quarter designated.

CAMP CHARTERS REVOKED.

XVI. Camps reported Disbanded and Dropped for the quarter ending March 31st, 1919, the charters thereof are revoked as follows:

- Indiana—Disbanded: Camp No. 55, Rensslear, 10 members.
- Nebraska—Dropped: Camp No. 275, Monroe, 20 members.
- New Hampshire—Disbanded: Camp No. 6, Greenville, 11 members.
- New Jersey—Disbanded: Camp No. 26, Dover, 28 members.
- Massachusetts—Disbanded: Camp No. 92, East Bridgewater, 17 members.
- Minnesota—Dropped: Camp No. 7, Grey Eagle, Minn., 24 members.
- Pennsylvania—Disbanded: Camp No. 105, West Sunbury, 10 members; Camp No. 113, Slippery Rock, 10 members; Camp No. 128, Curwensville, 10 members; Camp No. 146, Orson, 7 members; Camp No. 156, Clearfield, 10 members; Camp No. 164, Bradford, 10 members.

RECAPITULATION OF CONSOLIDATED RETURNS.

XVII. Quarter ending March 31st, 1919.

	Camps	Members
No. in good standing December 31, 1918.....	1135	51871
Gain—		
By Initiation	1	1027
By Transfer		52
By Reinstatement	1	119
Aggregate	1137	53069
Loss—	Camps	Members
By Disbanded	11	147
By Death		156
By Honorable Discharge		69
By Transfer		50
By Dropped	1	918
	12	1340
No Reports from Divisions of:		
Alabama and Tennessee.....	10	150
Colorado and Wyoming.....	4	133
Montana and Idaho.....	10	173
Washington and Oregon	11	370
	35	826
Total loss	47	2166
In good standing March 31, 1919.....	1090	50903

FINANCIAL STATEMENT No. 9.

XVIII. Report of the National Secretary for month of May, 1919:

RECEIPTS.	
April 30, 1919, to balance.....	\$390.91
Received for per capita tax.....	\$4056.80
Charter fees	7.50
Supplies	331.17
Total receipts	\$4395.47
	\$4786.38
EXPENDITURES.	
By general expenses	\$1423.96
Office expenses	29.50
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	256.19
Total expenditures	\$1709.65
Balance, May 31, 1919	\$3076.73

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.	
For stock and supplies	\$ 19.42
Subscription The Banner, May, 1919.....	759.42
Printing	9.50
Reserve	50.95
Shipping supplies	9.67
Salaries	575.00
	\$1423.96
OFFICE EXPENSES.	
For twine, postage, stationery, telegrams.....	\$ 29.50
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.	
For postage, stenographer, traveling.....	\$ 256.19
Total expenditures	\$1709.65
By order of	

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

NEW DIVISION OFFICERS—
ATTENTION—REPORTS REQUIRED—BE PROMPT.

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

Department of Commander-in-Chief, Room 225, City Hall,
Philadelphia, Pa., June 1, 1919.

To Division and Camp Officers:

New Division Commanders and Officers will have assumed office by the end of the month. Division Encampments of 1919

will be history. New Administrations will be launched. Impressions will be made and opinions formed. Im.

Promptness on the part of Division Officers will be expected. Negligence will discourage Camps and Camp Officers and cause them to lose interest.

New Division Officers should give prompt attention to correspondence and all matters relating to Division and Camp affairs.

Immediate attention to and disposal of the affairs of the Order will make a favorable impression and obtain return of similar nature.

This month closes the last quarter in the term of the present National Administration. Considerable depends upon it for results to be accounted for and reported at the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment at Columbus, Ohio, September next.

Promptness on the part of Division Officers, Camp Officers and members, active earnest work for the upbuilding of the Order, and securing new members, is appealed for.

Per Capita Tax and reports of Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers must be forwarded to Division Headquarters ON THE LAST MEETING NIGHT OF THE CAMP IN THIS MONTH for the quarter ending June 30th.

Camp Chaplains must send their reports AT ONCE to their Division Chaplains.

Division Commanders, Secretaries and Treasurers must be prompt with their reports and payment of per capita tax to the National Secretary for the quarter ending June 30th, and Division Patriotic Instructors and Division Chaplains must forward their reports, IMMEDIATELY, to the National Patriotic Instructor and National Chaplain.

No extension of time can be granted to forward reports. All must be sent PROMPTLY.

Failure to have the foregoing in possession of the respective officers in time will deprive Divisions from having representation in the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment at Columbus, Ohio.

Timely notice is hereby given. Promptness on the part of every officer is necessary.

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. VII.

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

Department of Commander-in-Chief,
Room 225, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

July 1, 1919.

General Orders No. 7,
Series of 1919.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENT.

I. Pursuant to Chapter 3, Article 3, Constitution, Rules and Regulations, the Thirty-eighth (38th) Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., is here-

by ordered to convene in Elks Hall, Columbus, Ohio, at 2 o'clock p. m. of Tuesday, September 3, 1919.

Officers of the Commandery-in-Chief and all members, and delegates, will be governed accordingly.

MEMBERSHIP.

Membership is constituted as follows: (Chap. 4, Art. 2, C. R. & L.):

"All Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Grand Division Commanders and Past Division Commanders, in good standing, who have served a full term, or having been elected to fill a vacancy, have served to the end of that term, Constitutional Life Members and sitting Division Commanders.

"Of One Delegate from each Division, whatever its membership, and One Additional Delegate for every five hundred (500) members, or major fraction thereof, in good standing, based upon the reports next preceding the Encampment.

"Its own elective and appointive Officers."

REQUIREMENTS.

Failure to have reports of Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers (Forms 35, 37 and 38) and payment of per capita tax for the quarter ending June 30th, 1919, in possession of the National Secretary, by the time specified and designated in notice to Division Commanders, Secretaries, etc., will deprive Divisions from representation in the said Commandery-in-Chief Encampment.

Other provisions are that: Division Commanders must have filed with the Commander-in-Chief a Surety Company Bond in the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars—within thirty days after their election—Chapter 6, Article XI, Constitution, Rules and Regulations. This bond must be to: "Francis Callahan, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Philadelphia, Pa."

No other bond can be accepted.

Report of Division Patriotic Instructor (Form 51) must be in possession of National Patriotic Instructor Frank McCrillis, 500 Henry Bldg., Portland, Oregon.

Report of Division Chaplain must be in the hands of Rev. Edward H. Brewster, National Chaplain, 24 High St., Auburn, Maine.

Certificates of Election—Form 49—of Divisions—must be filed with the National Secretary at once.

The foregoing must be complied with for all Divisions to have representation and their members of the Commandery-in-Chief to be enrolled.

PARADE.

The members of the Commandery-in-Chief are hereby ordered to parade as Escort to the Grand Army of the Republic, in its parade in connection with its Annual National Encampment, at 10 o'clock a. m. of Wednesday, September 10th, 1919.

The Sons of Veterans Reserve will report under such arrangements as the Chief-of-Staff will indicate and direct. The

Sons of Veterans column will be under the supervision and direction of Chief-of-Staff Edwin M. Amies, who will at once arrange for all details for the Sons of Veterans Escort to the Grand Army of the Republic.

All Sons of Veterans, the Division of Ohio, and other Divisions, are earnestly requested to participate in the parade and do honor to the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. Dark clothes and Regulation Badge will be observed.

The Grand Army of the Republic has conferred a great honor on us—to designate our Order as its Official Escort in parade, and we should show proper appreciation thereof by having a large representation in line and make a creditable display. Every member of the Order for whom it is possible should be in line and do honor to himself in having that privilege and distinction.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF HEADQUARTERS.

Temporary Headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief will be established at the Hotel Virginia, Columbus, Ohio, September 7th, 1919, in compliance with the arrangements of the Encampment Executive Committee and the G. A. R.

The Hotel Virginia has been assigned to the Sons of Veterans (and also Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, U. S. A.) and reservations and rooms desired must be applied for direct to the Hotel. There should be no delay in application for reservations. Rates are (all European):

One or two persons in a room without bath, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per day.

One or two persons in a room with bath, \$3.50 to \$5.00 per day.

Application for rooms should be addressed: "Hotel Virginia, Columbus, Ohio."

RAILROAD RATES.

Railroad rates will be one cent per mile. Tickets will be on sale September 1st. Same will apply to members of the G. A. R., and their families; Sons of Veterans; Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Veterans, Army Nurses Association; and members of the families of each of said Societies accompanying them.

Further information should be applied for at Ticket Offices of Railroads.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM.

Sunday, September 7—Special services in all churches, morning and evening. Religious meeting in Memorial Hall in the afternoon.

Monday, September 8—8 p. m.—General Reception and Greetings, Memorial Hall. Patriotic music and songs. Addresses by the Chairman, the Mayor and the Governor. Response by Commander-in-Chief Adams. Other addresses, as arranged by the committee, by members of the G. A. R., Sons of Veterans, etc.

Tuesday, September 9—8 p. m.—National Camp Fire in Memorial Hall. Patriotic music and songs.

Wednesday, September 10—10 a. m.—Parade under direction of George A. Hosley, Chief-of-Staff of the G. A. R. The column will consist of members of the G. A. R. escorted by the Sons of Veterans. Other organizations in line will be the Spanish-American War Veterans, Veterans of the World War and possibly the National Guard and Boy Scouts in uniform.

Wednesday, September 10—8 p. m.—Reception under the auspices of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary to Commander-in-Chief Francis Callahan of the Sons of Veterans and staff, Commander-in-Chief Adams of the G. A. R. and staff, the members of the Commandery-in-Chief and all visiting Sons of Veterans, National President, officers and members of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary and allied organizations, at Hotel Virginia.

Wednesday, September 10—8 p. m.—Reception by the W. R. C. at the Deshler Hotel.

Thursday, September 11—Opening of the G. A. R. Encampment in Memorial Hall.

Other events are being arranged for.

REPORTS OF CAMP OFFICERS.

II. Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers reports for quarter ending June 30th, 1919, with per capita tax, are due at Division Headquarters and it is expected that same have been forwarded by all Camps. Delinquents should be communicated with at once and every effort made by Division Officers to secure reports with tax, from all Camps. These reports are Form 27 of Camp Secretaries and Form 28 of Camp Treasurers.

Until said reports are received from and tax paid by Camps, Division Commanders will not furnish such delinquent Camps with Form 0000—Password and Countersign—in effect July 1st.

Only Camps paying tax and forwarding reports designated can receive the new password and countersign.

CAMP CHAPLAINS' REPORTS.

III. These reports are over due. No reason for not forwarding same can be an excuse for such neglect. All Camp Commanders will see that Camp Chaplain's Report—Form 44—is forwarded without delay to Division Chaplain.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS' REPORTS.

IV. Form 50 if not forwarded by Camp Patriotic Instructors must be sent to Division Patriotic Instructors at once. Division Commanders will see that delinquents are reminded of this necessity and secure said report at once.

FORMS 43 AND 51.

V. These apply respectively to National Chaplain and National Patriotic Instructor. Division Commanders will give this their personal attention and have said Forms and reports forwarded AT ONCE to these Officers. Failure to have same forwarded within the specified time will deprive such Divisions from representation in the Commandery-in-Chief, Encampment.

Every Division Commander should be positive that Division Chaplain's Report has been forwarded to Rev. Edward H.

Brewster, National Chaplain, 24 High St., Auburn, Maine, and Division Patriotic Instructor's Report to National Patriotic Instructor Frank McCrillis, 500 Henry Bldg., Portland, Oregon.

IN MEMORIAM.

VI. Clarence Day Ruddy, Inspector-General on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, 1884-1885, died at his home in Harrisburg, Pa., June 18th. The sympathy of the Order is extended his widow, and Camp.

AIDES.

VII. On recommendation of Division Commanders following have been appointed Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief and they will be respected accordingly:

Division of Massachusetts—These members of Camp No. 65, Athol, having secured five and more members during the quarter:

Lewis J. Brimmer, having secured eight (8) members.

Albert N. Ellis, securing five (5).

Louis G. Baker, securing five (5).

Division of Pennsylvania:

Henry Stewart, Camp 112, Gettysburg, having secured thirteen (13) new members.

O. G. McPherson, Camp 112, Gettysburg, ten (10) new members.

Division of Wisconsin:

Ned Withers, Camp No. 54, Ashland, five (5) new members.

Division of New Jersey:

William Ernst, Camp 17, Gloucester, six (6) new members.

Division of Ohio:

Oliver G. Swords, Camp 159, Steubenville, ten (10) new members.

Jacob Geib, having secured thirty (30) new members.

John Thomas, securing fourteen (14) new members.

Louis Walton, securing five (5) new members, all of Camp No. 5, New Philadelphia, and all members having been obtained within the quarter.

DIVISIONS REINSTATED.

VIII. That portion of General Orders No. 6, June, 1919, relating to Divisions Suspended, is hereby revoked and the following Divisions having paid per capita tax and forwarded reports for the quarter ending March 31st, 1919, are hereby reinstated as follows:

	Camps	Members
Alabama and Tennessee	10	150
Colorado and Wyoming	4	133
Montana and Idaho	10	173
Washington and Oregon	10	360
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	34	816
In good standing March 31st, 1919.....	1690	50903
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Total	1124	51719

APPLICATION FOR CHARTER.

IX. Application for charter for Camp No. 70, Lock Haven, Division of Pennsylvania, was approved June 14th, with 45 applicants.

STATEMENT No. 10.

X. Report of the National Secretary for month of June, 1919:

RECEIPTS.

May 31, 1919, to balance.....		\$3076.73
Received for per capita tax.....	\$ 81.09	
Charter fees	2.50	
Supplies	161.23	
Total receipts		<u>\$ 244.82</u>
		\$3321.55

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$884.40	
Office expenses	135.79	
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	257.25	
Total expenditures		<u>\$1277.44</u>
Balance, June 30, 1919.....		\$2044.11

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies	\$ 29.30	
The Banner, subscription, June, 1919.....	752.17	
Printing	13.00	
Reserve	81.50	
Shipping supplies	8.43	
		<u>\$ 884.40</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For postage, telegrams, stationery, rent—July-September, 1919, inclusive.....	\$ 135.79
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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For postage, traveling, stenographer.....	\$ 257.25
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Total expenditures	\$1277.44
By order of	

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

TO NEW DIVISION OFFICERS.

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

Department of Commander-in-Chief, Room 225, City Hall,
Philadelphia, Pa., July 1, 1919.

To the Division Commanders and Officers:

You have been chosen to assume new duties and greater responsibilities. It is expected that you will not fail in the expect-

tations fixed by those who placed their confidence in you in placing you in the positions you now fill.

You were selected for service. You promised in your obligation to render it. Always be mindful of it. Begin now. Always be active.

Show your appreciation of the honor conferred upon you by giving and doing something in return—effort and activity—service—for the upbuilding of your Division and Camps.

You will want your Administration to be successful. Start work now to have such a record.

All Division Commanders with their Officers should at once plan for an aggressive campaign to secure NEW CAMPS. Every Division Officer should organize at least one new Camp. Every duty should be assigned to each Division Officer.

The upbuilding of the Order in every Division should be the object and work for all Division Officers.

Division Officers are expected to take the initiative. Division Commanders should have a policy. It is for them to inaugurate and devise plans for the success of their Administrations. That means new Camps and increased membership in Camps.

Camp Officers and Camps depend upon and expect Division Commanders to lead, advise and suggest. Division Officers have their part to perform by assisting and being active in all work.

Division Commanders and Officers should be in constant communication with their Camps and interest Camp Commanders and Camp Officers, in the work of the Division and the Order. All should be inspired to be active in recruiting eligibles and reinstating former members.

A persistent and active campaign of this kind will make the new Administrations successful. Keep up and arouse the interest in the membership and results will follow. Every Division Commander and Division Officer should strive earnestly for and make every effort to accomplish this.

Congratulating and extending to all Division Commanders and Officers good wishes, all are appealed to for active service for the upbuilding of their Divisions and their Camps.

In F., C. and L.,

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. VIII.

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
Department of Commander-in-Chief,
Room 225, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

August 1, 1919.

General Orders No. 8,
Series of 1919.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENT.

I. In accordance with instructions in General Orders No. 7, July issue "The Banner," the Thirty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,

will convene in Elks Hall, Columbus, Ohio, Tuesday, September 2, 1919, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Membership in the Encampment is pursuant to Chapter IV, Article 2, Constitution, Rules and Regulations, to all of which attention was directed in orders referred to.

Additional requirements for representation and enrollment in said Encampment are that:

Bonds of Division Commanders be filed immediately with the Commander-in-Chief. Same to be a Surety Company Bond in the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars and made to "Francis Callahan, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Philadelphia, Pa."

Form 43—Report of the Division Chaplain to be in possession of Rev. Edward H. Brewster, National Chaplain, 24 High St., Auburn, Maine.

Form 51—Report of the Division Patriotic Instructor to be in the hands of National Patriotic Instructor Frank McCrillis, 500 Henry Bldg., Portland, Oregon.

Forms 35, 37 and 38—Reports of the Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers, with per capita tax at the rate of nine (9) cents, for the quarter ending June 30, 1919, to be in the hands of the National Secretary.

Form 49—Certificates of Election and report of Division Officers—all Divisions—to be in the possession of the National Secretary.

All indebtedness of Divisions must be paid at once.

All the foregoing must be complied with, reports designated rendered, and other features referred to supplied, for representation of Divisions in the said Encampment.

Several Divisions are delinquent in some of the requirements. This will be notice to all such of the necessity for compliance with the law.

TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS.

Temporary Headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief will be established at the Hotel Virginia, Columbus, Ohio, September 7, in compliance with the arrangements of the G. A. R. Executive Committee.

Rates—all European:

One or two persons in a room without bath, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per day.

One or two persons in a room with bath, \$3.50 to \$5.00 per day.

PARADE.

The Sons of Veterans—members attending the Encampment and all others—Divisions and Camps, are urgently requested to arrange to participate in the parade, in honor of the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. This is in connection with the Fifty-third Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic—Wednesday, September 10, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The Sons of Veterans will be the Official Escort to the Grand Army of the Republic on that occasion and have thereby a high

and distinctive honor. Let it be a creditable and large display. Members in civilian attire will appear in dark clothes, with Regulation badge.

Chief-of-Staff Edwin M. Amies is hereby ordered to arrange for the participation of the Sons of Veterans column in said parade.

Further details will be announced during the Encampment.

PROGRAM.

As announced in General Orders No. 7, July issue "The Banner," a program of Patriotic exercises has been arranged, which will be entertaining and a pleasure to all who attend.

In General Orders No. 9 of the Grand Army of the Republic Commander-in-Chief Clarendon E. Adams announces the following, to which attention is directed:

Sunday, September 7—Patriotic services will be held in all churches—to which all are invited.

Monday, September 8—Semi-official meeting and reception in Memorial Hall.

Tuesday, September 9—Campfire in Memorial Hall.

Wednesday, September 10, 10 a. m.—Parade of the Grand Army of the Republic—Official Escort the Sons of Veterans.

RATES.

A special rate of one cent per mile has been granted.

Tickets will be on sale August 15 instead of September 1 as previously announced, and will be good for sixty days. Tickets will be sold via diverse routes to Columbus, on the basis of one cent a mile in each direction via routes travelled, on going and returning trip. Stop-overs will be allowed going and returning.

Those from the West desiring to go further East, after the Encampment, may purchase summer tourist tickets at Columbus for the nearest resort to their destination. These tickets may be bought as late as September 30 with final return limit October 31, 1919, or the summer tourist ticket may be bought at original starting point, with a stop-over at Columbus.

Tickets may be secured only on presentation of identification certificates, which can be obtained from the Assistant Adjutant General of each Department of the Grand Army of the Republic.

(Note—Division Commanders should at once apply to the Assistant Adjutant-General of the Grand Army of the Republic, in each Division, for the number of Certificates desired for the members of their Divisions and Camps who will attend the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment at Columbus.

Upon securing these Certificates Division Commanders should immediately supply those who will use them—the Division Delegates, Past Officers and such members who will require them).

Members are warned against securing or giving these Certificates to persons not entitled to them.

THOSE ENTITLED TO CERTIFICATES.

They shall only apply (as does the rate of one cent a mile) to: Members of the Grand Army of the Republic and their families; members of the Woman's Relief Corps; members of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; members of the Sons of Veterans; members of the Daughters of Veterans; members of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary; National Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War; and members of the families of members of each of the above organizations, accompanying them to the Encampment. The interpretation, given to "family" is, the immediate members of one's family, who live with one.

THE RATE WILL NOT APPLY TO

1. Veterans of the Civil War who are NOT members of the Grand Army of the Republic.
2. Widows of former members of the G. A. R. unless they are members of the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Veterans, Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, or Army Nurses Association.
3. Daughters of deceased members of the G. A. R. unless they belong to one of the organizations mentioned.
4. Sons of deceased members of the G. A. R. unless they belong to the organization known as the Sons of Veterans.
5. Sons and daughters of members of the G. A. R. unless they are living in their father's household, or belong to one of the organizations stated.

For further information concerning rates, route, etc., consult local ticket agent.

SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY RECEPTION—FEATURES.

The Official Reception by the National President, National Officers and Members of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, to the Commander-in-Chief and National Officers of the Sons of Veterans, will be Tuesday evening, September 9, at Elks Hall.

Other events are being arranged for and will be announced by the local committee during the Encampment.

Every Division should be represented in the Encampment and large delegations should take advantage of the opportunities afforded for this gathering.

A hospitable welcome awaits all.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE C. R. & R.

II. In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 7, Constitution, Rules and Regulations, proposed Amendments to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, have been received and are promulgated herewith for consideration at the Thirty-eighth Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

These do not include the propositions before the Committee on State of the Order, which, in accordance with its authority, is to:

"Consider the State of the Order, devise such remedies, report amendments or revision of the Constitution, procedure,

Laws and Ritual, as in their judgment are expedient—to the next Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Division of California and Pacific:

Passed first and second readings—and for Final Action—at the Thirty-eighth (38th) Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief:

Amend: Chapter 3, Article 5, Section 3, to read:

"Section 3. Vacancies in delegate representation to and of delegates from the Camp in attendance at the Encampment. The Camp Commander having the prior right to appoint members to fill vacancies."

Whereas, Conditions exist about and within the organization of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., that are inimical to the best interests of the Order, retarding its growth and causing apathy within the ranks of the members; and,

Whereas, The time has arrived when changes should be made in the conventions of the Order, and can be without disturbing the basic principles and objects of the Association, to increase its membership and promote activity and renewed interest; and withal, and first, to perpetuate the name of the Grand Army of the Republic (which prerogative logically belongs to the members of the Sons of the Union Soldiers of the Civil War), as set forth in Article IV of our Constitution governing eligibility to membership and distinguish the Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic from the Sons of Veterans of other wars in which the United States of America has taken part; therefore be it

(1) Resolved, That the name of this Association be changed from Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., to Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic.

(2) Resolved, That members who have belonged to the Association for three consecutive years may institute and belong to an association to be known as the "Lincoln Club," the object of which club shall be Social, Fraternal and Patriotic.

(3) Resolved, That Past Patriotic Instructors may institute and belong to an Association to be known as "Past Patriotic Instructors' Club," the objects of which Club shall be Patriotic and Historical.

(4) Resolved, That all Past Commanders in our Order may institute and belong to an Association to be known as "Past Commanders' Club," the objects of which Club shall be the individual and collective good of the Order.—Louis de P. Callahan, Chairman, J. A. Medlar, F. A. Carpenter, John W. Staley.

Division of Kansas:

Reaffirming the action of the Division Encampment of 1918, to so change the Constitution, Rules and Regulations as to admit sons of all honorably discharged men of the Army, Navy, Marine or Aviation Corps, and that

Chapter 1, Article 4, be amended by striking out the words—"during the War of the Rebellion of 1861-'65."

Chapter 6, Article 7, be so changed that Camp Secretaries

and Camp Treasurers make semi-annual reports in place of quarterly reports to Division Headquarters.

Division of Massachusetts:

Amend Chapter 2, Article 3, by adding thereto:

Section 4. A dropped or honorably discharged member may be reinstated by the Camp that dropped or discharged him by making application and being investigated and balloted upon the same as an original applicant and after having satisfied any claims of the Camp. If the Camp is not in existence, he can only rejoin the Order as a new member. Reinstatement of membership will not carry with it reinstatement of past rank.

Amend Chapter 6, Article 19, by adding to Section 3, the following paragraph:

Brothers entitled thereto, may wear the Bronze World War Medal attached to its distinctive ribbon. Brothers who have served the United States of America or its Allies faithfully and honorably in the World's Great War, shall alone be entitled to wear this particular decoration, and such Brothers shall obtain it only through proper application and by furnishing proof of such service.

In Section 5, strike out the word "three" in the first sentence and insert in lieu thereof the word "four," so that said sentence shall read:

There shall be four prescribed ribbons in the Order. Also amend said section by adding: 'The ribbon to be worn with the Bronze World War Medal shall be

In Section 8—Insert a new paragraph "C" to read: "The Bronze World War Medal shall be as shown in the following photographic reproduction."

Division of New Hampshire:

That the election of Council-in-Chief, Division Council and Camp Council be for a term of three (3) years each; at the first election following the adoption of this amendment one member be elected for three years, one for two years and one for one year, and each year thereafter elect one for three years, the purpose being to make the various Councils a continuous body so that matters carried over from one year to another may receive due consideration.

That the initiation fee be established at a minimum of three (\$3.00) dollars, the maximum sum to be charged being left optional with individual Camps, to be governed by circumstances and conditions.

Division of New Jersey:

Chapter 6, Article 16, Section 1, be amended by adding:

(d) A regalia made of silk shall be worn by members of Camps when on parade and on public occasions; said regalia to be of two (2) red and white stripes, each stripe to be two and one half (2½) inches in width, starting from a blue field, said field to contain thirteen (13) white stars. The regalia shall be two (2) yards in length, with a rosette ten (10) inches from the end and where crossed, consisting of a black crepe disk three (3) inches in diameter. The regalia shall be worn over the left shoulder diagonally over the breast.

Division of Ohio:

That the name of the Order be changed to 'Sons of The Grand Army of the Republic.'

Division of Washington and Oregon:

From Spokane Camp No. 2, Spokane:

Amend Section 1, Article 3, Chapter 4, to read:

There shall be an Annual Encampment of the Commander-in-Chief, held at the same time and place as the Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Division of Wisconsin:

That the name of the Order of Sons of Veterans be changed to "Sons of The Grand Army of the Republic."

That Sections 4 and 5, Article 1, Chapter 2, be stricken out and substitute in lieu thereof:

Sec. 4. Each Division Secretary shall within thirty (30) days after the per capita tax shall become due and payable, report to the Division Commander all Camps then in arrears in the payment of such per capita tax and the Division Commander shall thereupon notify the Commanders of such Camps that unless such per capita tax shall be paid within ten (10) days said Camps shall be liable for suspension.

Sec. 5. After the expiration of such period if such Camp is still in arrears the Division Commander shall notify the Commander-in-Chief of such default who shall forthwith suspend such Camp until all arrears have been paid and during the period of such suspension no per capita tax shall be due and payable thereon.

CHANGES IN RITUAL.

III. Chapter 7 of the C. R. & R. providing for alterations in the Ritual, as a part of the C. R. & R., promulgation of same is referred to by title and such received are announced for presentation to the said Encampment as follows:

Division of Illinois:

Make the Ritual more compact, eliminating certain references to other sections or parts; print under form consecutively.

Amend (part designated) by adding a paragraph applying to conditions (specified).

Division of New Hampshire: Relating to secret work.

Division of Ohio:

Applying to initiation ceremonies, seventh line, last paragraph, with reference to the Flag, proposing addition (specifying same) on Page 29.

MAILING LISTS OF CAMPS.

IV. Many members of Camps are not receiving the Official Organ of the Order—"The Banner." This is issued every month and every member in good standing in all Camps is entitled to and should receive the paper every month—without cost.

Camp Secretaries that have not within the last year forwarded a new list of the members of a Camp, together with their addresses—will do so at once.

Only such Camp Secretaries that have not supplied a new list are required to do so now.

This list will be forwarded to Division Secretaries and they will send same at once to "The Banner, Dwight, Illinois," that every member can and will have "The Banner" every month.

Division Commanders will give this their immediate and personal attention. They will secure the lists from Camp Secretaries that are delinquent and have not furnished mailing lists as stated.

AIDES.

V. On recommendation of Division Commander, Aides have been appointed on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief as follows and will be respected accordingly:

F. W. Parker, Camp No. 8, Poughkeepsie, Division of New York, having secured five (5) new members, within the quarter.

R. J. Williams, Camp No. 1, Columbus, Division of Ohio, having secured eight (8) new members during the quarter.

G. W. Strauss, Camp No. 44, Williamsport, Division of Pennsylvania, having secured six (6) new members within the quarter.

NEW CAMP.

VI. Camp No. 66 was instituted at Conyngham, Division of Pennsylvania, with 23 members, June 5, and charter issued thereto, since last announcement.

STATEMENT No. 11.

VII. Report of the National Secretary for month of July, 1919:

RECEIPTS.

June 30, 1919, to balance.....		\$2044.11
Received for per capita tax.....	\$ 101.02	
Charter fees	2.50	
Supplies	223.53	
Junior Order Supplies.....	2.60	

Total receipts

\$ 329.65

\$2373.76

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$1152.39
Office expenses	128.80
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	110.30

Total expenditures

\$1391.49

Balance, July 31, 1919

\$ 982.27

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$ 43.75
The Banner, subscription, July, 1919.....	767.77
Printing	3.25

Reserve—Military Department	
Shipping supplies	28.79
Miscellaneous—Badge, etc. (Past) Commander, in-Chief, Commandery-in-Chief appropria- tion	8.83
	<u>300.00</u>
OFFICE EXPENSES.	\$1152.39
For wrapping paper and twine, postage, tele- grams, stationery, express	\$ 128.80
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.	
For postage, traveling and stenographer.....	\$ 110.30
Total expenditures	<u>\$1391.49</u>
By order of	

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

THEIR VALEDICTORIES.

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

Department of Commander-in-Chief, Room 225, City Hall,
Philadelphia, Pa., August 1, 1919.

To The Membership:

Deeply sensible of the many courtesies and favors extended during his administration, rapidly drawing to a close, this opportunity is taken to thank all therefor and express due appreciation thereof.

The cordial co-operation of all the National Officers and Staff, active Division Commanders and Division Officers, Camp Officers and membership is gratefully acknowledged.

To the Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Division Commanders, and many others, who, by their suggestions, assistance and encouragement in the laborious duties imposed for the conduct of affairs, there is a feeling of obligation and sense of gratitude that cannot be expressed.

With a pledge of continued interest and activity when, soon in the ranks, a debt of gratitude to all that can never be repaid, for the honors conferred, prepared to account for the year's command and the transfer of authority, it is with Good Will to all, assurance of the high regard for the friendships formed, the sincere wish for health and happiness to each and every member, and the hope that our great Order may ever prosper and be an instrument of great good to all.

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

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

HEADQUARTERS NATIONAL SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY,
55 Lebanon Street,

Melrose, Mass., August 1, 1919.

To the Sons of Veterans of the U. S. A.

Greeting:

Now that all the Division Encampments have been held, each Division is starting in on a new year of life and development. The National Sons of Veterans Auxiliary wishes to congratulate the various Division Commanders upon the honor and responsibility that has come to them, and to wish to each Division a year of prosperity and success.

This year must mark a new era in the history of the Sons of Veterans. Out of the great crucible of war, there has come to the American people a greater realization of the real meaning of patriotism. Most of us now know a little of what it cost to give this country its greatness. We know what war means to a man who fights for his country; we know what war means to the men and women who do their part at home. Thousands of eligible Sons of Veterans are going to realize as never before the responsibility of their heritage, and wish to ally themselves with a patriotic organization. It is the duty of the Sons of Veterans to see that every eligible man receives an invitation to join. Grasp your opportunity, Brothers, and increase the membership of your Camps now. A splendid organization of the Sons of Veterans is the best memorial that the Union Veterans of the Civil War can have, and you must build the Order strong and secure so that it will endure forever. With an organization as large as you can have, your power is boundless and with our Veteran soldiers, you will be a great force in this country, which will keep all our citizens true to those principles and objects for which our "boys in blue" gave the last full measure of their devotion.

The National Sons of Veterans Auxiliary send you two messages: First; carry on with renewed faith and courage the splendid work which you have been doing for the honor of our fathers and the glory of our country; secondly; in all your hopes, in all your undertakings, remember the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary stands by, ready and willing to assist you in all ways.

Loyally yours,

MARGARET W. CARNEY,
National President.

Attest:

MABELLE M. HAN,
National Secretary.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ADAMS' FAREWELL.

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

Omaha, Nebraska, July 22, 1919.

Hon. Francis Callahan, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans,
U. S. A., Philadelphia, Pa.

My Dear Commander:

The time is drawing near for the Columbus Encampment and everything looks most propitious for one of the greatest

meetings in the history of our Country. The attendance is sure to be phenomenal.

I want to express to you my appreciation in meeting at so many of the Department Encampments, and through you, express to the Sons of Veterans my highest regards for them and the splendid practical work they and their Auxiliary are doing along patriotic lines. At no time in the history of our Country has your work been more exalted; and at no time in our history has a genuine spirit of patriotism been more needed.

The Sons of Veterans have a mighty future before them. They are the lineal descendants of the men who took a leading part in our Country's history. Their fathers lived in the days of intellectual giants and moral heroes. They lived in the days of our greatest statesmen—Webster, Clay, Douglas, Seward and Sumner; in the days of our greatest authors—Whittier, Emerson, Lowell and Longfellow; in the days of our greatest orators—Phillips and Beecher; of our greatest agitators—Lovejoy and Garrison; in the days of our mightiest military heroes—Grant, Sherman, Sheridan, and Thomas. They lived in the days and served the greatest man this Country ever produced—Abraham Lincoln.

The same blood runs in your veins that made it possible to save the Union. Our Country today is fraught with the greatest of moment. The World's War has left us facing grave difficulties. The true American spirit still runs 100 per cent pure. The soldiers of all our Wars are arrayed on the side of the proposition that we must not depart from the side lines of safety.

We must hold American freedom, her institutions, policies and traditions above all else; we must not acknowledge or be bound by any power of World's control that is greater than OUR OWN control.

Those brave men who have sacrificed are the ones competent to control the affairs of this Country, to determine its peace or declare war. The brave men who smashed the Hindenburg line and broke the morale of the German army should be the arbiters of the World's peace. They know best what war means and they are past masters in determining the blessings of peace.

Your patriotic society is founded upon the same principles upon which rests our glorious Republic. Take heart. Your Order is destined to be in the van of all others, in securing America for Americans.

Sincerely yours,

CLARENDON E. ADAMS,

Commander-in-Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. IX.

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Department of Commander-in-Chief,
Room 225, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

September 1, 1919.

General Orders No. 9,
Series of 1919.

VETERANS' NIGHT.

I. Camp Commanders and Camp Patriotic Instructors are

ordered to prepare for the observance of Veterans' Night, which occurs November 19th. Division Commanders and Division Patriotic Instructors will take such action as will have this occasion properly recognized.

Camp Commanders and Patriotic Instructors should have Committees at work and preparations should at once be under way.

This occasion commemorates the anniversary of the address of Lincoln at Gettysburg; the address should be a conspicuous part of all programs.

Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic our Allied Orders and World War veterans should be remembered with special invitations as guests and participants.

By action of the Thirty-fourth Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, this date is the period to replace with new flags, those weather worn and defective from exposure, on graves of veterans. Camp Commanders will give this personal and prompt attention.

MAILING LISTS OF CAMP MEMBERS.

II. Division Commanders are directed to secure the names and addresses of each and every member of Camps that have NOT furnished such lists to their Division Headquarters. Upon receipt of these lists they will forward same to "The Banner, Dwight, Illinois."

These lists will be the means of supplying each member with the Official Organ of the Order—"THE BANNER" without cost—every month.

The members of Camps that fail to furnish these lists will not receive the publication—which is their loss and for which Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries are responsible.

CAMP QUARTERLY REPORTS.

III. Division Commanders are hereby ordered to direct Camp Commanders to have their Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers forward their quarterly reports (Forms 27 and 28), with per capita tax for quarter ending September 30th, 1919, to their respective Division Headquarters on the LAST meeting night in September. This must have the personal attention of the officers designated.

Division Commanders must supply all their Camps with Forms 27 and 28. If these blank forms have not been furnished to Camps, Division Secretaries will at once send same to each and every Camp.

There must be no delay with these reports or in the payment of per capita tax by Camps to their Division Headquarters.

INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP.

IV. Division Commanders are urged to inaugurate a campaign for the reinstatement of Camps dropped within a year. Such former Camps are material to work on and for. Every effort should be made to revive such Camps.

All Division Officers should be active in the organization and formation of new Camps. This field must not be neglected.

A policy of all Division Commanders should be to actively work for new Camps and all Division Officers should be called upon to assist in this.

Dropped members of Camps should be sought for reinstatement. Recruiting for such should be vigorous and a feature in every Camp. Camp Commanders are urged to have active committees at work on such eligibles and secure them for membership.

V. Following Camps having been Disbanded and Dropped, the charters thereof are revoked and record will be made by Division Secretaries accordingly:

Missouri—Disbanded: Camp No. 11, Farmington, Mo., 25 members; Camp No. 1, Fort Smith, Ark., 31 members.

New York—Disbanded: Camp No. 5, Batavia, 34 members; Camp No. 106, Le Roy, 28 members. Dropped: Camp No. 33, Barker, 15 members.

Ohio—Disbanded: Camp No. 90, Richwood, 10 members.

Pennsylvania—Disbanded: Camp No. 66, Wampum, 10 members.

By order of

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Information and Education Service
Washington

August 15, 1918.

William T. Church, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

The Inquiry office of this Service is collecting information aimed to be of special value to returned soldiers with a view to putting them in touch with all helpful agencies. We wish to be a clearing house for all kinds of information that can possibly benefit men in this class, and shall be glad to be advised from time to time of anything interesting to handicapped soldiers which may come to your attention.

Already many fraternal orders have set aside funds for the benefit of these men and their families. May we have details of work of this kind your society may have planned?

Very truly yours,

ROGER W. BABSON, Chief.
By ALICE L. KERCHER,
Returned Soldiers Section.

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED

Division.	In Good Standing March 31, 1919.		GAIN				Total Gain.		Aggregate.		
	Camps	Members	By Initiation.		By Reinstatement.		Camps	Members	Camps	Members	
			Camps	Members	Members	Camps					
Alabama and Tennessee..	10	150	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	150
California and Pacific...	13	478	2	44	...	1	26	3	70	528	
Colorado and Wyoming...	4	133	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	133
Connecticut ...	41	2384	...	29	1	...	2	...	32	2415	
Illinois	56	2515	...	64	2	...	5	...	71	2589	
Indiana	22	909	...	15	1	...	1	...	17	926	
Iowa	19	869	...	22	1	...	...	...	23	892
Kansas	31	1045	...	4	...	2	40	2	44	1089	
Kentucky	6	105	...	1	1	...	1	...	3	108	
Maine	49	2272	...	89	...	...	...	...	89	2361
Maryland	14	496	...	4	...	...	...	...	4	500
Massachusetts ...	159	7525	...	105	11	...	...	...	116	7641
Michigan	22	826	...	5	...	...	...	...	5	831
Minnesota	19	624	...	9	...	...	...	...	9	633
Missouri	18	723	...	9	2	...	1	...	12	735	
Montana and Idaho	10	173	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	173
Nebraska	12	389	...	3	...	...	4	...	7	396
New Hampshire	35	1158	...	9	...	...	2	...	11	1169
New Jersey	33	1732	...	24	...	...	5	...	29	1761
New York	136	5715	1	92	2	...	4	1	98	5813	
Ohio	99	4617	...	114	2	...	7	...	123	4740	
Pennsylvania	210	13490	1	215	1	...	...	1	216	13706
Rhode Island	16	519	...	6	...	...	...	...	6	525
Vermont	38	1150	...	25	1	...	4	...	30	1180	
Washington and Oregon.	10	360	...	24	...	1	10	1	34	394	
Wisconsin	42	1362	...	22	...	...	15	...	37	1399
Total	1124	51719	4	934	25	4	127	8	1086	1132	5280

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT—QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1919.

Division.	In Good Standing March 31, 1919.		GAIN				Total Gain.		Aggregate.		LOSS					Total Loss		In Good Standing June 30, 1919.		Amount Received for Per Capita Tax	Cash on Hand at Division Head- quarters.	Cash on Hand in Camp Treas- uries.	Amount Expended for Relief.	No. Relieved, or Their Families.													
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	By Transfer.	By Reinstatement.	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	By Disbanded.	By Death.	Honorable Discharge.	By Transfer.	By Dropped.	Camps	Members	Camps	Members					Amount Received for Per Capita Tax	Cash on Hand at Division Head- quarters.	Cash on Hand in Camp Treas- uries.	Amount Expended for Relief.	Members	Veterans								
																														By Initiation.		By Reinstatement.		By Disbanded.		By Dropped.	
																														Members	Members	Members	Members	Members	Members	Members	Members
Alabama and Tennessee..	10	150	...	...	...	...	...	10	150	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	150	...	...	\$ 13.50	\$ 3.15	\$ 100.00	...	...	...	...						
California and Pacific...	13	478	2	44	...	1	26	3	70	16	548	...	...	...	...	...	16	504	...	...	43.90	31.46	110.06	4.20	...	...	...							
Colorado and Wyoming...	4	133	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	133	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	133	...	...	11.97	18.70	...	...	...	...	...					
Connecticut	41	2384	...	29	1	...	2	...	32	4	2416	19	41	2397	213.12	204.50	4113.60	124.00									
Illinois	56	2515	...	64	2	...	5	...	71	56	2586	...	...	...	...	...	56	2548	223.56	158.88	941.65	17.50	...	...	...	...	...					
Indiana	22	909	...	15	1	...	1	...	17	22	926	...	...	...	...	...	22	920	81.45	67.73	6298.06	36.00	...	...	...	...	...					
Iowa	19	869	...	22	1	...	...	...	23	19	892	...	...	...	...	...	19	863	75.69	181.94	363.56	19.59	...	...	...	...	...					
Kansas	31	1045	...	4	...	2	40	2	44	33	1089	33	1085	102.29	577.72	176.65									
Kentucky	6	105	...	1	1	...	1	...	3	6	108	6	106	9.54	5.57	479.35									
Maine	49	2272	...	89	89	49	2361	49	2307	199.62	300.44	1138.61								
Maryland	14	496	...	4	4	14	500	14	485	43.29	320.42	3175.43	375.80								
Massachusetts	159	7525	...	105	11	116	159	7641	159	7471	662.94	235.67	14863.99	348.55	9	3								
Michigan	22	826	...	5	5	22	831	22	831	74.34	116.77	310.58	2.50	1	1								
Minnesota	19	624	...	9	9	19	633	19	619	54.90	251.36	574.51							
Missouri	18	723	...	9	2	...	1	...	12	18	735	2	56	2	...	2	58	16	677	60.12	153.80	352.44						
Montana and Idaho	10	173	10	173	10	173	8.64	75.55						
Nebraska	12	389	...	3	4	...	7	12	396	12	396	35.37	127.32	24.52						
New Hampshire	35	1158	...	9	2	...	11	35	1169	35	1150	102.69	211.23	1141.64	15.00						
New Jersey	33	1732	...	24	5	...	29	33	1761	33	1734	153.90	83.54	3733.79	1805.34	8						
New York	136	5715	1	92	2	...	4	1	98	137	5813	2	62	8	...	1	149	3	129	134	5684	503.28	324.79	3773.29	84.50	5	2					
Ohio	99	4617	...	114	2	...	7	...	123	99	4740	1	10	4	...	1	...	151	1	167	98	4573	401.31	396.99	1838.31					
Pennsylvania	210	13490	1	215	1	...	1	216	211	13706	1	10	18	137	210	13569	1201.86	96.69	67162.26	7824.70	112	9					
Rhode Island	16	519	...	6	6	16	525	16	508	45.18	85.76	191.98					
Vermont	38	1150	...	25	1	...	4	...	30	38	1180	38	1165	102.60	328.19	273.90				
Washington and Oregon.	10	360	...	24	...	1	10	1	34	11	394	11	394	33.30	220.55				
Wisconsin	42	1362	...	22	15	...	37	42	1399	42	1377	121.95	36.01	181.92				
Total	1124	51719	4	934	25	4	127	8	1086	1132	52805	6	138	73	36	22	1	717	7	986	1125	51819	\$4580.31	\$4614.73	\$101322.30	\$10657.68	137	15				

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Attorneys-at-Law
108 So. La Salle St., Chicago

August 28, 1918.

Capt. Francis Callahan, Commander Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,
10th and Buttonwood Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.

My Dear Commander:

I hand you herewith a letter I have just received as you may wish to take some notice of this.

I hope you are finding the work of your new office agreeable and that you will be able to make it as successful as your ambition would anticipate. With kind regards I am

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM T. CHURCH.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
Department of Commander-in-Chief,
Room 225, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

William T. Church, Esq., Past Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., 108 So. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Brother Church:

Your kind favor of August 28, 1918, with letter of Mr. Roger W. Babson, Chief of United States Department of Labor, Information and Education Service, Washington, D. C., received, which I will reply to.

The work of my new office is very agreeable, and I am as proud as a peacock, and my ambition is to increase the membership of our Order two fold during the coming year.

I appreciate and thank you for your kind words of encouragement. I also solicit your influence and support to help make my Administration a success.

With best wishes to you and yours, also my kind regards to Brother Shepard. I am yours

Fraternally,

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

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
Department of Commander-in-Chief,
Room 225, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

September 2, 1918.

Mr. Roger W. Babson, Chief of United States Department of Labor, Information and Education Service, Washington, D. C.

Dear Chief:

I am in communication of a letter dated August 15, 1918, addressed to William T. Church, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Chicago, Ill. Subject: Collection of information aimed to be of special value to returning soldiers.

The various Camps of the Sons of Veterans have arranged within themselves to care for their members who are in the service of the United States Government, to keep them in good standing with their local Camps, also in their Death Benefit Association, and to care for their wants, and look after their future welfare, assisted by their allied organization the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.

Very truly yours,

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

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Information and Education Service
Washington

September 5, 1918.

Mr. Francis Callahan, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans,
U. S. A., Room 225, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

We are pleased to have on our files information of such vital interest to soldiers and sailors as that contained in your letter of September 2. We hope to be kept in touch with your progress and shall be glad to co-operate with you in any way possible.

Very truly yours,

ROGER W. BABSON, Chief,
By ALICE L. KERCHER,
Returned Soldier Section.

WAR DEPARTMENT
Military Intelligence Division
Office of the Chief-of-Staff
Washington

September 24, 1918.

Sons of Veterans, 108 La Salle St., Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

It will be appreciated if you will communicate with this office, addressing your letter to the attention of Captain Buhler, giving the following information in regard to the work of your organization.

1. The particular nature of your patriotic work.
2. Do you publish pamphlets or literature in reference to same? If so, will you send with your reply duplicate copies of this literature?
3. Do you employ speakers in your propaganda work, and if so will you report the names of such speakers as are under your auspices, the particular field they cover, nationality, etc.?
4. Will you help this Division by giving access to your records should same be desired?
5. Kindly give names and addresses of your officers and

of the various branches of your organizations operating throughout the country.

Thanking you in advance for your reply, I am

Very truly yours,

M. CHURCHILL,
Brigadier General, General Staff,
Director of Military Intelligence.
By J. S. BUHLER,
Captain, U. S. A.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
Department of Commander-in-Chief,
Room 225, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

October 8, 1918.

William T. Church, Esq., Past Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., 108 So. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Church:

I have replied to letter of M. Churchill, Brigadier General, General Staff, War Department, Washington, D. C., dated September 24, 1918, received by you at 108 So. La Salle Street, Chicago, Ill.

Enclosed find copy of letter sent in answer to one received. I trust it meets with your views. Trusting you are well, I am working hard to make things move, with best wishes to you and Brother Shepard.

I am yours in the Fourth Liberty Loan,

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

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
Department of Commander-in-Chief,
Room 225, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

October 8, 1918.

Gen. M. Churchill, General Staff, Director of Military Intelligence, Office of Chief-of-Staff, War Department, Washington, D. C.

Attention Capt. J. S. Buhler:

Referring to your letter of September 24, 1918; 171; M. I. 4-27, addressed to former Commander-in-Chief William T. Church, 108 South La Salle St., Chicago, Ill., in re; information desired in questions numbered 1-5 inclusive, I have to advise:

No. 1. As to the particular nature of the work of the Sons of Veterans—enclosed find copy of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, preamble, etc., citing for your information all that our Order represents—along similar lines of the Grand Army of the Republic.

We have just completed the raising of a fund throughout our Order—from the members—of \$25,000 which amount we have turned over in August last, to the Surgeon General, U. S.

A. Medical Department, for the purchase of fourteen (14) Ambulances which we are advised are now in service in France.

We are also now raising a per capita contribution from each member of the Sons of Veterans which will be applied to the "NEEDS OF OUR GOVERNMENT."

No. 2. Our Order publishes and promulgates monthly to each member in the Order—in the respective Camps—local organizations in various States—an Official Organ or newspaper, "The Banner," published at Dwight, Illinois, Mr. A. S. Holbrook, Editor. This is made up of patriotic matter and news and items of interest pertaining to our Order and all Patriotic work.

In addition thereto Division Commanders of the various Divisions (States) issue regularly and mostly monthly Orders and circulars to their Camps and members therein in the respective States or Divisions bearing on Patriotism, and matters relating in connection therewith and applying as we can for all patriotic movements and upholding the Government in all matters.

No. 3. In our Camp meetings we have frequent gatherings or events relating to patriotic endeavor and effort and always such affairs have speakers of membership or outside representatives—not members of our Order—but patriotic speakers, members of the G. A. R. and our own Officers as well as members of the Order who are energetic and interested in promoting all possible for and in behalf of patriotism and our Government at all times.

Your attention is called to our list of Patriotic Instructors—National, and Division (State), roster enclosed, and in addition thereto every Camp in the Country has a Camp Patriotic Instructor, and these Officials are always advocating and urging patriotism and activity along those lines and in all movements and affairs in upholding the National Government.

Our Order is connected with the National Committee of Patriotic Societies and through that source have the benefit of patriotic endeavor and apply it constantly to our membership.

Our Patriotic Instructors in States (Divisions) are also affiliated with the National Patriotic Instructor's Association through which source also much of patriotic effort is promulgated and used.

No. 4. Giving access to our records—we answer "Yes" with pleasure.

No. 5. Names and addresses of Officers—enclosed on Roster. Division (State) Commanders and Secretaries can furnish you with the addresses and names of the local organizations—or Camps.

I have the honor to be

Yours truly,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
 Military Intelligence Division
 Office of the Chief-of-Staff
 Washington

Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,
 Room 225, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

October 21, 1918.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 5th,
 enclosing leaflets in reference to your organization.

Thanking you, I am,

Very truly yours,
 M. CHURCHILL,
 Brigadier General, General Staff,
 Director of Military Intelligence.
 By J. S. BUHLER,
 Captain, U. S. A.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES
 Executive Offices: Union Trust Building
 Washington, D. C.

September 24, 1918.

To the Represented Societies:

There are three matters to which the Executive Board desires to call the attention of the represented societies at the present time:

1. Liberty Loan Campaign—The Treasury Department has furnished us pasters similar to the one on this letterhead for distribution to the societies. We request that you use them on all your out-going mail during the Liberty Loan Campaign. We can supply you with any number.

It has also been suggested that all letters written during the campaign bear the words "Yours for the Fourth Liberty Loan."

Our societies can do a great work by urging all their members to become salesmen, particularly for bonds of the smaller denomination.

2. It has been suggested that the represented societies sign a Christmas greeting to be sent to our army overseas and to be read by every Company Commander to his men on Christmas Day. Kindly advise us if you wish to participate in this plan and also make any suggestions you may have in connection with it.

3. The Duryea War Relief has been added to the list of represented societies.

WILLIAM MATHER LEWIS,
 Executive Secretary.

Washington, D. C., September 26, 1918.

Captain Francis Callahan, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

I am herewith enclosing you a circular letter received by

me this morning. This letter should have been sent direct to you, as it is intended for the Commander-in-Chief.

With your permission, I would call your attention to the second matter mentioned—Christmas Greetings to the soldiers overseas, and suggest the desirability of the Organization joining in such greetings. This will give you a splendid opportunity to reach the members of this Order who are in the foreign service.

If you think the suggested matter is desirable, you should communicate with: National Committee of Patriotic Societies, William Mather Lewis, Executive Secretary, Union Trust Building, Washington, D. C.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely and Fraternaly yours,

F. T. F. JOHNSON.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
Department of Commander-in-Chief,
Room 225, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

October 8, 1918.

Mr. F. T. F. Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., McGill Building, Washington, D. C.

My Dear Johnson:

I am enclosing you a copy of letter I sent to McCrillis, National Patriotic Instructor, in reference to Greetings to our Armies OVER THERE on Christmas Day, requested by the National Committee of Patriotic Societies, Union Trust Building, Washington, D. C.

I know you will be pleased to receive it, and know what I am doing. Trusting you are well under the existing conditions.

I will mail you letter later on in reference to General Weeks letter on Pictorial Section.

I am yours in the Fourth Liberty Loan,

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

Washington, D. C., Sept. 27, 1918.

Captain Francis Callahan, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Philadelphia, Pa.

My Dear Commander:

I am herewith enclosing you a letter received from the Office of the Chief-of-Staff, War Department, for your consideration, and such action as you may deem advisable.

I would suggest, with your permission, that the matter mentioned in the enclosed letter be taken up with the National Secretary and National Treasurer.

As far as I know, the only photographs of war-work done by the Order during the past year, are those in the Ambulance Fund matter, which photographs are either in the possession of The Banner, or the National Secretary. It is possible that Divisions or Camps, have photographic records of war-work

done by them. This could, of course, be ascertained by inquiry. Inasmuch as the War Department has started a historical department of the character mentioned, and has invited the principal patriotic societies to contribute photographs of their various activities in war-work, I submit for your consideration the advisability of informing the various Divisions, and Camps, of the matter, with the end in view, if it should be decided to assist in the undertaking, that they may furnish photographic record of their various war-activities to the Commandery-in-Chief that they may be forwarded to the War Department and properly accredited to the Order.

Sincerely and Fraternaly yours,

F. T. F. JOHNSON.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
 Department of Commander-in-Chief,
 Room 225, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

September 28, 1918.

Mr. F. T. F. Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., McGill Building, Washington, D. C.

My Dear Johnson:

I am in receipt of letters from you, received from Pictorial Section, War Plans Division, General Staff, Army War College, Washington, D. C. Also National Committee of Patriotic Societies, which I have referred to the National Secretary and Treasurer.

Fraternaly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
 War College Division
 Office of Chief-of-Staff
 Washington

September 23, 1918.

The Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

c/o The National Committee of Patriotic Societies, Union Trust Building, Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

In the compilation of the photographic history and record of the war, it is the desire of the Historical Branch, War Plans Division of the General Staff, to obtain a comprehensive series of photographs illustrative of the war activities of the principal patriotic societies in this country including the Sons of Veterans.

To this end you are requested to furnish a small number of carefully selected photographs which in your judgment will best illustrate the war work upon which your organization is engaged. Unmounted prints are desired preferably ranging from 5x7 inches to 8x10 inches in size, and accompanied by brief explanatory captions.

In order that the Sons of Veterans may be adequately repre-

sented in the pictorial history of the war, your kind compliance with this request will be appreciated.

Colonel, General Staff, Chief, Historical Branch,
 C. W. WEEKS,
 Major, U. S. A., O. I. C., Pictorial Section,
 By K. BANNING.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
 Department of Commander-in-Chief,
 Room 225, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

October 2, 1918.
 Major K. Banning, U. S. A., O. I. C., Pictorial Section, War Department, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of September 23, 1918, in reference to photographs for the Sons of Veterans to be represented in the Pictorial History of the War has been received.

I would say that I have referred the same to the various Divisions of our Organization for such photographs as will best suit the occasion.

You will hear from me later on.

Very respectfully,

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

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
 Department of Commander-in-Chief,
 Room 225, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

October 10, 1918.
 Col. C. W. Weeks, General Staff, Chief, Historical Branch, W. P. D., Pictorial Section, War Plans Division, Army War College.
 Attention Major K. Banning, U. S. A.

Sir:

Referring to communication of 23rd ult. relative to photographic history of activities of the Sons of Veterans in relation to the present war, I have to advise that thus far our Order's activities have not assumed anything of the nature applying.

In August last our Order transmitted to the Surgeon General U. S. A. (Medical Department) the sum of \$25,000 which was contributed by the membership and which sum was applied to the purchase of fourteen (14) Ambulances, by the Medical Department and these Ambulances are now in France in service.

At present we are raising a per capita contribution from each and every member of the Sons of Veterans for the "NEEDS OF OUR GOVERNMENT" during the War and our activities will continue to the best of our facilities in upholding the Government.

Should any such activities as referring to pictorial features develop at any time we will be pleased to avail ourselves of your suggestion and kindness in the matter.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

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

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

(CONTINUED)

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Perry: You have heard the report of the Commander-in-Chief, and if no objections it is referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

National Secretary: I have the reports of all other National Officers, which I will read in title, and I move that they be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Barre, Vermont, Aug. 10, 1919.

To Francis Callahan,

Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A.

Dear Commander:

One year ago, when elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I accepted the office fully appreciating the honor conferred, not only upon myself, but upon the Vermont Division, which I had the honor to represent.

There being no special duties assigned me I have endeavored to do all that was possible for the best interest of the Order in my own Division and I feel that in a measure I am well repaid for the time spent. Although there have been many things to contend with, the Division shows a very substantial gain the past year.

In closing this my brief report I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Officers of the Commandery-in-Chief and also the Officers of the various Divisions, for the many courtesies extended to me during the past year and assure them that they have been fully appreciated.

Fraternally yours,

E. E. PERRY,
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Southington, Conn., Aug. 12, 1919.

Francis Callahan,

Commander-in-Chief,

Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Dear Commander:

In accordance with custom your Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief submits a report for the past year. No special duties

are assigned to the office I have held and any work done has been in the general interest of the Order.

It has been my privilege to represent the Commandery-in-Chief on various occasions at gatherings in my own Division; I also had the honor of attending the great reception given to our Commander-in-Chief at Philadelphia, the reception given to the President of our Auxiliary and the annual Lincoln Day banquet given by the Pennsylvania Division. I attended the Encampment of my own State of Connecticut and also those of Vermont, Maine, New York and New Jersey, having the honor of installing the newly elected officers of the Vermont Division.

There is something radically wrong in a method of selecting dates for the various State Encampments that allows those of Maine, Illinois and Pennsylvania to be called on the same days of the same month. It is the desire of every Division and it is for the best interests of the Order that its highest officer, the Commander-in-Chief, should be present at its annual encampment. This is obviously impossible under our present system, or lack of system, and I trust some means may be found to improve matters in that respect.

At the National Encampment held at Niagara Falls last year a committee was appointed to consider the State of the Order and this committee will report to the coming Encampment. It would, therefore, be out of place for me to comment on some matters that I could otherwise refer to, but I may be permitted to speak of a few things in a general way. Our Order, in its system and methods, was copied from, and has largely followed the Grand Army of the Republic. This was proper and as it should be, but is it not time we recognized the fact that there is a fundamental difference in the plan of the two organizations and that this calls for a difference in methods.

The Grand Army of the Republic, by the very nature of its membership, must before many years, cease its activities. Our Order, made up of the descendants of the men of the G. A. R., is intended to be permanent, going on from generation to generation. In our planning, then, we should look to the future as well as to the present and build on a strong foundation, sure of and believing in its successful destiny. Is it not time that we recognized that we are not simply an adjunct of something else, but an Order, more than fifty thousand strong, having an individuality, a purpose and a work of our own. At a National Encampment some years ago, Past Commander-in-Chief Sauter remarked that he hoped sometime the Order of Sons of Veterans would get out of kindergarten into first reader. We have grown some since then and can we not hope that at our next National Encampment we may get out of knickerbockers into our first long trousers.

As an Order we need today an appreciation of the many lines of patriotic work open to us, some of them of especial interest to Sons of Veterans. May I mention one of these many lines of possible action.

We are proud of what the loyal men of the North accomplished in the war for the preservation of the Union, from 1861-1865, but they never could have brought that war to a successful conclusion without the faithful, wholehearted and constant support of the loyal women of the North. There are

scattered all through our land memorials of many kinds calling attention to the deeds of our fathers in the Civil War, but where will you find any in honor of the patriotic, self-sacrificing women of 1861-1865. Is not here a work specially appealing to Sons of Veterans and that should interest every member of the Order? I would make this recommendation: That the coming Encampment authorize the appointment by the incoming Commander-in-Chief of a committee, who shall report to the following National Encampment, this committee to consider the advisability of the Order of Sons of Veterans securing some permanent memorial that shall adequately express to the people of this nation through coming generations, our appreciation of the unselfish devotion and patriotism displayed by the loyal women of 1861-1865.

Finally, I would impress upon you this thought: The world is today stirred as it never has been before. The people are seeking new and better conditions. Amid the ferment of new ideas to hold our beloved country true to the traditions of our fathers, it will require the co-operation and devotion of every sane and patriotic man. Let us strive to bring home this need to every brother of the Order and impress upon him that true patriotism cannot be confined to the doings of one day in the year, but must be woven into the work of each day and hour; that it cannot be confined within the walls of the Camp room, but must go out to the home, the shop, the farm and every activity of life. Only as our members realize this can our Order do its share in holding our country true to the ideal of the past, liberty for man, liberty through law and laws for liberty.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. BISSELL,
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY.

Reading, Pa., Aug. 20, 1919.

To Francis Callahan, Esq.,
Commander-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.

Dear Commander:

I have the honor to present the report of this Department for the term 1918-19, as follows:

The membership report greatly desired and with every possible effort put forth to have it better, is not unexpected. It is about as predicted a year ago. The World War, general conditions incident thereto, and a violent epidemic of illness and death raging for months from Coast to Coast, were unquestionably responsible for no better results. For months during the epidemic Camps in all sections of the Country were unable to have meetings or hold sessions. Naturally as a consequence the work of the Order was materially interfered with. But for the constant application and attention there would undoubtedly have been demoralization. With all that possibly can be done for success—to be disappointed and the achievements anticipated not accomplished—is disheartening. The record is the consciousness that nothing was left undone to produce all that

could be attained for the Order. It might be worse. That the Order survived and can produce the results shown, is a matter of congratulation and satisfaction, in a sense. It demonstrates that the Order is well founded, safe and on a solid basis, for almost any kind of experience that can confront it. It is hoped that now the apparent apathy and lack of interest is at an end and that a revival of interest and activity in every section will develop.

FINANCIAL.

The receipts and expenditures were below the budget estimates. Economy is required during the coming term. Receipts and disbursements for the year were:

DR.	RECEIPTS.	CR.	EXPENDITURES.
Aug. 20, 1918, to balance	\$ 141.38	By General Expenses ...	\$14693.53
Received for:		Office Expenses..	885.85
P. C. Tax....	\$17159.83	Com.-in-Chief's Expenses..	1139.93
Charter Fees	27.50		
Supplies	2563.60	Total expenditures	\$16719.31
Junior Order, Supplies .. -	9.10		
Total receipts	\$19760.03	Balance, Aug. 20, 1919	3182.10
	<u>\$19901.41</u>		<u>\$19901.41</u>

ITEMIZED RECEIPTS FROM DIVISIONS.

Division:	P. C. Tax	Charter Fees	Supplies	Total
Ala. and Tenn....	\$ 51.93	\$	\$ 15.47	\$ 67.40
Cal. and Pac.....	162.59	5.00	75.95	243.54
Col. and Wyo.....	47.73		6.92	54.65
Connecticut	789.29		65.43	854.72
Illinois	830.40		139.65	970.05
Indiana	301.86		46.96	348.82
Iowa	302.32	2.50	86.97	391.79
Kansas	370.40		44.36	414.76
Kentucky	35.46		3.68	39.14
Maine	727.71		201.70	929.41
Maryland	161.39		34.33	195.72
Massachusetts	2469.19		299.66	2768.85
Michigan	277.77		58.33	336.10
Minnesota	212.38		44.60	256.98
Missouri	223.44	2.50	14.22	240.16
Mont. and Idaho..	66.42		27.32	93.74
Nebraska	134.36		102.57	236.93
New Hampshire ..	385.10		58.13	443.23
New Jersey	580.36		74.68	655.04
New York	1912.23	7.50	330.67	2250.40
Ohio	1543.30		231.36	1774.66
Pennsylvania	4446.37	7.50	296.38	4750.25
Rhode Island	170.27		22.62	192.89
Vermont	378.78		88.70	467.48
Wash. and Ore...	121.75	2.50	115.51	239.76

Wisconsin	457.03			
Miscellaneous			51.96	508.99
			25.47	25.47
Total	\$17159.83	\$27.50	\$2563.60	\$19750.93
Junior Order				9.10
Total receipts				\$19760.03

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

GENERAL EXPENSES.				
For stock and supplies.....			\$	850.31
The Banner, subscription, September, 1918- August, 1919, inc.....				9020.22
Encampment				471.77
Printing				175.75
Reserve (Military Department)				415.68
Shipping supplies				114.50
Salaries and compensation				3300.00
Bonds				35.00
Miscellaneous (Encampment Appropriation (Past) Commander-in-Chief testimonial and items not under caption				310.00
Junior Order .....				.30
				\$14693.53
OFFICE EXPENSES.				
For wrapping paper and twine.....			\$	13.63
Postage				191.53
Express .....				.34
Telegrams				23.85
Stationery (including National Officers).....				205.50
Rent				450.00
Miscellaneous				1.00
				\$ 885.85
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.				
For postage			\$	90.89
Telegrams				3.49
Travelling				818.89
Stenographer				225.00
Express				1.66
				\$ 1139.93
Total				\$16719.31

STOCK AND SUPPLIES.

While more requisitions were filled this year than last term, the amount of money received was not as large, due no doubt to the quantity of supplies not being required, as a result of the prohibition of meetings of Camps during the fall months of 1918, when an epidemic of illness swept the Country.

Prices of stock and supplies are unsettled. It is difficult to purchase satisfactorily owing to the business conditions and producing markets.

Comparatively little was expended for replenishing the stock on hand and to meet the demands. In the coming term considerable in contrast will have to be expended for supplies. While not anticipated it may be necessary to increase the price of some forms, especially books, forms requiring ruling and binding. Such a course was authorized by the Thirty-sixth (36th) Encampment (1917). It will be a last resort and only if absolutely necessary.

Cost of supplies on hand July 31, 1918.....	\$2727.69
Cost of supplies purchased during term 1918-1919.....	850.31
Cost of supplies to account for.....	
Cost of supplies on hand August 20, 1919.....	\$3578.00
	<u>\$2349.46</u>
Cost of supplies sold during term 1918-1919.....	\$1228.54
Amount received for supplies, 1918-1919.....	\$2563.60
To cost of supplies sold.....	\$1228.54
To cost of supplies furnished National Officers, (blank forms) etc.	12.20
Cost of wrapping paper and twine.....	13.63
Cost of shipping supplies to Divisions.....	114.50
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Total cost of supplies sold.....	\$1367.87
Profit	\$1194.73

MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS—GAINS AND LOSSES.

In Good Standing:

Division:	June 30, 1918		June 30, 1919		Gain		Loss	
	Camps	Mem.	Camps	Mem.	Cps.	Mb.	Cps.	Mb.
Ala. and Tenn..	11	176	10	150			1	26
Cal. and Pac....	13	473	16	504	3	31		
Col. and Wyo...	7	197	4	133			3	64
Connecticut	41	2445	41	2397				48
Illinois ...	62	2661	56	2548			6	113
Indiana ...	23	942	22	920			1	22
Iowa ...	18	792	19	863	1	71		
Kansas ...	37	1241	33	1085			4	156
Kentucky ...	6	114	6	106				8
Maine	50	2356	49	2307			1	49
Maryland ..	16	529	14	485			2	44
Massachusetts ..	160	7694	159	7471			1	223
Michigan ..	22	907	22	831				76
Minnesota ..	20	641	19	619			1	22
Missouri ...	19	670	16	677		7	3	
Mont. and Idaho	10	173	10	173				
Nebraska ..	10	270	12	396	2	126		
New Hampshire.	36	1210	35	1150			1	60
New Jersey	36	1871	33	1734			3	137
New York	139	6124	134	5684			5	440
Ohio ...	98	4957	98	4573				384
Pennsylvania ...	215	14345	210	13569			5	776

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								135
Rhode Island ..	16	526	16	508				
Vermont	38	1145	38	1165				18
Wash. and Ore..	10	303	11	394		1	20	
Wisconsin	50	1536	42	1377			91	
Total	1163	54298	1125	51819				8 159

RECAPITULATION—GAINS AND LOSSES.

Number in good standing June 30, 1918.....	1163		Camps Members	54298
Gain—			Camps Members	
By Organization and Initiation...	13	3468		
Transfer		153		
Reinstatement	9	520		
Total gain			22	4141
Aggregate			1185	58439
Loss—				
By Disbanded	33	645		
Death		602		
Honorable Discharge		190		
Transfer		97		
Dropped	27	5086		
Total loss			60	6620
In good standing June 30, 1919.....	1125			51819

Cash in Division Treasuries	\$ 4614.73
Cash in Camp Treasuries	\$101322.30
Expended for Relief—by Camps.....	\$ 56167.81
No. Members or their families relieved.....	736
No. Veterans or their families relieved.....	92

QUARTERLY RETURNS.

Number in good standing—		Camps Members
June 30, 1918	1163	54298
September 30, 1918	1150	53978
December 31, 1918	1135	51871
March 31, 1919	1124	51719
June 30, 1919	1125	51819

NEW CAMPS.

Notwithstanding the unusual efforts put forth to organize new Camps, an extremely small number were instituted. Never before were so few new Camps organized. Division Commanders were unable to accomplish any results in this direction giving as the cause conditions incident to the War and unsettled state of affairs generally.

New Camps were organized in the following seven Divisions:

Division:	Applications Approved.	No. Applicants.	Camps Instituted.	No. Charter Members.
California and Pacific..	2	40	2	33
Iowa	1	71	1	45
Missouri	1	70	1	69
Nebraska	*	*	2	89
New York	3	77	3	89
Pennsylvania	3	128	2	87
Washington and Oregon	1	21	1	15
Total	11	407	12	427

**Applications were approved in preceding term.

GAINS AND LOSSES 1908-1919.

From 1908-1919—the last twelve (12) years inclusive, gains and losses were made in the various Divisions as follows:

Division:	No. of Times:	
	Gains	Losses
Alabama and Tennessee	4	6
California and Pacific	4	7
Colorado and Wyoming	5	7
Connecticut	9	3
Illinois	7	5
Indiana	3	9
Iowa	7	5
Kansas	6	6
Kentucky	4	8
Maine	7	5
Maryland	7	5
Massachusetts	10	2
Michigan	8	4
Minnesota	5	7
Missouri	7	5
Montana and Idaho	2	1
Nebraska	7	5
New Hampshire	5	7
New Jersey	7	5
New York	7	5
Ohio	9	3
Pennsylvania	9	3
Rhode Island	8	4
Vermont	10	2
Washington and Oregon	6	6
Wisconsin	8	4

ALABAMA AND TENNESSEE.

	Gain:		Loss:	
	Camps.	Members.	Camps.	Mem.
June, 1907	9	240		
1908	9	154		86
1909	9	154		
1910	9	154		
1911	10	175	1	21
1912	9	171		1

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	Camps.	Members.	Gain:		Loss:	
			Camps.	Mem.	Camps.	Mem.
1913	9	201		31		
1914	10	222	1	21		
1915	11	204	1			
1916	11	212		8		18
1917	11	200				
1918	11	176				12
1919	10	150				24
					1	26

CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC.

June, 1907	15	555				
1908	10	411			5	144
1909	13	423	3	11		
1910	19	578	6	155		
1911	17	491			2	87
Ore. 1912	36	1111	19	620		
Att. 1913	35	1072			1	39
1914	18	622			17	450
1915	19	653	1	31		
1916	17	546			2	107
1917	15	514			2	32
1918	13	473			2	41
1919	16	504	3	31		

COLORADO AND WYOMING.

June, 1907	4	110				
1908	5	204	1	94		
1909	5	169				35
1910	6	150	1			19
1911	8	198	2	48		
1912	8	211		13		
1913	5	104			3	107
1914	4	86			1	18
1915	7	204	3	118		
1916	7	191				13
1917	7	199		8		
1918	7	197				2
1919	4	133			3	64

CONNECTICUT.

June, 1907	19	508				
1908	19	619		111		
1909	23	838	4	219		
1910	40	1606	17	768		
1911	39	1673		67	1	
1912	35	1621			4	52
1913	36	1710	1	81		
1914	36	1823		113		
1915	39	2146	3	323		
1916	40	2282	1	136		
1917	41	2529	1	247		
1918	41	2445				84
1919	41	2397				48

ILLINOIS.

June, 1907	41	1301				
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	Camps.	Members.	Gain:		Loss:	
			Camps.	Mem.	Camps.	Mem.
1908	43	1413	2	112		
1909	43	1304				
1910	43	1339		35		
1911	53	1700	10	361		109
1912	52	1517				
1913	38	1350			1	183
1914	52	1900	14	550	14	167
1915	63	2412	11	512		
1916	66	2417	3	5		
1917	71	3001	5	584		
1918	62	2661				
1919	56	2548			9	340
					6	113

INDIANA.

June, 1907	28	881				
1908	26	887	2			
1909	29	839	3			4
1910	21	688				48
1911	34	1052	13	364	8	151
1912	31	1083		31		
1913	32	1067	1		3	
1914	28	1061				16
1915	27	1022			4	6
1916	24	979			1	39
1917	29	1119	5	140	3	43
1918	23	942				
1919	22	920			6	127
					1	22

IOWA.

June, 1907	13	359				
1908	20	545	7	186		
1909	30	899	10	344		
1910	21	688			9	211
1911	19	677			2	11
1912	19	516				161
1913	17	456			2	60
1914	17	502		46		
1915	22	574	5	72		
1916	22	638		64		
1917	21	635			1	3
1918	18	792	3	157		
1919	19	863	1	71		

KANSAS.

June, 1907	20	509				
1908	28	746	8	237		
1909	22	711			6	35
1910	27	696	5			15
1911	26	716		20	1	
1912	27	741	1	25		
1913	26	740			1	1
1914	39	1084	13	344		
1915	42	1296	3	212		
1916	38	1295			4	1

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	Camps.	Members.	Gain:		Loss:	
			Camps.	Mem.	Camps.	Mem.
1917	49	1619	11	324		
1918	37	1241			12	378
1919	33	1085			4	156

KENTUCKY.

June,	Year	Camps.	Members.	Gain:	Loss:
Year				Camps.	Mem.
1907	8	143			
1908	8	148			
1909	8	205		5	
1910	8	142		57	
1911	9	182	1	40	63
1912	9	176			
1913	5	74			6
1914	8	161	3	87	102
1915	7	154			
1916	7	132			1
1917	7	131			
1918	6	114			
1919	6	106			1

MAINE.

June,	Year	Camps.	Members.	Gain:	Loss:
Year				Camps.	Mem.
1907	31	1063			
1908	36	1430	5	367	
1909	32	1233			4
1910	39	1481	7	248	197
1911	36	1404			3
1912	41	1705	5	301	71
1913	37	1541			4
1914	41	1666	4	125	164
1915	47	2072	6	406	
1916	45	2168		96	2
1917	51	2431	6	263	
1918	50	2356			1
1919	49	2307			1

MARYLAND.

June,	Year	Camps.	Members.	Gain:	Loss:
Year				Camps.	Mem.
1907	8	271			
1908	8	148			123
1909	13	500	5	352	
1910	12	437			1
1911	13	490	1	53	63
1912	13	527		37	
1913	13	498			29
1914	14	552	1	54	
1915	15	617	1	67	
1916	17	675	2	58	
1917	21	688	4	13	
1918	16	529			5
1919	14	485			2

MASSACHUSETTS.

June,	Year	Camps.	Members.	Gain:
Year				Camps.
1907	127	4896		
1908	132	5062	5	166
1909	133	5100	1	38

	Camps.	Members.	Gain:		Loss:	
			Camps.	Mem.	Camps.	Mem.
1910	134	5306	1	206		
1911	134	5780		474		
1912	137	5954	3	174		
1913	141	6217	4	263		
1914	152	6713	11	496		
1915	153	6973	1	260		
1916	155	7405	2	432		
1917	161	7805	6	400		
1918	160	7694				
1919	159	7471			1	211
					1	223
MICHIGAN.						
June, 1907	8	153				
1908	12	167	4	14		
1909	8	155			4	12
1910	6	116			2	39
1911	6	117		1		
1912	8	168	2	51		
1913	12	298	4	130		
1914	20	630	8	332		
1915	27	1102	7	472		
1916	32	1236	5	134		
1917	34	1265	2	29		
1918	22	907			12	358
1919	22	831				76
MINNESOTA.						
June, 1907	10	407				
1908	24	706	14	299		
1909	22	530			2	167
1910	8	349			14	181
1911	9	201	1			148
1912	9	345		144		
1913	14	512	5	167		
1914	16	607	2	95		
1915	15	555			1	52
1916	13	461			2	94
1917	21	693	8	232		
1918	20	641			1	52
1919	19	619			1	22
MISSOURI.						
June, 1907	17	623				
1908	20	680	3	57		
1909	12	480			8	200
1910	11	469			1	11
1911	12	544	1	75		
1912	20	775	8	231		
1913	26	994	6	219		
1914	22	839			4	155
1915	24	848	2	9		
1916	19	746			5	102
1917	21	788	2	42		

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	Camps.	Members.	Gain:		Loss:	
			Camps.	Mem.	Camps.	Mem.
1913	19	670			2	118
1919	16	677		7	3	

MONTANA AND IDAHO.

Sept. 1915	8	115				
1916	9	143	1	28		
1917	9	143				
1918	10	173	1	30		
1919	10	173				

NEBRASKA.

June, 1907	6	66				
1908	6	65				
1909	8	107	2	42		1
1910	9	166	1	59		
1911	8	139			1	27
1912	9	188	1	49		
1913	6	82			3	106
1914	5	89		7	1	
1915	10	315	1	226		
1916	9	263			1	52
1917	12	288	3	25		
1918	10	270			2	18
1919	12	396	2	126		

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

June, 1907	31	994				
1908	35	1130	4	136		
1909	35	1197		67		
1910	34	1195			1	2
1911	37	1314	3	119		
1912	35	1218			2	96
1913	36	1267	1	49		
1914	36	1215				52
1915	36	1214				1
1916	33	1177			3	34
1917	37	1267	4	90		
1918	36	1210			1	57
1919	35	1150			1	60

NEW JERSEY.

June, 1907	24	1155				
1908	31	1399	7	244		
1909	31	1495		96		
1910	33	1707	2	212		
1911	33	1810		103		
1912	31	1772			2	38
1913	30	1749			1	23
1914	30	1708				41
1915	38	1887	8	179		
1916	40	1917	2	30		
1917	40	1972		55		
1918	36	1871			4	101
1919	33	1734			3	137

Gain:
Camps. Mem.

Loss:
Camps. Mem.

NEW YORK.

Year	Camps.	Members.	Camps.	Mem.	Camps.	Mem.
June, 1907	83	3450				
1908	93	3891	10	441		
1909	100	3991	1	100		
1910	124	4658	24	667		
1911	147	5400	23	742		
1912	153	5862	6	462		
1913	183	6624	30	762		
1914	177	7162		538		
1915	182	7069	5		6	
1916	167	6840				93
1917	154	6621			15	229
1918	139	6124			13	219
1919	134	5684			15	497
					5	440

OHIO.

Year	Camps.	Members.	Camps.	Mem.	Camps.	Mem.
June, 1907	62	2071				
1908	81	2920	19	849		
1909	77	3018		98		
1910	69	2803			8	215
1911	70	3176	1	373		
1912	81	3516	11	340		
1913	89	3578	8	62		
1914	101	3944	12	366		
1915	113	4806	12	862		
1916	117	5280	4	474		
1917	111	5366		86	6	
1918	98	4957			13	409
1919	98	4573				384

PENNSYLVANIA.

Year	Camps.	Members.	Camps.	Mem.	Camps.	Mem.
June, 1907	158	10233				
1908	172	11001	14	768		
1909	144	10144			28	857
1910	169	10887	25	743		
1911	186	12206	17	1319		
1912	192	12373	6	167		
1913	201	12949	9	576		
1914	210	14047	9	1098		
1915	210	14197		150		
1916	215	14648	5	451		
1917	227	14846	12	198		
1918	215	14345			12	501
1919	210	13569			5	776

RHODE ISLAND.

Year	Camps.	Members.	Camps.	Mem.	Camps.	Mem.
June, 1907	11	322				
1908	11	375		53		
1909	14	467	3	92		
1910	14	502		35		
1911	13	452			1	50
1912	14	471	1	19		
1913	13	380			1	91

	Camps.	Members.	Gain:		Loss:	
			Camps.	Mem.	Camps.	Mem.
1914	14	414	1	34		
1915	15	438	1	24		
1916	16	569	1	131		
1917	16	570		1		
1918	16	526				44
1919	16	508				18

VERMONT.

June, 1907	21	582				
1908	22	621	1	39		
1909	23	653	1	32		
1910	20	594			3	59
1911	23	707	3	113		
1912	24	780	1	73		
1913	23	761			1	19
1914	24	762	1	1		
1915	25	785	1	23		
1916	29	857	4	72		
1917	34	1037	5	180		
1918	38	1145	4	108		
1919	38	1165		20		

WASHINGTON AND OREGON.

June, 1907	4	146				
1908	4	129				17
1909	4	118				11
1910	1	57			3	61
1911	1	50				7
1912	6	212	5	162		
1913	4	68			2	174
1914	6	121	2	53		
1915	8	209	2	88		
1916	10	305	2	96		
1917	10	280				25
1918	10	303		23		
1919	11	394	1	91		

WISCONSIN.

June, 1907	18	522				
1908	14	437			4	85
1909	15	409	1			28
1910	20	586	5	177		
1911	19	616	1	30		
1912	27	1030	8	414		
1913	39	1368	12	338		
1914	51	1581	12	213		
1915	56	1589	5	8		
1916	59	1701	3	112		
1917	64	1821	5	120		
1918	50	1536			14	285
1919	42	1377			8	159

CONDITION OF ORDER.

Our severe losses were sustained in the September and December, 1918, quarters, during the distressing epidemic and when War events had every attention. In the September quarter the loss was 13 Camps and 320 members; December quarter 15 Camps and 2,107 members; March, 1919, quarter, 11 Camps and 152 members.

The last quarter of the term—June, 1919, resulted in a gain of one (1) Camp and 100 members.

If the same spirit of interest existed that formerly prevailed, years when reports showed over 150 new Camps organized and between 11,000 and 12,000 new members recruited, in- standing the period so seriously interrupting Camps in operations and other conditions encountered detrimental, in this Administration, the results would have equalled if not exceeded such previous records.

If the condition of the Order is to improve, more interest must manifest itself in the various Divisions, both as to exist- ing Camps and the institution of new ones.

PER CAPITA TAX.

It is essential that our revenues are not disturbed the com- ing year. Necessities indicate that no change can warrant a less income. Conditions do not permit the risk of reducing the per capita tax, greatly as it is desired. It is realized that the per capita tax is severe on the Divisions which have fixed li- abilities. However, all Divisions have planned and are now adapted to the present tax rate, due to War conditions and state of the Order. Appreciating the necessity for the increase a year ago Divisions and Camps patriotically and cheerfully acquiesced therein.

The present rate is not higher than it was several years ago (and for many years) when there was no war readjustment or reaction such as now exists in all channels. We must be pre- pared to meet any and all exigencies. Therefor it is

RECOMMENDED: That the per capita tax for the term 1919-1920 be thirty-six (36) cents per annum, pay- able quarterly, as provided by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations and Report blanks.

HEADQUARTERS OFFICE.

This is routine dealing with reports, correspondence, requi- sitions, shipment of supplies, records, details clerical and finan- cial, to which constant personal application is devoted daily.

A few Divisions were dilatory in forwarding reports and per capita tax. Apparently no attention was paid to communica- tions on the subject. Four Divisions were suspended during the term for failure to comply with the law in this respect.

Responses should and are expected to be prompt and atten- tion to the requirements of the law must be complied with if the Order's business is to be properly and systematically con- ducted, by which a proper accounting can be given.

JUNIOR ORDER CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1918.

Division	In Good Standing Dec. 31, 1917.		Total Gain.		Aggregate.		Loss.		In Good Standing Dec. 31, 1918.		Balance, Dec. 31, 1917.		Received in 1918.		Expended in 1918.		Balance, Dec. 31, 1918.	
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members								
Maine	3	91	1	16	2	91	1	16	3	91								
Massachusetts	4	105	1	20	4	114	1	20	4	101	\$ 29.92	\$ 30.76	\$ 20.20	\$ 31.48				
New Jersey	1	20	1	20	1	20	1	20	1	20	40.00	32.75	48.65	24.10				
Pennsylvania	8	316	2	28	9	337	1	11	9	337	405.28	31.19	405.28					
Vermont	1	11	1	11	1	11	1	11	1	10	24	31.19	28.32	2.61				
Wisconsin	1	16	1	16	1	16	1	16	1	16	13.65	6.00	6.00	7.65				
Total	18	559	1	30	19	589	1	14	19	575	\$ 489.09	\$ 94.70	\$ 112.77	\$ 471.02				

JUNIOR ORDER.

Slight advancement has been made in this branch. Divisions generally give little attention to it. Information relative to organization of Camps was promulgated. Several Divisions have such action under consideration. The Junior Order should be regarded and encouraged as a valuable adjunct. It should and should be made a great recruiting field for Camps of our Order. It is a source from which eligibles to our Camps can be obtained and should be utilized in every possible manner for that purpose. Camps of the Junior Order are self-sustaining, of no expense to Camps. The Junior Order should be organized and recognized as intended.

Returns for the term ending December 31, 1918, were:

Cost of supplies on hand July 31, 1918.....	\$308.76
Cost of supplies on hand August 20, 1919.....	303.59
Cost of supplies sold during term 1918-1919.....	\$ 5.17
Amount received for supplies	\$ 9.10
Cost of supplies sold	\$5.17
Cost of shipping supplies .....	.30
Total cost of supplies sold.....	\$ 5.47
Profit	\$ 3.63

WORLD WAR AMBULANCE FUND.

After the purchase of Ambulances for our Army in France, etc., in the World War, in 1918, account of which was rendered to the Thirty-seventh (37th) Encampment, 1918, Niagara Falls, there remained in the War Ambulance Fund as of date August 1, 1918, a balance of.....\$1426.64

Receipts since last Encampment to close of Fund by General Orders No. 1, January 1, 1919, were:

From Divisions of:

California and Pacific	\$ 86.75
Illinois	16.50
Massachusetts	31.75
Michigan	306.77
New York	18.50
Pennsylvania	139.80
Total	\$ 600.07
	\$2026.71
Interest on fund	\$ 159.08
August 20, 1919, balance in fund.....	\$2185.79

Contributions received prior to the 1918—Thirty-seventh Encampment, were reported and Divisions credited in reports to that Encampment. To show in detail and for the record, returns from Divisions complete in 1918 and 1919, in contributions to the War Ambulance Fund were:

Division:	Amount Contributed
Alabama and Tennessee	\$ 11.50
California and Pacific	86.75
Colorado and Wyoming (no contribution)	
Connecticut	2105.00
Illinois	2795.60
Indiana	280.25
Iowa	170.15
Kansas	421.00
Kentucky (no contribution)	
Maine	
Maryland	339.00
Massachusetts	334.00
Michigan	4306.26
Minnesota	306.77
Missouri	246.35
Montana and Idaho (no contribution)	156.10
Nebraska (no contribution)	
New Hampshire	
New Jersey	500.00
New York	498.25
Ohio	2232.90
Ohio	1624.80
Pennsylvania	3117.55
Rhode Island	59.20
Vermont	786.23
Washington and Oregon	75.00
Wisconsin	374.05
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	\$20826.71
From Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, U. S. A.....	6200.00
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Total	\$27026.71

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Our relations with the officials of the Grand Army of the Republic are most cordial. This relates to the respective Departments also. Commander-in-Chief Clarendon E. Adams and Adjutant-General Albert M. Trimble have shown us every courtesy and gone at length to oblige us in many ways. They have responded graciously on every occasion and at every opportunity have shown their regard. They are warm and influential friends of our Order and have been at our service whenever called upon. Our office routine has been in harmony and the courtesies exchanged most pleasantly to the benefit and recognition of our Order. The Sons of Veterans are under obligations to Commander-in-Chief Adams and Adjutant-General Trimble.

SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY, U. S. A.

The Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, U. S. A., is a great benefit and assistance to Camps and the Order. The spirit and principles of this excellent society of patriotic ladies are constantly exemplified by deeds and service. The National organization is ably and very successfully conducted. In all its work our Order has been extolled, credited and given the honor and benefit. The Auxiliary has achieved a great record in patriotic World War

work, relief, and expended a large sum in providing flags for schools and otherwise demonstrating its usefulness under able leadership.

In appreciation Camps should organize an Auxiliary where none exists. They would have most beneficial results thereby. Camps and members should give the Auxiliary their support, influence and assistance.

THE BANNER.

Camp Secretaries failing to report changes in mailing lists of members receiving the Official Organ—"The Banner"—new and dropped members—it was ordered in January, 1918, by Commander-in-Chief Johnson, that all Camps forward revised or new mailing lists of their members so that only those in good standing should receive The Banner. This was adhered to in this Administration. In the original order it was directed that no paper be sent to any Camp or member thereof, from which no new or revised list was not furnished. Approximately 180 Camps have not complied. The members of these Camps are not receiving "The Banner."

Every effort has been made to secure lists of members of these Camps. The Banner office at expense has assisted in this. Nearly 46,000 members receive the paper, which is an increase of over 14,000 over last year.

Division Officers should take every means to secure the lists from every Camp so that all members of the Order will receive The Banner monthly. "The Banner" is a benefit and through it every member is advised and thoroughly informed of the operations and transactions of the Order.

CONCLUSION.

Unexpected experiences at times regarded as insurmountable confronted us. In these trying periods you always had faith that the Order could and would meet and overcome the obstacles. No Administration had greater difficulties to contend with. You were always confident and hopeful. By your untiring application renewed interest was created and the discouraged induced to again put forth efforts. Faithful to your duties your services were invaluable. In appreciation thereof you have the esteem and Good Will of all.

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

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Of the National Secretary to the Thirty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Columbus, Ohio, September 11, 1919:

DR.	RECEIPTS.	CR.	EXPENDITURES.
August 20, 1919, to bal- ance	\$3182.10	By General Ex- penses	\$1216.41
Received for in- terest from Na- tional Treasurer on deposit of funds	\$40.42	Office Expenses	23.41
Hotel Virginia, Columbus En- campment Com- mittee, Conces- sion	60.00	Com.-in-Chief's Expenses ...	44.04
		Total expenditures ...	\$1283.86
		By balance Septembér 11, 1919	\$1998.66
			<u>\$3282.52</u>
Total receipts	\$ 100.42 .		
	<u>\$3282.52</u>		

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.	
For Encampment	\$1185.27
Reserve (Military Department)	20.35
Officers other than Commander-in-Chief, Chief- of-Staff, National Secretary and Treasurer	<u>10.79</u>
	\$1216.41
OFFICE EXPENSES.	
For postage, telegrams, stationery.....	\$ 23.41
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.	
For postage, telegrams, stenographer, express.	<u>\$ 44.04</u>
Total expenditures	<u>\$1283.86</u>

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,
H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

REPORT OF NATIONAL TREASURER.

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

Reading, Pa., Aug. 20, 1919.

Honorable Francis Callahan,
Commander-in-Chief.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit this as the report of the financial transactions of the Commandery-in-Chief for the current year.

Next appended is a statement of the cash balance merged from the preceding administration with the cash received during the present year through the National Secretary, with which this department is debited:

1918—

August 20, balance	\$ 141.38
September 25, receipts	177.55
September 30, receipts	1.21
October 31, receipts	194.61
November 20, receipts	692.56
November 21, receipts	791.92
November 22, receipts	886.57
November 23, receipts	721.44
November 25, receipts	206.69
November 30, receipts	52.42
December 14, receipts	117.33
December 19, receipts	112.52
December 31, receipts	95.66

1919—

January, 31, receipts	263.30
February 13, receipts	493.80
February 19, receipts	722.47
February 20, receipts	863.62
February 21, receipts	635.31
February 28, receipts	2,192.84
March 19, receipts	188.88
March 31, receipts	91.68
April 11, receipts	104.28
April 15, receipts	154.31
April 22, receipts	316.09
April 28, receipts	126.19
April 30, receipts	22.15
May 2, receipts	198.31
May 12, receipts	1,379.83
May 20, receipts	334.15
May 21, receipts	1,471.63
May 22, receipts	905.58
May 31, receipts	105.97
June 6, receipts	114.04
June 17, receipts	39.76
June 23, receipts	78.40
June 30, receipts	12.62
July 15, receipts	111.25
July 29, receipts	176.96
July 31, receipts	41.44
August 4, receipts	485.36
August 6, receipts	2,882.17
August 11, receipts	416.14
August 16, receipts	118.08
August 18, receipts	662.94

Total \$19,901.41

Against the above, the department is credited with the following sums disbursed on vouchers certified by the National Secretary and approved by the Commander-in-Chief:

Voucher No. 1523.....	\$ 12.00
Voucher No. 1524.....	119.44
Voucher No. 1525.....	32.61
Voucher No. 1526.....	35.00

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Voucher No. 1527.....	
Voucher No. 1528.....	6.20
Voucher No. 1529.....	112.50
Voucher No. 1530.....	4.25
Voucher No. 1531.....	4.00
Voucher No. 1532.....	121.20
Voucher No. 1533.....	24.35
Voucher No. 1534.....	2.95
Voucher No. 1535.....	85.38
Voucher No. 1536.....	2,208.46
Voucher No. 1537.....	592.14
Voucher No. 1538.....	75.00
Voucher No. 1539.....	117.52
Voucher No. 1540.....	55.00
Voucher No. 1541.....	18.19
Voucher No. 1542.....	6.60
Voucher No. 1543.....	35.75
Voucher No. 1544.....	11.00
Voucher No. 1545.....	365.63
Voucher No. 1546.....	17.93
Voucher No. 1547.....	10.00
Voucher No. 1548.....	112.50
Voucher No. 1549.....	15.75
Voucher No. 1549.....	18.77
Voucher No. 1550.....	78.15
Voucher No. 1551.....	242.05
Voucher No. 1552.....	24.00
Voucher No. 1553.....	2,252.17
Voucher No. 1554.....	216.86
Voucher No. 1555.....	592.06
Voucher No. 1556.....	75.00
Voucher No. 1557.....	63.14
Voucher No. 1558.....	5.50
Voucher No. 1559.....	756.71
Voucher No. 1560.....	119.52
Voucher No. 1561.....	31.32
Voucher No. 1562.....	112.50
Voucher No. 1563.....	25.20
Voucher No. 1564.....	157.50
Voucher No. 1565.....	3.10
Voucher No. 1566.....	757.88
Voucher No. 1567.....	23.07
Voucher No. 1568.....	32.74
Voucher No. 1569.....	2.68
Voucher No. 1570.....	184.60
Voucher No. 1571.....	8.60
Voucher No. 1572.....	14.82
Voucher No. 1573.....	759.42
Voucher No. 1574.....	5.50
Voucher No. 1575.....	50.95
Voucher No. 1576.....	527.17
Voucher No. 1577.....	75.00
Voucher No. 1578.....	12.00
Voucher No. 1579.....	256.19
Voucher No. 1580.....	26.42
Voucher No. 1581.....	2.88
Voucher No. 1582.....	752.17
Voucher No. 1583.....	13.00

Voucher No. 1584.....	
Voucher No. 1585.....	81.50
Voucher No. 1586.....	31.72
Voucher No. 1587.....	112.50
Voucher No. 1588.....	257.25
Voucher No. 1589.....	40.00
Voucher No. 1590.....	767.77
Voucher No. 1591.....	3.25
Voucher No. 1592.....	28.79
Voucher No. 1593.....	38.04
Voucher No. 1594.....	382.10
Voucher No. 1595.....	12.99
Voucher No. 1596.....	4.50
Voucher No. 1597.....	114.05
Voucher No. 1598.....	5.00
Voucher No. 1599.....	765.64
Voucher No. 1600.....	1,518.92
	75.00
Disbursed account Junior Order, Voucher J-15.....	\$16,719.01
	.30
Total	<u>\$16,719.31</u>

BALANCE ACCOUNT.

Total Receipts	\$19,901.41
Total Disbursements	<u>16,719.31</u>

Balance, cash on hand.....\$ 3,182.10

The above showing, when compared with the balance account of a year ago, will impress upon the Encampment the utter futility of attempting to reduce the revenues of the Commandery-in-Chief below the per capita tax rate at present in force until conditions again approach more nearly the normal pre-war cost of transacting its business.

AMBULANCE FUND.

The sudden collapse of activities incident to the World War left an unexpended balance to the credit of this fund, which, with belated accretions from subscriptions and interest accumulation, now amounts to \$2,185.79. With the announcement of the armistice the collection of further contributions was promptly discouraged. The disposal of the balance to the credit of this fund is left to the judgment of the Encampment.

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND.

The investments in this fund have undergone no change during the year just closed, i. e.—\$2,500.00 in 4% Second Liberty Loan Bonds and \$2,000.00 Collateral Mortgage Notes of International & Great Northern Railway Company. The remainder to the amount of \$418.08 is on deposit in the Savings Account of The Reading Trust Company, making a total of \$4,918.08 to the credit of this Fund.

It is difficult to realize that fourteen years have elapsed since you requested me to assume this office, a flight of time during which many who were active in our deliberations have

passed to the great beyond; but, at that, a span tempered with pleasant memories and characterized by such uniform courtesy in official relationships that the labor of the office has been well worth while.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. RAKE,
National Treasurer.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Of the National Treasurer, Thirty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Columbus, Ohio, September 11, 1919:

To cash balance August 20, 1919.....\$3182.10
To cash received from National Secretary..... 100.42

Total\$3282.52

Against which, by action of the Encampment
is charged disbursements as follows:

Voucher No. 1601	\$151.70
Voucher No. 1602	55.39
Voucher No. 1603	87.77
Voucher No. 1604	53.67
Voucher No. 1605	51.18
Voucher No. 1606	126.31
Voucher No. 1607	79.00
Voucher No. 1608	47.63
Voucher No. 1609	19.98
Voucher No. 1610	133.09
Voucher No. 1611	121.19
Voucher No. 1612	42.13
Voucher No. 1613	158.07
Voucher No. 1614	17.65
Voucher No. 1615	3.75
Voucher No. 1616	15.00
Voucher No. 1617	100.00
Voucher No. 1618	20.35

Total disbursements \$1283.86

September 11, 1919, final cash balance.... \$1998.66

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,
J. L. RAKE,
National Treasurer.

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR.

To Francis Callahan,
Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Dear Commander:

In my report of last year attention was directed to the unusual fact that no official opinion had been required from me

during the term of office. This last year re-appointment as National Counselor was tendered and accepted by me.

Score number two was made. No matters have been submitted officially, there were no courts martial to be passed on and all was quiet along the Potomac. Perhaps the brethren had used up so much energy "Over There," bringing about a splendid triumph for Democracy, expending in the meantime a splendid energy on peace terms and re-construction that they simply were unable to stir up trouble of any sort that result in complicated courts martial, a question that is oft times referred to the National Counselor for approval or disapproval.

Perhaps we should assume that our brethren are growing better as we approach the millennium and need no discipline or shall we conclude that the questions arising were so simple that they required no solution, or that those in authority were so wise and well informed that they needed no assistance, or that our Commander-in-Chief himself handled most effectively the various situations as they arose.

Do not misunderstand. The National Counselor is not complaining because of lack of work. He is not averse to looking as wise as it is possible and drawing an imaginary salary. The salary of the National Counselor is always imaginary even though he labors strenuously. In my case the work was imaginary so was in keeping with the kind of salary paid.

Of course, the honor is greatly appreciated and to our Commander-in-Chief the debt of obligation is heavy because of the confidence reposed in me evidenced by re-appointment to the position held during the term of his predecessor. In this connection also thanks should be returned to all officers and brothers who were uniformly courteous, kind and brotherly.

If you will pardon a short digression suffice it to say that, having some time off, so to speak, as my official duties were not particularly pressing I, as National Counselor, staged during the year, both before and after the armistice, entertainments at various places under the auspices of the Sons of Veterans. We made use of a splendid equipment in the shape of a moving picture machine, best portable made, electric lighting plant, five and drum corps and orchestra, song leader, speakers and so forth, getting for the most part the best of slides and reels of a historical and patriotic nature from the Bureau of Visual Instruction, University of Wisconsin. Thus my official position enabled me to advertise our Order most effectively and favorably, to teach history, inculcate patriotism and to get for us the best kind of publicity generally.

I bring this report to a close. Again expressing deep appreciation and gratitude, knowing that my successor cannot be favored in every way more than was I, believing that our Order is entering upon a new and more prosperous era this report is respectfully submitted by me

In F. C. and L.,

HERBERT S. SIGGELKO,

National Counselor, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Dated at Madison, Wis., Aug. 16, 1919.

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN.

Auburn, Maine, Aug. 1, 1919.

To Francis Callahan,
Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I take pleasure in submitting the report of the National Chaplain and in doing so there are several features of the report to which I should like to call special attention. One is that several Divisions are establishing a reputation for efficiency in this matter of reports, such large Divisions as Illinois and Massachusetts earning very high percentages in this regard—not only for this year—but for several years past. Another is that for two years the Division of Alabama and Tennessee has submitted a complete report of the Camp Chaplain from every Camp in the Division. Many of the Division Chaplains have been very prompt in submitting their reports, ten reaching this office during the month of June. Would that all the Division Chaplains would give like attention to this simple but important matter. Procrastination, brothers, is not only the thief of time, but the thief of everything upon which it lays its hands. This year 51 per cent of the Camps are represented in the statistics submitted as against 60 per cent last year. This difference will probably be reduced at the meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief. A large number of deaths have occurred in the Order this year, 460 being reported. This exceeds the reported number of last year by 123. As our Order becomes older in years this is a source of loss which will become increasingly serious. Ought not a simple memorial service be held at each National Encampment for those who have passed away? I wish also to call attention to the ever increasing participation of the Sons of Veterans in the exercises of Memorial Day. This year 714 are reported as having delivered addresses on Memorial Day—a number not as large as last year or the year before—but when all the reports are in the number will doubtless be much increased. The number of flags placed on the graves of Union soldiers is enormous—207,946. The actual number was probably not far from 500,000. This of course leaves many soldier graves to be cared for by other agencies or not at all—but what is done is no small service—and indicates that the Order is alive to its chief responsibility, which is to perpetuate the memory of the Union soldier and to care for his widow and orphan. This latter work—philanthropic in character—is not reported. Would it not be well if it were? A large number of funerals have been attended throughout the year—293. At these services the burial ritual of the Sons of Veterans has been used 166 times. This indicates a high regard for the two forms of service available. Why not more Camps use them? And if in the judgment of any large number these expressions of sorrow and condolence are not fitting or adequate, let them be made so by some competent committee. The observance of Union Defenders' Day does not seem to be much more wide spread than in former years—about the same number of Camps observing it this year as last year and the year before. In the judgment of your National Chaplain this anniversary should be made much of—especially if we wish

to keep before the people of this country the value of the services and sacrifices of the men of '61, now that such spontaneous and universal recognition is being given the veterans of the recent World War. It is entirely possible that the occasion could be made inclusive of all who have served their country in arms. We must discourage all semblance of rivalry between the heroes of Chateau Thierry and the heroes of Gettysburg and Appomattox—for though the eras in which they served were different, the principles for which they fought were the same.

In conclusion let me say it does not need a prophet to discern that we are as a nation in a period of transition—industrial, social, and even religious. And our Order is necessarily affected by the fact. But it seems ever more clear and certain that the foundations of our Order have been laid aright—that in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, we have three guiding stars—which if followed will lead us to a greater destiny—and that in fidelity to the memory of the men who wore the blue we shall find an undisputed justification of our existence, and a splendid opportunity to serve our Country and our fellowmen.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.

EDWARD H. BREWSTER,
National Chaplain.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Portland, Oregon, Aug. 10, 1919.

To Francis Callahan,
Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

My Dear Commander:

In placing before you my report as National Patriotic Instructor, I would remind you that when a Nation is at war, the principal duty of all patriots, and patriotic orders, is to cooperate to win the war. It is undoubtedly true that the regular Camp activities of the Sons of Veterans have suffered during the past year, for while the war was won early in your administration, the work of reconstruction is as yet only begun. Again, the prevalence of the "flu" in the early part of the past winter prevented many meetings and caused small attendance at others, thus hampering the work of the Order.

Like the previous year, the past year has been one of great Patriotic activity and I have made every use possible of my voice, my influence and my office to encourage patriotic effort, and to impress upon all the importance of patriotic duty, as shared by all American citizens, but especially by the Sons of Veterans. I have urged members of our Order, everywhere to take the lead in patriotic activity, that we might show to the people of the Nation that the example and the teachings of our fathers have imbued us with a real patriotic fervor, a realization of what home and country really means, and a desire to protect them at any cost.

You have reason to be proud of the recent work and influence of the Sons of Veterans. Perhaps members are dilatory in reports and do not attend meetings as they should, but when

Order in which report was received.	Name of Division.	Name of Chaplain sending the report.	
1	Iowa	J. A. Gregg	Lake City
2	Minnesota	Rev. Ambrose Bailey	St. Paul,
3	New York	Rev. Adam Schlenk	Newark, N
4	Michigan	Rev. Alonza B. Gorman	Kalamazoo
5	Ohio	Rev. G. W. Griffin.....	Cleveland,
6	Alabama and Tennessee..	Frank F. Stoops	Chattanooga
7	Maine	Murray H. Watson.....	Auburn, M
8	Pennsylvania	Rev. P. F. DeLancey.....	Meadville,
9	Washington and Oregon.	Rev. H. P. Williams.....	Tacoma, W
10	Maryland	David H. Phetteplace.....	Smithsburg
11	Vermont	W. R. Curtis	Westminster
12	Illinois	W. C. Gullet.....	Canton, Ill
13	Montana and Idaho.....	Stephen Esterly	Butte City
14	New Hampshire	C. H. Dolloff	Concord, N
15	New Jersey	G. H. Carter	Trenton, N
16	Indiana	Rev. E. S. Shumaker	Indianapolis
17	Missouri	H. O. Chapman	Kansas Ci
18	Wisconsin	Rev. F. L. Roberts.....	Milwaukee,
19	Massachusetts	Rev. M. A. Levy.....	Pittsfield,
20	Nebraska	H. B. Reed.....	Columbus,
21	Kentucky	Arthur F. Ross.....	Newport, K
22	Kansas	C. M. Brobst	Chanute, K
23	Rhode Island	James R. Senior	
24	Connecticut	Edwin Hill	Norwich, C

Order in which report was received.	Name of Division.	Name of Chaplain sending the report.	Address of Chaplain.	Date the report was received.	Number of Brothers Belonging to Camp.	No. of Brothers Participating in Stem Day Observances.	Number of Brothers Armed and in Line.	Number of Brothers Uniformed in Line.	Did Camp Furnish Firing Squad?	How many Addresses Delivered by Sons of Veterans?	Number of Brothers Attending Services Memorial Sun.	Did Camp Observe Union De-fenders Day?	Number of Deaths in Camp in last 12 months.	G. A. R. Number of Funerals attended by Camp in a body.	G. A. R. S. V.	G. A. R. Number of Burials conducted by Camp.	G. A. R. S. V.	Did Camp Use Memorial Service?	Number of cemeteries covered by members of the Camp.	Number of SAES placed on Veterans Graves.	Number of graves of Veterans given attention.	Number of Camps Reporting.	Number of Camps Not Reporting.	Per Cent of Camps Reporting.	
1	Iowa	J. A. Gregg	Lake City, Iowa	June 10	435	232	10	10	6	166	3	3	4	3	1	17	1197	1197	17	1197	1197	13	7	65	
2	Minnesota	Rev. Ambrose Bailey	St. Paul, Minnesota	June 13	422	232	93	55	6	19	182	4	2	23	1	47	5182	5182	47	5182	5182	13	7	65	
3	New York	Rev. Adam Schlenk	Newark, New Jersey	June 18	2956	1598	279	361	20	95	987	33	50	59	25	21	3098	1671	21	3098	1671	63	112	36	
4	Michigan	Rev. Alonza E. Gorman	Kalamazoo, Michigan	June 18	359	232	34	39	12	5	165	5	9	2	8	23	7000	5280	23	7000	5280	10	10	26	
5	Ohio	Rev. G. W. Griffin	Cleveland, Ohio	June 23	2074	924	191	208	16	103	586	15	24	36	11	170	19150	17351	17	19150	17351	28	75	65	
6	Alabama and Tennessee	Frank F. Stoops	Chattanooga, Tennessee	June 23	150	119	119	559	12	128	6	1	75	1	23	7000	5280	23	7000	5280	10	10	26		
7	Maine	Murray H. Watson	Auburn, Maine	June 23	1821	914	119	559	12	128	6	1	75	1	23	7000	5280	23	7000	5280	10	10	26		
8	Pennsylvania	Rev. P. F. DeLancey	Meadville, Pennsylvania	June 24	8472	4034	1774	1829	61	181	2847	55	152	153	70	50	71	29	17	534	35798	30416	83	123	40
9	Washington and Oregon	Rev. H. P. Williams	Tacoma, Washington	June 28	360	360	360	360	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
10	Maryland	David H. Petteplace	Smithsburg, Maryland	June 30	476	237	91	90	9	11	231	10	10	2	12	12	12	3	4	5970	8269	12	12	86	
11	Vermont	W. R. Curtis	Westminster West, Vermont	July 8	616	298	6	44	4	222	3	3	36	2	1	3	3	3	3	2733	2162	16	22	42	
12	Illinois	W. C. Gullet	Canton, Illinois	July 9	2288	1125	191	140	12	53	672	15	11	88	10	8	1	2	6	211	8452	6293	43	4	92
13	Montana and Idaho	Stephen Esterly	Butte City, Montana	July 12	172	123	123	123	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	83	78	78	1	1	100
14	New Hampshire	C. H. Dolloff	Concord, New Hampshire	July 11	764	384	69	241	7	15	246	10	13	10	4	2	3	1	3	121	6396	6168	20	15	57
15	New Jersey	G. H. Carter	Trenton, New Jersey	July 14	1335	671	235	410	14	17	426	15	23	45	18	11	14	6	1	181	7196	8994	21	12	60
16	Indiana	Rev. E. S. Shumaker	Indianapolis, Indiana	July 18	705	386	59	16	2	11	220	9	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	65	12720	9715	16	6	72
17	Missouri	H. O. Chapman	Kansas City, Missouri	July 22	506	210	27	41	4	11	178	5	2	22	1	5	1	3	51	4035	4035	9	9	50	
18	Wisconsin	Rev. F. L. Roberts	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	July 26	468	185	185	185	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4712	4712	9	9	100	
19	Massachusetts	Rev. M. A. Levy	Pittsfield, Massachusetts	July 28	6378	3964	485	2736	62	2182	71	120	102	51	30	22	20	15	665	4460	5121	132	26	81	
20	Nebraska	H. B. Reed	Columbus, Nebraska	July 28	166	51	4	4	1	38	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	5	77	77	5	8	25
21	Kentucky	Arthur F. Ross	Newport, Kentucky	July 29	105	70	70	70	27	4	40	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	6	5000	20	5	1	83
22	Kansas	C. M. Brobst	Chanute, Kansas	July 29	329	211	88	20	11	163	3	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	660	660	8	8	100
23	Rhode Island	James R. Senior	Providence, Rhode Island	Aug. 4	384	274	122	179	9	3	143	6	4	10	1	39	4167	4572	39	4167	4572	10	6	62	
24	Connecticut	Edwin Hill	Norwich, Connecticut	Aug. 5	1948	1168	263	278	2	46	586	15	26	1	9	39	1	2	4	228	12009	10827	32	9	78
Totals					33690	18038	4143	7292	217	774	10970	313	491	702	230	190	145	100	76	3184	224782	195602	602	473	78

subjected to the real test, that tries men's souls, the Sons of Veterans and the Grandsons of Veterans always have and always will respond in such manner as to please their sires and make the world take notice. You have but to refer to the records of the Spanish-American War and the World War just closing, to realize that the work of the descendants of Union Soldiers has been a mighty factor in the glorious achievements of the American Arms, and in the progress of civilization.

The reports from Division Patriotic Instructors are not as complete as should be; for illustration only 4,235 are reported as being in U. S. Service during the past year, but prominent Divisions like Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska, ignore this question and we all know that hundreds have joined the colors from each of those States. Again only 326 Camps are reported as having service flags while I feel sure the number is really much larger.

The reports of practically every Camp show that the Order generally has taken a very active part in War Work, both in the field or at home. These things always hinder regular Camp activities, but I believe a greater interest will be manifest this fall and look for a large increase in membership and much improvement in the Camps of the Order during the coming year.

Attention is called by the Division Instructor of Illinois, to "the growing tendency of making Memorial Day more conspicuous for sports, games and festivities, than as a sacred day to honor the memory of the nation's noble dead." He argues that "in a few years the sacredness of this great day will lose its significance, unless its original purpose is wisely safeguarded." He believes that it is the duty of the Sons of Veterans and all the Allied Orders to use their united strength to prevent the desecrations of this sacred day, and in this opinion I heartily concur.

I attach hereto a Consolidated Report for your inspection. It covers the entire twenty-six Divisions and shows briefly the following conditions:

1. All public schools are now supplied with our National flag.
2. In all Divisions but three the salute to the flag is given daily and in the three occasionally.
3. In all Divisions patriotic days are observed; but only few Divisions as yet observe all of these days.
4. Teachers are universally interested in patriotic observance.
5. The number of flags donated to schools according to the figures shown, is only 1,252, but Nebraska reports "many" and other Divisions report "several." This question is not well answered. In my opinion had it been, it would show many thousand instead of the number given.
6. In fourteen Divisions some prizes are offered, either by Camps or individuals, to school pupils for patriotic essays. This work should be encouraged.
7. The Lincoln Gettysburg tablet is placed in some of the schools in thirteen Divisions. Last year fourteen Divisions reported tablets. This year a Division reports only one school

and another five. This is meritorious work and there is much work still to be done.

8. Sunday Schools are universally invited to have special Memorial Day services.

9. Public Schools are invited throughout all the Divisions to take part in Memorial Day. Even in Alabama and Tennessee where they do not assist in the observance they are given a holiday.

10. Memorial Sunday is universally observed by churches. Only Alabama and Tennessee reports "no."

11. Objectionable school histories are again reported by Alabama and Tennessee, but they do not specify further than to say "several."

12. Seven thousand, five hundred ninety-three dollars and fifteen cents is reported as having been spent by eighteen Divisions for Patriotic Instruction during the past year.

13. Camps invariably offer their services to the G. A. R. for the observance of Memorial Day.

14. Some Camps assume full charge of Memorial Day services. Nine Divisions make such claim, but as a rule Camps still assist the G. A. R. on this sacred day.

15. This question seems to have been misunderstood or ignored by most Camps, but the Division of New Jersey proudly reports that Camp No. 17 built a home for Veterans at a cost of \$1600, while Camp No. 32 erected a soldiers monument at a cost of \$3,500.

16. 502 officers and 4,235 men are reported as in U. S. Service, and 326 Service Flags ornament Camp rooms.

I wish in closing to thank Division Patriotic Instructors for the courtesies which I have received from them and for their promptness in replying to communications; to express to you, sir, the deep sense of respect with which I have grown to regard you during the year; and to acknowledge the pleasure I have had in working with you and National Secretary Hammer. My only regret for the year is that I could not have done more for the Order.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

FRANK McCRILLIS,
National Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHIEF-OF-STAFF.

Altoona, Pa., Aug. 16, 1919.

Francis Callahan, Esq.,
Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Dear Commander:

In conformity with rules and regulations, my report as Chief-of-Staff is herewith submitted. Perforce of circumstances with which the membership at large is conversant, it is useless to make an extended report. The activities of the Military De-

CONSOLIDATED REPORT
National Patriotic Instructor
for year ending Dec. 31,
1918.

Names of Divisions and
Division Patriotic Instructors
making Reports.

Alabama and Tennessee
Fred'k M. Norcross

California and Pacific
Scott G. Cloud

Colorado and Wyoming
W. L. Spencer

Connecticut
W. B. Rossberg

Illinois
M. G. Slocum

Indiana
Earl W. Wise

Iowa
C. S. Holland

Kansas
Clarence Peck

Kentucky
Alex. Hamilton

Maine
H. E. Larreebe

Massachusetts
M. R. Goddard

Michigan
W. H. Malone

Maryland
S. M. Croft

Minnesota
C. C. Brown

Missouri
W. H. Voss

Montana and Idaho
L. C. Henry

Nebraska
E. C. Kemble

New Hampshire
D. H. Cole

New Jersey
P. A. Sedden

New York
Walter Walker

Ohio
Frank Wilford

Pennsylvania
A. W. Mack

Rhode Island
E. L. Adams

Vermont
A. L. Ware

Washington and Oregon
F. S. Tremain

Wisconsin
F. J. Walthers

Date report received.	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.
June 16	nearly	yes-O	yes	Inkewarm	300	no	no	yes	yes	no
March 5	yes	yes-D	yes	yes		no	no	yes	yes	yes
Feb. 5	yes	yes-D	yes	yes		no	no	yes	yes	yes
Jan. 25	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	36	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
July 5	nearly	yes-O	yes	yes	several		yes	yes	yes	yes
June 20	yes	yes-D	yes	yes		no	no	yes	yes	yes
June 14	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	several	1	no	yes	yes	yes
April 24	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	1	no	no	yes	yes	yes
May 1	yes	yes-D	yes	yes		some	no	yes	yes	yes
May 27	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	several	2	5	24-yes 10-no	yes	yes
April 7	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	66	some	many	yes	yes	yes
May 2	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	6	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Feb. 12	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	2	no	no	yes	yes	yes
July 2	yes	yes-O	yes	yes	6	no	no	yes	yes	yes
Jan. 5	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	3	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
July 25	yes	yes-D	yes	yes		no	no	yes	yes	yes
June 2	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	many	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Jan. 18	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	1	no	no	yes	yes	yes
April 21	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	6	yes	1	yes	yes	yes
July 22	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	200	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
June 2	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	32	no	18	yes	yes	yes
May 12	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	298	few	20	yes	yes	yes
June 11	yes	yes-D	yes	yes		no	no	yes	yes	yes
Jan. 20	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	206	1	6	yes	yes	yes
July 1	yes	yes-D	yes	yes		no	no	no	yes	yes
Jan. 1	yes	yes-D	yes	yes		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

11. Questionable school histories?	12. Amount expended for Patriotic Instruction.	13. Do Camps offer services to O. A. R.?	14. Do Camps assume charge of Memorial Day?	15. Division Patriotic efforts.	16-A. Members in U. S. service.	16-A. Officers in U. S. service.	16-B. Camp service days.
yes		yes	yes	Doing everything possible.	50	10	10
no	\$50.00	yes	no	Enforcing Flag Law.	34	8	3
no		yes	yes				
no	\$443.00	yes	yes	Hold Patriotic meetings.	212	23	14
no	\$130.00	yes	no				30
no	\$27.00	yes	yes	War Work.	76	20	
no	\$20.00	yes	some	Inaugurated "War Sunday."			
no	\$50.00	yes	yes		77	10	6
no		yes	two				
no	\$10.00	yes	no		249	22	18
no	\$796.00	yes	no	Hold Patriotic meetings.	931	117	all
no	\$160.00	yes	some	War activities.	82	9	5
no	\$170.00	yes	some		47	14	2
no	\$50.00	yes	half	Co-operate in war activities.	40	3	7
no	\$15.00	yes	yes		67	14	11
no		yes	no				
no		yes	no	Held special high school convocations.			
no		yes	six		108	11	12
no	\$1000.15	yes	some	Camp 17 built home for veterans—\$1600. Camp 32 erected soldiers monument—\$3500.	154	9	17
no	\$2254.00	yes	yes	War Work.	421	67	53
no	\$1000.00	yes	yes	War Work.	588	63	51
no	\$1244.00	yes	many	See Banner.	925	71	68
no	\$191.00	yes	yes		50		10
no	\$60.00	yes	no	Held District meetings.	105	7	8
no		yes	no	War Work.	16	5	1
no		yes	no	War Work.			
Totals	\$7595.15				4235	502	326

CONSOLIDATED REPORT

National Patriotic Instruct-
or for year ending Dec. 31,
1915.

Names of Divisions and
Division Patriotic Instruct-
ors making Reports.

	Date report received.	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. Gollysburg 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. Objectifiable school history?	12. Amount expended for Patriotic instruction.	13. Do Camps offer services to G. A. R.?	14. Do Camps assume charge of Memorial Day?	15. Division Patriotic effort.	16-A. Members in U. S. service.	16-A. Officers in U. S. service.	16-B. Camp service flags.
Alabama and Tennessee Fred'k M. Norcross	June 16	nearly	yes-O	yes	lukewarm	300	no	no	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	Doing everything possible.	50	10	10	
California and Pacific Scott G. Cloud	March 5	yes	yes-D	yes	yes		no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	\$50.00	yes	no	Enforcing Flag Law.	34	8	3
Colorado and Wyoming W. L. Spencer	Feb. 5	yes	yes-D	yes	yes		no	no	yes	yes	yes	no		yes	yes				
Connecticut W. B. Rossberg	Jan. 25	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	36	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no		yes	yes	Hold Patriotic meetings.	212	33	14
Illinois M. G. Slocum	July 5	nearly	yes-O	yes	yes	several		yes	yes	yes	yes	no	\$140.00	yes	yes				
Indiana Earl W. Wise	June 20	yes	yes-D	yes	yes		no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	\$130.00	yes	no				30
Iowa C. S. Holland	June 14	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	several	1	no	yes	yes	yes	no	\$27.00	yes	yes	War Work.	76	20	
Kansas Clarence Peck	April 24	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	1	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	\$20.00	yes	some	Inaugurated "War Sunday."			
Kentucky Alex. Hamilton	May 1	yes	yes-D	yes	yes		some	no	yes	yes	yes	no	\$50.00	yes	yes		77	10	6
Maine H. E. Larreebe	May 27	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	several	2	5	24-yes 10-no	yes	yes	no	\$10.00	yes	no		249	22	18
Massachusetts M. R. Goddard	April 7	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	66	some	many	yes	yes	yes	no	\$786.00	yes	no	Hold Patriotic meetings.	934	117	all
Michigan W. H. Malono	May 2	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	6	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	\$160.00	yes	some	War activities.	82	9	5
Maryland S. M. Croft	Feb. 12	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	2	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	\$170.00	yes	some		47	14	2
Minnesota C. C. Brown	July 2	yes	yes-O	yes	yes	6	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	\$50.00	yes	half	Co-operate in war activities.	40	3	7
Missouri W. H. Voss	Jan. 5	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	3	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	\$15.00	yes	yes		67	14	11
Montana and Idaho L. C. Henry	July 25	yes	yes-D	yes	yes		no	no	yes	yes	yes	no		yes	no				
Nebraska E. C. Kemble	June 2	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	many	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no		yes	no	Held special high school convocations.			
New Hampshire D. H. Cole	Jan. 18	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	1	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no		yes	six		108	11	12
New Jersey P. A. Sedden	April 21	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	6	yes	1	yes	yes	yes	no	\$1000.15	yes	some	Camp 17 built home for veterans—\$1600. Camp 32 erected soldiers mon't—\$3500.	154	9	17
New York Walter Walker	July 22	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	200	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	\$2254.00	yes	yes	War Work.	421	67	53
Ohio Frank Wilford	June 2	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	32	no	18	yes	yes	yes	no	\$1000.00	yes	yes	War Work.	588	63	51
Pennsylvania A. W. Mack	May 12	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	208	few	20	yes	yes	yes	no	\$1244.00	yes	many	See Banner.	925	71	68
Rhode Island E. L. Adams	June 11	yes	yes-D	yes	yes		no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	\$194.00	yes	yes		50		10
Vermont A. L. Ware	Jan. 20	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	206	1	6	yes	yes	yes	no	\$60.00	yes	no	Held District meetings.	105	7	8
Washington and Oregon F. S. Tremain	July 1	yes	yes-D	yes	yes		no	no	no	yes	yes	no		yes	no	War Work.	16	5	1
Wisconsin F. J. Walthers	Jan. 1	yes	yes-D	yes	yes		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no		yes	no	War Work.			
												Totals	\$7585.15			4235	502	226	

partment have necessarily been quiet, contenting ourselves with the fact that the worst is past and the re-building of this Department is hopefully anticipated. Recent movements in the Department convince us that recruiting is again starting and it will not be long before we are back upon our old footing. Taking the condition of our country during the last two years, it is wonderful to contemplate that our losses have been so small and that the Organization still remains intact. We are surprised at the loyalty of our membership in holding together this Department which has tended toward so much good to the Order in general.

So far as the report of the Chief-of-Staff is concerned in detail, we will allow that of the Assistant Adjutant General, which is hereto attached and made part hereof, to stand for that purpose and recommend a comparison with former reports of the Chief-of-Staff and the Assistant Adjutant General.

FINANCES.

As reported heretofore in the various communications with the Commandery-in-Chief, the expenses have been kept within the limit of the appropriation. No unnecessary expenditures have been made but what have been made have been so done because of the exigencies of the occasion. It may be that because of what we believe is in store in the future for us, in the way of the rebuilding of the Department, that a greater expenditure may be necessary. However, no greater appropriation will be asked at present, contenting ourselves with the fact that if any be needed we will rely upon the generosity of the proper officers to assist us.

CONCLUSION.

The great war is ended, our country is again resuming its natural bent, and with the settlement of the social problems which are now agitating our country we look forward with great pleasure to our Order resuming its proper place with all patriotic organizations. A great work is before us and if at any time in the history of the Order it was ever needed, now is the time. We feel that this Department can well assist the main body very materially in keeping its standard to the high plane which it has already reached.

Let me thank the Officers of the Commandery-in-Chief and all those with whom we have been associated. All seem to realize the stress under which the Order labored during the last few years, and it seemed as if with one accord the membership generally maintained that dignified position which so materially kept the membership in its present status. As I have repeatedly done before, I must again call attention to the magnificent work which Colonel Stewart, my Assistant Adjutant General, has so laboriously done and performed. His attention to detail has been wonderful, his untiring work never ceased, and in all his communications he maintained that spirit which caused us all to believe that the Department could not fail.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWIN M. AMIES,
Chief-of-Staff.

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE.

Adjutant General's Office,

Gettysburg, Pa., July 27, 1919.

The Chief-of-Staff,

Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,

Altoona, Pa.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit the following report for the year 1918-1919:

THE RESERVE, BASED UPON REPORTS OF MAY 1.

	Officers	Men	Loss
Pennsylvania Brigade	146	2276	392
Department of Ohio	30	525	42
Department of New York	20	435	101
Department of New Jersey.....	8	157	12
Department of Rhode Island	8	151	11
California	3	52	45
Illinois	7	160	28
Minnesota	2	45	37
Washington	1	41	35
Wisconsin	1	21	703
	229	3913	

The heavy loss is due directly to the disorganizing effect of the great war—is practically uniformly distributed in the various sections—and I have fairly good reason to hope that it has reached its maximum.

I will not go into detailed report of conditions in the various sections but content myself with saying that there are sufficient bright spots already appearing to make it certain that the re-habilitation of the organization is not an impossibility.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

July 1, 1918 - July 31, 1919 (13 months).

RECEIPTS.

Commissions and warrants	\$ 8.50
Supplies	1.15
Chief-of-Staff	326.89
	\$336.54

EXPENSES.

General postage	\$15.50
Commission postage	5.91
	21.41
Printing	40.91
Stenographer	195.00
Traveling expenses	78.72
Ink50
	\$336.54

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DETAILED RECEIPTS.

Commissions and warrants:	
Captain Gleason, Rhode Island	\$1.00
Major Soper, New York	1.00

Lieut. Gjestson, Wisconsin	1.00
Lieut. Drake, Minnesota	1.00
Lieut. Holt, Washington	1.00
Captain Moore, California	1.50
Lieut. Hawthorne, California	1.00
Captain Turner, Minnesota	1.00

Supplies: \$8.50

Capt. Hendley, New Jersey .....	.35
Capt. Hendley, New Jersey .....	.25
Major Soper, New York .....	.15
Captain Gleason, Rhode Island .....	.40

\$1.15

Your attention is respectfully called to the unusually high traveling expenses, and to the fact that the best interests of the organization will require a considerable amount during the coming year.

Thanking you for your many courtesies, and consideration maintained over the long series of years of our official relations, I am

Very respectfully,

HENRY STEWART,

Colonel, S. V. R.

The Acting Adjutant General.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS.

Easton, Pa., Aug. 1, 1919.

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

Dear Sir and Brother:

Owing to the continued dormant conditions existing in the Reserve, and the inactivity in the military line, no matters have been brought before this committee for action during the past year.

With the cessation of war, efforts will be made for a renewed vigor in behalf of the military branch of the Order, and during the coming year, dependent on arising conditions which may surround military organizations outside the pale of Governmental and State troops, the future of the S. V. Reserve will depend.

There is nothing from this committee to be brought before the Encampment for action.

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

E. R. CAMPBELL,

Chairman, Committee on Military Affairs.

Attest:

S. S. HORN,
Secretary.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT

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

August 25, 1919

Dear Commander:

Another year has rolled around and again it is my happy privilege to address you. During the year now closing it has been my custom, as on former occasions as opportunity presented, to present to the public press such items of news as I have thought would prove of interest and profit to our Order.

The question of interesting and profitable publicity has long been and still is a problem that is rather difficult of solution. Our Order, as does any fraternal or patriotic organization, derives much that is valuable to its membership through the columns of its own official organ. The Banner is a splendid medium for the dissemination of items of news and for keeping the Camps and Divisions in close touch with each other. If some way could be devised for getting the official organ into the hands of those who are eligible and desirable, beneficial results would surely follow, and we would doubtless see a large and substantial increase in our ranks.

Well directed general newspaper publicity is very desirable as well as very valuable to any organization. Its activities are thus kept before the public, with consequent beneficial results. Now and then there is an opportunity to get news of a general character into the columns of the daily press, as pertaining to the movements of the Order. Not always so easy though, especially in times like those of the past few years, when newspapers have been brim full and running over with stories of "War," "Peace Treaties," "Leagues of Nations," "High Cost of Living," "Strike Upheavals," "Race Riots," and so on, and so on.

Publication of news of the local Camp in the local paper is always desirable, and if the Camps will make a strong feature of this part of their work they are sure to profit by it.

Much has been said and written, many plans have been evolved and proposed, and many ways have been suggested as to the best means for increasing our membership. It would appear at a casual glance that membership in our Order would be eagerly sought by all who are eligible. Certainly the men who are lineal descendants of Union Soldiers in the War of the Rebellion are true patriots and good citizens, and they surely are in full accord with the foundation principles of the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. Experience has proven that personal solicitation is the most effective of all methods in securing new members. Those who have exercised any considerable amount of effort in this direction will testify that no great difficulty is experienced in getting the man to join once the matter has been clearly laid before him. As a rule he accepts the opportunity with gratitude and is glad thus to show his appreciation of the service which his father rendered the Nation in its time of greatest peril.

These two things, thought to be in the interest of the Order, which is absolutely ALL RIGHT, are recommended to Camps:

1. A plan of local publicity effectively carried out.
2. Organized campaign for the personal solicitation of new members.

Fraternally submitted,
HARLEY V. SPEELMAN,
 National Press Correspondent.

The National Secretary called the roll of the Divisions in order that resolutions and communications might be presented.

National Secretary: There are a number of resolutions which will be referred to the Committee on Resolutions. All interested in their resolutions should go to the committees to which they are referred. Your Committee on Officers' Reports will get these papers and will transmit them to the proper officers.

The various chairmen of committees called then to meet immediately after the session.

Commander-in-Chief: There is to be a large parade tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock and the Sons of Veterans will be the official escort of the Grand Army of the Republic. The military branch of our organization, the Sons of Veterans Reserve, will report to Col. Henry Stewart at Broad and Washington at 8:30 o'clock tomorrow morning. The civic body will report to the Commandery-in-Chief at 9:15 o'clock at Broad and Washington. I desire to see all the Sons of Veterans who are at this Encampment march in that parade, in honor of our parent organization and the courtesy that has been extended to us as the official escort.

All rose and sang "The Star Spangled Banner."

The Commander-in-Chief announced

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS TO THE SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, of Pennsylvania.
 Council-in-Chief Ernest W. Homan, of Massachusetts.
 Division Commander Frank Mills, of Nebraska.

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS TO ALL OTHER ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS.

Past Commander-in-Chief A. E. B. Stephens, of Ohio.
 Past Division Commander Richard F. Locke, of Illinois.
 Past Commander-in-Chief Edward R. Campbell, of Maryland.
 Past Commander-in-Chief Newton J. McGuire, of Indiana.
 Past Division Commander Alfred G. Loyd, of Pennsylvania.

Delegate John W. Kephart, of Pennsylvania. (Appointed Wednesday).

Council-in-Chief R. J. Williams, of Ohio: To-night, the Reception by the National Sons of Veterans Auxiliary will be given the Commander-in-Chief in this room at 8 o'clock. There will be two or three features in connection with that reception and ball which it is the desire of every member of this Order to

witness. Tomorrow is the parade. Tomorrow evening, attend the reception to be given by the Woman's Relief Corps at the Deshler Hotel at 8 o'clock. At 9 o'clock tomorrow evening is the smoker in this room. We desire the presence of every member of this organization between 9 o'clock and—possibly a little later. Thursday afternoon, the Citizens' Committee has an outing or picnic at the Aladdin Shrine Country Club. There will be free tickets for every member of this Commandery-in-Chief, but we have not free tickets for every member attending the Encampment. All such may obtain tickets upon payment of 75c to Past Division Commander Wm. T. Shrieve. We are making some little attempt and hope we will please you while you are with us.

Phil. C. Addison, of Washington, D. C., presided at the piano, while E. Albert Lang, "Washington's Patriotic Singer" entertained the Commandery-in-Chief with several patriotic songs.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

National Secretary: The Committee on Credentials reports the names of 14 additional brothers entitled to vote in the Encampment. (These appear in the "Official Roll-call.")

It was moved and seconded that this be submitted as a supplementary report, making a total of 224.

The motion was agreed to.

National Secretary: Delegates will now receive their badges.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: If there is no further business, I move that we recess until 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Recess taken.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Encampment resumed at 2:40 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, September 10, 1919, with Commander-in-Chief Callahan in the chair.

Commander-in-Chief: All brothers of the Commandery-in-Chief and delegates will occupy front chairs. All those of the Sons of Veterans who are without a vote will occupy the rear chairs.

The National Inspectors will take up the password.

Past Division Commander J. Kirkwood Craig, of New Hampshire: I move that we have a line to make a separation so that all will know where the rear seats are.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

The National Inspectors reported all present entitled to remain.

Commander-in-Chief: I have added to the Committee on Fraternal Relations to all other allied organizations a very prominent member of the Sons of Veterans, a gentleman of the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania whose father was killed in one of the battles during the rebellion. After leaving school and drifting in the world for himself, learning telegraphy, working for the Pennsylvania Railroad, educating himself in the law he was admitted to the bar to become one of the counselors of that great corporation, he sprang into public life, was elected to be Judge of the Superior Court and now one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. The brother's name is the Hon. John W. Kephart.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

National Secretary: The Committee on Credentials has to report 22 additional names of brothers entitled to membership in the Encampment. The total number reported is 245. I move its adoption and that their names be added on the roll.

The motion was seconded by Past Division Commander Wm. T. Shrieve, of Ohio, and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: Are there fifteen members of this Encampment who will volunteer as ushers for the Woman's Relief Corps reception to the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic at the Hotel Deshler this evening, to report to Mrs. Estebrook?

Fifteen brothers volunteered.

National Secretary: I have a letter of regret at his enforced absence from Past Commander-in-Chief R. M. J. Reed and his

greetings to the Encampment. He is sick. In order to have a record, I move that the National Secretary be instructed to communicate the Encampment's sympathy in behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

National Secretary, continuing: Also from Division Commander Edgar Payton, of Colorado & Wyoming, who was detained from the Encampment by unavoidable circumstances.

Also letter of greetings from National Counselor Herbert S. Sigelko, regretting he is not able to be with us.

Commander-in-Chief: Any committees ready to report?

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman, of Ohio, reported that the Committee on Press had performed their duty up to this date.

National Secretary: The Credentials Committee asks me to report that this is the largest Encampment that has been held in years, and that there were 239 brothers on the roll at our opening session and a number more to add.

Instead of a "post-mortem" that we had a year ago, we are going on and really going to be stronger, for the third time in the last twenty-odd years we have sustained losses. Last year we all anticipated we would go down to about fifty thousand at this Encampment, and we are glad to report 51,892 members in good standing. I don't think we should be fearful if we are all as much interested at home as we are here. We have a brother who was a member of the Encampment in 1882. While he is very modest, I have great pleasure in presenting him. We have lots of brothers from the inception of the Order, whom we have present at this Encampment. Brother W. C. Wykoff, of Ohio, is the brother I refer to. Brother Frank McCrillis is as active today as when he joined the organization. He joined when he was sixteen years old.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: I might add also that Ohio has the proud distinction of having another brother—Past Grand Division Commander E. Howard Gilkey, a member of Governor Dennison Camp No. 1, Columbus, Ohio, and if he is still here I would like to have him stand up.

Another brother, Past Division Commander E. H. Milham, of Minnesota.

Another, Past Division Commander F. J. Walther, of Wisconsin.

It is so gratifying to notice that these men who went in when boys are still members of this organization and love it now as they did when they were sixteen or under. We are not having any funerals, but we are getting ready for one of the greatest crises in the history of this organization. It seems to me it would be a pretty good idea if others of these old-timers—I am one of them—let us see if we cannot have them stand up and see how many have been members for twenty or twenty-five years.

Delegate Henry Stewart, of Pennsylvania: I have been a member for thirty-two years.

Past Division Commander F. J. Walther, of Wisconsin: I am today the oldest living Past Division Commander. There

were two ahead of me. I have been a member for all of that time; belonged to three or four different Camps, but I have been continuously a member and paid my dues for the last thirty-five years. I joined this Order in 1882. I have not had the distinction of holding any national office. I propose being an active member of the Order as long as I can.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: Commander-in-Chief, I don't want you to pass by Columbiana County where dwells one of the old War Horses who joined in 1883—Colonel F. W. Myers, of Ohio.

Commander-in-Chief: All who have been members for thirty years will please stand up. (About fifty brothers rose).

Past Division Commander H. M. Lewis, of Kansas: Kansas' whole delegation have been members for thirty years.

Commander-in-Chief: All members for twenty-five years will please rise. (About forty more arose).

Commander-in-Chief: All members for twenty years. (About thirty more arose).

Past Division Commander Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire: I take a great deal of pride in being one of the oldest standbys of this Commandery-in-Chief. I have only been in the organization a few days—since the 29th of November, 1879.

Commander-in-Chief: How many members for fifteen years? (By this time nearly the entire delegation was standing).

National Patriotic Instructor Frank McCrillis, of Oregon: As long as there don't seem to be anything of real importance before the Encampment, I want to say a word to you as a man from the East—I say the East because my work for the Sons of Veterans was done in the city of Chicago, Ill., and I have for the last ten years thought that Chicago is in the East and not in the West. My brothers who, like myself, are living in the land of the setting sun, the last great land of great opportunity on this continent, a land of great distances, where there are very few cities and where the towns are miles apart, a land where the hills have grown to mountains and they are covered with an everlasting sun looking down on the most favored portion of God's footstool. About a year ago we learned that it was a long distance from New York to the Pacific Coast, and I want to remind you gentlemen that it is just as far from the Pacific Coast to New York. I have no complaint because the Commandery-in-Chief decided to hold its session at Niagara Falls. I am glad that it was my privilege to do something to entertain the grandest organization that ever existed. We must give some consideration to you boys in the East—God bless you! We must give some consideration to the West, to the boys out there who are just as loyal to this Order as those from the East but who, when the National Encampments were held in the East, found that it takes a lot of money and time to come and shake your hands. Many of them have not been through the mill like I have. For twenty years I have never missed an Encampment. The tears come into my eyes when I see the old Veterans today, and fire my enthusiasm to get back into the harness. You know how I worked in the old days. I am just as young as twenty years ago in my mind. The Commander-in-Chief sent me a telegram offering me the position of National Patriotic Instructor

on his staff. A thunderbolt from a clear sky could not have surprised me more than that, and I could have declined no more than I could have committed suicide. I had been through a week of such patriotic fervor as I had never seen before. During the Encampment we had automobiles for all the Veterans. None of them walked, so far as we know, neither to their rooms nor to any place they wanted to go during the Encampment.

I have the distinguished honor of inviting those who are members of the Mystic Shrine, on behalf of the Mayor of our city, to come to Portland, Oregon, next June when we are going to entertain the Imperial Session, and that will give some of you a chance to see the wonderful country on the Pacific Coast. Do what you can to help us, because a new era is going to dawn out there. We are going to put the Order in the front rank on the Pacific Coast and we need the encouragement of the national body because it is just as far from the Pacific to the Atlantic as it is from the Atlantic to the Pacific. I thank you.

Division Commander Wm. H. Hyden, of California & Pacific: I heartily endorse the sentiments expressed. We on the Pacific Coast have been working hard to advance our Order. We have been making a very strenuous fight for existence. I hope when we organize that Oregon Division that we will be closer together in the work. It is a pleasure for me to be here, my first National Encampment. I would like to see all of you brothers go out and visit us at our State Encampment.

Past Division Commander Walter E. Smith, of Pennsylvania: Since I have come to Columbus I have heard quite a few people talking about last year's convention. I know Frank McCrillis very well and I believe he is justified in saying what he did. But you must look at the other side of it. At that time we were already in the World War and we could not leave our positions at any price. Even the Commanders discouraged that. Men who are interested, that does not mean any disrespect. I want to say there are always two sides to a question. Let us be fair in this thing. Let us send Brother McCrillis back to tell them that we are proud to have that invitation.

You talk about joining the organization. I want to say to the brother who wants to carry away the honors there that I have been in it longer than he has. If he was mustered in the latter part of 1881, I was mustered on St. Patrick's night, March 17, 1881, and that is a few months earlier. I think that I was one of the first members of this organization and I am mighty proud of it. My only prayer is that God will give me many more years and I will not only work for you but for the establishment of the beautiful principles for which we are organized.

Commander-in-Chief: I want to say for the Commander of California & Pacific Division who has spoken on the floor that since his inception into that office he has increased the membership of that Division 412 new members—that is, in a short period—and he has assured me that before his term expires it will be four times 412 members if it is possible to get it out of the work, and that has been done. Go out and work. Bring in the members. The publicity is within yourselves. Don't wait for the press and the newspapers to increase your membership. You are the advertising agents yourselves.

I want to endorse the former remarks of the National Secre-

tary also. He has spoken right to the point with reference to the activity in this organization. He has told you just what the needs are. I am about to retire from my position—to my mind (laying all other organizations to one side) the greatest honor that can be conferred upon any man who is affiliated with the organization of the Sons of Veterans, to become its ruler, its head, its Commander-in-Chief—the big office, the biggest even that there is in any organization. I have labored during the past year and I have brought about results which probably will not revert to my credit in the last quarter. but I feel just as proud that they will go to the credit of my successor, and he will have my support just the same as this Organization has had it in the past. All that it requires—put vim into yourselves. Seek out the eligibles. Get their applications and have them mustered into your Camps, and at the Annual National Encampment next year, in the place of 51,000 there will be 61,000 and some hundreds. It can be done, for Division Commander Hyden has opened the way and has led all other Divisions in the number of new members mustered into the Order.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: The question of building up the Order is always one of the vital questions. I know that we will all profit and will be interested in hearing from this good brother as to the plan he had and the methods he used in getting recruits. I know we will all like to hear from him.

Division Commander Herbert D. Williams, of New Jersey: I would like to hear what the Commander from California & Pacific has to say. We could profit by it. If he has any good thing, let him give it up.

Division Commander William H. Hyden, of California & Pacific: My plan was to surround myself with a body of men that I knew were workers. When I was elected Commander of that Division they were not talkers but workers. Our idea was to first organize a class where the Camps were weak—my efforts and the efforts of my Division Organizer who is not with us. We organized the towns where the Camps were weakest. We organized the Auxiliaries. We published in the papers when we would have the meetings of the Sons of Veterans. By that means we had quite a number of classes. That was the first step in order to get the organization into better shape. Then I appointed a committee of select men that would help me and we at different times visited the Camps, especially in the towns where we organized the Camps. We visited a man and he said he would take charge and assist in the work. He had a large card printed and put in his window:

“Sons of Veterans and Grandsons, come inside and sign the application.”

In ten days he had 27 members on the roll and has added several since then. In another town the same plan was carried out in getting the boys together. We organized 21 members. Another plan was to notify members of the Camp meeting and the work to be done, and I find that to be very beneficial, to talk over the plans of the Order. I find that personal work in looking up new members is one of the best plans. Big men have

come to me asking where we would have public meetings. They would say,

"I ought to belong to the Sons of Veterans. I want to get into the Order."

"You know what our organization is and what the duties are."

"I want to go into the Order and help build it up."

Quite a number of matters have come up. Along that line, some two or three months ago when I was elected Division Commander, I thought that by correspondence and visiting in towns and talking with Grand Army men that I could accomplish something. I had a list of the Sons of Veterans roster, read this list to those men and they said, "Can it be done?" And when I left the convention, when I said 500 members in three months, they gave me the laugh. We went at it and as the Commander-in-Chief has said, we added 412 new members to our Division.

Division Commander Samuel W. King, of Illinois: Rockford Camp has made a remarkable gain in members—over 300. They took part in the parade, 40 men. The showing made by the Illinois delegation is largely due to the work of the Rockford boys. I am not a member of Rockford Camp and I would like to know how they work it, just what system they use. I would like to have Brother W. C. Acox say a few words about it.

Delegate W. C. Acox, of Illinois: I am not much of a speaker but I will make a little talk about how we do business at Rockford. We went into the Camp and they were about ready to disband. We picked up a few members and had a meeting, and Dr. Lyman is credited with putting the Camp on its feet. We got together and he asked us to do these things and we did them. We did not wait two or three months to go to a candidate. We got busy. We get his application fee, we get his initiation fee. They all go out and work and we have a little entertainment. We don't wait for the Commander and officers to do all the work. Our Commander appoints the committees and they all get out and work together. It is not a clique of five or six rotating the offices around. Men won't get up and say anything, but when he picks out a committee he calls that member up and puts him up in front, and from that time on we find that he has a bright mind. What is the Sons of Veterans? What is the object of it? We explain that to him. Lots of men ask what that button is for. I have worn it for the last twenty-five years. We also have the work of our Auxiliary right with us. When there is anything going on the girls are right with us. They bring us new members. We do not wait for all the red tape to take the application to the committee. If the candidate don't know his father's record we take the application and go to the State Adjutant and get his record complete and when our committee is called to investigate we have the full record. If a man brings in a candidate we get the record. If you wait two or three months they get tired of it and the consequence is they don't come in but drift away from it. We feel proud and our boys are here today to show you what we do.

Delegate Henry Stewart, of Pennsylvania: I want to call your attention to one of the most potent instrumentalities in the organization. There is no one thing which will bring a Camp

up as a well organized military body. It offers you an inducement to the boys. It will bring boys into the Camp that you could not get any other way. It gives you the means of paying respect to the Grand Army of the Republic in proper shape, and wherever you find a Camp that has a well organized military body in it, there you find a good Camp. Some of us have a deplorable ignorance of the existence of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Any Camp that will place that matter in the hands of any man who can command the respect of the community will be doing more than any other one thing to build up that Camp. It has been proven time and time again. The Sons of Veterans Reserve working in conjunction with the Encampments have raised the membership five and six hundred year after year in Pennsylvania and have turned out as high as three and four hundred men. We brought the blue to the attention of communities where it is hardly known. If you are hunting the means, take up the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Get a man who is competent and qualified to take up the military work and you will help your work every time.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

National Secretary: I report for the Credentials Committee two more members, making a total of 247. (Official Roll-call).

Delegate W. C. Acox, of Illinois: When I left Rockford Sunday morning, directly in the seat behind me was a lady of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. She said, "Are you going to Columbus?" I answered, "Yes, Madam." With her was a young man whom she said was a son of a veteran. I said to the young man, "Why don't you get into the Sons of Veterans?" He replied, "I have been thinking about it." "Now is the time to get busy." I took out an application and had him sign it and got him as a Son of a Veteran. That is the way we get the members and we get them wherever we can.

Past Division Commander J. G. Bogart, of Wisconsin: We have heard all of this before. What we want to know is how you are going to keep these members after we get them. Any of us can go out and organize a Camp. We meet a few times and then go down. Somewhere there is a lack and we want to find out what that is. Let us consider the matter of keeping that which you have.

VISIT OF COMMITTEE FROM THE DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS.

National Patriotic Instructor McCrillis: I am advised that a committee of four Daughters of Veterans are asking for admittance.

Commander-in-Chief: I will appoint Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman, National Patriotic Instructor McCrillis, Past Commander-in-Chief Edward R. Campbell and Division Commander Charles F. Miller, of Pennsylvania, as a committee to escort the Greetings Committee from the Daughters of Veterans.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: I have the honor of presenting a Committee of the Daughters of Vet-

erans, representing that organization, bringing their greetings to our Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief: Please escort the delegation to the front. Brothers, we have with us a delegation of the Daughters of Veterans who wish to extend their greetings. I am pleased to present to you Mrs. Lola Elliott, Department President, of Iowa, and member of the National Council of that organization.

Mrs. Lola Elliott, Department President of the Daughters of Veterans: In order that I may not make a similar mistake that was made day before yesterday when representatives of the local Camp came to present greetings to us, I am going to call you Brothers. They hardly knew what to call us. They tried your guesses and did not get it quite right then. I am sure that I know your name all right.

When we came over, each one of us decided that we were not speakers, but since I am President I bring to you this afternoon the greetings from the best organization in the United States, Daughters of Veterans. Of course I think that the Grand Army of the Republic is the best, then the Daughters. You have all heard that old saying, "A son is a son until he marries his wife, but a daughter is a daughter for all of her life." And I think that the Daughters are just a little more enthusiastic over their organization than even the Sons. I am not going to take up your time this afternoon making a speech because I could not if I tried, but I did bring some flowers. Since you are Brothers, I think it is perfectly proper. These represent our hearts of gold that every Daughter has toward you and toward our fathers. We hope that you will have the best convention that you have ever had; that you will carry back to your Camps so much enthusiasm that everywhere you will find the opportunity to keep company with the Daughters of Veterans. We do not have all single girls in the Daughters of Veterans. One time we had a flag parade in Des Moines, Iowa, and we had a big decoration "Daughters of Veterans." Some little newsboy sized us up and said, "Daughters of Veterans! I should think they look more like Veterans themselves."

We believe that the flowers will keep fresh for all the days of your convention. We wish you all the success that you can have this year. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief: I ask Past Commander Sisson, of Massachusetts, to respond to the greetings of the Daughters of Veterans.

Past Division Commander Sisson: May I roll up my sleeves? It is an unexpected pleasure for me. Here are the golden hearts of our Sisters. It indeed gives me as much pleasure as surprise to respond. Only a few moments ago we were discussing what we were to do. They have solved the question—everyone go home and invite the Daughters of Veterans. We know that you have the same right that we possess. We assure you we accept your best wishes with all sincerity and we return the not die. So we all have been impressed with the sublimity of compliment and hope this will be a profitable convention for you as we know it is to be for us. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief: The lady says, do I look good with red.

Mrs. Lola Elliott: I leave it to the Convention if the color scheme is not poor.

Delegate Francis G. Hawthorne, of California & Pacific: I would like to hear a word from one of the members of the committee from California, Sister Wadsworth.

Mrs. Edna L. Wadsworth, Past Department President, Daughters of Veterans: Brother Hawthorne, I thought you were a friend of mine. I am sure the Convention will agree with me that one is plenty. We are having a very warm reception from the heart as well as from the heavens. We voice the sentiments of our speaker most heartily and extend to you the invitation.

Our National President received a telegram of the death of her father and is expecting to receive some word of the death of her mother.

We are going to do the best we can.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: I move that we express to the National President of the Daughters of Veterans our deep and heartfelt sympathy and that we direct this Committee to carry this action back to their Convention—by a rising vote.

The rising vote was unanimously given.

Mrs. Wadsworth: I thank you and I am sure they will appreciate this action.

The visiting committee was escorted from the hall.

The National Secretary read telegram of greetings and best wishes for a successful Encampment, from General A. E. Burnside Camp No. 5, Sons of Veterans, Providence, R. I., Storrs T. Richmond, Commander.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: The Committee of the Daughters of Veterans neglected, they said, to extend an invitation to attend their reception tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock at the Chittenden Hotel.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: I move that when we recess it be until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The motion was seconded by Past Division Commander Wm. T. Shrieve, of Ohio, and agreed to.

Council-in-Chief R. J. Williams, of Ohio, again announced that the Smoker Entertainment will be held in this room tonight at 9 o'clock.

The Sons of Veterans Auxiliary were escorted into the hall at 3:45 p. m., headed by Miss Margaret W. Carney, National President, and seated in the center sections.

Commander-in-Chief: The meeting will now be in charge of the National Chaplain, Rev. Edward H. Brewster, of Maine, who will conduct

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES.

National Chaplain: I would like Sisters Blanch L. Beverstock, National Chaplain, of New-Hampshire, and Ida Patterson, of Illinois, to come to the platform.

I wish to welcome very heartily to the meeting this afternoon our Sisters of the Auxiliary. It has been customary in past years to hold a brief memorial service at the National Encampments. No service held at any Division Encampment can quite have the significance as when our Orders meet as national bodies. It is as much their service as ours.

I want to suggest that we all rise and sing a very familiar verse, "There Is a Land That Is Fairer Than Day." Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig, of New Hampshire, will lead us in the singing. Prayer, by Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig, Past Division Commander, New Hampshire.

National Chaplain: (Scripture Reading, 'st Corinthians, 13th Chapter). I am very sure that you have all been very much impressed as you have perused the reports of officers by the fact that during the past year 426 men at least have left our Camps and Divisions, and have left them not for any temporary sojourn but never to return. There were some special reasons for that fact. You were all familiar last winter with that terrible scourge which we call Spanish Influenza. You will recall one plague in Biblical days in particular, the plague which had to do with the loss in the home of every first born. I begin to understand that it was quite possible for a thing like that to have happened thousands of years ago in Egypt. Perhaps no greater object lesson has been taught. In fact dear friends, this world is one; and nothing which affects one part of the world can fail to affect our part of the world. That is just as true when we talk about disease as when we talk about heaven. And so when we talk about death, there went a great many of the men and women whom we knew and whom we loved. Another reason for that large number of deaths in our Order is this: No matter how much we may try to deny it, we are growing old. When I joined the Sons of Veterans a few years ago I was just that much younger than I am now. The Sons of Veterans then were composed of very young men, but as I looked over the Division Encampment and look over this body of men coming to the National Encampment, I find that we are no longer young men. I wish we would all understand that our losses will become increasingly great. I do not know how you feel about death. Many people do not talk much about it, but it is one subject about which we are compelled to think some time or other, and a good many people have the traditional view that if a man die he shall live again. Artists have pictured that "Land that is fairer than day"—we can see it afar. I do not know that any picture is fairer than this they have given us in the Bible. We can gain strength and hope. There are a good many unfortunate people who have had so many tragic experiences of grief that it is hard for them to believe in anything that we cannot see. Alas! If there are people who are in that situation in this assembly, there is not very much that this memorial service can do for you unless it does quicken that faith by which you were comforted. There are certain things about death which we all know. One is the solemnity of the thing which we call death. I shall never forget the holding of the caissons upon which were borne the bodies of the Spanish-American War Veterans of New York. It seemed to me that all of New York turned out to pay respect to those boys. I can hear now the rattle of those heavy trucks over those city pavements, the bowed heads of that great assembly and the tears trickling down the cheeks of some as they watched that great solemn procession. Another thing about death we are all quite sure of, that death has somehow been made sublime in our sight. At a recent funeral in the Trinity Church and after the services as the men filed out, one

said to the rest, "Why Boys, Bishop Brooks is not dead. A man like that simply cannot die." Hasn't that lesson been borne in on us during the last few months? Do you think the men who fell at Chateau Thierry are dead? Do you think the men who went down in any one of the battles are dead? Why the greatest refutation for such belief dear friends is that they simply cannot die. So we all have been impressed with the sublimity of death and I don't think we have that sense of horror that we used to have. Somehow it has been glorified and we find that the path of glory and that of death itself leads to a place of imperishable memory in the hearts and lives of great multitudes of people. I would simply confess that I am somewhat of a Theologist—handy philosophy. I believe that somehow or other out of the great heart of the infinite you and I have come. Life is like a great ray of sunshine which is darkened up into the great abundance of light. It differentiates and you get different personalities. You get the American, the Occidental and the Oriental. We have all come from the same infinite and we all return to that same great infinite. What ought our feelings to be today? First, a feeling of loss. It would take far too long to read the list of names. I would I could. Some of those who have passed away, however, were men of distinction in our Order, men about whom we know. May I simply mention to you these names:

There was first of all, Past Commander-in-Chief, the Hon. A. W. Jones.

There was Brother Wm. F. Chambers, member of Council-in-Chief. I was especially impressed with that name in this Necrology list because I rode to Buffalo in the same seat with Brother Chambers, and I wish to testify to my belief that nobody loved the Order more than Brother William F. Chambers.

Fred E. Warner, of Massachusetts.
 Charles Schmidt, of New Jersey.
 F. H. B. McDowell, of Wisconsin.
 Wm. F. Bolin, of Alabama & Tennessee.
 Frank E. Warren, of Massachusetts.
 G. Brainard Smith, of Connecticut.
 Harry Culver, of California & Pacific, in France.
 C. Day Rudy, of Pennsylvania.
 Louis Drechsler, of Missouri.
 E. F. Heller, of Minnesota.

In the presence of this list, and the fact that in all 426 men have passed away, what ought our feeling be? We cannot make up for the losses which we have sustained in the passing away of these men. It is a distinct loss to us as an Order to remember that these people have passed away. There should be a feeling of hope. Out of your theology I believe you can safely say that men like these cannot die and that there is a better and broader existence for every one of these men and our feeling this afternoon should be one of distinct supplication. We younger men and younger women must carry on to completion the work which they have thus far so nobly advanced. This flag must still be preserved to the people of this country. So should we feel when we think of those members of our Order

who have passed away. Who is to take their places? You and I must carry their load because they are gone. We must somehow fill the breach which their absence has made, and every one of us should go from this service with a feeling of distinct supplication.

May I close my remarks by giving that little poem of Wm. Lord Tennyson's, "Twilight and Evening Star," etc.

All remain seated while we sing, "Nearer My God To Thee."

Miss Ida Patterson: As a member of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, I feel honored to pay a tribute of respect to the memory of our dear departed sisters. I do it with a feeling of reverence and yet with a feeling of thankfulness that we were permitted to share the happiness and sunshine of their lives. Our Order has felt the heavy hand of death during the last year. We have lost 232 dear sisters. Many of our sisters have been called upon to give up their loved ones to be taken out of their family circles. I am proud that many of our members belong to that patriotic band of women who followed the soldier with their prayers, many of whom never returned. To all of these we extend our sympathy. We realize that the bond between us as members of this organization must be stronger, better and more loving than ever before. Friendship is such a wonderful sentiment. We are bound together so closely that we feel deeply the loss of loved ones, but let us not be sad. Let us think that heaven is a kind of "homey" place of existence, the pleasant and useful, the friendly way of living. To retain the respect of neighbors is much. Much is it to gain a man's reverence, but to have an inborn right to the affection of a host of friends is one of the sweetest rewards of living.

The services were concluded by all singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds."

The members of the Auxiliary were escorted from the hall. Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman moved that the Encampment take a recess until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The motion was seconded by Past Division Commander Alfred G. Loyd, of Pennsylvania, and agreed to.

Recess taken.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The Encampment resumed at 9:15 o'clock a. m., Thursday, September 11, 1919, with Commander-in-Chief Callahan in the chair.

Division Commander Daniel D. Sharp, of Minnesota: I would like to know the name of the brother who hung the flag upside down on the platform.

Delegate William J. Brayton, of Rhode Island: My understanding of the national law is that no flag should be placed beneath the feet of any one.

(The two flags were taken down from in front of the platform).

The Commander-in-Chief called for reports of committees:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND CEREMONIES.

Division Commander Charles W. Senior, of Rhode Island, reported:

The following resolution was adopted by the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment, Ohio Division, S. of V., U. S. A., at Lima, Ohio, June 16-19, 1919:

Whereas, The victory of our American Army and allies in the War with Germany is another triumph for liberty and makes necessary another tribute extolling the virtues of the glorious Stars and Stripes. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the "Story of the Flag" be augmented and the following added after the word "peace" in the seventh line of the last paragraph:

"The brilliant achievements of this battle-scarred emblem of Liberty have never ceased.

The immortal spirit of Lafayette whispered and hearts across the sea beckoned this banner to the blood-stained fields of France. Across the trackless deep, a hundred million American patriots answered that appeal. The flower of this nation breathing still the love of Liberty, joined in a common cause and brought glorious victory out of discouraging chaos. Thousands of our valiant kindred sleep today beneath the soil of France, but their memory is an everlasting benediction to humanity.

Their sacrifices have buried the ambitions of despots beneath an avalanche from which there shall never be a resurrection." Further, be it

Resolved, That the representatives of Governor Dennison Camp No. 1, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., to the Division Encampment at Lima June 16-19 be instructed to support this proposed

change and endeavor to secure its approval for submission to the
 Commandery-in-Chief Encampment to be held the week of Sep-
 tember 7th in Columbus.

Respectfully submitted,

O. B. RANDALL,
 G. W. WEBSTER,
 R. J. WILLIAMS,

Columbus, Ohio, June 10, 1919. Adopted and forwarded
 WILLIS F. ADAMS, Secretary.
 W. W. MOREY, Committee
 Commander

Your committee does not approve.

Commander-in-Chief: You have heard the report of the
 committee with reference to changing the "Story of the Flag."
 They do not concur. Are you ready for the question? All in
 favor of the non-concurrence will say "Aye," contrary "No."
 The Encampment voted "Aye."

Commander-in-Chief: The "Ayes" have it.

Commander Charles W. Senior, continuing: At the Thirty-
 eighth Annual Encampment of the Illinois Division held at Rock-
 ford June 10th and 11th, the Committee on Ritual proposed the
 following changes in the Ritual now in use:

"Make the Ritual more compact by eliminating reference
 to other sections or parts of Ritual and to print all ritualistic
 work under form consecutively.

Amend tribute to flag by adding clause or paragraph refer-
 ring to achievements in the great World War."

Signed:

W. C. GULLETT, Chairman,
 J. A. RICHARDSON,
 C. B. LYMAN.

Dwight, Ill., July 22, 1919.

This report was adopted by the Encampment. I am here-
 with forwarding proposed changes as part of my official duty,
 supposing that members will want it reported and have it come
 before Encampment for action. I am attesting to above as offi-
 cial with the seal of the Division. If same is not in the pre-
 scribed form required please advise, stating what may be neces-
 sary and I will try and forward it to you as it should be.

Yours very truly,

A. S. HOLBROOK,
 Division Secretary-Treasurer.

Your committee does not approve.

Commander-in-Chief: You have heard the report of the com-
 mittee.

It was moved and seconded that the report of the committee
 be adopted.

National Secretary: I submit an amendment that these recom-
 mendations be adopted and approved without any motion where
 there is no objection.

Past Division Commander Charles L. Chamberlain, of Wash-
 ington & Oregon: I don't know whether all members correctly

understand what we are voting on. I am in favor of not adopting the committee's report. We want to add something to the tribute of the flag. Why not show that it has been carried across the sea and that the boys of the Sons of Veterans have had something to do in this great World War and give them a little tribute?

Past Division Commander H. M. Lewis, of Kansas: It might be well to read the last recommendation of that committee and that will solve the problem so that the brothers will understand the work of this committee. You don't know what is coming further. They have a recommendation that covers it all.

I move that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee to draft suitable changes in the ritual in conformity with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

Commander-in-Chief: We have a Committee on the State of the Order and I believe all these matters should be referred to that committee, and that will eliminate all this unnecessary discussion.

Past Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Bolton, of Massachusetts: The chairman is present, but I would like to say a few words. I believe that it ought to be held until such time as the Encampment has its fullest representation. It is presumed to be an important report. I think as one of the committee (I offer it as a suggestion) that it is worth holding over. I would move that it be made a special order of business about 10:15 or 10:30 o'clock this morning.

The motion was seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman and agreed to.

Division Commander Charles W. Senior, continuing:

Concord, N. H., April 17, 1919.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment of the New Hampshire Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Brothers: Believing it would be for the best interests of the Order, we, the undersigned members of this Encampment, submit the following for the consideration of this Encampment:

Resolved, That the Delegates to the Commandery-in-Chief, use their influence to have the Signs and Grips for the purpose of recognition, restored to use in the Order.

Signed:

W. O. STILES, Camp No. 18,
W. H. BRADFORD, Camp No. 36,
ROBERT H. GILMAN, Camp No. 36,
D. W. BLAKE, Camp No. 42,
T. F. FURLONG, Camp No. 1.

Committee on Resolutions (in conjunction with Committee on Constitution and Laws) recommended adoption of above resolution.

The Encampment voted to adopt report of Committee with recommendations.

Concord, N. H., April 18, 1919.

Official Attest:

(Signed) FREEMAN H. HOYT,

(Signed) SAMUEL S. SMITH, Division Commander,
Division Secretary-Treasurer.

Your committee does not approve. Adopted.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment, Connecticut Division, Sons of Veterans:

Whereas, The Order of Sons of Veterans, being a civic organization should so far as practical drop all secret parts or points pertaining to military bodies,

Whereas, The having of a password and a countersign which are changed every six months is similar to such words used in military camps, and

Whereas, It is necessary to now have in this connection both an inside guard and an outside guard, that it be

Resolved. First, that one word be adopted for the regulation of all brothers when gaining admission into any Camp.

Second, That such word when adopted be permanent.

Third, That with the adoption of the foregoing, that the office of Outside Guard be abolished.

Fourth, That upon the adoption of these resolutions as a whole by this Encampment that our Delegates to the next National Encampment present them there and move their adoption by the Order of Sons of Veterans, and that the C. R. & R. and the Ritual be changed accordingly.

E. L. GRAVES.

Your committee does not approve.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. SENIOR,

WM. H. HYDEN,

H. M. LEWIS,

DANIEL D. SHARP,

C. F. MILLER,

Committee on Ritual.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: I move that the report of the Committee on Ritual be adopted.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief called for reports of committees: On Officers' Reports, on Resolutions, on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

Past Division Commander C. A. Whittlesey, of Ohio: We were here all day yesterday and we are getting no place. Cannot we get somebody on the committees to give us something?

Commander-in-Chief: I am trying to expedite matters as quickly as possible. If the committees are not here it is an impossibility for me to know what is in their minds.

Past Division Commander Charles L. Chamberlain, of Washington: I suggest that you might appoint a committee to inform the committees that we are waiting anxiously for them.

Commander-in-Chief: I appoint you as a committee of one.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

National Secretary: Your Credentials Committee presents a supplemental report: Two more names added, making a total of 249.

I move the report be accepted. The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: Do I understand that the Committee on Officers' Reports is ready to report?

Commander-in-Chief: He is waiting for other signatures.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: It seems that the chairman of the committee has prepared his report. Now we have got to wait here until he chases around to have the other members of the committee sign the report. I move that the chairman of the Committee on Officers' Reports be authorized to make his report without the signatures of the other members of the committee. The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Past Division Commander J. G. Bogart, of Wisconsin: I want to make a motion that we extend a vote of thanks to the chairman and the members of the Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies for their promptness, the only committee to report. The motion was seconded.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Past Commander-in-Chief F. T. F. Johnson:

Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 11, 1919.

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

Your Committee on Officers' Reports begs to submit to you the following report:

The study of the report of our Commander-in-Chief discloses the fact that the tide in the losses in membership of the previous year has been stemmed and turned so that the Order is now practically again on the increase and appears to be fast recovering from the unfortunate conditions caused by the late war. This is a very pleasing thing to report to this Encampment for it was the consensus of opinion at the Niagara Falls Encampment last year that the losses of the Order during the present term would be far greater than they were in the preceding one, whereas as a matter of fact they were very much less. This we suppose to be due to the magnificent work performed by our Commander-in-Chief and his very efficient staff, and we wish to extend to him our thanks for his interest and efficiency in performing the duties of his office.

The report of the Commander-in-Chief contains but two recommendations, which have had the consideration of your committee, as follows: One, that a compensation of one thousand (\$1000.00) dollars be allowed Brother H. H. Hammer in conjunction with his salary the coming year. The other, that in order to maintain our present financial condition, the per capita

tax remain at thirty-six (36) cents per member the coming year. Both of these recommendations are concurred in by your committee as it is believed that the great amount of additional work done by the National Secretary during the past year fully warrants the above additional compensation and that the best interests of the Order can only be subserved by continuing the per capita tax as recommended.

REPORTS OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, AND JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

We wish to extend to these officers the thanks of this committee for the manner in which they have conducted the affairs of their offices and to thank them for their many services during the past year.

REPORT OF CHIEF-OF-STAFF.

The report of the Chief-of-Staff shows that the body of the Reserve has been kept intact during the past year and is in good condition for a resumption of the work of the military feature of the Order. We wish to thank the Chief-of-Staff, and the Assistant Adjutant General, for their work in keeping a nucleus upon which to again build this branch.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY.

It would seem unnecessary to make any comment upon the report of the National Secretary for it is and has been in all previous reports so plain that those who "run may read" and is perfectly clear to every person who gives it even a perfunctory reading. His recommendation that the per capita tax remain the same is also approved.

REPORT OF NATIONAL TREASURER.

The report of the National Treasurer shows the receipts and expenditures for the previous year and is, like all of his reports, clear and well defined and shows that the financial affairs of the Order are well and carefully guarded.

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR.

We wish to express the thanks of this body to the National Counselor for the services that he has rendered during the year.

REPORTS OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN AND NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

These reports are comprehensive and very interesting, and it is suggested that the members of the Order give them attention and render assistance to these officers in their work. We believe that the thanks of the Commandery-in-Chief are due to these brothers for the consistent and earnest work that they have been doing in the past year.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS.

No recommendations are made by this committee, but we understand from their report that efforts will be made to assist the active officers of the military branch to again extend this feature of the Order.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT.

Your committee fully concurs with the thoughts expressed in the report of the National Press Correspondent; First, a plan of local publicity effectively carried out; and second, organized campaign for the personal solicitation of new members. While there is nothing new in these two suggestions, yet they have been consistently made for years and it is believed that if the members co-operate in this work that greater results in the acquisition of new members will follow.

REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

Your committee have carefully considered the report of the Council-in-Chief and earnestly recommend that it be adopted by this Encampment.

Respectfully submitted,

F. T. F. JOHNSON,
A. I. VESCELIUS,
C. H. HEIMSOOTH,
RALPH H. BURBANK,
J. KIRKWOOD CRAIG,
Committee on Officers' Reports.

Commander-in-Chief: You have heard the recommendations of the Committee on Officers' Reports. Will the recommendations stand as adopted? Is there any objection? There appears to be no objection, so it is adopted.

Past Commander-in-Chief F. T. F. Johnson, of Maryland: We will make a further report after the report of the Council-in-Chief is made. This is only a preliminary report.

Commander-in-Chief: If there are no objections, the preliminary report will stand.

Past Division Commander Charles L. Chamberlain, of Washington & Oregon: I now move that we reconsider the vote by which the hour was set for 10:15 o'clock and that the Committee on the State of the Order report now.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: The motion is that on a former motion made by Past Commander-in-Chief Bolton, of Massachusetts, that the report of the Committee on the State of the Order be made a special order of business about 10:30 o'clock this morning. The brother, who voted in the affirmative on that motion, has made a motion to reconsider it so that the committee can report immediately.

It was moved that the motion be laid on the table.

Past Division Commander Chamberlain, of Washington & Oregon: I will withdraw the motion. I do not wish to show any discourtesy to the chairman of the committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph Sheldon, of New York: To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-eighth Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Your Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations beg to submit the following report:

Amendments to the Constitution have been presented to your committee, as follows:

From Massachusetts, to provide for a bronze war service medal and ribbon.

As we have a Committee on State of the Order, we deemed this resolution a proper one for their consideration. The same has been referred to them.

Proposed change in the Constitution, to provide for re-instatement of members. Presented by the Massachusetts Division.

Extract from Report of Division Secretary:

RE-INSTATEMENT OF MEMBERS. I am of the opinion that many former members of a Camp would rejoin if it were possible to secure re-instatement. Many such cases arise in the course of a year and where the cases are worthy it should be made legally possible to rejoin in this manner. If the Camp that dropped or discharged members is satisfied to re-admit them, I cannot see why anyone else should have to be satisfied.

The procedure can be defined in the Constitution and I would therefore recommend the submitting of the following to the next meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief for adoption as a new section of Article III, of Chapter II, of the Constitution:

"Section 4. A dropped or honorably discharged member may be re-instated by the Camp that dropped or discharged him by making application and being investigated and balloted upon the same as an original applicant, and after having satisfied any claims of the Camp.

If the Camp is not in existence, he can only rejoin the Order as a new member. Re-instatement of membership will not carry with it re-instatement of past rank."

Extract from report of Committee on Officers' Reports:

"Ought to pass" on the above recommendation.

The above recommendation, approved by the Committee on Officers' Reports was unanimously adopted by the Encampment.

In accordance with the above record, this recommendation is presented by the Massachusetts Division and its adoption by the Commandery-in-Chief requested.

Signed: ELLSWORTH M. BROWN,

Attest: Division Commander.

(Signed) HENRY F. WEILER,
Division Secretary.

Your Committee non-concurs. We feel that this is only an incumbrance, that it is really not necessary and therefore we do not concur in the resolution.

Commander-in-Chief: No objections. Approved.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon, continuing:

PREAMBLE.

Whereas, The Order of The Sons of Veterans owes their existence as an organization to the Grand Army of the Republic and owes to them their filial support, in all their undertakings.

We deeply deplore the failure of the Sons of Veterans to hold their Annual National Encampment with the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Portland, Oregon, August 19-25, 1918.

Now, therefore, Be it Resolved, By Spokane Camp No. 2, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., That it is the manifest duty of the Sons of Veterans to hold all their Annual National Encampments at the same time and place as the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Be it further Resolved, That we assure the members of the Grand Army of the Republic that our hearts are with them and we stand ready to perform any service that we are called upon to render them.

Now, therefore, Be it further Resolved, That the Commander-in-Chief is hereby petitioned to so change Section 1, Article 3, Chapter 4, of the C. R. & R. that all future Annual National Encampments of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., shall be held at the same time and place as the Annual National Encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Be it further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished to our Commander-in-Chief, Division Commander, also a copy placed on file.

(Signed) FRANKLIN STAPLES TREMAIN,
GEO. M. HOLT,
W. H. PATTISON,
Committee on Resolutions.

For reasons known by most of you, the National Encampment was held at Portland, Oregon. Very few of us could afford to spend from four to six weeks in going to and from a National Encampment which was then at Niagara Falls. Your Committee feels that the majority would not be able to attend. Only one member of your Committee, Division Commander Eugene Carr, of Washington & Oregon, concurred in the resolution. Your committee does not concur in the proposed resolution.

Past Division Commander Chamberlain, of Washington & Oregon: Only that my record might be clear as the author of that resolution, I will say that the action was not the unanimous action of the boys out West

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon, continuing:

Manhattan, Kansas, July 21, 1919.

To the National Secretary, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.
H. H. Hammer, Reading, Pa.

Greetings:

This is to certify that the Kansas Division, at their Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment assembled at Wichita May 21, 22 and 23, voted to re-affirm the following recommendation made a year ago to so change the Constitution and Laws of the Order as to admit sons of all honorably discharged men of the Army, Navy, Marine or Aviation Corps.

That Article Four of Chapter One be amended by striking out the words "during the War of the Rebellion of 1861-'65."

Recommended by the Committee on Constitution and Laws

and adopted by the Encampment in session at Wichita, Kansas, May 21 to 23, 1919.

(Signed) B. S. WILSON,
Division Commander, Kansas Division,
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Attest:

(Signed) ARTHUR J. RHODES,
Division Secretary.

It would mean the admission to the Sons of Veterans the veterans of any war. Your committee does not concur. Approved.

From New Hampshire—To amend Chapter Two, Article Two, Section Three:

Nashua, N. H., April 17, 1919.

Believing that the Commandery-in-Chief has worked a hardship upon the smaller Camps and small Divisions in raising the initiation fee from three to five dollars:

Resolved, That it is the recommendation of the New Hampshire Division Encampment, Sons of Veterans, holden at Concord, N. H., April 17 and 18, 1919, that its delegates to the Commandery-in-Chief be instructed to present the following recommendation:

That the initiation fee be established at a minimum of three dollars, the maximum sum to be charged being left optional with individual Camps, to be governed by circumstances and conditions.

(Signed) F. C. WALTERS,
W. H. PUTNAM,
H. A. TWISS.

Above resolution adopted at the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment of the New Hampshire Division, held in Concord, April 17-18, 1919.

Attest: (Signed) SAMUEL S. SMITH,
Division Secretary-Treasurer.

(Signed) FREEMAN H. HOYT,
Division Commander.

Your committee does not concur in the recommendation.

Commander-in-Chief: No objections.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon, continuing:

Manhattan, Kansas, July 21, 1919.

To the National Secretary, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.
H. H. Hammer, Reading, Pa.

Greetings:

This is to certify that the Kansas Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., adopted the following recommendation as a part of the regular business transacted at the Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment at Wichita, Kansas, May 21 to 23, 1919.

That the following recommendation be presented to the Thirty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief: Article VII of Chapter VI of the Constitution and Laws be so changed that Camp Secretaries and Treasurers need only make semi-annual re-

ports in place of quarterly reports to Division Headquarters.

Recommended by the Committee on Constitution and Laws.
Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) B. S. Wilson,
Division Commander, Kansas Division,
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Attest:

(Signed) ARTHUR J. RHODES,
Division Secretary.

Your committee does not concur.

Commander-in-Chief: No objections.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon, continuing:

Stoughton, Wisconsin.

Upon recommendation of the Division Commander in his annual report, the following resolution was introduced and adopted at the last Division Encampment of Wisconsin:

Whereas, The present law requiring Divisions to carry delinquent Camps for one full year before dropping or suspending them is too much of a financial burden upon the small Divisions, therefore be it

Resolved, That Sections 4 and 5, Article 1, Chapter 2, of the C. R. & R. be stricken out and substitute in lieu thereof the following:

Section 4. Each Division Secretary shall within 30 days after the per capita tax shall become due and payable, report to the Division Commander all Camps then in arrears in the payment of such per capita tax and the Division Commander shall thereupon notify the Commanders of such Camps that unless such per capita tax shall be paid within 10 days, said Camps shall be liable for suspension.

Section 5. After the expiration of such period, if such Camp is still in arrears the Division Commander shall notify the Commander-in-Chief of such default who shall forthwith suspend such Camp until all arrears have been paid and during the period of such suspension no per capita tax shall be due and payable thereon.

(Signed) J. T. DRAKE,
W. R. GRAVES,
A. A. SNYDER,
Committee.

Your committee non-concurs.

Commander-in-Chief: No objections.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon, continuing:

Nashua, New Hampshire, April 17, 1919.

Resolved, That it is the recommendation of the New Hampshire Division Encampment, Sons of Veterans, holden at Concord, N. H., April 17 and 18, 1919, that its delegates to the Commandery-in-Chief be instructed to present the following amendment to the Constitution and Laws:

That the election of Council-in-Chief, Division Council and

Camp Council be for a term of three years each: at the first election following the adoption of this amendment one member be elected for three years, one for two years and one for one year, and each year thereafter elect one for three years, the purpose being to make the various councils a continuous body so that matters carried over from one year to another may receive due consideration.

(Signed) F. C. WALTERS,
W. H. PUTNAM,
H. A. TWISS.

Above resolution adopted at the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment of the New Hampshire Division, held in Concord, April 17-18, 1919.

(Signed) SAMUEL S. SMITH,
Division Secretary-Treasurer.

(Signed) FREEMAN H. HOYT,
Division Commander.

Your committee does not concur.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: I move non-concurrence of the report of the committee and the adoption of the recommendation.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Past Commander Charles F. Sherman, of New York: Do I understand that the adoption of that becomes a law? This is a constitutional change that is to become effective.

Commander-in-Chief: I presume it is the first reading.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.

National Secretary: Credentials Committee presents the name of Past Division Commander John A. Bommhardt, of Ohio, as member of the Encampment.

Delegate E. M. Lowe, Committee on C. R. & R., of Ohio: I would like to make a motion to suspend the rules and that the amendment relative to election of members of the Council-in-Chief, Division and Camp Councils, just read, be placed on file for the second and third reading for passage at this Encampment.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon, continuing:

(Passed Boston, 1917, 36th Encampment).

(Passed Niagara Falls, 1918, 37th Encampment).

Passed to Second Reading and to be acted upon finally at the 38th Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, 1919, viz:

From the Division of California & Pacific, Chapter 3, Article 5, Section 3:

"Section 3. 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."

Your committee concurs. This is the third and final reading of this amendment.

Commander-in-Chief: No objections.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon, continuing:

Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 15, 1912.

To the Officers and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans.

Greeting:

As the regular elected delegate of the Division of Minnesota, I wish to place before the Convention for its consideration the following change in the Constitution:

Substituting Article II, Section 3, to read as follows:

"Applications for membership shall be divided into three classes and shall be in force from and after its passage and final approval.

Class 1. All applications for membership shall be accompanied by a fee of not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00), One Dollar of which shall be paid to the Commandery-in-Chief and Three Dollars to be paid into the Division Treasury. The money paid the Division shall be used for organization purposes only.

Class 2. Applicants for membership who are Sons or Grandsons of members of the Order in good standing (or waive if deserved) may be admitted to membership for the sum of Three Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$3.50), Fifty Cents of which shall be paid into the Treasury of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Class 3. Members who have been dropped from the rolls for non-payment, and of good character, may be accepted for membership upon the payment of the sum of Three Dollars (\$3.00) provided they possess their old badge; if not, a charge of Fifty Cents will be made for a new badge."

Fraternally yours,

JULIAN C. CULTER,
Delegat-at-Large, Minnesota.

P. S.—The general feeling prevails here that the membership fee should be raised until it has reached the sum of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) and that it should be on a par with the Sons of the American Revolution and we must all realize that we are reaching a period when if we are to carry out our principles and objects we must find Ways and Means to finance our Order.

Your committee non-concurs.

Commander-in-Chief: No objections.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon, continuing: The following resolutions were offered by Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin and California:

PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.

Whereas, A proposition has been presented to the Camp providing for a change in name of our Order to the Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic, and

Whereas, The reasons for this proposed change are apparent in that:

(1) It will preserve a name that under existing conditions will cease with the passing of the last comrade;

(2) It will not confuse our organization with the "Sons of Veterans" of other wars;

(3) It will perpetuate a name that has a long and glorious existence;

(4) It will enable us "to perpetuate the memory of the sacrifices of our fathers and forefathers and their services for the maintenance of the Union;"

(5) It will comply with the urgent requests and wishes of many prominent officers and members of the parent organization.

Therefore, Be it Resolved. That the representatives of Governor Dennison Camp No. 1, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. to the Division Encampment at Lima the week of June 16th be instructed to support this proposed change and endeavor to secure its approval for submission to the Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief to be held at Columbus the week of September 7th.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) WALTON WEBER,
R. J. WILLIAMS,
COMODORE CONWAY,
Committee.

Columbus, Ohio, June 10, 1919, Unanimously adopted by the Camp.

(Signed) W. W. MOREY,
Commander.

Attest:

WILLIS F. ADAMS,
Secretary.

Adopted by the 37th Annual Encampment, Ohio Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., at Lima, Ohio, June 16-19, 1919.

(Signed) ED. S. WILSON,
Division Secretary.
(Signed) CUSTER SNYDER,
Division Commander.

Proposed amendments from: Wisconsin, California, Ohio. (Change of name).

Note: (By Committee on C. R. & R.) By motion of Past Commander-in-Chief J. E. Sautter, these proposed amendments were referred to the Committee on Good of the Order.

Your committee feels that there are many members of the Order whose fathers have never belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic. We do not feel that our name should be changed as this amendment proposes. We, therefore, do not concur.

Commander-in-Chief: Are there any objections?

Delegate W. W. Morey, of Ohio: I move a non-concurrence with the report of this committee, and in explanation I would like to give you some of the following reasons why.

Past Division Commander W. S. Reeder, of Ohio: I rise to point of order with reference to this motion. The point just referred to is one of the different points referred to this Committee by the action of the 37th Annual Encampment and will be reported on by the Committee on the State of the Order.

Commander-in-Chief: The point is well taken and the motion is out of order.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: Does that mean

that this report of the Committee should be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order?

Commander-in-Chief: Yes.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: I move that this section of the report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon, continuing:

Trenton, N. J., June 30, 1919.

Mr. H. H. Hammer, National Secretary,
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Reading, Pa.

Dear Sir and Brother:

The following amendment to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations was presented at the 37th Annual Encampment of the New Jersey Division, held at Asbury Park, N. J., June 26-27, 1919, and is herewith forwarded to your office with the request that the same be presented to the coming National Encampment to be held in Columbus, Ohio:

Amend Chapter VI, Article 16, Section 1, page 55, C. R. & R., by adding:

"(D) A regalia made of silk shall be worn by members of Camps when on parade and on public occasions. Said regalia to be of two (2) red and white stripes, each stripe to be 2½ inches in width, starting from a blue field, said field to contain thirteen white stars. The regalia shall be two (2) yards in length, with a rosette ten inches from the end and where crossed, consisting of a black crepe disk three inches in diameter. The regalia shall be worn over the left shoulder, diagonally over the breast."

Above proposed amendment was adopted by resolution to be presented at the Columbus National Encampment for action and consideration of the Commandery-in-Chief. A sample of regalia accompanies the copy of amendment.

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) HERBERT D. WILLIAMS,

Attest:

Division Commander.

(Signed) JOHN L. REEGER,

Division Secretary-Treasurer.

Your committee does not concur.

Commander-in-Chief: No objections.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: This completes our report.

RALPH SHELTON,
E. H. MILHAM,
LEON L. ROBERTS,
NED. WITHERS,
EUGENE CARR,

Committee on C. R. & R.

Past Division Commander Robert T. Alcorn, of Connecticut:

I move that the report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations be adopted.

Past Division Commander Samuel S. Horn, of Pennsylvania, called for second and third readings on the proposition of the Council-in-Chief, Division Council and Camp Council elections.

Past Division Commander C. L. Chamberlain, of Washington & Oregon: I move that the first reading be considered as the third and the amendment be placed before the assembly for vote for final adoption for election of the Councils.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Past Commander-in-Chief Edward R. Campbell: This recommendation having been passed for the third reading, I move that the report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations be adopted as read, with the exception of the one recommendation with reference to the Council-in-Chief, Division Council and Camp Council.

Commander-in-Chief: This is the third reading.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, of Pennsylvania: I understand that this is the third reading and if adopted will become a law of this organization. For two reasons I do not believe the change should be made. First, it is unnecessary. Second, there is nothing to prevent having a man serve two or three years. If he is good, re-elect him. If he is no good, get rid of him.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: I would say that it is a fine admission to make that our Order is made up of men that are no account, and the Camps and Divisions and this body are not sufficiently equipped as it were to decide this matter properly. It seems to me that it is a plain business proposition, and that is why I am for it.

Division Commander Eugene Carr, of Washington & Oregon: There are some superfluous words that mean nothing and should be eliminated. They are the following: "The purpose being to make the various Councils a continuous body so that matters carried over from one year to another may receive due consideration." I move you to amend the original motion by eliminating these words.

The amendment was accepted by the mover, Past Commander-in-Chief Edward R. Campbell, of Maryland.

Division Commander Eugene Carr, Washington & Oregon: We are all out of order.

Commander-in-Chief: You have heard the third reading. Are you ready for the question?

National Secretary: I submit the suggestion: Why not fix it so that if Divisions and Camps desire to have the Council permanent that they may be permitted to do so but not make it compulsory? There are many Camps that are buying buildings and have buildings. There are some cases where they do not want to make changes. Let it be as a Camp or Division wants to have it. Only suggested for your consideration.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: I see no objection—make it optional rather than mandatory. I think it a good suggestion.

Past Division Commander Lewis A. Dilley, of Iowa: Is this

proposition legal? Do we have the right to make a change in this way and take the second and third readings at this Encampment?

Past Division Commander C. A. Chamberlain, of Washington & Oregon: The hour of 10:30 a. m. having arrived, I move that we take up that order of business, the report of the Committee on the State of the Order.

Commander-in-Chief: We will dispose of this matter first.

The amendment is as follows: "That the following words should be eliminated: "The purpose being to make the various Councils a continuous body so that matters carried over from one year to another may receive due consideration."

All in favor will say "Aye." Was agreed to.

It was moved and seconded that the report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations with the amendment be adopted. The motion was agreed to.

VISIT OF COMMITTEE FROM THE SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY.

Past Commander-in-Chief A. E. B. Stephens, of Ohio: Word has just been received that there has been a Committee of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary waiting at the door for half an hour.

Commander-in-Chief: This is a special order of business set for 10:30.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stephens: I move that the special order of business be deferred until after the ladies have submitted their business. The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stephens escorted the ladies to the platform.

Commander-in-Chief: There come to us the loyal women who compose the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, the greatest Society that the Camps of the Sons of Veterans have connected with them. They have gone farther and done more toward the sustenance and upbuilding of the Sons of Veterans, possibly, than some of us. I have been in position to know what I am talking about is true. It gives me great pleasure to introduce the National Vice President of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, that patriotic Ohio girl, Mrs. Margaret Patterson Stephens of the local Auxiliary of Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Margaret Stephens, National Vice President, Sons of Veterans Auxiliary: Brother Commander-in-Chief, each one of these girls has a little message for you, so I will only talk a few minutes. There is no doubt in the minds of the Auxiliary girls about the state of the Order of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary. Our organization gained 1300 members this year. We are here to bring to you greetings from the National President of our organization and we want you to know that you have the love of each and every one of us. We wish for you a very successful administration in the coming year.

Commander-in-Chief: Now I have the great pleasure of presenting another patriotic lady, one who has served in the capacity of National Secretary of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, one who has traveled extensively over these United States in the interest of the Auxiliaries and of the Sons of Veterans. She

is one of those congenial, jovial women and makes herself pleasant on all occasions. I introduce National Secretary Mrs. Mabelle M. Ham, of Massachusetts.

Mrs. Mabelle M. Ham, National Secretary, Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, of Massachusetts: Brothers of the Sons of Veterans, I want to assure you and tell you this is one of the happiest moments in my life, and when I say that to you I say it in all sincerity. This is the first time that I have had the honor and pleasure of standing before you and looking into your faces. We want you to know that we love and appreciate you. We are working every minute for the Order, and my ambition is to grow and render you a great service in the future as we have rendered you in the past. We are prouder of being an Auxiliary to you than of anything else that has come to us. We promised not more than five minutes. I will admit that I can talk to you individually better than I can talk to you collectively. The Commander-in-Chief said he had met me on several occasions. I hope you will understand that they were all right. Here is a substantial appreciation of you. These flowers (presenting them to the Commander-in-Chief) are a token of our appreciation of all that you mean to us, of all that you have done this year. We appreciate it and extend these to you with the love and good wishes of every member of the Auxiliary and wish for you a successful Encampment, and also trust that your Order will grow and prosper in the coming year. We trust that the year before you will be a more prosperous year. We want to share your troubles and sorrows with you. God bless every one of you and may you all be able to meet at your next grand Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief: Sister National Secretary of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, I am taken by surprise because I did not expect a gift of this or any other kind. When I look upon these beautiful roses they remind me of my association with the beautiful girls of the Auxiliaries in my travels throughout the United States. Last but not least, my dear friend Past National President, Katie Carr, of Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Katie Carr, Past National President, Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, of Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers of the Commandery-in-Chief. After all that has been said by our chairman and Sister Ham, there is not much to say, but I come with the love of every member of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary. Of course we realize more than any other members of the Auxiliary what your Commander-in-Chief does, because he is our Judge Advocate. On behalf of the National Sons of Veterans Auxiliary we present to you this clock and trust that when you take it back to your home in Philadelphia that you will always be in on time (presenting the clock).

Commander-in-Chief: I certainly accept the gift with great gratitude. I really did not expect any gifts when I assumed this office. My duty to this organization and to the Commandery-in-Chief is just the same as it was during my years of membership in my Camp. It would be a hard matter to time me, because sometimes I am home and sometimes I am not home all night. Take back to the Sisters of the Auxiliary my appreciation and thanks for their courtesy. I will call on Past Commander-in-Chief Rake to respond.

Past Commander-in-Chief Rake: It is not usual that a man

will select to speak for him one who knows so much of his past as I do of the Captain. You sized the situation properly when you gave him a time-piece with the admonition that he be home on time, for it has not been very long ago—certainly within the past half decade—that it was reported the Captain, after a very strenuous evening (I will not say what with) approached the portals of his residence about 2:55 a. m. In a somewhat dazed condition of stumbling on the stairway and with a slight stutter in his speech, he responded to the question from Mrs. Callahan, "Captain, what time is it?" "One o'clock, Dear." Just then another clock in the neighborhood sounded "One, Two, Three," and with the wit of the proverbial Irishman the Captain said, "Dear, I did not know that that damn clock had learned to stutter." It served as his alibi for the night. The ladies have fixed his feet by fixing his clock this time. They have put the chimes in there that he can never mistake for stuttering.

Girls—I call you girls, although some of you have passed that stage. (Applause). There they go again. I did not mean in years, I meant the hours in which they retire—I believe I recognize some of the faces before me as having been up at an early hour. You can take it at either end. No use blushing, Mrs. Stephens, it was both ends for you.

Girls, I know what the Captain would have me say to you—that no matter what you brought here of the material things, whether they were flowers or clocks (I must not overlook the chimes) he would not value them half as much as he values your friendship. I know he will be glad to go home to remember you always when he hears those chimes. He will remember the gift for all time to come. You need no assurance of his loyalty and friendship in the future. You will have it as you have had it in the past.

The ladies were escorted from the hall.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE ORDER.

Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. T. Church, of Illinois: At the request of the Committee on the State of the Order, I will read to you its report which has the concurrence of all members of the Committee:

Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 11, 1919.

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

Your Committee on the State of the Order appointed at the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment has considered the several points referred to it by that Encampment particularly set forth in a communication published in The Banner of January, 1919; and has also considered the correspondence received from members and Divisions in response to the invitation contained in that communication; and has likewise considered the report of Commander-in-Chief F. T. F. Johnson, made to that Encampment; and during this Encampment has held hearings affording all its members an opportunity to express their views on these subjects.

Your Committee feels that while the Constitution and Rules might be improved and simplified by amendment, or be rewritten in a manner tending to a greater degree of local self-government;

and that the Ritual could be abbreviated and better adapted to the needs of the Camps in the present form of the organization, yet in the opinion of the committee none of the proposed changes offer a solution of the difficulty which confronts the Order. Various other propositions for the improvement of the Order which are worthy of much consideration have been presented to your committee by members in attendance here.

Your Committee believes that final decision on many of these matters which are not momentarily vital to the Order would be premature until it has had an opportunity to recover from the conditions incident to the World War and the problems arising therefrom which have and are affecting all fraternal organizations. The fundamental changes suggested in the published points relate to the changes of name, of eligibility to membership, and of principles and objects. No reason has been presented sufficient to convince your Committee, nor in the opinion of the Committee does any sufficient reason exist to warrant either of such changes. Your Committee, therefore, recommends that no change be made on either of these subjects.

The remaining articles specifically referred to this Committee we regard as not vital at the present.

Your Committee has just reported against a change of name, principles and objects. We do believe that the principles and objects which we now have should be vastly better understood both within and without our Order. Too many of our very valuable members have seemed to be unable to present to others and particularly to those who are eligible to membership just what our Order stands for. Too many within and without have considered us only an auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic without definite policy. For many years we have occupied an inconspicuous position behind the parent Order, satisfied with our privilege of assisting them in the observance and perpetuation of Memorial Day. This work we hope and expect to continue in the future, but in these crucial days we will be unworthy of our heritage, do we not assert our determination to make our influence felt for the public weal.

We, therefore, present for adoption and promulgation the following:

DECLARATION OF THE SONS OF VETERANS.

The Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., being the descendants of the Union Soldiers and Sailors of the Civil War, organized as a civic body for many years to perpetuate the memory of their fathers' service and sacrifices for the preservation of the Union, and to inculcate the principles of patriotism and love of country, Do Declare:

That the Order will, to the limit of its power and influence, vigorously oppose all boshevik movements and tendencies, and all efforts that make for the destruction or impairment of our constitutional Union.

That we demand of all citizens one hundred per cent Americanism.

That we call upon Congress to provide necessary laws for the deportation of all unregenerate aliens, and those who do not in good faith seek to become citizens.

That we insist upon the energetic enforcement of these laws by the executive branch of the government.

That we believe that Congress should forthwith cause to be made an extensive and exhaustive investigation of the causes of social unrest in all parts of the country, and having ascertained the causes, then to provide the remedies that will restore the peace and happiness of the whole people under unaltered American institutions.

To the accomplishment of the foregoing the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., hereby pledge the unswerving and loyal efforts of their entire membership; and express their willingness to co-operate with all other patriotic organizations actuated by similar motives.

This order furthermore offers to the Government the service of its nation-wide organization with its influence in affiliated orders and social circles to distribute any propaganda of Americanism which may be authorized to combat all movements which would raise the red flag of anarchy, or which are treasonable or subversive of free democracy as handed down by the founders of this Republic.

RALPH M. GRANT,
FRED E. BOLTON,
CHARLES F. SHERMAN,
JOHN E. SAUTTER,
WILLIAM T. CHURCH,
Committee on State of the Order.

Adopted and Promulgated
by the
Thirty-eighth National Encampment
at Columbus, Ohio, September 11th, 1919.

The adoption of the Committee's report and the promulgation of the Declaration of the Sons of Veterans was moved and seconded.

Delegate Joe Mitchell Chapple, of Massachusetts: At this wonderful closing moment, if this resolution is read over the country it should have something more than a mere passing. The time has come when the Sons of Veterans have got to do something. I saw the work of bolshevism. I saw a man taken from his shop and shot and his wife and daughters taken God knows where. Here with these dear girls that have come among us, it seems to me that we should not just say and vote "yes." Why does not the world know something about the Sons of Veterans? It is because of us. How many of us have gone out and taken a farmer by the hand and said "Why don't you become a Son of a Veteran." This is the greatest moment that ever ticked on the clock of time. I tell you we have got to be up and doing, that this work is not a mere matter of technical organization. We have got to have something more than these amendments. Do something, not only for your membership, and have your object. What does that mean? It does not matter whether I live five or ten years more than you, but it does matter how I live and how I die. The great thing that comes to me,—I want that one glory to come to me, to have the flag of my country wrapped about me, and in some way be worthy of

that great heritage. The American citizenship is the thing we have got to work for. That fellowship of American citizenship ought to be 300,000 strong instead of 50,000 at this moment. Just let this country know about the Sons of Veterans. It is a wonderful name. Is there anything that you are prouder of than that you are a Son of a Veteran? Remember that while you are a Son of a Veteran you are a son of a veteran's wife.

These resolutions stir me to the very depths of my heart. This organization is not going on unless it lifts itself out of the routine. We have got to understand, to take hold of the problems and let this nation know that we are alive and know the honors that we are all seeking. The great pulsing heart of America is heard throughout the world today. Is there any organization more worthy than the Sons of the men who saved the flag? That is the great hope of the world. Sometimes we feel this and that, but there is one thing—you cannot be a good citizen of Ohio, of your Order, unless you are first a full citizen of the United States of America. You can go on just the same with your own business. Would that we could understand what it is to sacrifice. We are no longer boys. We have reached the stature of manhood and we should take upon us the full responsibilities of manhood and make the Sons of Veterans not a shadow but a substance that will lead on to the great fulfillment of the distinction that awaits this country. This great circle reaches around the world. There has never been a greater moment in all history than in the past few years. I hope when you go home you will not only remember the great fellowship, but resolve that by the grace of God I am going to stamp the snake and stamp out the last vestige of Bolshevism if it takes my blood to do it.

Delegate E. S. Shumaker, of Indiana: I certainly am delighted with the report of this committee, and the speech of the brother who has just sat down is one that has stirred all of our hearts. But now, Sir, I am wondering (as this is my first National Encampment, though I have been a member of the Order for a number of years) if, to a report brought in by a member of this committee, amendments are permissible.

Commander-in-Chief: I would judge they would not be at this time.

Delegate E. S. Shumaker, of Indiana: This is the point I want to raise: Our Indiana Division passed a recommendation which was published in The Banner and which a committee from our Division took to a special committee of this committee whose report is just in, calling attention to one thing that they thought was not for the best interest of our Order. I refer to Section 3 of Chapter 2 of the Constitution and Laws which refers to the initiation fee of not less than \$5.00. My understanding is that heretofore the minimum fee required by our laws has been \$1.00 and that last year the Encampment changed it to \$5.00, and that in all of these years it has been optional to make the fee larger in case they wanted to do so. My Camp has always made that initiation fee \$3.00. Now this brother has just called attention to the fact that the Sons of Veterans ought to have 300,000 members instead of 50,000; but by making the initiation fee at least \$5.00 we are closing the way against getting certain classes of people into our Order. If it is in order,

I would like to make an amendment to put the initiation fee back to \$1.00.

Commander-in-Chief: The motion is out of order.

Past Division Commander Geo. H. Stebbins, of Ohio: We have had something presented to us from the Church. We have had an answer from the Chapple. I feel that this should now become our religion. Let us take this resolution without dotting an "i" or crossing a "t," and on all our application cards print it in full and the man who signs his name will sign a Declaration.

Past Division Commander Custer Snyder, of Ohio: We are about to vote on the adoption of the Committee's report. That report includes two things—a resolution, and a non-concurrence in recommendations made. I believe that they should be voted on separately because there may be some objection in which we do not concur. There were three recommendations in which the Committee did not concur.

Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. T. Church, of Illinois: The report of this committee recommends that no changes be made in the name, the principles and objects nor the eligibility clauses of this Order. If you change any at this time you emasculate that declaration. The Grand Army of the Republic won't recognize it, the world won't know it and we ourselves will not know whence it comes. It is those three things—the name, the eligibility and our declaration of the principles and objects that put the kick in that declaration.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Chief-of-Staff Edwin M. Amies: I concur in the opinion of my friend from Ohio when he made the remark that he was ready for the adoption of the report of the committee just read without the dotting of an "i" or the crossing of a "t" and, therefore, I did not feel at the time that it was proper to interject into the discussion of that report what I now want to say. For years and years this Commandery-in-Chief has met in annual session, and for years and years no report of its actions, of its doings or its transactions has appeared in the public press outside of the mere fact that John Smith or Bill Jones had been elected to their respective offices. In the papers commenting on the convening of this Commandery-in-Chief, about that much space appeared (measuring a few inches); but I say now, Commander-in-Chief and my Brothers, that the time has arrived when the Order of the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America has come to the point when it has reached that place where it has declared its position among the patriotic societies of our country. When these resolutions were being read it struck me then that now is the time to come before the people and to say to them that we are not alone traveling upon the records of our dear fathers, but that we have a mission in life to perform which is the object of our Order. What better time could now be that those principles be initiated in the public press and transmitted from one end of the country to the other. I am aware that the public wires of our country, the Associated Press and other cable and telegraphic companies, publish only things that are matters of news. Whether or not in their estimation, upon report being made to them by the local reporters of the city or our own press agents, shall be considered by them

business of public import I do not know. But I say that we have now come to the point that if it be necessary to buy publicity that now is the time to do it—and therefore, with that idea in view, I move that the Press Correspondent, in conjunction with the National Secretary, proceed to the offices of the Associated Press and have placed upon the wires of that organization the full context of this resolution, and if the same be not accepted by them as a matter of news that this Commandery-in-Chief pay for it.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: I now move that this action, accompanied by a copy of the Declaration, be certified by the National Secretary to the President of the United States, to each branch of the National Congress, to every Governor and every Legislature in the United States.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter: There has been in waiting for a considerable period of time delegations from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and National Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be received by this Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: I move that a sufficient number of copies of this Declaration be printed or typewritten for distribution among the members of this Encampment. The motion was seconded and agreed to.

VISIT OF COMMITTEES FROM THE LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC AND DAUGHTERS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

The delegations of Ladies of the G. A. R. and Daughters of the G. A. R. were escorted to the platform.

Commander-in-Chief: We are glad to receive you at this time. I have the great pleasure of introducing Mrs. Crawford, Department President of the Ladies of the G. A. R.

Mrs. Crawford: It gives me great pleasure at this time to come before this splendid-looking body of men and tell you that we bring to you greetings from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. I am the daughter of a veteran and we feel very close together. You see we have some other ladies here. Our time is precious and so is yours. I want you to accept our greetings from our National President and from our different sisters that are gathered together at this time. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief: I have pleasure in presenting Mrs. Willard Bigsby, one of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, of Wisconsin.

Mrs. Willard Bigsby: I am glad to greet you. I know that you have some boys from Wisconsin, and I am always glad to see them. I greet you from Wisconsin.

Commander-in-Chief: It also gives me pleasure to present Mrs. Ida Seal, of Atlanta, present Department President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan.

Mrs. Ida Seal: It gives me pleasure to greet this body because I feel as though they were all mine. I am the mother of

a Son who lies in France. He was a member of the Camp at Jackson, Michigan, before he went across, and so you are all very dear to me and I feel that I am one of the Sons of Veterans as one who belonged to him.

Commander-in-Chief: I introduce Miss Gurnie L. Park who represents the Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Miss Gurnie L. Park: I am indeed very glad to bring greetings to you from the National Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic. You know we are your youngest Sisters and of course we always look to our Brothers for assistance. We always are ready to work hand-in-hand with the Sons of Veterans in every city where we are both organized. I understand that the Sons are contemplating changing their name. Our fathers took the name of Grand Army of the Republic, and certainly there is no prouder name to perpetuate their memory by for generations to come. I am indeed glad to present to you these badges from our Order, and I wish for you every success, now and always (presenting the badges).

Commander-in-Chief: We certainly appreciate the gift of these beautiful badges. I have been entirely ignorant that there was such an organization as the Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic. I am glad that there is such an organization. We are working in conjunction with other allied organizations of the Grand Army of the Republic in building up that which will make them greater.

Past Division Commander P. A. Barrows, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of Nebraska, please respond to the greetings of these loyal women.

Past Division Commander P. A. Barrows, of Nebraska: I feel that this is indeed an honor and something which I had not anticipated to have this privilege of responding to the greetings. I have something on the rest of you. You have responded to only one—I have a chance to respond to four at the same time. Ladies, we appreciate greatly your visit with us this morning. We feel that you, like all of our organizations, are doing a great work. Never in the history have we faced conditions that exist at the present time. We are facing the crisis, when it behooves every one of us to stand together and show the people of this country. We are glad to have you with us today, and we are glad that you are having your Encampment in this city this week. We appreciate very much your visit with us this morning.

The visiting committees were escorted from the hall.

The Commander-in-Chief called for

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Chief-of-Staff Edwin M. Amies: Your Committee on Resolutions will only submit a partial report for the reason that this committee is the last committee to report at all events and will not be able to conclude until just before the final closing of the Encampment. The action of the Committee on the State of the Order has simplified the report that was intended to be made relative to a number of communications which are covered now but which of course will be submitted to you by the report of the Committee on the State of the Order.

Various communications are from several Divisions relative to the restoration of past honors to some of our members whom we have lost. Under the rule, it has been required that because of dropping or suspension it be specified in the petition for reinstatement, and it is also necessary that these petitions be gone through and certified by the Commander and Secretary of Divisions with the seal attached. Your Committee reports that all but one of the petitions for restoration of honor are in form, and therefore recommends they be granted and rank restored, as follows:

From Washington & Oregon: Beverly W. Coiner, of Camp No. 7, Tacoma, Wash.

From Pennsylvania: Chester C. Buchmiller, of Camp No. 6; Charles A. McGinnis, of Camp No. 5.

From Connecticut: William C. Dickinson, Camp No. 1; D. E. Ford, Camp No. 1.

From New Hampshire: Willis T. Lord, Camp No. 3, Portsmouth, N. H.

From Maine: M. B. White, of Camp No. 15, Pittsfield, Me.; Charles L. Welch, Camp No. 2, Auburn, Me.

From New York: Harry B. Jones, Camp 77, Elmira; Robert Lasher, Camp 166; Lynn R. Van Vlack, Camp 111; Frank Wood, Camp 166; William Kemp, Camp 166; J. Percy Allen, Camp 77, Elmira.

From Massachusetts: B. H. Washington, Camp 156; George N. Lawrence, Camp 137; John Q. Erwin, Lincoln Camp 39.

A petition to the Commandery-in-Chief, signed by L. C. Worthington and C. C. Knowles, asking for the restoration of their honors as Past Division Commanders of Colorado & Wyoming Division was received. This petition not meeting the requirements of the law was negated by your Committee.

No objection, recommendations of the Committee were adopted.

Resolution from Connecticut—To approve nation-wide campaign of Americanism, etc. It is without the approval of the Connecticut Division. I have been informed that this was approved, but it does not bear the official approval of the Division.

Resolution, submitted by Nathan Hale Camp No. 1, Division of Connecticut:

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment, Division of Connecticut, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Whereas, The Order of the Sons of Veterans is a patriotic organization, devoted to the interests of our country, and,

Whereas, Conditions in our country are such as to require the services of every patriotic citizen for the preservation of our institutions and the safety and happiness of our homes.

Be it Resolved, By the Sons of Veterans of this Division, in Annual Encampment assembled, that the Sons of Veterans as an Order approve a nation-wide campaign for 100% Americanism and that we actively and aggressively, by every proper means within our power, unite in an effort to safeguard our American rights and institutions; and to truly make this grand

country of ours a land of Americans, controlled by Americans and for Americans.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.
 NATHAN HALE CAMP NO. 1.
 By: F. OLIVER HALE,
 Past Commander.

No objection, resolution was adopted.

This is the end of the material which is embraced in the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, and as I said before I would read these communications and if you wish to take any action it can be done or let go merely as a memorial. I would like to have some comment on it.

Past Comander-in-Chief Campbell: I fully assent in the sentiments expressed. I move that the Commandery-in-Chief concur in that and that it become a part of the proceedings of this year.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Chief of Staff Amies, continuing: Resolution offered by Maryland Division:

Washington, D. C., Sept. 4, 1919.

To the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in National Encampment, at Columbus, Ohio:

At a meeting of Past Commanders-in-Chief, Division Commander J. Clinton Hiatt, Past Division Commanders, Camp Commanders, Past Camp Commanders, and other officials of William B. Cushing Camp No. 30, Lincoln Camp No. 2, and George H. Thomas Camp No. 11, all of Washington, D. C., September 3, 1919, the following resolution was unanimously adopted to be forwarded to the National Encampment at Columbus, Ohio:

Whereas, As our Division Commander has made an effort to have the Department of the Potomac, Grand Army of the Republic, to permit the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in the Division of Maryland, to hold memorial services on Memorial Day, May 30, each year, at the old auditorium which is now used for that purpose by the Department of the Potomac, G. A. R., but will be abandoned by this Department to hold their memorial services at the new Arlington National Cemetery south of the old Arlington National Cemetery; and,

Whereas, As the memorial services will be conducted at the old Arlington National Cemetery by the Sons of Veterans at an hour which will not conflict with the services by the comrades of the G. A. R. in the new National Cemetery; and,

Whereas, As these memorial services will be perpetuated by the Sons of Veterans organization, and later on, by the Grandsons of Union Soldiers; and,

Whereas, As the Daughters of the Confederacy have started a movement to secure this old Arlington National Cemetery auditorium to hold Confederate memorial services by them, and, also, in conjunction with Confederate Soldiers' Sons; therefore,

Be it Resolved, That our Division Commander, J. Clinton Hiatt has started to secure the right and privilege to hold memorial services under the direction of members of our Order, and is a most worthy movement as well as patriotic, and keeps the old Arlington National Cemetery auditorium under the control

of Sons of Union Veterans, and that the Department Commander, H. B. Snyder, of the Department of the Potomac, G. A. R., has agreed to do his utmost for this noble effort and is heartily in favor of this movement;

Therefore, Be It Further Resolved, That we, the Members of the Commandery-in-Chief, in annual session at Columbus, Ohio, hereby most heartily support the movement of Commander J. Clinton Hiatt, of the Division of Maryland, and give our moral support in behalf of the movement and request that a resolution be sent to the Department of the Potomac, G. A. R., asking that they grant this request to the members of our Order in the Maryland Division, in order that they may conduct the annual Memorial Day exercises, May 30, 1920, for which we would most heartily extend our sincere thanks; and,

It is Further Resolved, That our Division Commander, J. Clinton Hiatt, of the Division of Maryland, is hereby authorized to present this resolution at the annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, at Columbus, Ohio.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the resolutions adopted at a meeting of members of the Order mentioned above, and was approved by Cushing and Lincoln and George H. Thomas Camps, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

J. CLINTON, HIATT,
Division Commander, Maryland Division,
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

This Resolution was considered by your Committee and approved, with the recommendation that the National Secretary be instructed that the request therein was granted, and that the Commander of the Maryland Division be instructed to place himself in communication with the Department of the Potomac, G. A. R., with the view of carrying out such request.

No objection. Concurred in.

Resolution submitted at the suggestion of the Council of Administration of the Department of the Potomac, Grand Army of the Republic:

At a special meeting of the Council of Administration of the Department of the Potomac, Grand Army of the Republic, held at headquarters, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The amphitheater at the National Arlington Cemetery will be substantially completed in September, and,

Whereas, The Department of the Potomac has worked indefatigably and persistently for more than a half century to make the National Cemetery at Arlington a sacred place of sepulture for the brave men who have followed the Flag in all the nation's wars, and

Whereas, The Department of the Potomac initiated the movement to build a fitting amphitheater in the National Cemetery of Arlington for the ceremonies of Memorial Day and similar functions, and its members persistently urged upon Congress for years the propriety and need of making a generous appropriation for such a Temple of Patriotism,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Department of the

Potomac desires that the dedication of the same should be made at as early a date as possible and on one of the National Anniversaries which the Grand Army of the Republic observes. It is the earnest wish of the Department that the dedication shall occur on the anniversary of the establishment of the first National Cemetery at Gettysburg, November 19, 1863, where President Lincoln made the address that will live for all time and in all languages as the highest expression of national patriotism. It will be very fitting to have this anniversary commemorated by this dedication and an address by President Wilson, the head of our nation during the late great war, will be a fitting sequence to that of President Lincoln.

Resolved, That the National Encampment is respectfully requested to concur in this strong wish of the Department of the Potomac.

Your Committee heartily approve of this declaration.

No objection to the recommendation of the Committee. The resolution was concurred in.

The Chairman proceeded: Resolution offered by Camp No. 91, Division of Massachusetts:

Marblehead, Mass., December 5, 1918.

Captain Francis Callahan, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Dear Sir and Brother:

By a vote of Capt. William D. Gregory Camp No. 91, Sons of Veterans, I have been ordered to enter a protest against any increase in the Initiation Fee, as we feel sure it will be a hardship to our Camp. We have hard work to keep what members we have now and cannot get any new ones at the increase we feel sure. We are sorry to take this step but cannot see how we can do otherwise if we want to keep alive. Wishing you all success as Commander-in-Chief, I am,

Yours respectfully in F., C. and L.,

WILLIAM H. HUNTLEY,

Commander Camp 91.

Attest:

WILLIAM S. ROUNDY, JR.

Secretary.

This was not certified from the Division of Massachusetts and therefore no action was taken by the Committee. We deemed it best, however, that it be read in the session of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Chief-of-Staff Amies, continuing: Communications from the Asbury Park Chamber of Commerce, Saratoga Springs Chamber of Commerce and Chatanooga Chamber of Commerce, relative to the holding of the next Encampment, were received. Because of the law of the Order it is recommended that no action be taken upon these requests.

The action of the Committee was concurred in.

Resolution from the Chamber of Commerce of Washington, D. C., relative to building memorial arch to World War Veterans. This asks us to place ourselves in communication with

various members of Congress. I do not know that this requires any action. This Committee did not take any action.

The action of the Committee was concurred in.

Communication from Frederic A. Bartlett, of Bridgeport, Conn., was submitted to your Committee at the suggestion of Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph M. Grant, and read:

Bridgeport, Conn., August 16, 1919.

Sir:

The Sons of Veterans so well adapted to carry on the work by reason of its splendid organization, should take up the work of Americanization. The teaching of American history and what this Country stands for should be taken advantage of and advocated on every possible occasion. The duty and work every real American should take upon himself is to create interest among those here from foreign shores in our Country and its institutions and make real Americans of the many, many thousands of men and women we know are here anxious to become citizens.

The regular meeting places of the Camps afford places for classes, and members of the Camps would undoubtedly be found to carry on the work by instruction and lectures, etc. If this appeals to you, I would like to see it receive consideration in such way as you deem advisable and proper.

Angeline H. Bartlett Tent, Daughters of Veterans, and Franklin Bartlett Camp No. 11, Sons of Veterans, Department of Connecticut, both located in this city, are named after my mother and brother. My interest in the Sons of Veterans is to have it, as a great patriotic organization, the leader, as it can be, in this great and important work.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

(Signed) FREDERIC A. BARTLETT.

Francis Callahan,

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

The sentiments expressed in this communication were considered by your Committee and believed by them of sufficient import to warrant action of this Commandery-in-Chief, and, therefore, the Committee concur in its sentiments and suggest its adoption with the thought that the same be duly promulgated.

Resolution offered by John A. Logan Camp No. 26, Rockford, Ill.:

Whereas, There are in America to-day thirteen million foreign born and thirty-two million of foreign parents, so that one-third of our population has an old world influence close to its heart and mind.

Whereas, As Americans we are becoming awakened to the fact that it is not right that thirty thousand lives should be sacrificed every year and one hundred thousand maimed workmen should be the by product of American industry, figures showing conclusively that most of the accidents occur among the foreign born who cannot understand the danger signals.

Whereas, The greatest factor in Americanization is the realization by society of its own relation to the immigrant, and a clear understanding by Americans generally of their own duties.

so that behind every class that is established we have the good will and co-operation of all our people.

Resolved. That as Sons of Veterans, it shall be the purpose of our Order to give to all those within the borders of our country a common national ideal, a working knowledge of English and a point of view that is essentially American.

Resolved. That it is of the very first national importance that the foreign born who are to remain among us should be made an effective part of our democracy and by means of patriotic gatherings we can do much to develop a mutual understanding and sympathy between native and foreign born.

Resolved. That as a nation comes out upon the same level of national character as that upon which she builds her schools, that we favor giving an equality of educational opportunity to all foreigners who loyally desire to become Americanized, believing, as we do, that this is the very essence of a democratic nation.

Resolved. That as Sons of Veterans, we pledge to do all in our power to prepare our foreign born for American citizenship by making them familiar with our laws, customs and ideals, and the fundamental parts of our history, and giving them practical information that will make their lives easier and safer.

Be It Further Resolved. That our Order is willing to cooperate with all agencies for the promotion of citizenship and we pledge to the Americanization Division of the Department of the Interior our loyal support for the Nation-wide Campaign for the Americanization of all our People, that our country may be a democracy in the real sense of the word,—one country, one language, one flag.

This Resolution was offered and read in full, and while your Committee approve of the import of its contents no action was taken.

For the present, that is our report and we ask that the Committee be continued until we can report again.

REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 10, 1919.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-eighth Annual Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.
The Council-in-Chief beg to offer the following report:

At the close of the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment, at Niagara Falls, N. Y., the Council-in-Chief, consisting of Wm. F. Chambers, A. D. Rhinesmith and E. W. Homan, met and chose Wm. F. Chambers, Chairman; E. W. Homan, Secretary.

Bonds were fixed and approved, as follows:

Commander-in-Chief	\$1000.00
National Secretary	\$5000.00
National Treasurer	\$5000.00

which were issued and given in our possession.

On December 15, 1918, Chairman Wm. F. Chambers passed

away, and the Council was notified of the loss of their fellow member.

On April 21, 1919, Brothers Homan and Rhinesmith, having voted "yes" on Question No. 1, R. J. Williams, Past Division Commander of (Columbus) Ohio, was unanimously elected to the Council-in-Chief.

We have audited the books and vouchers of the National Secretary and National Treasurer and found everything in order and correct, the balance on hand as shown in their reports are attested by Cashier's Certificates hereto attached.

THE READING TRUST Co.

Reading, Pa., August 30, 1919.

This is to certify that on August 30, 1919, there was a balance to the credit of the Reserve Fund, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., J. L. Rake, National Treasurer, of \$418.08, made up as follows:

Savings Account	\$311.16
Checking Account	106.92
Total	\$418.08

(Signed) S. K. SPANG,
Treasurer

READING NATIONAL BANK

Reading, Pa., Sept. 4, 1919.

Council-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

This is to certify that there is on deposit to the credit of James Lewis Rake, National Treasurer, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in the Reading National Bank, Reading, Pa., amounts as appended:

General Fund Balance	\$3,222.52
Special Account (War Ambulance Fund) Balance	\$2,185.79

Respectfully,
(Signed) HENRY K. HARRISON,
Cashier.

BUDGET.

We offer the following budget for the coming year and recommend its adoption:

RECEIPTS:

Per capita tax, 52,000 members at 36c.....	\$18,720.00
Charter fees, 40 Camps.....	100.00
Supplies	3,000.00
Junior Order	25.00
Net balance on hand	3,182.10
Total	\$25,027.10

EXPENDITURES:

Stock and supplies	\$ 2,000.00
The Banner subscription	12,000.00

Encampment expense, including printing of Proceedings	
Printing	1,500.00
Chief-of-Staff and Reserve	200.00
Past Commander-in-Chief's badge and miscellaneous..	450.00
Shipping supplies (office)	400.00
Expense of Commander-in-Chief, travel and office.....	200.00
Salaries—National Secretary and Treasurer	1,500.00
Compensation—National Secretary	2,300.00
Headquarters office expense	1,000.00
Expense of National officers not included above.....	1,200.00
Bonds	100.00
Contingent expense	35.00
	1,000.00
Total	\$23,885.00

We concur in the recommendations of ~~Commander-in-Chief~~ Callahan and National Secretary Hammer that the Per Capita remain at \$.36 per annum.

We concur in the recommendation of ~~Commander-in-Chief~~ Callahan that National Secretary Hammer receive \$1000.00 in addition to his salary for the coming year.

AMBULANCE FUND.

The report of National Treasurer Rake shows in the Ambulance Fund a balance of \$2,185.79 and leaves its disposal to the judgment of the Encampment. The Council-in-Chief therefore respectfully recommend "That the amount in said fund be appropriated and transferred to the Permanent Reserve Fund.

"That the annual income or interest of this Permanent Reserve Fund be designated and known as an 'Organization Fund.'

"That the 'Organization Fund' be applied and disbursed under the authority, supervision and direction of the Commander-in-Chief, when in his judgment it may be advantageous for the organization of Divisions and Camps and the up-building and benefit of Divisions.

"That the Commander-in-Chief be empowered to pay from said fund, such necessary expense as may be incurred for this purpose from this 'Organization Fund' said disbursement in any one year not exceeding the amount of interest derived in the year preceding its application of use."

LEASE OF HEADQUARTERS.

By letter to the National Secretary, the Commandery-in-Chief is notified of a \$30.00 per annum raise in the rental of rooms 700A and 703 located in the Colonial Trust Co. Building, Reading, Pennsylvania, and now occupied as National Headquarters, said raise to become effective on November 1, 1919, at which time our present lease expires. The Council-in-Chief respectfully recommends: "That National Secretary Hammer be authorized to renew said lease at the increased rental for the space of one year."

THE BANNER.

It is brought to the notice of the Council-in-Chief that the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary earnestly desire and need more space in The Banner than can be given to them as that paper is now

set up, but that the additional space can be secured for them by reducing by one-half the size of the leads between the type lines in the Camp News without in any way reducing the quantity of Camp news published, or reducing the size of the quantity of Camp news published, or reducing the size of the quantity affecting the legibility of the printed matter. It also appears that The Banner contract is silent on this subject, and does not require the type to be leaded.

We, therefore, recommend that the publishers of The Banner have the approval of this Encampment in meeting in this way the needs of our Auxiliary.

EXPENSE OF MAILING PROCEEDINGS.

A communication from the Massachusetts Division relative to the distribution of the National Encampment Proceedings is handed to the Council-in-Chief by the National Secretary. In years past it has been customary to distribute the proceedings to the Camps of each of the several Divisions through the Division Officers, expense of mailing being borne by said Divisions. The Council of the Massachusetts Division takes the position that the Commandery-in-Chief has no authority to order Divisions to promulgate National Proceedings without reimbursement of mailing expense and therefore instructed the Secretary of said Division to collect from the Commandery-in-Chief the cost of mailing said proceedings amounting to \$8.00.

It appears to the Council-in-Chief that the proper distribution of the proceedings of the annual meetings of the Commandery-in-Chief is a matter of much importance from a publicity standpoint if from no other, that working under the method of distribution as followed in years past it is possible the officers of some Divisions may not properly distribute same and the intention of the Commandery-in-Chief thereby be defeated. The Council-in-Chief therefore respectfully recommend "That the proceedings of this 38th annual meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief be distributed to each of the several Camps of all the Divisions through the supervision of the office of the National Secretary.

In view of the recommendation of change in method of the distribution of the proceedings of this Encampment, the Council-in-Chief assume the claim of the Massachusetts Division will be satisfied and therefore further recommend that their bill of \$8.00 attached hereto for the distribution of last year's proceedings be not allowed.

DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDINGS.

The Council-in-Chief recommend the publication and distribution of 1500 copies of the Official Proceedings of this Encampment. That one copy of same be mailed to each member of this Encampment, to each of the officers of the several Divisions and to each Camp of the several Divisions through the supervision of the office of the National Secretary.

OFFICIAL RELATIONS.

Throughout the year the relations of the Council-in-Chief with National Secretary Hammer and National Treasurer Rake have been most cordial. We desire to commend them and bring to the attention of this Encampment our commendation of the

extremely accurate manner in which the books and records are kept and reports rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. RHINESMITH,

E. W. HOMAN,

R. J. WILLIAMS,

Council-in-Chief.

It was moved and seconded that the Report of the Council-in-Chief be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports. The motion was agreed to.

COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Past Commander-in-Chief F. T. F. Johnson: Your Committee on Officers' Reports is now ready to make a supplemental report.

Brothers, you have just heard the report of the Council-in-Chief. This constitutes the final report of the Committee on Officers' Reports.

It was moved and seconded that the Report of the Committee on Officers' Reports be adopted as a whole. The motion was agreed to.

It was moved and seconded that we recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon. The motion was agreed to.

Recess taken.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Encampment resumed at 2:15 o'clock p. m., Thursday, September 11, 1919, with Commander-in-Chief Callahan in the chair.

VISIT OF COMMITTEE FROM THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

A Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic were reported in waiting.

Commander-in-Chief: Division Commander W. T. Knipple of Indiana, Division Commander Herbert D. Williams of New Jersey and Past Division Commander Felix A. Kremer of Wisconsin, you will act as an escort.

The visiting Comrades were escorted to the platform.

Commander-in-Chief: I extend the greetings of the Commandery-in-Chief to the Greetings Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic. We have in our presence these men who made it possible that we might organize into a patriotic American institution. On my right, the gentleman that I am going to announce has been active in the affairs of our country—not only as a soldier, but also as a public spirited citizen, a man who has served the Department of Pennsylvania, G. A. R., as its Commander and also represented his district in Congress; who has never tired in his service to the Sons of Veterans. It gives me great pleasure to introduce Past Department Commander J. D. Hicks, of Pennsylvania Grand Army of the Republic.

Past Department Commander Hicks: Commander-in-Chief, this is not the first time that I have had the pleasure of meeting you and I trust it will not be the last. I need no introduction to the Sons of Veterans of Pennsylvania. I have always stood as your fast and one of your firmest friends. I have always taken a particular interest in the Sons of Veterans, God bless you. You are our only successors and are worthy of the highest honors that this country can give you. I want to read you what Comrade Adams, our Commander-in-Chief, says about you. He says,

"The Sons of Veterans are the lineal descendants of the Grand Army of the Republic. The Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans and the National President of their Auxiliary have ably represented this organization. It has been my pleasure to attend many meetings with them and I have seen their meetings inspired by their eloquence and patriotic appeals. In my address, I said the time has come that the Grand Army of the Republic must identify itself more and more earnestly and

thankfully with the Sons of Veterans than we have heretofore identified ourselves."

That address has been published in the minutes of our last Department Encampment and will be read at our National Encampment.

Comrades, I am proud to see that we have one of your distinguished Past Commanders-in-Chief, Edwin M. Amies, who is a boy of loyal blood. His dear father gave his life to his country and he is a worthy successor of his noble sire. I do not need to preach lessons of patriotism to you.

I have here Comrade Hogan of Nebraska and Comrade Kline of Oklahoma. They can talk to you more pleasing than I.

Commander-in-Chief: I am reminded at this time of my mingling with the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic at the Department Encampment at York, Nebraska, where I first met Past Department Commander Hogan. I find him very much enthused in the matter of building up the Division of Nebraska Sons of Veterans. I present Past Commander Hogan, of the Department of Nebraska, Grand Army of the Republic.

Past Department Commander Hogan: As I look into your faces, I don't know where I can go on God's green earth to see a better, nicer looking crowd of hoys than you are here today. We are comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, that splendid organization that has been working so long for the purpose of instilling into the hearts and minds of the boys of this nation a love of country and patriotism and loyalty that would insure this nation with 100% of patriotic man power whenever this nation got into trouble. We are glad to greet you—we fathers who served the nation during the Civil War are glad to greet you. We are growing old. We know that you will take up our work and that so long as you live you will have to instill the love of country in the hearts and minds of those who come after you so that there may never come a time in the history of the world when this United States will not be able to furnish 100% man power to defend its honor and to defend the principles of this government. We are growing old. It will not be long—we will not be with you very long. That idea is expressed very lovingly of

VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR.

Every year they're marching slower,
 Every year they're stooping lower,
 Every year the lilting music
 Stirs the hearts of older men.
 Every year the flags above them,
 Seem to bend and bless and love them
 As if grieving for the future
 When they'll never march again.

Every year that day grows nearer,
 Every year the truth grows clearer,
 That the men that saved the Nation
 From the severing Southern Sword,
 Soon must pass away forever
 From the scenes of their endeavor,
 Soon must answer to the Roll Call
 From the Angel of the Lord.

Every year with diminished number
 Every year toward those that slumber
 Forth they march to where already
 Many have found place at last
 And they place the fairest blossoms
 On the silent mouldering bosoms
 Of their valient friends and comrades
 Of the battles of the past.

Every year grows dim and duller
 Tattered flags and faded color,
 Every year the hands that bear them
 Find a harder task to do.
 And the eyes that only brightened
 When the blaze of battle lightened
 Like the faded flags they follow
 Are grown dim and faded too.

Every year we see them massing
 Every year we watch them passing.
 Scarcely pausing in our hurry
 After pleasure, after gain,
 But the battle flags above them
 Seem to bend and bless and love them
 Tho' through all the lilting music
 Sounds an undertone of pain.

We are traveling on to that great beyond of which we know so little, but we are going with the firm belief that you boys, our sons, will stand up nobly for the principles upon which this government was organized; and you will see that Old Glory that we love so well and for which we fought so valiantly in 1861-65 shall never be trailed in the dust. We have confidence in you. We have confidence in your instilling into the minds and hearts of the girls and boys of this nation the principles of the government of the people, by the people and for the people—that you will see to the affairs of this great nation, the United States of America, that each individual member of the nation shall enjoy his life and liberty and happiness, and that is the principal thing that a nation has to do. The duty of a nation is to make its laws and to enforce them so as to protect each individual in the enjoyment of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. And when the government does that, it has performed its function. I hope to God that I will never see the time when this nation of ours shall enter into a permanent competition with commercial enterprise. We were not organized for that purpose. We were organized for the purpose of developing the individuality of its citizens so that we might be active in the initiative force that God has placed in each individual. If you will look back my boys into the past, you can see readily that since the organization of this nation it has encouraged individuality. You will see the development of all the natural resources of this country. I trust my boys that you will go on and on, carrying the banner of Liberty and Individuality and initiative affairs of men to the extent that never will this nation's flag trail in the dust, and to the extent that we shall take the position "America for Americans," one country and one

flag, and if any man attempts to promulgate anarchistic doctrines or carry the red flag in the place of Old Glory, shoot him on the spot.

Commander-in-Chief: We have with us a comrade who is the Department Commander of Oklahoma, the oil state. Comrade Kline.

Department Commander Kline, of Oklahoma: This is a pleasure to me that I have never experienced before. This is my first meeting of a National Camp of Sons of Veterans. I do not think there is a single Camp of the Sons of Veterans in the State of Oklahoma. We have many Sons of Veterans in Oklahoma, but they are not organized. We attempted and did organize a Camp of Sons of Veterans in my town, but there is no other Camp in the State, and consequently the boys failed in their Camp. We had comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic who were honorary members of the Camp, but they did not get started right so that the Sons of Veterans was not prosperous. I have lived in this State years ago and I know that the boys started out in great shape in Ohio. I certainly appreciate the honor. I feel a pride in you boys and I feel the pride that is yet to come. Your work is not done. It is just beginning to come where we left off and we are going. I feel that it is a great pleasure to me to meet you and as the comrades that have preceded me have made it interesting, I think that I will ask to be excused from attempting to make further remarks.

Commander-in-Chief: Past Commander-in-Chief Bolton, you will respond to the Greetings Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Past Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Bolton: It is a very pleasant thing to be called on to respond to representatives of your organization, but first you need a little preparation and secondly you ought to have something of a voice left to do it with and I haven't any to do it with. But that does not alter the fact that there is that throb of affection in our hearts that you cared to come to give us that assurance of interest and recognition in our organization. I believe there are reasons why you should be proud of the Sons of Veterans. I believe there will be greater reasons for being more proud than in the past. I believe the test of the minute will be met in every city in the country in which we have Sons of Veterans. I was thrilled with emotion and pleasure this morning in the great body of delegates that we had in Memorial Hall at the great tempest of applause that greeted the remark of the Commander-in-Chief that "We must have a closer affiliation with the dear boys of the Sons of Veterans." And I know very well from the spirit that has animated him as chief of the organization and the spirit that animated you as Department Commander is going to permeate our organizations greater than it has ever done heretofore. I believe that today or tomorrow, when they elect a man, they will have a man worthy to fill your shoes and to carry the work on as it has been carried on in the past. Good-bye.

The delegation from the Grand Army of the Republic was escorted from the hall.

Commander-in-Chief: Unfinished business. Has the Committee on Resolutions any further report to make?

THIRTY-EIGHTH

FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Chief-of-Staff Amies: Your Committee on Resolutions makes this as its final report.

Resolved, That we express to the citizens of the City of Columbus our appreciation of the courtesy extended to those of our members attending the Encampment, who by opening their homes have overcome the difficulties incident to a great number of visitors far in excess of the hotel accommodations.

To the Mayor and officials of the City who have been extremely solicitous for our welfare;

To the officers and members of Gov. Dennison Camp No. 1, and especially to its committee, we feel ourselves under a special sense of obligation for their successful efforts in making our visit to the Encampment one of such a character that every recollection thereof will be pleasant and worthy of the famous hospitality of the State which has given to us such memorable war heroes as Presidents McKinley, Hayes, and Garfield, and General Sherman;

We acknowledge with an unusual sense of gratitude our obligation to Columbus Lodge No. 37, B. P. O. E., for their extreme courtesy in extending the privileges of their beautiful Temple and Home as a place for our Encampment sessions, as a rendezvous for our social and business activities, and we can never forget how very much this act has contributed to the pleasure, as well as profit, of our Encampment;

We further recognize that the American Legion is contributing in no small way to spreading the doctrine of Americanism, to which we are equally dedicated, and commend their reverence for our Flag and devotion to the principles of our Government;

We also express our appreciation to all of our officers for their faithful service during this crucial and trying year, who have labored unceasingly in behalf of our Order, and to our faithful allied organizations who have worked in harmony with our purposes, and more particularly to our ever faithful auxiliary for their loyal and whole-hearted co-operation at all times.

From Illinois, Past Commander-in-Chief William T. Church, we have received the following:

Whereas, The Thirty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., assembled at Columbus, Ohio, September 11, 1919, recognize the importance of marking the last resting places of the Federal Soldiers and Sailors who have participated in our country's wars with a marker which shall be as permanent as the memory of those heroes who made the supreme sacrifice to establish and preserve this nation.

And Whereas, Marble is not durable but disintegrates in the action of the elements.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Government should hereafter furnish such markers of granite only.

And Be It Resolved, That these resolutions be sent to the Honorable The Secretary of War, and a copy be spread on the minutes of this Encampment.

Your Committee approve of this resolution.

No objection being offered, recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed:

EDWIN M. AMIES, Chairman,
H. HARDING HALE,
W. B. HARTZOG,
CLIFFORD IRELAND,
R. T. ALCORN,

Committee on Resolutions.

This is the final report of the Committee on Resolutions. I therefore move concurrence in all of the matters reported and that the Committee be discharged.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

National Chaplain Brewster: I would like to inquire what disposition was made of the suggestion this morning that something would be put into the Ritual that would indicate that the flag was carried across the sea. I rise to inquire if any provision has been made for that.

Past Commander-in-Chief Church, of Illinois: I beg the Chaplain's pardon—I was not listening.

National Chaplain Brewster: That very often happens when I preach.

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: Especially in churches.

National Chaplain Brewster: Might I inquire if your committee has made any provisions for reference in the Ritual to the flag being carried across the sea. I understood that the Committee on the State of the Order would make some suggestion. It seems to me that something should be said about the triumph across the sea. It is a splendid passage that ought to be read every time we initiate a candidate. It will not be complete unless something is said about what the flag accomplished.

Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. T. Church: I shall be very glad to reply to this inquiry. It is very certain the pride we all entertain in the services of our boys in foreign lands and none will be more willing to assist in that commemoration by the Sons of Veterans. As to what the Committee has done in that respect, it has done nothing up to the present time. The Committee endeavored to make clear to you that it should act upon the vital things for this Encampment to promulgate, leaving other things, important in themselves, important but not vital for this hour, for future action and consideration. The Committee is somewhat uncertain as to whether it is discharged from office, continued, or what its present status is.

National Chaplain Brewster: May I move then that the Committee on Ritual prepare some statement on the flag with reference to its accomplishments in France and submit it to this Encampment. I think the brother who wrote that passage is in the convention, and if he will make himself known—he ought to be able to add something just as good.

Past Division Commander Chamberlain, Washington & Oregon: I would move, as a substitute, that the incoming Com-

mander-in-Chief, the National Secretary and National Patriotic Instructor be requested to formulate suitable words and put them before the Commandery-in-Chief.

The motion was seconded.

Past Division Commander H. M. Lewis, of Kansas: I happen to have the honor to serve on the Committee on Ritual, and if you will take notice that is provided for. It is the only recommendation made: that a committee be appointed to formulate and revise the Ritual to present at the next Annual Encampment. That has already been adopted and up to the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

Chief-of-Staff Amies: I rise to point of order.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: I move that the National Secretary be instructed to certify to the Grand Army of the Republic, now in session in this city, the Woman's Relief Corps and all other patriotic organizations, our action here this morning in adopting the "Declaration" which we are all delighted in.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: Any other unfinished business?

New business. Are you now ready for new business?

Past Division Commander Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin: There seems to be no new business. I move that we now proceed to the nomination and election of officers.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: I move that nominating speeches be limited to five minutes and seconding speeches to two minutes.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: I want to announce the reappointment of the Committee on the State of the Order for another year.

The National Secretary called the roll of Divisions. When Indiana was reached—

Past Commander-in-Chief Newton J. McGuire, of Indiana: The Division of Indiana at its last Division Encampment at Elkhart, Ind., last May unanimously endorsed Past Division Commander Frank Shellhouse for Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans. Since coming to this Encampment, however, Indiana Division has decided that in view of the close friendship existing between them and the Massachusetts Division that they will not present their candidate at this time—therefore, the Division of Indiana gives way to the Massachusetts Division.

Roll-call continued. When Massachusetts was reached—

Past Division Commander George N. Howard, of Massachusetts: A year ago at Niagara Falls I was present with the gentleman whom I wish to submit, and the sublimity and grandeur of the Niagara did not drown the feelings which were uppermost in the hearts of the few who attended that Encampment. It was a sad meeting, but since coming into this open-

hearted and hospitable city of Columbus and having received a reception second to none which has ever been accorded us, the feeling has become optimistic. We are brothers, and we are here in the interest not only of the Grand Army of the Republic but in the interest of humanity. I have the honor this afternoon in presenting for your sufferance a brother who has been a lifelong friend of mine, one whom we have learned to esteem most highly. You have honored us heretofore and we in return have sought to honor you. You have given us the things we have asked for and we have in return given you the full measure of that which you have given us. I present before you this afternoon a brother who has been a member of our Order for 27 years, continuously a member of the Order, working for its interests, for its growth; a man who has been honored in his own city by receiving the highest gift of his city twice and who is now a leader in the financial affairs of that city; and, gentlemen, a man whom to know is to love and respect; a man who will bring to us that wisdom, that sagaciousness which is needed at this time in the Sons of Veterans. I present the name of the Hon. Harry D. Sisson, of Massachusetts, for the highest honor in your gift.

Past Division Commander F. P. Corrick, of Nebraska: At the unanimous desire of the delegates of the State of Nebraska, I rise to present the choice of the Nebraska Division. When the great Civil War came to an end, the government of the United States, as a method of demonstrating the reconstruction, provided that the soldiers who served in that war might have homesteads beyond the Mississippi; and many of the soldiers who fought from Illinois, Connecticut, Ohio, Massachusetts and elsewhere throughout the north took up their journey to carve out homes for themselves in the new commonwealth of the free. They disembarked the prairie schooner, and shortly all had their houses of stone. They cleared the way for the western schools, and these men have built up the commonwealth, and their sons come from as good people as can be found in these United States. It has been intimated that perhaps the west is not entitled to many of the things that the east have had—that only twice in the history of the Order have you gone beyond the Mississippi to get a Commander-in-Chief. Don't forget, my Brothers, that you have had the power of your administration in the near vicinity of your homes and could expect more than could be accomplished in the west. Remember that we have great men who can fill these great positions. We have in mind a brother who presides over the fraternal societies; and, permit me to say to you, that brother is a citizen of the Sons of Nebraska. The man whom I shall present to you I have known for twenty years. He came from the great State of Massachusetts. He is a christian gentleman and an excellent citizen. Last year he carried 73 of 90 counties of that State of Nebraska. In presiding in the office of State Senator in both special and regular sessions, no decision of his has ever been questioned. Our committee is away for at least one-third of the time and then he is acting Governor of the State of Nebraska. Brothers, I present for Commander-in-Chief Lieutenant-Governor P. A. Barrows, of Nebraska.

Delegate R. C. Monahan, of Montana: I want to second the

nomination of the gentleman who preceded me. We feel in our western country that we are only the offspring of you eastern people. You are decidedly in the majority. We appeal to you as the majority. When you seek new business you go beyond where you are located to build up the business of whatever particular line you follow. Why would it not be a good idea to build up the Sons of Veterans along the same lines, along the same channels—by giving us a Commander-in-Chief in the west? I appeal to you as a majority that it is a pretty stiff game, but we feel that we are entitled to it and we will make good, when we present to you the name of the man who is the Lieutenant-Governor of Nebraska. I take pleasure in seconding the nomination of Lieutenant-Governor Barrows.

Past Division Commander P. A. Barrows, of Nebraska. It makes it all the harder for me to say what I want to say this afternoon. I have studied over this matter, have spent two nights wondering what would be the best thing for me to do. I have always tried to do the best thing for the Sons of Veterans, forgetting what personal interests I might have. When I came out here it was with the idea that it might be possible for me to achieve this very great and high honor, but since coming here I have discovered that the brothers, not knowing of the existence of myself (if I might put it that way), had made pledges to another—a man for whom I have the greatest respect and whom I believe will make one of the best Commanders-in-Chief that we have ever had. I would not ask a Son of a Veteran to break his pledge. But what is best is the thing that we should think of at this time. After listening to that wonderful declaration that we have adopted, is there a Son of a Veteran within the sound of my voice who is not willing to make any sacrifice for this organization? I am disappointed, myself—you all know how you would feel in this regard—but I want to say to you that we are coming back here. There is an old saying that "The cat came back." I don't know what we will do when we come back, but I want to say right now before I finish that I wish to withdraw my name for consideration for the honor. I want to say that we are going back to the west disappointed but not sore. We have made a fight and an honest fight for recognition for the west. We are going back to show you people that we are going to grow corn just the same. We are Sons of Veterans and we are going to build up the Sons of Veterans just the same as though we had won the honor. If there is anything that I can do, all you have to do is to call on me and Barrows will go wherever you want him to go. Don't think I am a "Quitter." I am doing this because I believe it is for the best interest of our organization. The organization is greater than I, and that is the very thing that every Son of a Veteran should take into his work. We have been confronted by unusual conditions—the bolsheviki and I. W. W. are doing all that they can to pull down that flag. We have to stand firmly in the front line and fight for it. There is one thing that we must bear in mind when we go home—"Americans for America and America for Americans."

Division Commander Freeman H. Hoyt, of New Hampshire: I am glad of this opportunity as a sister Division of Massachusetts and as a neighbor to express the united sentiments of our

Division in favor of the nomination of the Brother from Massachusetts. I consider it an honor to second this nomination of the Hon. Harry D. Sisson.

Past Division Commander Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin: There being but one nomination, I move the nominations be now closed and the National Secretary cast the unanimous ballot for Past Division Commander Harry D. Sisson, of Massachusetts, for Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. T. Church, of Illinois: I desire to second the motion, but before doing so I desire to say that the Illinois delegation wishes to second the nomination for the office of Commander-in-Chief; Brother Sisson, of Massachusetts, for the reason that Illinois knows that for many years past he has been one of the most patient, earnest workers of this splendid Order of ours, always ready to do more than his part, always ready to help a brother of any other Division to secure that to which he is entitled, and it is with great pride that Illinois today seconds this nomination.

And another feeling comes to us at this time, and that is that of a great pride that on this floor this afternoon Lieutenant-Governor Barrows, of Nebraska, has demonstrated that great lesson in patriotism: That in the affairs of the Sons of Veterans there is no East and no West; that here we come to share the honors, the labor and the offices of the Order in a manner that this Encampment determines to be best for the whole Order. We are deeply indebted to the Lieutenant-Governor for that magnificent demonstration.

The motion was agreed to unanimously.

Commander-in-Chief: I will appoint as tellers, Past Division Commander Edwin C. Irelan, of Maryland, and Division Commander Eugene Carr, of Washington & Oregon.

National Secretary: I cast 251 votes of the Encampment for Harry D. Sisson for the office of Commander-in-Chief.

The tellers reported the unanimous election of Past Division Commander Harry D. Sisson, of Massachusetts, as Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year.

VISIT OF COMMITTEE FROM THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

Mrs. Estebrook and delegation, representing the Woman's Relief Corps, were escorted to the platform.

Commander-in-Chief: No doubt many of the brothers last evening paid tribute to the Hon. Clarendon Adams, Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. Mrs. Estebrook was one of the ladies who managed that great affair. I introduce the chairman of the Committee of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. Estebrook: We are here to extend greetings to the Sons of Veterans from the Woman's Relief Corps. I put in application to the manager of the Hotel Deshler to get a position as a strike-breaker, because I thought I was qualified. We never could have handled the crowd that came to the reception last night if the Sons of Veterans had not helped us. The hotel was not prepared. I think the manager looked upon me as a panic-stricken female. He said, "I think you can take care of the reception, it is your reception." It was my job and I did not

know where to start, so my first thought was the Sons of Veterans and I tell you we could never have gotten along if it had not been for the Sons of Veterans. I bring you the greetings of the Woman's Relief Corps and for myself our greetings for the work of the Sons of Veterans.

Commander-in-Chief: I call on Past Commander-in-Chief F. T. F. Johnson to respond to these greetings.

Past Commander-in-Chief F. T. F. Johnson: Ladies, it is one of the greatest pleasures of this Encampment to receive the greetings from the Woman's Relief Corps. We realize that one of the greatest things, one of the greatest assistances that the Grand Army of the Republic has is that received from the Woman's Relief Corps. They have devoted the joys of their lives to the support of the great army of men who saved this country. I can conceive of no honor within this nation greater than that, that the Grand Army has reposed in them by permitting them to be its Auxiliary. I am very glad and I know the Encampment and the Commander-in-Chief is glad to have heard the words of Mrs. Estebrook this afternoon and that the Sons of Veterans came forward and did help at the reception last evening. We are glad to have had you here. One of the greatest honors of this Encampment was the reception of the Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps. I thank you.

The delegation was escorted from the hall.

Commander-in-Chief: Nominations are open for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The National Secretary called the roll. When Kansas was reached—

Past Division Commander H. M. Lewis, of Kansas: It gives Kansas great pleasure to come with a bunch of half-a-dozen sun flowers and present what Kansas might call a red apple. But in this case it is going to be an orange from Los Angeles. It is to the interest of the organization of the Sons of Veterans, of the United States that we scatter these offices around. The effete East has received its plum; now let us give California another one. I rise to nominate Wm. H. Hyden, present Division Commander of California, who has shown a gain in membership. It gives me pleasure to nominate a worker. We do not know if he can talk or not. He was on a committee and he said very little, but he is a worker and Kansas desires to nominate a worker for the position of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, which is quite a rare case. It seems to me that our Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief think they haven't anything to do but look pleasant. We are going to put a worker there if you will let us have our way this afternoon.

Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. T. Church, of Illinois: Illinois has been unable to retain all the good people who have from time to time gone from that state; and at this time, having in mind a member of the Order now connected with the state force removed from our locality but so close we see him often, having in mind also the good of the Order and due regard to the distribution of offices, I desire to place in nomination for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief one who was formerly of Illinois and is now a member of the Division of Washington & Oregon. The "Old Stalwarts" of the Order will long remem-

ber the earnest services of Frank McCrillis as an officer of this Order. We knew him in the younger days of the Order, knew him as an officer of untiring energy, equal to the accomplishment of any task that might come to his hand; true to the principles it has ever inculcated, seeking every opportunity to do that which would tend to its advancement. Many years ago he endeared himself in our hearts and not only in our hearts but, we believe, in all the hearts of the Sons of Veterans. For a long time his home has not been with us but we have heard, from time to time coming back from this great Division of which he is now a member, word of the splendid efforts he has put forth there in the civic circles of that community. We have heard of the splendid work he did during the great World War. We have heard of how tasks that others gave up were carried to a successful conclusion by him. So it is with a great deal of pleasure and pride that we present to this Encampment the name of Brother Frank McCrillis of Washington & Oregon for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Bolton, of Massachusetts: Massachusetts speaks again. Ordinarily after the great honor which has been given our Division, we would not indicate a preference where there are two men as candidates. But when we know that friendship has met the test, when we know that service is freely and wonderfully given to the organization, when a man is willing to accept, Massachusetts does not hesitate to say that it would be pleased to have the services of Frank McCrillis as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Division Commander Eugene Carr, of Washington & Oregon: It is with not a little embarrassment that I rise to say anything to you this afternoon because I am of the opinion that I am the youngest Division Commander in this room. In the old days of Nebraska, when everything was rich and ripe, where everything in the line of politics had come along, there was a gentleman by the name of C. E. Tanner who was selected to make all the nominating speeches for all candidates that could possibly be presented to the republican convention. And while I do not intend to say anything derogative about Charley, he was wont to go out the night before and come in just in time to make a speech. He would say, "I rise to place in nomination the name of a man who has been a first-class citizen, a man who has been a good father, a man who has been good in his community." An old gentleman who stood in the crowd said, "Name the gentleman, Charles; name the gentleman."

You all know what happened at Portland. You all know the effect which came to the men of your people, which came to the men on the Pacific Coast. Everything has been laid in a grave and the stone marked. If the Sons of Veterans had gone to Portland we would have had twenty thousand more members from the Pacific Coast than we have today. No small element of that twenty thousand would have been the result of the work of the gentleman who is now a resident of my jurisdiction and the best helper a man ever had to work up a poor Division; an executive without parallel (saving in his own mind). He had a scheme that would house a bigger crowd than you have here today, and the boys of Portland say McCrillis; the boys in California say McCrillis; and every Grand Army veteran who went

to Portland during that great Encampment says McCrillis. I am asking you today to give the poorest Division you have got a chance to show to the boys out there that you appreciate the best worker in my jurisdiction. The gentleman from Illinois says he has abilities as a worker. I tell you that he has found a field in which his capabilities will win full recognition. He has been a consistent champion in the advancement of the main issue of the declaration which appeared before you today. Just a little recommendation to give him a chance to make a record.

Division Commander Wm. H. Hyden, of California & Pacific: I understand the boys have elected me. I resign my position. I would rather be Division Commander than Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the United States.

Commander-in-Chief: Past Division Commander Sisson, of Massachusetts, you have been unanimously elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., by the biggest vote that has ever been cast by a Commandery-in-Chief. Are you willing to accept and serve?

Commander-in-Chief-elect Harry D. Sisson, of Massachusetts: That is almost a needless question, but I want to tell you boys right here and now that I am almost overwhelmed. This Encampment has been doing business and we have seen the great heart of Nebraska opened up before our eyes. I believe I can say with the utmost sincerity—I know I can say with the absolute truth—that the heart of Massachusetts reciprocates in kind. I know that I can say also in truth that the heart in every Division would be the same if it would open up to view. We are doing an immense work, and my prayer to heaven is that I may measure up, men. I thank you and I will accept.

There being but one candidate for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, it was moved and seconded that the National Secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Encampment for Frank McCrillis.

The motion was agreed to unanimously.

National Secretary: I deposit the ballot of the Encampment 251 votes.

The tellers reported the unanimous election of Frank McCrillis, of Washington & Oregon Division, as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

VISIT OF COMMITTEE FROM THE DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS.

Past Division Commander P. A. Barrows, of Nebraska, reported there were ladies at the door with a special announcement from the Daughters of Veterans.

The delegation was escorted into the room.

Jennie Hamilton: Brothers, I do not come to give you very cheerful news this afternoon. The Daughters of Veterans reception has been called off on account of the death of our National President's father. It was to have been held at the Chittenden Hotel tonight, but it is all off. I thank you.

It was moved and seconded that we ask these ladies to take back to their session our deep sympathy for their bereavement. The motion was agreed to by a silent, standing vote.

The delegation was escorted from the room.

Commander-in-Chief: National Patriotic Instructor Frank McCrillis, you have been unanimously elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Are you willing to accept and serve?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief-elect Frank McCrillis: I am willing. I have not been a candidate for any office. I have not sought office with the Sons of Veterans for a good many years. I have been content to remain a common member of good old Custer Camp of Chicago. But some ten years ago I moved out west and got interested in the Order out there. I felt that it was my duty to do it. When the Encampment came I was drafted by our city to help entertain the men that we love so much. A little later I was drafted by the Commander-in-Chief and I have tried to do my duty as National Patriotic Instructor. Today you have drafted me for another duty and all I can say to you is that all that God has given to me is yours.

Past Division Commander A. G. Alrich, of Kansas, announced a delegation from the Daughters of Veterans at the door.

Past Division Commander Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin: I understand that this is a special delegation sent to bring us the message of the death of the father of their National President. I move you, therefore, that we instruct our National Secretary to send a telegram of sympathy in the hour of her sorrow.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: Nominations are now in order for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Past Division Commander Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin: I want to say to you that we are always on the job. We are growing. We have got lots of big timber up there and some big men. We have one of the old timers with us today who comes from Milwaukee where they make other things than beer. His name is Julius Walther. I place in nomination for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief the name of Julius Walther, of Wisconsin.

It was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed and the National Secretary cast the unanimous ballot for Past Division Commander F. Julius Walther, of Wisconsin, for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The motion was agreed to.

National Secretary: I hereby cast 215 votes for F. Julius Walther for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: Brother Walther, you have been elected. Do you accept and are you willing to serve?

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief-elect Walther: I do accept and am willing to serve. I want to say that one of the great poets of that State of Massachusetts has written, "Some men are born great, some achieve greatness while others have greatness thrust upon them." Now I belong to the latter. It seems that I have had greatness thrust upon me. But still I promise you all that I will do all in my power during the ensuing year to advance the interests of the Order. I have worked untiringly for the past twenty-five years. The fact that I have been exalted to this high position will not diminish my activities. I will do all I can.

Commander-in-Chief: Nominations for Council-in-Chief—
three members.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: In behalf of the Ohio Division, I take great pleasure at this time in presenting for your consideration for the three year term in presenting Chief, Past Division Commander R. J. Williams, of Council-in-Dennison Camp No. 1, of Columbus, Ohio, who has been the efficient, earnest chairman of the Committee on Arrangements which has brought such achievement and splendid success for this Encampment. I say I present for the three-year term, Brother R. J. Williams.

Division Commander Samuel W. King, of Illinois: I take pleasure in presenting the name of a brother who is known to every Son of a Veteran in our state. He comes from Peoria. He has spent one year as Division Commander, one year as Division Secretary. He has built up our membership, greater than it is today. It gives me great pleasure to present the name of Arthur D. Rhinesmith for a three-year term.

Delegate Don D. Donnan, of Iowa: Iowa desires to express her appreciation of the way the committee has taken care of this convention by seconding the nomination of Brother R. J. Williams.

Division Commander Daniel D. Sharp, of Minnesota: Realizing as we all must that the man who holds a position on this important body must be a man of many and excellent qualities, I wish to submit to you the name of such a man. I could not tell you all of his good qualities in five minutes and neither shall I try. He has paid the high price for his heritage, for his father was one of that great army who never came back. He has been a member for a great many years. He was first Division Commander of Minnesota Division and served in that capacity for three consecutive years. He has installed the officers of our Division every year for thirty years—can anyone in this house boast of a similar record? In 1895 he took a uniformed company to St. Joseph, Mo., and captured a competitive prize. Some of you know this man, and they love him as we love him. He has occupied every important office in the gift of his local Camp and his Division. He has deftness and unusual ability in his line. It gives me pleasure and I have the honor of submitting to you in nomination the name of Past Division Commander Col. E. H. Milham for the two-year term of Council-in-Chief.

Division Commander Samuel W. King, of Illinois: I wish to withdraw the name of Arthur D. Rhinesmith for the three-year term and place him in nomination for the one-year term.

Commander-in-Chief: The roll has been called and nominations are closed.

National Secretary: I hereby cast the ballot of 251 votes of this Encampment for the Council-in-Chief: Arthur D. Rhinesmith, one year; E. H. Milham, two years; and R. J. Williams, three years.

Commander-in-Chief: I declare the three nominees elected: Rhinesmith, Milham and Williams, do you accept and are you willing to serve?

Arthur D. Rhinesmith: Yes sir.

R. J. Williams: Yes sir.

E. H. Milham: I wish to answer that I will accept and thank the brothers here for the honor extended to me at this time, for I am somewhat of a stranger to this delegation; but it is worth a small farm to come down here and meet Brother Sisson. If nothing happens, I guess we will get along all right. I am willing to do all I can for the advancement of the Order.

Commander-in-Chief: Nominations are in order for Chief-of-Staff, for the term of five years.

The National Secretary called the roll. When Pennsylvania was reached—

Past Division Commander Walter E. Smith, of Pennsylvania: I doubt very much whether it is necessary for me to take up very much time in nominating this brother for Chief-of-Staff. You know his activities at these various Encampments and we certainly know him in Pennsylvania and for that reason for his wonderful work that he has accomplished in the line of the military organization, it seems to me that we owe it to him to keep him in that office. I have the honor of presenting the name of Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania, for Chief-of-Staff.

The roll-call having been completed and no other nominations offered, the tellers reported 251 votes having been cast for, and the Commander-in-Chief announced the unanimous election of Edwin M. Amies for Chief-of-Staff.

Commander-in-Chief: Brother Amies, you have been elected to the position of Chief-of-Staff for the term of five years. Do you accept and are you willing to serve?

Edwin M. Amies: I am going to say I accept. We just heard from the Grand Army of the Republic that Atlantic City has been selected for the next National Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief A. E. B. Stephens: Your Committee on Fraternal Relations is ready to report.

Commander-in-Chief: I am ready to receive your report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

Past Commander-in-Chief A. E. B. Stephens: Brother John W. Kephart, Judge of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and myself visited the Grand Army of the Republic in session and we extended the greetings of the Sons of Veterans here assembled at this Encampment. They received us in a very hearty way, and after a few words of greetings from myself, Judge Kephart made a very beautiful, patriotic speech. I do not know exactly whether it was a speech, an address or a talk, but I want to tell you that every old soldier in the audience and every veteran and old soldier and their families in the gallery listened, and I noticed a great many tears roll down their cheeks while Judge Kephart told of his association with the Grand Army of the Republic as a Son of a Veteran and when he told them that his father left his mother with five little children when he was about five years old and what the Grand Army of the Republic had done for that widow and those children and how he was educated at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans Home in Pennsylvania, or the school or home provided by the State of Pennsylv-

vania. And as they followed him in his advancement from a boy five years old up to the time of his studying law, being elected Judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania, the veterans were ready to rise and carry him out in their arms, and it was some time before we could get out of the Encampment because they all wanted to shake hands with him. We visited the Woman's Relief Corps and waited for some time and found that we could not get in very well, so we sent in greetings and sent word that if they would be in session tomorrow we would come again in person. The rest of the Committee was headed by Brother Locke, who can report as to their greetings.

Past Division Commander Richard F. Locke, of Illinois: Past Commander-in-Chief Campbell and I visited the Daughters of Veterans. We were most cordially and enthusiastically received and given assurance that they were with us to the finish in fighting for united Americanism. Arrangements have been made to visit with the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic tomorrow morning.

Past Commander-in-Chief J. E. Sautter, of Pennsylvania: As a matter of record I desire to say that the Special Committee of Greetings to the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, composed of Past Commander Homan, of Massachusetts, Division Commander Frank Mills, of Nebraska, and myself visited the Auxiliary in session yesterday afternoon. You need no words to know that we were enthusiastically and cordially received by them.

Commander-in-Chief: I desire at this time to introduce to this Encampment, and I trust he will proceed to my station, the Hon. Judge John W. Kephart, of Pennsylvania.

Judge John W. Kephart: I am not going to make a speech, brothers. I simply rose a minute ago to do justice to my good friend Congressman Stephens who went with me to the Grand Army of the Republic and to say to you that the congressman has done himself an injustice, and properly so—he could not well speak for himself. After our cordial reception outside, we were escorted to the platform and the congressman very graciously presented on behalf of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic a large bouquet to Commander-in-Chief Adams, which straightway won the affections of the Commander-in-Chief and likewise the affections of the old soldiers. I want to say to my brothers here that when I faced that audience of old veterans I was at first appalled by the thinness of their number, and then a great feeling of oppressiveness came over me as I realized that this was the last of the Old Guard. This was the remnant of the great army of 1861-65, the greatest army in the pages of history; the greatest achievement of American love. And it was a proud thought to me to think that we were Sons of Veterans and a proud thought to know that we were the descendants of the men who helped to consecrate this flag and this constitution that we all love so well. I felt as I was addressing the audience at that time, the Grand Army of the Republic, that it was an ingrown right to let them know just how closely I felt toward them and to carry with me the message that was so splendidly conveyed to you, the wonderful message that came to the committee on the welfare of the order. I carried to them the wonderful message that was written by that committee and was adopted unanimously. And I pictured to

them the aspirations as I interpreted them in this resolution, and I worded the ideas of my good brothers from Boston and other brothers here; and I appealed to them to know why the Sons of Veterans stood for "America for Americans." That great body of men rose to their feet in cheers and you may know that I was traveling in the right. We are on both feet, so it remains for execution with you—and no resolution, no matter how well it may be framed; no law, no matter how noble its purpose, will ever avail anything unless the Sons of Veterans take it into their hearts to put it into active and effectual operation. And while we might discuss here among ourselves as to what ought to be done, there is a clear path laid out for you and the clear road of duty for you and you will not be true to the memory of the parents that brought you into this world if you fail in your duty at all times to see that the path is kept straight, and that no entangling alliances of any kind will be thrown in the way that will take from this nation of ours one tithe of the glory and honor that is rightfully due it because of the services of our fathers. Congressman Stephens made a wonderful address. He was well received, as we both were, and we have the consolation (if you will call it so) of the Commander-in-Chief rising to his feet and saying to us, "We want you to take back to the Sons of Veterans this message: We have no Grant, no Lincoln to command us; no Sherman or Hancock in the front to lead the way. Our great leaders have passed to the great beyond and we are but a mere handful that are assembled here today. But speaking from out the voice of the past, with 2,500,000 souls to take from, we say to you, 'Go back to your people and say the country is not big enough and the land is not wide enough to harbor within its borders any other control save that of the constitution of the United States and the flag, the Stars and Stripes, Old Glory. And when we pass to the great beyond, it will be your duty to preserve inviolate all the great principles upon which this government is founded, the principles of our forefathers who came here and from this wilderness carved out this nation dedicated to freedom and equality. 3,500,000 souls are ready to yield their lives and we trust to you the Sons of Veterans to carry on the work.'"

And that message we bring to you.

National Treasurer James Lewis Rake: I move you, sir, that the committees, standing and special, with the exception of those that are carried over into the next administration, be discharged with the thanks of this Encampment.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: I move that the next meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief be held at the same time and place as that of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

National Treasurer Rake: As a matter of mere formality, I move you that the records of this Encampment as taken by the official stenographer be approved and passed when completed to the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Council-in-Chief R. J. Williams, of Ohio: In reference to our doings at the Aladdin Country Club. It will take about half-

an-hour to go out there. Within thirty minutes after adjournment here, there will be special cars at Broad and Fourth streets. All the members are to board these cars and not pay any fare.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: The Declaration Address adopted this morning is now in printed form, and each member here will receive a copy. A supply will be at the Virginia Hotel and I hope all Division Commanders will secure them.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Bolton, of Massachusetts, was selected as the installing officer.

Past Commander-in-Chief Bolton: The National Secretary will call the names of the officers-elect and as their names are called they will rise to their feet.

The National Secretary called the roll of officers-elect.

Past Commander-in-Chief Bolton: The officers will arrange themselves in front of the platform in the order in which their names have been called.

The following officers were then installed in due form:

Harry D. Sisson, of Massachusetts, Commander-in-Chief.

Frank McCrillis, of Washington & Oregon, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

F. Julius Walther, of Wisconsin, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Arthur D. Rhinesmith, of Illinois, Council-in-Chief (1 year term).

E. H. Milham, of Minnesota, Council-in-Chief (2 year term).

R. J. Williams, of Ohio, Council-in-Chief (3 year term).

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania, Chief-of-Staff.

Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig, of New Hampshire, National Chaplain.

Past Commander-in-Chief Bolton: Past Commander-in-Chief Callahan and Brothers, it gives me great pleasure to present to you at this time our new Commander-in-Chief, Harry D. Sisson, of Massachusetts. (Three rousing cheers were given).

Commander-in-Chief Harry D. Sisson: I think the door of opportunity is again open to the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America, and if I mistake not I think it is finding us today ready to meet the full effulgence of the rising sun. I believe, Brothers, we have demonstrated today that we can go out before the world with a mission and in the performance of that mission we are going to command attention. It has never been a great habit with me to feel that a little loss or gain in membership counts or is vital to the Order itself. But I am going to look to you boys who are here right now for an increase in membership for the coming year. I think we get a whole lot of enthusiasm at a National Encampment, but when we go home and tell the other fellow about it he don't take our advice and do it and we don't do it. I have one specific idea in mind: "Do it yourself." A very small percentage of the Order is represented by the delegates, but every one of you men here now, when you go home I am going to appeal to you to get out your

selves—appoint someone else in your Camp to spend one or two afternoons in one week—you are going to get yourselves back into the harness again, more than you have been for several years, and you are going to inspire a reasonable desire to do the same thing. This loss, that Past Commander-in-Chief Callahan has had to face the last year, we are going to more than make up. I am going out and get some members for my Camp and I am going to look for you to do the same thing. As I said before, our mission is a big one. We are going to teach nationalism. We are outgrowing our swaddling clothes. We are going to get into a big business and boys, I never felt so small before. God bless you! I know you can do it and I know you will.

VISIT OF COMMITTEE FROM THE SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY.

Commander-in-Chief Sisson: I have the pleasure of presenting to you Mrs. Myrtle Stoddard, President of the Massachusetts Division, Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.

Mrs. Stoddard: It gives me great pleasure to be the first woman to congratulate you upon this great honor which has come to the Division of Massachusetts. We are proud of you. We are proud of the standing you have in our community. We are proud that you head this splendid organization. I do not want to make a speech, Brother Sisson; and you know when your heart is full—. I just want to tell you how much you mean to us, and we are going to be worthy of you. We pledge to you every one of us the loyal support of three thousand girls in Massachusetts who wish you God speed, and every one of these petals means a willing hand and loving heart.

It is a great pleasure to bring to this Encampment the chief executive of our Auxiliary, Sister Margaret Carney. We are proud of her as you are. We pledge ourselves, for this splendid honor which has come to us again, just the same sort of service that she has given. And now I present to you this token. Though the key is small, it will hold many a state secret and I would like full well to see it some time again.

Commander-in-Chief Sisson: I am again overwhelmed. I have had a sort of flattering notion about myself being strong with the women for some little time because two years ago they elected me as patron of the Ladies Eastern Star, and I took a great deal of pride in the fact that we were the largest ladies organization in the world. But I find that the Ladies of the Auxiliary were not appreciated. We never knew what they could do because we never gave them the opportunity. I want to pledge that I am going home with a new determination. I was present during the trying times and during the enlistments of the war. No mothers ever stood up to the rack and stood the sacrifice better than those in Massachusetts and I know they were a sample of all women in the United States. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart and hope I will measure up to the standard that you have set.

PRESENTATION OF PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S BADGE,
 BUTTON-HOLE DECORATION AND RING TO PAST
 COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF FRANCIS CALLAHAN.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, of Pennsylvania; Commander-in-Chief Sisson—and I give you that title with greater pride than ever before—it is my pleasant duty at this time to request Past Commander-in-Chief Callahan to please rise.

In a few words, but each word giving to you the true expression from the heart of every man in the Sons of Veterans, it is my duty and pleasure at this time to present to you this beautiful emblem, indicating the fact that you have served the brothers of the Sons of Veterans in the honorable position of the Commander-in-Chief; and in presenting it to you, I know that I but echo the thought of every member of our Order when I say that it has never been bestowed on a brother more deserving because of the work of the Sons of Veterans. One year ago at Niagara Falls you were honored by being elected to the chief office in this great patriotic fraternity. You had labored many years before in an humble capacity in your Camp and Division, but it remained for this year to prove to the Order of Sons of Veterans your real caliber and I know that every member of our Order is happy today that one year ago Francis Callahan was elected Commander-in-Chief. I believe, Brother Callahan, that your administration will go down in history as the turning point in the Order of the Sons of Veterans; that the action of this Encampment over which you have presided has brought before the members of this Order a greater vision; and that from today we shall pass forward, forgetting all that is in the past, determined that henceforth the Order of the Sons of Veterans will perform its mission as men, as Americans, as sons of the boys who saved this nation more than fifty years ago. And now I desire to pin upon your breast this beautiful emblem (presenting the Past Commander-in-Chief's badge). I know that you shall wear it worthily and that as you go back to your Camp and to your Division you will have to work in an humble capacity and yet as a true Son of a Veteran and worker. And additionally, on behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief, I present you with this beautiful token, this ring with the jewel on its face, and I know that as you wear this it will bring to you many pleasing recollections of a year of service, of a year of hard work, of a year of sacrifices and yet a year that you will always look back to with pleasure (presenting the Past Commander-in-Chief's ring). And additionally, on behalf of two of your beloved friends, the National Secretary and National Treasurer, of the Commandery-in-Chief and of the Division of Pennsylvania, it is my pleasure to decorate you with this little button-hole emblem—the button of a Past Commander-in-Chief (presenting the button-hole decoration). Brothers, there are not many of us privileged to wear this button, but I believe you have had it illustrated to you today (and you will pardon me if I am injecting anything that may seem personal) that those of us who have been honored and privileged to wear this button have proved by their attendance in this Encampment that, as they passed from the ranks of commanding officers, they passed into the ring of the prophet, inspired by a greater love for our organization and determination to work for it. I know that

Brother Callahan will join the ranks of the Past Commanders-in-Chief and will work with them for the Order of Sons of Veterans. I welcome you as a Past Commander-in-Chief and trust that God in his goodness may spare you for many years for active service in the Order which you have loved so long.

Past Commander-in-Chief Francis Callahan: Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter, Brothers and Sisters: There has been so much eulogy this afternoon on my account that I am abashed. I feel that the duties that I have performed during the past year were due the organization for the reason that I was privileged by the services of my father to connect myself therewith. The beautiful insignia of the office of Past Commander-in-Chief will always remain a bright spot within my heart. It is gold and there is an intrinsic value to it, but I do not consider the intrinsic value. The intrinsic value amounts to nothing—it is the value that I have received at the hands of the members of the Order of Sons of Veterans. That is the value that is dear to me, the thought of these brothers placing me in the position to be their ruler for the space of one year. The beautiful ring will always be a remembrance of the loyalty and the friendship that I have received not only from the greatest member of the Sons of Veterans, but from the most humble member, from the member who toils in the fields, in the shops as well as the member on the bench of the courts or the member who represents the people in some great hall of fame. I have received the same courtesy from the small as well as the high and I assure you that will be a treasure. The beautiful emblem which represents the button-hole decoration of the Past Commander-in-Chief will always be foremost in my memory and will always be worn in the lapel of my coat so that I may be one of these distinguished gentlemen. There is no body of men in this great country or in any land more honorable than the men who have passed through the doors of the Commandery-in-Chief. I thank you, Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter, and the brothers of this Commandery-in-Chief, for the courtesies which you have extended me.

PRESENTATION OF WATCH TO PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF FRANCIS CALLAHAN.

Past Division Commander Walter C. Mabie, of Pennsylvania: Philadelphia sent you here as Commander-in-Chief to show the brothers the best that we have in Philadelphia. I am told to rush it. I lost my voice in Pennsylvania and had the rest of it washed out in the rain. We in Philadelphia know you; know that it does not require any clock to bring you on the job. We wish to present to you, Brother Callahan, a little token of our appreciation that you can wear next to your union suit. If you don't happen to be able to carry it with you, see that you are home in time. Take this and remember "the gang from Philadelphia."

Past Commander-in-Chief Callahan: I will never forget the Chief Forager. I am somewhat elated over this splendid gift. I am pretty well timed. A beautiful watch. I really did not expect it. I do not know why the boys of Pennsylvania suppose themselves in a position to be presenting me with so many emblems of friendship. I feel, however, that they know that I

am their friend and I always will be as I am the friend of every Division of the Sons of Veterans.

Division Commander J. Clinton Hiatt, of Maryland; The Past Department Vice Commander of New York Grand Army of the Republic wishes to say a few words of congratulation.

Past Vice Commander Edward Allen Dubey, of New York, Grand Army of the Republic: I want to state that I guess I am one of the oldest Sons of a Veteran—I am in my 81st year. I was in Phil Sheridan Post of Brooklyn, New York. I want to congratulate you before I go to my hotel.

Commander-in-Chief Sisson: Boys, look him over; and when you get just as old as that you will be just as enthusiastic as he is.

Benedictory prayer by National Chaplain Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig.

Song: "Blessed be the Tie that Binds."

Song: "The Star Spangled Banner."

The Encampment then was closed in due form by Commander-in-Chief Sisson.

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Kansas	1045	3
Kentucky	108	1
Maine	2307	6
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Massachusetts	7471	16
Michigan	831	3
Minnesota	619	2
Missouri	677	2
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Nebraska	396	2
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New Jersey	1734	4
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