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MONDAY MORNING SESSION

(An unofficial gathering of all Commanders, Past Commanders, Secretaries, Treasurers and Delegates of the Forty-second Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., at the Plankinton Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 10:30 o'clock a. m. Monday, September 3, 1923.)

Past Commander-in-Chief Clifford Ireland called the assembly to order.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland: This is a sort of a preliminary meeting for the busy bees of the organization who hold sufficient interest in the organization work to get a little inside dope, and the best methods of procedure that can be adopted, as suggested by our very competent Organization Committee.

The Organization Committee has been functioning to better purpose than perhaps any of us realize. The mere cursory glance I have been able to give their work convinces me they have laid a foundation for a concrete, wonderful, progressive movement in our Order. That the results of their efforts could be visioned at this time I hold no hope whatsoever. It is much like an advertising campaign that takes years to work out and the beneficial results therefrom cannot be seen or accomplished or hoped to be done or hoped to be attained within the short space of time they have been at work. They went to the very foundations of our troubles and have builded a program for us to follow that I think will ultimately be productive of wonderful results for our Order. Their work has been unusually difficult and they have been unusually patient and possessing a great amount of fortitude that perhaps you and I could not have offered under the circumstances. They have met with an opposition within our own ranks. However, that opposition is only an unconscious opposition and not a willful or malicious one in any respect that I have been able to discover, but we have been dilatory throughout the entire Order about giving them the information that was really imperative they receive, that was really their tools with which to begin their work, and in that respect they have not received the thorough co-operation they should have received from the Order as a whole. However, that has been an unconscious neglect, an unconscious opposition, and if the fact were brought home to the boys who have been derelicts in their duty in this regard I am sure they would regret it as much as the Organization Committee does and we all do; so they have been handicapped in their efforts

thus far and have only been able to thus far lay out a plan and scratch the surface. The remainder of the work is up to the Order as a whole and can only in measure be directed by our competent Organization Committee. The work is up to us. Now, I scarcely know just what procedure to suggest for this meeting this morning. This little coterie that is here certainly needs no exertion or extortion in the matter of ways and means of securing an augmentation of our membership. You are here merely to learn from the Organization Committee the finer points they have worked out in this campaign, and to retail it to your brethren in the Order. So I think any attempt to lecture this audience would be badly amiss. This is sort of an experience meeting and we are all vitally interested in the results, so if we may all confine ourselves strictly to facts and points in hand without extraneous argument or historical indulgence. I think we will get further, and stick as closely to the point as possible. Your Chairman having digressed from that can criticize anybody else if he fails to better exemplify what I mean than I am able to. First, in all probability, it would be wise to get a report from the Committee. Let them tell you in their own way the obstacles they have encountered, how and in what manner they intend to circumvent them, and the plans they have laid out for the future.

Now we will hear from Fred Upham, Massachusetts, who will explain all these devious diagrams and exhibits, as he calls them, that they have here and tell you something about their plans and such success as they have met with in their efforts so far. Brother Upham, of Massachusetts. (Applause).

Past Division Commander Upham, of Massachusetts: I think, as Brother Ireland has said, it is not necessary to go to any length to appeal to you, but I find there is quite a little unconscious, as he said, opposition, which can be easily turned to our advantage when the boys realize what this thing means.

We have prepared two reports, one is quite a long report and the reason for that is this, that we have spent considerable money and we believe you are entitled to a detailed report on every phase of the subject. That report is now printed and we are not going to read it here, as it would take a full half hour. We have a shorter report which will be given at the Encampment, a condensed report which covers the same thing, will take less time and give you all of the points.

I think this morning, on account of the size of the audience and because there are so many Divisions not represented here, I will give just a little rambling talk, as has been suggested, giving you something to think of between now and a future meeting, which we will have, that will give fuller details. So I will refer to the items as I have them in the report. As you know, the Committee was appointed last year, and it was expected we would go along on the lines of the School of Instruction of last year, which we have done. Our first concern was to investigate and report at this meeting, but we got along so fast on that we thought it was a waste of time, we should take some action and see if we could not accomplish something to report. We had our first meeting at Pittsburgh and decided at once it was impracticable to have two or three different ones running the job, so to speak, that is, preparing printed matter,

and so it was suggested that Brother Rhinesmith do all of the mailing at Peoria and I do the writing and Brother Hammer would try to find the money to do it with. It was a happy conclusion because that saved a lot of difficulties which would naturally come up.

We, in investigating this matter, have talked with a great many of the Sons of Veterans, members of the Grand Army, and every source we could come in contact with, and we have received over a thousand letters, some of them written with pencil on two sides of the paper, others nicely typewritten, and there have been a lot of suggestions, some criticisms and some commendation. We have taken advantage of all of the criticisms and suggestions early in the game. The criticisms that came in a week ago or today we did not pay very much attention to for the reason if I had done it I would have done differently. We realize that, but we had an idea that Brother Ireland's idea in seeing that this School of Instruction was carried on and appointing us, was that he rather thought that this Committee would act along the same lines as the School of Instruction last year.

In our investigation, one of the first things we found was this, that the Grand Army of the Republic, as an organization—not as an individual, but as an organization, has never come out and endorsed the Sons of Veterans. That is a thing perhaps some of you have not realized, and it is a thing very vital to us and it must be done. As individuals they are eager for us to carry on, but as an organization they have not taken that step, and they should.

Now, in building up this organization there are two things necessary, the first I will call "overhead" and the other is "collection of dues." The National Organization and the Divisions have an overhead that they have taken care of by requiring a per capita tax from the membership. The Camps have not done that thing, and they are always uncertain whether they can pay their per capita tax. The reason is they have not builded up their organization strong enough and with the right kind of people. Many of the things I speak of are from suggestions given to us by others. For instance, one Brother says, "We don't want any members in our organization who are not workers." That is not correct. We would like to have them all work, but there are five hundred thousand men in this country eligible to the Sons of Veterans who do not belong, who are business and professional men, who would probably never enter a Camp room door. When I find members who say, "We don't want them," I immediately go, when I can, to the Secretary of that Division and I ask, "How does that Camp pay its per capita tax?" The invariable reply is, "It is slow, we have to keep after them." I have in mind three different Camps that, so far as I know, have not had a meeting in their Camp room for three years. They claim they cannot get the boys together. But every one of those pay their per capita tax willingly. Why? Because they have this overhead to meet.

I am going to give you an illustration of obtaining a member. This happened in the West. I was told that a certain very wealthy man had been approached a great many times, and they couldn't get him in the Order. I was asked to go and see him.

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This is what I said to him. In the first place I gave him the literature, which we will talk about later, sent it three days apart, exactly as we recommend the Go-Getters to do. I was introduced to this man as the Division Commander of Massachusetts. "Oh, yes, I have been getting some of your literature. Well, what is the story?" I said to this man, "There is not much of a story. Your father was a Veteran of 1861. I know you are proud of his record. Now, his comrades today are asking the Sons of Veterans to make themselves so strong that they can take over the work necessary, and I thought you would like to have a part in it." He intimated he would be willing to give \$100.00. I told him, "No, that is not what we want, we want just one thing, your name as a member of this Camp and \$4.00 a year dues." In other words, we ought to have about thirty-three per cent of every Camp in our National Organization who might be termed "overhead members," who, when they receive a statement January 1st will send their check in at once. Then your Camps are strong, that overhead paying the rent, necessary supplies you have to buy and certain work you have to do in order to pay your per capita tax. When that is taken care of your members will work and you can accomplish something.

The next thing is the collection of dues. I understand over three hundred thousand men have joined this organization who are not members today, as we have only fifty-two thousand members. They have been allowed to lapse. And why? I believe it is that during the years of the war and the next one immediately following, the falling off was due to the fact that the Secretary and Treasurer were not so interested as they should have been and a great many of us had the idea these veterans coming back were going to take over this work and why pay dues? There were no serious efforts made to collect dues during that time and I found they got behind to a greater extent at that time than during any other period of a like duration.

Now, some do not like this idea, but I believe it is probable that we have got to remit a part of those back dues. There is no use carrying them any longer. Either drop the member or make some arrangement that he can come in and get up to date. The arrangement that I have in mind is this, that at some period, say January 1st, we open a new ledger in every Camp and enter every single name in that ledger, and as he pays his dues in advance why not do like other organizations and issue an identification card showing where the man is paid up to. If he owes any other money put it on a petty ledger, but let us keep this main ledger right up to date, at least three months in advance all of the time. It is easier to pay three months' dues for the majority of our members than for six months or a year, and that is one of the vital things, when a member is paid up he will attend the meetings; if he owes money he will never attend.

A great deal is said about not having interesting meetings enough. Our meetings are not dry, but possibly a great deal of it is due to the fact that members get behind in their dues and don't attend meetings, so I suggest that as one of the main cornerstones. Now, the unconscious opposition we spoke

of is a fellow who says, "Well, I don't know whether it will work, I don't believe it will, I will look on and see whether it will or not. The National Organization Committee is running this, let them do it and let them finance it too." That has been a very difficult thing, to finance this problem. When we first started out we did not realize just how far we would go, but after talking with a few we felt we should make some attempt to get these Go-Getters in line and in May and June—you must realize we have to anticipate that some of this literature is mailed across the continent and the Camp Commander has to send back for something, and sometimes it is two or three or four weeks. One criticism that has been made is that we have sent out perhaps too much literature at one time or too long. One reason for that is this, that we expected the Go-Getters would all be listed by April 1st, we did not get them until July 8th, right in the heated season and we did not think it wise to spend money to have a drive at that time, and so postponed our August service until September.

We have about \$1,000.00 on hand. Much of that will be taken up by bills coming in in September, but that also is for printed matter that is all ready to go out, and we thought having that on hand, that even though this organization might decide not to go further with this, we would run the September campaign, which starts within a day or two, and will be very enlightening.

I am rambling along and simply taking things as they come to mind and we will talk a little differently at a different kind of a meeting perhaps. This thought comes to me, that if we are going to make a success of this organization we have all got to get busy and have more co-operation. When I tell you that one Division Commander received twenty letters and several telegrams and never replied to a single one, you will know what I mean by "unconscious opposition" and Camp Commanders have failed to reply for two or three weeks. I found one or two places where they expected the National Organization Committee were going to send all of their literature to the Division Commander and he was going to pass it along to the Camps and the Camp to the Go-Getters. Say the Division Commander happens to be away three weeks and the Go-Getters get their literature a month or two months after someone else. That won't work. That proposition was criticised a little because having obtained a certain number of Go-Getters in May, we did not start the service then. I will tell you that what Brother Rhinesmith and I have done in that work has been after seven o'clock at night and a lot of it has been done after twelve o'clock at night and up to one or two, and we cannot take on any extraordinary work, such as doing overwork in sending out our material. Now, if we started service with a certain Brother in Maine, we would possible have to keep records and refer back. Well, now, what has this Camp out in Iowa had? What has the one in Massachusetts had? And so on, there is a lot of confusion there. We determined we would not start that service until everything was ready. When I was Division Commander in Massachusetts, or I might go back to Camp 52, I became interested in that work and joined the Leominster Camp in 1913. I have only been in the Order eight or nine

years. My father was the same as a Grand Army man, didn't join until late, and he was enthusiastic and so was my father-in-law and they got me interested, and this work I have been putting in myself is because of my interest in those two men. Now, the net gain in Leominster for ten years was one single member. They asked me to carry on this drive while I was Commander and we had one hundred and sixty-six members right off. How did we do it? The unit of Massachusetts evidently appreciating the fact or feeling there was some merit in this, asked me to come down there and serve as Division Commander. I told them, "My only objection is I am not a fluent speaker as a great many are and I cannot go around the Camps as much as some," but they said, "We want this printed matter" "All right, we will give it to you." The records that year show the biggest increase for nineteen years. That evidently attracted the attention of Brother Ireland and the School of Instruction last year is the result of that.

I have found a great many members have ideas to increase this Order, that it is really not necessary for the National Organization Committee to do it, but we feel we have got something that has been tried out. In other words, we would give you in our Letter Service no single thing that has not been definitely tried out and proven a success. Therefore, when any of you say, "Well, we have a different idea and we do not like your methods," just stop and think of this merely, that we are working for the organization of Sons of Veterans. Now, we have had some letters that are as silly as this statement would be that, "I don't care to do that because my Commander has a red necktie and I don't like red." That is no more silly than some of the inquiries we have got among those one thousand letters, and Brother Rhinesmith has personally answered a lot of them and we have got a lot of suggestions out of them and we have adopted them wherever possible and it has helped to formulate our plans. We are taking your suggestions, but we want to follow out a thing that has been tried out. It was told in the Beverly District that it was useless to go down there because they were so much opposed to Divisions, they didn't think there was any necessity for it, they saw no necessity for the National Organization. You know that. Now, you have got to have a head. And that brought us up to this one thing, that the National Organization work should be done through the National Organization Committee direct with the Go-Getters and not through Division Commanders and down through Camp Commanders. It is not practical. At the same time we send a copy of every single thing previously to the Camp and Division Commander. There is not a thing in our campaign that conflicts with anything you boys may want to do in your Camp or Division, not a thing, and I think if the boys really understand that, when they get so they know just exactly what we are doing they will come in very quickly and it will be a great success. We have 239 Camps in the service who sent in a list of Go-Getters, out of 974 Camps. I don't know why the other fellows are not in, but we have prepared a chart by which you can look over all of the work which was done after midnight, so to speak, and we do not pretend to be artists, but the figures are there. We just call attention to the figures, 51 Camps in

Massachusetts, 559 Go-Getters. We haven't received a piece of material in Massachusetts more than the others, but you take some of the other Divisions, Pennsylvania for instance, 16. Now, the results obtained depend largely on the number of Go-Getters to go get. The increase of membership this year has been very small, due to the fact that they have dropped a lot of Camps and members and done a little cleaning up. The National Organization Committee take no credit for any gains or losses, because we have not put our service into the field yet, we have just been getting ready. I will say this, however, this slip here (indicating) was sent out about three weeks ago as a report from our Go-Getters. The idea when we sent it out was, starting the campaign in August, they would get some results in the reports. We did not start the campaign, but I am going to say to you they have sent back on these reports and we haven't asked them to do a thing yet, 451 members, and the total increase is only 181 for the entire Division, so it shows that unconsciously they have been working.

Another thing we had to contend with was indifference, that class of men who get our literature and turn it over and say, "Well, I see they are doing something we will keep watching and see what they are going to do." And the last of the three, which might be called the "degree" is procrastination. I certainly got a surprise when I didn't get any answer to some of my appeals to Go-Getters in April. I thought sure that we would have them, because we did in Massachusetts, and I thought everybody else was the same or even quicker than Massachusetts, but we didn't get them. If we hadn't got them at all I would be discouraged, but that is not the fact. They did come in in July and we got 683 in July. Now, those fellows are ready to go to work.

As Division Commander of Massachusetts, two months and a half before I went out of office, we had a net loss of two and the boys began to think I wasn't going to make good, but I had appointed early in the game a Division Membership Committee, which is exactly the same thing as I am doing here, and in the middle of February I sent a letter to them, and I said, "Boys, I want a thousand members in thirty days." Well, the cells over there were pretty full so they didn't put me in, they thought I was crazy to do such a thing. In two months and a half we got 797 members. In other words, when I appealed to those boys I got results, and that is exactly what I hoped to do in September. I am sorry it could not have been done before this meeting, but it couldn't have been done because of the slowness of everything. We are going to issue a letter called "The Cans and the Cans," and we are going to say to the Go-Getters, "There is a bunch of fellows that say, 'We don't believe you can do it,' and I know you can. Who is the liar?" And I hope that we will have 500 members and perhaps 1,000 members in thirty days through that method. That is one of the first of the Go-Getter Services.

This illustration here (indicating display showing work of the National Organization Committee) shows you the various pieces we have put out, who we sent them to and gives you a little idea of the extensiveness of this campaign.

I believe this organization can be built up only through

sentiment and a little business acumen put into it perhaps. That is rather necessary to take care of the overhead.

I will speak of just one circular, to give an illustration of what they are. That is "The Education of Son John." John comes home, a student, to spend the week-end with his father. After the evening meal they draw up around the fireplace and talk over old times and finally John says, "Father, I was asked to join the Sons of Veterans the other day. Tell me something about your part in the war; the work of the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied orders." And his father said, "John, I very seldom talk about those things, but I am very much interested in the work of the Sons of Veterans and I want to see them build up, so I am going to say this"—and he went on and told about the war, he said, "It has been hard for your mother; I have been an invalid all my life, you know how hard it has been for her to bring up this family," and when the father got through John said, "Father, as long as I live, although I may not be able to take an active part at all times in the work, I will at least be a member and contribute my dues promptly to the organization of Sons of Veterans and I will urge my boy to be the same." When we get that kind of stuff out into the hands of eligibles, sent out three days apart, as I have been sending them to the Go-Getter, and putting the question to them in this way: "Do you know of any reason why you are not a Son of a Veteran?" they are going to sign them up; you can hardly keep track of them. That is a fact. The trouble is now we do thus and so. "Don't you want to join the Sons of Veterans?" "No, I belong to the Masons and this and that and I can't belong to so many organizations." You can not put the question in any way but what you get those answers, except to turn it right around the other way, "Do you know of any good reason why you are not a Son of a Veteran?" You have to go to these higher-ups, as I see it and say to them, "Your father is asking us to carry on, or his comrades. We are not strong enough financially or in efficiency to do that today, we need your help." I will guarantee that a properly written letter sent out to the proper people, enclosing an application blank and circulars, in this appeal will bring in one good bunch of new members, who will never perhaps attend your Camp meetings, but you can always go to them for support and help. Now this plan, same as others, has been tried out in Massachusetts several times and it has been found they will do it.

The unconscious opposition which comes perhaps from Camp Commanders has been a misunderstanding about who should finance this scheme. It is a lamentable fact we had to write twenty-seven letters covering 31,000 pieces of printed matter before we got 108 of what I am going to term "higher-ups"—before we got 108 that would invest \$3.00 in this proposition. I am going to say the Camp Commanders, 253 I think it is, have sent in a list of Go-Getters. The others have not, and the reason for that is they think this is a National proposition and should be supported by the National Organization. Out of every \$3.00 initiation fee the National Organization gets two and a half cents net profit. That is all they get. You cannot finance very much on that. And yet they have given us \$3,000.00 to get this preliminary work started and build up the foundation

of about two thousand Go-Getters. The Division receives twelve cents of that money. They cannot do very much. But the Camp itself gets \$2.30 $\frac{1}{4}$ cents. Now, who should finance this if not the Camp?

Look at it from another angle, supposing a Camp sends in for a six months' Special Letter Service for those Go-Getters at a cost of \$3.00. The very first member obtained pays them back and in this report we show how \$2.00 invested in this printed matter brought in seventeen members or \$51.00, and how \$4.00 I think brought in twenty-six members, their fees amounting to \$78.00. \$11.00 brought in one hundred and sixteen members and \$580.00 in fees. Why, when the boys get this into their system they will think it is the finest thing, for the reason it will bring money so fast into their Camps, and it will do it.

This printed matter has been criticised in this way also, that it should be free. The Committee are unanimous, under no condition do we recommend it be free. We tried that out in Massachusetts when we were sending out our circulars at fifty cents a hundred, we had from the National Organization four different circulars that were going out free, and I asked one fellow, "How much of this printed matter can you use? These cost you fifty cents a hundred and here are some that are free." And he replied, "Oh, send me along four or five hundred of the free ones and about one hundred of the fifty cents a hundred." Now, who were those Camps? One had seventeen members and only two or three eligibles in the town and they wanted five hundred pieces that you fellows were paying good money for, to send out. You don't appreciate anything you don't pay for, so we insist this printed matter be purchased.

The form letters we suggest using, if you can print them cheaper anywhere else we are very glad to have you. The first one thousand of our letters cost \$8.30, the next one thousand something less than \$3.00 and the next thousand down under \$2.00, so you see while we are publishing a letter for the Go-Getter we also have copies printed enough for the Camp Commander, so he will know what the Go-Getters are doing. We never send anything to the Camp Commander we don't send to the Go-Getter, and vice versa.

We send in this envelope (indicating large envelope) all that material to our higher-ups and we ask them to subscribe \$3.00 for that service. It costs us about \$3.00 to give this special service and we have to finance the rest. The extra copies printed only cost \$2.00 or \$2.50, and we will have those printed and sent all at once in the same envelope to the higher-ups and save postage and have about \$2.00 or \$3.00 to put towards the support of Go-Getters. When I tell you we have here 239 Camps and not much over 100 have paid us any money and we are carrying the rest of it through this extra money we are getting from you people, you can see the extra work you can do by sending your little \$3.00.

You will notice on this list on this side how many came in in April, how many in May, June and July. You will notice that procrastination was the worst thing we were up against, but we do not criticise, not one of any of the members, who did

not come across quickly because we realize it takes time to put a matter of this kind before a body of men such as we have, but it is a source of a great deal of pleasure to us to think they are coming now and coming so fast.

We have listed every member, we have four thousand names and addresses and the stencils prepared so we can mail out quickly any printed matter. It has already been necessary to mail a total of 79,000 pieces of printed matter. That is quite a lot of material, but we are well satisfied with the work and hope you are, for the reason it has got together a working unit.

I believe it is going to be absolutely necessary, if this organization is going to build up in a big way, to stick pretty close to the two features of the overhead and the collection of dues that I have referred to. Those two are the main features, but I believe we have got to educate our members to printed matter and we have got to go after the eligibles in some way.

A lot of our members do not know very much about the organization of Sons of Veterans today. It is entirely different from what it was twenty years ago, different conditions exist. The appeal that should be made today, as I see it, is that your father is asking something of you, or his comrades, and you ought to be willing to spend three or four dollars in order to see that his wishes are carried on, even though you cannot take an active part yourself. It may be a hard way to put it, but it is the real sentiment back of this thing, because we have very little to attract them, the same as other organizations from a social point of view. There are steps that one or more Divisions are taking of drawing in the way of entertainment, which, I believe, will be a good thing, and eventually build up a much stronger organization. You know just how dry it is to read in our Ritual the third, fourth and fifth items: "Does anyone know of a Veteran's family in distress," and "I have heard it read in a sing song way and perhaps somebody says, "Mr. Jones slid on the ice the other day, I haven't heard from him for a day or two," and that is about the extent of it, and nobody calls him up to investigate how he is getting along. There is a lot of that stuff that could be improved upon and those things will come just as quick as we can get all these boys interested. If every Camp member will purchase this \$3.00 service and all work in the same way, in the same service, it will go better. I hardly know what to say—if we are going to finance this work of yours, it is going to take considerable money, but I do feel, and this Committee feels it must be financed indirectly, if not directly by the Camps themselves, because they are the ones who benefit. I do feel it must be done through a National Organization Committee because if, as some have suggested, we do not need the Commandery, there would be three or four different policies in the Divisions, and if we did not need the Divisions there would be a thousand different Camps working in different ways, as they saw the light, which is not practical at all. It must be done from the head. I believe it is going to be necessary, to do successful work, to have at least one of that Committee on full time, eight or more hours a day.

Your Committee has not cost you a penny this year for services, but of course, that could not continue, no one could

give you the services indefinitely that we have given, so it must be put on a financial basis, and we are going to recommend some way to put it on a sound financial basis, but it must come from the Camps themselves in some form or other, it may be a membership tax of fifty cents would be a good way. It has been suggested the money be collected through those who are interested in our organization and who would perhaps be willing to give a liberal sum. There are several ideas which have been suggested, I do not pretend to know which one is the better way. In fact, I don't know, but this Committee believes it must indirectly come from the Camps themselves.

I don't know how much you want to hear me talk, I can talk all day, I am so interested in this work, but I have covered a great deal of ground, and while we do not want to open this exactly as a questionnaire, we are glad to answer any questions or receive any suggestions, and if there are other things which I have not covered here I will be very glad to take them up with you, but there are two or three fundamental ideas we have in mind, and those are that we must go along through a Committee, a National Organization Committee, and we must get a response from the Camps that they agree to do exactly as we say. That does not mean at all that the members of the present Committee or any other Committee know all there is about it. We don't, but those of you who have sent suggestions to us will recognize in some of the things we have done we are using their suggestions, but we have given careful consideration to everybody, and that is what we need, and we were going to issue, if we got to it, a series of letters, to, as I say, the higher-ups, asking them to give us their ideas and we were going to use those ideas. There is the finest opportunity for the organization to build up, by sending in their suggestions, but there is a certain number of petty jealousies which must be stopped. A Division Commander mustn't hold back because we didn't send everything to him; neither must a Camp Commander. These Go-Getters are made up of the picked, a selected number, "hand picked" so to speak. You know in any corner of one of your Camps you could find at least five good energetic fellows who had always attended Memorial Day services or always done everything asked of them, and ninety per cent of the other fellows you cannot depend on all of the time. It is those five we have selected. Five from every Camp. If the Camp Commander hasn't given us the right names, that is up to them. Eventually if we were going on we would find out, because these blue cards tell the story. They must send these cards every fifteen or twenty days and tell us who they have gotten for members. Here is the list, here is the whole story, and when we have sent to one member over, we will say, half a dozen or so cards and not one has come back we want to find out why. If the Camp Commander doesn't know we go to the Secretary and Treasurer to find out what is the matter. We will say we want a Go-Getter who will go-get.

We are very earnest in this work, and if it is to continue we hope those who are to follow us will follow along these certain lines and try it out. We have made a net loss every year for thirty years. You may not know that, and it is not a very creditable record for an organization like the Sons of

Veterans of four million eligibles to make that loss. We have had as high as 57,000 members and today we have about 53,000. That is not very creditable to our organization.

I am going to speak of something which came to me last night. I presume today a lot of you will come to me and talk about this. I got two ideas last night. I was told last night by Secretary Hammer, that the Woman's Relief Corps spent \$2,000.00 this year for work for the Grand Army of the Republic, they supplied over \$78,000.00 worth of flags, and that they yearly spend \$9,000.00 for the same. What in Heaven's name has the Sons of Veterans done? Men who are earning the money, we haven't taken ourselves seriously, but when we do, there is going to be a tremendous impetus, in my opinion, and I believe it will be a strong organization. With four million eligibles and only fifty-two thousand members, it is not a very strong organization at the present time, and therefore if, during the last thirty years we have been trying this one's ways and the other fellow's, the last few years what little has been tried out has proven successful. Why not adopt this plan, whether it is this Committee's plan, whether it is any one Division's plan or not, why not have a systematic organized campaign carried out exactly as we ask?

I will speak briefly of the Beverly proposition once more, perhaps along another line. I was asked to come down and tell them about this campaign and they commenced to ask questions and among them was: "Why cannot we get into the family?" Well, I knew this fellow, not by sight, but I knew he was there to just stir up things and I asked him where he sent his information, where he sent his prepared copy. He wasn't posted, but the fellow sent it to him posted him as he went along. He wasn't quite sure, but out in Illinois somewhere. I said, "Probably Dye Falls (?)." He said, "Yes, that is the place." "It is all typewritten?" He wasn't sure. "Some written on both sides of the paper in pencil?" "Well, I presume so." I had him going in a few minutes. I said, "The place for you to send your copy is to O. S. Zabel, Alston (?)." As you know that Camp finally went so keen in this matter that before I got through talking, around ten o'clock I said, "If you boys want to go on with this drive and want to follow our plan I will tell you all about it," and we talked until a quarter of twelve and they carried that plan out exactly as we advocated, the result, over 300 members. One man getting over 200. How did he get that 200? That fellow was a dropped member, but one of my statements got under his skin and it was this, "Some of you boys may have a father buried across the continent, you will never see his grave, but you may be sure of this, if there is an organization of the Sons of Veterans in that town that father's grave is decorated every Memorial Day. Why don't you get busy and do something here." That is what got him. In all of these circulars are a lot of those searching questions and that is our reason for sticking so closely to the printed service.

When we started out we were given an appropriation of about one thousand dollars, it was thought we would probably use that up in investigation. Of course, it was necessary for Brother Rhinesmith and me to get together, and we were fifteen hundred miles or more apart. Our first meeting was in Pitts-

burgh, not an expensive trip, but we got together and threshed out the general campaign. Our second meeting was at Philadelphia in February, at which time I presented a short prospectus of what we wanted to do. There were nine Brothers and Commanders-in-Chief there, some Divisions Commanders and others interested and they seemed to think our outline of the work was all right, and one question I haven't touched on, perhaps I will now, was this. I did want a little advice in regard to the Bolshevik tendency that is spreading through this country. I didn't want to touch much on that unless our membership felt it was necessary. Now, that to a small extent, has been perhaps misunderstood. It is no reflection on any labor organization at all, it is a reflection only on a certain element that is in that labor organization which is making trouble for the organization itself, and that is shown and proven by the fact that Samuel Gompers himself has issued five different letters to his organizations to look out for this very thing, and that is all we had any intention of doing. If you will read your obligation that you have signed, it says that we must stand for law and order and to combat all Bolshevik tendencies. That word "Bolshevik" is rather misleading at times and the fellow who wants to think we intend to criticize any men who do not think as we do, is all wrong. That is not our purpose at all. We want the same class in the Sons of Veterans as we have had in the members of the Grand Army.

After that second meeting we started in to print these circulars. We felt that a prospectus showing exactly what we were going to do was necessary and we issued three thousand of those. By that time our money was all exhausted and we had to go for another \$1,000.00 to carry this campaign on. In all we have had \$3,000.00 for the actual getting together of what we call Go-Getter units to do business. Some of your money, of course, has been spent which would not have been spent if our Go-Getters and our other members had come across quickly, but we are well satisfied with what we have accomplished.

Now, this Special Letter Service, which we have sold has brought us in \$1,145.00 and we have not spent a cent of that. That is, we have it in the bank. Of course, that is spent in another sense of the word because the bills coming in in September for printed matter will take up a part of it, and, as I said before, we have a lot of printed matter all printed and ready to go out and be realized upon at a moment's notice. We feel that the money has been as well expended as could be, under the circumstances. We might say that possibly we have spent in getting this Letter Service before the people a considerable sum, but we went at it in this way. If each new letter we sent out, at a cost of ten dollars a thousand for printing, postage and mailing brought in twice as many three dollar bills, so to speak, we would keep on doing that. If we could have got them all in on one letter, but it took twenty-seven letters and each letter paid for itself, kept getting larger and larger, so it paid, and we kept getting back more than we paid out and we eventually got this list of Go-Getters together.

I don't know that there is anything further that is necessary to go into now. At a later meeting I shall talk on just a little different strain. Of course, it will be necessary to do quite

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a little of this because there will be a different audience. As you all know, there should not be any necessity for doing it here, but you will realize the boys at the Encampment are going home and report what they hear, and we have got to report things a little different to them. I would like at some future time, if this work is to go on, if we could have a meeting of the Division Commanders. The Division Commanders that went out in July did not get into the work; perhaps due to the fact they did not get in as well as the present Commanders. That perhaps is natural, just coming into the field they want to know all about it.

Council-in-Chief Arthur E. Lewis, of Detroit, Mich.: I have a question to ask in regard to payment of quarterly or annual dues. In our Camp we collect dues annually and I wondered if it was the custom of some of the Camps to collect quarterly and what the advantage would be in collecting quarterly instead of annually, unless the dues were high. I would like to ask what the annual dues are throughout the Camps.

Past Division Commander Upham: I would say the average is \$4.00. There are a lot of Camps have \$5.00 dues; we have at home. But there is a lot had \$3.00 and one Camp had \$2.00 and I believe one or two Camps get \$6.00, but I would say \$4.00 would be the average.

I feel this, that quarterly dues help out a lot of men. Our organization is made up, a great deal as the Grand Army was made up, of all walks of life, men that earn little money and men who earn big money, and a man who pays only a dollar three times a year will keep that up. I know I have seen men walk up in our Camp and throw down a dollar and it is perhaps easier than paying \$4.00 and we give an identification card like this (indicating) and this gives the name, the number of the Camp and that he is a member in good standing, his dues having been paid on the date specified on the card. He can present this card anywhere and in case of accident or other necessity it says on the card "Notify our Treasurer." It is a very convenient way. The member pays once in a quarter, the date is changed, that is all. He knows just where he is and if it is paid in advance he is more apt to be a good member, and that is why I advocate that January 1st proposition of an absolutely clean, new ledger. No matter if a man is behind in his \$3.00 dues for last year, don't credit it for last year but credit him for a year ahead and put him on the petty ledger as being behind. I know of a Camp that has carried along members for four or five years and the total amount of the dues was \$200.00 and they lost the whole of it. What is the use? You had better gone down there and put that Camp into shape.

One thing I haven't touched on is the efficiency or inefficiency of some of the Camp Commanders. It is unfortunate some of our officers are not more interested. There is one Camp Commander, every time he saw me about his Camp he said, "I cannot get my members out." We called a special meeting and I went down to talk to them. They had four men. I found out what the trouble was; nothing I could do about it. They didn't like this Commander and absolutely wouldn't work with him, and I went to the Grand Army. "Yes, he is a fine man, he does anything we want, it is a one man Camp, but he has held the

office three years because they have not had any meetings." There is nothing we can do, because he pays his per capita tax on time and he is a Go-Getter on this list.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bubb, Tacoma, Wash.: You have in your possession and files a roster from every Division, I assume. If you fail to receive from the Camp Commanders in the several Divisions the list of Go-Getters you take it up properly with that Camp, do you not?

Past Division Commander Upham: Yes.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bubb: Do you send a copy of your request to the Division Commander? Or haven't you done that heretofore?

Past Division Commander Upham: We haven't gotten as far as that.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bubb: Could that be arranged by making an extra carbon of the request and sending it to the Division Commander, in that manner avoiding the necessity of writing another letter?

Past Division Commander Upham: A copy of everything that goes to the Go-Getter goes to his Camp Commander and also to the Division Commander.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bubb: If you haven't done that now you are contemplating doing it in the future?

Past Division Commander Upham: It has been done recently in some instances.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bubb: But is that getting results through that Division Commander? Do they in turn poke them up locally?

Past Division Commander Upham: Yes

Past Division Commander Rhinesmith, of Illinois: I have just a word to say with reference along the line of a question that Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief talked of, and that is what we are doing to keep the Division Commanders informed?

I have sent out to all of the Division Commanders a card index of all of the Go-Getters, Camp by Camp, all properly marked. All they have to do is purchase a file to keep them in. From this time on as this Camp sends in the Go-Getters, cards for that Camp will be sent to the Division Commanders. Then we have sent out a letter to the different Division Commanders and requested them to keep in personal touch with all of the Go-Getters and have requested them to make reports to Division Commander as to results of their work.

For instance, he goes to his card index, or he is marking up reports that have come in, and he finds here is a Camp that has not sent in any reports. Now, we suggest to that Division Commander that he immediately get after that Camp and find out why. He can get in touch immediately or find out if that Camp's Go-Getters are working or not. If they are not working he can immediately begin to get in touch with them and prevail on them to get busy. We cannot do that very well because there is so much of it and if we were going to endeavor to sort out all of the Camps that are not reporting properly to us and as often as they should report to us, we have got some awful

job of correspondence on our hands, but if it is divided up and taken care of by Division Commanders that will be one of the greatest examples of co-operation they can give this Committee. (Applause).

Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland: This afternoon after we get a little more out of Brother Rhinesmith, I would like to have every one of you or the representative of every Division and perhaps every Camp that is represented here give us your experience so far, if you have had any, with this Organization Committee and its methods and the application you make to your local situation, and the success or lack of success you have had in working under their directions or following their methods. That is going to be beneficial to all of us because our Organization Committee necessarily cannot reach the local situation as you fellows can and you are going to divulge many things they have not been able to come in touch with in a general way. I think we can compare notes in that way and give every fellow a chance to give us just the situation in his locality and vicinity that will be helpful to everybody else.

Has any one any other plan or one they prefer to follow rather than that? You know, the meat of this thing is getting the ideas out of the boys who are doing the work on the ground and then apply them through our National Organization Committee. I think every one of us will heartily agree we must have a centralized head of authority and responsibility in this organization work and we have got to report to the Organization Committee, and we have got to follow their plans unless we can give them a better one and let them dispense it, but it must all be radiated from a general head. We have got to find means of financing, that is a matter for the Encampment and we will take that up there.

Now, we could remain here perhaps thirty minutes longer, if you wanted to, or adjourn now until any hour you suggest.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland: We will try to get our Commander-in-Chief here to talk to you this afternoon too, and some of the others interested in this organization movement that are unfortunately not represented here this morning.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bubb moved to adjourn to two o'clock this afternoon. Carried.

MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Plankinton Hotel.

Clifford Ireland, Chairman.

Chairman Ireland: We will now hear from Brother H. H. Anderson, of Ohio. (Applause).

H. H. Anderson, of Ohio: I am not anxious to make a speech, I want to pay my respect to the Organization Committee however. I want to say that I am in sympathy with the Organization Committee to the extent of patronizing it to the limit of our ability, even up to a point where it hurts financially, and have recommended that the Past Commanders' Association of Ohio contribute some additional funds for that. I haven't the sole voice in that association, but I think my recommendation will go over. I want to say in regard to one piece of literature we have, about which there has been some correspondence, as I am advised, in those communities where labor is likely to pay more than ordinary attention to it, and the thought back of it is probably correct, there may be some Red element in some communities that need squelching, but what I want to say is that it is not the particular duty of the Sons of Veterans to trace down a Red element and pick out those organizations that are what you might say permeated with Red. You might say some of them are even saturated with it. But in that "Wake Up" circular I think some words contained therein are ill-advised. I thought so when I wrote you and I think so yet, for the reason they are singling out certain organizations. You have made them the object of your attack and our Sons of Veterans organization is made up largely in certain communities of almost seventy-five per cent of those men that belong to labor organizations of different classes and they notice it. Now, I can tell you why I wanted to speak on that one thing, because I happen to be Commander of the Camp now after about thirty years of organization, never having passed through the chairs because I didn't have time, I have been on the road nearly all my life, and while I belong to an Ohio organization I spent twenty-five or thirty years of my life in Pittsburgh and had no opportunity to fill a job, but I have one now because I have the time. But in our Camp our Past Commander is a ship craftsman, belongs to the organization and our entire firing squad is made up of craftsmen and some of them are connected with the mines, so that you see that particular piece of propoganda for organizing purposes will not apply there. They get angry at it, and it is not so much true with ourselves as it is over in Pennsylvania.

Now, in defense of the Organization Committee, there may be some things in those organizations that need our attention,

but I hold it is not our privilege or our duty to remedy all of those things that you might say they are guilty of. For instance, right now you say in there that the price of coal is going to be more than ordinarily high, if they antagonize the non-union miners it will be ridiculously high and you say Governor Pinchot has just now put forward a proposition to give the miners' union full recognition. And Congress and the Republican organization in its platform speech about collective bargaining. There is no collective bargaining without group management, so that the two principles are inseparable and you must have unionism to have collective bargaining, so I just simply take this opportunity to call your attention that that particular piece of literature is somewhat out of place in our organization for advertising purposes.

I am in sympathy with everything else that this National Organization has done and is trying to do, and I hope it continues for another year under the same management, with more assistance from the local Camps, but I do object to have the Sons of Veterans made the rectifying agency for all of the ills that may exist in so-called labor organizations. I thank you. (Applause).

Chairman Ireland: Give us your experience with the rest of the organization methods you have encountered in your Camp, will you?

Brother Anderson: Well, we found the "Busy Man" the best piece of literature we had, and each fellow is allowed to select that which he can use and along the line that someone mentioned here this morning, if you can use it locally, use it; if you cannot, throw it out. That makes your Camp officers responsible for the selection of the literature you are going to use, and they may not agree on it, but if I had permitted it to go the full length, the boys that are in our Camp and the most active ones are organization men. That is, they belong to labor organizations, and to send the Go-Getters out to solicit some classes of men that are looked upon as not in the labor organization, they succeeded in bringing those fellows into our Camp, the other fellows would have walked away, but I am getting back on that other subject now. But I cannot defend myself because it is up to the officers of the Camp to have a little voice in the matter as to how they shall proceed, so the Camp Commander has to take a little interest in what he wants his Go-Getters to do. But we were handicapped because of a strike which continued over a year and has not been settled, but if we had gone along the lines suggested in that particular piece of literature it would have been possible to break up the Camp entirely, and that condition exists elsewhere.

Chairman Ireland: Now, one other thing, Brother Anderson. You brought out a new and novel idea in suggesting that your Division Organization might help as a unit in financing the Organization Committee. What have you done along that line?

Brother Anderson: We have here with us now some of our Division officers—they are not up here on this floor, I saw them downstairs, but at Columbus Encampment we organized a Past Commanders' Association and gave a dinner and solicited a campaign fund which ran up to \$135.00 or \$140.00 or \$150.00,

and the boys went down in their pockets for \$5.00, \$3.00, \$2.00 and stopped at \$1.00 and now we have made a motion, I think, to give \$10.00 of that to the National Organization Committee, if that is what you have in mind. Some of us are heartily in favor of the State Organization getting behind this National Organization because it will come back to us in a financial way. For every \$3.00 invested in this, if you follow the instructions carefully, you ought to realize \$30.00 profit. That is a pretty good percentage on your money. Every time you get a member from us we figure we are getting \$5.00 out of a man if he never comes back, \$2.00 for his initiation and \$3.00 for a year's dues, and, handicapped as we have been with labor strikes, we got in ten men and increased our treasury to the amount of \$50.00 and have only paid \$3.00 or \$4.00. We subscribed for this service and then bought a dollar's worth of the "Busy Man" and we find that is very interesting to the man that doesn't get out to a lodge frequently, but you can encourage him to believe that you need his influence and money, and there are a lot of men fall for that line of conversation. I am speaking in the ordinary way, "He will fall for that." He likes to have you tell him he is worthwhile to belong to the organization and he likes to have you tell him that we need his money. So pursuing the system that has been started here we should work out a plan to increase our finances.

Chairman Ireland: If you get every Division to contribute \$100.00 to the Organization Committee that would be a big help along the lines we want to operate.

Another Brother: \$100.00 would be a little too high.

Chairman Ireland: It would be straining it, but we have to strain all along the line. I am going to leave just this suggestion with you, along what Mr. Anderson has said. There is extreme danger in antagonizing a certain element in some of our literature, and, to my mind, it is much the better policy to work that inside your Camp, once you have them inside, than to try to get it to them while they are still outside the membership of the Camp. To place it in a little more concrete form, you might better suggest things in your Banner that goes to your membership alone, on the Red situation, but it is not exactly a wise policy to spread that broadcast in the hope of securing members by doing it. I do not believe that you will.

Past Division Commander Rhinesmith: That circular that Brother Anderson has referred to has not been used for some time, only in this way, if the Camp wants them we have them and we supply their wants, but it is not at the present time and hasn't been for quite some time sent out what you might term promiscuously. That is, it has not gone out in recent mailings, but it is a stock circular and I think there are situations where it will apply. There are situations where it will not apply, just as Brother Anderson has stated and those local situations, if they order the circular, of course, it is supplied and the sale of it is I guess—well, it stands about third, the sale of circulars so far, but we have not been for some time sending it out, only in this way.

Chairman Ireland: One other thing Brother Anderson hinted at and did not enlarge on, as I know he is capable of

doing, is if we allow ourselves to be led by every little flap-trap foible that comes up that we may not agree with or may attract our attention or allow ourselves to be diverted from the main issue of building our organization we are not going to have very much time for the Order. So let us not allow our main interest to be diverted by such things, any more than is necessary to sustain our patriotic interest and endeavor.

Now, in your responses, gentlemen, as near as possible confine yourselves to the work in hand and let us not deal in old historical reminiscences, but try to apply the organization work to your especial locality, insofar as you have adopted it. Now, is there a member of the Alabama & Tennessee Division here?

(No response).

Is there anyone here from California?

Delegate F. C. Martin, of Los Angeles, Cal.: In regards to the organization work and speaking about that, myself being one of the Go-Getters, I might speak of a plan I have worked out for increasing the membership. During each year past I have made it a point to attend all of the Grand Army rolls and if it is possible, in taking the obituaries of all of the Grand Army men passing away. I keep a record of all of the sons and daughters and grandsons and granddaughters in a file and after a certain length of time, as a matter of courtesy, I drop a line, a short letter to each one of them and I follow that up a good many times with one or two letters later on, and a little later on I call on them, and in that way I get in touch with people I would not get in contact with, because I wouldn't know who to go to without a great deal of time taken going around and hunting up if there are any relatives or near relatives who have become eligible to this Order and I have had very fair success, and when it comes to our Division getting members we generally co-operate with this National body and we are in hearty accord with it and, as Brother Anderson has said, I have given a great deal of thought to the matter he has spoken of. We find in going through our Order that probably three-fifths of the members are salaried people, and it is a question how far reaching it is going to be, on the subject on which he is speaking, but I feel if we carry this on as we are doing we will no doubt have success.

As to the Past Commanders' Club, I will say on behalf of the club, of which I am treasurer, that we meet only once a quarter. We are thinking of changing the meeting to once a month. I am in hopes of getting back now to the meeting on the 30th of this month. We have forty-three members in that club and we all are of one idea, and that is to try to build up the Order. I thank you.

Chairman Ireland: Now let us hear from Connecticut.

Division Commander Norman S. Buckingham, of Connecticut: Perhaps I might preface what I have to say, that I came into the Division office without any previous experience as a Division officer, and consequently it took two months to become acquainted with my own Division. Our record shows that of thirty-one Camps we have fifteen who have Go-Getters with a total number of one hundred. During the quarter which ended June 30th we took in I think forty-seven new members. A great

part of that probably was due, in fact, I am quite confident it was due to the work of the Go-Getters. Our quarterly report, however, shows up rather poorly, because of the fact that one Camp which had been in poor condition at one time was re-organized resulting in a loss numerically, but I think a gain eventually. I have recently received from the Committee their index cards giving the names of the Go-Getters. I have personally written to every one of the Go-Getters following out the suggestion of the Committee and used the back of the index card to note upon it the date the letter was written and leaving room of course for responses and for whatever other individual ideas or suggestions or work may come from that individual Go-Getter. I think that will enable the Division officer to keep a line on the work of the individual Go-Getter. That is merely following out the suggestion made by the Committee.

Connecticut is an industrial state, a highly industrial state. I have heard no word of complaint whatever with respect to any of the literature. At least, it has not come to my notice. Many of our Camps suspend meetings during July and August, but I am quite confident, I feel very sure that starting in with September we will show a very substantial result.

Now, I have with me our Division Patriotic Instructor, Brother Wadsworth of Upham Camp No. 7, of Marathon, a prize Camp, and I would like to ask your permission to have him say just a word or two in respect to what he has done in his Camp.

Chairman Ireland: Most assuredly, we would like to have it.

Brother Wadsworth: I am not much of a speech-maker. I took the chair of the Upham Camp, Camp No. 7, it had been lying quiet for some time so I thought on my own hook I would try to work them up and I started a little campaign of my own before the National work had come on and we initiated seven-teen in April and we have fifteen more to put through the 4th of October. We are waiting for our Division Commander to come up. The candidates we received are not received through the National Organization circulars or work, they were gone out and got through a personal interview with each member. However, I think this work here is very good and when I get back from the Encampment here I will start the Membership Committee on this Go-Getters' work. The results we obtained was all through the personal interview, but I think this work will be very good. I thank you. (Applause).

Chairman Ireland: I want to voice my personal opinion, based upon an all too short visit for my own pleasure, a visit to Connecticut, in saying that that Division is without a peer in the United States on the representative personnel of their Division. I have never met a finer lot of fellows anywhere in my travels in the Sons of Veterans than the Connecticut Division have. The whole outfit are an intelligent lot of fellows, perhaps the standard is as high as it can be in any other state and if they do not give a good account of themselves I will be wonderfully disappointed, because they have the material, personnel and intelligence to prosecute. There is no Division to my mind

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in the United States that has better opportunities than Connecticut has.

Who is here from Illinois? There doesn't seem to be any one here from Illinois. Indiana? Commander-in-Chief, this will be a good time for you to turn loose.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of this Organization Committee assembled. The School of Instruction occurred last year, about this time, on Monday morning of our Encampment at Des Moines. My predecessor, Past Commander-in-Chief Clifford Ireland, had the honor of introducing this innovation, from which grew this National Organization Committee. I have been in touch with the procedure and work for the past few months. I maintain, as always, that this Order of Sons of Veterans should have some systematic and authentic manner for advertising and the sale of our goods as adopted by our Organization Committee. No business enterprise of today is doing away with its advertising and selling agency. All lodges, societies, clubs and churches, I may say, have their form of increasing their membership and developing their business. I know of a fraternal institution in the State of Indiana, that has at this time three men in the field rehabilitating lodges and otherwise advancing its interests. These men are paid a salary to do this work.

I am well satisfied with the work of our Committee, and it seems to me that there is at this moment a foundation laid in the way of advertising and selling our membership to the eligibles. It has taken time to bring this condition about. There has been work to do, more work than any of you can realize. I visited Brother Chairman A. D. Rhinesmith's office in Peoria, and I wish every man here could have been with me to see and realize what he and his force have been doing. By reading The Banner you can also get an idea of what our master mind Upham from Massachusetts has been doing in the way of composition of literature used by the Committee. I hardly understand how these Brothers give the time and ability they have been giving this splendid work. The Organization Committee work will no doubt be further discussed on the floor of our convention during this week. I know not just how this object will terminate, but I do believe the membership will realize we must do something at once. The work of our Committee, is, in my opinion, the only agency we have ever experienced in the way of a systematic advertising and selling proposition.

The gain in membership this year has fallen short of our expectations. It seems as if passiveness and indifference, not by the eligibles outside, but those inside of our organization has caused this shortage. The Grand Army Commander-in-Chief speaks of our inactivity in his recommendations. He says we have not been as successful in the last few years as we should have been. He places considerable blame on the Grand Army of the Republic. However, this blame, in my opinion, is largely due to the Sons of Veterans. After traveling from one end of this country to the other once or twice this past year I am of the opinion that we must get our own members enthused. This Organization Committee has asked for five live wires out of each one hundred in each Camp and then they are going to

take up the work direct with these men who are considered the Go-Getters. If anybody can beat that system they will have a chance to express themselves this coming week in this convention. If all Division and National Officers were alive this procedure might be taken up through channels, but I am sorry to say, I have had Division Commanders neglect to even answer the correspondence of your Commander-in-Chief. What could you expect then of the Division? So now you are getting direct to the men who really do this work and getting them interested and I know of no other procedure on earth that will be more successful. The men of the Organization Committee deserve great credit. As I have said before I don't know what to say to them only just thank you. (Applause).

I am awful busy elsewhere, Mr. Chairman, just touring around here, and I can't be with you longer. I thank you for these past moments and perhaps I have consumed too much time which fact is due to my enthusiasm in this interesting work.

Chairman Ireland: I take it then, Commander, that this Organization Committee, both, as to personnel and line of work has your unqualified endorsement?

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Absolutely so.

Chairman Ireland: The way I originally got onto Fred Upham was when he kept me up one night after a long meeting until four o'clock in the morning, telling me his personal experiences in Massachusetts. There are a dozen fellows just as bright as Fred Upham and probably brighter, in Massachusetts, and just as active in the work. That is the reason Massachusetts is the banner organization of the whole outfit, but Fred had the literature idea and that applied just on this special occasion. Then I loaned Brother Rhinesmith my offices for nine months and he agreed to occupy one room. Since I didn't occupy my offices at night and tried to do most of my work in the daytime, I never had anything but a minimum electric light bill. When I got back there I found he had not only occupied the entire floor that I possessed but filled it so confounded full of rubbish and stuff I couldn't hardly get in the front door and I had an electric light bill that was larger than I had managed to accomplish in some twenty years of occupancy thereto. He had done it in one month—or several months, but he burned the midnight oil. I am going to in my mind censure the middle man in this Camp largely, that is the Division Commander. It is no disparagement to the good Division Commanders we have today, but we have some that are too rotten to belong to the Order. I cite an instance of the one they refer to that had twenty letters and seven telegrams without any reply to the Organization Committee. Now, if you can't get responses from the Division Commanders you can't expect any work from the rank and file of the men, and he shows himself to command, by just such methods. I commend the good Division Commanders all the higher, because some of you fellows in some states have elected mistakes for Division Commanders and don't know it yet. I was a Division Commander once myself and I was the rottenest Commander that Illinois had and I didn't know it until I went out of office. I thought I was a hell of a big per-

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simmon while I was there, but there is a lot of Division Commanders feel that way, think they are elected to receive past honors and make speeches and they do both, but do not do concrete work for the organization. Brother Buckingham said he came into office without any long previous experience and I am glad in my heart he didn't have, maybe he didn't have anything to forget. He started out with a fresh mind and responsive one and accepted the voice and injunctions of the Organization Committee and I predict he will go further.

Well, having delivered myself of that much, and since our Commander-in-Chief dealt in generalities and didn't say anything about Indiana, even acknowledge coming from there, and I don't blame him for that, but we have a corking good Division Commander from Indiana who knows something. Speaking of our Commander-in-Chief, he has been so busy running around the country I don't wonder he fails to speak of Indiana at all, so we are going to hear from "Rosy," the Division Commander of Indiana and the fellow that enjoys the full confidence and appreciation and commendation of the Organization Committee and who has worked in the most thorough co-operation.

Division Commander R. J. Bosworth, of Indiana: I don't know, if Brother Ireland kept on talking, whether I would need to make any speech or not. I am not a speech-maker, I am a talker, and I always talk better to one, two or three or four than to a bunch like is here. I don't know just exactly what to say to you. I have my Commander-in-Chief that I worked so hard and Dr. Shumaker here and Newt. McGuire over here and all of us boys in Indiana worked so hard to land, and he has made a statement to you which I am afraid I will contradict in some respects and that is not a good thing to do, you know. But I am proud of Indiana and I will take exception to Chairman Ireland's statement that a man is better off without experience than he is with experience as a Division Commander. It depends on whether the fellow has anything to do or has anything to accomplish as to whether he needs experience or not, but I believe there is something to do and something to accomplish in the Sons of Veterans.

Now, getting down to brass tacks, this Committee you have appointed has my entire sympathy. I disagree with them in some of their efforts, but I didn't say anything about it and I shall not say anything here. I want to say to you that we have an Organization Department. It is thanks to somebody and the only fellow I know to thank is Cliff Ireland and I am thanking him. I am thanking him because he has started something in an organization that has needed something for a great many years. You see here the effort this Organization Committee has made. This is the effort here, there is a panorama of the results of those efforts and it is up to us whether or not we get those results in concrete form and whether we put out those things or not.

As far as Indiana is concerned for the next few months, which I will bless God when they are over, I am in this work and I will do the very best I can to help these boys to put over this thing. I wish we had a better field to work in, I wish we had a better place to get the boys to take a hand. The best man I have in Indiana is Dr. Shumaker here. Dr. Shumaker is

the busiest man in Indiana and I get more results from him than from any other boys. The busier the man the more results I get. The other boys are not so busy and I get results from the rest of them in ratio to how busy they are, not how busy they say they are.

This literature, I believe, is a great thing to get results, if we can get the Camps to use them, if we can get the Go-Getters to be real Go-Getters and get down to work, that is a wonderful plan to work. I have objected once or twice to the form of it. I suppose they are right and I am wrong, but maybe we will get results from this. We in Indiana have for years depended on the individual work of our membership. We do not get a lot of results, we have about the same sized Division now that we had up to the time that Dr. Shumaker took command. We did some wonderful work under him. Under the busy man, you know, we get results. The man that will go at it and work is the man that gets the results. When I go to work out a place I hunt for a busy man, a man with a good reputation and so on to put at the head of my Camp work and we get splendid work out of them, but I don't know, my work, Brother Ireland, is almost entirely individual. I can't do anything else, my health is so poor I have to work only at times and when I break down I have to go in, so I do not believe I am competent to say at this time exactly what the results will be. Our work has been largely on the same plan we have been working on for years. We are trying to get the boys to put over, we are going to try and get the boys as hard as we can to put over this line of work. I don't know how successful we are going to be. I do not think anybody can do any more than make a try. If every Past Commander, every Commander and every member of the organization I am talking about will try just as hard as we are going to try in Indiana to put this over, we are going to get some results. Now, as I said to the Committee, it doesn't make a great deal of difference, the plan that you start to work out. I said, "Work a plan out, work it out quick and get it operating." That is the main thing. When you do that you have accomplished a great part of the organization work.

The best organization work I ever saw was in the Modern Woodmen. I worked with them thirteen years and while they didn't have a great deal of stuff to work on, they were continually hammering at it all of the time and I think that is where we will get it in our organization, just continually hammering at it.

I do not think we want to let this National Organization Committee go, and I shall vote, as far as I am concerned, to give them the leeway they want and go as far as they care to go. I want them to stay in the work and get as much out of it as they can. I want to see something done. This wonderful organization that we have and this is a wonderful chance and I tell you now that right now is the time we have got to do it, today, tomorrow and the next day, every day we must work at it or the time is going to pass and we will have accomplished nothing. I don't care what they say about the American Legion or Spanish War Veterans—I am a member of that organization myself, they cannot do that work. What other organization besides the boys whose fathers were in that service is going to

see they are protected from day to day? I don't mean money, but who is going to get down and see they have visitors, who is going to get down and see they are entertained, who is going to be good angels for them. The American Legion or Spanish War Veterans? No. Who is going to take care of them when they are sick and bury them when they die? And who is going to see that their graves are kept in shape, and who is going to see their graves are decorated and memorial exercises held over that grave and those graves and in that community center, and in that county, unless it be the sons of the men themselves or grandsons or dependents personally interested? It doesn't make any difference what you say about those organizations, the Sons of Veterans have to do it or it is not going to be done, and if you don't go to the basis of it and work it out, you might as well quit. Now, I am off the subject and I am talking on the Organization Committee, but I want you to know I am with them tooth and toe nail. I want the organization to have that Committee and keep it going. (Applause).

Chairman Ireland: "Rosie" has certainly struck one salient need in our field of endeavor, and although this may not be the best plan or thoroughly successful, it is a plan and we are going to follow it until we find something better and obey the Organization Committee and their instructions in this work. On that I am sure we are all of one accord.

By the way, Brother Secretary, I think it would be well to note all absentees who are not here and report them to the Commandery-in-Chief tomorrow or the day following, when the report of the Organization Committee and this meeting is made and I venture to say the absentees will tally pretty well with the drones in the several Divisions.

I am going to go back and call on the Commander of the Ohio Division, out of the order, because he has another engagement and is here. Brother Anderson also spoke on the Ohio Division. I am going to ask Commander Selz of Ohio to speak to you on the application of the work he has made thus far. He has not been in office very long and that is in his favor. (Applause).

Division Commander William A. Selz, of Ohio: Chairman Ireland and Brothers. As Brother Ireland said I guess I am the youngest Division Commander in the Commandery-in-Chief because our convention is, I think, the last one. I believe there was another one the last week in June, but so far we have got results.

It seems in the past, and they have the same trouble in all Divisions, there is too many drones, and they have been in Ohio the same way. We have one Camp in particular organized about three years ago, they got the charter fee and had their names on the charter, but never mustered the Camp, and that Camp has been going along three years and no Division Commander has taken it up. I have had nineteen Camps of that kind handed to me—not exactly that kind, but "dead" Camps, where their per capita tax has not been paid for two or three years and they hand a man that and expect him to do something. We have done something in the two months I have been in office, we have mustered two Camps, one three weeks ago

and one last Tuesday night and I find the personal work is the only work that really counts. The organization work I think is really wonderful and the work of this Organization Committee and the literature they have been getting out, because years ago that was something we needed, something to hand the man. You can go in and talk with him, he wants to know more of it and I believe these circulars are a grand thing. I have devised a plan whereby these cards I have received from the National Organization Committee I have taken and filed, and I am writing a personal letter to each one of those Go-Getters enclosing one of each one of those circulars, and I intend to follow that up until I get results, and with that I am putting in a blank similar to the one we have here, report blank, to get a direct communication and report every month of what they do, and in that way we can find which are really Go-Getters and which the names have just been handed in as complimentary.

This Organization Committee has done wonderful work and should be kept up and I know Ohio is willing to contribute its share towards that work. I don't know how much, for the simple reason I have no authority from our Council how much to say. (Applause).

Chairman Ireland: I would like to call on Brother Shumaker, who is Past Division Commander of Indiana and present Division Organizer also, and I would like to call on Brother McGuire too, but I am going to save them until we hurriedly run through the list. Is anyone here from Iowa?

Division Commander Frank Baldwin, of Iowa: In our Division we are sending out Go-Getters to all members we can, all Camp Commanders, trying to get them to work in line with Brother Rhinesmith and using the Go-Getter list, and I think we have five anyway, and I am working also at another Camp personally to use the Go-Getter list and they expect to send out for it right away. In fact, the Commander of last year has been receiving the Go-Getter list instead of the present Commander, that is one reason I guess why they have not taken it up before, so they practically told me last evening they would take it up and use that list.

We expect to organize a new Camp at Menlo, Iowa, this month. They have now twenty members signed up, according to the last letter I had, and I expect they have more members now. I sent out a list, just finished up here and sent out on Friday, I believe, to each Camp Commander to use the Go-Getter list and also I am putting on a ninety day drive, and I would like to read just a few snatches of that to show you how I am using it:

"As your Division Commander I make the following request of each Camp of the Division of Iowa:

"That each Camp put on a ninety day membership drive, starting the first of September or as soon as possible thereafter.

"The ninety day drive will not in any way conflict with the National Organization Committee's thirty day drive. You can work them both together.

"In order to put pep in the work, I wish to use the following plan:

"Choose two Captains by ballot, and the Captains choose

sides, as in the old spelling school days, one choose one, then the other, and so on until all are chosen.

"Divide the Go-Getters even number on each side, and use the National Organization Committee's literature, etc.

"The side receiving the lowest number of points, give a supper to the Camp. Points as follows:"

Then I give points in order to get the dropped members. There are a great number of dropped members in our Division, in fact, they dropped somewhere in the neighborhood of ninety-seven and I do not wish to have any more dropped members, as this is my first year. I do not expect any this quarter. So in order to reinstate the dropped members as well as increase our finances we give points, as follows:

	Points.
"Members dropped:	
1 up to 2 years	5
2 up to 3 years	10
3 up to 4 years	15
4 up to 5 years	20
5 up to 6 years	25
6 up to 7 years	30
7 up to 8 years	35
8 up to 9 years	40
9 up to 10 years	45
10 years and up	50
New Members	100"

As I mentioned before, the above will help you to reinstate the dropped members, as well as increase your finances, as all live members wish to do.

I also wrote a little here in regard to some Camp Commanders that don't answer your letters, as Brother Rhinesmith said, even some Division Commanders don't.

"Camp Commanders, have this read before your Camp, and please remember that I expect an answer in regard to the above. Write what success you are having in getting new members, etc.

"To the Commanders that are in the habit of not answering letters sent to them from the officers of the Division, please remember what happened to the officers that failed to do their duty when called by their superior officers in the army. The Division wants live wires in office.

"Iowa, the good old corn state, should be one of the leading Sons of Veterans states in the Union, as it is in a great many other lines."

I also quote a letter from our Commander-in-Chief Frank Shellhouse, showing that he takes an interest in the Iowa Division and our work and after quoting his letter I say:

"And if he, living in Indianapolis, Indiana, takes an interest in the work of the Iowa Division, it stands to reason that you should take an interest in the work of your Camp, which is a part of the Division's work.

"Please let us all pull together with one accord and we as Sons of Veterans will accomplish something.

"Please forget that you are doing this for you or me, or

honor's sake, but for your father and your brothers' fathers.

"They did not throw down their guns when called to duty. Are you?"

"No, you are not a slacker."

Use this sort of argument which I think will help to put this work before the Division Commanders in a way, and help them to take up this other work, and I am working as hard as I can to get each Camp to take up this Go-Getter work. (Applause).

Chairman Ireland: Now, Brother Baldwin, will you allow me to differ with you in your circular you have gotten out there? Insofar as you can, I believe you will secure better results by conforming exactly to the campaign of the Organization Committee. If they say a thirty day drive, you say a thirty day drive. Make it conform to that. If you want to make it a ninety day, put on three thirty day drives so you are not going to conflict with the National Organization Committee, so you are going to travel along with it, and do not say, "September 1st or as soon as possible thereafter," but simply say, "September 1st." If you say, "Nine o'clock, September 1st, you kick the man in the face that starts at 10:30 on September 1st. Just remember that you are the Commander. You plead with them too much instead of commanding. (Applause).

Now, Kansas. Note their absence, please.

Maine. Maine I do not think is in yet. Maryland. Anyone from Maryland here?

Brother Corbett, of Maryland: I think our Division Commander is here.

Chairman Ireland: Well, can you tell us in regard to the work being done in Maryland? I think your Division Commander is probably otherwise engaged.

Brother Corbett: That might possibly be, but I belong in Camp No. 2. We got hold of a line came to us and notified us the National Organization was going to put up propaganda, so to speak, and put the Camp through, and we took the matter up—I am Secretary of that Camp. I took it up with the Commander and the vote was unanimous to put it on the board, and our Camp has in days gone by laid down for the summer season. We have a resort out there and every time we laid down for the summer season we practically died. In other words, it took two months to revive ourselves and put us on our feet. This year we didn't lay down for the summer, we kept going and every meeting night, which was every two weeks, the second and fourth Mondays of each month, commencing April 1st we have initiated a new member, from one to two, and there has not been any stop to it up to the present time. When we go home next Monday night we have another meeting and another new member will be initiated. The only thing I can say is this, when you go out to get a man, get right on his trail and stay there. If you don't get him today, go after him tomorrow and if he isn't at home tomorrow be at his place tomorrow night, and you can make him come across. He will come across, but you have got to be pretty severe with some men while with others we have no trouble at all. It is merely

a matter of inviting them in. If you approach a brother and say, "Brother Jones," or whatever his name may be, "your father was a Union soldier; wouldn't you like to honor him by belonging to the Sons of Veterans organization?" It doesn't make any bad friends or any bad feelings. The first thing he says is, "Certainly, I would, how can I get in?" "Probably I have an application blank in my pocket, let us write it up right now." We have other brothers in our Order who generally say, "Well, Mr. Secretary, I want some blanks. Fill them out and get them ready for me." We get them out and hand them to them. I am not going to run a brother down, because they all work together, but it happens the day they see the man they don't have the application blank along. At least, that is the excuse, and I don't think that is a very good Go-Getter in the organization.

Chairman Ireland: How much assistance has your contact with the National Organization been to you?

Brother Corbett: Wholly. We have sent in for circulars and what has been handed to us and what we have received from time to time, we have studied them and used them.

Chairman Ireland: Found it to advantage to you?

Brother Corbett: Absolutely. We have nothing but the highest word to say for it.

Chairman Ireland: The next one is Massachusetts, which calls to mind the thought—I don't know how many of you fellows have been Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief or Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, but this year—at any rate we have never had so good, I won't say better, but we have never had so good Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief, as we have this year. They have really done wonderful work and have been active and have not simply held the office and worn a badge and paraded themselves at convention time, but they have been working between time and, I hope whoever is elected to fill their places—I would like to continue them for life if they were not worthy of higher things—but I hope whoever is elected to follow them will take a little leaf out of their note book and know they have got a record to live up to. Of course, we all know and gladly recognize that this Organization Committee is no more nor less following out the Massachusetts plan, whether an enlargement or deviation therefrom, as the case may be, for fitting the different communities, and I call your attention to the fact on the roll here that Massachusetts shows the largest gain, as usual, irrespective of her numerical standing, has the largest number of Go-Getters in the entire Commandery-in-Chief, which must in some way be taken relatively to the fact they show the largest gain of any Division and a much larger gain than the entire United States does, much to our discredit as a whole. The Senior Vice Commander is present, he comes from Massachusetts, and he will tell you how it is done. Fred Bell, of Massachusetts. (Applause).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fred V. Bell, of Massachusetts: Brother Chairman and Brothers. I am not authorized to speak for the Division Commander of Massachusetts, but we have a habit in Massachusetts of at any time when there is a job to be done not fearing to tread on somebody's toes, but get the work behind us, and I happen to know in this case

whatever I may say will agree heartily with the opinions of our Division Commander Atwood, who is here in the city but apparently held up somewhere.

The figures do show on that chart that Massachusetts has the largest number of Go-Getters and the largest number of Camps. And yet, the question may come up in some of your minds that in a highly organized Division, such as Massachusetts with its 150 Camps and 9,000 or 10,000 members, why a larger proportion of the Camps have not subscribed for this service. I think that can be answered very simply by the fact that a large number of these smaller circulars you see here have been used in Massachusetts for some years. As Brother Ireland says, this scheme is an outgrowth of the plan and policy found to be so successful in Massachusetts over a period of years and which was started in its present form by Fred Upham when he was Division Commander and which, of course, has been elaborated upon by him in this present national campaign.

I would say that from my own knowledge the Camps in Massachusetts which have contributed the largest number to the gain of our present National and Division years—by the way, our gain in the Division year was nearly twice what was shown for our gain in the National year—those Camps which contributed the largest number of new members are the Camps which have taken this service as it is intended, have used it as nearly according to the program as their local conditions would permit, and the best example of that fact is that Camp which has been quoted so much in the past two years, Camp No. 6 at Beverly. They have continued their phenomenal growth, and, as you know, the start which gained them nearly four hundred per cent within a period of a year and a half, or from sixty-five members up to four hundred at the present time, the scheme that started them on that road was the scheme laid down to them by Brother Upham when he was Division Commander and which in its essential details is the scheme which Brothers Upham and Rhinesmith are putting before you today. That is the best proof I can give you, that the plan of the National Organization Committee is working in Massachusetts.

But, every Camp in your Division may subscribe, your Past Division Commanders may all subscribe and your Camps may use the service more or less faithfully among their members, but that is not going to produce results, for behind this National service you have got to have the individual service of the men who have served your Division, mostly as Division Commanders, and who know how to apply this work from a Division standpoint and how to direct the Camp in that work.

We give full credit to the scheme of the National Organization Committee for the success in Massachusetts, but we know that without what we know as our "Unofficial Council" in the Division and I think Cliff Ireland knows something about that, more or less of a self-appointed counsel who get behind every Division Commander and every scheme proposed for the good of the Division, without that voluntary service no scheme, no matter how worthy, could succeed to its fullest extent. That unofficial council has existed for years in Massachusetts. It was not as successful as it is now until this Division scheme to supplement the efforts of this unofficial council was brought

forth. The two working together are producing the results, and we no longer have any fear of a loss in the Massachusetts Division.

Mention has been made here today of our relations with the Grand Army of the Republic, and some criticism that the Commander-in-Chief may make or has made in his report. I cannot agree that any part of the blame can be attached to the Grand Army of the Republic. If they have not recognized our Order in certain Divisions as we would like to have them, it is our fault and no one else's. We in Massachusetts have no longer any fear of the attitude of the Grand Army of the Republic in any community from five hundred up to eight hundred thousand people. It makes absolutely no difference where your community is or the size of it, nor is the Grand Army of the Republic any different in one state than another. We have simply shown the Grand Army of the Republic in Massachusetts and therefore the Grand Army take us at our face value. I doubt if there is any Department where the Department and the Division are closer together than they are there, and day after day we read in the newspapers of Massachusetts, "Grand Army of the Republic Post makes its will; turns over its entire property to the local Camp of the Sons of Veterans." That is happening in our state every day and everywhere we have the confidence of the Grand Army of the Republic. To prove that, although I cannot go into it in detail, as it may violate the confidence of the Grand Army of the Republic in Massachusetts, their Department will make an appeal to the Commandery-in-Chief of the Grand Army in this city this week which, if adopted by the Commandery-in-Chief, I believe, will mean more to our Order than any step the Grand Army has ever taken. And that comes with the whole-hearted endorsement of the Department of Massachusetts and is to a large extent their own idea.

Brothers, I am certainly in full accord with the plans of the National Organization Committee, and Brother Upham needs no assurance from the Division of Massachusetts, he knows how we stand, he knows what the explanation is of the fact that only a third of our Camps have subscribed. But after you have heard their arguments and after the Encampment has taken action during the sessions, just remember that behind all of their efforts, the tremendous effort they are putting on, the worth-while efforts, the best effort that has ever been put forth by any committee—back of that effort we have got to have an unofficial council of men who are interested solely for the good of the Order and not because they are running for any office. Now, I would just like to say, as I had jurisdiction over the nine Divisions up in that section this year, that in the Division of Maine the plan was followed out to a certain extent and actually produced results. Maine, I believe, shows the first gain for several years, but the banner Division in that section—I don't think there is a representative here at this meeting—is the Rhode Island Division in this work. Last spring I laid out a plan of action and policy for the Rhode Island Division which they followed very faithfully and for the first time in five years the Division of Rhode Island showed a substantial net gain of between ten and fifteen per cent in the March quarter and a similar gain in the June quarter, probably the largest

percentage gain of any of the northeasterly Divisions this year, and obviously because they followed out a general scheme based on this work of the National Organization Committee backed up by the Past Division Commanders of that Division. I thank you. (Applause).

Chairman Ireland: I just want to tell you fellows you have listened to a coming Commander-in-Chief one of these days. Mark my word. To revert to these Junior and Senior Vice Commanders-in-Chief I would like to say that Brother Bell had charge of nine Divisions in the East, eight of those Divisions showed an increase for the year. That is a pretty good record. Brother Bubb out on the Pacific Coast formed a new Division for Oregon and they have their representative here, and I don't know of two busier men in the Order than these two. Just goes to show if you want something done go to a busy man.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: Might I say, that the Division of Massachusetts has been divided into Districts with District Commanders and one of those Commanders is here in the person of Brother Taylor of one of their biggest Camps, and I believe he has something to tell you.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bubb, of Washington: May I be excused for interrupting, but I wanted to make a report for Washington and I have an appointment for four o'clock and it is four now, so if I may be allowed to intrude on this to give a brief outline of what Washington has done, I would like to do it now.

Chairman Ireland: Very well.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bubb: Brother Chairman and Brothers. I am going to speak to you wholly as a Past Division Commander. I had a Washington Division for two years. At the beginning of my term two years ago I found chaos in the whole organization. We found that the trouble largely was haphazard. I want to direct your attention to that word haphazard because I am going to compare it with system, and we directly came to the conclusion haphazard methods would not get us anywhere, so we started in to systematize it and we began at that time with 623 members and at the close of the second year's term we had 943, a gain of 320 members in two years. Of that there were 249 members added to old Camps and 71 in four new Camps, which made up the balance of the four necessary to put Oregon on the map as a Division. So we will take it from the standpoint of 249 new members. From the very beginning we cleaned house, started in on a systematic plan and I think the records as published in The Banner will show that the Oregon and Washington Division returned a gain in every quarter from that time until the present time. It was not a spectacular gain, but it was steady and right along, every quarter.

Now, the whole sum and substance of it is summed up in just this, I visited every Camp personally, introduced a systematic way of doing things, started out to get their Camp records cleaned up and saw that things were done systematically, laid out a systematic plan for every Camp to follow and those that followed that plan in a systematic way have obtained results. So I will say to you today that the results we have obtained in

Washington and Oregon are due solely to system, and that is why I am so heartily in favor of the National Organization Committee plan. It is a systematic plan. But so long as you pursue haphazard methods, just so long you are going to have failure.

Now, the organization at that time, as I say, followed the systematic plan which was largely local, and it is only just beginning with the June quarter that the National Organization work has begun to bear fruit. It has taken the place of the systems we devised to meet the conditions we had to meet quickly, and I predict to you gentlemen as these Camps fall into line and follow up this real, systematic plan, they are going to get the same kind of constant results, and mark what I tell you, so far as they pursue the systematic plan they have adopted they are going to show a steady gain. It sifts down to one thing. Stop your haphazard methods and begin with systematic methods. That is the whole story. (Applause).

Chairman Ireland: Now, Brother Taylor.

Brother L. J. Taylor, of Massachusetts: Brothers. I feel like an infant, only being a member of the organization three years and now Senior Vice Commander of Camp No. 25 and Chairman of the Membership Committee. I took as a slogan last January "300 new members for the Organization," not saying that would be for Camp 25, nor did I care whether it was Camp 25, Camp 2 or Camp 100. In Worcester, Camp 2 was absolutely dead. I was invited by pressing myself upon them, to be at their installation of officers. Since then I have been able to put into that Camp seven new members. On March 29th we were to have a class initiation in Mechanics Hall. I took and organized a committee there of twenty-five men, we had a meeting every Wednesday night and there was never less than fifteen men at those meetings. The Brothers would go out and visit a different brother and come back with a card and hand it to me or say, "I can't do anything with him," and I would immediately take that card and hand it to another man. I handed one card to three different men and the last one said, "This man came pretty near throwing me out of the house; why didn't you tell me two other men had been there?" I said, "Because I thought you were better than the other fellow." What was the result? That man called up on the telephone and asked me if I could get his father's record for the 29th and he came in. We got seven men out of that same method. Don't get discouraged if you don't get them the first time. Just before Decoration Day we were on a little drive and one Sunday morning I called up our Commander and a couple of other members and said, "Let us go out and get some members." They said, "Where?" I said, "Out in the country some place adjoining us where they have no Camp." "All right, where will we go?" Well, we started out. At Holbrook Springs we found they had absolutely given up Decoration Day services. We got three men together and said, "You are going to give this work up?" "Yes." "All right, will you call a meeting on Wednesday night of some of your townspeople and get all of the eligibles you boys can to come to that meeting. We are going to have a royal time that night. We were just thinking of giving an-

entertainment. We will put on the entertainment for you." We went up there and put it on. That night there were sixteen eligibles to the Sons of Veterans present. By hard dragging and getting right out, just like a Methodist prayer meeting and dragging them out in front we signed up five that night. On Decoration Day we told them we would go up and put on an entertainment and we took ninety-five members of the allied orders from Worcester and went up there and put on their patriotic service on Decoration Day. What has been the result? We have organized a Camp in Holbrook Springs and we expected to take in four towns. Now it looks as though we would organize another Camp, taking in two towns in each Camp, which will make a membership of over fifty to the Order.

As District Commander I have fifteen Camps to take care of and absolutely five out of the fifteen are lifeless but not dead. and I say now that wherever the National Encampment is held next year, that out of that district there will be added to the Order of Sons of Veterans one thousand new members. I thank you. (Applause).

Chairman Ireland: Brother Mock, of Wisconsin.

Division Commander H. C. Mock, of Wisconsin: I don't know as I have a great deal to say except perhaps this one fundamental thing, that Wisconsin has just taken on this new work. I was put in as Division Commander in June. About three-fourths of the Camps of Wisconsin do nothing in the summer months; it is utterly impossible for me to get any action at all where there are no meetings. I have already sent out personal letters to the Camps and outside of the Division Orders, urging the Go-Getter plan, to get the Go-Getters reported into the General Headquarters, and if hard work and persistent effort will succeed, Wisconsin will grow in membership. I know positively that within the next two months we will put in five new Camps. I am positive of that now. I say, "New Camps," they are old Camps that have dropped their charges—they have given me their word of honor to get those Camps back, and I want to assure the Organization Committee that Wisconsin will do everything in its power to co-operate with you in every way. The system is wonderful, and as the Brother from Oregon says "System" is the only thing that is going to do things for us. the haphazard method is no good. It has been tried again and again in Wisconsin and it has failed us enough.

Our reports of Wisconsin may not look good on paper. We dropped five Camps last year, but those five Camps were simply a burden, some of them were back as far as five years in arrears. The Division was carrying them and paying their per capita. We decided that was a bad way to do and dropped them, but two of those dropped Camps are coming back, one that was dropped five years ago is coming back and two new ones coming in, and I attribute the success of this effort to the National Organization plan. I thank you.

Chairman Ireland: Is the Division Commander of Minnesota here? If not, Brother Milham will answer for him.

Past Division Commander Milham, of St. Paul, Minn.: I want to say personally I am heart and soul in this work. I received a notice to come in with you only a short time ago, and

I have been absent from the United States since June and I haven't seen a circular, but I know what is going on and I want to say this, if you decide for a pro rata to raise money or something of the kind I will guarantee Minnesota will do her part fully to help out the National Organization work. (Applause).

Chairman Ireland: I neglected to tell you, and I think the Organization Committee did too, that these exhibits will all be on exhibition at our hall where we will hold our meeting at the Auditorium, and I suggest between times and at such other intermissions as may occur in our meetings you take your boys around and go over these things with them, and compare the summaries they have given you very roughly here.

The Commander-in-Chief when he spoke sometime ago said there had to be some method arrived at whereby you could keep members from getting out of the back door as fast as we took them in the front. Now, the Organization Committee has that in mind and at the proper time will offer a solution which they believe will work for that just as well as we feel confident their plan for the getting of new members will show results.

Any remarks from Mississippi? Missouri? Nebraska? New Hampshire? New York?

Delegate L. C. Day, of Elmira, N. Y.: Our Division Commander is not here, but together with all of the New York men we are exceedingly proud to see we stood second on this list. We are next to Massachusetts and we have nothing but praise for the work of the Organization Committee. But you must not place too much dependence on the report of your Go-Getters, because that may not mean everything in this work. Your Go-Getters may be working very hard and may not be able to report a single member which they themselves have secured, and yet if you turn to the report of the Camp you will find the Camp has increased. It is not the individual that counts, it is the whole. And the whole result we are looking for, not only in the Camp but in the Division. The slogan of our Division Commander this year is, "Honest work will win," and I feel certain the Organization Committee is bound to win by the honest work they are doing and I think every Camp that does honest work and that places the Camp above the individual in the matter of effort will win. The reason I say that is this, someone will say, "John Smith belongs to this Camp and I don't want to go in with him." If I can go back and tell them it is not on account of John Smith, it is on account of the Grand Army of the Republic, it is on account of carrying on the work of the old soldiers, then we are getting somewhere. I was very glad to hear that Brother Ireland has something to prevent the member from getting out of the back door. That is something we have been confronted with in New York, we have been able to bring in a lot of new members, but the old members drop out.

I wish Brother Cranmer was here because I am sure he would have a valuable message to tell you. Our slogan last year, "The will to serve will find a way," has carried beyond New York and I think as long as we have honest work that the Sons of Veterans are going to win out everywhere. (Applause).

Chairman Ireland: Now we would like to hear from Brother Foster, Division Commander of the new Division of Oregon.

Division Commander C. A. Foster, of Oregon: This is the baby Division of your organization. I do not feel it is my place to come here and tell this National Organization Committee what we think of their plans. I am sure the opinion I would convey would not be of any use to this body. I will say this. Brother Rhinesmith and Brother Upham, that we are entirely in harmony with your plan and we intend to work to the limit and all we ask of you is that you convey your wishes and keep the vacancies supplied and we will do the rest. At the Encampment at Grant's Pass, Oregon, we succeeded in installing a new Camp there. This work was largely carried on by the Camp at Portland, Oregon, of which I have the honor of being a member, and we adopted as a slogan there the doubling of our Camp, and the doubling of our members in the present Camps in the State of Oregon this present year. That we intend to do and we are going to put forth every effort to do this, not only with the literature that you are sending us, but we are going to go out personally in different sections of the State and organize these Camps. The Camp at Grant's Pass has pledged itself to install three more Camps in that part of the State. It is a long ways from Portland, but I have all confidence they will do it, and they have adopted as their slogan, "The Big Four." They are intending to show the northern part of the State they are not behind the times, and I feel within another year there will be a strong Division in the State of Oregon.

Local Camp Commander S. E. Peters, Camp 160, Sunbury, Pa.: I only know what our local Camp has been doing. So far we have only been able to get one Go-Getter, W. D. Klein. As far as I am concerned, I have been away from home nearly all summer and have been unable to attend a Camp meeting, but once or twice, but I cannot see why the ideas of the National Organization Committee should not be carried out and why it should not be successful. As has been stated here a while ago, some of those circulars cannot do very well in parts of the country where labor is well organized. Many of these labor organizations themselves are not in favor of the very same element you speak of in your circular and I know those circulars have been taken out and presented in communities where that element suspected. In Scranton, Pa., at the miners' strike it was discovered and the Reds were ejected from the hall. The labor classes themselves in our part of the country do not want them there. In other portions of the country they would not work out probably, but I believe eventually the work of the National Organization Committee is going to meet with success and bring big results. I see we are third on the list. Our Camp I do not believe has contributed yet towards the work of the National Organization Committee, but they will in the very near future.

Chairman Ireland: Anybody here from Rhode Island or Vermont? Now we will throw the meeting open, let anybody talk that wants to or has anything to offer.

Past Division Commander Rhinesmith: I do not believe there is anything for me to say. The main thing, to my mind, is to find out what the boys really think of what we have done

and as for my end of the work, we tried to take care of all of the correspondence that came in. Now, there is one thing I was very particular about. Brother Upham said this morning that we received over one thousand letters. The chances are it was considerably over one thousand. A great many I would not get to for a week or two afterwards, but the fact is every letter that merited a reply eventually got it. I tried to make that reply just as interesting as I knew how and I threw my whole heart into the thing. I wanted the boys to feel I appreciated what they were trying to do and to express in their letters to me, and I wanted them to get the responsive cord on my part, and I want to say to this Order, as long as I have anything to do with the Committee, if I do have anything to do with it afterwards, that same policy is going to be carried out.

There is just one or two more little things I can say, although they are not particularly necessary. I want to say this to Division Commanders, to pay particular attention to the present Units and keep persistently after the present Units until we win them over to join with us in this thing. That is the thing that is eventually going to turn this into the success we hope to have, and it is the persistence that the Division Commander will throw into that that will finally win them over. They can keep in touch with their own units in a manner we cannot because they can say things to the boys that we cannot say; they can say it in such a way they would take offense if it came from us, but not if it came from their own people.

Now, on the card index, every Division Commander has that card index in his possession and he is going to get cards from every Camp as they come in from us. And the same thing I said with reference to keeping in touch with the present units, meaning the present Camps, will apply on the card index. If they will follow that up and keep in close touch with what the Go-Getters are doing, it will be the best kind of co-operation, and the way they can do that is to keep a record on the back of their card in the index file and furnish report blanks and require a report from the Camps on what the Committees are doing, and if they think each month is too often make it every sixty days, in that way keeping in touch, and we will be able to show the Camps that are looking behind and are fallen down and then they can get to them and get some ginger in under their hides.

If there are any Division Commanders left present I want to say this, that in organizing new Camps to my mind the great mistake we have always made, in organizing new Camps, has been this. We go in and organize them and go out and forget about them; we leave them to their own resources, and certainly that is entirely wrong. I think every new Camp organized should be visited three or four times a year until they have confidence in themselves and understand the business of properly running the Camp, in carrying out the principles of the Order, and if a new Camp is handled in that way, along that line, instead of a loss of fifty or sixty per cent of them we will cut it down so we are not losing over twenty-five per cent.

Now, on the question of bringing members in the front door and letting them get out the back door, can't you just see this point, that the very thing that is going to keep them from

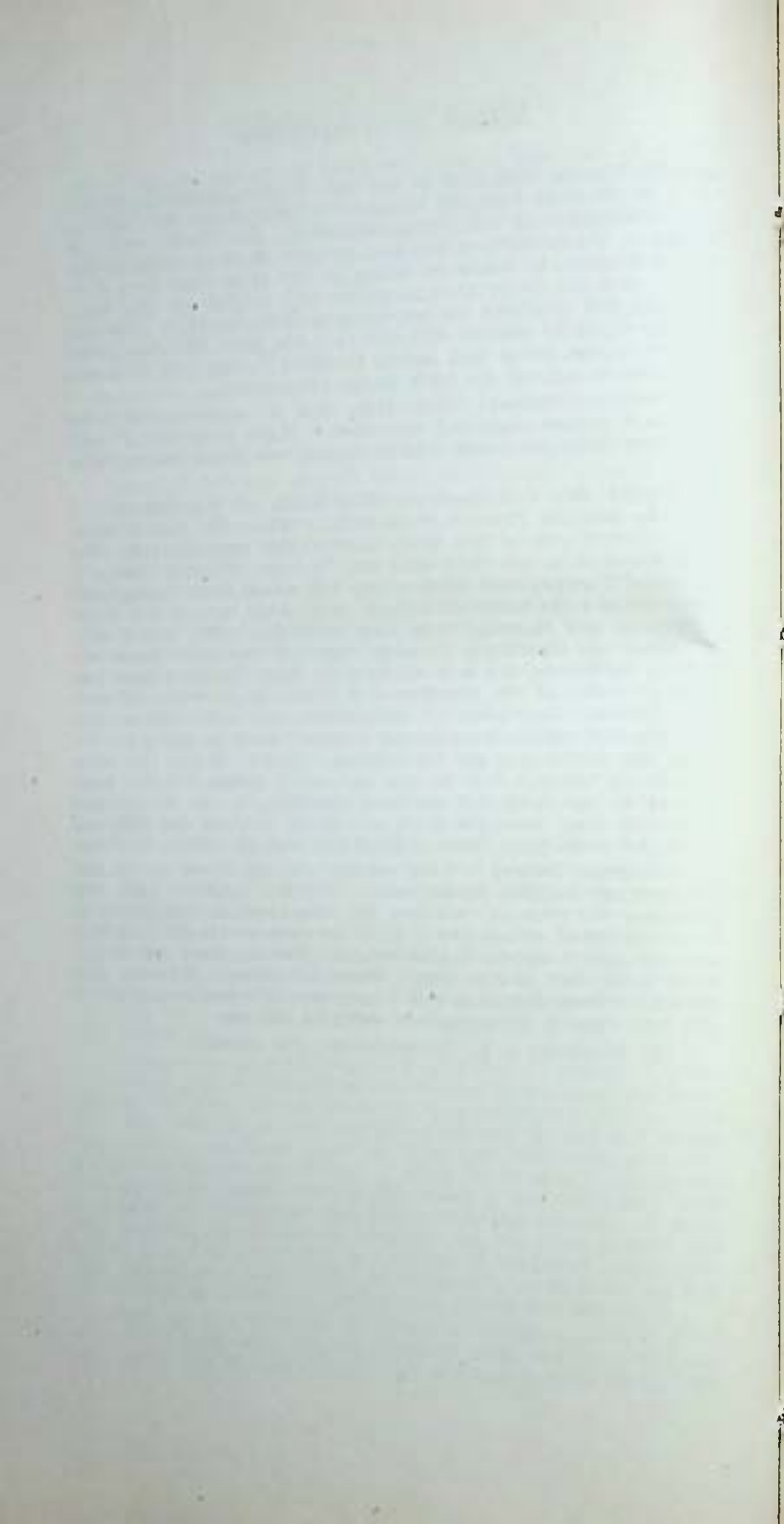
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(At five-thirty p. m. the conference was closed).



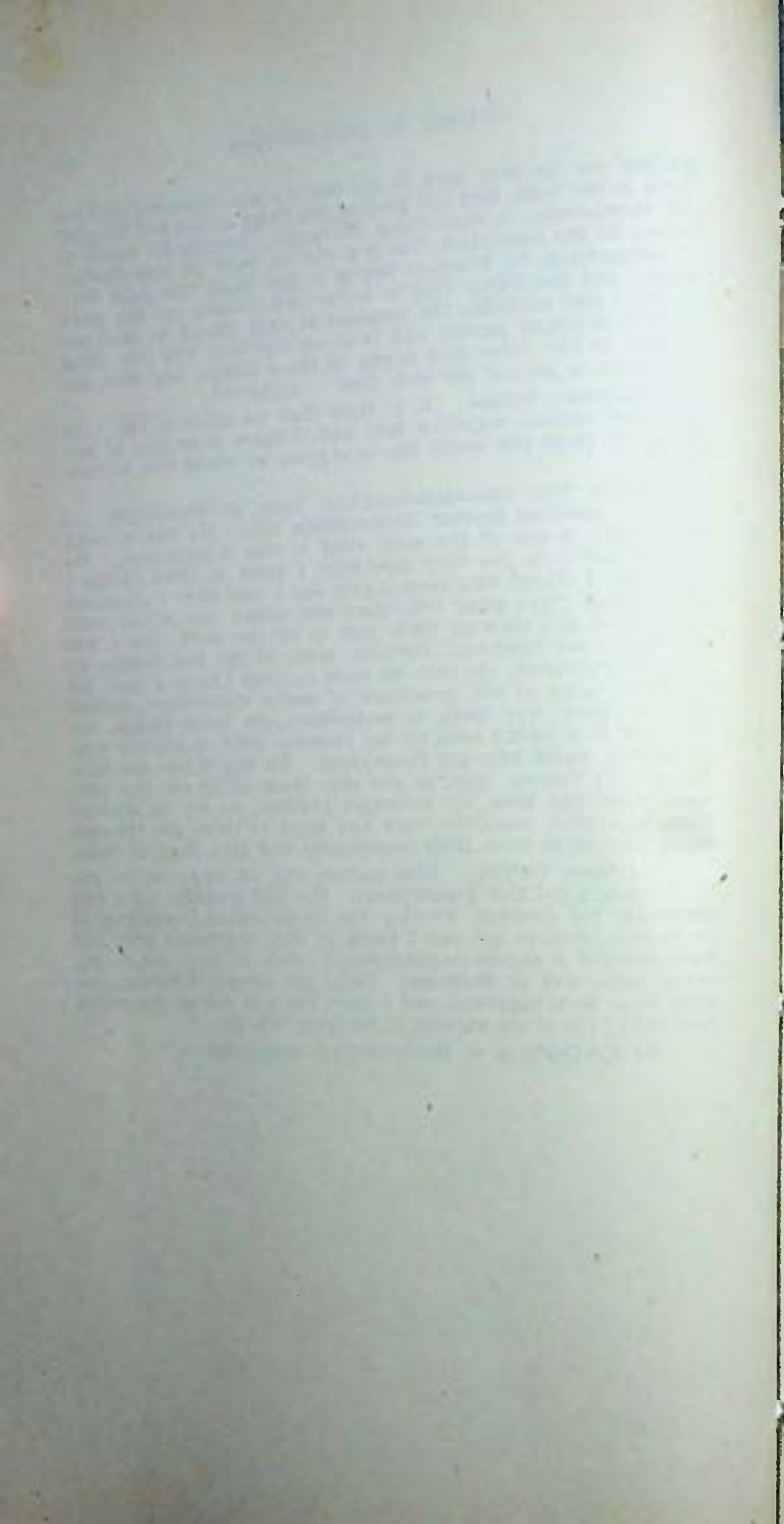
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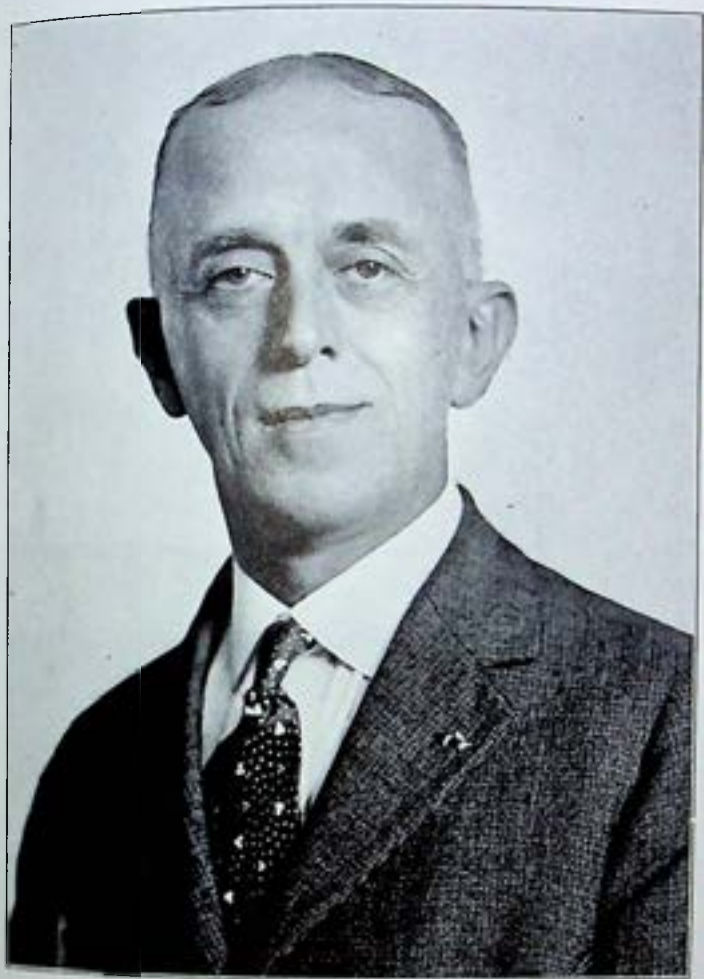
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FRANK SHELLHOUSE,
Commander-in-Chief 1922-1923.





S. S. HORN,
Commander-in-Chief 1923-1924.



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
39th	1920	Sept. 22-24	Indianapolis	Indiana
40th	1921	Sept. 27-29	Indianapolis	Indiana
41st	1922	Sept. 26-28	Des Moines	Iowa
42nd	1923	Sept. 4-5-6	Milwaukee	Wisconsin

PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF

Elected.	Name.	Division	Address.	Deceased
1881	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania		
1882	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania		
1883	*Frank P. Merrill	Maine		July 8, 1909
1883	†*A. P. Davis	Pennsylvania		May 1, 1899
1884	*Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania		January 12, 1889
1885	Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania	422 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Penna.	
1885	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio		October 19, 1901
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1887	*George B. Abbott	Illinois		June 14, 1917
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1889	†George W. Marks	New York	537 Fulton St., Brooklyn, N. Y.	
1889	*Charles F. Griffin	Indiana		December 21, 1902
1890	*Leland J. Webb	Kansas		February 23, 1893
1891	*George T. Brown	New York		
1891	Edwin T. Earp	Massachusetts	Lynn, Mass.	
1891	*Bartow S. Weeks	New York		February 3, 1922
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		January 19, 1920
1897	Charles K. Darling	Massachusetts	610 Exchange Bldg., Boston, Mass.	
1898	*Frank L. Shepard	Illinois		December 15, 1921
1899	*A. W. Jones	Ohio		October 6, 1918
1899	†R. M. J. Reed	Pennsylvania		June 10, 1922
1900	*Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania		November 24, 1912
1901	Edward R. Campbell	Maryland	Clermont, Florida	
1902	*Frank Martin	Indiana		February 7, 1912
1903	*Arthur B. 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. Amles	Pennsylvania	Altoona, Pa.	November 26, 1920
1907	Ralph Sheldon	New York	Lyons, N. Y.	
1908	Edgar Allan, Jr.	Maryland	Richmond, Va.	
1909	*George W. Pollitt	New Jersey		March 20, 1921
1910	Fred. E. Bolton	Massachusetts	City Hall, Boston, Mass.	
1911	Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	1001 Peoples' State Bank Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.	
1912	Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	Sage-Allen Bldg., Hartford, Conn.	
1913	John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania	405 Hampton Ave., Wilkensburg, Penna.	
1914	Charles F. Sherman	New York	46 South 4th Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	
1915	A. E. B. Stephens	Ohio	Bodman Bldg., 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	4333 Baltimore Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.	
1919	Harry D. Slsson	Massachusetts	Pittsfield, Massachusetts	
1920	Pelham A. Barrows	Nebraska	State House, Lincoln, Nebraska	
1921	Clifford Ireland	Illinois	Peoria, Illinois	
1922	Frank Shellhouse	Indiana	Spink-Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind.	

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†Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief Encampment.

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PROCEEDINGS

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TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

The Forty-second Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., was called to order at 10:30 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, September 4th, 1923, in Juneau Hall, Auditorium, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, by Commander-in-Chief Frank Shellhouse and opened in due form.

(Roll call of officers taken; all reported present).

The Commander-in-Chief appointed Past Division Commander R. J. Williams of Ohio as Guide, Harry E. Negley of Indiana as Inner Guard, Past Division Commander Thomas W. Lindsey of Indiana, Outer Guard.

The following Committees were appointed:

CREDENTIALS.

H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec., Pennsylvania.
A. S. Holbrook, Div. Com., Illinois.
H. A. Thayer, Div. Com., California.
Michael Crowley, Past Div. Com., New Hampshire.
F. T. Ballou, Div. Com., Rhode Island.

CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Dallas Dillinger, Div. Com., Pennsylvania.
W. W. Jewett, Div. Com., Maine.
N. S. Buckingham, Div. Com., Connecticut.
E. F. Atwood, Div. Com., Massachusetts.
J. E. Henderson, Past Div. Com., Alabama & Tennessee.

RITUAL AND CEREMONIES.

H. L. Lange, Past Div. Com., New York.
R. J. Bosworth, Div. Com., Indiana.
C. E. Foster, Div. Com., Oregon.
I. F. Lasson, Div. Com., Vermont.
H. C. Mock, Div. Com., Wisconsin.

RESOLUTIONS.

Clifford Ireland, Past Com.-in-Chief, Illinois.
W. A. Selz, Div. Com., Ohio.
E. C. Irelan, Past Div. Com., Maryland.
Frank Baldwin, Div. Com., Iowa.
C. B. Martin, Past Div. Com., Kansas.

OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Fred E. Bolton, Past Com.-in-Chief, Massachusetts.
John E. Sautter, Past Com.-in-Chief, Pennsylvania.
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PRESS.

H. C. Mock, Div. Com., Wisconsin.
 J. T. Drake, Past Div. Com., Wisconsin.
 F. A. Kremer, Council-in-Chief, Wisconsin.
 W. C. Mabie, Past Div. Com., Pennsylvania.
 Geo. M. Stille, Div. Com., Nebraska.
 S. E. Lueck, Div. Com., New Jersey.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

Harry D. Sisson, Past Com.-in-Chief., Massachusetts.
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 Pelham A. Barrows, Past Com.-in-Chief, Nebraska.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

State of the Order:

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 John E. Sautter, Past Com.-in-Chief, Pennsylvania.
 Chas. F. Sherman, Past Com.-in-Chief, New York.
 Wm. T. Church, Past Com.-in-Chief, Illinois.

Organization Committee:

A. D. Rhinesmith, Past Div. Com., Illinois.
 Fred E. Upham, Past Div. Com., Massachusetts.
 H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec., Pennsylvania.

National Secretary Hammer: In submitting this preliminary report I move that it be made the roll of the Encampment and that all so reported be credited as the members of the Encampment, on motion for the Committee. Carried.

ENCAMPMENT ROLL

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF OFFICERS AND STAFF.

- *Frank Shellhouse, Commander-in-Chief,
Spink-Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind.
- *Fred V. Bell, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief,
East Walpole, Mass.
- *C. Randall Bubb, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief,
724 Puget Sound Bank Bldg., Tacoma, Wash.
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National Secretary Hammer: I have the pleasure of reporting eight Past Commanders-in-Chief present and all Divisions represented. Since you have passed the motion, that is all that is necessary.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: All Divisions who are on the roll will present their communications to the National Secretary. Are there any resolutions or communications to come from Divisions or individuals? Call the roll.

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, the roll has been called and I have here a number to be referred to the various Committees.

Past Division Commander Behnke, of Missouri: Commander-in-Chief, I have here a petition which comes from the Camp to which I belong, which I would like to present.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Well, that would not be in order at this time, a petition from a Camp. That will be referred to the proper Committee.

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, this is a rather unusual procedure. Wouldn't it be well for the Commandery to note the petition? I move it be referred to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations. Seconded by Council-in-Chief Kremer, of Wisconsin, and carried.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: The petition will be referred to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

Will all Past Commanders-in-Chief at this time take seats on the platform.

(All Past Commanders-in-Chief took the platform, to the right and left of Commander-in-Chief).

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Brothers, this is an unusual moment in the history of the Sons of Veterans Encampment, when we have present eight Past Commanders-in-Chief of our Order. (Applause). I called them to the platform in order that you may see them, that you might look into their faces so that you will know them when you meet them in the corridor of the hotel, on the streets or elsewhere during the Encampment here in Milwaukee during this week. These men

represent a long membership in this Order and have done much in building well our early foundation. It is with pleasure that I look upon these eight Past Commanders-in-Chief and I am sure the privilege is enjoyed by all members present.

We have courtesies extended to us early in the morning:

"Sons of Veterans of the Forty-second Annual Encampment. Best wishes for a happy and successful Encampment. From Milwaukee Auxiliary No. 4, Division of Wisconsin."
(Applause).

This is our Auxiliary in Milwaukee, and these girls have been working and planning for many weeks in order that they might be able to do their part in the work of this Encampment. I have met quite a number of these good women and they are loyal, earnest and doing everything possible in order to help their brothers of the Milwaukee Camp during this Encampment. We express to these splendid girls our appreciation at this time for their kind greetings.

The Past Commanders-in-Chief may now take their seats in the audience.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Next is reports of officers.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland: Commander-in-Chief, I move you, sir, that the report of the Commander-in-Chief be read to the Encampment, and that all other officers' reports be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports without reading. Carried.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Will the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief occupy the station of the Commander-in-Chief while the Junior Vice will occupy the station of the Senior Vice.

(Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fred Bell, of Massachusetts, took the chair).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: Brothers, we will now listen to the report of the Commander-in-Chief. Please give close attention.

REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

To the Officers and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief:

Gentlemen:—In accordance with the Constitutional provision, herewith is submitted a report of the official acts of the Commander-in-Chief, together with information as to the state of the Order and such recommendations as are suggested by constant and actual contact with the membership throughout the Nation.

I am deeply indebted to my predecessor, Past Commander-in-Chief Clifford Ireland, for the innovation now familiar to our members as the "SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION." This has developed the National Organization Committee, which is to-day so much in evidence with activities in the formation of a permanent foundation upon which to build our membership. In the labors for the year I was greatly relieved by the able and generous support given me by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fred V. Bell; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief C. Randall Bubb;

National Patriotic Instructor E. S. Shumaker; National Chaplain A. D. Rhinesmith; National Secretary Horace H. Hammer; National Counselor Newton J. McGuire; also the Council-in-Chief Arthur E. Lewis, Felix A. Kremer and Charles R. Hale.

Some Camp and Division Officers have heartily supported me during the last year by giving of their precious time and ability to promote and build up not only their Camps and Divisions, but have nobly responded to every call made upon them to assist in other work throughout the Order. On the other hand, many Camp and Division Officers have even neglected to make reply to communications from the Commander-in-Chief relative to matters pertaining to the good of their Camps and Divisions.

In General Orders No. 12, December 1, 1922, the territory occupied by the Sons of Veterans was divided into three sections in order that organization work might be more effective. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fred V. Bell was given control in an advisory and co-operative capacity, for the Divisions of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, New York, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, and Maryland. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief C. Randall Bubb was given like responsibilities for the Divisions of California & Pacific, Washington & Oregon. The Commander-in-Chief assumed responsibilities for the Division of Alabama & Tennessee, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

I understand that in reports to follow there will be recommendations to the effect that the arrangements as to the division of responsibilities and territory be continued. My experience approves the adoption of some such plan.

The Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief were given something to do. I am delighted at this time to say that they did it well. Words fail me when I attempt to express my appreciation of the efforts of these brother officers. All that I can do is to thank them for their earnestness, activity, co-operation, and loyalty during this administration.

NEOBIOLOGY.

During the past year death has claimed many of our worthy Brothers. Their passing is a loss to the Order, and especially to the Camps and Divisions in which they labored.

It is fitting that the records of this session bear testimony to their worth. At this time I am not in possession of the list of those who have gone on to the Great Beyond. I note, however, that their names will have honorable mention, and that proper tribute to departed Brothers will be paid in the report by National Chaplain A. D. Rhinesmith. Memorial Services will also be held during this session by the Sons and Auxiliary, honoring the sacred memory of the dead.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Under the splendid leadership of Commander-in-Chief James W. Willett, of Tama, Iowa, our Parent Organization has had a year of prosperity. Our associations with the Grand Army of the Republic during the year just closing have been most pleasant. We should endeavor to live up to the principles for

which our ancestors fought, and the heritage which they are entrusting to our care. We must be faithful to that heritage. We must be worthy Sons of worthy Sires.

No happier relations to my mind, could have existed between the Parent Organization and our Order than have been enjoyed during the past eleven months. There never was a time when the Sons were as near to their Fathers of the Civil War, as they are to-day. There never was a time when Grand Army men were so willing to allow their Sons to shoulder the burdens that they so long have carried.

In my travels I learned where many Grand Army Posts were placing all the responsibilities in the hands of the Sons. Many Posts throughout the country have made over their assets and relics by deed of gift and trust to local Camps of the Sons. I learned of one Post in the West where but three of the Boys were left. They had accumulated in the course of years property valued at twelve thousand dollars. This property was sold and divided between the Sons and Daughters of the Veterans in that community. These are pathetic, and yet reasonable and business-like stories to tell.

Commander-in-Chief Willett early in the year issued an invitation to the heads of the different departments to accompany him on his Western itinerary. On behalf of the Order I accepted the invitation and joined his party on Friday, March 2, at St. Paul. Commander Willett was accompanied by his wife.

Our first stop was Spokane. From there we went to Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, Sacramento, San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles, Long Beach, Pasadena, and San Diego. This was the trip of a life-time for any Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans. Those who traveled with Mr. and Mrs. Willett learned to respect, honor, and love them as Father and Mother of the occasion. I could wish nothing more delightful than a similar trip for any succeeding Commander-in-Chief of our Order. Everywhere during these travels great patriotic receptions and meetings were held in honor of Commander-in-Chief Willett. We of the Allied Orders were accorded our part of the entertainment and honors. Not only is Commander Willett an advocate of the Sons of Veterans, but in his talks throughout the West, was able to crystalize a favorable sentiment among the Comrades. He urged that the Sons and Sister Organizations are the natural ones to succeed the patriots of the Sixties.

KINDRED ORGANIZATIONS.

Our relations with all the kindred organizations during the past eleven months have been uplifting and inspiring. A zeal for the common cause has been apparent at all times. We praise and thank those who contributed their share in the work we have been doing. In the nature of things the patriotic motive develops unselfishness and stimulates a desire to assist in all efforts that look toward the betterment of our country. I am glad to say that the spirit in all the patriotic organizations with which I have come in contact, has seemed to me admirable. It has been my fortune to be frequently associated with the National Officers as well as many other members of the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Daughters of Veterans. Their Organizations give every

evidence of splendid prosperity and we congratulate them. We wish them all success, because we feel that they deserve it.

OUR AUXILIARY.

Wherever a Camp has an Auxiliary, we find without exception, that there is more friendship and a better feeling among all members, a more sociable community than is found where there is no Auxiliary. The Sons of each and every Camp should encourage and assist in the institution of an Auxiliary to their Camp. They will never regret having done so. The ritualistic services of the Auxiliary are attractive and instructive and the lessons taught are equal to those of our own Order. In instances where I have been present, the ritualistic work performed has been far more impressive than that rendered by the Sons. The teachings of the Auxiliary shine forth in spotless purity as a beacon light to humanity. Their ideals and principles inculcate a spirit of fraternity, sociability, patriotism, and seeks elevation morally, mentally, and physically for all its members. There are none of us who cannot be better men, and we will be inspired to higher ideals by associating with the girls of the Auxiliary. No man nor set of men can mingle among the gentler sex without feeling the purifying effect and the uplifting of all that is being done by them and their Auxiliary.

Since my election the members of our Auxiliary in my own Division have of their own accord, and by their own personal efforts, formulated two Camps which are at this time in successful operation. I am sure that other Divisions can boast of similar experiences. It all shows how much we need the aid and assistance of the Auxiliary. We appreciate this splendid organization. From our hearts love we thank the girls for this and other like acts during the past year.

Mrs. Minnie E. Groth, National President, has been a charming and able representative of the Auxiliary. She has been alert to organize new Auxiliaries and has stimulated and taken part in the organization of a number of Camps. This is showing a spirit of missionary patriotism which is very rare. She not only has inclination and energy for her own work, but a large share for the work that properly falls to others. In the name of the Sons I thank her for her most gracious help.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

In reporting upon the State of the Order one must contemplate the numerical and financial conditions, which if shown to be progressive and increasing, makes for a feeling of contentment and satisfaction. These conditions prevail throughout the Order. At this writing a wave of enthusiasm and activity gives promise for great membership gain and prosperity for the near future. This will bring added responsibility to the membership at large. All Camps have unlimited opportunity wherever they exist. These opportunities are being realized and accepted more generally than ever before in the history of our Order.

As I do not have the tabulated report, I do not know at this time the actual gain in membership during the past year. The National Secretary's report will give complete and accurate in-

formation. The results of the year, although not all that could have been desired will, I believe, show a gratifying total.

A NEW DIVISION.

It is with pleasure that I present to you the Division of Oregon, which was organized June 7th and 8th at an Encampment assembled at Grants Pass, by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief C. Randall Bubb. Congratulations and thanks to Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief C. Randall Bubb.

The personnel of the Division Officers of the Oregon Division is exceptionally good. The Division has bright prospects for the future, and we do hereby extend to it a welcome in FRATERNITY, CHARITY, and LOYALTY.

THE RESERVE.

I have but little to say about the Military Department. I do not care to encourage it so long as it may be maintained and governed by this so-called Division or Home Rule Policy, under which Divisions may formulate their own rules and regulations.

Our Constitution permits the Commander-in-Chief to approve or reject Military Regulations submitted by Divisions, but for many reasons such procedure would be impractical and unsatisfactory.

The Commander-in-Chief would be in favor of a Military Department, provided it could have similar construction and government as that of the National Guard and the United States Army.

Praise and appreciation, however, are hereby tendered to such members of our Order as are endeavoring in every way possible, to build and maintain their Reserve. I find that where such Reserve units do exist and function, splendid work is being done in the way of firing salutes and otherwise participating in the funerals of their deceased Fathers.

THE BANNER.

I congratulate the Order for the splendid publicity it has enjoyed during the past year. The Banner has generously broadcasted the merits of the Order. It has been a wonderful power for good in carrying messages and enlightening the membership. The Banner is the medium of communication between all Sons and their families.

I desire to express my personal appreciation and thanks to Commander A. S. Holbrook, editor and publisher of The Banner, for his untiring efforts to please and co-operate with the officers and membership during the past year.

OUR NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER.

It has been a privilege and a delight to be associated with Horace H. Hammer during the past year. We had at times rough and rocky roads to travel, but we were always in step and in hearty accord. His genial, gentle, and kindly spirit was inspiring at all times. When I was perplexed and in trouble, he never failed to extend a helping hand. He has rendered faithful service throughout this administration.

The membership of our Order does not fully appreciate the

earnest, able and effective work as done by Horace H. Hammer, our National Secretary.

TRAVEL.

It has been my privilege during the past year to journey from one end of this United States to the other, and then some, in the interest of our Order. Every moment of my time which could be spared from the executive duties at Headquarters, has been devoted to travel, and to contact and fellowship with the rank and file of the membership.

It would be possible for me to give records of these visitations, but it is hardly worth while when space and time are so limited. Hospitality and respect have been showered upon the Commander-in-Chief everywhere. I was astonished at the appreciation and attention of the audiences when intimate, fraternal, and patriotic subjects were discussed. Such an experience is most gratifying. I shall carry with me to the end memories of the past year. It was the happiest and most congenial period of my life, devoted to patriotic and fraternal endeavor.

A somewhat detailed account of my western trip will be found under the heading of the Grand Army.

DECISIONS.

We have indeed been very fortunate in the fact that very few questions have been submitted to these headquarters for decisions.

The report of our National Counselor, soon to follow, will in detail give information relative to such decisions as have been made and approved by the Commander-in-Chief during the year.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

The Organization Committee, or if you please, The Publicity Committee, is a method of advertising and selling our goods to eligible humanity. Advertising in some form has been employed by business organizations, schools, churches, professions, and fraternal orders. All see clearly the benefits to be derived from judicious publicity. Patriotic organizations, in my opinion, have been slow in availing themselves of the advantages that modern advertising has to offer.

In order to increase the membership of our Order and to become a factor in the general community, the Sons of Veterans should be kept constantly in the public eye, not in a spasmodic manner, but through general and systematically organized advertising and selling campaigns.

In my opinion, to accomplish this, we must have an organization and publicity committee, composed of men who have knowledge of advertising and who have the time to give the work intelligent direction. This is a subject deserving serious consideration. I trust it will be handled as such in this session of the Commandery-in-Chief. It requires money, however, and when we attempt to give effect to our advertising, we must properly finance our committee. The results attained by the National Organization Committee have been highly satisfactory.

In conclusion I would be happy if I had words to express

my commendation of the three master-minds of our Order, who for the past year have so zealously and loyally carried forward the work of the Organization Committee. I am sure Brother Arthur D. Rhinesmith of Illinois, Brother Fred E. Upham of Massachusetts, and Brother Horace H. Hammer of Pennsylvania, have labored day and night to establish a Rock of Gibraltar foundation for the Order, and to carry forward the principles for which we are organized. My dear Brothers Rhinesmith, Upham, and Hammer, all that your Commander-in-Chief can say at this time is, "I thank you."

CONCLUSION.

The highest honor any organization can confer upon an individual is that of executive head. That honor coming to me, with all the faith and confidence that necessarily goes with it, has placed me under obligations to my Brothers of this Patriotic Fraternity far beyond my ability to express, and as lasting as life itself. It is my prayer that the performance of duty herein outlined shall meet with your approval and commendation.

There is an inexhaustible field for fraternal and patriotic endeavor. No one who loves his Country need mourn for something to do. I have a vision of glorious possibilities for our Order in future years.

I bespeak for my successor a continuation of the loyalty, respect, and support which have inspired my efforts in the past year.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That our Constitution and Regulations, Article 1, Page 1, be so amended as to read:

"The name of this Order shall be Sons of Union Veterans."

This recommendation is made in accordance with a similar recommendation made by Commander-in-Chief James W. Willett of the Grand Army of the Republic which reads as follows:

"It is obvious that the Sons of Veterans must change their corporate name to distinguish themselves more correctly in name, with the Grand Army of the Republic. My comrades, we are all interested in this proposition, and I am advised that the Sons of Veterans are ready and willing to proceed along the line of a change in name, subject to the approval, affirmative or tacit of the Grand Army. Let us help them.

Two names are suggested—Sons of Lincoln Veterans, or Sons of Union Veterans. Each name has its good features, but it has been suggested that there never was but one Army and Navy that fought for the preservation of the Union of States, and that was the Federal forces in the war of the Rebellion. Therefore, the name "Sons of Union Veterans" is clearly a name that cannot be misunderstood."

It is further recommended that should the Grand Army of the Republic suggest another name, that it be substituted for this recommendation, and the name and title of our Order be changed to that so selected by the Grand Army of the Republic.

2. That the Constitution and Regulations governing the Sons of Veterans, Article 3, Page 3, be so amended as to read:

"All male descendants, whether through the paternal or maternal line, not less than sixteen years of age, instead of fifteen years of age, etc."

This amendment will permit us to admit members sixteen years of age. In my opinion, it will afford us the opportunity of increasing our membership, and from the best young manhood in our country. Shall we give these Grandsons a chance? Shall we teach them, at a time when they are eager to learn, the fundamentals and principles for which their Grandfathers fought? We should anticipate the activities of other Fraternities and Lodges, and enroll these boys into OUR Order.

3. That our Ritual and Ceremonies, plan of Camp Room, Page 2, be so amended as to locate the Flag and Color Bearer to the position now occupied by the Guide. Will further recommend that the position of the Guide be changed to a position half way between the station of the Commander and Color Bearer. Also that the station of the Chaplain be changed to a position on the left of the Commander's station.

This amendment will permit the Flag of our Country to rest in the correct position as outlined by the new National Americanism Commission as composed of the sixty-eight patriotic organizations which met in Washington on June 14th of this year, in order to draft an authentic code of Flag etiquette. I may advise that the new location for the Flag is in direct harmony with the views expressed by Garland W. Powell, who is National Director of the Americanism Commission; a resident of Indianapolis, and with whom I have had conference relative to the matter.

4. That our Ritual and Ceremonies, Page 10, "The Pledge of Allegiance" be so amended as to read in words as follows:

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

This change also is in direct accord with the authentic code of Flag etiquette, as outlined by the National Americanism Commission, with headquarters in Indianapolis, Garland W. Powell, Director in Charge.

5. That the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary and the Daughters of Veterans in this Milwaukee Encampment be invited to appoint a Committee of three each, preferably Past National Presidents, whose duty it will be to meet with a like committee of three Past Commanders-in-Chief from our own Order "Sons of Veterans," in order that such combined Committees may consider the question of formulating plans and a procedure for the consolidation of these sister organizations.

This recommendation is made by the National Head of each of these bodies to its National Convention assembled, and we are advised that such consolidation meets with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, James W. Willett.

6. That Division and National Officers be elected and installed as at present, but that they begin their terms on the first day of the year following their election.

To facilitate the change, I would recommend that the Division Officers who were elected during the Spring and Summer

months of 1923 and the National Officers who are elected in Milwaukee serve until January 1, 1925.

As Camp Officers are elected and installed at the beginning of each year, it is clear that under the change suggested there would be but one set of officers, Camp, Division, and National, that would be chargeable with a loss or gain during the calendar year.

It is apparent that no set of Division Officers have the ability to get acquainted and co-operate with two sets of Camp Officers, and two sets of National Officers and, likewise, that no set of National Officers have the ability to know well and co-operate with two sets of Camp and Division Officers.

Under the proposed change National and Division Officers would have an opportunity to study the Sons of Veterans, to become familiar with its principles, and make plans for stabilizing and increasing its membership. There would be time for preliminary correspondence, district meetings and general good fellowship, and business and professional men could also take advantage of the interval to adjust their affairs so that their new duties would not involve any unnecessary sacrifice.

Fraternally yours,

FRANK SHELLHOUSE,
Commander-in-Chief.

GENERAL ORDERS

GENERAL ORDERS NO. X.

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

Office of Commander-in-Chief,
Spink-Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

October 1, 1922.

My Brothers:

The attendance at the Des Moines Encampment was larger than had been expected. The able leadership of Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland had inspired enthusiasm for our Order, and the announcement of an Officers' School of Instruction, to be held on the day preceding the opening of the Encampment, had attracted wide attention. If our entire membership could have attended this inspiring ceremony our numerical strength would grow enormously in the next thirty days. Each brother present would have resolved to bring one into our ranks, and not less than 100,000 recruits, of the highest quality, would be added to our number. This is my personal appreciation of the value of the school.

Upon being elected to an exalted office my emotions are somewhat similar to those experienced by an eminent man when he was inaugurated president of the United States. Moved by the solemnity of the occasion he reminded his audience that it was not a day of victory but a day of consecration. This is my own feeling. I have not been glorified, but have been asked to undertake a work of large importance. It is merely the beginning of something that must be accomplished. I am touched by the confidence of my friends and brothers which led to my election. I am going to try to make my work for the next year the happiest and most elevating of my life, and I ask for cooperation all along the line.

Camps and Divisions, you make up a great patriotic and fraternal organization of which we proudly boast. Have you confidence in the incoming officers? We believe in you and are depending upon you. We are confident that you are going to give us your heart, your soul and your strength.

To justify our faith in you send in an application at once, and write the undersigned a letter giving the name and address of the applicant. You will be promptly thanked and congratulated upon your success. The task assigned you for the following twelve months is to secure one new member and stimulate each member of your Camp to enlist a recruit. We ask, and we rely upon you to make good.

ENCAMPMENT ACTION BY COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF.

I. The following was enacted by the Forty-first Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Des Moines, Iowa, September 28, 1922, and same will govern accordingly:
The creation and appointment of a

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Ralph M. Grant, Chairman, Sage-Allen Bldg., Hartford, Conn.
Fred E. Bolton, City Hall, Boston, Mass.
John E. Sautter, 405 Hampton Ave., Wilkensburg, Pa.
Charles F. Sherman, 46 South Fourth Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
William T. Church, 108 South La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.

To this Committee was referred all recommendations and propositions pertaining to amendments to the Constitution and Regulations and Ritual, to report at the next Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Next (1923) Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief will be held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Per capita tax to the Commandery-in-Chief remains unchanged, thirty-two cents per annum, payable quarterly at the rate of eight cents on every member in good standing at the end of each quarter.

Past Commander-in-Chief F. T. F. Johnson, Division of Maryland, Washington, D. C., was appointed to secure all data and information relative to recommendation of Commander-in-Chief Ireland for the "location, financing and maintenance of a Sons of Veterans Memorial Building to the Grand Army of the Republic in Washington, D. C.," to report at the next Encampment.

Contract with The Banner as the official organ of the Order was renewed, effective from and on January 1, 1923.

All Camp Secretaries that have not supplied names and addresses of the members of their Camps will at once forward same to their Division Secretaries. Division Commanders and Secretaries will secure all lists of Camp members, with their addresses, not now receiving The Banner and forward same without delay to The Banner, Dwight, Ill. Every member of the Order is entitled to receive The Banner without cost every month. Failure to receive it is the fault and the neglect of Camp Secretary and Camp Commander.

A Committee on Organization was appointed comprising

Past Division Commander A. D. Rhinesmith, Illinois.

Past Division Commander Fred E. Upham, Massachusetts.

National Secretary H. H. Hammer, Reading, Pennsylvania.

This Committee will formulate plans and conduct an aggressive movement in organization work for the securing of new Camps, members and the retention of Camps and members. Its operations will be promptly promulgated.

The prize of a stand of colors offered by Commander-in-Chief Ireland to the Division making the largest proportionate gain during his term was awarded to the Division of Indiana.

ON THE ROLL OF HONOR.

II. Brother William J. A. Rooney, Division of New York,

secured for Camp No. 23, Brooklyn, seven members and his name was placed on the Roll of Honor therefor.

REPORTS AND PER CAPITA TAX.

III. Division Commanders will make every effort to secure promptly the reports—Forms 27 and 28, Camp Secretary and Camp Treasurer returns, for the quarter ending September 30th, with per capita tax for said quarter. They should see that no Camps are delinquent. Communicate with and urge all Camp Commanders to forward reports and tax at once. Division Commanders should keep in constant touch with their Camps and Camp Officers.

Camp Commanders will give their personal attention to the matter of having their quarterly reports with tax forwarded to Division Headquarters without delay.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS' REPORTS.

IV. Division Commanders will promulgate to all Camps Form 50—Camp Patriotic Instructors' Reports and take necessary action to have these returned to Division Patriotic Instructors *on the last meeting night in December*. Division Patriotic Instructors will give this their attention.

VETERANS' NIGHT.

V. All Camps will observe Veterans' Night, November 19th, commemorating the anniversary of the delivery of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Preparations should be started at once for this occasion. Patriotic Instructors with Camp Commanders will at once arrange therefor. Appropriate exercises should be planned. The members of the G. A. R. and Allied Orders should be guests and the program have a part for them. Every Camp at once prepare for this event and let it be a successful, patriotic outpouring throughout the Order.

By order of:

FRANK SHELLHOUSE,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. XI.

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

Office of Commander-in-Chief,
Spink-Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

November 1, 1922.

ROLL OF HONOR.

I. The Roll of Honor was a great inspiration to the membership during the year that is past, and will be continued as a feature of the year that is before us. It was conceived as a compliment to the workers and builders of our Order. Workers and builders are the foundation and without them there would

be no Camps, Divisions or Officials. A recognition of achievement is always an incentive to effort. It arouses a spirit of helpful competition and that is why we have medals, rewards and promotions for soldiers that do gallant deeds. Our Roll of Honor is a citation for splendid performances. It is our Cross of War and the first Brothers to deserve it in the new year are:

Wm. Tillinghast, Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y., 7 members.
 Wm. Funk, Woerner Camp 1, of Hoboken, N. J., 6 members.
 George T. Fuller, Camp 150, New Bedford, Mass., 5 members.
 Arthur C. Drew, Camp 150, New Bedford, Mass., 5 members.

Through their exertions these new members were initiated during the quarter which ended September 30th.

A private in the service of Napoleon behaved so heroically that he attracted the attention of his superiors, and Napoleon sent for and asked him what mention he desired. He pleaded for the cross of the Legion of Honor. His Commander suggested that he was rather young for such a decoration. "Sire," replied the soldier, "We do not live long in your armies."

In the campaigns that are waged by the Sons of Veterans there are no casualties and no artificial shortening of life. Anyone may safely strive for a decoration, and we hope the Roll of Honor will have many names upon it in the coming months.

ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

II. An Organization Committee consisting of Past Division Commander A. D. Rhinesmith, Peoria, Illinois; Past Division Commander F. E. Upham, Leominster, Massachusetts; and National Secretary H. H. Hammer, Reading, Pennsylvania, has been appointed. This committee is distinguished for ability, experience and achievements and inspires confidence at the very outset. These men will study out plans and methods for increasing our membership and "broadcast" them, as it were, by the first of January. Camps and Divisions should clean and oil their machinery in order to be ready for the big drive for membership, as soon as the printed matter is distributed. It has been estimated that three million of high-grade Americans are eligible to membership in the Sons of Veterans. Every member of our fraternity should prepare a list of eligibles for his personal use. Is there one member among us whose acquaintance is so slight that he does not know at least six persons who are not in our ranks, but are entitled to membership? Members don't grow on trees, yet the woods are full of them.

ELECTION OF CAMP OFFICERS.

III. Camp Officials for the ensuing year will soon be chosen. The Secretary and Treasurer are the most important Officers of a Camp. The Secretary should possess clerical ability, honesty and a desire to work. The Treasurer should possess tact, responsibility, honesty and some reputation for managing financial affairs efficiently; also one who will not be inclined to dodge work. Do not be content with mere honesty (any one can be honest) but elect men of real ability for these respective positions.

There is a saying to the effect that there is no use trying to fill a barrel at the bung if the spigot is left open. We cannot

all anything that is full of holes, and if we permit members to become delinquent in their dues and drop out, we are merely trying to hold water in a sieve. We must stop the leaks in our organization by collecting dues and holding the members we have. If you have a good Treasurer, keep him. If you haven't, get one for the first of the year.

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.

IV. The School of Instruction which was an innovation at the recent Encampment should become a permanent feature of our organization. It is regarded as necessary by modern business in nearly all of its forms. Salesmen for insurance companies, mercantile organizations, and the employes and officials of foundries, factories, railroads, etc., are now practically compelled to attend a school of some kind. We are living in a time, when education and training in our respective professions are necessary and almost universal. I would suggest that Division Commanders hold schools for the instruction and training of Camp Officers. These schools should be announced for the near future, or the mid-winter meetings which are held in most of our states. The proceedings of the Des Moines School of Instruction will soon be delivered and will undoubtedly be of great help and inspiration.

WE WANT MEMBERS.

V. There is a general feeling that our membership should be not less than 100,000. If the estimate that three million persons in America are eligible to membership in our fraternity is fair, it means that we are making use of less than three per cent of the material which is at hand. There is not a man in our organization who would admit that he could not influence one friend or acquaintance to join us, and if this ability were exerted our number would be doubled immediately. The last Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army was not altogether optimistic about our right to succeed the parent organization. He seemed to feel that the comparative smallness of our number would indicate some lack of zeal on our part. We should develop an evangelistic spirit at once, and set about strengthening our numbers. We need 100,000 members to-day. One new member by each one of the old members is the program for the coming year and each member must not only get his allotment but see that no one in his Camp fails to do likewise. The undersigned expects every Son of a Veteran to be fair in this matter by doing his full share.

VETERANS' NIGHT.

VI. Veterans' Night will be observed with appropriate exercises, on or about November 19th, in commemoration of the Gettysburg Address of Abraham Lincoln, and it will be made a part of the program. Every Camp is expected to observe this anniversary.

DES MOINES ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS.

VII. The Journal of the Proceedings of the Forty-first Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, at Des Moines, Iowa, will be promulgated to all Divisions, and Division Commanders will provide each Camp with one copy, as soon as possible.

REPORTS TO BE FORWARDED.

VIII. Division Commanders will supply each Camp with blank Forms 27 and 28 for the quarter ending December 31st, and secure same with per capita tax due DIVISIONS. Camp Commanders MUST see that these reports and tax are forwarded to Division Headquarters on the LAST MEETING night in December.

Division Commanders will also forward to ALL CAMPS at once Form 50—Camp Patriotic Instructor's Report.

This report Camp Commanders will have forwarded to Division Patriotic Instructor immediately after December 31st.

These reports must have prompt attention and be rendered without delay.

Compliance will avoid needless correspondence.

INSTALLATION OF CAMP OFFICERS.

IX. Camps should arrange for installation of Officers so that the occasion will be in the nature of a social or entertaining character. All members should be gotten to the meeting on this occasion. Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and affiliated Orders should be guests. It should be a meeting resulting in energetic efforts in the new term of officers for active service and successful results in the upbuilding of Camps, and securing of new members in the coming year.

New Officers of all Camps must be reported on the night of Installation by Installing Officers to Division Headquarters on Form 22.

This will have attention of Division Commanders without further instructions.

COMMISSIONS FOR COMMANDERS.

X. Upon receipt of Installing Officer's report, Form 22, Division Commanders will without delay issue a Commission--Form 33—to each Camp Commander.

NEW CAMPS.

XI. New Camps have been instituted and Charters issued thereto as follows:

Camp No.	Location and Division.	Date Ins't.	No. Char.	Mem.
20	Muncie, Indiana	August 14	45	
17	Keshena, Wisconsin	August 22	18	
53	New Albany, Pa.	September 27	31	

Application for Charter has been approved for Camp No. 29, Scio, Division of New York, with 19 applicants.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 1.

XII. Report of the National Secretary, for months of August, September, October, 1922, inc.:

Receipts—

September 28, 1922, to balance.....\$2476.02

Received for:

Per Capita Tax	\$133.60
Charter Fees	20.00
Supplies	437.69

Miscellaneous (refund, interest on bonds)	63.15	
Total Receipts		\$ 654.44
		<u>\$3130.46</u>
Expenditures—		
By General Expenses	\$907.41	
Office Expenses	61.49	
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses	10.11	
Total Expenditures		\$ 979.01
Balance, October 31, 1922		<u>\$2151.45</u>

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses—		
For Supplies	\$ 10.47	
The Banner, October Subscription	853.15	
Printing	2.75	
Shipping Supplies	13.54	
Bonds, National Officers	27.50	
		\$ 907.41
Office Expenses—		
For Postage, Stationery National Officers		\$ 61.49
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses—		
For Postage, Telegrams, Office, Express		\$ 10.11
Total Expenditures		<u>\$ 979.01</u>

By order of:

FRANK SHELLHOUSE,

Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. XII.

Headquarters,

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

Office of Commander-in-Chief,
Spink-Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

December 1, 1922.

I. In order to make easy our Organization Work, the territory now occupied by the Sons of Veterans, is hereby divided into three sections.

The following Divisions will constitute Section No. 1, which will be under the direction of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fred V. Bell, East Walpole, Massachusetts:

Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, New York, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Maryland.

Section No. 2 will consist of the following Divisions, and

will be under the direction of the Commander-in-Chief, Frank Shellhouse, Spink-Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana:

Alabama & Tennessee, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin.

Section No. 3 will consist of the following Divisions, and will be under the direction of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief C. Randall Bubb, 724 Puget Sound Bank Bldg., Tacoma, Washington:

California & Pacific, Washington & Oregon.

Both Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief are hereby instructed to vigorously take up by correspondence the organization work in their respective sections; offer their services to each Division in such section, and endeavor in every way possible to assist each Division to show a gain in membership during this coming year.

Brothers in these several sections are invited to become interested in the organization work and to communicate with the Commandery-in-Chief officer in direct charge of their section. This will enable each Commandery-in-Chief officer to give his attention to a smaller territory, thus making it more easy and practical than would otherwise be the case.

INSTALLATION OF CAMP OFFICERS.

II. Installation of Camp Officers will be reported to Division Headquarters ON THE NIGHT OF INSTALLATION by Installing Officers on Form 22. Division Commanders will give attention to the matter of securing a complete roster of the Officers of every Camp for Division Headquarters.

PASSWORD AND COUNTERSIGN.

III. Upon receipt of per capita tax and reports of Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers, for quarter ending December 31st, 1922, and Installing Officers' Reports, Division Commanders will immediately forward to Camp Commanders Form 0000. This new password and countersign January 1st - July 30th, 1923, can only be furnished a Camp complying with the Regulations. Camp Commanders will give same only to members in good standing December 31st, 1922.

COMMISSIONS FOR CAMP COMMANDERS.

IV. Division Commanders and Division Secretaries will issue to Camp Commanders, reported installed and receiving per capita tax and reports (Forms 27 and 28) for the quarter ending December 31st, 1922, from said Camps, a Commission—Form 33. Every Camp entitled thereto should receive same promptly from Division Headquarters.

APPLICATION FOR ANCESTORS' RECORDS.

V. Form 16, Application for Ancestor's Record of Service, should be forwarded direct to the Commander-in-Chief. Regiment and vessel of the Ancestor MUST ALWAYS be designated, otherwise no record of service can be obtained from the Departments at Washington. Camp and Division Commanders must govern themselves accordingly.

AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS.

VI. The Forty-first Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Des Moines, Iowa, 1922, amended the regulations as follows:

Add to Chapter 1, Article 1, Regulations, Page 9 of the Constitution and Regulations:

"Section 7. A Camp failing to pay per capita tax or neglecting to forward reports within the time specified by law, may be suspended by the Division Commander. Suspended Camps may be re-instated by forwarding reports and paying all arrearages of per capita tax."

This requires the payment of per capita tax to the Commandery-in-Chief, until A CAMP IS DROPPED, by a Division, and that a Camp to be re-instated MUST pay to a Division all arrearages or amount of tax due—if not dropped and to be in good standing—if not at any time delinquent.

Division Commanders, Secretaries and Treasurers will be governed accordingly.

CAMP PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS' REPORTS.

VII. Immediately AFTER December 31st, Camp Patriotic Instructors will promptly forward to their Division Patriotic Instructors Form 50—report of Patriotic Instructor.

Division Commanders and Division Patriotic Instructors should make every effort to have these reports without delay. They are due after December 31st.

Camp Commanders will see to it that this report is given personal attention to be forwarded.

DECEMBER QUARTERLY REPORTS AND TAX.

VIII. Division Commanders will without delay supply all Camps with Forms 27 and 28—Camp Secretary and Camp Treasurer's Reports for the quarter ending December 31st, 1922.

Camp Commanders, Secretaries and Treasurers will give the matter of forwarding these reports ON THE LAST MEETING NIGHT IN DECEMBER to Division Headquarters WITH PER CAPITA TAX their attention.

Compliance will be the receipt of the new password and countersign for members and the dispatch of business.

NEW CAMPS.

IX. Camp No. 67, Eureka Springs, Arkansas, Division of Missouri, was instituted August 27th, with 20 members.

Camp No. 29, Scio, Division of New York, was instituted November 3rd, with 19 members.

Charters have been issued to these Camps.

CAMPS DISBANDED, DROPPED.

X. Charters of the following Camps, Disbanded and Dropped, are hereby revoked, and record in Division Headquarters will be made accordingly:

Indiana—Disbanded: Camp No. 138, Portland, with 10 members; Camp No. 296, Rockport, with 25 members.

Michigan—Disbanded: Camp No. 179, Tecumseh, with 14 members.

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED RE:

Division.	In Good Standing June 30, 1922.		GAIN						Total Gain.		Aggregate.		By Disbanded. By Death.		
			By Organization and Initiation.		By Transfer.		By Reinstatement.								
			Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members								Camps	Members
Alabama & Tennessee	10	223	1	23	...	...	...	1	23	11	246	...	...	...
California & Pacific..	28	1227	2	52	2	...	...	2	54	30	1281	...	...	1
Connecticut	41	2447	...	8	1	...	...	...	9	41	2456	...	...	...
Illinois	54	2355	...	8	...	...	1	...	9	54	2364	...	...	5
Indiana	28	2150	1	90	...	...	...	1	90	29	2240	2	35	3
Iowa	22	942	...	3	...	...	...	...	9	22	951	...	...	1
Kansas	29	856	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	856	...	...	...
Maine	41	2026	...	19	1	...	3	...	23	41	2049	...	...	4
Maryland	11	604	...	19	...	...	...	...	19	11	623	...	...	1
Massachusetts	146	9002	...	63	4	...	...	...	67	146	9069	...	...	13
Michigan	22	861	...	4	...	...	1	...	5	22	866	1	14	2
Minnesota	13	421	...	4	...	1	37	1	41	14	464	...	...	1
Missouri	14	649	...	7	1	...	1	...	9	14	658	...	...	...
Nebraska	20	664	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	20	666	...	...	...
New Hampshire	35	1137	...	5	1	...	2	...	8	35	1145	1	12	1	
New Jersey	28	1679	...	16	...	...	...	...	16	28	1695	...	...	6
New York	112	4926	...	73	...	...	10	...	83	112	5009	...	17	3
Ohio	92	4279	...	28	1	...	4	...	33	92	4312	...	...	7
Pennsylvania	171	13495	1	175	49	...	...	1	224	172	13719	6	70	14
Rhode Island	13	460	...	4	...	...	1	...	5	13	465	...	...	...
Vermont	39	1237	...	12	...	...	...	...	12	39	1249	...	...	5
Washington	17	760	...	42	...	...	...	...	42	17	802	...	...	...
Wisconsin	32	1149	1	26	...	...	2	...	28	33	1177	...	...	3
Total	1018	53549	6	189	60	1	62	7	811	1025	54360	10	148	74	

* On Account. ** No Reports.

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED REPORTS, QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1922

Division.	In Good Standing June 30, 1922.		GAIN				Total Gain.		Aggregate		LOSS						Total Loss.		In Good Standing September 30, 1922.		Amount Received for Per Capita Tax.	Cash on Hand at Division Head- quarters.	Cash on Hand in Camps.	Expended in Charity as Per Treasurer's Reports.	No. Members or Their Families Relieved.	No. Veterans or Their Families Relieved.			
			By Organization and Initiation.		By Reinstatement.						By Disbanded.		By Death.		By Transfer.												By Dropped.		By Dishon. Disch.
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members						
Alabama & Tennessee	10	223	1	23	...	...	1	23	11	246	...	...	...	...	16	...	...	16	11	230	\$ 18.40	\$ 10.61	\$ 100.00	...	...	...	...
California & Pacific..	28	1227	2	52	2	...	2	54	30	1281	...	...	1	...	13	...	...	19	30	1262	100.96	80.51	597.15	...	...	...	...
Connecticut	41	2447	...	8	1	...	...	9	41	2456	...	...	4	3	1	...	...	25	41	2431	194.48	130.13	2355.43	13.00	...	...	...
Illinois	54	2355	...	8	...	...	1	9	54	2364	...	...	5	4	...	...	...	78	54	2286	182.88	205.26	3664.62	6.50	...	...	...
Indiana	28	2150	1	90	...	...	1	90	29	2240	...	2	35	8	...	...	...	83	27	2151	172.56	173.46	2603.46	337.00	17	8	...
Iowa	22	942	...	9	...	...	...	9	22	951	...	...	1	...	62	...	...	63	22	888	71.04	309.81	168.96	...	...	...	...
Kansas	29	856	...	...	...	...	...	29	29	856	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	856	68.48	662.48	...	...	...	...	...
Maine	41	2026	...	19	1	...	3	23	41	2049	...	...	4	...	54	...	...	58	41	1991	159.28	307.37	2088.85	...	...	...	...
Maryland	11	604	...	19	...	...	...	19	11	623	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	8	11	615	49.20	78.28	1003.25	141.75	...	...	...
Massachusetts	146	9002	...	63	4	...	...	67	146	9069	...	...	13	10	11	...	...	132	146	8937	714.96	545.31	19035.58	334.28	17	15	...
Michigan	22	861	...	4	...	...	1	5	22	866	1	14	2	...	1	...	...	44	21	822	65.76	93.07	623.76	4.00	1	...	...
Minnesota	13	421	...	4	1	37	1	41	14	464	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	33	14	429	39.32	1.31	292.92	5.00	...	...	...
Missouri	14	649	...	7	1	...	1	9	14	658	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	57	14	601	48.08	265.81	438.33	...	...	...	...
Nebraska	20	664	...	2	2	20	666	1	22	...	1	22	19	644	51.52	269.89	66.23	
New Hampshire	35	1137	...	5	1	...	2	8	35	1145	1	12	1	...	6	1	19	34	1126	90.08	291.52	1115.67	
New Jersey	28	1679	...	16	...	...	...	16	28	1695	...	...	6	...	19	...	...	25	28	1670	133.60	239.23	3813.92	826.25	1	...	...
New York	112	4926	...	73	...	10	...	83	112	5009	...	17	2	...	33	...	...	53	112	4956	396.48	796.97	9686.44	185.72	...	...	...
Ohio	92	4279	...	28	1	...	4	33	92	4312	7	6	4	147	...	4	160	88	4152	332.16	243.78	2003.45	18.78	
Pennsylvania	171	13495	1	175	49	...	1	224	172	13719	6	70	14	1	49	6	196	166	13523	1081.84	3108.98	69962.79	3696.73	111	60	...	
Rhode Island	13	460	...	4	...	...	1	5	13	465	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	7	13	458	36.64	64.14	788.56	11.50	3	1	...
Vermont	39	1237	...	12	...	...	...	12	39	1249	...	...	5	5	...	...	...	19	39	1230	98.40	221.80	654.05	...	...	...	...
Washington	17	760	...	42	...	...	...	42	17	802	...	...	2	...	8	...	...	10	17	792	63.36	...	366.01	24.00	...	...	...
Wisconsin	32	1149	1	26	...	2	...	28	33	1177	...	...	3	2	2	...	...	69	33	1108	*70.00	**	**	**	...	...	...
Total	1018	53549	6	189	60	1	62	7	811	1025	54360	10	148	74	37	82	5	854	1	15	1196	1010	53164	\$4239.48	\$8099.73	\$121429.43	\$5604.51	150	86

* On Account. ** No Reports.

Nebraska—Dropped: Camp No. 78, Harvard, with 17 members.

New Hampshire — Disbanded: Camp No. 16, Lyndeboro, with 12 members.

Ohio—Dropped: Camp No. 4, Hamfield, with 27 members; Camp No. 29, Lebanon, with 20 members; Camp No. 143, Sandusky, with 10 members; Camp No. 153, Geneva, with 28 members.

Pennsylvania—Disbanded: Camp No. 31, Brookville, with 18 members; Camp No. 64, Johnsonburg, with 10 members; Camp No. 75, Towanda, with 10 members; Camp No. 93, Factoryville, with 10 members; Camp No. 189, Glenwood, with 10 members; Camp No. 202, Plymouth, with 10 members.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 2.

XI. Report of the National Secretary for month of November, 1922:

Receipts—

October 31, 1922, to balance.....	\$2151.45
Received for Per Capita Tax.....	\$4105.88
Charter Fees	5.00
Supplies	451.79
Total Receipts	<u>\$4562.67</u>
	\$6714.12

Expenditures—

By General Expenses	\$1706.30
Office Expenses	26.27
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses	329.97
Total Expenditures	<u>\$2062.54</u>
Balance, November 30, 1922.....	\$4651.58

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses—

Stock	\$ 5.19
The Banner, November, 1922, subscription....	859.90
Salary	825.00
Shipping supplies	16.21
	<u>\$1706.30</u>

Office Expenses—

Postage, Stationery, Express, Telegrams.....	\$ 26.27
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses—	
Telegrams, Traveling	\$ 329.97
Total Expenditures	<u>\$2062.54</u>

By order of:

FRANK SHELLHOUSE,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. I.

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

Office of Commander-in-Chief,
 Spink-Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

January 1, 1923.

CAMP PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS' REPORTS.

I. Camp Patriotic Instructors will forward AT ONCE Form 50—direct to Division Patriotic Instructors. Camp Commanders will give this their immediate attention.

Division Patriotic Instructors will without delay forward their reports—Form 51—to National Patriotic Instructor Rev. E. S. Shumaker, 706 State Life Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

COMMANDERS' COMMISSIONS.

II. Upon receipt of Form 22, Installing Officers' Reports, Division Commanders and Division Secretaries will forward without delay, Form 33—to each Camp Commander. This is a Commission which every Commander should have promptly.

PER CAPITA TAX AND REPORTS.

III. Every Camp Commander will see that the reports of his Camp Secretary and Camp Treasurer, with per capita tax, for the quarter ending December 31st, 1922, are sent at once to Division Headquarters. These reports must not be delayed any longer.

Upon receipt of said reports and per capita tax Division Commanders will immediately forward to proper Camp Officer Form 0000—new password and countersign, effective January 1st, 1923.

BANNER MAILING LISTS.

IV. A number of Camps are still delinquent in forwarding lists of their members—due to neglect of Camp Secretaries supplying same. Commanders of Camps the members of which are not receiving "The Banner," should promptly have the Camp Secretaries forward such lists of members to their respective Division Headquarters.

Upon receipt of these lists Division Secretaries will, without delay, forward same direct to "The Banner, Dwight, Illinois."

Every member of the Order is entitled to have and receive The Banner every month without cost to him. Camps failing to supply names of their members who should receive this publication are doing their members an injustice and not furnishing them with what they are entitled to have as members.

NEW CAMPS.

V. Application for charter for new Camp was approved December 6th, 1922 for Camp No. 180, at Uniontown, Division of Pennsylvania, with 22 applicants.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 3.

VI. Report of the National Secretary for the month of December, 1922:

Receipts--	
November 30, 1922, to balance	\$4651.58
Received for Per Capita Tax (balance).....	\$ 18.64
Charter Fees	5.00
Supplies	326.78
Total Receipts	\$ 350.42
	\$5002.00
Expenditures—	
Gy General Expenses	\$1003.44
Office Expenses	188.56
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses	156.67
Total Expenditures	\$1348.67
December 31, 1922, balance	\$3653.33

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses—	
For Stock	\$ 14.54
The Banner, December, 1922, subscription..	855.45
Printing	27.23
Shipping Supplies	890
Organization Committee	97.32
	\$1003.44
Office Expenses—	
For Postage, Telegrams, Rent (January-March, 1923, inc.)	\$ 188.56
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses—	
For Postage, Telegrams, Traveling	\$ 156.67
Total Expenditures	\$1348.67

By order of:

FRANK SHELLHOUSE,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. II.

Headquarters,
COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.Office of Commander-in-Chief,
Spink-Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

February 1, 1923.

UNION DEFENDERS' DAY.

I. Union Defenders' Day, celebrated on Lincoln's Birthday
anniversary, February 12th, in honor of the Soldiers, Sailors

and Marines who constituted the Union Army and Navy during the War of the Rebellion, 1861-'65, will be observed by all Camps with special exercises of a patriotic and instructive character.

The lessons of patriotism should be deeply impressed and opportunity should be taken on this occasion to inspire in all a greater love of Country, a higher appreciation of our Government and a determination for adherence to law and respect for our Flag.

This event is in honor of the services and sacrifices of the Union Veterans who preserved the Nation. Their memory should be honored and tribute paid them. They should be guests on this occasion.

All Camps will pay tribute to the memory of Abraham Lincoln. His great Gettysburg Address will be a feature of all exercises and Camp Patriotic Instructors and Commanders will see that same is a part of the program in all Camps.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS' REPORTS.

II. Camp Commanders and Camp Patriotic Instructors are again directed to forward Form 50—Camp Patriotic Instructors' Reports—AT ONCE to their Division Patriotic Instructors. Division Commanders will take such action as will secure these reports without delay.

PER CAPITA TAX AND REPORTS.

III. Division Commanders will issue to all Camp Commanders Forms 27 and 28—Camp Secretary and Camp Treasurer Report Blanks—for the quarter ending March 31st, at once. Every effort should be made, and it is directed, that these reports and per capita tax for the said quarter be forwarded on the LAST MEETING NIGHT IN MARCH by all Camps to Division Headquarters.

FORTY-SECOND ENCAMPMENT.

IV. Preliminary arrangements are under way for the Forty-second Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, to be held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at the same time as the Grand Army of the Republic and Allied Orders Encampments.

This has been fixed for the week of September 2nd. The Plankinton Hotel will be Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters. Rates and other details will be announced in due course.

DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS.

V. Division Commanders will promptly advise of the date and place of their Division Encampments. This should have immediate attention.

Encampments announced are:

- Massachusetts at Boston, April 10-11.
- Connecticut at New Haven, April 18-19.
- Illinois at Peoria, June 19-21.
- New Jersey at Atlantic City, June 21-22.
- Ohio at Columbus, June 26-28.

NEW CAMP OFFICERS.

VI. The Ritual should be discarded and all officers should

commit their respective parts to memory. This will add greatly to the impressiveness of all the ceremonies and create a more favorable effect.

COMMANDERS' COMMISSIONS.

VII. All Camp Commanders should have a Commission from Division Commanders attested by Division Secretaries. This will be given attention by Division Officers.

ANCESTOR'S RECORDS.

VIII. Form 16, Request for record of Ancestor's service in the Army or Navy, should be forwarded direct to the Commander-in-Chief. Complying with this will expedite securing of same.

Requests for such records must always specify regiment or vessel on which Ancestor served; otherwise officials of the War and Navy Departments can give the matter no attention.

Observe this in future.

NEW CAMPS.

IX. Since last announcement Camps were instituted and charters issued thereto as follows:

No.	Location and Division.	Date	No. Mem.
64	Mount Gilead, Ohio	April 27, 1922	33
68	Belle Plaine, Iowa	January 10	18

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 4.

X. Report of the National Secretary for month of January, 1923:

Receipts—

December 31, 1922, to balance	\$3653.33
Received for Per Capita Tax	\$ 283.92
Charter Fees	10.00
Supplies	483.03

Total Receipts \$ 776.95

\$4430.28

Expenditures—

By General Expenses	\$2481.58
Office Expenses	40.00
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses	79.60

Total Expenditures \$2601.18

Balance, January 31, 1923 \$1829.10

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses—

For Stock	\$585.28
The Banner, subscription, January, 1923	939.95
Encampment (Journal Proceedings, Forty-first, 1922, and shipping)	771.64
Printing	3.50

Shipping Supplies	11.20
Organization Committee	170.01
	\$2481.58
Office Expenses—	
For Postage, Telegrams, Stationery, Express.....	\$ 40.00
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses—	
For Telegrams, Traveling, Office	\$ 79.60
Total Expenditures	\$2601.18

By order of:

FRANK SHELLHOUSE,

Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. III.

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

Office of Commander-in-Chief,
Spink-Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

March 1st, 1923.

APRIL EVENTS—PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS.

I. Camp Patriotic Instructors are reminded that Appomattox Day and Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's Birthday anniversary, April 9th and 27th, respectively, are occasions which should be opportunities for Camps to observe and have appropriate exercises and of interest to members. Preparations should at once be arranged for Camp affairs suitable to the occasion.

DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS.

II. Immediately after installation of Division Officers, Form 49 (in duplicate) will be forwarded to the National Secretary by Division Commanders and Division Secretaries.

Dates and places of Division Encampments will be reported without delay to Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters.

Announced:

April—Connecticut at New Haven, April 18-19.

Massachusetts at Boston, April 10-11.

New Hampshire at Concord, April 12-13.

May—Indiana at Muncie, May 15-17.

New York at Buffalo, May 22-24.

June—Illinois at Peoria, June 19-21.

Maine at Augusta, June 13-14.

New Jersey at Atlantic City, June 21-22.

Ohio at Columbus, June 26-28.

Pennsylvania at Greensburg, June 5-7.

Washington & Oregon at Spokane, June 26-28.

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT

Division	No. Camps in Good Standing at Last Report.		GAIN								Aggregate.		By Disbanded.	
	Camps	Members	By Muster In.		By Transfer.	By Reinstatement.		Total Gain.		Camps	Members	Camps	Members	
			Camps	Members		Camps	Members	Camps	Members					
Alabama & Tennessee	11	230	...	6	1	...	...	...	6	11	236	...	...
California	30	1262	...	7	1	...	3	...	11	30	1273	...	...
Connecticut	41	2431	...	37	1	...	...	...	38	41	2469	...	...
Illinois	54	2286	...	28	...	...	1	...	29	54	2315	...	...
Indiana	27	2157	...	48	...	1	10	1	58	28	2215	...	...
Iowa	22	888	...	45	...	...	...	...	45	22	933	2	75
Kansas	29	856	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	856	...	...
Maine	41	1991	...	80	1	...	5	...	86	41	2077	...	...
Maryland	11	615	...	19	...	...	1	...	20	11	635	...	...
Massachusetts	146	8937	...	219	5	...	...	...	224	146	9161	...	...
Michigan	21	822	...	15	...	...	...	...	15	21	837	...	...
Minnesota	14	429	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	14	431	...	...
Missouri	14	601	1	40	...	...	...	1	40	15	641	...	...
Nebraska	19	644	...	5	...	...	3	...	8	19	652	...	...
New Hampshire	34	1126	...	15	1	...	...	...	16	34	1142	...	...
New Jersey	28	1670	...	37	19	...	10	...	66	28	1736	1	20	
New York	112	4956	1	125	4	1	14	2	143	114	5099	2	33	
Ohio	88	4152	1	86	6	...	...	1	92	89	4244	...	...
Pennsylvania	166	13523	...	197	11	...	...	...	208	166	13731	...	...
Rhode Island	13	458	...	20	...	...	...	...	20	13	478	...	...
Vermont	39	1230	...	17	...	...	1	...	18	39	1248	...	...
Washington	17	792	...	41	...	...	2	...	43	17	835	...	...
Wisconsin	33	1108	...	7	...	...	5	...	12	33	1120	1	20
Total	1010	53164	3	1096	49	21	55	5	1200	1015	54364	6	148	

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED REPORTS FOR QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1922.

Division	No. Camps in Good Standing at Last Report.		GAIN						Aggregate.		LOSS							No. in Good Standing.		Amount Received for Per Capita Tax	Cash on Hand at Division Headquarters.	Cash on Hand in Camps.	Expended for Relief.	No. Relieved or Their Families.									
			By Muster In.		By Transfer.	By Reinstatement.		Total Gain.			By Disbanded.	By Death.	Honorable Discharge.	By Transfer.	By Dishon. Disch.	By Dropped.	Total Loss.																
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members		Members	Camps		Members	Camps								Members	Camps	Members	Members	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members				
Alabama & Tennessee	11	230	6	...	...	...	6	11	236	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	3	11	233	18.64	1.00	100.00	...	...	...	...	...	...
California	30	1262	7	1	...	3	11	30	1273	...	...	1	4	1	...	25	...	31	30	1242	99.36	279.51	316.73	49.47	10	...	...	...	...
Connecticut	41	2431	37	1	...	...	33	41	2469	...	...	7	2	5	...	49	...	63	41	2406	192.48	133.17	2249.55	45.00	...	...	...	...	...
Illinois	54	2286	28	...	...	1	29	54	2315	...	...	2	...	...	...	87	2	89	52	2226	178.08	195.80	3621.99	23.75	...	...	...	...	...
Indiana	27	2157	48	...	1	10	58	27	2215	...	...	...	44	...	...	11	...	58	28	2151	173.36	166.94	1642.11	606.50	18	...	...	...	...	...
Iowa	22	888	45	...	...	...	45	22	933	2	75	2	...	...	...	16	2	93	20	840	67.20	419.26	230.61	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kansas	29	856	...	...	...	...	29	29	856	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	29	856	68.48	638.09	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Maine	41	1991	80	1	...	5	86	41	2077	...	...	7	...	1	...	26	...	34	41	2043	163.44	305.03	2230.91	17.25	...	...	...	...	...	...
Maryland	11	615	19	...	...	1	20	11	635	...	...	2	...	...	...	18	...	20	11	615	49.20	175.22	865.30	647.25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Massachusetts	146	8937	219	5	...	...	224	146	9161	...	...	26	24	3	...	109	...	162	146	8999	719.92	1097.66	20013.80	693.21	24	13	...	...	...	...	...
Michigan	21	822	15	...	...	...	15	21	837	...	...	2	1	...	...	20	...	23	21	814	65.12	113.50	629.75	23.85	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Minnesota	14	429	2	...	...	...	2	14	431	...	...	3	...	...	...	14	...	17	14	414	33.12	48.60	284.35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Missouri	14	601	1	40	...	...	40	14	641	...	...	1	...	...	...	10	...	11	14	630	50.40	375.57	475.26	12.50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nebraska	19	644	5	...	...	3	8	19	652	...	...	1	...	...	...	52	...	53	19	599	47.92	214.59	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
New Hampshire	34	1126	15	1	...	...	16	34	1142	...	...	3	1	1	...	8	...	13	34	1129	90.32	248.29	1039.41	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
New Jersey	28	1670	37	19	...	10	66	28	1736	1	20	4	1	...	...	19	1	44	27	1692	135.36	334.10	4124.36	366.70	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
New York	112	4956	1	125	4	1	14	2	143	114	5099	2	33	15	18	1	...	3	123	5	190	109	4909	397.72	1135.86	7481.31	267.65	7	15
Ohio	88	4152	1	86	6	...	1	92	89	4244	...	...	10	2	2	...	...	77	...	91	89	4153	332.24	330.79	3107.83	101.50	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pennsylvania	166	13523	197	11	...	...	208	166	13731	...	...	23	3	13	...	463	...	502	166	13229	1053.32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rhode Island	13	458	20	...	...	...	20	13	478	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	3	13	475	38.00	95.42	765.05	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vermont	39	1230	17	...	...	1	18	39	1248	...	...	1	1	...	...	26	...	28	39	1220	97.60	260.19	1009.27	35.40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Washington	17	792	41	...	...	...	43	17	835	...	...	3	2	...	...	11	...	16	17	819	38.95	406.42	94.20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wisconsin	33	1108	7	...	...	5	12	33	1120	1	20	3	3	...	...	6	113	7	139	26	981	78.48	60.46	470.80	10.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	1010	53164	3	1096	49	2	55	5	1200	1015	54864	4	148	119	109	27	1	11	1279	17	1683	998	52681	\$4193.71	\$7075.47	\$50642.59	\$2900.03	59	28

DIVISION COMMANDER'S BOND.

III. Within thirty days after a Division Encampment, all Division Commanders must forward a bond to the Commander-in-Chief.

This must be a surety company bond in the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars and made to:

"Frank Shellhouse,

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

This must have personal and immediate attention by all newly elected Division Commanders.

REPORTS AND TAX MARCH QUARTER.

IV. Division Commanders will at once forward to all Camps Forms 27 and 28 for the quarter ending March 31st. These reports Camp Commanders, Camp Secretaries, and Camp Treasurers will forward to Division Headquarters on the *last meeting night in the quarter—in March*, with per capita tax. This must have personal attention and be positively observed by the Camp Officers designated. There must be no delay.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S REPORTS.

V. Division Patriotic Instructors will without further notice forward to National Patriotic Instructor, Rev. Dr. E. S. Shumaker, 706 State Life Building, Indianapolis, Division Patriotic Instructor's Report, Form 51. Division Commanders will see that this is complied with at once.

Camp Patriotic Instructors that have not forwarded their reports (Form 50) to their Division Patriotic Instructors will do so at once. Camp Commanders will see that this Camp report is forwarded at once.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENT.

VI. Hotel Plankinton, Milwaukee, has been assigned to the Sons of Veterans and Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, for Headquarters during the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment, to be held week of September 2nd, 1923.

Rates and details will be announced in future orders.

Reservations for rooms must be made direct to the "Plankinton Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin."

SERVICE TO BE PAID.

VII. TWO THOUSAND (\$2,000.00) DOLLARS will be paid to the Four Hundred (400) Members throughout the Order who procure the greatest or highest number of NEW MEMBERS IN and FOR the Camp to which they belong. The individual payments for this service will be in proportion to the number of members obtained by each one of the 400.

The Period.

The period during which this service will be operative and in effect, will be from January 1st to September 30th, 1923, inclusive.

To Be Reported.

Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries first of each

month must report the names and addresses of members securing the new members, and the number secured by each. All communications incident thereto must be direct to

FRANK SHELLHOUSE, Commander-in-Chief,
Spink-Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

APPLICATIONS FOR ANCESTOR'S RECORDS.

VIII. Attention is again called to the fact that if records of Ancestors are desired, they must be forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief, on Form 16, and in all instances the Regiment, Vessel or Ship must be stated, otherwise records cannot be obtained.

NEW CAMP.

IX. Application for Charter for Camp at Corydon, Division of Iowa, was approved, February 3, with 27 applicants.

CAMP CHARTERS REVOKED.

X. Camps Disbanded, and Dropped, have had their Charters revoked as follows, and record at Division Headquarters will be made accordingly:

Illinois—Dropped: Camp No. 92, Savanna, with 17 members; Camp No. 315, Rock Island, with 40 members.

Iowa—Disbanded: Camp No. 156, Hazleton, with 23 members; Camp No. 157, Grant, with 52 members.

New Jersey—Disbanded: Camp No. 41, New Brunswick, with 20 members.

New York—Camp No. 31, New York Mills, Dropped, with 10 members; Camp No. 72, Dansville, Disbanded, with 18 members; Camp No. 85, Buffalo, Dropped, with 10 members; Camp No. 142, Rockland, Disbanded, with 15 members; Camp No. 204, Otego, Dropped, with 14 members.

Pennsylvania—Disbanded: Camp No. 143, Marysville, with 11 members.

Wisconsin—Camp No. 26, Neenah-Menasha, Dropped, with 5 members; Camp No. 27, Kiel, Disbanded, with 20 members; Camp No. 28, Milton, Dropped, with 11 members; Camp No. 32, LeRoy, Dropped, with 27 members; Camp No. 39, Ellsworth, Dropped, with 16 members; Camp No. 40, Brodhead, Dropped, with 14 members; Camp No. 78, East Troy, Dropped, with 10 members.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 5.

XI. Report of the National Secretary for month of February, 1923:

Receipts—

January 31, 1923, to balance	\$1829.10
Received for Per Capita Tax	\$3936.42
Charter Fees	5.00
Supplies	290.80
Junior Order—Supplies .....	.40
Total Receipts	\$4232.62
	\$6061.72

Expenditures—	
By General Expenses	\$1589.23
Office Expenses	24.60
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses	232.75
Total Expenditures	<u>\$1846.58</u>
Balance, February 28, 1923	\$4215.14

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses—	
For Stock	\$428.95
The Banner, subscription, February, 1923.....	937.10
Shipping Supplies	13.85
Organization Committee	209.33
	<u>\$1589.23</u>
Office Expenses—	
For Postage, Express, Stationery National Officers.....	\$ 24.60
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses—	
For Telegrams, Traveling, Stenographer.....	\$ 232.75
Total Expenditures	<u>\$1846.58</u>

By order of:

FRANK SHELLHOUSE,

Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. IV.

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

Office of Commander-in-Chief,
Spink-Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

April 1st, 1923.

IN MEMORIAM.

I. Another active and well known former National Officer has passed away. It is a sad duty to announce the death of Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fred W. Spear at his home in Bennington, Vermont, March 4th, last.

Division and Camp Charters will be draped for a period of thirty days in memory of the deceased.

He was one of the leading members of the Division of Vermont for many years. He served the Division as Commander, 1902-'3; Division Council 1903-'04; and Secretary-Treasurer 1911-'12.

For many years he was a member of Camp No. 9, Bennington, having served in the various offices, was a Past Camp Commander and at the time of his death was Secretary-Treasurer,

MEMORIAL DAY.

II. Camp Commanders should take up arrangements for the observance of Memorial Day, May 30th. Never as this year should preparations and services have attention. Committees should be at work. Camp Chaplains and Camp Patriotic Instructors have a very important duty before them. Every Camp should be prepared for the duties of the day.

BOND OF DIVISION COMMANDER.

III. Immediately after installation at Division Encampments of Division Commander, he should secure a surety company bond in the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000) dollars made to read to:

"Frank Shellhouse,
Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

This bond MUST BE FILED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS after installation of a Division Commander.

FORM 49.

IV. Form 49—Certificates of Election and Installation of Division Officers, must be forwarded to the National Secretary in duplicate immediately after a Division Encampment.

Names and addresses IN FULL must be legibly written. Division Commanders will give this personal attention.

DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS.

V. In addition to Division Encampments announced and held in April the following are given:

- April—Connecticut at New Haven, April 18-19.
- Rhode Island at Providence, April 17.
- May—California & Pacific at Modesto, May 14-19.
- Indiana at Muncie, May 15-17.
- New York at Buffalo, May 22-24.
- June—Illinois at Peoria, June 19-21.
- Maine at Augusta, June 13-14.
- New Jersey at Atlantic City, June 21-22.
- Ohio at Columbus, June 26-28.
- Pennsylvania at Greensburg, June 5-7.
- Washington & Oregon at Spokane, June 26-28.

ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE WORK.

VI. The Committee on Organization, appointed at the Des Moines Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, 1922, is at work. Splendid literature in the nature of interesting and valuable pamphlets are being circulated to the Camps, members and throughout the Order.

These pamphlets are most helpful in upbuilding Camps, securing new members, bringing the Order into publicity and properly placing it in every community.

Attention is directed thereto and all connected therewith will have such action as is set forth and planned and suggested by the Chairman, Arthur D. Rhinesmith, Board of Trade Building, Peoria, Illinois, Fred E. Upham 137 Central Street, Leominster, Mass., and the National Secretary.

These presentations should have serious consideration and prompt application.

ATTENTION SONS OF VETERANS!

VI. \$2,000.00 — TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS — \$2,000.00.
Every Member Invited and Solicited—No Restriction—All to Participate Who Will. A Call for Patriotic Service to Every Member in Each Camp—Respond!

The Service.

TWO THOUSAND (\$2,000.00) DOLLARS will be paid to the Four Hundred (400) Members throughout the Order who procure the greatest or highest number of NEW MEMBERS IN and FOR the Camp to which they belong. The individual payments for this service will be in proportion to the number of members obtained by each one of the 400.

The Period.

The period during which this service will be operative and in effect, will be from January 1st to September 30th, 1923, inclusive.

To Be Reported.

Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries first of each month must report the names and addresses of Members securing the new members, and the number secured by each. All communications incident thereto must be direct to Frank Shellhouse, Commander-in-Chief, Spink-Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

NEW CAMPS.

VII. Applications for Charters for new Camps have been approved as follows:

Date	No. Camp	Location and Division.	No. Applets.
March 5	83	Ipswich, Massachusetts	19
March 14	19	Modesto, California & Pacific	24
March 20	..	Danville, Pennsylvania	18

Camps have been instituted and Charters issued thereto as follows:

No. Camp	Location and Division.	Date Inst'ed	No. Mem.
180	Uniontown, Pennsylvania	Dec. 13, 1922	47
19	Modesto, California & Pacific	Jan. 23	24

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 6.

VIII. Report of the National Secretary for month of March, 1923:

Receipts—

February 28, 1923, to balance.....		\$4215.14
Received for Charter Fees	\$ 15.00	
Supplies	350.10	
Miscellaneous, Interest on Bonds, etc.....	53.60	
Total Receipts		\$ 418.70
		\$4633.84

Expenditures—	
By General Expenses	\$2907.65
Office Expenses	290.68
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses	690.90
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Total Expenditures	\$3889.23
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Balance, March 31, 1923	\$ 744.61

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses—	
For Stock	\$ 550.41
The Banner, subscription, March, 1923.....	941.36
Shipping Supplies	9.95
Salary	825.00
Officers, except Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary-Treasurer	13.80
Committee on Organization	567.13
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	\$2907.65
Office Expenses—	
For Postage, Telegrams, Express, Stationery (stock)	
National Officers, Rent April-June, inc.	\$ 290.68
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses—	
For Traveling	\$ 690.90
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Total Expenditures	\$3889.23

By order of:

FRANK SHELLHOUSE,

Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. V.

Headquarters,
COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.Office of Commander-in-Chief,
Spink-Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

May 1st, 1923.

MEMORIAL DAY.

I. Memorial Day. Every Brother his duty, and every Camp its part.

Once more the season for remembering with reverent and affectionate duty our service to the heroic departed of the Union Army and Navy of the days of 1861-'65. Once again ours to wend our way to the last resting places of those who preserved our Nation. Again ours to respond to the beautiful ceremony of strewing with flowers the mounds of the Boys in Blue of 1861-'65, who have responded to the long roll.

Every Camp and every member of the Sons of Veterans knows the privilege we have and appreciating it on Memorial Day will be in line for the ceremonies incident to the sacred occasion.

Camps will attend Divine services in a body on Sunday preceding Memorial Day. The officers will arrange for proper services incident to the day.

Camps will turn out in a body on Memorial Day and observe the ceremonies prescribed by the Ritual.

Services will be tendered and assistance rendered to all Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, in the decorating of graves, the arrangements incident to the occasion, and in every manner possible, take such part and perform such necessary duties as may devolve upon Camps.

Camp Chaplains will IMMEDIATELY after the ceremonies on Memorial Day forward their reports—Form 44—to their Division Chaplains.

Division Commanders will give the foregoing their prompt attention.

DIVISION COMMANDERS' BONDS.

II. Newly elected Division Commanders will file their bond in the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars, within thirty days after their election. This must be a surety company bond and made to:

"Frank Shellhouse, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,
Indianapolis, Indiana."

CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION.

III. Form 49—Certificate of Election, in duplicate, must be forwarded to the National Secretary, immediately after installation at a Division Encampment. All names must be legibly written and ADDRESSES must be furnished.

PER CAPITA TAX AND REPORTS.

IV. Camp Commanders will see that their per capita tax and reports of Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers. Forms 27 and 28, are forwarded, for the quarter ending March 31st, 1923, WITHOUT DELAY, to their Division Headquarters. This must have prompt attention. Division Encampments require that all Camp reports with tax be received prior thereto.

BANNER MAILING LISTS.

V. Camp Secretaries that have failed to forward revised lists of members of their Camps with addresses, to Division Secretaries will do so at once and Division Secretaries will send same to The Banner, Dwight, Ill., so that every member of each Camp will receive The Banner, (the official organ of the Order) every month—without cost to him.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

VI. The National Organization Committee is at work. Chairman Rhinesmith and Past Division Commander Upham are providing material which Camps should profit by and use to

every possible advantage for the upbuilding of the Order, the Camps and securing new members. Every member co-operate and join in the objects and purposes of the movement.

ATTENTION SONS OF VETERANS!

VII. Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars will be paid to the Four Hundred (400) Members throughout the Order who procure the greatest or highest number of NEW MEMBERS IN and FOR the Camp to which they belong. The individual payment for this service will be in proportion to the number of members obtained by each one of the 400.

To Be Reported.

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EXCERPT FROM SPEECH OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF JAMES W. WILLETT, TACOMA, WASHINGTON, MARCH, 7, 1923.

VIII. "The interests of this country depend upon the lineal descendants of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, together with those who later participated in the War with Spain and the World War. Your patriotism has been earned in the one case by your Fathers—your position has been placed. You are now being put to the fore where we expect you to deliver the goods in association with these other veterans and patriotic organizations, so that the will of your Fathers and the work of your Fathers in good government to this country for a half century and the perpetuity of this Union shall not have been in vain."

What more do we want?

What are we going to do about it?

NATIONAL COUNSELOR APPOINTED.

IX. Announcement is made of the appointment of Past Commander-in-Chief Newton J. McGuire, 1001 Peoples Bank Building, Indianapolis, Indiana, as National Counselor, to fill out the unexpired term. Past Division Commander Fred E. Upham, of Massachusetts, who was originally appointed, resigned early in the official year, since which time the office has been vacant.

DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS.

X. Division Encampments are announced as follows:

- May — California & Pacific at Modesto, California, May 14-19.
- Indiana at Muncie, May 15-17.
- Missouri at Sedalia, May 8-9.
- New York at Buffalo, May 22-24.
- June — Alabama & Tennessee at Birmingham, Ala., June 24.
- Illinois at Peoria, June 19-21.
- Maine at Augusta, June 13-14.
- Maryland at Baltimore, June 14-15.
- Michigan at Grand Rapids, June 6-8.
- Minnesota at St. Paul, June 15-16.
- New Jersey at Atlantic City, June 21-22.
- Ohio at Columbus, June 26-28.

Pennsylvania at Greensburg, June 12-14.
 Vermont at St. Johnsbury, June 20-21.
 Washington & Oregon at Spokane, June 26-28.

NEW CAMPS.

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

Date.	Camp No.	Location and Division.	No. Applets.
April 2	..	Litchfield, Minnesota	29
April 4	61	Cambridgeport, Massachusetts	21
April 16	38	West Bridgewater, Massachusetts	20
April 16	..	Franklin Forks, Pennsylvania	19
April 21	15	Neligh, Nebraska	26

Camps instituted and Charters issued thereto are as follows:

Date.	Camp No.	Location and Division.	No. Mem.
March 31	102	Danville, Pennsylvania	19
April 16	16	Neligh, Nebraska	16

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 7.

XII. Report of the National Secretary for month of April, 1923:

Receipts—

March 31, 1923, to balance	\$ 744.61
Received for Per Capita Tax	\$ 480.64
Charter Fees	25.00
Supplies	567.35
Total Receipts	\$1072.99
	\$1817.60

Expenditures—

By General Expenses	\$1445.33
Office Expenses	21.05
Total Expenditures	\$1466.38
Balance, April 30, 1923	\$ 351.22

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses—

For Stock and Supplies	\$ 19.05
The Banner, subscription, April, 1923.....	940.10
Shipping Supplies	19.37
National Organization Committee	415.71
Officers other than Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary-Treasurer	51.10
	\$1445.33
Office Expenses—	
For Wrapping Paper and Twine, Postage, Telegrams...\$	21.05
Total Expenditures	\$1466.38

By order of:

FRANK SHELLHOUSE,
 Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
 National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. VI.

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

Office of Commander-in-Chief,
 Spink-Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

June 1st, 191.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENT.

I. In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, and Regulations, the Forty-second Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., is hereby called to convene in the City of Milwaukee, State of Wisconsin, Tuesday, September 4, 1923, at 10 o'clock a. m. at such place as may hereafter be designated.

MEMBERSHIP.

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 Division Commanders.

One delegate from each Division, whatever its membership, and one additional delegate for every five hundred members, or major fraction thereof, in good standing, based upon the report next preceding the Encampment.

Its own elective and appointive officers (except members detailed for special duty).

A Division which fails to pay its per capita tax or other indebtedness, or fails to make reports, shall not be entitled to representation in Commandery-in-Chief Encampments.

It is necessary for Divisions to have representation that: Per capita tax be paid, and reports of Division Secretaries, Division Treasurers for Quarter ending June 30, 1923, Division Patriotic Instructors, Division Chaplains be forwarded without delay to the respective National Officers responsible for and who receive these returns.

ALL MEMBERS of the Encampment MUST be in good standing in their respective Camps.

Division Commanders must have their bonds approved and filed. The bond must be made to:

"Frank Shellhouse, Commander-in-Chief,
 Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,
 Indianapolis, Indiana."

It MUST be a surety company bond in the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars.

Form 49—Certificate of Election must be filed without delay and immediately after a Division Encampment, forwarded to the National Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS—TEMPORARY—Of the Commandery-in-Chief, will be established at the Plankinton Hotel, Milwaukee, September 2nd, 1923.

RAILROAD RATES.

One fare for the round trip when identification certificates

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are obtained, and these rates are available from all points in the Western Passenger Association territory for the following:

- a. Members of the Grand Army of the Republic.
- b. Dependent members of the families of members of the G. A. R.
- c. Various Auxiliary and Allied organizations of the G. A. R. holding conventions in connection with the Encampment.
- d. Widows of deceased members of the G. A. R.
- e. Army Nurses of the Civil War.
- f. Dependent members of the families of members of the Auxiliaries of the G. A. R.

Dates of sale will be announced later. Final return limit September 30, 1923; stop-overs to be allowed at all points on going and return trips within final return limit.

Nontransferable, nonvalidation, signature form of ticket to be used and via the same route in both directions.

HOTEL RATES AND RESERVATIONS.

All requests for accommodations other than hotels during the Encampment to be held in Milwaukee, Wis., the first week of September, 1923, should be placed with Frank Cleveland, Chairman Encampment Housing Committee, care of Chamber of Commerce, 108 Mason Street, Milwaukee, Wis.

All requests for hotel reservations, rooms MUST be made to the hotels direct. Hotels with their rates, which belong to the Milwaukee Hotel Association:

Hotel Aberdeen—909 Grand Avenue. \$1.50 and up; double, \$2.50 and up. With bath, \$2.50; double, \$4. American plan, \$3.50 and up; double, \$6 and up.

Hotel Astor—Juneau and Astor. \$3 and up.

Hotel Blatz—East Water, corner Oneida Street. \$1.25 to \$2; double, \$2.50 to \$3.50. With bath, \$2 to \$3; double, \$4 to \$5.

Hotel Carlton—Milwaukee Street, corner Juneau Avenue. \$1.50 and up; double, \$2.50 and up. With bath, \$2.50 and up; double, \$4 and up.

Hotel Charlotte—138 Third Street, \$1.25; double, \$2. With bath, \$2.50; double, \$4 and up.

Hotel Gilpatrick—223-225 Third Street. \$1.50 and up; double, \$3 and up. With bath, \$2 to \$3; double, \$3.50 and up.

Hotel Globe—Corner Wisconsin and Cass Streets. \$1.25 and up; double, \$2 and up. With bath, \$2 and up; double, \$3 and up.

Hotel Juneau—225-229 Wisconsin Street. \$1.25 and up; double, \$2.50 and up. With bath, \$2.50; double, \$3 to \$4.

Hotel Maryland—137 Fourth Street. \$1.75 to \$2; double, \$2 and up. With bath, \$2.50 to \$4; double, \$4 and up.

Hotel Martin—Wisconsin Street, corner Van Buren. \$1.50 to \$2; double, \$2.50 to \$3. With bath, \$2.25 to \$3; double, \$3.25 to \$5.

Hotel Medford—Corner Third and Sycamore. \$1.75 and up; double, \$2.75 and up. With bath, \$2.50 and up; double, \$3.50 and up.

Hotel Miller—Third Street, near Grand Avenue. \$1.75 and up; double, \$3 and \$3.50. With bath, \$2.25 to \$3.50; double, \$3.50 to \$5.

Hotel Pfister—Wisconsin and Jefferson Streets. \$2.50 to \$3.50; double, \$3.50 and up. With bath, \$3.50 and up; double, \$4.50 and up.

- Hotel Plankinton—West Water, corner Sycamore. \$2; double, \$3. With bath, \$3 and up; double, \$4 and up.
- Hotel Republican—Third Street, corner Cedar. \$1.50; double, \$2.50 and up. With bath, \$2.50 and up; double, \$3.50 to \$4.
- Hotel Randolph—134 Third Street. \$1.25; double, \$2. With bath, \$2.50; double, \$3.50.
- Hotel St. Charles—City Hall Square. \$1.25 to \$2; double, \$2 to \$3. With bath, \$2.25 to \$5; double, \$3.50 to \$6.
- Hotel Wisconsin—Third Street, near Grand Avenue. \$2.50 and up; double \$4 and up.

No reservations can or will be made for any members. Applicants must make their reservations and state time of arrival.

ENCAMPMENT PROGRAM.

- Sunday, Sept. 2—Temporary Headquarters established at Plankinton Hotel.
- Monday, Sept. 3—Special meeting National Organization Committee at 10 o'clock a. m.
 Council-in-Chief session at 2 o'clock p. m. Hotel Plankinton. Audit of books and accounts and transaction of business appearing.
- Monday—Evening: Public Meeting—Greetings from officials State of Wisconsin and City of Milwaukee, G. A. R., and response.
- Tuesday, Sept. 4 — Forty-first Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, session in hall to be later designated, at 10 o'clock a. m.
 Tuesday—Afternoon: Session at 2 o'clock p. m.
 Tuesday—Evening: Reception of the officers of the Commandery-in-Chief, Members of the Encampment and the Order, at hall to be later designated, by Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.
- Wednesday, Sept. 5—Parade Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Veterans, 10 o'clock a. m.
 Wednesday—Afternoon: 2 p. m. Session Commandery-in-Chief.
 Wednesday—Evening: 8 o'clock p. m. Campfire G. A. R. and allied organizations.
- Thursday, Sept. 6—10 o'clock a. m. Session of Encampment.

ATTENTION SONS OF VETERANS!

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EXCERPT FROM SPEECH OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF JAMES W. WILLETT,
TACOMA, WASHINGTON, MARCH, 7, 1923.

III. "The interests of this country depend upon the lineal descendants of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, together with those who later participated in the War with Spain and the World War. Your patriotism has been earned in the one case by your Fathers—your position has been placed. You are now being put to the fore where we expect you to deliver the goods in association with these other veterans and patriotic organizations, so that the will of your Fathers and the work of your Fathers in good government to this country for a half century and the perpetuity of this Union shall not have been in vain."

What more do we want?

What are we going to do about it?

DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS.

IV. June—Alabama & Tennessee at Birmingham, Ala., 24.

Illinois at Peoria, 19-21.

Iowa at Fort Dodge, 5-6.

Maine at Augusta, 13-14.

Maryland at Baltimore, 14-15.

Michigan at Grand Rapids, 6-8.

Minnesota at St. Paul, 15-16.

New Jersey at Atlantic City, 21-22.

Ohio at Columbus, 26-28.

Pennsylvania at Greensburg, 12-14.

Vermont at St. Johnsbury, 20-21.

Washington & Oregon at Spokane, 26-28.

IMMEDIATELY after installation Form 49, Certificate of Election and Roster of Officers must be forwarded to the National Secretary.

PASSWORD AND COUNTERSIGN.

V. Form OOOO for term July 1st-December 31st, 1923, password and countersign—has been promulgated to all Divisions. This will be issued ONLY to Camps paying per capita tax and forwarding reports—Camp Secretary and Camp Treasurer—for quarter ending June 30th, 1923, and ONLY upon receipt of

Camp Commanders will communicate same ONLY to such members in good standing June 30th.

CAMP SECRETARY AND TREASURER REPORTS.

VI. Owing to the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment being held earlier than usual it will be necessary for ALL Camp Commanders to have their Camp Secretary and Camp Treasurer Reports (Forms 27 and 28) WITH PER CAPITA TAX for quarter ending June 30th, forwarded on the last meeting night in June to their respective Division Headquarters. There must be no delay.

Division Commanders will see that these reports and tax are received promptly and immediately after June 30th. Blank report Forms 27 and 28 must be sent to all Camps AT ONCE by Division Headquarters.

CAMP CHARTERS REVOKED.

VII. Camps Disbanded and Dropped, and their Charters revoked, are as follows and record will be made accordingly:

Iowa—Dropped: Camp No. 3, Cedar Rapids, with 53 members; Camp No. 106, Center Point, with 7 members; Camp No. 153, Cherokee, with 58 members.

Maine—Dropped: Camp No. 23, Freeport, with 10 members.

Maryland—Dropped: Camp No. 21, Smithsburg, Md., with 9 members.

Massachusetts—Dropped: Camp No. 88, Scituate, with 29 members.

Nebraska—Dropped: Camp No. 20, David City, with 17 members; Camp No. 156, Chadron, with 12 members.

Pennsylvania—Dropped: Camp No. 46, Philipsburg, with 42 members. Transferred: Camp No. 170 (Consolidating) with Camp No. 169, Wilkesbarre, with 111 members.

Vermont—Disbanded: Camp No. 15, South Shaftsbury, with 14 members.

NEW CAMPS.

VIII. Applications have been approved for Charters for new Camps, and Charters have been issued thereto as follows:

Camp No.	Location and Division.	Date Ins't.	No. Mem.
3	Litchfield, Minnesota	April 14	53
24	Greencastle, Indiana	February 21	49
	Wellington, Kansas	April 7	27
51	Corydon, Iowa	February 12	27

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 8.

IX. Report of the National Secretary for month of May, 1923:

Receipts—

April 30, 1923, to balance.....	\$ 351.22
Received for Per Capita Tax.....	\$3772.39
Charter Fees	10.00
Supplies	435.95
Miscellaneous—Interest on Bonds	106.25
Total Receipts	\$4324.59

Expenditures—

By General Expenses	\$1622.80
Office Expenses	28.99
Total Expenditures	\$1651.79
Balance, May 31, 1923	\$3024.02

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses—	
For Stock and Supplies	\$ 260.00
The Banner, subscription, May, 1923.....	945.01
Printing	4.50

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED

Division.	No. in Good Standing at Last Report.		GAIN						Aggregate.		By Disbanded		
			By Muster-In.		By Transfer.		By Reinstatement.							Total Gain.
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members
Ala. & Tenn.....	11	233	..	9	..	..	..	9	11	242	..	..	..
California ...	30	1242	1	54	1	2	1	57	31	1299	..	..	..
Connecticut ...	41	2406	..	19	1	2	..	22	41	2428	..	..	..
Illinois	52	2226	..	42	2	1	..	45	52	2271	..	..	..
Indiana ...	28	2157	1	110	..	..	7	117	29	2274	..	..	..
Iowa	20	840	3	50	..	..	..	50	23	890	3	118	..
Kansas	29	856	..	3	..	..	..	3	29	859	..	..	..
Maine ...	41	2043	..	62	..	14	..	76	41	2119	..	..	..
Maryland ...	11	615	..	20	2	..	..	22	11	637	..	..	..
Massachusetts .	146	8999	3	293	3	..	3	296	149	9295	1	29	3
Michigan	21	814	..	7	..	1	..	8	21	822	..	..	..
Minnesota .	14	414	..	13	..	..	..	13	14	427	..	..	..
Missouri	15	630	..	24	3	..	..	27	15	657	..	..	..
Nebraska ...	19	599	..	6	..	2	..	8	19	607	..	..	..
New Hampshire ...	34	1129	..	10	3	1	..	14	34	1143	..	..	..
New Jersey	27	1692	..	47	..	5	..	52	27	1744	..	..	..
New York	109	4909	..	205	4	5	..	214	109	5123	..	..	26
Ohio	89	4153	..	49	1	21	..	71	89	4224	..	..	..
Pennsylvania ..	166	13229	2	479	112	14	2	605	168	13834	2	42	41
Rhode Island	13	475	..	57	..	..	..	57	13	532	..	..	1
Vermont ...	39	1220	..	14	..	..	..	14	39	1234	1	14	..
Washington ...	17	819	..	27	..	3	..	30	17	849	..	..	3
Wisconsin ...	26	981	..	43	1	13	..	57	26	1038	..	..	4
Total ..	998	52681	10	1643	133	91	10	1867	1008	54548	7	203	174

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1923.

Division.	No. in Good Standing at Last Report.		GAIN				Aggregate		LOSS						No. in Good Standing.		Amount Received for Per Capita Tax.	Cash on Hand at Division Headquarters.	Cash on Hand in Camps.	Expended for Relief.	No. Relieved or Their Families		Date Received.							
	Camps	Members	By Muster-In.	By Transfer.	By Reinstatement.	Total Gain.	Camps	Members	By Disbanded.	By Death.	Honorable Discharge.	By Transfer.	By Dropped.	Total Loss.	Camps	Members					Members	Veterans								
																								Members	Members	Members	Members	Members	Members	Members
Ala. & Tenn.	11	233	9			9	11	242					3		3	11	239	\$ 13.12	\$ 1.07	\$ 100.00	\$ 6.55					April 11				
California	30	1242	1	54	1	2	1	57	31	1299			1	8		29	37	31	1262	100.96	145.79	236.32					May 12			
Connecticut	41	2406		19	1	2		22	41	2428			8	1	1	3	13	41	2415	193.20	35.48	2869.39	474.97					April 21		
Illinois	52	2226		42	2	1		45	52	2271			4	2		67	73	52	2198	175.84	271.61	3840.87	31.00					May 10		
Indiana	28	2157	1	110		7	1	117	29	2274			7		1	62	70	29	2204	176.32	223.72	1616.14	456.20	18				May 11		
Iowa	20	840	3	50			3	50	23	890	3	118			1	28	3	147	20	743	66.87	490.70	371.62	5.12					May 9	
Kansas	29	856		3				3	29	859						10	10	29	849	67.92	715.48							May 18		
Maine	41	2043		62		14		76	41	2119			3	1	4	1	84	1	92	40	2027	162.16	452.89	2614.82	70.76	1	1			May 10
Maryland	11	615		20	2			22	11	637			5	3	1	1	34	1	41	10	596	47.68	181.15	516.80	730.00					May 9
Massachusetts	146	8999	3	293	3		3	296	149	9295	1	29	31	17	8	113	1	198	148	9097	727.76	1684.44	20111.57	600.29	19	15			May 8	
Michigan	21	814		7		1		8	21	822			1	1		5		7	21	815	65.20	124.19	662.59	8.75					May 11	
Minnesota	14	414		13				13	14	427			6			10		16	14	411	32.88	34.69	247.46	20.25	5	3			May 14	
Missouri	15	630		24	3			27	15	657			2	2		2		6	15	651	52.08	342.59	752.49	5.50					May 7	
Nebraska	19	599		6		2		8	19	607					2	42	2	45	17	562	44.96	278.81	290.48						May 2	
New Hampshire	34	1129		10	3	1		14	34	1143			7	4		15		26	34	1117	89.36	271.26	1165.72						April 25	
New Jersey	27	1692		47		5		52	27	1744			9			18		27	27	1717	137.36	369.32	4120.80	1940.40	12	2			April 23	
New York	109	4909		205	4	5		214	109	5123			26	6	5	72		109	109	5014	401.12	1192.97	8784.81	195.20	33	11			May 5	
Ohio	89	4153		49	1	21		71	89	4224			8	3		49		60	89	4164	333.12	219.94	3434.29						May 11	
Pennsylvania	166	13229	2	479	112	14	2	605	168	13834	2	42	41	2	116	201	2	402	166	13432	1074.56	404.49	41306.78	11436.43	302	33			May 7-11	
Rhode Island	13	475		57				57	13	532			1	11				12	13	520	41.60	61.13	856.22						April 23	
Vermont	39	1220		14				14	39	1234	1	14	4	1		21	1	40	38	1194	95.52	187.02	992.15	7.00					May 14	
Washington	17	819		27		3		30	17	849			3	3		4		10	17	839	67.12	8.29	332.22	44.75					May 16	
Wisconsin	26	981		43	1	13		57	26	1038			4	1	1	29		35	26	1003	80.24	115.72	544.24						May 9	
Total	998	52681	10	1643	133	91	10	1867	1008	54548	7	203	174	64	138	4	900	11	1479	997	53069	\$4252.95	\$7812.75	\$95767.78	\$16033.17	390	65			

Shipping Supplies	20.62	
National Organization Committee	392.67	
		\$1622.80
Office Expenses—		
For Postage, Express, Stationery (National Officers) . . . \$	28.99	
Total Expenditures		\$1651.79

By order of:

FRANK SHELLHOUSE,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. VII.

Headquarters.

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

Office of Commander-in-Chief,
Spink-Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

July 1st, 1923.

THE DIVISION OF OREGON.

I. Greetings to the new Division of Oregon. Instituted June 7-8, at an Encampment assembled at Grants Pass, by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief C. Randall Bubb, of the accredited members thereof from the ten Camps in the State of Oregon, the Division of Oregon is enrolled on the roster of the Order, and Charter has been issued thereto.

Officers: Division Commander, C. E. Foster, Portland.

Senior Vice Division Commander, B. F. Pound, Salem.

Junior Vice Division Commander, Jesse N. Johnston, Grants Pass.

Division Council: S. P. Olin, Portland; George R. Riddle, Grants Pass; G. P. Dibel, Portland.

Division Secretary-Treasurer, L. W. Murray, Portland.

The Officers will be respected accordingly. Record relative to the Division of Oregon will be made.

Thanks are due Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bubb for the organization of this Division, and congratulations are hereby extended him.

ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

II. The attention of the Members and Camps is called to the operations of the National Organization Committee. Communications with this Committee should be addressed to Chairman Arthur D. Rhinesmith, Board of Trade Building, Peoria, Illinois.

Cooperation and prompt response to the Committee's work and communications and all relating thereto is earnestly urged. Opportunity should be taken to heartily participate in the work of the Committee and take every advantage of its services to

accomplish the success striven for and results that can be achieved thereby.

REPORTS AND PER CAPITA TAX.

III. Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers will forward at once to their respective Division Headquarters Forms 27 and 28, with per capita tax for the quarter ending June 30th.

Upon receipt thereof Division Commanders will supply Form 0000—password and countersign current term.

Division Commanders, Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers, will, without further notice forward at once Forms 35, 37 and 38 with per capita tax for quarter ending June 30th, to the National Secretary.

Prompt compliance is necessary owing to the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment being held earlier than usual.

CHAPLAINS' AND PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS' REPORTS.

IV. Division Chaplains will forward without further delay Form 43—to National Chaplain Arthur D. Rhinesmith, Board of Trade Building, Peoria, Illinois.

Division Patriotic Instructors must forward their reports—Form 51—to National Patriotic Instructor Rev. Dr. E. S. Shumaker, 1201 Roosevelt Building, Indianapolis, Indiana, at once.

Division Commanders must give these items attention. Failure to have all the foregoing reports with per capita tax in the hands of the respective National Officers will deprive Divisions of representation in the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment at Milwaukee, 1923.

DIVISION COMMANDER'S BOND.

V. Division Commanders have thirty days after election to their office, in which to furnish a bond. This is required immediately. It must be a surety company bond in the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars and made to:

"Frank Shellhouse, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,
Indianapolis, Indiana."

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENT.

VI. The Forty-second Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief will convene at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Tuesday, September 4, 1923.

Temporary Headquarters will be established September 2, 1923, at Plankinton Hotel.

RAILROAD RATES.

* One fare for the round trip when identification certificates are obtained, and these rates are available from all points in the Western Passenger Association territory for the following:

- a. Members of the Grand Army of the Republic.
- b. Dependent members of the families of members of the G. A. R.
- c. Various Auxiliary and Allied organizations of the G. A. R. holding conventions in connection with the Encampment.
- d. Widows of deceased members of the G. A. R.

e. Army Nurses of the Civil War.

f. Dependent members of the families of members of the Auxiliaries of the G. A. R.

Dates of sale will be announced later. Final return limit September 30, 1923; stop-overs to be allowed at all points on going and return trips within final return limit.

Nontransferable, nonvalidation, signature form of ticket to be used and via the same route in both directions.

HOTEL RATES AND RESERVATIONS.

All requests for accommodations other than hotels during the Encampment to be held in Milwaukee, Wis., the first week of September, 1923, should be placed with Frank Cleveland, Chairman Encampment Housing Committee, care of Chamber of Commerce, 108 Mason Street, Milwaukee, Wis.

All requests for hotel reservations, rooms MUST be made to the hotels direct. Hotels with their rates, which belong to the Milwaukee Hotel Association:

Hotel Aberdeen—909 Grand Avenue. \$1.50 and up; double, \$2.50 and up. With bath, \$2.50; double, \$4. American plan, \$3.50 and up; double, \$6 and up.

Hotel Astor—Juneau and Astor. \$3 and up.

Hotel Blatz—East Water, corner Oneida Street. \$1.25 to \$2; double, \$2.50 to \$3.50. With bath, \$2 to \$3; double, \$4 to \$5.

Hotel Carlton—Milwaukee Street, corner Juneau Avenue. \$1.50 and up; double, \$2.50 and up. With bath, \$2.50 and up; double, \$4 and up.

Hotel Charlotte—138 Third Street, \$1.25; double, \$2. With bath, \$2.50; double, \$4 and up.

Hotel Gilpatrick—223-225 Third Street. \$1.50 and up; double, \$3 and up. With bath, \$2 to \$3; double, \$3.50 and up.

Hotel Globe—Corner Wisconsin and Cass Streets. \$1.25 and up; double, \$2 and up. With bath, \$2 and up; double, \$3 and up.

Hotel Juneau—225-229 Wisconsin Street. \$1.25 and up; double, \$2.50 and up. With bath, \$2.50; double, \$3 to \$4.

Hotel Maryland—137 Fourth Street. \$1.75 to \$2; double, \$3 and up. With bath, \$2.50 to \$4; double, \$4 and up.

Hotel Martin—Wisconsin Street, corner Van Buren. \$1.50 to \$2; double, \$2.50 to \$3. With bath, \$2.25 to \$3; double, \$3.25 to \$5.

Hotel Medford—Corner Third and Sycamore. \$1.75 and up; double, \$2.75 and up. With bath, \$2.50 and up; double, \$3.50 and up.

Hotel Miller—Third Street, near Grand Avenue. \$1.75 and up; double, \$3 and \$3.50. With bath, \$2.25 to \$3.50; double, \$3.50 to \$5.

Hotel Pfister—Wisconsin and Jefferson Streets. \$2.50 to \$3.50; double, \$3.50 and up. With bath, \$3.50 and up; double, \$4.50 and up.

Hotel Plankinton—West Water, corner Sycamore. \$2; double, \$3. With bath, \$3 and up; double, \$4 and up.

Hotel Republican—Third Street, corner Cedar. \$1.50; double, \$2.50 and up. With bath, \$2.50 and up; double, \$3.50 to \$4.

Hotel Randolph—134 Third Street. \$1.25; double, \$2. With bath, \$2.50; double, \$3.50.

Hotel St. Charles—City Hall Square. \$1.25 to \$2; double, \$2 to \$3. With bath, \$2.25 to \$5; double, \$3.50 to \$6.

Hotel Wisconsin—Third Street, near Grand Avenue. \$2.50 and up; double \$4 and up.

No reservations can or will be made for any members. Applicants must make their reservations and state time of arrival.

ENCAMPMENT PROGRAM.

Sunday, Sept. 2—Temporary Headquarters established at Plankinton Hotel.

Monday, Sept. 3—Special meeting National Organization Committee at 10 o'clock a. m.

Council-in-Chief session at 2 o'clock p. m. Hotel Plankinton. Audit of books and accounts and transaction of business appearing.

Monday—Evening: Public Meeting—Greetings from officials State of Wisconsin and City of Milwaukee, G. A. R., and response.

Tuesday, Sept. 4—Forty-first Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, session in hall to be later designated, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Tuesday—Afternoon: Session at 2 o'clock p. m.

Tuesday—Evening: Reception of the officers of the Commandery-in-Chief, Members of the Encampment and the Order, at hall to be later designated, by Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.

Wednesday, Sept. 5—Parade Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Veterans, 10 o'clock a. m.

Wednesday—Afternoon: 2 p. m. Session Commandery-in-Chief.

Wednesday—Evening: 8 o'clock p. m. Campfire G. A. R. and allied organizations.

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NEW CAMPS.

VIII. New Camps have been instituted and Charters issued thereto as follows:

No.	Location and Division.	Date Ins't.	No. Mem.
61	Cambridgeport, Massachusetts	March 30	26
7	Lents Station, Portland, Oregon	May 19	15
8	Sellwood Station, Portland, Ore.	June 2	15

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9	Clatskania, Oregon	May 31	15
10	Grants Pass, Oregon	June 7	18
22	North Turner, Maine	May 26	30

NEW DIVISION OFFICERS.

IX. Alabama & Tennessee—Commander, Robert F. Ashworth, Birmingham, Ala.; Secretary and Treasurer, M. D. Friedman, 1237 South 21st St., Birmingham, Ala.

California & Pacific—Commander, H. A. Thayer, 24 E. Cota St. Santa Barbara, Cal.; Secretary and Treasurer, A. M. Clark, Carpenteria, Cal.

Connecticut — Commander, Norman S. Buckingham, 31 North St., Milford; Secretary and Treasurer, Isaac T. Jenks, P. O. Box 1233, New Haven.

Illinois—Commander, Allan S. Holbrook, Dwight; Secretary and Treasurer, Elmer M. Seabert, Dwight.

Indiana—Commander, R. J. Bosworth, 1201 Roosevelt Bldg., Indianapolis; Secretary and Treasurer, Newton J. McGuire, 1001 Peoples State Bank Bldg., Indianapolis.

Iowa—Commander, Frank Baldwin, Adel; Secretary and Treasurer, F. M. Stull, Waterloo.

Kansas—Commander, Clay H. Newton, 1614 Appleton Ave., Parsons; Secretary, Charles B. Martin, Parsons; Treasurer, Paul Callen, Parsons.

Maine—Commander, Wm. W. Jewett, 226 Federal St., Portland; Secretary and Treasurer, Edward K. Gould, 375 Main St., Rockland.

Maryland—Commander, James W. Lyons, P. O. Box 3052, Washington, D. C.; Secretary and Treasurer, Francis E. Cross, 319 9th St., S. E., Washington, D. C.

Massachusetts—Commander, Eugene F. Atwood, 88 Tremont St., Room 606, Boston; Secretary, Henry F. Weiler, 88 Tremont St., Room 606, Boston; Treasurer, Fred E. Bolton, 88 Tremont St., Room 606, Boston.

Michigan—Commander, Arthur E. Lewis, Postoffice, Detroit; Secretary and Treasurer, Nathan F. Sprague, 455 Jefferson Ave., Detroit.

Minnesota—Commander, S. B. Chilson, 5236 Second Ave., So. Minneapolis; Secretary and Treasurer, George W. Turner, Daily News Building, Minneapolis.

Missouri—Commander, H. S. Salisbury, 423 Edmond St., St. Joseph; Secretary and Treasurer, A. J. Albrecht, 2405 South Broadway, St. Louis.

Nebraska—Commander, George N. Stille, 1003 J St., Lincoln; Secretary and Treasurer, R. G. Drake, 410 South 19th St., Lincoln.

New Hampshire—Commander, Martin E. Tilley, Portsmouth; Secretary and Treasurer, Oscar E. Davis, Alton.

New Jersey—Commander, Samuel E. Lueck, 213 Jane St., Weehawken; Secretary and Treasurer, John L. Reeger, 74 Hudson St., Trenton.

New York—Commander, Neil D. Cranmer, 401 Robinson

Bldg., Elmira; Secretary, Julius Isaacs, Room 5, City Hall, New York City; Treasurer, Edwin W. Sanford, 212 State St., Albany.

Ohio—Commander, William A. Selz, 16 Buckeye St., Dayton; Secretary, Ed. S. Wilson, 22 East 8th Ave., Columbus; Treasurer, N. Fulton, 27 Davies Bldg., Dayton.

Oregon—Commander, C. E. Foster, 1314 Halsey St., Portland; Secretary and Treasurer, L. W. Murray, P. O. Box 599, Portland.

Pennsylvania—Commander, Dallas Dillinger, Allentown; Secretary, Wm. R. McGirr, Liberty Title and Trust Bldg., N. E. Cor. Broad and Arch Sts., (Room 38), Philadelphia; Treasurer, John E. Wightman, 317 South Oak St., Mt. Carmel.

Rhode Island—Commander, Frank T. Ballou, 47 Washington St., Room 4, Providence; Secretary and Treasurer, Frank B. Wight, 47 Washington St., Room 4, Providence.

Vermont—Commander, Israel F. Lasson, Rutland; Secretary and Treasurer, Elmer E. Perry, Barre.

Washington—Commander, M. E. Langford, 810 North M St., Tacoma; Secretary and Treasurer, Karl V. Kavnah, Box 15, A, R. F. D. No. 6, Tacoma.

Wisconsin—Commander, H. C. Mock, Sheboygan; Secretary and Treasurer, Val Stoddard, Stoughton.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 9.

X. Report of the National Secretary for month of June, 1923:

Receipts—

May 31, 1923, to balance	\$3024.02
Received for Charter Fees—Division of Oregon, and Camps	\$ 35.00
Supplies	266.15
Total Receipts	\$ 301.15
	\$3325.17

Expenditures—

By General Expenses	\$1915.04
Office Expenses	210.05
Total Expenditures	\$2125.09
Balance, June 30, 1923	\$1200.03

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses—

For Stock	\$ 5.41
The Banner, subscription, June, 1923.....	947.63
Printing	9.75
Shipping Supplies	11.15
Salary (Quarter)	825.00
Officers' Expenses other than Commander-in-Chief, Etc.	116.10
	\$1915.04

ENCAMPMENT

Office Expenses—
 For Stationery National Officers, Postage, Telegrams,
 Rent (quarter)\$ 210.05
 Total Expenditures\$2125.00

By order of:

FRANK SHELLHOUSE,

Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
 National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. VIII.

Headquarters,

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

Office of Commander-in-Chief,
 Spink-Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

August 1, 1923.

DIVISION OF WASHINGTON.

I. Effective July 1st, 1923, the Division of Washington & Oregon, will be known and as of record as the Division of Washington.

The Division of Oregon having been constituted June 7-8, 1923, the Camps heretofore connected with and attached to the Division of Washington & Oregon, located in the State of Oregon, have been organized into and are now the Division of Oregon and detached from the Division heretofore known as the Division of Washington & Oregon.

The Camps in the State of Washington, separated and distinct from the Camps located in the State of Oregon, now constitute the Division of Washington.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENT.

II. The Forty-second Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief is hereby called to assemble at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Tuesday, September 4th, 1923, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Divisions to have representation must have in possession of the National Secretary AT ONCE—

Forms 35, 37 and 38 with per capita tax for the quarter ending June 30th, 1923.

In possession of the National Chaplain, Arthur D. Rhine-smith, Peoria, Illinois, (Board of Trade Building), without FURTHER DELAY, report of Division Chaplain—Form 43.

In the hands of National Patriotic Instructor, Rev. Dr. E. S. Shumaker, 1201 Roosevelt Building, Indianapolis, Ind., report of Division Patriotic Instructor, Form 51—IMMEDIATELY.

FILED WITH THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AT ONCE—Bond of the Division Commander—a surety company bond in the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars made to read to:

“Frank Shellhouse, Commander-in-Chief,
 Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,
 Indianapolis, Indiana.”

Failure to comply with these requirements will deprive Divisions from representation in the said Encampment.

RAILROAD RATES.

One fare for the round trip when identification certificates are obtained, and these rates are available from all points in the Western Passenger Association territory for the following:

- a. Members of the Grand Army of the Republic.
- b. Dependent members of the families of members of the G. A. R.
- c. Various Auxiliary and Allied organizations of the G. A. R. holding conventions in connection with the Encampment.
- d. Widows of deceased members of the G. A. R.
- e. Army Nurses of the Civil War.
- f. Dependent members of the families of members of the Auxiliaries of the G. A. R.

Dates of sale will be announced later. Final return limit September 30, 1923; stop-overs to be allowed at all points on going and return trips within final return limit.

Nontransferable, nonvalidation, signature form of ticket to be used and via the same route in both directions.

HOTEL RATES AND RESERVATIONS.

All requests for accommodations other than hotels during the Encampment to be held in Milwaukee, Wis., the first week of September, 1923, should be placed with Frank Cleveland, Chairman Encampment Housing Committee, care of Chamber of Commerce, 108 Mason Street, Milwaukee, Wis.

All requests for hotel reservations, rooms MUST be made to the hotels direct. Hotels with their rates, which belong to the Milwaukee Hotel Association:

Hotel Aberdeen—909 Grand Avenue. \$1.50 and up; double, \$2.50 and up. With bath, \$2.50; double, \$4. American plan, \$3.50 and up; double, \$6 and up.

Hotel Astor—Juneau and Astor. \$3 and up.

Hotel Blatz—East Water, corner Oneida Street. \$1.25 to \$2; double, \$2.50 to \$3.50. With bath, \$2 to \$3; double, \$4 to \$5.

Hotel Carlton—Milwaukee Street, corner Juneau Avenue. \$1.50 and up; double, \$2.50 and up. With bath, \$2.50 and up; double, \$4 and up.

Hotel Charlotte—138 Third Street, \$1.25; double, \$2. With bath, \$2.50; double, \$4 and up.

Hotel Gilpatrick—223-225 Third Street. \$1.50 and up; double, \$3 and up. With bath, \$2 to \$3; double, \$3.50 and up.

Hotel Globe—Corner Wisconsin and Cass Streets. \$1.25 and up; double, \$2 and up. With bath, \$2 and up; double, \$3 and up.

Hotel Juneau—225-229 Wisconsin Street. \$1.25 and up; double, \$2.50 and up. With bath, \$2.50; double, \$3 to \$4.

Hotel Maryland—137 Fourth Street. \$1.75 to \$2; double, \$3 and up. With bath, \$2.50 to \$4; double, \$4 and up.

Hotel Martin—Wisconsin Street, corner Van Buren. \$1.50 to \$2; double, \$2.50 to \$3. With bath, \$2.25 to \$3; double, \$3.25 to \$5.

Hotel Medford—Corner Third and Sycamore. \$1.75 and up; double, \$2.75 and up. With bath, \$2.50 and up; double, \$3.50 and up.

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Hotel Miller—Third Street, near Grand Avenue. \$1.75 and up; double, \$3 and \$3.50. With bath, \$2.25 to \$3.50; double, \$3.50 to \$5.

Hotel Pfister—Wisconsin and Jefferson Streets. \$2.50 to \$3.50; double, \$3.50 and up. With bath, \$3.50 and up; double, \$4.50 and up.

Hotel Plankinton—West Water, corner Sycamore. \$2; double, \$3. With bath, \$3 and up; double, \$4 and up.

Hotel Republican—Third Street, corner Cedar. \$1.50; double, \$2.50 and up. With bath, \$2.50 and up; double, \$3.50 to \$4.

Hotel Randolph—134 Third Street. \$1.25; double, \$2. With bath, \$2.50; double, \$3.50.

Hotel St. Charles—City Hall Square. \$1.25 to \$2; double, \$2 to \$3. With bath, \$2.25 to \$5; double, \$3.50 to \$6.

Hotel Wisconsin—Third Street, near Grand Avenue. \$2.50 and up; double \$4 and up.

No reservations can or will be made for any members. Applicants must make their reservations and state time of arrival.

100,000 MEMBERSHIP CLUB.

III. Division and Camp Commanders (who have not) will at once write to Chairman A. D. Rhinesmith, Board of Trade Building, Peoria, Illinois, who is more than willing and anxious to communicate with you relative to procedure and plans of the National Organization Committee.

Commander-in-Chief Willett of the Grand Army of the Republic declares we must have 1,000,000 members in our organization in the next three years, in order that we may take over the work and responsibilities that will of necessity come to us by that time.

Also, remember that \$2,000 in cash will be distributed among the four hundred top-notchers of the 100,000 Membership Club.

We have the best thing on earth to sell to eligible humanity, and the National Organization Committee will advise how to sell it. Co-operation in these plans and methods is the only thing required for big success.

PROPOSED CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS.

IV. From the Division of Washington & Oregon:
Strike out Article III, Eligibility to Membership, page 3, and insert in lieu thereof:

ARTICLE III.

Membership.

Section 1. Membership in this Order shall consist of active members, termed Brothers, limited strictly to the class of persons defined in Section 2 of this Article, and honorary members limited strictly to the class of persons defined in Section 3 of this Article.

Section 2. Eligibility to active membership shall be as follows: All male descendants, whether through the paternal or maternal line, not less than eighteen years of age, of Soldiers, Sailors or Marines who were regularly mustered and served honorably in, or who were honorably discharged from, the

Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States of America during the War of the Rebellion of 1861-65; who have never been convicted of any infamous or heinous crime or who, or whose ancestors through whom membership is claimed, have never voluntarily borne arms against the Government of the United States of America.

Section 3. Eligibility to honorary membership shall be as follows: Any male citizen of the United States of America, over the age of eighteen years, not eligible to active membership or debarred therefrom for any good reason, who:

(a) Served, with honorable record, in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States of America during any war, in which that country was engaged, prior to November 11th, 1918;

(b) Has performed distinguished or faithful service for the United States;

(c) Was actively interested in promoting the moral welfare and physical comfort of men on duty, in camp, in the field or aboard ship, at a time when the United States was engaged in war;

(d) Is actively engaged in efforts for the relief of disabled and suffering soldiers, sailors or marines and their dependents;

(e) Is the husband of a member in good standing of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.

Section 4. The rights of honorary membership shall be restricted to the privilege of sitting in the meetings of the Camp by which it is conferred, without taking any part in the business thereof, and with the further limitation that no honorary member shall be permitted to come into possession of the signs, grips, passwords or other secret methods of identification provided in the Ritual of the Order. No provisions of this Constitution nor of the Rules and Regulations of the Order shall apply to an honorary member unless it is specifically stated therein that it is to so apply.

Section 5. Regulations for admission to membership, not conflicting with this Article, shall be as prescribed by the Commander-in-Chief."

ARTICLE V.

Section 1. Insert after the second paragraph the following: "Third—Of Sectional Organizations known as Regions."

Change number of the present third paragraph to "Fourth" and the present fourth paragraph to "Fifth."

ARTICLE VI.

Section 1. Strike out entire section and substitute therefor:

"Section 1. A Camp may be formed by authority of the Regional or Division Commander, subject to the approval of the Commander-in-Chief, upon the written petition for a charter of not less than fifteen persons who have certified their eligibility to be such as is prescribed in Section 2 of Article III."

Section 2. Change number to 3 and insert the words "Regional or" before the word "Division" in the second line.

Section 3. Change number to 4.

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Section 4. Strike out entire section and substitute therefor: "Section 2. Camps organized in a State where no Division exists shall, by authority of the Commander-in-Chief, be formed into a Provisional Division or attached to a Division contiguous thereto."

Section 5. Strike out the word "may" in the third line and substitute "does."

Add a new section reading: "Section 6. Regions may be formed, by authority of the Commander-in-Chief, to consist of two or more States whether such States are regularly organized as Divisions or not."

ARTICLE VII.

Section 1. Strike out entire section on account of same being modified and added to Article III as Section 5.

Section 2. Strike out entire section on account of same being modified and added to Article II, as Section 3, of the Regulations.

NEW CAMPS.

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

Camp No.	Location and Division.	Date Ins't.	No. Mem.
61	Cambridgeport, Massachusetts	March 30	26
322	Franklin Forks, Pennsylvania	June 15	22
54	Franklinville, New York	April 26	27
10	Peacham, Vermont	June 15	18

Application for Charter approved July 3, for Camp No. 119, Coldbrook Springs, Division of Massachusetts—22 applicants.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 10.

VI. Report of the National Secretary for month of July, 1923:

Receipts—	
June 30, 1923, to balance	\$1200.08
Received for Per Capita Tax	\$ 806.16
Supplies	319.60
Charter Fees	15.00
Total Receipts	\$1140.76
	\$2340.84
Expenditures—	
By General Expenses	\$2297.46
Office Expenses	17.69
Total Expenditures	\$2315.15
Balance, July 31, 1923	\$ 25.69

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses—	
For Supplies	\$ 480.00
The Banner, July, subscription	800.00

Printing	8.25
Shipping Supplies	13.27
National Organization Committee	995.94
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	\$2297.46
Office Expenses— For Postage, Express, Stationery	\$ 17.69
Total Expenditures	<hr/> \$2315.15

By order of:
FRANK SHELLHOUSE,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:
H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. IX.

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

Office of Commander-in-Chief,
Spink-Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

September 1st, 1923.

IN MEMORIAM—WARREN G. HARDING.

I. In memory of Brother Warren G. Harding, all Camp and Division Charters and colors will be draped for a period of thirty days.

Brother Harding was an illustrious member of our Order—of the Division of Ohio.

He was the first to sign the application for the Charter for the Camp at Marion, Ohio, many years ago, was a charter member of that Camp and, honored in later years by the Division of Ohio as a member-at-large, was always interested in the Order, proud of his membership and eligibility and honored and dignified the Sons of Veterans by his membership.

August 16, 1923.

Honorable Frank Shellhouse,
Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,
Spink-Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

My Dear Commander:

In response to your request which came to me by telegram on August 7th, I attended, as your representative, the funeral services of our Brother, Warren Gamaliel Harding, late President of the United States, which were held in the rotunda of the Capitol, Washington, D. C., at 11 o'clock a. m., Wednesday, August 8th, 1923.

The funeral procession passed down Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House to the Capitol and was witnessed by many thousands of grief stricken people from all walks of life, who

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Division	No. in Good Standing at Last Report.		GAIN						Aggregate		By Disbanded		
			By Muster-In.		By Transfer.		By Reinstatement					Total Gain	
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members
Alabama & Tennessee..	11	239	...	34	2	...	...	...	34	11	273	...	...
California ...	31	1262	...	38	...	...	3	...	43	31	1305	...	...
Connecticut ...	41	2415	...	65	1	...	...	...	66	41	2481	...	...
Illinois ...	52	2198	...	40	11	...	9	...	60	52	2258	...	...
Indiana ...	29	2204	...	87	...	...	12	...	99	29	2303	...	...
Iowa ...	20	743	...	15	2	...	7	...	24	20	767	...	...
Kansas ...	29	849	1	29	...	...	...	1	29	30	878	...	...
Maine ...	40	2027	1	156	1	...	2	1	159	41	2186	...	...
Maryland ...	10	596	...	30	...	...	2	...	32	10	628	...	...
Massachusetts ...	148	9097	1	249	9	...	...	1	258	149	9355	...	...
Michigan ...	21	815	...	32	...	...	6	...	38	21	853	...	...
Minnesota ...	14	411	1	60	...	...	...	1	60	15	471	...	...
Missouri ...	15	651	...	14	...	...	...	...	14	15	665	...	...
Nebraska ...	17	562	1	34	...	...	...	1	34	18	596	...	...
New Hampshire ...	34	1117	...	29	...	...	...	...	29	34	1146	...	...
New Jersey ...	27	1717	...	54	...	...	2	...	56	27	1773	...	...
New York ...	109	5014	1	177	6	...	3	1	186	110	5200	...	...
Ohio ...	89	4164	...	77	1	...	11	...	89	89	4253	...	...
Pennsylvania ...	166	13432	1	189	...	...	9	1	198	167	13630	...	...
Rhode Island ...	13	520	...	42	...	...	...	...	42	13	562	...	...
Vermont ...	38	1194	1	21	...	...	...	1	21	39	1215	...	...
Washington ...	17	839	4	112	1	...	3	4	116	21	955	...	...
Wisconsin ...	26	1003	...	58	1	...	1	...	60	26	1063	...	...
Total ..	997	53069	12	1642	35	...	70	12	1747	1009	54816	...	...

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1923.

Division.	No. in Good Standing at Last Report.		GAIN						Aggregate		LOSS						No. in Good Standing.		Amount Received for Per Capita Tax.	Cash on Hand at Division Headquarters.	Cash in Camp Treasuries.	Amount Expended for Relief.	No. Relieved or Their Families.									
			By Muster-In.		By Transfer.		By Reinstatement.				Total Gain.		By Disbanded.		By Death.								By Honorable Discharge.		By Transfer.		By Dropped.		Total Loss.		Members	Veterans
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Veterans		
Alabama & Tennessee..	11	239	..	34	..	..	..	34	11	273	..	..	6	..	..	3	..	9	11	264	\$ 21.12	\$ 10.93	\$ 450.00	\$ ..	..	..	..	..	..
California ..	31	1262	..	38	2	..	3	43	31	1305	..	..	5	1	3	2	..	11	31	1294	103.52	179.09	287.72	10.00	..	..	..	..	..
Connecticut ..	41	2415	..	65	1	..	..	66	41	2481	..	..	6	3	..	90	..	99	41	2382	190.56	73.74	2692.57	86.50	..	..	..	..	..
Illinois ..	52	2198	..	40	11	..	9	60	52	2258	..	..	..	..	4	26	..	33	52	2255	178.00	350.12	3768.83	231.00	..	..	..	..	..
Indiana ..	29	2204	..	87	..	..	12	99	29	2303	..	..	5	..	1	19	..	25	29	2278	182.24	131.66	1818.29	613.00	12	..	..	..	..	..
Iowa ..	20	743	..	15	2	..	7	24	20	767	..	..	2	..	..	8	..	10	20	757	60.56	419.66	149.58	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kansas ..	29	849	1	29	..	..	..	29	30	878	..	..	1	..	..	6	161	6	162	24	716	67.28	694.74	483.78	1.00	..	..	..	..	..
Maine ..	40	2027	1	156	1	..	2	159	41	2186	..	..	5	1	1	63	..	70	41	2116	170.24	407.36	2796.07	27.30	..	..	..	..	..	..
Maryland ..	10	596	..	30	..	..	2	32	10	628	..	..	1	..	..	5	..	6	10	622	49.76	133.22	359.47	250.00	..	..	..	..	..	..
Massachusetts ..	148	9097	1	249	9	..	..	258	149	9355	..	..	15	15	6	70	..	106	149	9249	739.92	1756.90	20776.42	492.27	16	22	..	..	..	..
Michigan ..	21	815	..	32	..	..	6	38	21	853	..	..	4	2	..	1	..	7	21	846	67.68	193.44	667.19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Minnesota ..	14	411	1	60	..	..	..	60	15	471	..	..	2	..	..	3	..	5	15	466	37.28	98.93	317.93	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Missouri ..	15	651	..	14	..	..	..	14	15	665	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	4	15	661	52.88	352.08	371.80	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nebraska ..	17	562	1	34	..	..	..	34	18	596	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	18	595	47.60	191.97	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
New Hampshire ..	34	1117	..	29	..	..	..	29	34	1146	..	..	4	3	..	13	..	20	34	1126	90.08	247.59	1214.89	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
New Jersey ..	27	1717	..	54	..	..	2	56	27	1773	..	..	8	..	2	17	..	27	27	1746	139.68	369.60	4256.12	823.24	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
New York ..	109	5014	1	177	6	..	3	186	110	5200	..	..	8	11	6	55	..	80	110	5120	409.60	1102.89	8162.88	191.10	15	47	..	..	..	..	..
Ohio ..	89	4164	..	77	1	..	11	89	89	4253	..	..	10	..	..	48	..	58	89	4195	335.60	389.40	2213.59	10.00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pennsylvania ..	166	13432	1	189	..	..	9	198	167	13630	..	..	27	4	3	233	..	272	167	13358	1068.64	824.51	53590.51	8456.41	298	42	..	..	..	..	..
Rhode Island ..	13	520	..	42	..	..	..	42	13	562	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	13	560	44.80	29.42	987.78	18.15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vermont ..	38	1194	1	21	..	..	..	21	39	1215	..	..	..	..	..	29	..	29	39	1186	94.88	177.27	923.75	24.99	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Washington ..	17	839	4	112	1	..	3	116	21	955	..	..	2	1	1	8	..	12	21	943	75.44	..	318.75	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wisconsin ..	26	1003	..	58	1	..	1	60	26	1063	..	..	8	3	..	27	..	38	26	1025	82.00	81.66	469.04	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	997	53069	12	1642	35	..	70	12	1747	1009	54816	125	46	27	6	888	6	1086	1003	53730	\$4300.00	\$8216.18	\$106776.96	\$11233.96	341	111

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stood with bowed heads in reverent silence, as a tribute of their deep love for the Nation's fallen Chieftain, the greatest man of his day, whose name through his deeds stands high upon the scroll of individual and international renown.

The Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons of Veterans were given positions of honor in the funeral procession.

The services in the rotunda of the Capitol were very impressive and touched the hearts of all of those who were there.

Our dear Brother is gone, but he will never be forgotten. Bravest of the brave, he gave his life for his country and for mankind. We will ever revere his memory and emulate his wonderful example.

We join with the whole world in our expression of sympathy for Mrs. Harding. Our love and our prayers go to her in her deep sorrow and great bereavement.

Fraternally yours,

H. V. SPEELMAN.

(Telegram)

Mrs. Florence K. Harding,
Washington, D. C.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War throughout this nation wish to sympathize and mourn with you because of the loss of your dear husband and our good friend and brother.

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

(Telegram)

Dr. George T. Harding,
Marion, Ohio.

Your son and our friend and brother is gone. Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War throughout this nation wish to mourn and sympathize with you in the loss.

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

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENT.

II. The Forty-second Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief will convene at Milwaukee, Wis., September 4, 1923, as announced in previous General Orders. Officers and members will be governed accordingly.

The Military Department, Sons of Veterans Reserve, will escort the Grand Army Parade incident to its 58th National Encampment. Major Fred J. Phillips, Past Division Commander of the Division of Illinois, will be in command. Uniformed bodies will report to him for position in line.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF HEADQUARTERS.

III. Temporary Headquarters will be established at the Plankinton Hotel, Milwaukee, Sunday, September 2nd. All details incident to the Encampment and such necessary arrangements applying will have attention at the time and place designated.

REPORTS AND PER CAPITA TAX.

IV. Division Commanders will at once forward to all Camps Forms 27 and 28, Reports of the Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers promptly forward these Forms, with per capita tax, to their respective Division Headquarters, ON THE LAST MEETING NIGHT IN SEPTEMBER.

These reports and per capita tax MUST be forwarded without delay. Division Commanders will emphasize this to all Camp Commanders, Secretaries and Treasurers.

CAMP PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS' REPORTS.

V. Form 50, Camp Patriotic Instructors Reports, should be forwarded to each Camp AT ONCE by all Division Commanders.

This Form is due at Division Headquarters immediately after December 31st.

Division Patriotic Instructors and Division Commanders should make every effort to secure these reports from Camps promptly and have no delay in receiving same.

NEW CAMPS.

VI. Camp No. 83 was instituted at Ipswich, Division of Massachusetts, March 14th, 1923, and charter issued thereto, with 15 members.

CAMPS DROPPED—CHARTERS REVOKED.

VII. Following Camps having been Dropped, their Charters are revoked and record will be made accordingly:

Division of Kansas—Camp No. 3, Baxter, with 29 members; Camp No. 6, Garden City, with 17 members; Camp No. 14, Sterling, with 15 members; Camp No. 19, Culver, with 10 members; Camp No. 45, Salina, with 13 members; Camp No. 266, Wetmore, with 15 members.

By order of:

FRANK SHELLHOUSE,

Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

(Continued)

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

East Walpole, Mass., August 1, 1923.

To Frank Shellhouse,
Commander-in-Chief and
Members of the Forty-second National Encampment.

Brothers:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending June 30th, 1923.

Soon after my election to the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I was asked by Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse to assume control, in an advisory and co-operative capacity, of the Divisions of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, and Maryland, the purpose being to bring these Divisions into closer touch with the Commandery-in-Chief, and to co-ordinate their efforts, insofar as local conditions would permit, particularly in the matter of building up the membership and reorganizing or rebuilding weak Camps.

At my suggestion, and with the co-operation of the officers of the Massachusetts Division in giving the use of their headquarters office, a meeting was held on November 26th, 1922, which was attended by the Commanders of the six New England Divisions and the New York Division, and was given further significance by the attendance of the Commander-in-Chief and Past Commanders-in-Chief Bolton and McGuire. The eight hour continuous session was devoted largely to the subjects of weak Camps and membership recruiting. The preliminary discussion disclosed in detail the conditions in each of these Divisions and indicated problems which brought out many helpful suggestions in the later discussion.

Officers of the Massachusetts Division explained in detail the successful policy of that Division in membership work, and new and workable plans were contributed by others, notably Division Commander Lange of New York, who at that time was launching a vigorous membership drive in his Division. I believe that subsequent events proved this meeting to have been well worth while, if only to get these Commanders acquainted with each other and have each realize that not only was there a working organization over the borders of his own State, but that co-operation between Divisions was profitable to the Order at large.

Following this meeting, I began a regular correspondence with the Division Commanders, asking for a report from each

at least once a month. From these reports I learned that good results from the Boston meeting were almost immediately apparent in certain Divisions, notwithstanding the fact that the Northeastern Section suffered from the most severe winter for many years. The Division Commanders all seemed to appreciate the constant co-operation of a Commandery-in-Chief officer and in every case endeavored to make good in the specific efforts they were asked to put forth. In this connection, and without making any comparison or casting any reflections, I wish to cite the instance of the Rhode Island Division. This Division had made no gain for several years, but after several conferences with their Division officers, I laid down a plan for them which they agreed to follow. This they did faithfully, with the result that substantial gains were made in both the March and June quarters, and a very ambitious campaign has been mapped out for Fall work. I cannot omit commending Past Division Commander Cheek, Division Commander Ballou and Past Division Commander Hoyt for the complete revival of interest in the Rhode Island Division, and special commendation for Senior Vice Division Commander Ward, who has had complete charge of planning and executing the membership drives.

This past spring I had the privilege of attending all of the six Division Encampments in New England. In each of these gatherings, there has seemed to be a new interest and a new spirit of achievement. This was particularly noticeable in point of attendance, and particularly in the attendance of Past Division Commanders. Much constructive legislation was passed, which I believe will result in a more efficient and business-like conduct of the affairs of the Order during the new Division year. At each of these Encampments, I carried the greetings of the National Organization to the Allied Orders and was particularly impressed with the interest displayed by the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic in the growth of our Order, and heard individuals of their Order, officially and unofficially, make stirring appeals to our Brothers to build up our membership. To my mind, there need be absolutely no apprehension on the part of our members as to the attitude of the Grand Army of the Republic, with reference to our Order, if we will but assert ourselves and prove worthy of our heritage.

I am very glad to say that from the best unofficial figures I have been able to secure, all of the nine Divisions in my jurisdiction, with the possible exception of one, will show a net gain for the National year.

It is a source of great regret that in some Divisions, the Past Division Commanders apparently perform no active work excepting at Division Encampments. In each Division, there should be an "unofficial council," made up largely of these past officers, who will back up every Division Commander, not with words, but with an expressed willingness to assist in the shaping of policies, and what is more, willing to "cover" at any time, any point in the Division where their experience will count in the particular situation existing. Such an "unofficial" group exists, and has for years, in the Massachusetts Division, and the continued growth and prosperity of that Division is due in a large measure to the unselfish work of these men, who if for no other reason than the possession of a sense of gratitude, can

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continue to work through the years after they have had all the honor which their Brothers can bestow. The following choice bit of truth from our good Brother Bolton should sink deep into the minds and hearts of all Past Commanders:

"After all, the office of Division Commander is simply a training school to fit men for real usefulness to the Order."

I find that many of our members in certain Divisions do not regularly read The Banner. I do not blame them. Either their Divisions have no Press Correspondent, or he depends entirely upon a few Camps sending in stories of strawberry festivals, bean suppers, or other similar items, which while news, do not tend to make the average member want to meet the postman half way down the street in order to get the earliest possible chance to read the news of his Division. The Banner is by far the best medium for reaching our members and the news sent in by correspondents should be such as to attract the attention, particularly of new members. I also believe with many others, that the front page of The Banner should be arranged and printed in more nearly newspaper style, with real live material, properly captioned, on that page of each issue.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the present arrangement, inaugurated by Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse, of dividing the Commandery-in-Chief into sections or districts, be continued, believing that much good and constructive work has been the result, but with the recommendation also, that the Districts be made smaller, for instance, the six New England Divisions being sufficient for one officer to keep in touch with, and that boundaries of these Districts be worked out by a Committee to report at this Encampment, assignments of Brothers to take charge of these Districts, to be made by the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

2. That definite duties be assigned the Senior and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Many times in the past, these offices have been devoid of accomplishment and not always through the fault of the incumbent. Both offices entail expense to the Commandery-in-Chief for stationery and expense allowance at the National Encampment. There should not only be some return in service rendered, but if definite duties were assigned, these offices would attract men whose ability and interest would be of benefit to the Order in active work.

It has been a great privilege and honor to have served you during the past year in this office. The experiences of the year have given me a broader vision of our work and a fuller understanding of the possibilities that are ours as an organization if we will but grasp the opportunities. I wish to express my thanks for the co-operation and brotherly feeling displayed by all during the year, and to assure you that in retiring from this office, I have only begun my efforts to help make this Order a real monument to our Fathers.

To Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse personally, I offer my gratitude for a constant display of friendly feeling and a gen-

genuine interest in the efforts I have put forth. I know that in serving under him I have gained one more true friend in this Brotherhood of Patriotic Service.

Fraternally submitted,

FREDERIC V. BELL,
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Tacoma, Wash., August 1, 1923.

To Col. Frank Shellhouse,
Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Dear Sir and Brother:

The rendering of a report is approached with more or less trepidation for it does not seem to have been the rule for a Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief to have been sufficiently mixed up in the administration of affairs of the Order to have much to write a report on, and because of a fear that the various phases of Western activities and problems could not be adequately covered and still be fairly brief.

The sub-division designated in your order of December 1st, 1922, as Section No. 3, of which I have the honor to be in charge, comprises the Divisions of California & Pacific and Washington & Oregon and embraces the twelve States of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming, with an area almost as large as all the rest of the United States put together and full of magnificent distances between organized portions. With the exception of California, Oregon and Washington it is practically unorganized and what were once the proud Divisions of Colorado, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming, as well as organized Camps in other States, are reduced to a mere handful of scattered and discouraged members.

In mapping out a plan to comply with your order I had no precedent to go by and never received a suggestion on what to do or how to do it, probably because those who might have aided in this respect were too busy to give much thought to it or else felt less informed on the territory and its needs than I was. At any rate it seemed to be up to me to dig into the situation and do the best I could with it. As I still had more than five months to serve on my second term as Commander of the Washington & Oregon Division I decided to put forth as good efforts as possible in the territory with which I was most familiar and devote as much time to the rest of it as circumstances would permit. There was little or no information regarding Division and Camp organizations and such a thing as being able to locate old rosters and records seemed well nigh impossible. The loss of most all the valuable and interesting records and history of the Order in the West seemed like a tragedy to me for it could have been avoided by the exercise of just a little thoughtfulness and the making it somebody's business to attend to gathering up the property of Camps and Divisions when they were disbanded.

During the month of February I concluded it was wasting

valuable time to try to hunt up old information, on which to base efforts of any kind, and started out to make a survey of the whole Section through correspondence with the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps, intending to cover the other Allied Orders later on. In March, immediately after the visit of Commander-in-Chief Willett and his party, of which party you were an honored member, I arranged to have mimeographed 400 copies of an excerpt from the speech delivered by Commander Willett while in Tacoma, 340 letters of inquiry to Grand Army Posts and 200 to Corps of the W. R. C. Each one was signed personally and they were mailed as follows:

	G. A. R.	W. R. C.	Total
Arizona	5		5
California	87	41	128
Colorado	38	33	71
Idaho	16	16	32
Montana	13	9	22
Nevada	5	5	10
New Mexico	5		5
Oregon	59	33	92
Texas	10		10
Utah	5	5	10
Washington	74	39	113
Wyoming	8	4	12
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	325	185	510

About 150 replies were received many of which were encouraging, some not very hopeful and some were discouraging. Taking into consideration the age of most of the members of the G. A. R. I think replies received from them averaged as well as could reasonably be expected but the percentage of replies received from the W. R. C. was not as good as I had hoped it would be. Perhaps this is due to a belief, which seems to prevail among many of the "old timers" of all the Allied Orders, that our circulars and letters need not be answered because they are "just the limbering up of new brooms that never sweep up" even when information is furnished and help offered. A pretty strong indictment but there seems to be some foundation for it just as there seems to be for the one that says "there is no use to try to help the Sons, they are hopeless." I presume all this is a heritage from what our good Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary referred to in their reports of last year.

Have followed up all prospects as well as possible but the duties as Commander of the Washington & Oregon Division took most of my spare time. The finding of some one, in each community, who could be counted upon to do most of the preliminary and intermediate work required considerable correspondence and consumed quite a bit of time. It probably was a mistake to try to do much as a National Officer and serve as a Division Commander at the same time and if I had it to do over again would more than likely confine all efforts to one job.

Despite the handicaps I believe the result of the survey more than justified the effort to make it and such preliminary work as has been possible has developed "prospects" that might be summed up something like the following:

	?	Fair	Good	Total
California	10	10	10	30
Colorado	5	6	6	17
Idaho	4	5	5	14
Montana	6	5	3	14
Oregon	10	10	15	35
Texas	10			10
Utah	2	1	1	5
Washington	10	10	10	30
Wyoming	6	2		8
	64	49	45	163

All of which are outside of those that Division may be in possession of and which these will be dovetailed with. From the information shown it is fair to assume that chartered Divisions can be formed (or restored) in Colorado, Idaho, and Montana, within a reasonable length of time, and Provisional Divisions formed in Texas, Utah and Wyoming. The possibilities of Camp formation in Arizona, Nevada and New Mexico are problematical and for the present it does not look as though more than one or two Camps could be formed in any or all of them.

It would seem that our first duty should be to prosecute the formation of Camps in all communities where "prospects" were fair for such formation, but do not believe we will get the results we so much desire under our present system and certainly not without the expenditure of some money. A sufficient appropriation should be made available for the use of the Commander-in-Chief in assisting young and weak Divisions so they may build well and strong and avoid mushroom growth altogether. If the plan of establishing "Regions" and "Provisional Divisions" is carried out this appropriation could be handled through the Regional Commander with correspondingly increased supervision.

STATE CAMPS.

The more I think of the State Camp idea the more its possibilities grow upon me. Special attention should be given to this important matter, especially the angle of taking care of communities, where there are not enough eligibles to form a Camp, via the "Picket Post" or some similar plan. Am quite sure such a method would be of value in laying the foundation for future development either in young or old Divisions.

VISITS TO CAMPS.

Visits to Camps were made entirely in the Washington & Oregon Division. Because it is believed they are no different from those in other Divisions the following information, concerning them, may be of interest:

The caliber of Camp Officers shows improvement and there was less discouragement; records still more or less carelessly kept; finances given too little or no attention; dues not closely collected; Camp Councils make practically no effort to function; Camps have no by-laws worthy the name; most of them overlook the fact that we are a business institution as well as a patriotic body.

ENCAMPMENT

It will take time to straighten all these things out but they should be given attention, along with the getting of new members, for they are some of the causes of Camp failures and the loss of membership. To my mind one of the most important duties of a Division Commander is that of making visits to his Camps because nothing can exactly take the place of personal contact. We all like to meet the men with whom we do business and the advantage of first hand knowledge of Camps and their membership is too obvious to be discussed. Division Commanders should be encouraged and helped to make this a feature of their administrations.

It might not be amiss to mention here a few of the apparent causes of weak and failing Camps, that have come to my notice:

Failure to fix the muster fee for charter members of new Camps high enough to allow for a decent working balance being left in the treasury; Camps improperly organized and left to shift for themselves without proper instructions on how to keep records, make reports and do business according to the Regulations; regular muster fee and yearly dues too low in proportion to fixed charges against Camps; insufficiency of program to keep membership occupied "between times" of stated events; lack of good leadership; failure of Secretary and Treasurer to be alive to and on their jobs (this would also fit other officers).

MEMBERSHIP.

Below will be found a statement showing Camps and members for the Divisional year ending March 31st, 1923:

	Mar. 31, 1922		Mar. 31, 1923		Gain		Loss	
California	22	1121	26	1166	4	45		
Colorado	1	16	1	16				
Idaho	2	49	2	46			0	3
Montana	1	20	2	34	1	14		
Oregon	5	199	6	265	1	66		
Washington	11	499	11	574		75		
	42	1904	48	2101	6	200	0	3

During the June, 1923, quarter Oregon gained 4 Camps and 78 members and Washington 26 members. Accurate data is lacking from the California & Pacific Division but it is believed there has been a substantial gain in Camps and members there. By way of comparison with Sections 1 and 2 we find that Section 1 has an area of 123,852 square miles, a population of 20,942,036 and a membership of 23,101, or a population of 169 plus to the square mile and the membership is 11 plus per cent per 1,000 population; that Section 2 has an area of 1,447,901 square miles, a population of 71,202,384 and a membership of 27,867, or a population of 49.1 plus to the square mile and the membership is 3.91 plus per cent per 1,000 population; that Section 3 has an area of 1,455,036 square miles, a population of 13,566,200 and a membership of 2,101, or a population of 9.3 plus to the square mile and the membership is 1.54 plus per cent per 1,000 population. While the showing made is pretty good it is not what it should be. Regardless of drawbacks and troubles I cannot help but be optimistic in regard to the Order's future in the West. At no time in the past ten or fifteen years has it looked

as good as it does right now. With what looks like a newly awakened spirit entering into the situation I believe we have a right to feel encouraged. If the system of forming Regions and Provisional Divisions is carried out recruiting for Camps and members can be carried on just that much more systematically and the chances of our living up to expectations will be that much better. Prominent members of the G. A. R. say there is more need than ever for us to organize and that the chances to do so effectively were never better than they are today.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

For this Committee I have the highest admiration. I have had the pleasure of meeting its members and keeping in touch with them and their work since the last Encampment. They have given unselfishly of their time and rich experiences and their plan of action is well thought out, broad, comprehensive and should produce excellent results, though I do not believe Camps, as a whole, are doing what the Committee has a right to expect them to do. Just why this is so I am at a loss to say, unless it be due to lack of interest or ability to reach up to the Committee's plan. I am satisfied there are Camps it is going clear over the heads of BECAUSE IT IS A SYSTEMATIC PLAN and we all know one of the hardest nuts we have to crack is to get Camps and their Officers to do things systematically. Perhaps this is due to the laxity with which we have allowed things "to drift" for the last few years.

Am looking forward with great interest to the meeting of this Committee at Milwaukee for I believe its sessions will be of great interest.

CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS.

Through the Encampment of the Washington & Oregon Division some changes in the Constitution and Regulations were suggested, principally to provide for expansion of our working facilities, to clear up doubtful points and provide for covering matters brought forth by experience. Some other suggestions which appeared to be along the right lines were made also. It is hoped the Commandery-in-Chief will give them careful consideration.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

Relations with the G. A. R., the W. R. C., Ladies of the G. A. R. and D. of V. have, in the main, been most cordial though there is not the co-operative spirit on matters we all have in common there should be. Perhaps this is the fault of the boys as much as anybody. We are indebted to all of them for a great deal of help, valuable suggestions and much encouragement. In some communities the Camps are backed to the limit by the G. A. R., in others not so much so and in some places they are shoved into the background to such an extent they wonder what they are here for. This is more noticeable in the larger communities than in the smaller ones. These troubles could be ironed out if it were not for the outside influences which are at work against us.

SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY.

I cannot speak authoritatively of California, for I have no

information from there, but in Oregon and Washington I have been intimately in touch with this splendid organization for the last two years. Not much can be said of the specific accomplishments of either State, as far as Division work goes—for one was only formed in June of this year and the other in June of last year, for they are still too young to much more than get established and that they are doing with a will. We are looking forward to their being a real factor in the future growth and usefulness of our Order. From the standpoint of individual Auxiliary accomplishment I can truthfully say, that with one exception, they have been of real and material benefit to the Camps to which they are attached. Increased interest and attendance as well as needed sociability can be credited direct to them. If they would confine their recruiting, until well established, to a small and compact body of harmonious elements—who are not too much interested in other organizations—better results would be obtained. A plan should also be worked out so an Auxiliary can be formed at the same time a Camp is organized and thus pave the way for closer general cooperation right from the beginning. Taking everything into consideration the future of this ally looks very bright and I am glad it does for it means much to us.

THE OREGON DIVISION.

The formation of the Oregon Division came as the culmination of a re-speeding up of efforts begun nearly a year ago—as well as a portion of the March survey—and I can assure you it was a strenuous thirty days the boys put in just prior to the holding of their Encampment at Grants Pass on June 7th and 8th. But the psychological advantages of forming their Division at a time when their own Grand Army people were assembled proved a wonderful incentive and the trick was turned with all the new Camps being actually and rightly mustered. It was a privilege to have been a factor in this achievement, and to be designated as the one to organize this addition to the Divisional family was an honor that will always be cherished as one of the real bright spots of my official career. I am hopeful the boys and girls who were such a potent factor in this good work will attend the Forty-second Encampment that all may get a good chance to look at and meet some real "live wires."

RECOMMENDATIONS.

By experience, observation and the gathering of "the other fellow's viewpoint" certain definite conclusions are arrived at. I therefore respectfully make the following recommendations:

1. That when the charters of Camps or Divisions are revoked a formal order of revokement be made, in writing, by the Commander-in-Chief and some one designated, through proper channels, to wind up the affairs of the defunct body in a proper manner, and that the bond of the officer effected be not discharged until all property has been properly accounted for.

2. That the survey plan tried out in Section 3 be tried out elsewhere, under supervision of Regional Commander, and information obtained passed on to Divisions and that they create a special department to handle same if they already haven't one.

3. That Regions be established, in lieu of the present tem-

porary Sections, to be composed of two or more States, whether organized as Divisions or not, and same placed under the supervision of a Commander appointed by the Commander-in-Chief.

4. That each State not now organized as a Division be detached from any other Division and formed into a Provisional Division under the supervision of a Provisional Commander to be appointed by the Regional Commander subject to the approval of the Commander-in-Chief.

5. That the formation of State Camps be pushed throughout the jurisdiction of the Order and that the matter of organizing "Picket Posts" in small communities, to be attached to State Camps, be given close attention.

6. That Division Commanders be encouraged to visit their Camps and that the system of Camp Inspections be revived to such an extent as will clear up and get rid of the present tendency to laxity and carelessness.

7. That the Charter Application Muster Fee be fixed at not less than \$3.00 so new Camps will not start their career with a depleted treasury.

8. That the system of Camp records and reports, as far as possible, be revised, cut down and put upon a loose leaf basis that the work of Camp Secretaries and Treasurers may be lessened and simplified thereby lessening the quarterly "grief" of the Division Secretary.

9. That a sufficient appropriation be made to enable the Commander-in-Chief to help young and weak Divisions under the Region and Provisional Division Idea. \$1,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is suggested for each Region (on the basis of there being three as there are now) to be expended through the Regional Commander.

10. That organization of Camps and Divisions be taken up under a special plan to run concurrently with the campaign to get new members for old Camps.

11. That the matter of "where we stand" be put into such shape as will permit the issuance of an order by the Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. to his Departments, and they to the Posts, covering it so there will be less trouble on Memorial Day and other occasions.

12. That conferences be arranged, with Division Commanders and Secretaries participating, on records, reports and methods of handling same that uniformity of action may assist in making possible the success of Recommendation No. 8.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding this rather lengthy report I wish to pay my respects to the other members of your Staff. All have kept in touch with me, whenever they found time to do so, and the happy cordiality which has always existed seemed to invite co-operation. It certainly has been a pleasure to have served with such fine fellows.

To you, my dear Commander, I desire to return the most sincere thanks, not only for your close co-operation, splendid support and ready sympathy throughout the year, but for the generosity which enabled so many things to be accomplished.

To have served with you and to have enjoyed your confidence has been a privilege the memory of which will serve to keep green the friendship I hope to continue to enjoy.

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

RANDALL BUBB,
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER.

Reading, Pa., September 1, 1923.

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

My Dear Sir and Brother:

The outstanding feature of the report of this Department to the last (Forty-first) Encampment, was the necessity for organizing and upbuilding of Camps; developing the organization in sections of the Country, in States, that have no Camps and members on our rolls or roster. This was stressed with a plan possibly to effect the desired result. No account can be given of service of the kind suggested. Instead, a movement well organized with a wide scope for effectiveness has been instituted this term under the service of the National Organization Committee. Its work has been so general and well conducted that it is felt that if any movement or effort can be resorted to for the upbuilding of the Order, it is now under way and a method adopted that should secure for us the results so greatly desired for a long term of years. This Committee having this subject so well in hand it is believed that its operations will soon produce all that can be expected and that before long a very successful return will result. It is also expected that this Committee will be able to open the fields and plant Camps in the sections referred to in report last year. It is to be hoped and greatly desired that this can be accomplished. If it is to be done, or if it cannot be achieved then, it will be apparent that no effort can produce different from the general conditions that now exist and have in the past.

THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Our official tie is a concern of no small moment as relates to our part in Memorial Day and as Escort to the Grand Army of the Republic on occasions of parade and public gatherings. In National Encampment the Grand Army of the Republic has officially declared and directed that in parades at National Encampments, etc., the official escort shall consist of one hundred uniformed Sons of Veterans. If we are to be the official escort we must comply with this provision. The experiences of many Camps as to their part and other organizations in Memorial Day ceremonies emphasizes this as a subject of vital importance. If we do not provide for the condition it will be ours to experience other organizations assuming the obligation. They are ready and prepared to assume these honors and privileges. These are indisputably ours; they are fundamental of our Order and its purpose.

MEMBERSHIP OF DIVISIONS.

Division:	June 30, 1922		June 30, 1923		Gain		Loss	
	Camps	Mem.	Camps	Mem.	Cps.	Mb.	Cps.	Mb.
Ala. & Tenn....	10	223	11	264	1	41		
Cal. & Pac.	28	1227	31	1294	3	67		
Connecticut ...	41	2447	41	2382				65
Illinois	54	2355	52	2225			2	130
Indiana	28	2150	29	2278	1	128		
Iowa	22	942	20	757			2	185
Kansas	29	856	24	716			5	140
Maine	41	2026	41	2116		90		
Maryland	11	604	10	622		18	1	
Massachusetts..	146	9002	149	9249	3	247		
Michigan	22	861	21	846			1	15
Minnesota	13	421	15	466	2	45		
Missouri	14	649	15	661	1	12		
Nebraska	20	664	18	595			2	69
New Hampshire	35	1137	34	1126			1	11
New Jersey ...	28	1679	27	1746		67	1	
New York	112	4926	110	5120		194	2	
Ohio	92	4279	89	4195			3	84
Pennsylvania .	171	13495	167	13358			4	137
Rhode Island .	13	460	13	560		100		
Vermont	39	1237	39	1186				51
Wash. & Ore...	17	760	21	943	4	183		
Wisconsin	32	1149	26	1025			6	124
Total	1018	53549	1003	53730	15	1192	80	1011
Gain						181		
Loss							15	

RECAPITULATION.

	Camps	Members
Number in good standing June 30, 1922.....	1018	53549
Gain:		
By Organization and Initiation..	31	5070
Transfer		277
Reinstatement	3	278
Total Gain	34	5625
Aggregate		
Loss:	1052	59174
By Bisbanded		
Death	23	499
Honorable Discharge		492
Transfer		256
Dropped		274
Dishonorable Discharge	26	3921
		2
Total Loss	49	5444
No. in good standing June 30, 1922.....	1003	53730
Gain over June 30, 1922.....		181
Loss from June 30, 1922	15	
Cash in Division Treasuries		8216.18

Cash in Camp Treasuries	\$106776.96
Expended for Relief	\$ 35771.61
No. members or their families relieved.....	940
No. veterans or their families relieved.....	290

NEW CAMPS.

Division:	Applications Approved	Number Applicants	Camps Instituted	Charter Members
California & Pacific	1	24	1	24
Indiana	2	95	2	94
Iowa	2	45	2	45
Kansas	1	27	1	27
Maine	1	30	1	30
Massachusetts ...	4	82	1	26
Minnesota	1	29	1	53
Missouri	1	21	1	20
Nebraska	1	26	1	16
New York	2	46	2	46
Ohio	1	33	1	33
Pennsylvania ...	4	86	4	119
Vermont	1	18	1	18
Washington & Oregon..	4	94	4	63
Wisconsin	1	18	1	18
	<u>27</u>	<u>674</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>632</u>

FINANCIAL.

DR.	CR.
Sept. 28, 1922, to bal- ance	By Expenditures:
Received for:	General Expenses ...\$20285.62
P. C. Tax...\$16269.89	Office Expenses 1102.34
Charter Fees 145.00	Commander-in-Chief's Expenses 1500.00
Supplies 3946.68	
Interest on bonds ... 212.50	Total Expenditures \$22021.42
Miscellaneous —Refund.. 10.50	By balance, Aug. 20, .
Junior Order, Supplies .. .40	1923 1039.57
Total Receipts ....\$20584.97	
	<u>\$23060.99</u>

ITEMIZED RECEIPTS FROM DIVISIONS.

Division:	Per Capita Tax	Charter Fees	Sup.	Mis.	Refund	Total
Ala. & Tenn...\$	77.28	\$	\$ 71.08	\$	\$	\$ 148.36
Cal. & Pac...	301.28	5.00	114.78			421.06
Connecticut ..	580.16		126.65			706.81
Illinois	714.80		94.56			809.36
Indiana	704.48	10.00	129.39			843.87
Iowa	265.67	10.00	101.14			376.81
Kansas	204.88	5.00	37.50			247.38
Maine	655.12	5.00	181.76			841.88

Maryland	195.84		93.25			289.09
Massachusetts	2902.62	20.00	773.70			3696.32
Michigan	263.76		62.22			325.98
Minnesota ...	142.58	5.00	52.94			200.52
Missouri	203.44	5.00	76.78			285.22
Nebraska	192.00	5.00	92.56			289.56
New Hamp....	359.84		93.03			452.87
New Jersey ..	546.00		155.32			701.32
New York ...	1195.32	10.00	363.00			1568.32
Ohio	1333.12	5.00	164.01			1502.13
Oregon		*10.00				
Pennsylvania..	4283.36	20.00	562.22	.50		4866.08
Rhode Island.	161.04		108.49			269.53
Vermont	386.40	5.00	94.07			485.47
Wash. & Ore..	271.44	20.00	273.18			564.62
Wisconsin ...	329.36	5.00	64.37			398.73
Miscellaneous..				60.58	10.00	70.58
Interest on						
Bonds.....				212.50		212.50
Junior Order,						
Supplies.....						.40
Total	\$16269.89	\$145.00	\$3946.68	\$273.58	\$10.00	\$20584.97
	*Division Fee.					

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses:	
For Stock and Supplies	\$ 2359.30
The Banner, subscription, October, 1922- August, 1923, inc.	10121.99
Encampment, printing and shipping Journal Forty-first Encampment, 1922	771.64
Printing	55.98
Shipping Supplies	138.57
Salary	3025.00
Bonds	27.50
Organization Committee	2848.11
Officers other than Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary-Treasurer	181.00
Miscellaneous	76.65
	<u>\$19605.74</u>

Office Expenses:	
Wrapping Paper and Twine	\$ 7.66
Postage	129.24
Express	7.89
Telegrams	13.22
Stationery, National Officers	224.17
Rent	529.50
Miscellaneous	4.00

Commander-in-Chief's Expenses:		\$ 915.68
Postage	\$ 18.00	
Telegrams	21.87	
Traveling	1435.13	

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Office	20.50	
Stenographer	4.05	
Express45	
		<u>\$ 1500.00</u>
Total Expenditures		\$22021.42

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE ACCOUNT.

The budget for the term ending included an appropriation of \$1,000.00 for "Publicity, Circulars, Pamphlets for Camps, etc., and Organization Work." This was applied to and used by the National Organization Committee for its purposes and as specified.

In addition to the appropriation:	\$1000.00
The Council-in-Chief authorized and approved the appropriation to the Committee of	2000.00
	<u>\$3000.00</u>
Total Appropriation	\$3000.00
Total Expended	2848.11
	<u>\$ 151.89</u>
Balance	\$ 151.89

STOCK AND SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Requisitions for supplies amounted to nearly \$900 more than last term. These were promptly filled. The account in this department shows:

Cost of supplies on hand, August 20, 1922.....	\$4157.12
Cost of supplies purchased	2359.30
	<u>\$6516.42</u>
Cost of supplies to account for	\$6516.42
Cost of supplies on hand August 20, 1923.....	\$3822.41
	<u>\$2694.01</u>
Cost of supplies sold	\$2694.01
Amount received for supplies	\$3946.68
Cost of supplies sold	\$2694.01
Cost of supplies to National Officers.....	1.69
Cost of shipping supplies	138.57
Cost of wrapping paper and twine.....	7.66
Cost of express on supplies purchased	7.89
	<u>\$2849.82</u>
Cost of supplies sold.....	\$2849.82
Profit	\$1096.86

THE JUNIOR ORDER.

Reference repeatedly has been made to and report shown that this branch is not a success. If dormant it seems interest cannot be revived in it. There is no co-operation or apparent desire for it. Seemingly it does not attract, Division Officers do not give it recognition as generally as they should. The Camps that favor and desire Camps of the Junior Order are a negligible exception. It is a condition that existed for years. The investment of the Commandery-in-Chief has been without return. Established as a channel to attract sixteen (16) years

old eligibles from Junior Order Camps into Camps of the Order proper, the movement or enterprise never developed into the success anticipated.

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Cost of supplies on hand August 20, 1922.....	\$288.86
Cost of supplies on hand August 20, 1923.....	288.61
Cost of supplies sold	\$.25
Amount received for supplies	\$.40
Profit	\$.15

MEMBERSHIP.

	In Good Standing				Bal. in Treas.
	Dec. 31, 1921	Dec. 31, 1922	Dec. 31, 1922	Dec. 31, 1922	
	Camps Members	Camps Members	Camps Members		
Maine	3	90	3	90	\$.
Massachusetts ..	2	30	2	28	151.82
Pennsylvania ...	8	102	4	59	100.25
Total	13	222	9	177	\$252.07

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND.

August 20, 1922, Amount:	
Second Liberty U. S. Loan 4½% Bonds.....	\$2500.00
Third Liberty U. S. Loan 4½% Bonds.....	2500.00
Int. & Great Northern Railway Co., Collateral Mortgage three year 5% Notes	2000.00
August 20, 1923, Amount	\$7000.00

Interest accruing has been as directed by the Commandery-in-Chief, applied to the general fund of receipts and expenditures and is accounted for therein.

The International & Great Northern Railway Co. continues as in the past several reports, no interest or returns therefrom. Advices are favorable and unfavorable for early payments of interest. Since we have been without revenue from this investment for some years it may be advisable to continue holding the securities we have and await what is hoped may result in securing the full amount.

FEDERATED PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES.

The Federated Patriotic Societies allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, composed of our affiliated Orders has been active in its operations along patriotic lines. Patriotism was emphasized and urged generally. A great service in this direction has been rendered throughout the Country, for patriotic observance. The Order is at the service of and participates in the work of the Societies. Camps and members through Patriotic Division Officers should constantly be responsive and co-operate. Division Officers have an important duty in this connection to urge and interest all therein. The Sons of Veterans is prominent in the Federated Societies' activities, and is given important recognition.

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SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY.

This Order continues to be helpful and an influential ally. It is a great benefit to Camps aiding financially and materially in social and patriotic service. The members are always to be relied upon for the success of affairs participated in. Their patriotic work is a feature and a very valuable and important factor in the representation of our Order thereby. The Auxiliary activities reflect creditably and satisfactorily upon our Order in their successful public accomplishments. The mutual interests are of advantage. With the contemplated organization Camp upbuilding and recruiting projects, the Auxiliary will be rendering incalculable assistance.

DELEGATE REPRESENTATION.

Representation in Division and Commandery-in-Chief Encampments relating to the appointments of delegates and alternates to fill vacancies for those not present should be changed so that only delegates or alternates should be the accredited representatives; they to be elected. If those elected are not sufficiently interested and active in the Order to be attracted by such honor or appreciate selection of this kind, they should not be chosen. Delegates or alternates regularly elected should be the only representatives and this should be the only provision to govern for representation in our Encampments.

VOUCHERS.

No.	To Whom Drawn and Account.	Amount
1.	Quaker City Stencil & Stamp Works, seal press....	\$ 5.30
2.	H. H. Hammer, stock and October expense a/c....	29.62
3.	The Banner, subscription, October.....	853.15
4.	G. B. Kostenbader, engrossing	2.75
5.	Edwin C. Irelan, Att., bonds National Secretary-Treasurer	25.00
6.	Wm. O. Flatt & Brother, stationery National Officers	50.58
7.	Frank Shellhouse, Commander-in-Chief, expense a/c October	12.61
8.	Quaker City Stencil & Stamp Works, seal press....	5.19
9.	The Banner, subscription, November	859.90
10.	H. H. Hammer, salary, September 21-December 20, including November expense a/c.....	858.48
11.	Wm. O. Flatt & Brother, stationery	9.00
12.	Frank Shellhouse, Commander-in-Chief, November expense a/c	329.97
13.	Quaker City Stencil & Stamp Works, seal press....	5.41
14.	The Banner, subscription, December	891.81
15.	H. H. Hammer, expense a/c December	20.96
16.	A. D. Rhinesmith, National Organization Committee	97.32
17.	Colonial Trust Co., rent, January-March, inc.....	176.50
18.	Frank Shellhouse, Commander-in-Chief, expense a/c December	156.67
19.	The Robbins Co., supplies	152.55
20.	L. S. Ramsey, supplies	436.23
21.	The Banner, subscription, January, Journal 41st Encampment, stationery, pamphlets, etc., Organization Committee	1900.85
22.	H. H. Hammer, January expense a/c.....	22.54

23. The Dreka Co., stationery	9.41
24. Frank Shellhouse, Commander-in-Chief, January expense a/c	79.60
25. L. S. Ramsey Co., supplies	150.76
26. Quaker City Stencil & Stamp Works, seal press....	5.19
27. The Robbins Co., supplies	273.00
28. The Banner, subscription, February.....	937.10
29. H. H. Hammer, February expense a/c.....	45.14
30. A. D. Rhinesmith, expense Organization Committee	192.08
31. Wm. O. Flatt & Brother, stationery National Officers	10.56
32. Frank Shellhouse, Commander-in-Chief, expense a/c February	232.75
33. L. S. Ramsey Co., supplies	267.00
34. Quaker City Stencil & Stamp Works, seal presses..	10.41
35. Robbins Company, supplies	273.00
36. The Banner, subscription, March	941.36
37. H. H. Hammer, salary, December 21-March 20, inc., March expense a/c.....	851.38
38. Fred V. Bell, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, expense Rhode Island Division Encampment	13.80
39. A. D. Rhinesmith, Organization Committee, exp. a/c	53.96
40. Fred E. Upham, Organization Committee, exp. a/c..	108.98
41. Monarch Printing Co., Organization Committee, expense a/c	190.00
42. F. E. Crosby, Organization Committee expense a/c.	214.19
43. Wm. O. Flatt & Brother, stationery National Officers stock	86.00
44. Colonial Trust Co., rent April-June, inc.....	176.50
45. C. O. D. press, stationery, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bubb	11.75
46. Frank Shellhouse, Commander-in-Chief, expense a/c February-March	690.90
47. L. S. Ramsey Co., supplies	13.75
48. Quaker City Stencil & Stamp Works, seal press....	5.30
49. The Banner, subscription, April	940.10
50. H. H. Hammer, expense a/c April	40.42
51. F. A. Crosby, Organization Committee.....	13.15
52. Monarch Printing Co., Organization Committee....	130.40
53. A. D. Rhinesmith, Organization Committee.....	272.16
54. Fred V. Bell, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, expense New Hampshire, Connecticut and Rhode Island Encampments	51.10
55. Robbins Company, supplies	260.00
56. The Banner, subscription, May	945.01
57. L. S. Ramsey Co., printing	4.50
58. H. H. Hammer, May expense a/c.....	36.54
59. A. D. Rhinesmith, Organization Committee	206.74
60. Fred E. Upham, Organization Committee.....	47.46
61. F. A. Crosby, Organization Committee	3.00
62. Monarch Printing Co., Organization Committee....	135.47
63. Wm. O. Flatt & Brother, stationery National Officers	13.07
64. Quaker City Stencil & Stamp Works, seal press....	5.41
65. The Banner, subscription, June	947.63
66. G. B. Kostenbader, engraving	9.75
67. H. H. Hammer, salary, June expense a/c	898.65
68. Fred V. Bell, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief....	76.10
69. Wm. O. Flatt & Brother, stationery	11.05

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70.	Colonial Trust Co., rent	176.50
71.	Robbins Company, supplies	480.00
72.	The Banner, subscription, July, on account.....	800.00
73.	G. B. Kostenbader, engrossing.....	8.25
74.	H. H. Hammer, July expense a/c.....	30.96
75.	A. D. Rhinesmith, Organization Committee	886.94
76.	F. A. Crosby, Organization Committee	20.30
77.	Fred E. Upham, Organization Committee.....	88.70
78.	The Banner, balance on July subscription and August	1102.34
79.	H. H. Hammer, salary and August expense a/c....	633.46
	Vouchers Total	\$22021.42

CONCLUSION.

To you and the other associates in the active conduct of affairs, acknowledgment of many courtesies and favors is made. Your constant interest and active efforts has due appreciation. The cordial greetings and warm receptions accorded you in all sections of the Country attest the esteem and regard for you on the part of all. Your splendid liberality in behalf of the Order in distinct features is appreciated. Your generosity for the benefit of the Order is an obligation hard to compensate. You have done all you could and given much. You have the good will and affection of all.

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

H. H. HAMMER,

National Secretary-Treasurer.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

Of the National Secretary-Treasurer, Forty-second Annual Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, September 6th, 1923, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

DR.		CR.
1923:		By General Expenses..\$1555.68
Aug. 20, to balance...\$1039.57		Office Expenses ... 201.10
Received for Per Capita Tax ....\$760.96		Total Expenditures.\$1756.78
Interest on bank		By Balance, Sept. 6,
balances 77.91		1923 121.66
Total Receipts\$ 838.87		\$1878.44
	\$1878.44	

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses:	
For Encampment	\$1447.44
National Organization Committee	108.24
	\$1555.68
Office Expenses:	
For Postage, Telegrams, Stationery, Rent October-December, 1923, inc.	\$ 201.10
Total Expenditures	\$1756.78

VOUCHERS.

No.	To Whom and Item.	Amount.
80.	The Banner, Encampment Roster, Reports of Officers	\$ 146.05
81.	C. R. Bubb, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Encampment expenses	163.94
82.	Frank Shellhouse, Commander-in-Chief, Encampment expenses	80.00
83.	E. S. Shumaker, National Patriotic Instructor, Encampment expenses	29.37
84.	N. J. McGuire, National Counselor, Encampment expenses	35.34
85.	Arthur E. Lewis, Council-in-Chief, Encampment expenses	51.71
86.	Fred V. Bell, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Encampment expenses	120.55
87.	Chas. R. Hale, Council-in-Chief, Encampment expenses	113.56
88.	Felix A. Kremer, Council-in-Chief, Encampment expenses	64.82
89.	Fred J. Phillips, expense a/c parade escort G. A. R.	131.04
90.	A. D. Rhinesmith, National Chaplain, Encampment expenses	51.96
91.	F. E. Bolton, a/c Committee State of Order.....	15.00
92.	C. R. Bubb, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, additional Encampment expense	12.50
93.	Fred E. Upham, National Organization Committee (member) expenses	108.24
94.	H. H. Hammer, National Secretary-Treasurer, office, Aug.-Sept. expenses, and Encampment expenses, inc. Officers	181.07
95.	Henry F. Weller, Encampment Stenographer (services)	262.80
96.	Colonial Trust Co., rent Oct.-Dec., 1923, inc.....	188.83
	Total	\$1756.78

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,
 H. H. HAMMER,
 National Secretary-Treasurer.

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR.

Indianapolis, Ind., August 18, 1923.

To the Officers and Members of the Forty-second Annual Encampment of the Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 4, 5, 6, 1923:

Following the resignation of National Counselor Fred E. Upham, I was appointed last May by Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse and consented to become your National Counselor for the remainder of his administration. I expected to be able to give more time to it but my official duties as Attorney for the Department of Public Parks of Indianapolis and my private practice, both drew more strongly upon my time than I expected.

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However, only four formal decisions have been made, three of which were upon troubles in the Division of Missouri. As an advisor to the Commander-in-Chief, I have given such advice and counsel as was needed, and approved two Division By-Laws, that of Indiana and the new Division of Oregon.

My formal opinions are as follows to wit:

 OPINION NO. I.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 23, 1923.

Mr. Frank Shellhouse,
 Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,
 Spink Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

In the matter of the proper procedure in selecting a Division Secretary for the Pennsylvania Division, to fill the vacancy created by the death of our beloved brother, Wm. B. McNulty, submitted to me by your letter of May 4, 1923, I beg to advise you, that this matter is governed wholly by the provisions of Section 5 of Article IV of the Constitution and Regulations governing the Sons of Veterans, United States of America, which reads as follows:

"Any vacancy which may occur in an elective office of a Division shall be filled temporarily by the officer next in rank; such vacancy shall be filled permanently by the 'Division Council.'"

This section of the Constitution and Regulations clearly gives the right to the Division Council to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term, in fact says they SHALL do so.

The fact that the Division By-Laws may provide otherwise would have no force and effect from and after the adoption of our present National Constitution and Regulations which occurred at the Thirty-ninth Annual Encampment held at Indianapolis, Indiana, September 23 and 24, 1920.

Respectfully submitted,

NEWTON J. McGUIRE,
 National Counselor.

Indianapolis, Ind., June 11, 1923.

The enclosed Opinion No. 1 of the National Counselor as to the authority of the Division Council of the Pennsylvania Division to fill the vacancy in the office of Division Secretary is hereby approved.

FRANK SHELLHOUSE,
 Commander-in-Chief.

 OPINION NO. II.

Indianapolis, Ind., August 18, 1923.

Mr. Frank Shellhouse,
 Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,
 Spink Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

You have referred to me a mass of correspondence from C. C. Behnke, and Resolutions from General C. D. Wolff Camp No.

5, of the Missouri Division, Sons of Veterans, which correspondence and Resolutions raise no new questions for decision. They cover a period of many months, in fact the most of your administration. These communications are all simply demands, complaints or pleadings for you to reopen the William Schumacher case which was passed upon and finally decided by the Forty-first Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief held at Des Moines, Iowa, September 26, 27 and 28, 1922, page 205 of said proceedings. A special committee having in charge this matter at that Encampment decided as follows:

"It is conceded that William Schumacher, the Father, died a member of the Parent Order and was buried by it, there being no positive evidence that he was not a Union Soldier of the War 1861-65. His membership in the Grand Army alone is sufficient to support his Son's membership in this Order, under the law as it was when he was mustered. We cannot now drop him without positive evidence."

Section 3, of Article 5, Page 5, of our Constitution and Regulations provides:

"SECTION III.

"The Commandery-in-Chief shall act as Final Court of Appeals from all Orders, Decisions and Rulings of the Commander-in-Chief, and the determination of such appeal at any meeting shall not be subject to review at any subsequent meeting."

The above provision of our Laws therefore prevents the reopening or review of this matter, especially in view of the fact that no new evidence is being offered.

Respectfully submitted,

NEWTON J. MCGUIRE,

National Counselor.

Indianapolis, Ind., August 18, 1923.

The attached Opinion No. II of even date herewith, of the National Counselor in the matter of the William Schumacher case holding that he has a right to continue his membership in the Order under action of the Forty-first National Encampment at Des Moines, Iowa, which cannot be reviewed by any subsequent meeting, is hereby approved.

FRANK SHELLHOUSE,

Commander-in-Chief.

OPINION NO. III.

Indianapolis, Ind., August 18, 1923.

Mr. Frank Shellhouse,
Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,
Spink Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

You request my opinion in the following case. You refer to me a communication addressed to you from William Schumacher, Commander of the Missouri Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., attested by his Secretary and under Seal of the Division, enclosing copies of two communications as follows to wit:

"St. Louis, Mo., April 21, 1923.

Mr. Frank Scheuerman, Commander,
General C. D. Wolff Camp No. 5,
Sons of Veterans, Division of Missouri, U. S. A.

Dear Sir and Brother:

You are hereby suspended from all privileges of the Order of Sons of Veterans pending the action of the Commander-in-Chief for violation of obligation in permitting your Camp to abruptly adjourn its regular meeting held on Monday evening, April 16th, 1923, after your Inner Guard had announced the Division Commander who was in waiting to pay your Camp an official visit.

I regret very much to have been forced to take this step, but the dignity of the Office and the courtesy due your Division Commander, demands that this action be taken.

By order of
(Signed) WM. SCHUMACHER,
Division Commander.

Attest:
(Signed) A. J. ALBRECHT,
Division Secretary and Treasurer."

"St. Louis, Mo., April 21, 1923.

Mr. Frank Scheuermann, Commander,
General C. D. Wolff Camp No. 5,
Sons of Veterans, Missouri Division, U. S. A.

My Dear Commander:

This is to notify you that Gen. C. D. Wolff Camp No. 5, Sons of Veterans, Division of Missouri, U. S. A., is hereby suspended from all privileges of the Order of Sons of Veterans, pending the action of the Commander-in-Chief. For gross insubordination to the Division Commander in refusing to receive him into the regular meeting of the Camp held on Monday evening, April 16, 1923.

By order of
(Signed) WM. SCHUMACHER,
Division Commander.

Attest:
(Signed) A. J. ALBRECHT,
Division Secretary and Treasurer."

I also note your telegram in answer to these two communications as follows towit:

"May 8, 1923.

Wm. Schumacher and Chas. C. Behnke,
Care Sons of Veterans,
Sedalia, Mo.

Can find no authority for suspension Camp five (5) and Commander for insubordination. The Constitution without charges legally preferred and provision for trial. Read Article seven (7), Constitution, and be governed accordingly.

FRANK SHELLHOUSE,
Commander-in-Chief."

I note that both sides to this controversy have appealed to you in person, in fact both Schumacher and Behnke have been to Indianapolis to interview the Commander-in-Chief and the National Counselor, and both have admitted that C. D. Wolf Camp was denied representation in their Division Encampment and denied all the rights and privileges as a regularly organized and constituted Camp of the Sons of Veterans. I take it that these appeals to you in person and by correspondence and the resolutions forwarded was intended to constitute an Official Appeal to the Commander-in-Chief from the action of the Missouri Division Encampment, and considering this voluminous correspondence and resolutions as an appeal, it is my opinion that matters of discipline are provided for in Article 7, of our Constitution and Regulations. Unless a Camp or member is financially in arrears, that neither the Commander of the Division, nor the Division Encampment in meeting assembled, has any right to suspend a Camp, or its duly credited representatives, from a vote and voice in the Division Encampment, without first having charges, trial hearing, and a finding of guilty, as provided in our Constitution and Regulations.

Only the Commander-in-Chief may, in extraordinary circumstances, summarily discipline a member, Camp or Division.

Respectfully submitted,

NEWTON J. MCGUIRE,
National Counselor.

Indianapolis, Ind., August 18, 1923.

I hereby approve Opinion No. III of the National Counselor, hereto attached, and over-rule and revoke the Order of William Schumacher, Division Commander of Missouri, suspending C. D. Wolf Camp No. 5, Missouri Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., from all the privileges of the Order of Sons of Veterans, dated April 21st, 1923, and I hereby over-rule and revoke the action of the Division Encampment of Missouri in upholding said suspension and denying said Camp and its duly credited representatives from a voice and vote in their Encampment at Sedalia, Mo. May 8th and 9th, 1923, and hereby order that said Camp and its said members be fully and completely restored to all privileges and rights incident to a full and unrestricted membership in the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. The Officers of the Missouri Division are ordered to immediately re-instate said Camp and the members thereof to all the privileges enjoyed by other Camps and members of the Division.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK SHELLHOUSE,
Commander-in-Chief.

OPINION IV.

Indianapolis, Ind., August 18, 1923.

Mr. Frank Shellhouse,
Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,
Spink Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

You have asked me for an opinion upon the following matter:

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Division Commander William Schumacher, of the Missouri Division, in a letter addressed to you charges Past Division Commander Charles C. Behnke, a member of General C. D. Wolff Camp No. 5, of St. Louis, Mo., with gross insubordination and conduct unbecoming a Son of a Veteran, in that Behnke used radical and improper language on the floor of the Sedalia, Mo., Division Encampment, on May 8, 1923, and in support of his charges and attached to his letter Schumacher sends a typewritten copy of a resolution of protest against such conduct and language to which the names of the new Division Commander, Junior Vice Division Commander, and Committee on Resolutions are attached in typewriting, with the typewritten certificate and name of the Division Secretary-Treasurer.

In the first place the proper steps have not been taken in this case to bring this matter up for proper consideration and discipline, and it is certainly time, when some new trouble is started in Missouri, that all the requirements be complied with. It is true the charges are signed by William Schumacher, Division Commander (on the very day he ceased to be a Division Commander) but the charges of a Division Commander are not the charges of the Division, and especially when the resolution does not bear the original signatures of Division Officers, nor the Seal of the Division, and is a resolution of protest and not one referring formal charges against the brother. In fact the brother making the charges must not have intended to press them as no showing is made that a copy of said charges have ever been delivered to the accused as required in Section 3, Article VII of the Constitution and Regulations, besides this section clearly shows the charges should not be addressed to the Commander-in-Chief, unless officially made by the Division. These charges were not so made and were not properly certified, if they had been properly made, therefore there is nothing before the Commander-in-Chief for decision. The case is not properly presented.

Respectfully submitted,

NEWTON J. McGUIRE,
National Counselor.

Indianapolis, Ind., August 18, 1923.

I hereby approve the attached Opinion No. IV of even date herewith, of the National Counselor in the matter of the Resolutions of the Division Encampment, and the letter of William Schumacher, of Missouri, protesting against the actions and language of C. C. Behnke in the Missouri Division Encampment.

FRANK SHELLHOUSE,
Commander-in-Chief.

I was privileged during the year to travel considerably with Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse, which was greatly enjoyed by me. He and I traveled and worked together eleven years ago,

and hence our associations this year, in the same work, were all the more enjoyable.

With thanks for the courtesies extended by members of the Official Family and the membership at large, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

NEWTON J. MCGUIRE,
National Counselor.

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN.

Peoria, Ill., August 10, 1923.

To Honorable Frank Shellhouse,
Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I herewith submit my report as National Chaplain.

That the duties of the office are of very great importance in the work of our Order at once become apparent when those duties are analyzed and I therefore feel sure, if either of us had realized this importance, your selection for Chaplain would not have fallen upon a member of the Organization Committee.

That we are living amidst perilous conditions is quite patent to those who give thought to the future and want to do their part today to make that future better for our posterity than the present is for us. It is what we do, what we are and the part we play in our every day life that leaves its impress on those about us. Each patriotic thought and act done today makes its impress on the page of tomorrow. Let us therefore so live that, when we pass, our posterity can turn back in the book of time and, with pride, gaze on a record of patriotic probity it will be his ambition to emulate.

A study of the appended report gives us much to regret and a great deal to hope for in the way of improvement and leaves with one the doubt if we have the right to pose as a Patriotic Order. Certain it is there must be some very considerable improvement before we are justified in our claim that we are. And that improvement can be gotten by hard and persistent work on the part of the National Chaplains. It merely is a question of willingness to work and to perform that work intelligently through analyzation of the job.

Early in the fiscal year it became evident to me I would not have time to properly handle the Organization work and have left sufficient time to give attention to the Chaplain's duties. Accordingly I cast about for some good friend who would be willing to permit me to shift part of the burden to him. Choice fell on Past Division Commander of Illinois, J. Colby Beekman, who represented me by supplying copy for the Banner articles much better than I could have represented myself, until the demands of the Organization Committee for space crowded us out. Brother Beekman is of the "shrinking violet" type sufficiently modest to hope to remain incognito. However, his services merit recognition and I avail myself of the opportunity to use the medium of this report to express my appreciation.

The report shows about the same attention to the duties of

Division	Name of Division Chaplain Reporting.	Date the report was received.	Number of Brothers Belonging to same.
Alabama & Tennessee.....	Alva Matthias	7/19/23	26
California & Pacific.....	Geo. Edmons	7/24/23	638
Connecticut	Harry P. Gregory	8/1/23	1787
Illinois	Geo. H. Wheeler	8/9/23	1176
Indiana	Capt. B. E. Stahl	8/3/23	1795
Iowa	Stewart Houck	6/4/23	398
Kansas	Rev. Frank Peyton	7/28/23	318
Maine	Albert B. DeHaven.....	7/25/23	2122
Maryland	Samuel M. Zinn	6/11/23	596
Massachusetts .....	.....	.....	8378
Michigan	E. E. Branch	7/25/23	461
Missouri	Leon L. Roberts.....	7/31/23	291
Minnesota	Geo. T. Drake	6/15/23	285
Nebraska	Rev. W. A. Baldwin.....	7/19/23	358
New Hampshire	Carl B. Pimer	7/31/23	932
New Jersey	Eugene Darrah	7/6/23	1256
New York	Gilbert A. Shaw	7/15/23	2916
Ohio	H. A. Kelsey	6/26/23	1955
Pennsylvania	E. M. Gearhart	7/25/23	8458
Rhode Island	Rev. Julian S. Cutler.....	7/30/23	436
Vermont	Rev. C. C. Creegan.....	7/26/23	714
Washington & Oregon.....	Chas. E. Kuhn	7/27/23	803
Wisconsin	C. E. Weed	6/15/23	485

Divisions	Name of Division Chaplain Reporting.	Date the report was received.	Number of Brothers Belonging to Camp.		No. of Brothers Participating in Men. Day Observances.	Number of Brothers Armed and in Line.	Number of Brothers Unformed in Line.	Number of Firing Squads Furnished.	Number of Memorial Day Addresses by S. of V.	Number of Brothers Attending Services Memorial Sun.	Number of Camps Observing Union Defenders Day.	Number of Deaths in Camp in last 12 Months.	Number of Funerals attended by Camp in a Body.		Number of Burials conducted by Camp.		Did Camp Use Memorial Service?		Number of cemeteries covered by members of the Camp.	Number of flags placed on Veterans' graves.	Number of graves of Veterans given attention.	Number of Camps Reporting.	Number of Camps Not Reporting.	Per Cent of Camps Reporting.		
			G. A. R.	S. V.									G. A. R.	S. V.	"A"	"B"										
Alabama & Tennessee.....	Alva Matthias	7/19/23	261	219	0	0	2	15	232	8	5	95	0	0	0	0	28	22900	22900	1	0	100				
California & Pacific.....	Geo. Edmons	7/24/23	638	192	54	101	3	7	102	4	2	4	1	1	3	24	1063	1473	10	22	32					
Connecticut	Harry P. Gregory	8/1/23	1787	822	106	81	1	37	400	15	22	29	10	2	3	0	240	11799	1090	26	15	63				
Illinois	Geo. H. Wheeler	8/9/23	1170	470	61	59	5	51	235	7	12	27	2	1	0	0	90	6179	5961	17	35	32				
Indiana	Capt. B. E. Stahl	8/3/23	1795	806	19	17	3	18	417	5	18	0	14	0	2	0	96	21946	21946	18	11	60				
Iowa	Stewart Houck	6/4/23	398	194	0	0	0	4	123	2	3	9	1	0	1	0	53	1764	1309	10	9	51				
Kansas	Rev. Frank Peyton	7/28/23	318	165	9	21	0	9	140	0	2	14	2	0	2	0	19	3726	3383	8	9	47				
Maine	Albert B. DeHaven	7/25/23	2122	1014	63	562	8	42	670	18	21	28	6	3	8	0	374	11971	6829	40	2	95				
Maryland	Samuel M. Zinn	6/11/23	596	359	92	95	15	18	270	8	8	7	3	5	5	2	46	6399	10049	10	1	99				
Massachusetts			8378	4397	415	2504	29	168	2492	65	69	113	35	31	23	0	755	48427	41223	122	24	84				
Michigan	E. E. Branch	7/25/23	461	220	15	20	3	8	107	7	7	11	0	0	0	1	45	2882	2991	9	12	30				
Missouri	Leon L. Roberts	7/31/23	291	66	5	21	1	4	63	4	5	12	4	2	4	0	29	3185	2710	4	11	9				
Minnesota	Geo. T. Drake	6/15/23	285	178	77	47	14	21	160	4	9	1	0	0	0	0	27	6164	6087	7	7	50				
Nebraska	Rev. W. A. Baldwin	7/19/23	358	169	0	0	0	10	119	2	4	22	2	4	1	0	14	655	657	8	10	44				
New Hampshire	Carl B. Pimer	7/31/23	932	509	49	241	8	21	381	15	13	12	6	2	3	0	149	3664	5435	25	9	73				
New Jersey	Eugene Darrab	7/6/23	1256	649	217	206	12	47	436	14	23	20	23	5	21	1	144	9031	9832	16	11	59				
New York	Gilbert A. Shaw	7/15/23	2916	1517	268	343	15	66	1016	35	38	75	29	24	23	0	356	23165	19497	60	53	50				
Ohio	H. A. Kelsey	6/26/23	1955	877	179	235	8	40	739	15	26	72	12	11	6	0	122	17643	17160	24	65	27				
Pennsylvania	E. M. Gearhart	7/25/23	8458	4771	1452	1861	50	274	2489	59	90	158	61	104	66	0	564	37997	24128	91	75	45				
Rhode Island	Rev. Julian S. Cutler	7/30/23	436	253	78	158	7	9	127	4	6	8	1	2	3	1	70	3179	160	10	3	71				
Vermont	Rev. C. C. Creegan	7/26/23	714	352	0	41	0	7	232	4	5	19	5	3	0	0	126	3762	3682	20	17	54				
Washington & Oregon.....	Chas. E. Kuhn	7/27/23	803	286	0	1	1	15	191	7	10	29	5	4	1	0	37	2876	2876	16	3	84				
Wisconsin	C. E. Weed	6/15/23	485	265	0	0	1	25	146	7	4	25	4	4	2	0	41	4471	1529	10	16	38				
			36819	18750	3159	6614	186	916	11287	309	402	790	225	208	175	5	7	3449	253948	212907	572	400	56			

the office by Camp and Division Chaplains as is shown by the report of my predecessors. It certainly is not a good report and I have no doubt every Division Chaplain realized it when engaged in compiling his portion of it. His inability to make a better report is in part due to inherited conditions and to the fact that he made no particular effort during his year to overcome conditions so inherited because there was no leadership supplied by the National Chaplain. The National Chaplain is the Commander-in-Chief of this particular department of our Order. If, through lack of diligence he fails to point the way he cannot expect efficiency from his Division Chaplains, who in turn must pass on a demand for efficiency to the Camp Chaplain, whose plain job is to bring about a proper functioning of his Camp in the duties of his particular department.

THE CAMP IS THE UNIT AND THE HOME OF THE ORDER, when it fails to function properly it materially weakens the entire structure. The Department of Chaplain deals with some of the most vital objects and principles of our Order. When the Camp fails to function by carrying out these objects and principles how in the name of common sense can we expect the Order to be and remain healthy. That the Camps are failing to do this very thing is plainly evidenced by my report for it shows that 41% of them are so lax in their business methods, so indifferent to their duties as officers and members, that no return at all was made to the Division Chaplain. That we are going backward instead of getting better is evidenced by the fact that the percentage of Camps not reporting is greater this year than last. It shows that of the 450 reporting Camps there were 206 that failed to grasp the patriotic importance of observing Union Defenders Day (Lincoln's birthday). Ponder that for a minute or two and ask yourself the question: If 206 of the 450 reporting Camps say they failed to observe this great patriotic occasion what about the 600 Camps that did not report at all? Are we not justified in believing that none of them observed the day and that in the entire Order less than 25% are living up to our principles in this one important feature? Wherein lies the fault you ask? Brother, it is as plain as the nose on your face.

Too many of us have been accepting Camp, Division and National office and getting the "honors" without paying for them in service. It is the age old story—getting something for nothing. There is no such thing as "something for nothing." Whenever anyone receives something for which they give no compensation in some medium of exchange, someone or something must pay. In this case it is the Order we all profess to love. It pays and will continue to pay for every "honor" it confers for which it receives no adequate compensating service.

To complete our case it is unnecessary to point out other weaknesses because "he who runs may read" and a glance at the report reveals them.

For better work there are three departments which ought to work together and have at all times the closest of co-operation; they are the Departments of Organization, Chaplain and Patriotic Instructor. If they will do this, a few years from now, the rise in the morale of the Organization will amaze you. It is not necessary to enter into a detailed explanation

why they should because anyone can see the advantage of it. Of one thing you can be certain, if the Order is to receive the benefits to which it is entitled in return for the money they will spend this next fiscal year for Organization work, there must be better work and a great deal more of it performed by the National Chaplain and Patriotic Instructor, because their work makes for Camp activity and on it hinges the chance for maximum organization success.

The duties of the Chaplain and Patriotic Instructor bear a close relationship, it therefore would be advisable to get together and strike a clear division of the work that the observance of no patriotic day be overlooked.

Much interest was shown last year by everybody in the "School of Instruction for Division Commanders," and much good was accomplished by it. If such a course is a good thing for Division Commanders why cannot we have a school of instruction for Division Chaplains? We can and must and I wish to recommend to this Encampment that due consideration be given to the thought by the Committee on Officers' Reports. While I am not sure I am correct, I believe Encampments are not well attended by Division Chaplains. Any Officer of the Division whose duties require the filing of a report on his official activities should be occupying his place in his Encampment and we must endeavor to so arrange the work of the Encampment that he will see the necessity for attendance.

Past Division Chaplain of Massachusetts, Norris G. Wood, through the Division Encampment submits copy of a revision of the Camp and Division Chaplain report blanks for my consideration and requests if same meet with my approval I recommend their adoption. The changes in the form seem to me to be sensible and advisable and I therefore recommend their adoption by this Encampment carrying therewith instruction to the National Secretary to make said changes when the supply of the present forms are exhausted or, at once, if the Encampment so desire.

Each year we are reminded of the uncertainties of our existence by the recorded list of those who have been removed from among us by death, their departure will be felt by their respective Divisions and the Commandery-in-Chief, for the Order has lost their services; it is for us, the living, to so shape our course in the affairs of the Order that it may continue to advance and may become our tribute to the memory of these brothers who served so faithfully.

Arthur S. Cheney, died September 20, 1922. Past Division Commander Vermont.

Fred W. Spear, died March 4, 1923. Past Division Commander Vermont; Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Wm. B. McNulty, Past Division Commander, Division Secretary of Pennsylvania. Died February 19, 1923.

Wm. O. Cutler, Past Division Commander Massachusetts. Died March 15, 1923.

Wheeler C. Wykoff, Past Division Commander Ohio. Died March 27, 1923.

Silas E. Robb, Past Division Commander Maryland. Died
April 7, 1923.

Respectfully submitted,
A. D. RHINESMITH,
National Chaplain.

(Revised blank suggested for use hereafter)

DIVISION CHAPLAINS CONSOLIDATED REPORT.

Date.....

Division of

To..... National Chaplain, S. V., U. S. A.

Sir:—I have the honor to submit the following reports of the Camp Chaplains of this Division. I certify on my honor that I have used every effort to make this report as complete and accurate as possible without unnecessary delay:

No. of Camp.

1. No. of Camp Membership.
 2. No. participating in Memorial Day Exercises.
 3. No. in Line Uniformed or not.
 4. No. in Line with Uniform.
 5. No. carrying Arms.
 6. No. of Members Delivering Memorial Day Addresses.
 7. No. Attending Divine Services Memorial Sunday.
 8. No. of Cemeteries Given Attention.
 9. No. of Flags Placed on Graves or Unknown Mounds of the G. A. R.
 10. No. of Graves or Unknown Mounds Given SPECIAL attention.
 11. No. of Funerals Attended in a Body in the last 12 Months: G. A. R.—S. of V.
 12. No. of Burials Conducted by Camp in the last 12 Months: G. A. R.—S. of V.
 13. No. of Deaths in Camp in the last 12 Months.
 14. Did Camp use Memorial Services at Funerals? G. A. R.—S. of V.
 15. Did Camp Observe Union Defenders' Day?
 16. Did Camp Furnish Firing Squad Memorial Day?
- (Note—Question 1 to 16 arranged as headings so as to allow for tabulation of report. Answer 14-15-16 Yes or No).

(This to be printed only on the back of sheets with heading)

- No. of Camps Reporting.
- No. of Camps not Reporting.
- Percentage of Camps Reporting.
- Total Memberships.
- No. Participating in Memorial Day Exercises.
- No. in Line Uniformed or not.
- No. in Uniform.
- No. Carrying Arms.
- No. Giving Memorial Day Addresses.
- No. Attending Divine Services Memorial Sunday.
- No. of Cemeteries Given Attention.

No. of Flags Placed on Graves or Unknown Mounds of G. A. R.
 No. of Flags Placed on Graves or Unknown Mounds of S. of V.
 No. of Deaths in Camp.

(Revised blank suggested for use hereafter)

CAMP CHAPLAINS MEMORIAL DAY REPORT

Date.....

Camp No. Division of..... S. of V., U. S. A.
 To....., Division Chaplain.

Sir:—I have the honor to submit the following report of this Camp. I certify on my honor that I have used every effort to do so, as completely and correctly as possible without unnecessary delay.

....., Chaplain
, Commander.

(Seal)

1. No. of members in good standing.....
2. No. participating in Memorial Day exercises.....
3. No. in line with or without uniform.....
4. No. in line with uniform.....
5. No. carrying arms
6. No. of members delivering Memorial Day addresses
7. No. attending divine services Memorial Sunday
8. No. of cemeteries given attention.....
9. No. of flags placed on graves or unknown mounds of the G. A. R.....
10. No. of graves or unknown mounds of the G. A. R. given SPECIAL attention.....
11. No. of funerals attended by Camp in body during last twelve months } G. A. R.....
 } S. of V.....
12. No. of burial services conducted by Chaplain in last twelve months { G. A. R.....
 } S. of V.....
13. No. of deaths in Camp in last twelve months
14. Did Camp use Memorial } G. A. R.
 Service at funerals? } S. of V.
15. Did Camp observe Union Defenders' Day?
16. Did Camp furnish firing squad Memorial Day?

(Note—Answer 14-15-16 Yes or No. Only one sheet with heading to a report. All second sheets ruled without heading. All questions on second sheet imply using No. 1-16).

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Indianapolis, Ind., August 10, 1923.

To Col. Frank Shellhouse,
 Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Dear Brother:

I have the honor to make the following consolidated report as National Patriotic Instructor.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT

National Patriotic Instructor
for year ending Dec. 31,
1922.

Names of Divisions and
Division Patriotic Instructors
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.
Alabama and Tennessee Frank F. Stoops	March 21	no	yes	Wash. Birthday	no
California and Pacific D. L. Batherst		yes	yes	yes	yes
Connecticut Chas. R. Hale	March 16	33-yes	22 yes 2 weekly	*yes	28 yes. fair, 1 n
Illinois Hollis E. Robb	March 18	yes	almost	yes	yes
Indiana James V. Cook.....	May 1	yes	yes, largely daily	yes	yes
Iowa David W. Coffey	Dec. 7	yes	yes, weekly	yes	yes
Kansas M. R. Hall	Aug. 10	yes	occasionally	yes	mostly yes
Maine H. W. Ferris	June 19	nearly all	yes, in most cases	yes	generally
Maryland Samuel M. Croft.....	Jan. 18	yes	yes, daily	yes	yes generally
Massachusetts Albert S. Wolff	April 11	Practi- cally	yes, gener- ally daily	yes	yes
Michigan Frederick J. McMurtrie..	Feb. 1	yes	yes, daily	yes	yes
Minnesota O. F. Huhn	June 18	yes	yes, occa- sionally	yes	yes
Missouri H. S. Salisbury	Dec. 17	Practi- cally all	yes, daily in many	yes	yes
Nebraska L. W. Garoutte	Jan. 7	yes	some, at times all	yes	yes
New Hampshire Fred E. Sanborn	Feb. 11	yes	some	yes	some
New Jersey Henry Bender	March 14	yes	yes, daily	all	yes
New York H. L. Olney	April 25	yes	yes, daily	yes	not all
Ohio W. D. Harris	June 15	yes	yes, daily	yes	very much so
Pennsylvania Eugene C. Bonniwell	March 21	yes	yes, daily	yes	yes
Rhode Island John W. Maguire	Jan. 17	yes	yes, daily	yes	yes
Vermont Arthur L. Guild	Feb. 19	yes	yes	yes	yes
Washington and Oregon Carrol A. Williams.....	Feb. 8	All but Camp 9	yes 3 weekly	yes	6 yes 3 some
Wisconsin H. C. Mock	Jan. 27	yes	2, yes occa- sionally	yes	yes

* 32 Washington, 32 Lincoln, 18 Grant, 14 McKinley, 31 Memorial Sunday, 33

CONSOLIDATED REPORT

National Patriotic Instructor for year ending Dec. 31, 1922.

Names of Divisions and Division Patriotic Instructors 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. Gettysburg tablets presented to schools.	8. Sunday schools invited to hold special services.	9. Public schools invited Memorial Day.	10. Memorial Sunday observed by churches.	11. Objectionable school histories?	12. Amount expended for Patriotic Instruction.	13. Do Camps offer services to G. A. R.?	14. Do Camps assume charge of Memorial Day?	15. Division Patriotic efforts.
Alabama and Tennessee Frank F. Stoops	March 21	no	yes	Wash. Birthday	no	Hundreds	no	no	yes	yes	no	yes	considerable	yes	yes	Good feeling.
California and Pacific D. L. Batherst		yes	yes	yes	yes	none	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	none	yes	in part	
Connecticut Chas. R. Hale	March 16	33-yes	22 yes 2 weekly	*yes	28 yes, 4 fair, 1 no	10 by towns	10 yes 23 no	12 yes 21 no	23 yes 10 no	32 yes 1 no	32 yes 1 no	33 no	\$221.58	32 yes 1 no	full charge, 24 assist, 9	15 speaking in schools and on Memorial Day.
Illinois Hollis E. Robb	March 18	yes	almost	yes	yes	85	only locally	8	yes	yes	yes	none	\$815.00	yes	frequently	Stimulating patriotic work.
Indiana James V. Cook	May 1	yes	yes, largely daily	yes	yes	398	yes	yes, in 5	yes	yes	yes	none	*\$208.75	yes	yes for most Posts	Co-operating with other patriotic societies.
Iowa David W. Coffey	Dec. 7	yes	yes, weekly	yes	yes	165	no	think not	yes	yes	yes	none	donations	yes	yes	Eminent educators give patriotic speeches.
Kansas M. R. Hall	Aug. 10	yes	occasionally	yes	mostly yes	15	do not know	no	yes	yes	yes	none	none	yes	yes	Speakers to all schools in cities—Good results.
Maine H. W. Ferris	June 19	nearly all	yes, in most cases	yes	generally	7	yes, in 6 towns	yes, in 3 towns	most	yes	yes	none	\$100.65	yes	yes	Prizes offered and patriotic exercises.
Maryland Samuel M. Croft	Jan. 18	yes	yes, daily	yes	generally	1	no	no	they were	they were	yes	none	\$188.50	yes	some do, others assist	
Massachusetts Albert S. Wolff	April 17	Practically	yes, generally daily	yes	yes	162	yes	yes—other places	yes	yes	yes	none	\$516.10	yes	51 in charge—others assist	Much patriotic work done.
Michigan Frederick J. McMurtrie	Feb. 1	yes	yes, daily	yes	yes	46	yes	8	they were	yes	yes	none	\$1696.78	yes	\$ instances	
Minnesota O. F. Huhn	June 18	yes	yes, occasionally	yes	yes	all supplied	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	none	not answered	yes	in part	Live 100% American.
Missouri H. S. Salisbury	Dec. 17	Practically all	yes, daily in many	yes	yes	27	yes	9 & 1 in State II.	yes	yes	yes	none	\$200.00	yes	yes in many places	Active work.
Nebraska L. W. Garoutte	Jan. 7	yes	some, at times all	yes	yes	state furnishes	none known of	no	part of them	yes	same as No. 8	none	donations by cities	yes	when asked	See general report.
New Hampshire Fred E. Sanborn	Feb. 11	yes	some	yes	some	52 by W. R. C.	no	1	no	yes	yes	none	\$148.13	yes	most of them	
New Jersey Henry Bender	March 14	yes	yes, daily	all	yes	state furnishes	no	several	yes	yes	yes	none	\$422.00	yes	assist G. A. R.	Good.
New York H. L. Olney	April 25	yes	yes, daily	yes	not all	525	yes	yes	majority	majority	yes	none reported	\$1510.15	yes	yes, some Camps	
Pennsylvania Eugene C. Bonniwell	March 21	yes	yes, daily	yes	yes	334551	yes	29	yes	yes	yes	none	\$200.00	yes	some, not all	Services given many Camps on occasions.
Rhode Island John W. Maguire	Jan. 17	yes	yes, daily	yes	yes	all school supplied	no	no	yes	yes	yes	none	\$3875.00	yes	when requested	Prize essays.
Vermont Arthur L. Guild	Feb. 19	yes	yes	yes	yes	2	no	2	yes	yes	yes	none	\$100.00	yes	assist	Various patriotic services.
Washington and Oregon Carol A. Williams	Feb. 8	All but Camp 9	3 weekly	yes	6 yes 3 some	203	in a few instances	6 no, 3 most all	7 yes 1 no	yes	yes	none	\$218.00	yes	yes	Everything possible.
Wisconsin H. C. Mock	Jan. 27	yes	yes occasionally	yes	yes	10	no	no	nearly all instances	yes	yes	5 no, 1 do't know	\$13.50	yes	mostly assist	Working together.
													\$400.00	yes	in most instances	Service.

* Washington, 32 Lincoln, 18 Grant, 14 McKinley, 31 Memorial Sunday, ** Memorial Day, 29 Flag Day. †† Schools 54, pupils 4500. ° Richmond leads with \$100 spent. °° By 3 Camps.

The reports from twenty-three Division Patriotic Instructors show the following summary, taken in numerical order:

In eighteen Divisions the public schools are supplied with Flags, in four nearly all are, while in one (Alabama & Tennessee) they are not.

In nine Divisions the salute to the Flag is given daily, in five almost daily, and in nine weekly or occasionally.

In twenty-two Divisions there is an observance of special Patriotic days, in one Division, Washington's birthday, only.

The public school teachers in fourteen Divisions show a lively interest in Patriotic observance; they generally do in six other Divisions, in two some of them do, and in one Division they do not.

In fourteen Divisions during the year a grand total of 6282 Flags have been distributed to the schools. In two Divisions the State furnishes the Flags. From two Divisions the reports simply state that, "every school is supplied;" in another the simple statement is, "hundreds," while from another Division the statement is that six of the Camps furnish Flags, while the others do somewhat.

In six Divisions prizes are offered for patriotic essays in the schools, in four partly, in twelve there are none offered, and one Patriotic Instructor says, "none known of."

In ten of the Divisions there are one or more Lincoln's Gettysburg speech tablets in the schools, and in two—Missouri and Indiana—such a tablet is in the Capitol building.

In fifteen Divisions the Sunday Schools were invited to have special services on Memorial Sunday and other National holidays, while in seven others, they were invited "in part."

In twenty Divisions the public school pupils were invited to take part in Memorial Day and other National holidays. In three Divisions most of the Camps did their duty in this respect.

In twenty Divisions Memorial Sunday was generally observed by the churches, while in three Divisions the observance was partial.

No objectionable school histories are found in twenty-one Divisions, while in one Division there was. In one Division the answer was "yes" but the objectionable history or histories were not mentioned.

Seventeen Divisions spent \$9,886.14 during the year. Another Division reported, "considerable spent;" one other reported, "donations;" two reported, "none," while another reported, "donations by cities."

Twenty-two Divisions reported that their Camps offer their services on Memorial Day to the G. A. R., while in another Division the report is, "thirty-two Camps, 'yes,' one Camp, 'no.'"

In five Divisions the Camps assume charge of Memorial Day service; while in eighteen other Divisions they have considerable charge of the same.

Most Divisions reporting on "Patriotic efforts," reported various kinds of activities. These will be found in column fifteen of the consolidated report, so need not be mentioned here.

The General Assembly of Connecticut recently passed a law,

appointing a person in every city or town to see that every soldier's grave, from the Pequot War of 1638, through the War of 1917-18, is properly cared for—at the expense of the city or town. This Assembly also passed a law forbidding the placing of the United States Flag on any other than a deceased American soldier's grave.

The Connecticut Division is also industriously at work, drawing diagrams of the graves of all soldiers who have ever fought in any war for our country, and seeing that suitable Government markers are found at all such graves. Hartford Camp No. 50 has done a very commendable work in that two years' time it has practically diagrammed every cemetery in twenty-nine cities and towns and has located and placed markers, where necessary, for deceased veterans' graves from King Philip's War to the present time. This has involved about 100 cemeteries, most of the graves, however, being those of Civil War veterans.

The Peoria, Ill., Camp has spent over \$800 in Patriotic work. Indiana Division had three of its members on a steering committee of seven, from the General Memorial Association of Indianapolis, in charge of a bill to rescue Memorial Day from being given over to commercialized sports and games. This bill passed the Legislature, and was vetoed by the Governor. Another legislature and Governor will, we believe, make this measure a law two years later.

In Massachusetts fifty-one Camps have complete charge of Memorial Day exercises. Camps in other places assist.

The Chairman of our Council-in-Chief (Arthur E. Lewis) is Chairman of the Memorial Day Program Committee of Detroit. This committee, representing the veterans of three wars and their allied societies, has entire charge of the program of speakers in that large city.

Wisconsin has a new state law directing that the graves of all honorably discharged deceased soldiers and sailors shall be properly provided with tomb stones and decently kept, the expenses of the same to be borne by the various counties.

All the Divisions are doing commendable Patriotic work, some being more active than others.

As your National Patriotic Instructor, I have furnished eleven articles for The Banner. Nearly all of these articles have dealt with our country's Flag—its proper use and how to show respect for it. We did all we could, through these articles and also to a certain extent through the daily press, to start a crusade against all desecration of Old Glory, and to secure uniformity of practice in its proper use.

We were greatly aided in this crusade by Brother Gridley Adams, of Hartford, Connecticut. He had been a pioneer in this movement. We all know what happened on June 14 and 15 last, when in Washington representatives of sixty-eight different Patriotic organizations, at the request of President Harding, got together to adopt a uniform Flag Code. We are proud of the fact that the Chairman of the Committee that drafted the Flag Code that was then unanimously adopted was a Son of a Veteran, he being this same Brother Gridley Adams. One hundred Patriotic and Fraternal Orders with a membership of five

millions have already accepted this Code, and it will not be long in my opinion, until even decorators will be forced by public sentiment to cease desecrating our Country's Flag by treating it as a mere piece of bunting and by twisting it into all grotesque shapes and forms as they do now. Respect for our Flag, backed by the Patriotic sentiment of America, will, through the use of this Flag Code, be inevitable.

I have greatly enjoyed this year's work as Patriotic Instructor, and want to thank our brothers and officers, from ocean to ocean, for their many acts of courtesy and for their fine co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. SHUMAKER,
National Patriotic Instructor.

Chairman Bell: In accordance with the procedure, these reports will be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

Comrade Louis Engal, Philadelphia, Pa.: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers. I would like to make a statement here concerning the Sons of Veterans. I belong to the first Post in the United States, Anna M. Ross No. 94, Philadelphia, that organized the first Camp No. 1 in the United States.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: I am sure, Comrade, that this Encampment is pleased to have this announcement from you, which is of interest to us all.

Comrade Engal: I work for the Grand Army, too. I went through all of the offices and I am still Officer of the Day and have been for the last fifteen years. They don't let me go. We have forty-three members now; we used to have nearly eight hundred. We meet once a week. We had nine at our last meeting out of forty-three members. Sometimes we have ten and sometimes not enough to fill the chairs and we have to take whoever we can take to fill the chairs and we start at eight o'clock and are done in half an hour, and the Sons of Veterans when we sold the hall said, "You have a roof over your head as long as you live with us and it won't cost you a cent." We gave them all of the furnishings we had, everything that was in our possession. We have nothing any more only that we meet there, and we said to the Sons of Veterans, "You will have to take over the work some day." I think we had seventy rifles when we had the firing squad and we gave them those rifles and we had big long settees, about fifteen of them, and chairs, we gave them everything, and we haven't got anything only the privilege of meeting there, so I thought I would just make that statement.

National Secretary Hammer: The unfinished business is in the Committee on the State of the Order referred to it at the last Annual Encampment. I have some communications from the Michigan Division, Sons of Veterans:

"Detroit, Mich., August 26, 1923.

H. H. Hammer, Esq.,
Reading, Pa.

My Dear Hammer:

Am very sorry to be unable to attend this National En-

campment, as had planned to do, but find it impossible this year.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) FRED McMURTRIE,
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

We also have a congratulatory message from Edgar Allan, Jr., of Virginia, Past Commander-in-Chief, and Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman, of Mt. Vernon, New York, who just "hooked up" and was afraid to come here on his bridal tour. (Applause and laughter).

Past Division Commander J. G. Bogart, of Wisconsin: I have tickets for the boat ride tonight for each member of the Sons of Veterans.

Recess taken until 2:00 o'clock.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Encampment was called to order in proper form by
Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse.

GREETINGS.

"Waukesha Springs Sanitarium,
Waukesha, Wis., September 3, 1923.

To the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:
Hearty fraternal greetings to the brothers assembled in Encampment. Was operated upon a few weeks ago and am slowly coming back. That I cannot be with you to take part in the Encampment held in my home town—Milwaukee, is a keen disappointment. How well I remember the G. A. R. Encampment held at Milwaukee in 1889. I wish you God speed and hope your conference will result in great good to our Order.

Though absent in the flesh, I shall be with you in spirit all the time to the close of your meeting. I have been a member since 1884 and am more firmly convinced than ever that our Order has a high mission to perform. May we have the will and strength to do our full duty as Sons of Veterans.

Remember that the Encampment is but a flash in the pan, as far as the work of our Order is concerned. When you go home redouble your efforts. There are dark days ahead and as Sons of Veterans we must be able to do our part.

Once more heartiest greetings and best wishes to all of you from

Your Brother, in F. C. and L.,
F. J. WALTHERS,
Past Division Commander, Wisconsin."

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: It has been suggested by many that we have a period for use of the National Organization Committee, in which they may explain the work of the past several months and some contemplated future plans, and while we are waiting for reports from the Committees I would think this would be an opportune time to have this session turned over to the Organization Committee, and if there be no objection I will call upon Chairman Arthur D. Rhinesmith who will take charge at this time. I will ask now that he make his report as he so desires in this matter and we will give this time over to him and his associates who are so active in this organization work in which we are all very much interested.

Past Division Commander Arthur D. Rhinesmith: I haven't anything to say at all. Brother Upham will do the talking.

Past Division Commander Fred E. Upham of Massachusetts

here reads the report of the National Organization Committee as follows:

REPORT OF NATIONAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

To the Commander-in-Chief and Members of the Forty-second Encampment:

The work of investigation by your Committee, of the conditions of our Order has covered a little of the past, considerable of the present, and a prediction as to the future. The time taken and the money spent calls for a very complete report. We shall, however, use as few words as possible to convey to you clearly the results obtained, and offer a few recommendations as to the future.

MEETING IN PITTSBURGH.

At our first meeting at Pittsburgh we considered two phases of our problems; first, shall we use the greater part of the year in investigation of the past and present of our Organization, and report at this Encampment—or shall we investigate, create a small working unit, and possibly make a preliminary trial of our plan, and report the results at this time. We adopted the latter plan.

THE PAST.

Up to within a few years, the Grand Army of the Republic, as an Organization, has had little use for the Sons of Veterans.

As far as official action by that body shows, with perhaps one or two minor exceptions, we are still uncertain as to the desires of their organization.

As individual Veterans of '61-'65, many thousands of these men are eager and anxious for their own sons and grandsons to carry on such work as they wish to leave for us to do.

The crises in '61-'65 had to be met. Our fathers met it. The sacrifices made were too great to stop there.

With all the faults in the government of the United States of America, we have the best government in the world. Up to within a few years, those who fought to save this country have been a great force in making the laws of this nation.

THE PRESENT.

Four million men are eligible to this organization, three hundred thousand men at some time in our existence have belonged to the Order. Only about fifty thousand are members to-day.

Why this small number today? We believe no one thing has done more to create this seeming apathy and inactivity than the fact that no decided action has ever been taken by the Grand Army of the Republic, *as an Organization*, to show a desire on their part to have their sons carry on.

The story of their sacrifices in the days of '61-'65, of their power for good in framing our laws in the days immediately following, and the eternal vigilance exercised that those laws should prevail, are all things that must go down in history, and must be taught in our schools to the coming generation. Their Memorial Day must be faithfully observed, and the memory of our fathers' services in '61-'65, must be perpetuated.

They realize that today there is great danger that their ideals will be supplanted by those of a Bolshevich nature. They now face these questions.

Shall we pass along our work to others, or shall the history of the Grand Army of the Republic become a closed book?

Who shall carry on this work? History shows no instance where men not directly connected by ties of blood, have ever consecrated themselves for any length of time, to the duty of passing on to future generations, the true history of the sacrifices of those who have had a part in keeping our Nation safe for its people.

If our fathers cannot depend on their sons and grandsons, is it reasonable to expect others to meet their wishes? Already a determined effort on the part of many of our people is being made to have Memorial Day services completed in the morning, that the afternoon may be devoted to sports, games, etc.

The Sons of Veterans Organization stands unalterably opposed to any games or sports from midnight to midnight on Memorial Day. While we would not presume to dictate to the parent organization, we believe that a very great impetus would be given to the increase of the membership in numbers and efficiency if they were to make the statement that it was their unanimous wish that the Organization of Sons of Veterans be the ones to carry on.

Our Organization today is at a standstill. This is evidenced by the fact that the last Encampment reported a gain of only about 1400. Two Divisions made a greater gain than this—therefore many Divisions must have made a loss.

TO BE OR NOT TO BE—THAT'S THE QUESTION.

We must go on or quit! It is now or never! An investigation by your Organization Committee shows the need of an increased activity. The Veterans of '61-'65 have arrived at a time in life when, if they are not to be forgotten, someone must carry on.

The Sons of Veterans stand ready to do any work called for. We only need the invitation. To meet the statement that we are not numerically strong enough to do all our fathers would require, we will say that as a result of our investigation, your Committee has created a selected unit of conscientious workers as a first step, and when they get the word to go, they will get the members quickly. The proper recognition of our Order will immediately produce a great increase in membership.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Under this heading we will tell you of many things we learned during our period of investigation. Some of these statements may seem a little rough and unnecessarily cold, but let's face them as they are.

Some members come to our National and Division Encampments to have a part in creating the policies of the future. Many come to renew acquaintances, have a splendid time; then they go home and forget the Organization until another Encampment.

Our Camps are largely made up of the same kind of men. A certain number always have and always will pay their dues promptly. This helps to take care of the overhead. A consider-

able number seldom attend meetings—sooner or later become disinterested and eventually drop out. The faithful few attend most of the meetings, direct the policies, can be depended upon for all kinds of work, and are generally prompt in taking care of their dues.

Our Organization is a business corporation. It should be run on solid business principles if it is to be successful. Perhaps the National and Division branches of this Corporation might be improved, but they have both, at least done one thing that is absolutely essential. They have provided for their overhead by requiring a per capita tax from the membership.

Many Camps have failed to make suitable provision for their overhead. There is a way to get it and every Camp must have it if their unit is going to be a cog in the wheel. In every community there are a number of well-to-do men who are eligible, but not members of our Order, who are just as proud of their fathers' records as we are of ours.

For several reasons they might never be active in our Camp, but if properly approached they would become members, pay their dues promptly for all time. This provides for the overhead. Repeatedly we have heard the statement made "We don't want that kind of members, or we have a plenty of that kind now. What we want is workers." Well, the exception proves the rule. We can give you many instances where Camps are not holding meetings, but are attending to Memorial Day work, who promptly pay their per capita tax. Why. Because they have that *overhead membership* that keeps the treasury full.

On the other hand we find almost invariably that Camps who do not have this overhead membership are the delinquents when it comes to paying per capita tax.

HOW TO PROVIDE FOR OVERHEAD.

Make up a list of professional men, heads of big business corporations and other men of financial means. Send men of ability and tact to solicit their membership. Say to these men "In the days of '61-'65 when Lincoln called for help, your father answered the call. I know you are proud of his record. His comrades today are asking for someone to take over such work as they would leave to be done. They are extremely anxious that their own sons and grandsons do this work, but they are fearful that they are not strong enough numerically or financially. The Sons of Veterans need at once one hundred thousand new members to take care of this work. As the years go by it will take considerable time and money. An appeal for donations would quickly bring in generous sums from the friends of these veterans.

Our organization would fail to meet its ideals and purposes for which it was formed if it accepted such donations. No. We wish everyone of these splendid men could feel that their own sons and grandsons were taking part in this work.

We know you are a busy man. We could not expect much of your time, but your name on our membership roll and the prompt payment of the annual dues (name the amount) will help to give that financial strength so necessary to take care

of our overhead. For those who cannot come to the Camp room for the initiation ceremonies we have a form of obligation that can be given in your own home.

We thought you would want to have a part in this work. We would be pleased to have you sign this application for membership to our Order, the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., that we may say that you are one that wants to have a part in meeting the wishes of these "Boys in Blue" whose work is so nearly over.

COLLECTION OF DUES.

The next essential is the collection of dues. We are firmly convinced that all Camps should adopt a By-law; that the Treasurer or Secretary must send a statement of dues the first of every quarter. The tendency to drop out is many times less when certain members are asked to pay dues for a quarter rather than for a full year. The present form of statement should be revised.

Next, the payment should be for the quarter in advance. We recommend that all amounts overdue at the present time be entered on a separate ledger to be taken up later as convenient, but at least one quarter should be paid up in advance.

After five months of investigation we started to create a working unit and a way to finance same. We expected to accomplish that task in two months. It took us five, and that landed us in the middle of the summer heat, with no satisfactory opportunity to try out our campaign.

The fact that we have *today* an earnest, active working unit of about two thousand go-getters as well as the interested support of many of our past active officers, and a considerable amount of approved printed matter, shows that failure to get that support *several months ago* was due *only* to one word—*procrastination*.

THE CAMPAIGN.

After a thorough investigation, we decided upon the methods to be used in the active campaign, and issued a five-page prospectus, outlining the work to be done, how we proposed to do it, and the means for financing it.

We decided that eighty or ninety per cent of our members would not take an active part in the work—that five energetic members from each Camp following instructions in detail from our Committee could and would produce results—that a weekly service to Go-Getters would be necessary—that this service should consist only of well tried out plans—that exact details for its use must be furnished and adhered to—that the service should include a series of personal letters to each Go-Getter to get the best results.

PROSPECTUS.

We present here a few of the essentials as set forth in this prospectus.

Division Commanders are herein requested to secure from their Camp Commanders a list of five active enthusiastic workers who will accept the detailed plan of the National Organization Committee, and who have the ability and willingness to

go out and get new members. These men are to be known as Go-Getters.

Our first thought was to mail everything to the Division Commanders to be re-mailed to Camp Commanders, and by them to our selected workers. Delays incident to this method of mailing, together with a greatly increased expense in postage, convinced us at once that we must deal direct with our Go-Getters.

SIX MONTHS SPECIAL LETTER SERVICE.

We prepared a six months Special Letter Service for the Go-Getters. This service is supplied weekly. It tells how to get a list of eligibles—how to answer objections of eligibles—how to approach and sign them up—about the successful methods of others—how one brother got over two hundred members easily—how to reach professional men—how to hold members—how to collect dues—in fact a complete course of suggestion and instruction.

A series of circulars have been issued. The circular "Excuses and Answers" tells how to answer the many excuses that are made. Circular "The Questionnaire" answers many questions often asked. Circulars "Education of Son John" and "Food for Thought" are excellent for the education of our members as well as to send to all eligibles. The circular "The Reason Why" will reach the heart of every son of a Veteran, whether a member of the Organization or not. All the thoughts used in these circulars are a result of *consideration of* material used in well tried out plans. Their sentiment reaches the heart of the eligible.

LITERATURE FOR ELIGIBLES.

A series of circulars has been issued on subjects of interest to eligibles. These circulars give a lot of information about the Order and the Reason Why we desire the membership of the eligibles. They answer many questions often asked. If mailed to the prospect as per instructions, they will prepare the mind of the eligible for signing an application on presentation. These circulars may be purchased at fifty cents per hundred. Form letters at one dollar per hundred; sample copies will be sent upon request by our Committee. The letter service explains exactly how and when to use the circulars.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAILING.

There may be many good ways for increasing our membership that are just as good as the ones we outline here. If our plans are to be used they should be followed in exact detail. In no case where this plan has been followed have we known of failing to get results.

First mail to all members the pamphlet "Our Duty as Sons of Veterans," three days later mail "What is the Answer," three days later mail "The Questionnaire," three days later mail "The Reason Why." These pamphlets are an up-to-date education of our members and is the first move absolutely necessary.

At the same time send the circulars "Duty as Sons," "The Questionnaire," "Education of Son John" and "Reason Why" to your list of eligibles. Send three days apart. Do not on any

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condition send all at one time. Do not send to any more eligibles than your workers can call on within ten days. A letter of instruction must be sent to the Go-Getters who will follow up these mailings with personal visits to secure the application for membership.

EXPENSE OF CAMPAIGN.

Our first task was to get the list of five workers and then get the interested support of all National, Division and Camp Officers. Page five in The Banner of each month has been used to get the attention of the membership that was necessary for success. This means alone could not be depended upon to quickly get the interested support required. First, second and even third letters failed to produce the desired results. Repeated mailings however, has given us about four thousand listed men who are now ready to take part in this work.

It has been necessary to mail twenty-seven different pieces of printed matter to each of our National and Division officers, making a total of over sixteen thousand letters, etc. Thirty-six pieces to our Camp Commanders, Secretaries and Treasurers, or a total of over thirty-two thousand pieces; and twenty-one pieces to the Go-Getters, with a total of over thirty-one thousand pieces. The above does not include the six months' service to Go-Getters. In other words, to get the National, Division and Camp officers, and the Camps themselves, interested enough to invest three dollars for the Special Letter Service for the Go-Getters, it has been necessary to mail a total of more than seventy-nine thousand pieces of printed matter.

The Council-in-Chief have provided the necessary funds for this initial work. They have appropriated three thousand dollars, practically all of which has been used to perfect the permanent organized working unit, and get it ready for actual service. This includes the preparation of all copy, and the mailing of same.

A mailing system of four thousand stencils—two sets of indexed cards, classifying each member having a part in the work and listed in his proper file—a small amount of necessary office equipment, rental of typewriters, etc.—clerical work necessary to fold, address, and mail the printed matter—and the task of replying to over a thousand individual letters of inquiry, suggestions, criticisms, etc.

This part of the work has all been done under the direction of Rhinesmith of Peoria. The answering of individual letters has been an extremely important part of his work. Most of these letters received, contain problems that in the minds of the writers, were very serious. He nearly always tried to show us why his problem was different from others. Some letters were extremely pessimistic. Many of them said "It won't work in my Camp." "It can't be done." "What is the use?" It has required careful consideration of each individual letter, and the exercise of a great deal of patience to get the writer of such letters into line. Perhaps you might ask "Has it been worth the effort?" We think no illustration is more apt than to ask "Is it worth the labor and trouble of working several hours over a drowning man, when at last you have the satisfaction of seeing him open his eyes?"

Hundreds of members have expressed themselves as greatly pleased with the signs of new activity. It is a source of great satisfaction to your Committee to be able to present to this Encampment, a well organized working unit of two thousand Go-Getters, and an enthusiastic bunch of fellows to back them up. We had hoped to have this unit perfected early in April, and conduct a Nation wide drive in May and June. The greater part of this working unit has been obtained during June and July.

August 1st found us ready to start the intensive Go-Getter service. So many letters were received, however suggesting we omit the August service on account of heat and vacation, that we decided it was unwise to make the test of Service until September. As the offer of our Commander-in-Chief to distribute two thousand dollars, runs to September 30th, the test of service in September will fit in nicely. Much of the material is already printed, and can be mailed at a moment's notice.

FINANCING THE GO-GETTER SERVICE.

The National Organization has financed the creation of the organized working unit. The expense of the Special Letter Service should be borne by the Camps themselves. Out of every three dollar initiation fee, the National Organization gets a profit of $2\frac{1}{2}$ c, the Division gets 12c, the Camp has a net profit of $\$2.30\frac{1}{4}$, therefore we believe each Camp should purchase at $\$3.00$ this Special Letter Service for their Go-Getters.

This is a fair business proposition. Each new member obtained practically pays for a complete Service for five Go-Getters. Quite a number of Camps have bought this Service, but many have not. All of our National and Division officers have been urged to buy the three dollar service, that they may keep posted on the progress of the campaign; also because a part of this fee helps to finance several Go-Getters.

From this source we have obtained for the Letter Service and printed matter a little over one thousand dollars. This sum is on hand intact, and a part of it may be used for the September drive. There are unpaid bills amounting to more than half of this amount, that will come in September 1st. A larger part of these bills are for printed matter on hand, to be used in the planned September drive.

OUR SUGGESTION AS TO THE FINANCING OF CAMPAIGNS IN THE FUTURE.

When you realize the cost of an article and pay a good price to obtain it you appreciate the article. When it is given to you its value in your mind depreciates, therefore we suggest that National and Division officers pay a small fee which will help finance the campaign and give them a copy of all printed matter used in the campaign. That the Camps buy the Special Letter Service, which is mailed direct to its workers. The initiation fee of each member secured by these workers will support five Go-Getters. The Go-Getters themselves should not be asked to have a part in financing the campaign. Their part is to GO GET.

CONCLUSION.

The conclusion of most reports is often the most interesting. We will sum up here our opinions, and offer a few recommendations. This Committee is firmly convinced that if we would

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increase our membership by a hundred or more thousand, the following are essential.

We must have a positive statement from the Grand Army of the Republic, endorsing our Organization.

We must have a permanent National Organization Committee to direct Organization work.

At least one member of the Committee should devote his entire time to the work.

This Committee should request letters of advice and criticism from those men of wide experience, in the directing of the policies of this Organization. The Committee should invite letters from the field presenting their individual problems. Every proposition affecting the general policies of the organization should be submitted by this Committee to the "State of the Order" Committee.

The Committee should give careful consideration to the methods used in all previously successful campaigns.

The National Organization Committee must deal directly with the individual Camp worker.

A working unit composed of interested workers who are willing to give a little time, and are capable of successfully soliciting new membership, must be formed in each Camp, the number to be at least five in small Camps, and ten to thirty in the larger Camps.

These men—Go-Getters we will call them—must be willing to accept the plans of the Committee, and follow them in all details.

These Go-Getters must be supplied with a weekly service of snappy progressive methods of procedure.

The Camps themselves must give substantial support to the movement for its increasing membership. The Division and Camp Commanders must stand firmly back of the undertaking. They must be willing however, that the National Organization Committee mails its campaign material direct to their Go-Getters, that they may be in constant touch with the workers.

This Committee must mail in advance when possible to all Division and Camp Commanders, copies of all material to be used by the Go-Getters, that these officers may be in close touch with the work.

The material used must conform to some extent at least, to any peculiarities of a Division or its Camps; no plan should be used that would seriously conflict with those of the Division or their Camps.

CO-OPERATION.

We realize that in our organization there are many different minds who perhaps have certain ideas for increasing our membership. Some of these differ from those of our Committee. This Committee might outline a half dozen or more plans. They are advocating, however, only one plan. The National Organization receives no benefit other than small per capita tax from the results obtained but the Camps themselves receive direct benefit by the initiation fee of the new member, and later his payment of annual dues. If every National officer, every Divi-

sion officer and every Camp officer will try out this plan and work together for one year in harmony with an organization committee and will do their part to prove this method thoroughly practical, we will get results.

Success or failure remains wholly with the individual Camps and their officers. They must adopt one of the two plans mentioned here.

We prefer our own ways, and will not support financially or otherwise, any plan coming from the National Organization.

OR

We are glad to get the latest methods as made up from the study by the National Organization Committee of conditions in all branches of our Organization, and because more than seventy-five per cent of the financial benefit comes to our Camp, we will support financially, directly or indirectly, a part of the expense of the campaign.

We present to all Camps the following statement for their consideration:

Circulars and letters used as instructed, have produced results as evidenced by the following statement:

One Camp bought \$2.00 worth of circulars—Got 17 members—Fees received \$51.

One Camp bought \$4.00 worth of circulars—Got 26 members—Fees received \$78.

One Camp bought \$11.00 worth of circulars—Got 116 members—Fees received \$580.

One Camp paid out for all expenses, including a big class initiation, \$297. Got 166 new members, and the fees were over \$600.

A Camp using the methods of this Committee, following closely all details, secured 300 members—fees \$1500.

At least three factors must be taken care of immediately.

First. Every Camp must be provided with an overhead membership. The Organization Committee must prepare printed matter that can be used by the Camps, to get this membership. There must be enough members in every Camp, from whom you will exact no other condition than they sign our obligation, and pay promptly their annual dues to take care of the overhead referred to elsewhere. Further service of these members is greatly to be desired and may be received, but *must not be demanded*. With overhead taken care of, the conscientious workers will have a greater interest in fulfilling the requirements of our obligation.

Second. A uniform method of notification of dues should be prepared. It should state the amount of the yearly dues. It should show amounts overdue, if any, and it should request at least one quarter's dues in advance. An identification card showing dates to which dues are paid, should be issued to each member. Statements must be sent for each quarter, one month in advance.

A circular of a sentimental nature, calling the attention of the member to the needs of continued membership, that he may have a part in perpetuating the memory of his father's service, and help support the cause by paying dues promptly, should be

enclosed with each notice of dues. These circulars need not cost over two cents per member per year, and should be purchased by the Camps.

Third. A third factor is the collection of dues. The adoption of the plan to meet the second factor, nearly covers this one. We add this, however—there should be two ledgers—the main ledger which contains the names of all members—there should be an entry against those names, of dues paid in advance of at least one quarter. The second or petty ledger should contain only the names of members in arrears. These will be small in amount in a short time, if the advance quarterly payment system is used. Use consideration in collecting the arrears. When necessary, remit a part or all arrears if advisable.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We will make only three recommendations.

Inasmuch as there seems to be an earnest desire on the part of many to make a decided effort to increase our membership both in numbers and efficiency, and inasmuch as the National Organization Committee of the past year has spent a considerable sum of money to create a working unit which will produce results if put into the field, we therefore recommend that National Organization work shall be continued during the ensuing year.

That because of uncertain results usually obtained by changes of policy, we recommend that the incoming committee adhere very closely to the policies of the past year, the principal features of which are the waking up of the entire membership, putting them in touch with present day conditions and needs, and the solicitation of new members, through the use of printed matter, to be followed by an organized specially instructed working unit.

That some action be taken at this Encampment to provide a practical way to properly finance the work of such a committee.

IN CLOSING.

A letter from our Commander-in-Chief in reply to one of ours covering the ground gone over during the past year, said "You have certainly covered fully the matter of discouragement and encouragement that you have met." We will say "The one discouragement we had to meet of any considerable importance was the fact that it took us five months to get the response to our appeals for support, that we had hoped to get in two months. Therefore we have had no opportunity to try out the systematic plan of action in obtaining new members, that has been so successful in at least one Division and its Camps. As the sunshine dispels the darkness, so does the satisfaction of being able to present to this Encampment a well organized working unit, and a practical plan of procedure for the future advancement of our Order, overshadow any thought of discouragement.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR D. RHINESMITH,
FRED E. UPHAM.
HORACE H. HAMMER.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: It has been suggested that this meeting be open at this time for discussion relative to this matter. Of course, this report proper will be turned over to the proper Committee for final action and formal action, so now may we open the meeting for discussion relative to this National Organization work and the report that has just been made to you.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: You have heard the interesting report and, as I understand, the members of this Organization Committee have been working day and night for the past months and now at this time they desire some discussion relative to their work. They wish to know if you approve or disapprove the work of the Organization Committee. Who will be the first to take the floor in the way of opening this discussion. This is an important question and has to do with the welfare of our Order. This Committee in plain words wants to know if what they have been doing meets with your approval or disapproval.

Division Commander Martin E. Tilley, of New Hampshire: I would like to ask the Committee and other Commanders what they are doing if Camp Commanders won't answer letters or do anything in this campaign. I think, as far as I can find out, there has been ten responses to the Committee of Go-Getters. I have some Camps that haven't had an election in ten years. I would like to know if they don't think it could be done, what the fellows can do, and so forth.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Will Chairman Rhinesmith answer the brother from New Hampshire?

Brother Rhinesmith: I think I can possibly answer the Brother's question by relating how I handled similar situations when I was a Commander. Early in the year I made up my mind I was going to get all old units functioning, if it were possible to do so. I began writing a series of letters, nice letters, and I kept insisting in those letters, and it finally got to the point where it was plain a man would not answer correspondence, started sending him telegrams. I paid for the first three, then I sent him one collect. I sent him two collect. If he still paid for the second one I sent him a third one. If he still pays for that or made no response or if he turned it down then I got on the train and went to see him. Now, then, here is where I had it on him. I had been polite and courteous to him all during the game, I had said nothing to offend him. I politely and persistently persisted. When I got into that man's city I had the goods on him. He was on the offensive. He had no defense. Then I talked to him plain and I would say to him, "You ought to be ashamed of yourself and I know you are," and he admitted it. The result is I got over half I gained that year from the old units and I owe it to those methods. Now, you Division Commanders who are confronted with that condition have got to handle your proposition just in that way. That is the only answer I can give.

Past Division Commander George W. Turner, of Minnesota: If I may be pardoned for using plain language and how I used a similar case in Minnesota. We are up against the same proposition all of the rest of you are. Our Commanders and Camp

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Secretaries and Treasurers and Camp officers will not answer correspondence. To make a long story short, I am going to use the words with this Camp Commander after I had written him three or four letters. I said, "At least you can tell us "to go to us." or ——— you" and we would know you didn't want us." He immediately wrote me a letter, inviting me to come to Duluth and install officers and introduced me in that way, not only among the Sons, but the Auxiliary, introducing me as the Division Secretary—using exactly the words I have used in my letter to him, and he said, "This is the result." As Brother Rhine with said, "If you can't hit him one way, hit him another," and I hit him the only way I hadn't tried before, and it succeeded.

Past Division Commander Wm. Schumacher, of Missouri: About a year ago I was elected Commander of the Missouri Division, and at the first meeting of the Division Council there were four or five Camps of the Division who were slated to be dropped by the Division Council. One thing appeared, a Camp of 96 members at Trent, Missouri, of which the Governor of Missouri was a member, had not sent in any per capita tax or any reply for six quarters, one year and a half. The Council decided to drop the Camp, but under my request, I told the Division Council, inasmuch as they had saved and paid the per capita tax to the National on that Camp for six quarters I would most respectfully ask them to hold them over one more quarter, to give me an opportunity to pay that Camp and that city a visit and see what I could do. I visited that city, Trent, Missouri, approached the Treasurer of that Camp, who was a banker, introduced myself as the Commander of the Division, and he said, "What Division?" I said, "Sons of Veterans." "Oh," he said, "Sons of Veterans?" "Why," he said, "this Camp at Trent has been dead a year and a half." I happened to be an undertaker in St. Louis and that was very close to my line of business. I also told this Brother, Brother Green, "That is very opportune, I being an undertaker, I will take charge of this deceased Camp, but I don't intend to bury it, I intend to resurrect it, although that is just a little bit out of my line of business." I got the books from the Treasurer and the Camp had in its treasury \$45.00. I got the Commander of the Camp, who was a plasterer,—and by the way, that corroborates what Brother Upham said, "We don't go to the Camp meetings because the Commander has a red tie on." Every sorehead that I talked with from that Camp remarked that he didn't like the Commander. What I told every one of them was, "Why in ——— don't you go and be the Commander, if you don't like the fellow you have got?" This fellow is doing the work in company with this Commander. I went from door to door, from office to office, from drug store to candy store, from lunch room to Lord know what. I got into Trent at noon and by 4:30 collected dues to the tune of \$40.00 on thirteen members. The next afternoon went in and collected \$35.00 more, called a meeting and out of the 96 members we struck off of the list those that we couldn't find and couldn't reach and who wouldn't absolutely pay, struck off 46 names and put the Camp in good standing with 50 and collected a year and a half back per capita tax, which check I received from the banker of that bank at eleven o'clock p. m., but I had to get him out of the K. of P. meeting

to get the check. I did the same in Cameron, Missouri, and I did it in Tarkeo. I had no results and I am sorry to state since last November we heard not one solitary word from either of the Camps.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Is there anyone else to speak on this subject? It is getting very interesting.

National Patriotic Instructor E. S. Shumaker: I know something of the work that this Committee has been doing in the last year. I had a little something to do with a School of Instruction that was held in Des Moines a year ago. I have been somewhat out of touch with the workings of the Committee, and yet I think the Committee is on the right track, and if its work is carried out faithfully through the different Divisions and Camps of our Order, we ought by the close of the next year be able to show a very marked growth in our Order, and that is one of the things this Organization Committee is striving for.

Now, if I may attempt to supplement just a little of what has been said, giving you some of my own ideas, I think in the first place that it is essential that in every Division, and the Division Commander holds largely the key to the situation, there be a goal that the Division strives for, and that goal, so far as it can be made practicable, ought to be the goal that is set by this Organization Committee, which, in a sense, is the goal of the Commander-in-Chief.

The first year that I was Division Commander of Indiana, Commander-in-Chief Barrows had the nerve to ask us to add 1500 members to the Indiana Division at a time when we had less than a thousand members in good standing. And I will admit I cudgeled my brains to know how our Division was going to satisfy that very extravagant demand of our superior officer.

Now, there were two lines of activity, as Division Commander, that I tried to follow out. One was to ask existing Camps to get one-half of those fifteen hundred members, the other to secure the other half by the institution of new Camps through the Division. Now, we failed to get the full 1500 during that first year and we did not complete it at the end of the second year, but we had added over 1,000 new members, and in the two years that have elapsed since we have practically secured the full 1500. I think the gain that has been made, and our Division Commander from Indiana will bear me out or correct me if I am wrong—out of that 1500 net gain I think about fifty per cent will come from the old Camps, about fifty per cent from new Camps that have been instituted. In Indiana, for example, while we have at least half a million eligible Sons of Veterans two-thirds of the Counties of our commonwealth are yet without a single Camp. Instead of the 500,000 Sons of Veterans that we would be entitled to have as honored members of our Order, aiding in the great work of patriotism, for which our Order stands, we have a miserable twenty-three or twenty-four hundred. It is nothing to brag about, though we are proud of everyone that is allied with the Order in our State, but think of the hundreds of thousands that are yet outside and not identified with the work in an organic way.

Take our Order as a whole, I think we have fewer than a

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thousand Camps. Ought there not be anywhere from ten to twenty-five thousand Camps throughout the Order of the Sons of Veterans? We have perhaps eight millions of eligibles for the Order of the Sons of Veterans. What have we in actual attainment? Less than 55,000. Now, I believe, Brothers, there ought to be two lines of activity, first the intensive work in places where Camps already exist, set a definite standard, ask each of the Camps to increase their membership within a certain period, I will say ten per cent to fifteen per cent or twenty-five per cent and encourage them in every way it is possible to increase or to get that increase in the existing Camps. Use the booth. In Indianapolis, under circumstances that were the most favorable, we conducted a sixty days' campaign, putting it into the very heart of the city, that resulted in increasing our membership from 225 to something over 600, and under conditions that are favorable I believe booths can be used successfully in every city of the United States from 5,000 and up. Then in the next place I believe that Brothers ought to be found who would be willing to go out in the territory where there are no existing Camps of the Sons of Veterans and spend enough time there to get, with the aid of the Grand Army and Relief Corps and the eligibles, a nucleus out of which can be formed an organization which will result in the placing of healthy Camps in every county in the United States of America where it is possible at all to have membership in our Order. And I like the idea of the county Camp, with the Camp say in the county, city or most favorably located place with its membership extending out all over the county, having branches and then having those members to see to it that on every Memorial Day there will be no Union soldiers' graves that will go undecorated. I will say to you, there is not anything that will grip the heart of a son of a Union soldier so much as the knowledge of the fact that while he is helping to keep green the memory of someone that fell in defense or gave the best of his life for the defense of the flag and whose son is not there to look over it, or do it, the fact that some Son of a Veteran in some other part of the country where his own father sleeps awaiting the Resurrection Morn, is going to decorate that father's grave. Brethren, I believe that we ought to have a revival of patriotism through the length and breadth of our Order that would put the whole Order to work to go out and get 100,000 new members between this and the next Encampment. (Applause).

National Secretary Hammer: I am not going to be pessimistic or throw any cold water on this experience meeting, and I am not going to throw a thing into you, except just to call your attention to one proposition. I was delighted with this applause, highly gratified at the reception of our National Patriotic Instructor's remarks, but I have heard expressions with endorsements of that kind in our National Encampments heretofore. I have heard promises and I have the records of what was going to be done after you went home from each Encampment. Now, I hope the remarks you have endorsed by such vigorous applause will have an effect on each individual member of this body that was so rapturously applauding the National Patriotic Instructor. Here is what I want to tell you. Since I have been the National Secretary 1895, would you believe it we have initiated 144,700 some odd members and have less than

57,000 today. You have applauded and you have endorsed the remarks made before me. That means what you are going to do. Now, let us see what you will do between now and next Encampment. Almost 145,000 new members is your record and you have had it from me before from time to time. I have told you what has been done in five or ten years, in two and in one. Now, size it up and see what you are going to do when you get home. It is all right to be patriotic in your National and Division Encampments, but there is some other place. One of the Brothers here told me he only had six members to attend the sessions of his Camp. The Division Commanders cannot do it all, nor the Commanders-in-Chief, and it is up to the fellow that goes out to see what he can do. Let us see what the applause amounts to. (Applause).

Past Division Commander George W. Turner, of Minnesota: I believe the National Secretary has hit the nail on the head. I am trying to preach that in Minnesota. I have in mind one Camp, our local Camp, that have called for their fifth record book and they have 117 members in their Camp. You will go all through your Camp and Division and find that same thing as Brother Hammer has said. We are getting the members, but we are not keeping them. It is not as much of a problem to get them as it is to find some way of solving the problem how to keep them. If we can keep what we get we will have a big organization.

Past Division Commander F. C. Focht, of Indiana: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers. I have heard the remarks of Brother Shumaker, I have been with him a number of times, I have been with our Commander-in-Chief and I have met others of this great organization, and I had the honor of being Division Commander of this State of Indiana and also had thrust upon me the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and I find this to be true. I like to hear the remarks coming from a patriotic soul like we have heard from Brother Shumaker and I am also glad to hear the remarks of Brother Hammer, only to show us where we are drifting. It is lamentable to know that condition exists. In Indiana we have had this up and in our Camp. When we meet it is a question of getting membership. When we meet in a Division it is a question of getting membership, and in our Annual Encampment we have a Committee now that has gone out and taken up this matter and has studied it, how can we increase our membership? Brothers, I think those committees and those talks are all excellent, but are we doing anything or are we in the condition as represented by our National Secretary? It is an easy matter to get members, that is not a hard thing to do, but it is a question of holding them after you get them, and I have studied this matter quite a great deal and I have reached this conclusion and I have advanced it in our Division, that we do not advance the ideas and principles of Patriotism in such a way that we hold our members. The fault is with some of us that we call ourselves active. We are active, as far as that is concerned, but do we make it known in the locality that there is such an organization? Why, I have gone in cases where they have Camps, a few members, and you talk about it—why, the Sons of Veterans? "Why, yes, I have heard there is a little Camp here, but they are never doing anything."

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Now, if we get busy on the interior and work to the outside to show we are doing something, then I believe when we reach results they are going to speak, and that is my idea in regard to this matter and that is the way I believe this Committee or any committee that starts out to increase the membership of this organization must act. That is, from within out, and not from without in. There is not a place in America today but what they are proud they are Americans, there is not a Son of a Veteran, whether he belongs to the organization or not, but what is proud that through his veins there flows the blood of some patriotic soldier who fought to save this country. Not a one. And they would be glad to become a member of an organization such as we have, if we can show we are doing something to carry forth and advance on every occasion this spirit of patriotism, and the Lord only knows we do need it in this land of ours today, especially in some localities. My opinion in regard to this Committee that has been working for you here is that it has been outlining many things good for us, but let us go a little bit further and when we get these members into our Camp let us do something in a way they feel proud their name is on the roster, and they are willing at all times to pay their per capita dues, as may be assessed against them, and will be proud on all occasions to be a member of the Sons of Veterans. (Applause).

Division Commander Martin E. Tilley, of New Hampshire: When the new member signs the application, you take him into the Camp room and what does he do? You march him around the hall a couple of times. He doesn't come back again. He says, "If that is all there is to it, I don't care, there is no fun seeing somebody else come through here."

I have been a member of the organization since 1891. The old ritual where there was something doing, something exciting, guessing, we had the membership. When we began to monkey with our Rituals we began to lose interest and members. As Brother Hammer says we have lost a lot of them and are, because we had nothing there outside of a meeting and a little routine, and then he goes home and doesn't come again. I find it is so in my own state. I find a lot of complaint about the Ritual, and the more they monkey with it the more they complain about it, even our own members. We have thirty-five Camps in the state and all in good standing but one. It is hard to get the old members back after they have dropped out. They say, "What is the use going; there is nothing going on, they don't show any activity there, we can get that much fun at home. Take any other organization, it costs you \$50.00 to \$100.00 to join it, it takes you a week to go through it, but when they get into the organization they stay. Take a man in in five minutes and he won't stay, and I believe our method of getting the members, we should make it more difficult, possibly a little bit more expensive, but when we get them, keep them.

Brother Louis Weiler, of Chicago, Ill.: I wish to coincide with the Brother in regard to making the meeting an entertainment as well as an initiatory meeting. Something outside of the order of the obligation and going through the initiatory work. I believe you would arouse the interest, as the Daughters of Veterans and Ladies of the Grand Army do, and the Auxiliary

have done. They all have something on hand other than the ritualistic work. I belong to a Camp that only meets once or twice a year, but in my younger days when I belonged to the organization in the City of Chicago, as the Sons were then called, a master work, they always had something on hand, a dance one night or something of that kind. I claim if you have something in the way of entertainment at your meetings outside of ritualistic work you will have an organization as large as any other organization. Those are the things you have to take into consideration. Give him something other than the initiatory work after he has taken his degree.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: We are yet on the subject the National Organization Committee. In my opinion this is our life's blood and soul's salvation. I am glad to hear these splendid talks relative to the matter. Would like to hear from any other Brothers.

Delegate E. M. Lowe, of Ohio: I joined the Sons of Veterans when I was a boy and I have been a member ever since. I was Secretary and I was Treasurer of the Camp to which I belong for several years, and I would say for fifty-nine years we never dropped a member. The reason was that I personally went and called on them, some of them every month, and got the dues for that month, others I called upon every three months, because I knew they would pay it. The trouble is, the loss of members occurs in this way. The Secretary or Treasurer has maybe sent out a notice, but nobody pays any attention to it, and he doesn't go around and collect it. After a while they owe \$5.00 or \$6.00 or maybe \$8.00 dues. Now, you go to a man who is in an organization for \$5.00 and try to collect \$8.00 dues on top of it, he will look at you and say, "When did you go crazy?" but if you can get Secretaries and Treasurers who will give their personal time to collect these dues, that loss of membership will be prevented to a great extent. I think the National Secretary will bear me out, that ninety per cent of the loss of members occurs because they are delinquent in their dues. As he says, they get in too cheap in the first place. And then you let the dues accumulate behind them.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: I see Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman of Ohio. I didn't know he was here. You make the ninth Commander-in-Chief present. Please rise and let the boys see you once more?

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: Thank you, Commander-in-Chief. I certainly am happy to have the privilege of being with you here again at this Encampment. I want to congratulate you on this most excellent meeting of the Sons of Veterans, which is an indication of itself that we are on the right road.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Now, just a word about the parade tomorrow. Past Division Commander Fred J. Phillips of Illinois is in charge of the 100 uniformed men who will compose the escort and he will say a word about the matter.

Past Division Commander Fred J. Phillips, of Illinois, made parade announcement and detailed arrangements for the Sons of Veterans escort to the Grand Army of the Republic parade.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: No Sons of Veterans will

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march except these one hundred uniformed men, and the Milwaukee Camp members who have provided semi-uniforms. The one hundred uniformed men will have only blue uniforms, and Major Phillips will have charge.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland: Commander-in-Chief. I simply want to inquire what your purpose was as to a continuance of this alleged Organization Committee. If you do not expect to terminate it now, when may it be continued to, for definite action or affirmation of some sort.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: As I understand it, this afternoon session may be considered a general discussion for the time regarding the matter. The formal report will go to the proper Committee for action and further discussion.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland: When will that be?

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: There will probably be no further remarks on the subject this afternoon because the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary Committee will soon appear.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland: Well, I am going to intrude just a moment on this subject, if I may. I am not going to impose on your time, to give you any reminiscences or historical references or lend any voice on the method of procedure, because I think this Organization today knows a great deal more about it than I do and all the rest of us, for that matter, or a good many of us. Now, there is nothing new in this plan that the Organization Committee has brought you, it is simply carrying out on a possibly enlarged scale a method that has been in progress for years in the most successful Division in the United States, Massachusetts. I mean by that they are consistently successful year after year in patriotic accomplishments. Brother Shumaker told of the wonderful things Indiana has done, and also that that has only occurred in the last three or four years, and before that they had been so dead they needed the services of that undertaker from Missouri. Your work is all the more commendable because they have come to life again.

As Brother Upham has told you, there is no plan given you or any thought promulgated that has not proven a success prior thereto. You are trying no untried fantasies, but practical means that have proven a success in their application, made prior to the time it is given to you. Now, there may be in our organization, and I have no doubt there are, many men just as capable of carrying on this work as the two men, Brother Upham of Massachusetts and Brother Rhinesmith of Illinois, who have had it in charge. I doubt not there are many men who have just as keen and good ideas as they have, but I do doubt whether there are any other two men that would so closely apply themselves as they have. (Applause). And their proven competency prompts me with the hope that you will unqualifiedly endorse their campaign thus far and insist on their retention of office. I was sincerely and sorely disappointed in the organization meeting we had yesterday. The kindly insistence of your Commander-in-Chief led me to preside at that meeting in addition to my own interest in their success and yours, and I was sincerely disappointed in that meeting. There was much good that came out of it, but the apathy that you and I complain of in our Order was so marked that I was asbamed

of every Son of a Veteran in Milwaukee that was not there and I told some of them very pointedly so after the meeting.

A Brother: Brother Ireland, a question. That meeting was not announced except as a meeting of the Organization Committee, which is a different thing altogether.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland: No one is ever excluded from the Organization Committee that has a membership card, and if it was not announced someone was at fault, but it should have been promulgated throughout the membership. That is no excuse. There were a lot of good things came up and I am mighty sorry every one was not sufficiently interested and anxious to learn of some new method to benefit his own Division to have been there. Two of the most practical men that I have heard on this question spoke yesterday and I shall always retain their thoughts, our Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fred Bell of Massachusetts and Division Commander Bosworth of Indiana, and "Rosy" brought out a wonderful thought to me. It was not new or anything original about it, I didn't just have common sense enough to grasp it at the time, but I want to reiterate the thing to you today, and that is this. This plan that has been offered, though it has proven a success, may not be the best on earth, it may not absolutely guaranteed success in enlarging the membership of our Order, but it is a plan, and we have never had one before that we tried to put into operation all over the United States, and only by a centralized head of authority and responsibility can we hope to act in unison, and this Organization Committee I think will do it. The phases of the matter they will bring up in time I am sure will be beneficial and it is a concrete working plan that may be followed by everyone that is anxious to do it.

Now, this is a rather crucial moment for the Sons of Veterans. We are in the twilight zone, the dividing line it must be. We must accept this plan of organization work or reject it. There is no half way business about it. Prior to that we need this year some definite definition of the Grand Army of the Republic of our relation to them, as a pre requisite to this work. That relation established, then we must decide, you must decide whether you want to continue this work with this Organization Committee or stop it. Now, these boys have given their time and burned the midnight oil. You couldn't have hired these two men, that I know of, to do the work they have done, at any salary. I cannot commend them too highly. I know Brother Upham has not slept enough since he went on this Committee to do a baby six weeks, and I know I loaned my offices to Brother Rinesmith of Peoria and he promised to only occupy one of them and he filled all four of them so full I could hardly get into them when I returned to my home, and I never had an electric light bill that was not the minimum charge before, and he contracted one that was more than the last ten years I have occupied those offices, so he worked many nights and our greatest commendation and thanks are due to this Organization Committee.

If you desire this thing continued, these boys cannot give all of their time, I haven't seen either one of them rated in Bradstreets or Duns as millionaires, they cannot give all of their time to this organization without some compensation.

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There are additional expenses that really are astounding that must be provided for in this Encampment, and the Commandery-in-Chief must find some way of financing this Organization Committee. So you have those two things to decide that must be decided before you adjourn this Commandery-in-Chief Encampment. You must decide if you want to continue this plan or not, and if you do, some means must be arranged for financing. The Commander-in-Chief has suggested an assessment for all Past Commanders-in-Chief \$100.00, all Past Division Commanders \$10.00 and every Camp Commander \$1.00, that would provide sufficient funds to carry on the work. It has also been suggested every Division donate \$100.00 and every Camp out of every initiation fee, out of a new member, pay in \$1.00 to the Organization Committee. I don't know what one you are going to adopt or what one may be practical, but certainly some working plans of a business-like nature must be provided for and adopted by this convention. Now, I am hopeful, sincerely hopeful that you will insist on carrying on that Organization work. If we do not we acknowledge our defeat and might just as well close up shop. This Organization Committee, after spending I believe some \$3,000.00 on their work, has returned some \$1100.00 or acquired it in their letter service they have sold. They hope the movement may ultimately be self-supporting. I do not think it ever will quite be that, but it may come near it. It is the decision of this Commandery-in-Chief that must be brought out, and let me say this, the small gain that our Order has shown this year is in no way attributable to the Organization Committee. I asked the Commander-in-Chief yesterday what he thought of it. He said, "It has my unqualified endorsement and the best thing I have ever seen tried out in my several years of experience in the Sons of Veterans." This Organization Committee hasn't even started. It has laid the foundation, it has worked upon its Go-Getters, it is prepared to start this campaign and has not made a move towards starting it yet. You can imagine the magnitude of the work necessary and what they have encountered in so doing. They have just told me they have not yet sent out one piece of literature soliciting a Go-Getter to produce members. That is a thing they are coming to now, they are just striking the grade and have not attempted that so far, but they have builded a foundation and though they both write long letters and are verbose as the deuce, they have got to the meat of the situation and at least I think they know so much more about it than I do that I am not going to criticize it. They don't do a lot of things I like, and I disagree with a lot of their methods, but I am going to do what they suggest because they know a darned lot more about it than I do. (Applause)

Now, this unconscious opposition they have encountered, why, those boys have had enough to discourage them, if they were not the real men that they are they would have resigned long ago. They sent to one Division Commander twenty letters and seven telegrams without getting a reply. I think they are unreasonable in some of their demands. They sent out for a revised mailing list for a Division. One of the best Secretaries in the whole United States refused to give them the information. I think their request was unreasonable, but I think his reply

was unworthy of the grand fellow he is. Whether we like it or not, if we are going to continue it, let us hold up our hands and support them substantially as well as in other ways. (Great applause and enthusiasm manifested).

The Guard: The Sons of Veterans Auxiliary Committee desires admittance. A delegation was admitted. The Committee presented Mrs. Minnie E. Groth, of Wisconsin, National President, Sons of Veterans Auxiliary; Past National President Frances Fox and Past National President Edna Bergwitz.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: My Brothers, we have in our presence the Greetings Committee from our Auxiliary. We have been expecting this Committee for an hour or so. It has been your custom and habit to visit our convention, and yet we do not feel that you visit us today because of that custom and habit. We believe you visit us today at his time because you love to do so, because you want to see and meet our membership while in session. I am sure every Son in this convention hall will at this time be very much pleased to hear from Past National President Miss Frances Fox who is Chairman of the Greetings Committee. (Applause).

Past National President Frances Fox: Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse, Brothers of the Sons of Veterans, in your National Encampment assembled. I must first beg your forgiveness for our tardiness, but which I assure you was unavoidable. This Committee, as Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse says, did not come just because it has been an established thing for us to do. There are a great many things done in the National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary which give us, individually and collectively, much pleasure. To me today has come one of the nicest things, one of the pleasant things that could be given to any member of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, when our National President asked me to act as Chairman of the Greetings Committee to the Sons of Veterans.

Brothers, I assure you, and many of you have heard me say it many times, I say it sincerely and honestly, I do love to come here and look into the faces of the old friends, and when I am looking into the faces of friends I have not seen before, the thought comes, well, next year I will have more friends, so we do come here Brother Shellhouse with the pride and affection that is just natural for the better half of the Sons of Veterans organization to have and to hold toward you, but to us, Brother Shellhouse, and me personally, there is a deeper meaning today than ever before when I have served on this Committee. We had expected to come tomorrow, but when we come to you we like to come, and not only tell you in words and try to confess to you in words what the Sons of Veterans, and especially the Commander-in-Chief of the present administration, means to the President who has served with him, but we want to make it more emphatic today than ever.

As each National President says, "I have the best Commander-in-Chief that the Sons of Veterans ever had." Perhaps Sister Groth is saying down in her heart, "There never was another, there could not be another, there will not be another like Brother Shellhouse," and we say so, but next year we will say of your new Commander-in-Chief, "He is a splendid fellow, he

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was just fine, we all love him." We have a right to love him because he is a part and parcel of ourselves, but Brother Shellhouse, today, it has a far deeper meaning, our coming in here. We come to congratulate you personally on this, your birthday. I want to say to you and for our National President and every member of the organization, we wish you many happy returns of this, your birthday. We ask God to grant you good health, many years of it, to enjoy the work and the love and the time and all you have put into this organization this last year. Words would be inadequate to tell the Brothers of the Sons of Veterans what Brother Shellhouse has been to the Auxiliary. He has been unsparing of his time and of his attention, but what to you may seem the most insignificant part of it all, he has been a very substantial financial support to the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.

Brother Shellhouse, I want to tell you personally, as a Past National President, how much you have been appreciated for all the many pretty things and nice courtesies you have extended to our National President. We are all proud of our President, but me particularly. I say "me" because she is a member of the largest Auxiliary instituted up to the time I was National President, and it was instituted during my term. You can readily understand there was a deeper feeling when the charter list came in from Baraboo. There were 136 names on it, and the Secretary said, "Frances, I can't get the names on there," and I said, "They must be gotten on there," and we got them on, and I assure you it was the prettiest charter ever framed, because those 136 names were there and it made it very beautiful to look at.

Brother Shellhouse, in coming to you on your birthday we thought we might have a little love fest, and then we thought, "What can we get him for a birthday present?" I enlisted the assistance of three or four Past Commanders-in-Chief, "Can you tell me anything Brother Shellhouse hasn't got that he would like?" And they were at sea. "Well," I said, "there is one thing he will appreciate, one thing we know is first and last in his affection, nothing can ever change it, nothing can ever dim its grandeur to him, and he might go on and on and there might be many new things come into his life, and some of the old ties pass out, but we know there is no man, be he a member of the Sons of Veterans or not, if he be an American, that could love anything better or revere anything more than the flag of his country," and so, Brother Shellhouse, to you today, from the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, as a slight mark of affection for you and of appreciation for what you have done for our President and our Order, we present you this flag, your flag and my flag, the flag that made us free. (Great applause).

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Past National President Miss Frances Fox. Each and every Brother of this Encampment appreciates your gracious words, because they are interested in what you have said and I trust they are interested in me. I have not thought of a birthday for over twenty years.

I do however appreciate far more than words can express your thoughtfulness and your ability exhibited in the choice of a present to me this day—This beautiful flag. Yes, your flag and my flag, the flag that makes us free. The red stands for the

just and holy wars fought by American men—The Revolutionary War; the War of 1812; the Mexican War; the Great Civil War; the Spanish-American War and last, we hope it may be the very last, the World War. The blue field in this flag is a reminder of the sacrifices of your Father, my Father, and their comrades, which made it possible to achieve a Republic. The stars in this flag stand for our Nation which was preserved and handed down to us by Civil War Veterans; so why should I not love this flag as coming from you at this time. I thank you for it.

My associations with the Auxiliary during the past year have been very pleasant. Your National President, Mrs. Minnie E. Groth, and I met at most of the Division Encampments, and enroute on the Western itinerary with Commander-in-Chief Willett and his party, we were thrown together almost daily, incident to the meetings, receptions, and other Grand Army functions. In a very able way throughout the country, Mrs. Groth represented your Organization.

Take back to the girls of your Convention my personal greetings, and in addition my love and affection for the many acts of kindness and courtesies extended to me during the past year. Miss Frances, it might be well for you to divide in a way, the love of which I speak. I desire you to keep plenty for yourself.

Miss Fox: I have done so.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Now, Brothers, we have another member of this delegation who for many years has shown her interest and loyalty in our Organization. She has, in a faithful way, served in all official capacities. She is one of the distinguished members of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary of the Division of Ohio. I, therefore, present to you at this time Past National President Miss Edna Bergwitz.

Past National President Edna Bergwitz of Ohio: Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse and Brothers of the Sons of Veterans. Since our Sister Fox has expressed herself so beautifully here, I can say all she said is just my sentiment. We cannot express to our Brothers how well and how much we think of them and each and every one of them, but I want to say I have learned something here this afternoon, I never knew that a man could forget his age. They accuse women of doing that, but I never thought a man could, but I want to say to Brother Shellhouse I think Sister Fox sort of put one over on him. When you were at our convention in Ohio in June Brother Shellhouse said, "I wish they wouldn't give me presents every place I go, but there is something I would like to have and that is a collar box," and I thought sure when I was put on this Committee that would be a good chance to present Brother Shellhouse with a collar box, but it came unexpectedly and I had to give way about the collar box. Brother Shellhouse, I am happy to be permitted to come here and stand before the Brothers and have the opportunity to say we extend to them our love and our assistance and all they have to say is do this or that and we will do it to the best of our ability. I thank you. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Miss Edna, I always did believe you to be a friend of mine and now I am fully con-

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vinced of the fact, because you say that you did everything on earth in your power to induce the girls to get me a collar box. This attempt on your part, even though not successful, suitably binds our friendship as far as I am concerned until the end.

Now, Brothers. I now have the honor to introduce to you Mrs. Minnie E. Groth who for the past year as National President, has been representing the Sons of Veterans Auxillary throughout this Nation.

National President Minnie E. Groth: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers of the Sons of Veterans. As the Commander-in-Chief said, it is customary for the Greetings Committee of the Auxillary to visit annually the Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, but he felt that we did not come just because it was a custom but because we wanted to come, and that is true. We came because we wanted to come.

During the past year Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse has always bragged, oh, just terribly, about Indiana. He said, "The biggest State in the Union is Indiana and the biggest city in the state and the best city in that state is Indianapolis." You know, it is a woman's privilege always to differ with a man, and so I differ with him to that extent that I say next to Wisconsin, Indiana is the biggest and best state in the Union. (Applause and laughter). And so I came to you today to congratulate you upon your successful year and to extend to you a cordial welcome to Wisconsin, the best state in the Union. (Applause).

Sister Fox has expressed so eloquently our feeling for the Sons of Veterans that it hardly seems possible I could add anything to the sentiments she expressed. During my year as National President every courtesy that human hands or the love of any heart could extend was extended to me from coast to coast by the members of your organization. I only wish I might have words to adequately express my appreciation of all these courtesies. No doubt this is the greatest year in my life, as also the Commander-in-Chief has expressed it, and soon our administration will be at a close, but the many acts of kindness and the many courtesies you have extended will remain with me as long as life shall last and I only hope after I am a "has been" you will not forget me entirely, because my love for the Order and interest in the Order, not only in the Auxillary, but in the Sons of Veterans, has increased because of my service of the past year. I pledge anew my services to the Order to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. I feel a great pride today, especially in bringing with me Sister Fox and Sister Bergwitz. As Sister Fox expressed it, Baraboo Auxillary was organized during her administration, and when I sent in the Charter list I thought I was just sending in such a charter list as supposedly they got every day in the year. I happened to be the first president of that Auxillary. When Sister Fox wrote back she said, "I looked at that charter list and couldn't believe there were 130 names on that charter, and it proved to be the banner Auxillary of that year, so there is the deepest bond between Sister Fox and also Sister Bergwitz, because Sister Bergwitz followed Sister Fox as National President and I also had the pleasure of working with her.

But there was another idea too when I chose these Sisters to accompany me on this Greetings Committee. I knew the

Commander-in-Chief was a bachelor and I brought two of our sweetest and dearest girls. You know we have promised to help each other as much as we could during the year under all circumstances and conditions of life, and so forth, and so I thought I would help you, even to the extent of getting you a wife, and I hope you will be pleased with my choice. I forgot to say, you could pick out just one. I know it is going to be hard for you to choose. (Applause and laughter).

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: That is what is worrying me right now, which one to pick. (Laughter).

National President Groth: I want to at this time especially thank the Commander-in-Chief for all the courtesies he has extended to me during the past year personally and for the courtesies that he extended to the members of our organization. He has been extending courtesies in every way, of a financial sort, and has done everything that he could possibly do to promote the interests of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary. We do feel that we have a splendid supporter in Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse. Every National President, as has been said by my two worthy predecessors, feels that their Commander-in-Chief is the best ever. I agree with them, because it is not always policy to disagree, but I will say this, that although he may have been equalled by other Commanders-in-Chief, he has still been excelled by none. (Applause).

In a few days our administration will be at a close and I understood that today was your birthday. In speaking of our ages during the travels the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army jokingly referred to me as the baby of the family, of the party, and when we asked our big Brother how old he was, he said, "I am thirty-eight." (Laughter). So I suppose this is his thirty-ninth birthday, and I congratulate you and I hope you will have many more. As a small token of my appreciation for all that you have done for me personally I have brought this picture of Lincoln's Memorial at Washington. The organization has given you a flag which I know is very, very dear to your heart, but I also know that Lincoln, the man that every member of this organization loves and reveres, his memory is also dear to you. And this is the memorial that a grateful nation has erected to his memory and as you look upon this picture in years to come, and we know you are going to have many more birthdays because you are only thirty-nine. I want you to think of our year together. I can say nothing further. I hope that you will have many years to enjoy it. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Mrs. Groth, this picture. Lincoln's Memorial at Washington, is a master production. It is a beautiful and appropriate present and more than words can express. I appreciate the gift as coming from the National President of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary. I shall sacredly keep it in memory of the past year's work and labor with you in the interests of the Organizations, which we have been so honored to represent. I am rather happy that the close of the administration is near and yet, have experienced the most happy year of my life while devoting my time and energy to this patriotic work.

In the presence of the Sons here assembled and your greetings committee, I wish to express sincere appreciation for the

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assistance you have rendered our Organization, as well as to thank you for your earnestness and loyalty during the year. I want these boys now and forever to know that I have gotten along with you agreeably and that never for even one moment did I realize you in any way, to be contentious or angry. I have always understood that most women were contentious and oft-times became angry, but as far as I know, not so with you. My Brothers, Mrs. Groth can smile, look pleasant, frown and be angry all at the same time; so who could not get along agreeably with a woman like that. I am sure the entire membership of this convention join me in an expression of appreciation for the visit you have made us today. We wish you a happy and successful Encampment for this year 1923, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

I am going to call on Past Commander-in-Chief Sisson to give a real and genuine response to the ladies of this committee. (Applause).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sisson, of Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief and members of the Auxiliary: I want to confess before I do anything else there is something about this whole proceeding that I don't understand, how any man, even in the exalted position of Commander-in-Chief, can grow so far through his top in thirty-nine short years, I cannot understand it. But to tell you the honest truth I do not believe it. I have been here longer than that myself, but I haven't got as far through this top of mine as he has through his and I know there must be some mistake about the candles on that cake.

Now, there is something I want to clear up, as long as the President of the Auxiliary is from the best state in the Union. I came up to Wisconsin one time and attended a Division Encampment and they told me something about a concoction they had up there, called "Green River." Well, I was green enough, I was the greenest thing in sight, but I came here to Milwaukee day before yesterday and one of the things I saw at once on the store fronts was "Green River." So I thought I would renew the acquaintance, and I went out and tipped the keg, but boys, the kick is gone. The only place I have ever seen Green River was at Devils Lake, and I will leave it to the National President if that one didn't have a kick in it, but really I am not here to take up your time. It is time we quit and went to supper because I understand there are festivities awaiting us. But ladies, sincerely, we are just as glad to have you come and love us a little as we are to go and love you a little, and if the Commander-in-Chief can find any lady in the Auxiliary will give him a private hearing in some dark corner, I would like to have the National President of the Auxiliary point that lady out because I will furnish the Commander-in-Chief.

Seriously just a moment, I believe in the Auxiliary. I didn't at first. I was a good deal like the Grand Army was when the Sons of Veterans first foisted themselves on the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic. I didn't believe we needed an Auxiliary, and we tried to live something like thirty-five years before we ever realized what an Auxiliary can do, and I want to tell you right here, boys, that in my humble opinion, it is not worth much perhaps, if it was not for the Auxiliary today I do not believe you would have thirty-thousand members in your organization this minute. They are a helpmate and I ap-

preciate the spirit of loyalty to our flag and the patriotism that they engender. I know of one soldier, my own father, who went to the front and left a bride of a few months, and I was born when my father was in the service. I know that that mother was as true a savior of the country as the father who bared his breast to shot and shell, and I honor her for it. Just so I believe the strain of patriotic fervor arises just as much in the hearts of the girls who seek to help us as in our own hearts, and I wish them God-speed in their work, and I desire to confess now I believe in them from the bottom up. The best little girl in the world that I know is a member of the Auxiliary and there are a lot more like her. I want to see them organized and I want to have them help us, but we must be in shape to help them, so they can help us. (Applause).

(At six o'clock p. m. the Encampment adjourned to Wednesday, September 5th, at two o'clock p. m.)

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

September 5th, 1923, 2 P. M.

The Commandery-in-Chief was called to order by Commander-in-Chief Frank Shellhouse and opened in due form.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Past Commander-in-Chief Barrows makes the tenth Past Commander-in-Chief present and is requested to rise. (Vigorous applause greets him as he rises).

National Secretary Hammer: The Credential Committee presents a supplemental report, with a complete total of 222 members in the Encampment enrollment at this time. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: That is the largest enrollment for many years, so states our National Secretary.

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, I have some communications before the Encampment, and this is one that ought to be read:

"As the time approaches for the National Encampment to convene, my mind runs back to my first one, Detroit, where Sautter presided, and to the several pleasant ones I have been permitted to attend since then.

My heart feels sad to think of those familiar and loved faces that are gone since then, and to think though absent from this meeting, I will not be able to read of their partaking of it, when reading the proceedings in the future.

I could not let the opportunity pass and not send you a word of greetings.

Sincerely yours,

LEON L. ROBERTS,
Past Division Commander, Missouri."

Here is a telegram from Past Division Commander Hawthorne, of Los Angeles, California:

"I wish for you a successful and harmonious Encampment. I am disappointed in not being able to be with you, but could not at this time.

Yours,

FRANCIS C. HAWTHORNE.
Past Division Commander."

I also have a telegram from Past Commander-in-Chief F. T. Johnson, of Washington, D. C., who was unable to get here.

We have a telegram of greetings from Past Commander-in-

Chief A. E. B. Stephens, of Cincinnati, who expected to be here, but was detained.

Past Commander-in-Chief Clifford Ireland and Chairman of Committee on Resolutions: The Committee on resolutions can offer you a partial report. Edwin C. Ireland, Past Division Commander of Maryland will read it.

National Secretary Hammer: I move where there is no objection recommendations be approved and concurred in without motion. Agreed to.

PARTIAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Past Division Commander Edwin C. Ireland: (Reading)

Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 5, 1923.

To the Officers and Members of the Forty-second Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Milwaukee, Wis.

Greetings:

Your Committee to whom has been referred various resolutions, and after a due consideration of each and every one thereof, begs leave to report:

Resolution No. 1: Connecticut Division—regarding our Commandery-in-Chief fathering legislation to prevent the organization of certain societies. Your Committee recommends that same be not adopted.

Resolution No. 2: A. E. Whitley, P. C. Camp 8, Illinois—regarding a medium for increasing the membership of our Order. Your Committee recommends that same be referred to the National Organization Committee.

Resolution No. 3: Maryland Division—regarding the memorializing of Congress of the United States to pass fitting and appropriate pension laws at the next session of Congress for the pensioning of all veterans of the Civil War, their widows and dependents.

Your Committee recommends a concurrence therein, and that the incoming Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary-Treasurer and National Counselor be and are hereby directed to prepare such evidence of the passage of said resolution addressed to the Congress of the United States or as may be considered by the foregoing National officers to be the most feasible way and manner to effectuate the purpose and intention of said resolution.

Resolution No. 4: Oregon Division—Registration of Aliens. Your Committee concurs therein, and that the incoming Commander-in-Chief is hereby directed to see that the proper presentation of the action taken by this Commandery-in-Chief is prepared and forwarded to the parties designated in the resolution.

National Secretary Hammer: What is the resolution?

Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland: It is a resolution prepared by the Oregon Division, on a recommendation made by the Secretary of Labor, the Hon. James J. Davis, for the registering of all aliens as a possible safeguard against their Red activities, or at least their ability to locate them. It is a highly meritori-

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ous resolution, but quite long. However, I think it would be a good thing to have it read to the Commandery-in-Chief.

National Secretary Hammer: I didn't ask to have it read, but that there be some explanation so we know what it is.

Past Division Commander Irelan: (Reading)

Resolution No. 5: Michigan Division—Conferring the Gold Cross for meritorious services upon George E. Cogshall of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Your Committee appreciates the tribute paid by the Michigan Division to Brother George E. Cogshall and feels that this Encampment should, as it were, again voice its thanks for the accomplishments brought about by Brother Cogshall, but as the Gold Cross formerly given for meritorious services is now the badge of the Past Commander-in-Chief, the Committee must therefore recommend non-concurrence.

Resolution No. 6: Division of New Jersey. This resolution simply embodies a very short memorandum of a resolution known as No. 6 adopted at the Fifty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic held at Des Moines, recommending a change in title of our organization.

Your Committee feels that the Commandery-in-Chief should hold in abeyance any change in the title of our Order until the Grand Army of the Republic shall by appropriate legislation recognize and outline their policy towards this, our beloved Order, hence your Committee recommends non-concurrence.

In regard to that portion of the resolution regarding a change in the text of the salute to the Flag, your Committee recommends same be referred to the Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies.

Be it resolved by the Commandery-in-Chief Sons of Veterans in session assembled that our thanks are due and hereby extended to the Citizens of Milwaukee who have as it were taken us within their arms as if we were their own and have done and are doing everything within their power to entertain and make our stay among them most pleasant; and in the tendering of our appreciation we do not overlook the Manager and all others connected with the Plankinton Hotel for the services rendered, the local press for the dissemination among their readers of those principles for which our fathers fought and what was wrought through their efforts. The public service corporation—the Street Car Company we owe our thanks for gratis service rendered to our members and our parent organization.

Be it resolved that we do again pledge our support in every possible way to the Grand Army of the Republic, its officers and members, and entertain the hope that through the legislation enacted by this Encampment and firmly build an Order of which they shall be proud, both numerically and patriotically.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD IRELAND, Chairman,
EDWIN C. IRELAN,
C. B. MARTIN,
Committee on Resolutions.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Brothers, this is a partial report of the Committee on Resolutions. What is your pleasure?

Past Division Commander Lewis J. Yaggy, of Iowa: May I ask if we passed that resolution as read there, that we stop all legislation in regard to change of name of this organization?

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: I think not. Held in abeyance until the Grand Army of the Republic assembled in their session may outline their policy toward our Order.

Past Commander-in-Chief Clifford Ireland: There was no thought of doing else than holding it in abeyance, the chief thought holding the Committee was that our own Commander-in-Chief was now in communication with the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, their Order, and it was possible a communication might come from them prior to the adjournment of our own Encampment. We did not want in any way to handicap our own Commander-in-Chief, in his negotiations with the parent Order. It gives no thought to what action we may take or follow or is not suggesting in any way their action, just simply setting the matter aside temporarily.

I would like to explain one other resolution, and that is the one coming from Connecticut, which may be commendable throughout and in sympathy with the majority of the Commandery-in-Chief, yet there is possibly a delicately veiled objective there that might be offensive to a few. If it was offensive to one, we felt we had no business monkeying with it at all. This Commandery-in-Chief, in the opinion of the Committee, should not deal in partisanship, sectarianism or politics of any sort. (Applause). Insofar as our patriotic effort may encounter those, that is well and good, but not to go beyond that limit. We thought the best thing was to hoe our own onion patch and let other people's business alone. I move the adoption of the resolutions thus far as a whole. Agreed to.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAL TO G. A. R.

Past Commander-in-Chief Clifford Ireland: Commander-in-Chief, we have a report here from a Committee on Memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic, which can be read, if you desire it.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: No objection.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 1, 1923.

To the Forty-second Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A., Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:

The Committee appointed by authority of the Forty-first Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief to look into the feasibility of the proposition to erect a Memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic, as recommended by the Commander-in-Chief (Report of the Commander-in-Chief, page 38 of the printed Proceedings of the Forty-first Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief), begs leave to report, as follows:

Your Committee has had this matter under advisement since the close of the last Encampment, and has given it very careful consideration, and has arrived at the conclusion that the

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project is not only feasible, but that it is very desirable that this organization should undertake the erection of such a Memorial as will fittingly commemorate the services and sacrifices of the Union forces in the War of the Rebellion—one that will be an honor to the Grand Army of the Republic, and of which we, the descendants of the men who preserved the Union, may well be proud.

Your Committee has been advised that a suitable site for such a Memorial will be gladly furnished by the Government of the United States, but that before such site will be designated and set apart for such Memorial, the design and plans therefor must be submitted for the approval of the National Fine Arts Commission, and if approved, a suitable undertaking furnished ensuring the completion of the Memorial. The site for the Memorial would cost nothing.

The Memorial contemplated by the Committee, and recommended by the Commander-in-Chief, would cost upwards to \$250,000.

The Committee has had under consideration a number of plans for the raising of the necessary funds for carrying on the work. These plans comprise:

- 1st. The raising of funds, by contribution, from members of the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.
- 2nd. The raising of funds by an increased per capita tax.
- 3rd. By joining forces with the Auxiliary and Daughters of Veterans, and
- 4th. The formation of a General Committee representing all of the allied associations.

Up to the present your Committee has been unable to determine which of the above plans would be the most productive, but believes the one contemplating a General Committee would, without question, be the best if it can be effected. Your Committee believes that Plans 1, 2 and 3, above enumerated, can be carried out, if desired by this Commandery-in-Chief, but the Committee is in doubt as to whether any one of them would produce the necessary funds within a reasonable time.

In view of the fact that this matter, if undertaken, must be brought to a successful and speedy conclusion within a reasonable time, your Committee believes that there should be some more positive than we now have that the necessary funds can be raised, before we formally launch the undertaking, and therefore recommends that the Committee be continued, or that a new Committee be appointed, with the object in view of getting the active assistance of all of the Allied Associations, and to report finally at the next meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Respectfully submitted,

F. T. F. JOHNSON.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: You have heard the reading of the report of this special Committee on the Memorial for the Grand Army of the Republic. What is your pleasure?

Motion made and seconded that the report be adopted and the Committee be continued.

National Secretary Hammer: Shall the Committee to be continued work in conjunction with the Committees in the other bodies? Shall it be authorized to negotiate with the other organizations, or shall Past Commander-in-Chief Johnson continue as he has been doing? Adopting that motion is simply doing one thing.

Delegate E. M. Lowe, of Ohio: Past Commander-in-Chief Johnson suggests there that this Committee get into communication with the other bodies and let them form a Committee and then meet and form a General Committee.

National Secretary Hammer: The proposition is that Brother Johnson shall either be continued as a Committee, or a new Committee appointed. He also suggests or recommends the other organizations shall be brought in with this Committee. Now, who do you authorize and deputize to bring in these other organizations?

Division Commander Martin E. Tilley, of New Hampshire: I move a new Committee be appointed to visit the different organizations before the Encampment closes, a Committee of one or more, whichever shall be best, to ascertain what their idea is and if they wish to take hold and help or not. In that way we save a whole year's time. If we do not, we have lost all of that time, because they will have no meeting for another year. We should take the matter up at this convention and we will have saved a year's time in that work.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland: The report did not clearly state, but Past Commander-in-Chief Johnson has done all of that already and received assurances of hearty co-operation from the other Orders, I think, as a whole, but with the other burdens that are on us now, I think it was his thought we best go a bit slow. I think the thing to do is to continue Brother Johnson with power to appoint the remainder of his Committee, that the incoming Commander-in-Chief approve it, whoever he may be, and let them continue their conferences with the other allied Orders.

National Secretary Hammer: I offer a motion as framed by Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland be substituted for the original motion. Seconded by Past Division Commander S. S. Horn, Pennsylvania. Agreed to.

National Patriotic Instructor E. S. Shumaker: Commander-in-Chief, while waiting for the next Committee to report, may I make an announcement. It is in regard to the flag circular, copies of which I suppose are in the hands of practically all of the members of this Encampment, gotten out by the American Legion, and suggest that Brothers who would like to have additional copies of this flag circular may get them by corresponding with the American Legion, Garland W. Powell, of Indianapolis. If you will write him I am sure you can get any additional number of these flag circulars that you may wish, and I think it would be a good piece of patriotism to have this flag circular circulated everywhere throughout the Order.

National Secretary Hammer: And I suggest that it's the National Patriotic Instructor's job.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: In conversation with Garland Powell, I learned he desired these flag circulars be distrib-

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used everywhere throughout this nation in order that they may serve as an education for the usage of the flag of our country.

National Secretary Hammer reported 223 delegates now present in the Encampment.

Delegate A. L. Weinstock, Pennsylvania: Isn't it possible at this time when we are waiting for the reports of the different Committees that we go ahead with the regular order of business and let the reports of the Committees wait until they are ready to report, in order to expedite matters?

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: The next in order is new business. If any member has anything new, now is the time to present it.

Past Division Commander Mills, of Nebraska: Commander-in-Chief, Nebraska is one of the great states in the Union, and we furnished W. J. Bryan for the world. (Applause). Now, listen. The Sons of Veterans in Nebraska at our state Encampment last spring—and this is not my suggestion, it was suggested by an old soldier, a member of the Grand Army of the Republic who is now paralyzed and not able to be up and about, five years ago he started in his little village to give each graduate from the high school a flag. I went down to his town and gave the address just before the commencement and presented the class with flags. Mr. S. E. Bassett suggested that the Sons of Veterans take it up at their state Encampment, and we did, boys, and it was suggested that every town in the state, that all of the line organizations go together and fix up a fund and furnish a flag for every high school graduate and ten of the high schools in Nebraska did that this year. I would like to see this Encampment of the Sons of Veterans adopt that here this year, and let us make it nationwide. I think it is a fine thing to do. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: You have heard the remarks of Brother Mills of Nebraska. What is your pleasure?

Past Division Commander W. F. Jenkins, of Illinois: Commander-in-Chief, I suggest that be referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: I should say his remarks should be reduced to writing after which referred in the proper manner to the proper Committee.

Brother Jenkins: I move that be put in writing and referred to the proper Committee. Carried.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Most of you witnessed the parade this morning; you saw what we had in the way of an escort. The Grand Army asked for this one hundred uniformed men two years ago, and this is the first time we have ever been able to furnish it. Major Fred Phillips was appointed military aide, so he must get the credit for this turn-out of one hundred men. I think we had 102 men in line. He worked hard for the past two months for this escort and in my opinion it was a complete success.

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrows, of Nebraska: I offer a motion to that effect; that Major Phillips receive the thanks of this Encampment for his work along this line, and those thanks include every member in uniform.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Those in favor of that motion signify by a rising vote. Carried by a unanimous rising vote.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Major Phillips is not in the room at this time. The next in rank I believe is Colonel Stevenson of Pennsylvania. May we hear a word from him as to how it was done?

Brother Wm. W. Stevenson, of Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief and members of the Commandery-in-Chief. It surely is a great pleasure to be requested by the Commander-in-Chief to stand before you men in this convention and to say a word to you in regard to the work of how we got this escort of one hundred men in uniform and under arms to escort our fathers in this parade. I have been closely associated with Brother Phillips in the work that was done in getting the men to turn out and bring their uniforms with them, and I want to say to you men that it was a hard job. It was no one man job. It took a wonderful lot of work to get those men interested to come to Milwaukee and to bring their uniforms along, and to get the equipment so they could turn out. You men who are not acquainted with military work do not understand the amount of work it would take to get that done, and then the amount of work it has taken this week to get the men in shape that they might make the successful appearance they made on the streets today. We thank every one of those men for coming and helping us and making what little of success we did make in the showing today, and any and all who assisted and helped us in getting that showing that was made today. We are proud we were able to turn out in the City of Milwaukee in our uniforms and escort our fathers. We hope that you men of the organization will help us in the future when we are asked to repeat what we did today. We thank you for the appreciation you have shown of that work here today by your rising vote.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: In conversation with Judge Willett with reference to this escort I said, "Judge Willett, we are not a military organization. We enjoy no war record, but we will endeavor to get these one hundred men for you." Colonel Stevenson explained how we arrived at that one hundred men. It does seem to me, inasmuch as our fathers asked us for these one hundred men, that this custom should be continued. They have asked us to do this, and we have been trying these many, many years to get the Grand Army of the Republic to ask us to do something, so I believe it is up to us to do it and we should perhaps consult our Council-in-Chief with view to consider a small budget to help out in the matter.

Division Commander R. J. Bosworth, of Indiana: I belonged to a Camp thirty years ago that had 150 members in uniform. Today we have a membership of sixty-five, of which forty are uniformed. Now, the question is whether this Sons of Veterans Encampment shall adopt one uniform or two or three. I saw a dozen kinds of uniforms in the parade today.

Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief Bell: This matter of uniforms, as far as the members of Massachusetts are concerned, is very close to them. In fact, most of the Camps in Massachusetts have a uniform, but it is not so designated in our constitution, it has been left optional with the Camp and if it was

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not for that fact you could not get one hundred men in uniform. Those who were in the escort today had to participate in uniform; not designated by the Order, and I feel at this time it is no more than right something should be done, that the restoration of some kind of uniform be given to us boys through the Commandery because our Commanderies stand today in the position they want to see us, not as a rabble, as I recall last year, but in the uniformed rank escort of our own comrades. It was a pitiful sight to see them walking down the line today, staggering, and you and I standing on the sidelines with tears in our eyes and not all in uniform, but only a paltry one hundred men turned out in uniform to escort them along. I thank you, gentlemen. (Applause).

PARTIAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION,
RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Division Commander Dallas Dillinger, Jr., of Pennsylvania, who is chairman of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, is ready to read a partial report. We will hear it.

Resolution No. 1:

Resolved, that Section I, Article II, Chapter II, of Rules and Regulations, be amended by striking out the words, "September 30th," and eliminating the parenthesis in lines 17 and 18 thereof, so that Section will correspond with Section I, Article II, Chapter III.

Resolution No. 1, from the Division of Illinois, relative to amending Section I, Article II, Chapter III of Rules and Regulations concerning election of delegates to Division Encampments, is not recommended for adoption for the reason that it is in violation of Chapter I, Article IV, Section 2 of Regulations.

Resolution No. 2:

CHANGE IN PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

"Whereas, the State Encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Spanish War Veterans and their Auxiliary, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars in convention assembled in 1922; unanimously endorsed the new Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag, that reads, "I pledge allegiance to the American Flag and to the Republic for which it stands; one Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all," And whereas, the Grand Army of the Republic in National Convention assembled at Des Moines, Iowa, in 1922, unanimously endorsed the same; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Massachusetts Division, of the Sons of Veterans, in convention assembled in 1923, in order to make the pledge universal, do hereby endorse the same, and be it further

Resolved, that we present this resolution at the National Convention to be in Milwaukee, Wis., next September and urge its adoption, and be it further

Resolved, that we urge its adoption in all our public schools and by all educational institutions and organizations wherever the Pledge is used."

Resolution No. 2, from the Massachusetts Division, relative

to a change in the Pledge of Allegiance is not recommended for adoption for the reason that the subject theme is covered by one of the recommendations of the Commander-in-Chief, which has already been referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

Resolution No. 3:

Tacoma, Wash., June 18, 1923.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-fourth Encampment of the Division of Washington and Oregon in Encampment assembled at Spokane, Washington.

Brothers:

Because of a requirement that amendments to our Constitution shall have been approved by some Division and published in orders prior to the Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, I present, for your careful consideration, some changes therein which are intended to provide for an expansion of the working facilities of the Order, viz:

ARTICLE III.

Strike out entire Article and substitute the following:

"MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. Membership in this Order shall consist of active members, termed Brothers, limited strictly to the class of persons defined in Section 2 of this Article, and honorary members limited strictly to the class of persons defined in Section 3 of this Article.

Section 2. Eligibility to active membership shall be as follows: All male descendants, whether through the paternal or maternal line, not less than eighteen years of age, of Soldiers, Sailors or Marines who were regularly mustered and served honorably in, or who were honorably discharged from, the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States of America during the War of the Rebellion of 1861'65; who have never been convicted of any infamous or heinous crime or who, or whose ancestors through whom membership is claimed, have never voluntarily borne arms against the Government of the United States of America.

Section 3. Eligibility to honorary membership shall be as follows: Any male citizen of the United States of America, over the age of eighteen years, not eligible to active membership or debarred therefrom for any good reason, who:

(a) Served, with honorable record, in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States of America during any war, in which that country was engaged, prior to November 11, 1918;

(b) Has performed distinguished or faithful service for the United States;

(c) Was actively interested in promoting the moral welfare and physical comfort of men on duty, in camp, in the field or aboard ship, at a time when the United States was engaged in war;

(d) Is actively engaged in efforts for the relief of disabled and suffering soldiers, sailors or marines and their dependants;

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(e) Is the husband of a member in good standing of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.

Section 4. The rights of honorary membership shall be restricted to the privilege of sitting in the meetings of the Camp by which it is conferred, without taking any part in the business thereof, and with the further limitation that no honorary member shall be permitted to come into possession of the signs, grips, passwords or other secret methods of identification provided in the Ritual of the Order. No provisions of this Constitution nor of the Rules and Regulations of the Order shall apply to an honorary member unless it is specifically stated therein that it is to so apply.

Section 5. Regulations for admission to membership, not conflicting with this Article, shall be as prescribed by the Commandery-in-Chief."

ARTICLE V.

Section 1. Insert after the second paragraph the following: "Third—Of Sectional Organizations known as Regions."

Change number of the present third paragraph to "Fourth" and the present fourth paragraph to "Fifth."

ARTICLE VI.

Section 1. Strike out entire section and substitute therefor: "Section 1. A Camp may be formed by authority of the Regional or Division Commander, subject to the approval of the Commander-in-Chief, upon the written petition for a charter of not less than fifteen persons who have certified their eligibility to be such as is prescribed in Section 2 of Article III."

Section 2. Change number to 3 and insert the words "Regional or" before the word "Division" in the second line.

Section 3. Change number to 4.

Section 4. Strike out entire section and substitute therefor: "Section 2. Camps organized in a State where no Division exists shall, by authority of the Commander-in-Chief, be formed into a Provisional Division or attached to a Division contiguous thereto."

Section 5. Strike out the word "may" in the third line and substitute "does."

Add a new section reading: "Section 6. Regions may be formed, by authority of the Commander-in-Chief, to consist of two or more States whether such States are regularly organized as Divisions or not."

ARTICLE VII.

Section 1. Strike out entire section on account of same being modified and added to Article III as Section 5.

Section 2. Strike out entire section on account of same being modified and added to Article II, as Section 3, of the Regulations.

Tacoma, Wash., June 30, 1923.

This is to certify that the above and foregoing recommenda-

tions of changes in the Constitution of the Order were submitted to the Thirty-fourth Encampment of the Division of Washington and Oregon, held at Spokane, Washington, on the 26th, 27th and 28th days of June, 1923, which said Encampment resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole and carefully considered each proposed change and recommended their adoption. The Encampment endorsed the recommendations of the Committee and upon proper motion adopted its report by unanimous vote and the same are herewith submitted for the consideration of the Forty-second Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief to be held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, during the week of September 2, 1923.

Attest:

M. E. LANGFORD,
Division Secretary.

RANDALL BUBB,
Division Commander.

Resolution No. 3, from the Division of Washington and Oregon, relative to amending the Constitution concerning (1) Eligibility to membership and (2) Formation of sectional organizations, is not recommended for adoption; No. 1 for the reason that the resolution does not amend the Preamble and Article I of the Constitution; No. 2 for the reason that the subject theme is covered by another resolution before this Committee.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: You have heard the reading of the partial report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, by Division Commander Dillinger.

Patriotic Instructor Shumaker: Is that report before us now?

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: That is not the report in full.

Patriotic Instructor Shumaker: Yes, but is so much of it before us as has been read for adoption?

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: It is a partial report for action.

Patriotic Instructor Shumaker: Now, I would like to know what changes it does constitute. Do I understand that the Chairman of this Committee recommends no changes?

Division Commander Dillinger: The Committee did not recommend the changes sought by the propositions.

Patriotic Instructor Shumaker: If not, I will move the adoption of the report.

Past Division Commander W. F. Jenkins, of Illinois: I second the motion.

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrows: Do I understand that the report read or recommendation of the Committee is that none of those resolutions be adopted?

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Correct.

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrows: There are quite a number of important things in there, but I do not think we ought to approve of it unless we know what we are doing.

Division Commander Wm. A. Selz, of Ohio: It seems to

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me the Chairman of that Committee made it very plain. Evidently some of the Brothers did not listen to what he said. If the Chairman will come up here and recite the reason why that Committee rejected the matters proposed, Past Commander-in-Chief Barrows will have a better idea.

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrows, of Nebraska: I was listening, but I just simply want to know where we are at.

Past Division Commander Bogart, of Wisconsin: We should not be in a hurry to dispose of this matter, as there may be some definite announcement come to us from the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army at any time. Why shouldn't we let this report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations lay over until a little later in this session, because if we dispose of it now and should get into communication, we have to go down in the grave and dig up something. I would move as a substitute that this matter be left until the final report is handed in by this Committee:

Past Division Commander Samuel S. Horn, of Pennsylvania: I rise to a point of order.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: State your point of order, Brother Horn, of Pennsylvania.

Division Commander Samuel S. Horn, of Pennsylvania: I rise to a point of order. National Secretary Hammer made a motion if there was no objection to recommendations as read they would be considered adopted, and these resolutions are practically adopted without a motion, no objection having been raised.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: That is correct. Your point of order is sustained. There is no motion before the house.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND CEREMONIES.

Past Division Commander Lange, Chairman of the Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies, has a report to make.

Past Division Commander Lange, of New York: (Reading)

Resolved, That the following be added to the obligations on pages 13 and 20 of the 1920 Ritual and to the several applications for membership; between the words "defeat" and "to be faithful" these words: "*To always observe the day set aside by the Grand Army of the Republic as Memorial (Decoration) Day Sacred to the Memory of the Union Soldiers of 1861 to 1865 and do all in my power to persuade others to do the same.*"

The obligation in full is to be as follows: I, in the presence of the Great Creator and witnessing members of this Camp, hereby voluntarily and solemnly pledge myself to support and defend the Government of the United States of America, to offer my life if need be to preserve the Flag from being lowered in defeat; *To always observe the day set aside by the Grand Army of the Republic as Memorial (Decoration) Day, sacred to the memory of the Union Soldiers and Sailors of 1861 to 1865 and do all in my power to persuade others to do the same; to be faithful in all the duties of citizenship, to be obedient to the law of the land, to obey the regulations of this Order, and actively to promote its objects and interests always and everywhere. So Help Me God.*"

The Committee recommends that we concur.

Past Commander Wm. L. Barnum, Jr., of Illinois: **Com-**
mander-in-Chief, I think there is a little mistake there. **Com-**
 That should not read that Memorial Day was set aside by "The Grand **Com-**
 Army of the Republic," because of the fact that holiday is one **Com-**
 that is fixed by statute of the United States Government. **Com-**
 Memorial Day is one of the few that are created, as I remember now,
 by acts of legislature.

Past Division Commander Michael Crowley, of New Hamp-
 shire: Do I understand the Brother to mean Memorial Day is
 a national holiday by the act of the national legislature or state
 legislature?

Past Division Commander Barnum, of Illinois: By na-
 tional legislature.

(Cries of "No").

National Patriotic Instructor Shumaker: Would it be well
 to have the Chairman read the words that are inserted as new
 material in the obligation. He has read the whole, without indi-
 cating what the additions are, which a good many will not know
 unless it is pointed out.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: I think it is well under-
 stood.

Chairman Lange of the Ritual and Ceremonies Committee:
 I will read that again; the new material is this: Add the words,
 "To always observe the day set aside by the Grand Army of
 the Republic as Memorial (Decoration) Day, Sacred to the
 Memory of the Union Soldiers of 1861 to 1865 and do all in my
 power to persuade others to do the same." (Applause).

The Committee recommends and concurs in the resolution.

National Secretary Hammer: I offer an amendment to the
 recommendation of the Committee.

Past Division Commander Samuel S. Horn, of Pennsylvania:
 I move the report of the Committee be adopted. Motion seconded.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: It has been moved and
 seconded that the report of the Committee on Rituals be not
 concurred in.

National Patriotic Instructor Shumaker: I move that that
 motion be laid on the table; that is, that the motion of non-
 concurrence go on the table.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Was there a second for
 your motion?

National Patriotic Instructor Shumaker: There are a num-
 ber of members here who do not understand the situation. The
 recommendation of the Committee was concurrence in that, and
 the Brother over there moved non-concurrence, which would
 mean the killing of the motion. I move to lay that motion
 made by the Brother over there on the table.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Have you a second to that
 motion?

Patriotic Instructor Shumaker: Yes, sir, it has been sec-
 onded and it must be voted without discussion.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: You have heard the mo-

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tion, that the motion made by Brother Horn be laid on the table.
Motion carried.

The recommendation of the Committee is before the Com-
mandery-in-Chief. What is your pleasure?

Patriotic Instructor Shumaker: I now move the recom-
mendation of the Committee be adopted.

National Secretary Hammer: Now I move an amendment
and it is that if this motion passes and the obligation is changed,
that we do so when our present supply of Applications for Mem-
bership on hand is exhausted.

Chairman Lange of the Committee on Ritual and Ceremony:
I second.

Patriotic Instructor Shumaker: Your motion is that it be
not effective until our present supply runs out. How long will
that be?

National Secretary Hammer: It depends on how many
members you are going to initiate. (Applause and laughter).

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: We are voting on the
amendment. It has been moved and seconded.

Patriotic Instructor Shumaker: As the maker of the orig-
inal motion I will accept the amendment. The motion as amend-
ed carried.

Chairman Lange, Committee on Ritual and Ceremony:
(Reading)

Resolution No. 2 relating to the allegiance to the flag. The
Committee recommends we conform to the resolution passed by
the Grand Army of the Republic at Des Moines last year.

(Reading)

"September 3, 1923.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Forty-second Annual En-
campment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

Whereas, The Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., is a patriotic
American organization advocating and teaching the doctrine of
One Nation—One Language and One Flag, and

Whereas, There appears in the Ritual of this organization
five words in a foreign or dead language, which of necessity
are followed by a translation to the English language, and

Whereas, We believe that there is no plainer or more force-
ful language to Americans than pure English, therefore

Be it Resolved, That the words FILII VETERANORUM and
GRATIA DEI SERVATUS be stricken from the Ritual, and

Be It Further Resolved, That the inscription on the insignia
of the Order shall be SONS OF VETERANS and that the motto
of the Order shall be PRESERVED BY THE GRACE OF GOD.

Proposed and signed by:

ALBERT L. PAULEY,

Senior Vice Commander, Ben Harrison Camp No. 356,
Indianapolis."

The Committee recommends no action be taken at this time
owing to the fact a change in the name of our organization is
now pending.

This partial report of the Committee on Ritual and Cere-

monies is signed by H. L. Lange, R. J. Bosworth, H. C. Mock, C. E. Foster and I. F. Lasson. I move you the adoption of the report as a whole.

Past Division Commander Kremer, of Wisconsin: Seconded. Carried.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: Past Commander-in-Chief Torrance of the Grand Army of the Republic and a member of our Order is with us. (Applause). We would like a word from Brother Torrance.

Past Commander-in-Chief Torrance, of the Grand Army of the Republic and Brother of the Sons of Veterans: You look a whole lot different from what you did when I addressed your convention in Washington City in 1902. That was twenty-one years ago, and time does make some changes in the general physiognomy of us all. I always think of a Son of a Veteran as a youngster. That is what you are, but still you are grown up now to full manhood. You look just about as old as I do. (Laughter). I came over here this afternoon, for one reason because I was sort of satiated with the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, they are getting so awfully old, I can't get enough fun out of them so I thought I would come over here and I would have a little new life pumped into me by you boys. I am in my eightieth year and getting younger every day. An old fellow lived in the mountains of Tennessee and he had a son Jim. James lived to be seventy-three and his father and mother were between ninety and one hundred and finally James got tired living and fell down and fell asleep and they buried him on the mountainside, and the father was feeling pretty bad, a sad and pathetic scene, nobody there but the little family, father and mother, and James was laid away, age seventy-three. Coming home the old gentleman seemed sad and the mother wanted to comfort him and she said, "Now, father, don't take it so hard, you must bear up under this, I have often told you we would never be able to raise James." There is not any such thing as old age, it is all a myth. I want to tell you that because I have lived long enough to find that out. I used to be afraid to go to bed because the head of the stairs was a dark blackness to me and I thought there were all sorts of evil spirits, cats and owls and all sorts of dangerous things, but light got in there and day came and there was nothing there except old trunks and traps. It looks sometimes as if this is getting to be sort of a bad world, but I want to tell you it is a whole lot better than it has ever been before. If you read history you will find that to be true. I don't know what it will be later on. It may in years to come be just as bad as it was centuries ago, I can't tell, but can say this, that a great deal of the character of the world in the future depends on what we make it and what we do now. There is not any such thing as worrying over any personal duties or anything else. This thing of having—what do you call it, "Let George do it," that won't do. You must do it yourself. Nobody can perform your duties for you as a son or a father or a brother or as a husband or as a citizen, or as a patriot or a Christian except yourself. Each one must bear his own burden. That is the way to develop manhood, that is the way to get courage, so you can stand up straight and have courage to do what is right, and there is not

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any happiness in this world that will compare with doing just what is right. Then you are not afraid of anything, because you haven't violated any law. And Patriotism, it has been defined so many ways that sometimes I don't know what patriotism is. I know what it is when I look back and see what your fathers did and my father did and what I did myself as a soldier. Those were days of sacrifice, those were the days of giving up everything for great objects, for a righteous cause. That was a fine thing. I didn't understand it when I went into the army at seventeen, I got in in the beginning and stayed until there wasn't any more war and then I came home. I look back and it is the happiest period of my life because I wasn't doing anything for myself, what I did I was doing for my country, doing for others, doing for these children I saw on the streets in thousands today during the parade, tens of thousands of children, trying to save a Government under which they could live in peace and be protected and have the right to liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Now, young men, as American citizens we have a Government, the like of which never existed in the history of the world, but it took money and blood and sacrifice to bring this country where it is today. We have got a constitution that is as sacred as anything can be, and that is the Constitution of the United States. Stand by every provision and section of that Constitution. From the standpoint of the Confederates the Constitution was paper, nothing doing, but after a few years of war it was settled for all time and was more than a scrap of paper. That was the fundamental law of this land and was considered to be such. If it is destroyed, America is in ruins. How would you like to look forward to the time when America was in ruins? Unfortunately for the nation today there is an assault made on the 18th Amendment to the Constitution. We must stand by that amendment as honorable American citizens, it doesn't make any difference. There are some people who think we cannot enforce the 18th Amendment. They ought to be in the Army of the Potomac for four years and see what that army with the other armies of the Union did. So, what an easy job it is to enforce one amendment to the Constitution, the 18th Amendment, and you men, as good citizens, it doesn't make any difference how thirsty you get at times, stand by the law and the constitution and the future of America will be all right. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse. Every Brother here appreciates very much your visit this afternoon and the kindly and encouraging remarks made by you. Will you remain over for the Memorial joint services with our Auxiliary?

National Patriotic Instructor Shumaker; Commander-in-Chief. The Sons of Veterans Auxiliary is in waiting.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

At four-thirty o'clock a joint memorial service with the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary was held.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Sisters of our Auxiliary and Brothers: The time has arrived for our joint memorial services and I will turn this meeting over to Dr. Frank Huston, Past National Chaplain. Be at ease during the services.

Past National Chaplain Huston: Commander-in-Chief, National President, and Brothers and Sisters: I feel it quite an honor to be asked again this year to conduct what I consider to be one of the most sacred of our services in our Encampment. I surely thank the Brothers and Sisters for the kind words which I have received from my humble efforts last year, but I want to say that from the fertile brain of Mrs. Winnie Durst, the National Chaplain last year of our Auxiliary, many of these most beautiful suggestions came. We are glad today to meet under these circumstances and this memorial, and may we all be together in that spirit which shall gather unto ourselves and send us back to our several fields of labor, better prepared, better equipped to do the service which we all really want to do.

As the first part of the service our Scripture will be read by your National Chaplain, Mrs. Eleanor Bunner.

(Scripture reading by Mrs. Eleanor Bunner, National Chaplain, Sons of Veterans Auxiliary).

Past National Chaplain Huston: May we have just a moment's silent prayer before the audible prayer.

(One minute of silent prayer).

Our dear Father in Heaven, we do thank thee for thy great love unto us and for its every expression. We thank thee for this wonderful country in which we are privileged to live. We thank thee for the friends and friendships of life. We thank thee for the privilege of being workers together with thee in order that thy purposes in the earth may be accomplished, and we thank thee for this company of men and women gathered here. We thank thee for the homes which are represented in this gathering. We thank thee for the several fields of labor which are here represented and, Dear Lord, we pray thee thy blessing may be upon every home, upon every field of labor and upon every individual in his presence. Grant, Dear Lord, that as we today seek to remember those who have lived and wrought in our several communities and Divisions, we pray that somehow there shall come into every heart and into each field of activity a blessing which shall send us back to our homes determined to do more to accomplish our purposes, that we may

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make our nation an exalted nation. We must recognize thy truth, that righteousness exalteth the nation but that sin is a reproach to any people. Help us, therefore, Dear Father, as loyal citizens, as those who love the flag that stands out for the best of all humanity, that we shall be willing to do our part, and our service may be given unto thee, that thy purposes may be accomplished in the hearts of men and women. Bless these dear boys and dear girls. Dear Lord, bless us in our several relationships of life, bless those in whose memory we are today gathered and those that are bereft. This we ask in the name of our Blessed Master. Amen.

We will remain standing and sing "Nearer My God to Thee." Sister Jackson will play for us.

(Led by Past National Chaplain Huston, all joined in singing "Nearer My God to Thee.")

Past National Chaplain Huston: We have one Past Division President from California who passed away during the past year, Sister Jessie Mason Reed. I will ask the Sister who was her Division Secretary to give us a few words.

Miss Jennie Gilliland, of California: Comrades, Brothers of the Sons of Veterans, Sisters of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary. There perhaps is no other person within the sound of my voice who was more closely associated with our departed Sister, Sister Jessie Mason Reed, than myself, having worked hand in hand with her along the patriotic lines of our organization for many years. She was a woman of sterling ability and passed away very abruptly on the 14th of November last. California feels they have lost a great worker. The comrades of the various Posts paid high tribute to her and we all feel her loss.

In loving memory of Jessie Mason Reed I place these flowers.

Past National Chaplain Huston: The Maine Division has lost a sister, Past Division Chaplain Mabel Mulligan, and we will ask the Past Division President of Maine to give us a few remarks.

Mrs. Lemont, of Maine: In the death of Sister Mulligan the Maine Division lost a true and faithful member. Naturally being of a retiring disposition she did not seek high honors, although she was a Past Division Chaplain. She served her own Auxiliary as President for two years and was a loyal, willing worker unto the end.

(Flowers placed by another sister).

Past National Chaplain Huston: At this time we will have a solo sung by Miss Stella Locke Brown.

Past National Chaplain Huston: Friends, I shall read a few words I used upon the occasion last year at Des Moines. I do this for two reasons, friends. First, because when I was asked to take charge of this service, I was asked, as nearly as I could, to duplicate the service at Des Moines last year. Another purpose is in order that my statements may go into the proceedings as I should like to see them appear, rather than the form in which they appeared last year. In this criticism, friends, I want to be kindly, and yet I must make my meaning plain. I want to say that Brother Holbrook had not one thing to do with it, however.

There are some things which seem innate in the human soul. One of these is the desire to be remembered. All along the path of human progress are to be found here and there, and yonder, monuments,—memorials,—reminders all, of human lives which have been lived; and all these are concrete examples of this beautiful sentiment.

There are but seven different letters which constitute the one word, "Remembrance;" and yet into that one word, composed of but few letters, like the word "love" or "home" or "mother," are crowded many of the highest, holiest and most transcending sentiments known by the human soul.

The desire to be remembered, is as much a part of the normal soul, as is the desire for immortality,—in fact, there appears to be a close kinship between the two.

These monuments and memorials, some imposing, or commodious,—others almost inconsequential,—which mark the march of human achievement, these, erected by friendly hands and loving hearts, are eloquent testimonials to the virility, and sacredness of this desire.

And since the greatest Character who ever trod the earth established a simple institution, by which His friends should remember Him, and proclaim to those who would come after, that He had lived and wrought,—and which institution had since become the world's greatest memorial, it is eminently fitting and proper that we have met today, impelled by the love we cherish for our departed brothers and sisters,—*our friends*,—in this atmosphere of holy hush, and—remember them.

The Master Teacher, we believe, desired remembrance,—not so much for the joy it might bring to Him,—but for the good it might bring to others. It is not too much to believe that this desire found its parallel in the hearts of our friends, in whose memory we are today met.

We may well look gratefully to the past; but, with equal sacredness and confidence, we may look into the future, and thank God that it, too, is to be made brighter, and better, because these, our brothers and sisters, OUR FRIENDS,—have lived.

The first of the Division among the Sons to receive the visit of the death angel was Vermont. There were three Past Division Commanders who died from that Division during the last year.—Brother Arthur L. Cheney, who died on September 20th, 1922. Brother Fred W. Spear, who was also Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, as well as Past Division Commander. Brother Spear died March 4th, 1923; and Brother Fred V. Tuller, Past Division Commander, who died June 26th, 1923.

Past Division Commander Roy J. Brown will memorialize these Brothers.

ARTHUR L. CHENEY, FRED W. SPEAR AND FRED V. TULLER.

Three deaths in the past year of Past Division Commanders means a severe loss to the Vermont Division, but looking back through the years of their connection with the Order we can but feel that they set us an example worthy of imitation.

Arthur L. Cheney passed away on September 22nd, 1922.

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Although he had been in poor health for some time the end came very unexpectedly, having died very suddenly at his summer camp. He was a charter member of his Camp and served faithfully in the various offices and was elected Division Commander in 1903. As long as his health permitted he was a very active worker in all the affairs of the Division and his death means a severe loss to both the Division and his Camp.

Fred W. Spear. In the untimely death of Brother Spear the Division has lost one of its most valuable members. For nearly thirty years he was identified with the Order of the Sons of Veterans, having joined the Order in 1894. He passed through the various offices of his Camp and was elected Division Commander in 1902. As Division Commander he showed his executive and business ability and retired from office carrying with him the love and esteem of all with whom he had become associated. He had also been honored with the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. He was Secretary and Treasurer of the Division in 1911-12 and was Division Counselor and Secretary-Treasurer of his Camp at the time of his death. He will be greatly missed at the Division Encampments as he very seldom missed one until within the past two years when on account of poor health he was unable to attend.

For the third time within the year the messenger of Death visited the Vermont Division and took one of our most active members, Past Division Commander Fred V. Tuller. Brother Tuller was long connected with the Order being a charter member of Camp No. 88, one of the oldest Camps in the Division. To know him was to love and respect him. Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty were the things that made up his manhood. Upon his retirement from the office of Division Commander to which he was elected in 1910 his interest in the Order never ceased; he was faithful to the last, always ready to go where duty called and it was the one desire of his life to do something for the Order he so dearly loved. He served two years as Division Chaplain. His death leaves a vacancy hard to fill.

A Sister: I will place these flowers in loving memory of the departed Brothers of Vermont.

Past National Chaplain Huston: The next Division from whom a Past Division Commander was taken was Pennsylvania when Brother Wm. B. McNulty, Past Division Commander and also Division Secretary, was removed. He will be memorialized by Brother Dillinger.

Division Commander Dallas Dillinger, Jr., of Pennsylvania: There are times in the life of every man and every woman that either joy enlightens or sorrow burdens and enthralls the heart and apparently blots out all. Acquaintanceship with Brother McNulty brought fraternal joy into those lives who had the privilege of that friendship. Endowed with the attainment of approaching and understanding men he readily obtained the enlistment of all of the sons of Pennsylvania for the cause which he so dearly loved. St. Paul says love is the fulfillment of the law. Brother McNulty's love for the Grand Army of the Republic for the Sons of Veterans and for those dear principles for which all of the allied bodies stand, was such that he fulfilled the law or his fraternity, as well as his obligations.

The Sons of Veterans in the Division of Pennsylvania assembled for its annual fellowship and for the purpose of commemorating the memory of the great martyr Lincoln, had sorrow enthral their hearts upon the announcement of the serious illness which resulted in the demise of our deceased brother. The Sons of the Division of Pennsylvania and I believe of the Commandery-in-Chief who had the privilege of either intimate or casual acquaintance with Brother McNulty became better Sons of Veterans, better citizens, better for the enjoyment of that privilege.

(Flowers placed for Brother McNulty).

Past National Chaplain Huston: The next Division, friends, to receive a visit of the death messenger was Massachusetts, when William O. Cutler, Past Division Commander, was called home.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sisson will speak in memory of Brother Cutler.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sisson: Brother Cutler of Massachusetts was called to higher service March 15th, 1923. He was a son of Colonel Cutler of the town of Lynn. His father enlisted in the war as a private and was discharged at the close of the war as a colonel. His father died when William was but a small boy and he gladly gave up the opportunities of an education for himself in order that the immediate needs of the family might be served. Later on he studied law, passed the Massachusetts bar examination, became town clerk and later clerk of the courts in his town. He served the Massachusetts Division in 1908 as our Division Commander. His genial disposition soon won for him the respect and esteem of all of his fellow townsmen. His loyalty to our Order won for him the love and devotion of the Massachusetts boys of the Division. His monument shall have truth as a pedestal, honor as a shaft, virtue as a capital, the whole representing character. Past Division Commander William O. Cutler has gone. Yes, gone forever.

Let us shed no parting tears;
 We too must follow like him;
 For none can linger here,
 Save for the fleeting moments,
 The rolling years unfold;
 The new world we greet today,
 Tomorrow is the Old;
 The Land that is Blessed and Fair,
 Beyond the skies we will meet them,
 We will greet the old boy there.

(Flowers placed in loving memory by a Sister of the Auxiliary).

Past National Chaplain Huston: From the Division of Ohio came the call; Past Division Commander Wheeler Wykoff answered that call.

Past Division Commander Fred Myers will speak in memory of Brother Wykoff.

Past Division Commander Fred W. Meyers, of Ohio: There

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is not a Camp, there is not a Division in our Order, but has lost more than one member supposed to be entirely, intensely loyal to the organization, simply because on them has been placed a Camp Commander or Past Division Commander's badge, but in Ohio, we have had a man whose name is on the charter of the first Camp in the Division of Ohio, whose name is on the Charter of the Division of Ohio, joining the organization in 1881, and who, dying only this year, still continued to be a member of our Sons of Veterans. That man, our first elected Commander, has now gone from us, but he has left with us an example of fidelity. Ohio mourns the loss of Commander Wykoff.

(Flowers placed in loving memory of Past Division Commander Wheeler Wykoff of Ohio by a Sister of the Auxiliary).

Past National Chaplain Huston: From the Division of Wisconsin, whose hospitality we today enjoy, Past Division Commander John A. Hazelwood was called.

Past Division Commander J. G. Bogart will memorialize Brother Hazelwood.

Past Division Commander J. G. Bogart: The tolling bells of 1923 had hardly ceased when John A. Hazelwood, Division Commander about twenty-one years ago, passed to the other life. The exact dates I am unable to get, as I only knew I would be called on a few moments ago. John Hazelwood, "Honest John" some of them called him. Even his political enemies called him Honest John, tall, ungainly man as the man Pizarro, with very similar features, country boy, student, teacher, humorist, author. Many of you no doubt have read "Hazelwood's Joke Book." That was John. Although he could see the seriousness necessary in anything that came up, still it almost seemed that there must be a little humor in it somewhere, and if there was, John found it. He was one of those men whom you sometimes meet, and it seems that the rest of the day the sun shines a little brighter, the birds' songs are a little sweeter, and in fact you seem a little younger yourself for having met such a man. His Camp, for many years, to my personal knowledge, was kept alive just by John. When the quarterly reports came they were sent to John, he didn't live there any more, he made them out and enclosed his check and sent them to the Division. He never made great strides in our Commandery-in-Chief because he was a poor man, never got evidently time to go much, he only went a few times to our Division Encampments, but almost everybody in the great state of Wisconsin had heard of or knew Past Division Commander "Honest John" Hazelwood of Wisconsin.

(Flowers placed in loving memory of Brother Hazelwood by a Sister of the Auxiliary).

Past National Chaplain Huston: From Maryland Silas E. Robb, Past Division Commander, was called.

Past Division Commander Edwin C. Irelan will memorialize Brother Robb.

Past Division Commander Edwin C. Irelan, of Maryland: Silas Robb was born in Chicago, Ill., November 11th, 1876, and died April 17th, 1923, after a short, but painful illness in the city of Washington, D. C. Brother Robb was a loyal son of a loyal sire; he became a member of B. F. Kramer Camp No. 110,

Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., on June 31st, 1905; joined William B. Cushing Camp by transfer in 1908, was elected Division Commander in June, 1912. Two score and six years he lived, and lived well. Today he is at home with God and the loved ones. His death was his coronation. The Maryland Division has suffered a severe loss and we shall miss our Brother Robb. Earth is the poorer, but Heaven the richer. Our deceased Brother was truly a patriotic and loyal Son of a Veteran. Late in life he became a teacher of the Gospel and was an honest member and director of the National Association of Local Preachers of America. Our departed brother was a member of Cushing Camp No. 30, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. He held the position of Commander of Cushing Camp and all of the minor offices of the Camp. At one time he was Patriotic Instructor of the Maryland Division and again held the office of Commander of the Maryland Division. Brother Robb was always willing to do his part and more in helping to advance the interest of our Order and responded to calls for service willingly. His last work was with the Cushing Camp at Oak Hills Cemetery last Memorial Day. The services were held from Douglas Memorial Church, Washington, D. C., and the interment in Port Lincoln Cemetery under the auspices of Cushing Camp, the Camp he so loved and served.

(Flowers placed in loving memory of Brother Robb by a Sister of the Auxiliary).

Past National Chaplain Huston: Then friends, into the Division of Ohio came the death messenger and removed one of our greatest Sons of Veterans, President Warren G. Harding. He was the Commander-in-Chief of the United States Army, he was the President of all the people of the United States, but he was our brother. And his personal friend, the Honorable Clifford Ireland, will respond in memory of our Brother Harding.

Past Commander-in-Chief Clifford Ireland: Consternation enveloped us all, consternation spread all over the country, when we received the news, startling and alarming news, of the passing of the Chief Executive of these United States, and I imagine it was a great surprise to all of us. It was to myself, for it was thought his indisposition was only a temporary one, such as he suffered last winter, and the thought of his death was, of course, furthest from our hearts and hopes and something we found very hard to realize. No man may assume or aspire to eulogize so great a man as has passed from us, but we glory in the fact that he belonged to our Order, was one of us, was one of this Order, was thought worthy and proved worthy of filling the greatest gift within the voice of the people of these United States.

Warren G. Harding was a member of Marion Camp, Ohio, the first name to be signed to the charter of that Camp, and was a member of that Camp up until the time it surrendered its charter, and then the State of Ohio and the Division of Ohio made him a member-at-large, and he so remained during his life. Aside from being a wonderful executive, we have had splendid presidents before, wonderful men occupying the chair at the White House, but he seemed to me to go a bit beyond any other man that had so served, in one single particular. As time goes on he will not be regarded as the greatest president

In Memoriam

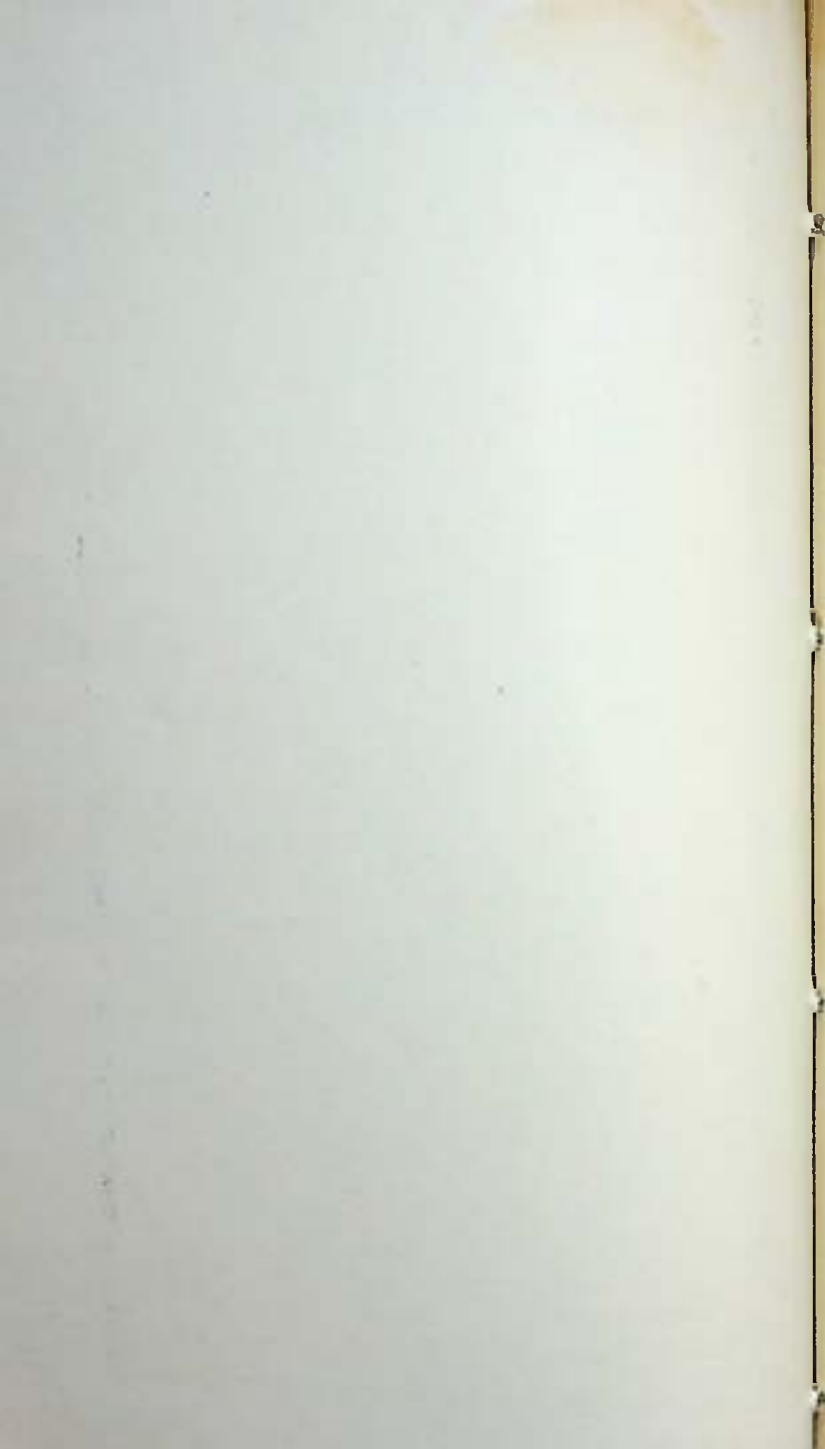
Brother Warren Gamaliel Harding

Division of Ohio

Born November 2, 1865

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President of the
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that ever lived, he will not be regarded as a great man, because he was an unusual diplomat and he proved that, not because of his legal acumen, and he was the best lawyer that ever held a license that I know, not because he was a great statesman and his statecraft will remain foremost in the halls of the Senate so long as the records of this country will exist, but something better and far beyond all that, that we can all understand, was his utter simplicity, his utter humanity and love of his fellow men. He brought to the presidency of these United States a humanity, I believe, possessed by few. He never lost the common touch that he possessed, but even without losing that common touch, the dignity of the office which he held never suffered. We mourn his loss, as do all good Americans, as the Chief Executive of these United States; we mourn him also as a member of our Order, but above all we mourn him as a true and great American. Brother John Sautter gave me a little card on which are expressed in verse the sentiments we feel toward our departed president and uttered in much better rhetoric than I can possibly hope to offer, and with your permission I would like to read it.

"When in the wisdom of the Great Divine, those who are leaders in the realm of earth answer the call, who leave you all, go home, it seems to us should stay; so much is left of things not finished here, but just begun. We try in vain to pierce the veil that hides, in vain to understand the ways of God, the whys and wherefores of his mysteries. Thus was when the Master Man himself laid down his work, when seemingly just begun; and those who walked with him from day to day with failing hopes, were crushed, and in despair. Thus our immortal Lincoln fell and seemed to leave a work only half way done, but in his dying mixed for us from out his soul a stronger love. Now it is dawning, genial soul, who goes, leaving his project only well begun, but may it be that in his going now our God intends to bring again to us the thought back that his has been the greater love, who, for the wide world's good has given his life upon her altar as a sacrifice, and so may we still higher build where he began, and crown his dying with loving peace."

(Flowers placed in loving memory of Warren G. Harding by a Sister of the Auxiliary).

Past National Chaplain Huston: It is very fitting that from a member of our distinguished brother's official family there should come also a further word of memorial. Brother Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman, the Register of the U. S. Treasury, has agreed to prepare such memorial and to present same to the printers for incorporation in the proceedings of this Encampment, which we know will be well done.

WARREN GAMALIEL HARDING

Warren Gamaliel Harding was born in Blooming Grove, Morrow County, Ohio, November 2, 1865; died in San Francisco, California, August 2, 1923.

His father, Dr. George T. Harding, was a soldier in the Union Army during the war of the Rebellion. The son was a charter member of Marion Camp, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,

organized in his home city. He was the first to sign the muster roll. This was characteristic of him. It was his practice to take the lead in things that really count for something good. His life was one worthy of emulation. He entered the newspaper business in 1884 by becoming the owner, publisher and editor of the Marion (Ohio) Star, which move opened up a broad avenue of opportunity for his brilliant talents. At the very outset of his business career he proclaimed the following as his newspaper creed, a copy of which was handed each new employe before he entered upon his duties:

Remember there are two sides to every question.
Get them both.

Be truthful. Get the facts.

Mistakes are inevitable, but strive for accuracy. I would rather have one story exactly right than a hundred half wrong.

Be decent, be fair, be generous.

Boost, don't knock.

There's good in everybody. Bring out the good and never needlessly hurt the feelings of anybody.

In reporting a political gathering, give the facts. Tell the story as it is, not as you would like to have it. Treat all parties alike. If there is any politics to be played, we will play it in our editorial columns.

Treat all religious matters reverently.

If it can possibly be avoided, never bring ignominy to an innocent man, woman, or child in telling of the misdeeds or misfortunes of a relative.

Don't wait to be asked, but do it without the asking and above all be clean and never let a dirty word or suggestive story get into type.

I want this paper so conducted that it can go into any home without destroying the innocence of any child.

Warren G. Harding served as a member of the Seventy-fifth and Seventy-sixth Ohio General Assemblies as a Senator from the thirteenth district, covering the years 1899-1903, and was Lieutenant Governor of Ohio in 1904 and 1905; he was elected United States Senator November 3, 1914, and entered upon the duties of the office March 4, 1915. Having been elected as President of the United States November 2, 1920, he resigned the Senatorship January 13, 1921. He was inaugurated as President March 4, 1921, which office he occupied at the time of his death, August 2, 1923.

With his official party, President Harding was returning from a trip which included a visit to Alaska. Through having made scores of addresses and passed through other crucial tests that a President is called upon to meet, but which should not be imposed upon him, he was tired out and ill upon arriving at San Francisco. It became necessary for him to rest and recuperate his strength. News reports continued cheerful and they were particularly so on the afternoon of August 2. Then came that awful message:

"THE PRESIDENT IS DEAD."

There was a deep silence; it seemed that throbbing hearts had

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almost ceased to throb; then there were sobbing hearts; men, women and children wept; there was not a dry eye; every heart was grief-stricken; the occasion was that of one big family called together by a deep sorrow.

Our country and the entire world have alike suffered an incalculable loss in the death of President Warren G. Harding. Freedom and justice never had a stronger advocate than he. He was a man with a big heart, a clear vision, a high sense of justice, and his loyalty to the rights, both civil and religious, guaranteed by the Constitution as conceived by the founders of the American Republic, was unfaltering and untiring.

President Harding believed in standing in defense of the Constitutional guaranties of human rights, and that the inalienable rights of the individual were paramount to any and every other right. This is what he said in his inaugural address:

"Standing in this presence, mindful of the solemnity of this occasion, feeling the emotions which no one may know until he senses the great weight of responsibility for himself, I must utter my belief in the Divine inspiration of the founding fathers.

"Surely there must have been God's intent in the making of this New World Republic. Ours is an organic law which had but one ambiguity, and we saw that effaced in a baptism of sacrifice and blood, with union maintained, the nation supreme, and its concord inspiring.

"We have seen the world rivet its hopeful gaze on the great truths on which the founders wrought. We have seen civil, human, and religious liberty verified and glorified.

"In the beginning the Old World scoffed at our experiment; today our foundations of political and social belief stand unshaken, a precious inheritance to ourselves, an inspiring example of freedom and civilization to all mankind. Let us express renewed and strengthened devotion, in grateful reverence for the immortal beginning, and utter our confidence in the supreme fulfillment."

Like Lincoln, Warren G. Harding was a firm believer in the rule of the people. As proof of this, listen to these two of his slogans:

"No one man is great enough to rule the United States."

"No entangling alliances with the Old World."

A citizen of the United States by birth, he was a son of America when viewed from any angle. His earthly career began at the close of a great crisis, in 1865, the year when the war of the Rebellion closed and reconstruction opened.

He entered upon the duties of the Presidency following the close of another great crisis, the World War, and the remaining years of his life were given to the arduous task of bringing order out of chaos. In this work he gave his all—he laid his life on the altar of his country. He lived for the cause of hu-

manity. He died universally loved. Gentle, kindly, lovable, genial, courteous, dignified, brave, a man of rugged honesty, sincerity of purpose, high ideals, clear vision and broad sympathies—these were characteristics of that typical American, that great statesman, that true friend, the best-loved President—Warren G. Harding.

Our Brother has been called from among us. He is gone, but never will he be forgotten. We will cherish his memory and emulate his noble virtues. His name stands out in golden letters at the very top of the scroll of individual and international renown.

As one who loved his fellow-men, his name, like that of Abou Ben Adhem, leads all the rest.

HARLEY V. SPEELMAN.

Then, friends, it seems to me that this service and the giving of these flowers would not be quite complete without the placing of flowers as a symbol of our love and in grateful memory to the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, our fathers who have passed away.

Sister Finch will deposit these flowers.

(Flowers placed in memory of the departed Brothers of the Grand Army of the Republic by Sister Emma Finch of Indiana).

Past National Chaplain Huston: Now, friends, I wish we might stand and, so far as is possible, all join hands. I want the boys to join hands, and the girls to join hands, and we will sing, "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds Our Hearts in Christian Love."

(All joined hands and sang, "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds.")

Benediction.

(The Encampment at six p. m. adjourned to meet at ten o'clock a. m. September 6th, 1923).

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

September 6th, 1923, 10 A. M.

The Commandery-in-Chief was called to order by Commander-in-Chief Frank Shellhouse, and opened in due form.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: I understand the Greetings Committee from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic are in waiting. Please admit them.

(Greetings Committee from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, consisting of Mrs. Sills, Department Patriotic Instructor of Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. E. T. Le'Surgeon of San Antonio, Texas, are presented to the Commander-in-Chief and Brothers in proper form).

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Brothers, I know you will join with me in a hearty welcome for the visitation of this Greetings Committee from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. Sills, Department Patriotic Instructor: Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans and my Brothers—I am a Daughter. Our National President, Sister Eva J. French, of California, has conferred a very great honor upon me when she asked me to bring her greetings to your organization. I have never had the privilege of being before this grand body before, and you know how pleasing it is. You may know we wanted to come very badly, to brave the storm, the dew drops are quite heavy on the outside, and when we reached the Auditorium we were greeted with smiles and sunshine and your wonderful display of Old Glory, we knew we were going to find everything here, and no dew drops on the inside.

The Sons of Veterans and the Daughters of Veterans have a heritage that has never been equalled, and with that heritage goes the sacred privilege of caring for and perpetuating the principles for which our fathers fought and bled. We know that you are proud of that heritage, and your loyalty to the Veterans in the past years has shown that you appreciate what your fathers did for you, and your grandfathers. They are the bulwark of our nation.

Yesterday morning, viewing that magnificent parade, it seemed to me while the numbers were smaller, it brought the heartache, we missed many, but they looked so much grander, I was happy and proud to say "I am the Daughter of a Veteran." (Applause). The grandest army in the world. As I noticed, the shoulders bent just a little yesterday morning, I thought, it will not be a great while until the taps will be sounded and the last knell rung for the last one of them, and what a grand and noble thing to know that we have the Sons who are to step in their

places and carry on the work that they have laid down for us. They are proud of the boys—oh, you don't know how proud they are of you. They tell us girls what they think of you, maybe they don't tell you but they appreciate all that you are doing for them, and when they are gone it is up to the Sons and the Daughters and the patriotic orders who are banded together to teach patriotism and instill into the hearts of the boys and girls of today, who are to be the men and women of tomorrow, the principles that our fathers and grandfathers fought for, and what the flag stands for and what it means, and may we never be found lacking in our duty, and may you, when you step into their shoes, be the ones to see that Old Glory floats from the tops of the loftiest trees and the motto for Eternity, Charity and Loyalty, which binds us together, be the uppermost thought in this world of ours.

Commander-in-Chief, I know you have had a very wonderful and inspiring year, and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic have kept in touch with your work of the year and its wonderful success, and you deserve a great deal of praise. To the incoming officers we extend our best wishes for a wonderful year and may you grow in numbers far beyond all expectations.

Accept the greetings from the National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and her body assembled at the Presbyterian Church in this city. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: We will now hear from Mrs. E. T. Le'Sturgeon.

Mrs. E. T. Le'Sturgeon: Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse, Sons of Veterans. I should like to be allowed to say "Brothers" but not having any organization of the Sons of Veterans or Daughters of Veterans in our community, I do not belong in an organization. I am eligible though, my father being a veteran. I do not know why they put me on this Committee, because I cannot make a speech, but I do want to say I certainly deem it an honor to come before a body of men such as this. We all know that all over the United States you are respected and loved for what you represent.

I would like to tell you, of course, of our own town and our home organization, because I have a good organization down there. We are the only one in Texas, but we are a large organization and we are the only one that has held together, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and I think possibly that was why our National Treasurer put me on this Committee to come here this morning, and I certainly deem it a pleasure to extend the greetings of the National body of the Ladies of the G. A. R. to this organization. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: My Brothers, you realize we are just opening our session at this time, and the splendid words of encouragement from this Greetings Committee of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will serve us as an inspiration, that we may experience a happy and prosperous Encampment. In order that we may have a fitting response, I am going to call upon one of our Past Commanders-in-Chief, Brother John E. Sautter, of Pennsylvania.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter, of Pennsylvania: Com-

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Commander-in-Chief, Delegation of Ladies from the Grand Army, Sons and Brothers. I need not say to this delegation from our mothers' organization, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, that we are glad they are with us this morning, and it is also equally unnecessary for them to say to us that they were willing to brave this inclement weather in order that they might attend this session, because we have some knowledge of the splendid organization that they represent, we have some knowledge of their attitude towards the Sons of Veterans. With that knowledge we are sure that the words they have given us represent the actual sentiment of the splendid organization of which they are a part.

I am sure, my good ladies, that nothing could give me more pleasure than to be called upon to respond to you, because I have had knowledge of the organization of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic since I was quite a small boy. My good mother who has passed over more than thirty years ago was a lifelong member of your organization, and from her lips I heard much of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and because of that I have always had an abiding faith in the goodness of that organization. We thank you for coming this morning to us. We appreciate what you have done for us and we know that there is an earnest desire on the part of your organization to see our organization grow and prosper, knowing, as you have said, that it shall not be long until, with the passing of the dear comrades, added responsibilities will come to us, their sons.

Return to your organization with our greetings and our love to our mothers, with the hope that you may continue yourselves to prosper and become a mighty organization for good in this beloved land of ours.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Brothers, I am sure each and every one of us appreciates the visit of this Committee from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. I am delighted to say to the Ladies that it was my good fortune to meet Mrs. Eva French, your National President, several times during the past year. I became very well acquainted with her, and may I say, you did certainly have a most wonderfully able representative for your organization traveling about this country for the past few months. Carry back to her my personal greetings, if you please.

Mrs. Sills: Thank you, we will be very happy to do so. Commander-in-Chief, I know you have a busy day ahead of you and we are just going into election and, as we both have a vote, we are very anxious to be back, so we will ask to be excused.

At this point the Guard announced the presence of a visiting delegation from the Daughters of Veterans. Past Commander-in-Chief McGuire of Indiana, Past Division Commander Anderson of Massachusetts, and Division Commander Lasson of Vermont escorted the delegation before the Encampment.

The delegation was composed of Mrs. Drusilla Ingalls Thayer, National Senior Vice President, of Illinois, Mrs. Louise Cook, National Chaplain, of Indiana, and Miss Grace Hurd, National Patriotic Instructor, of Seattle, Washington.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: It is a pleasure and an

honor to welcome your Committee to our Encampment, and we thank you for your graciousness in coming to us at this time. It is, in a personal way, a pleasure to introduce as chairman of the delegation, National Senior Vice President Mrs. Drusilla Ingalls Thayer.

Mrs. Drusilla Ingalls Thayer: Commander-in-Chief Brother Frank Shellhouse and to all our Brothers. I deem this a great honor and a privilege to be asked by our National President to bring them to our Brothers. I do not know of any honor I appreciate more, for, as I said to some of the Sons yesterday at our convention, that I have a warm spot in my heart for the Sons of Veterans and we have had the pleasure many times during the year of meeting with your Commander-in-Chief, and I know several of our girls are rather fond of Brother Frank. (Laughter).

Commander-in-Chief, I want to extend the greetings of the Illinois Department, Daughters of Veterans, and also the love of our National President to you. Our National President when she appointed this Committee thought a moment, and then she said, "Sister Hurd must be on this Committee because Brother Shellhouse's convention would not be complete unless Miss Hurd of Washington visited that convention." So I am very happy to be the Chairman of this Committee, Brother Commander-in-Chief, and I wish for you one of the best conventions the Sons of Veterans have ever had. I know you have had a splendid year and I wish you all the success in the world in the future, and we are ready and willing, your Sisters, to help you at any time we can or to be of any assistance. This is a gift from the Daughters of Veterans with their love and best wishes. (Presenting bouquet of roses to Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse).

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Sisters of the Committee, I do appreciate and thank you very much for this expression of love and affection from your Daughters of Veterans organization, as represented by this beautiful bouquet of roses.

Mrs. Thayer: One of the National Presidents, as I was leaving the room, said, "Now, you must hurry back, don't tell them all how much you love them."

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: The Indiana boys present, I am sure, will join in the happy thought of pride and pleasure in introducing our own Mrs. Louise Cook of the Hoosier State. Mrs. Cook is National Chaplain of the Daughters of Veterans.

Mrs. Louise Cook, National Chaplain: Brother Shellhouse and our Brothers. I endorse every word that our Sister has said and I am just merely here to swell the crowd. I do want to say to you we extend to you our love and loyalty as a Sister organization and we will look to you for our directions, as well as we have to our dear old comrades, and not only from our convention, but from Indiana I want to extend to you all our love and loyalty as patriots, and now I thank you very much. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: I am delighted to have the honor at this time to introduce to the Brothers of our Assembly, the National Instructor of the Daughters of Veterans, Miss Grace Hurd, of Seattle, Washington.

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Miss Grace Hurd, National Patriotic Instructor; Commander-in-Chief and Brother Frank. This is a wonderful opportunity to come here to your convention with these dear Sisters and present our greetings. Our meeting in the West you spoke of—I haven't forgotten it either, but you notice I can still say, "Brother Frank," and he said "Sister Grace," so I think it is still all right and not a bit different, but truly, Brothers, this is a wonderful occasion when our families get together in this way with our father's organization and our mother's organization and the brothers and sisters together like this. It is a wonderful time. I have my dear father with me. Many of our girls and many of the fathers have gone beyond, but we are all so interested in their lives and what it has meant to them and to us, we are simply following it out. I know you are active in your work and we are trying to do as much as you do and do it the same way. There are many questions that come up that are interesting to us as well as to you and I know they will be solved in the right way. And now, Commander-in-Chief. I can only say how glad I am to be allowed this privilege of bringing greetings from the Department and the personal greetings from our own Department of the West to you at this convention. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Miss Grace, I desire you to know that in a personal way it gives me great pleasure to have you in attendance at this Encampment. I am glad it was an opportune time for you to come to the Central West States. I am going to do everything I can, that you may have a pleasant time while visiting the boys and girls of this section. You will remember that I visited your section of the country while traveling with the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army and his party, and you certainly extended not only to me but the entire party, every help and courtesy within your power. You will also remember that you and I really became very well acquainted and that we had several little conferences together while others were not so near. I trust the little misunderstanding which occurred between you and me has long since been expunged from your memory. It might be well for me to briefly explain to the boys the incident of which I speak.

I became rather interested in Grace and flattered myself in thinking she was interested in me. It might be that I was working too fast, but my time was limited. I said, "Grace, how would you like to have for your traveling life companion, a fellow who would look like me." She began very encouragingly when she said, "Sure, all right, that's fine, but my dear Commander-in-Chief, I don't want him to look too much like you." Now my Brothers, what do you think of that?

Miss Grace Hurd, please take back to your members and my friends, whom I had the pleasure of meeting while visiting your great city, the greetings, love and affection of not only the Commander-in-Chief, but the membership of our Encampment.

I will call on Past Commander-in-Chief Harry Sisson for the response to this Greetings Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Harry D. Sisson, of Massachusetts: Daughters and Sisters and Commander-in-Chief. If you

knew how I felt just at this moment you wouldn't give much for the Commander-in-Chief's life when I get him outside, because this is my second appearance in this convention responding to the ladies. I don't know why he picks on me, but he has, and I will try and do the very best I know how, to say that we are mighty glad to have you come, we recognize you come with the same heritage we possess. We recognize your loyalty to that heritage and we recognize your enthusiasm to see that that heritage goes down to future generations properly escorted and properly put before all those people who should know what it costs to have a free government.

We thank you for your appearance this morning and we hope your mission, so far as this single blessedness proposition is concerned, will bear fruit.

Commander-in-Chief: It was my pleasure to meet Mrs. Lola Elliott, your National President, many times during the past year and I became very well acquainted with her, so as you return to your convention hall carry back, and convey to her my personal greetings and best wishes for her a happy and prosperous session during the coming week.

RESOLUTIONS—BROTHER WARREN G. HARDING.

Division Commander Wm. A. Selz, of Ohio: The Ohio Division would like to introduce a resolution here on the floor of this Encampment to be acted upon without reference to the Resolutions Committee, as follows:

"Our Brother, Warren Gamaliel Harding, has answered the last call. In his passing we, of the Sons of Veterans, have lost a most distinguished Brother and a true friend. Not only have we respected him as our President; we have loved him as our Brother.

He has filled his niche. He has done his work; and to it he has given life itself. No eulogy we here may write can exalt the place he has made for himself in the hearts of all mankind.

No words can adequately portray the profound sense of loss we feel; but it is most seemly that we, who called him Brother, —we who loved him much,—should here, in our humble way, give appropriate expression to our grief, and from out the fullness of our hearts fittingly reverence his memory:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in Forty-second Annual Encampment assembled; That in memory of our departed Brother:

1. Immediately on the adoption of this resolution, and upon due order of the Commander-in-Chief, the members of this Encampment shall stand at attention, facing the east, in reverent meditation for one minute.

2. The charters of all Camps and Divisions and of this Commandery-in-Chief shall be draped with fitting badges of mourning.

3. This resolution shall be spread upon the permanent records of this Commandery; and that copies hereof shall be transmitted to Mrs. Harding, to Dr. George T. Harding, to the President of the United States, to the president pro tempore

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of the U. S. Senate, to the Speaker of the U. S. House of Representatives, and to all Camps and Divisions of this Order.

Presented by the
OHIO DIVISION, S. OF V., U. S. A.
W. A. SELZ, Commander.

ED. S. WILSON, Secretary."

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: I second the motion or resolution and move it be adopted by a rising vote.

To my mind nothing would be more fitting than the presentation, the consideration and adoption of the resolution by the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

The flash that came over the wire from San Francisco on last August the 2nd stunned the world. The world, and America in particular has not as yet fully appreciated the great loss that has been sustained by the death of our most distinguished citizen and president. Warren G. Harding, as citizen, as patriot, as president, stands at the top of the list in the admiration and the love of every patriot of our beloved country. As president he too stands out conspicuously, and there is no doubt in the minds of men that Warren G. Harding will go down in history as the greatest man of his day. He is gone, but he will never be forgotten. We, as members of this patriotic organization of which he was the most distinguished member, will remember him in our future deliberations. We loved him because of his manhood, because of his patriotism, because he was a true man and a true American. We will revere his memory. We will cherish his many virtues. With my Commander I move the adoption of the resolution by a rising vote of those in favor.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: You have heard the resolution and it is moved and seconded it be adopted by a rising vote. All those in favor will signify by rising. (The members of the Encampment stand at attention, facing the East, in reverend meditation for one minute).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Clifford Ireland, and Chairman of Committee on Resolutions: We can offer a supplemental report of the Committee on Resolutions. We have here two resolutions for the restoration of past rank. There is no positive provision in the present constitution for the restoration of the past rank of Division Commander. These two cases may be viewed as highly meritorious.

Believing that the Commandery-in-Chief is a law unto itself, the absence of any prohibition on the subject, they may still act if they so desire, we offer these resolutions without recommendation because there may be a divergence of opinion thereon, to the floor of the Commandery. The gentleman familiar with the cases in point will elucidate them and explain them to the Commandery-in-Chief.

The first comes from Connecticut: (Reading)

"To the Forty-second Annual Encampment of the Com-

mandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Hartford Camp No. 50, Connecticut Division, Sons of Veterans, presents the following resolution for the restoration for the rank of Past Division Commander to Lucien F. Burpee, who was Division Commander in the year of 1885 and is now a member in good standing of our Camp. Brother Burpee was a member of Wadhams Camp No. 39 and asked for a transfer and through error was given an honorable discharge.

HARTFORD CAMP NO. 50.

HORACE H. MILLS, Commander.

CHAS. R. HALE, Secretary.

Approved: NORMAN S. BUCKINGHAM,
Division Commander."

RESOLVED, That this Forty-second Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief restore the rank of Past Division Commander to Lucien F. Burpee, of Connecticut, a member of Hartford Camp No. 50, Connecticut Division, Sons of Veterans.

The other resolution is similar in character, from the Wisconsin Division:

"Stoughton, Wis., Aug. 6, 1923.

Mr. H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, Sons of Veterans,
Reading, Pa.

Dear Sir and Brother:

The enclosed petition for the restoration of rank of Past Division Commander to Brother J. W. T. Ames by Michael Griffin Camp No. 35, Eau Claire, Wis., was received and referred to the Committee on Petitions. (Division Encampment, Oshkosh).

Said Committee reported favorably on the petition and on motion the report was adopted.

I am instructed to forward the enclosed petition together with the action taken by Wisconsin Division Encampment on same to National Headquarters asking that it be brought before the National Encampment at Milwaukee for consideration.

Fraternally yours,

VAL. STODDARD,
Wisconsin Division Secretary."

"Whereas, Brother J. W. T. Ames is a member in good standing in Michael Griffin Camp, Division of Wisconsin, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and

Whereas, The history of Brother Ames' connection with the Order is as follows, to-wit:

Mustered in as charter member of Tom Porter Camp No. 2, Division of Wisconsin, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., about 1896, was Captain of said Camp until 1898, when he removed from New Richmond, the home of the Camp, and while member of said Camp was very active in promoting interests of the Order of Sons of Veterans in Western Wisconsin;

Removed to River Falls, Wisconsin, 1898, and was trans-

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ferred to Richard Lovell Camp No. 48, Division of Wisconsin, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and while member of said Camp served as Captain of the Camp, and as Division Commander of Wisconsin Division, and both Camp and Division prospered under his leadership;

Removed to Monroe, Wisconsin, and later to Waterman, Illinois, where no Camp of Sons of Veterans existed, retaining his membership in Richard Lovell Camp, River Falls, until said Camp failed to function, through no fault of Brother Ames;

Moved to Eau Claire in January of 1922, and immediately affiliated by Division transfer with Michael Griffin Camp No. 35, and has been since a faithful and acceptable member of the same and of the Order; and

Whereas, Brother Ames, after serving acceptably as Commander of Wisconsin Division, lost claim to his Division Honors through no fault of his own, but through the failure of the Camp with which he was affiliated to function while he was absent from the same, and

Whereas, The work of Brother Ames in behalf of the Order as member and Captain of Tom Porter Camp, of Richard Lovell Camp, as Commander of the Division, and as member and officer of Michael Griffin Camp No. 35, entitle him, in our belief, to his past honors as Past Division Commander of Wisconsin Division, therefore be it

Resolved, That Michael Griffin Camp No. 35, Division of Wisconsin, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., respectfully petition Wisconsin Division, and through them the National Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., to restore to Brother J. W. T. Ames his full rights as Past Division Commander.

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

J. E. WALDRON,

Past Commander, No. 35.

Past Division Commander, Wisconsin.

J. B. GODDARD,

Past Commander, No. 35.

C. D. DONALDSON,

Commander Camp No. 35, Committee.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: Brothers, you have heard the reading of the resolutions. What is your pleasure?

Past Division Commander Geo. E. Cox, of Connecticut: In reference to Judge Burpee's case, of Connecticut, he was a member of a Camp at Waterbury, and owing to his duties as officer of the court he removed to the city of Hartford. He asked for a transfer from the Waterbury Camp and through some error or when he went to place this transfer, we found that an honorable discharge had been granted him, and we wrote to the Secretary of the Division and he explained that that was what was done, and of course, he being out of the Division we asked the indulgence of this Encampment to restore him to rank.

Delegate E. M. Lowe, of Ohio: At Des Moines last year we had a number of similar petitions. Now, we have in past years been doing a whole lot of restoring, and when the Committee for the Good of the Order got together and gave us practically

a new constitution, they left it that each position below Division Commander could be restored, but made no provisions to restore a Division Commander back to his rank. And the action taken at this time was this. The resolution was submitted without recommendation, there was a motion made to lay it on the table, and if this motion were offered, I think that the same thing will go through.

Past Division Commander Geo. W. Turner, of Minnesota: If I am not mistaken, at the Indianapolis Encampment there was a rule adopted prohibiting the restoration of past rank of the National officers. It is not in the constitution, but I believe you will find it is a matter of record, with the exception of two—as I recall it there were two carry-overs, and that was to conclude the restoration of rank. I claim then if we are going to restore rank let us restore it, if we are going to have a law against restoration let us live up to that law or change the law. I believe Brother Hammer will bear me out in my statement that in Indianapolis we did adopt such a rule there should be no more restorations of rank except Past Camp Commanders. Now, let us change the law or stop talking about it.

Past Commander-in-Chief Bolton: I do not want to get my name into the record except with reference to the Committee on State of the Order, but the action at Indianapolis was brought up, and I tried to be consistent, and as a member of that Committee I was the one who took an attitude on two Brothers who came in under the wire at the last minute. There can always, of course, be exceptions to any rule, there can always be better judgments perhaps on the question of matters adopted at some Encampment, but my personal opinion would be I would regret in any measure to do any injustice to any individual that may have lost his place through carelessness, or any Camp official, through the issuing of any transfer or discharge or error in not issuing proper papers. I would be willing to consider in a generous spirit the claims of any man, but I should hate to see this Encampment start in to open the door to the restoration of rank of Past Division Commanders, because I am quite sure that we could indulge in the prophecy that at subsequent Encampments you would find that to be your annual indoor sport at some session of the Encampment. In Massachusetts we handle the matter of Past Camp Commanders by a Committee that has placed before them all of the evidence, and scrutinizing most carefully in every case the justification of the claim, and unless it is a mighty good one, the man doesn't even get his Past Camp Commander's badge.

As in the case of Judge Burpee, there would be a natural inclination to be favorably disposed because I recall his name as being one of the older men in the organization, one who gave splendid service in the early days, a man whose interest was always for the good of the organization. Personally I feel we should not establish a precedent. I don't know what you did at Des Moines, but if the Brother from Ohio's statement is correct, if you laid it on the table there, it seems to me you better lay it on the table here.

Council-in-Chief Felix A. Kremer: I have a few words in behalf of one whose name and rank is not in question on this floor and who, by reason of not having a right to be repre-

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sented here, cannot be here himself. I regret very much that the facts pertaining to the case of Brother Ames are not before this Encampment. I thoroughly agree that if a man, by his own acts perhaps, loses his honors in this organization he should not have them restored, for if a man has not love and respect enough for this organization to keep his honors good, he ought not to have them, but the case of Brother Ames is one I personally investigated and I want the Encampment to take my word for it, because I can furnish the evidence, if necessary. Brother Ames is a professor in a Normal School, he was traveling from place to place, and the officer of his Camp. The Secretary of his Camp was a common crook who later went to the penitentiary and later failed to report him and Brother Ames naturally supposed he was in good standing, and when the time came to find the records they were blown away in the cyclone of New Richmond and we couldn't get the books or records of the Camp to prove it up. Now, I believe in that case Brother Ames is entitled to have his rank restored, because it was not his fault, it was the fault of a crook whose actions we could not discover until years later.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland: Not in the least to disagree with Past Commander-in-Chief Bolton and his expression of his thought on the action that should be taken, but possibly because I was derelict in originally speaking of the cases, I believe in these two instances that the party for whom the petition is offered was in no way at fault either time. The Wisconsin Division, as Brother Kremer has said, had some unfortunate affair in the local Camp that Past Division Commander Ames belonged to. He removed to Illinois from Wisconsin, retaining his membership and his remittances, I believe, for his dues, in the Wisconsin Camp, traveled to a town in Illinois where there was no Camp, and under the misapprehension that he was still a member returned to Wisconsin as late as 1920 and affiliated with the Camp at Eau Claire. I believe that is correct?

Brother Kremer: That is correct.

Brother Ireland: He affiliated with them at once, and I believe he even went so far as to try to obtain his transfer from the defunct Camp that had gone astray in Wisconsin, so he was not only without fault, but without knowledge in the circumstances.

The Connecticut case seems to be where a judge elected to the bench and a member of the Waterbury Camp removed to Hartford and requested the Waterbury Camp to issue a transfer to the Hartford Camp. In the multiplicity of his duties he neglected to follow it up possibly, but in no case is derelict, and assuming that such had been done he found out later that through error of the Camp clerk or Secretary at Waterbury that a discharge had been issued instead of the transfer to the Hartford Camp. I do not want to influence the action of the Commandery-in-Chief, but those are the facts. The papers are under the certificate of the Commander and Secretary of each Division and are regular and sufficient, if we accept their certificate for it. They are lacking a seal in each instance.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: Just keep clear in

your minds that the question before the house now is upon the receiving of these resolutions of this Encampment.

Past Division Commander Geo. W. Turner, of Minnesota: I was wondering if it would not be possible or the proper method to attempt to rectify it through the Division officer. Citing my own case, supposing I failed to report, as I did last year, a certificate to our National Secretary, as Past Division Commander. Isn't there some way of rectifying my mistake. We rectified it last year and seated this Brother. We all make mistakes, on down from Brother Hammer and he owns up to it once in a while the same as I do when I make mistakes. It does seem to me a mistake can be rectified, and apparently it is a mistake in both of these cases. Why not have the proper officials rectify these mistakes?

Past Division Commander T. W. Allen, of Indiana: Commander-in-Chief, I rise to a point of order. The Brothers are not talking to the question at all on this, and there is no way, until it comes to this Encampment with the recommendation of the Committee on Resolutions, of telling whether the ranks of these Brothers can be restored or not. Not until we settle the point of whether we receive the communication or resolution as read, and this is all an argument of whether or not we shall receive the Brothers instead of whether we shall receive the communication.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: Your point of order is well taken.

Past Division Commander Crowley, of New Hampshire: I move we receive the communications as read.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: There is already a motion to that effect before the house and it has been seconded. It has been moved and seconded that this Encampment receive these resolutions from the Resolutions Committee without recommendation. All those in favor signify it by saying aye, opposed no. Motion carried.

Past Division Commander Allen, of Indiana: I move, inasmuch as the evidence seems to show these two Brothers lost their rank through no fault of theirs, and in each individual case it seems to be no fault of theirs, the ranks of these two Brothers be restored.

Division Commander H. S. Salisbury, of Missouri: I second the motion.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: Do you wish to take it collectively as one case?

Brother Allen: Yes.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: It is moved and seconded that this Encampment restore the rank of Past Division Commander to Brothers Lucien F. Burpee, of Connecticut, and J. W. T. Ames, of Wisconsin. All those in favor signify it by saying aye, opposed no. Carried.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland: I think with this experience of the two or three that have passed, that we should rather be a little considerate of the Commandery-in-Chief in the future, and not burden the Resolutions Committee with a lot of applications for restoration. The Brother from Ohio has

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correctly stated, these are exceptional cases, but it is a man's duty to attend to holding his place with the Order. I think the sense of the Commandery-in-Chief should be expressed to that effect.

The Guard: A delegation from the Woman's Relief Corps is waiting to be admitted.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: The escort to the Woman's Relief Corps: Past Commanders-in-Chief Sisson and Ireland, National Patriotic Instructor Shumaker and Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon.

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman: At this time I would like to present Major H. L. Deans, Past Department Commander of the Department of the Potomac, Grand Army of the Republic. There never was a better friend of the Sons of Veterans than Major Dean. On his eighty-fifth birthday the Sons of Veterans presented him with this insignia of his rank, Past Department Commander of the Grand Army. (Applause).

The Committee appointed to escort the Greetings Committee from the Woman's Relief Corps presented: Mrs. Grace L. Johnson, National Patriotic Instructor, Vice President of the Federated Patriotic Society, and also Chairman of the Greetings Committee; Mrs. Elizabeth Robbins Berry, Past Department President of Massachusetts; Mrs. Borger, Past Department President of the Department of Iowa; Mrs. Ella French, Past Department President of the Department of California and Nevada.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: Ladies, we welcome you to this Encampment. Each year of our lives there are recurring events to which we look forward with anticipation, and this is one of them, when the organization of our mothers, the auxiliary to our fathers, send their delegation to greet us in our Encampment, and it is with a great deal of pleasure I present to you as the Chairman of this delegation, Mrs. Grace L. Johnson, National Patriotic Instructor of the Woman's Relief Corps. (Applause).

Mrs. Grace L. Johnson: Sons of Veterans. I have been coming to you for a good many years and calling you brothers, and now today I am calling you sons. When you look outdoors and see what the weather is I think you can realize what the love of the mother organization is for the Sons of Veterans, because it would take a great deal more than a day like this to dampen the love and ardor of the Woman's Relief Corps for her sons. (Applause).

We are here today to bring you the love and greetings of the mother organization. We are here to offer you all the assistance that we can give you. We are here to try to spur you on to greater energy, for no one in this country of ours has a greater heritage than have you, to be a son of a Civil War veteran. It has always been a mystery to me why there are so many of the sons of veterans—that is, not members of the Sons of Veterans, but sons of Civil War veterans, who do not appreciate this heritage. Now, there is something radically wrong some place and those of us who do appreciate the heritage that is ours must go forth and try in some way to make these others see the light. They certainly are selling their birthrights by not being members of the Sons of Veterans.

We who are the Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic do not like to say this and we seldom do when the Grand Army men are present, but we all know they will not be with us many years, and while the Woman's Relief Corps is a permanent organization, it will be here until kingdom come, the time is coming when we are going to need the Sons of Veterans. We know that we have the love and support of the Sons and we believe that you realize what you are to the mother organization. Mrs. Basham, our National President, has had a very warm feeling for you this year, her travels over the country with Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse has brought a very warm feeling of friendship, and I want to read you just a few lines from her report that I have here which will show you the high esteem in which you are held by Mrs. Basham. Here in large type it says: "Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and Auxiliary. It is our duty and I hope our pleasure to assist and encourage these two splendid organizations. Through the efforts of Commander-in-Chief Frank Shellhouse and National President Mrs. Minnie Groth, much good work has been done in the cause of patriotism, their messages given in the many camp fires and patriotic programs have been an inspiration to all." Now, you see what Mrs. Basham, head of the National Organization, thinks of the boys. I know you are always going to be worthy of the love, admiration and confidence of the Woman's Relief Corps and if at any time they can be of assistance to you just say, "Mother, we need you," and you will find the Woman's Relief Corps right there to do the things that a mother should. (Applause).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: Brothers, it is an added pleasure to me to introduce the next speaker of this delegation from my own state of Massachusetts, Mrs. Elizabeth Robbins Berry, Past National Press Correspondent of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. Elizabeth Robbins Berry: Commander-in-Chief, and I suppose I should say Sons, because I know I look the part. But I have a great heritage, for my father too was a Union soldier. I am glad to notice a few gray heads here, because I think perhaps there may be a few others who, like myself, may remember when Daddy came marching home. I feel it is a great privilege to be a member of the Woman's Relief Corps, of which I have been for many years. Many of us have gone into the unknown. In a few years there will be only a very few left and it rests on the Sons and Daughters, especially the Sons, to carry on in their name, that their name shall never be forgotten in this United States, to keep up the dignity and honor of the Republic. An organization well named. I thank you. (Applause).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: We will now be glad to have a few words from Mrs. Borger, Past Department President of the Department of Iowa.

Mrs. Borger: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, which I feel I have the right to call you. However, I am not a sister of a Civil War veteran, but I am a sister practically of the Iowa Division Sons of Veterans, an honor of which I am very proud, and in my appointment on this Committee through our National President, Mrs. Basham, I felt that in doing this it was

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because she knew of my interest and my work for our Iowa Sons of Veterans. I assure you that it is a wonderful pleasure to me to address this body of men and to say to you that were it possible for the Woman's Relief Corps to do the things for you we would like to do, to interest the boys who have this wonderful heritage and to make them know what there is for them to do, your ranks I know would be doubled and trebled. We have always tried and wanted to do for the Sons of Veterans all that we could do, and we are so glad that we can be called a mother organization. We are glad to come to you and bring you greetings from this wonderful organization of women who are banded together in the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic, the greatest organization of men that this country will ever know. (Applause). I thank you for this wonderful privilege of addressing this group of men and I again say that I thank our National President for allowing me to come to you on this Committee bringing greetings from her and her organization. (Applause).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: We will now hear from Mrs. Ella French, Past Department President of the Department of California.

Mrs. Ella French: Commander-in-Chief, officers of this splendid convention, Sons and Comrades—because there are many comrades here, I imagine, who are not Sons, and as I sat here I saw one comrade from my own Department, one especially of whom we are very proud, of whom you have too had the pleasure of honoring many times, who has just entered the room, R. Clarendon E. Adams, Past Commander-in-Chief. (Applause).

I too feel that in the privilege of being able to come to you today and bring greetings from the National organization, the Woman's Relief Corps, that I have been especially honored by our National President, Marie L. Basham, and I do appreciate this honor. I feel the Woman's Relief Corps has much work to do with the Sons and for this reason. Many of you boys, and we girls, because I am a daughter of a veteran, have not been thoroughly awake to the privilege that is ours in building up these two organizations. When we come to the conventions and see a large delegation of the Grand Army of the Republic, then go into the convention of the Sons, which should be many, many times larger, I cannot help but feel that we are not awake, that we are not doing the duty that we should, that we are not paying the honors we should to these blessed comrades who have made it possible for you and for me to enjoy the privileges of a free and wonderful country. (Applause). We should, it seems to me, each one of us make it our own responsibility and go out into the highways and byways and bring more of the Sons and Daughters to the fold, because we are the ones who are going to have the privilege and opportunity of keeping before the American people and those who have not that privilege, the foreign born, of knowing what your father and my father fought for, to know what the American flag stands for, know more of the principles of Americanism, and it seems to me that as there is strength in numbers we should try to exceed in numbers the Grand Army of the Republic and not have the small delegations that we do. The work that you are doing is

something that should and will live on and on, and we, as members of the Woman's Relief Corps, as the ladies before me have said, stand ready to help you in teaching this patriotism and letting the world know what that little bronze button stands for. So let us be up and doing and see if we cannot in the next few years to come swell the ranks of the Sons of Veterans so that we can too say that we are as strong and as large an organization as the Grand Army. Do you know, I sometimes think we Sons and we Daughters haven't near the amount of pep that our fathers had. As that noble parade passed by the reviewing stand yesterday and those thousands of men walked by, the thought came to me, I wonder how many of we women and we Sons and Daughters will be able to take our place and march the many blocks they did in the sun, when we are their ages. I wonder when I am seventy-five or eighty if I will be able to carry that grand old banner and flag we are so proud of. In fear and in haste that we may not be able to do this, it seems to me it is up to us to make our lives and our work so felt that as we march each day we will be the same inspiration to those with whom we come in contact as these boys have been to us.

I want to congratulate your Commander-in-Chief on the splendid work that has been accomplished in the last year, and again as a member of this Committee, to bring you greetings from the National Organization, and I want to say to you that the trip to Milwaukee has been a treat to me. I live in a land of sunshine and flowers, where we only have rain once a year and that about Christmas time, but I had a new umbrella presented to me just before leaving that had I stayed home I know I would never be able to christen, so I feel very much gratified that Milwaukee has proved to us she can give us a touch of real rain drops, and I hope each drop as it falls to the ground is going to bring to you Sons and we Daughters and we Mothers an added inspiration, love of the organization that we belong to, but most of all a deeper reverence and love for the organization that we are permitted to serve. I thank you. (Applause).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: Ladies, I assure you that we appreciate your visit, and certainly it has been a source of inspiration to us, and in order that you may take back a fitting message from this Encampment to yours I am going to ask Past Commander-in-Chief Church of Illinois to respond to your greetings.

Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. T. Church, of Illinois: Commander-in-Chief, Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps. We have listened to your kind and affectionate greeting this morning with pleasure which always follows the expression of such remarks from members of your organization. We have in mind not only the tender regard with which your Order has always favored us, but we have also before us that splendid example which you have built up among patriotic organizations, giving to us and all of the allied Orders a criterion by which we may measure our efforts and here and there ascertain how much we fall short of your accomplishments. You have the distinguished honor of representing the most splendid women's organization in the United States of America. (Applause). And it is with pride and gratification that we receive from you these words of

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greeting and these expressions of affection, because we know that they are full of sincerity and they bring with them the regard and affection of that splendid organization you represent. It is with great pleasure we have listened to you this morning, with great pleasure that we have received this tribute of regard from the Woman's Relief Corps, and our best hope is that in the years of the future we may in some way make our organization to reach that high standard of efficiency which you so strongly represent. Accept the gratitude and love of the Sons of Veterans. (Applause).

The Guard: There is a Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic awaiting in the hall.

(Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell appointed the following Committee as escort to the Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic: Past Commanders-in-Chief Grant, Speelman and Barrows. The Committee presented the following delegation from the Grand Army of the Republic: Past Commander-in-Chief Clarendon E. Adams of Nebraska, Wm. J. Liberton, Department Commander of Department of Illinois, Past Department Commander L. F. Arensburg of Pennsylvania).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fred V. Bell: Brothers, the greatest and most important moment of our Encampment has arrived. We have with us the delegation for whom we look to come here each year. I will present as the Chairman of the delegation from our Fathers, the Grand Army of the Republic, Past Commander-in-Chief Adams of Nebraska.

Past Commander-in-Chief Clarendon E. Adams: Commander-in-Chief, in your introduction you pronounced me from Nebraska. Proud indeed am I of the fact that when I was elected Commander-in-Chief in 1918 that I was a member of the Nebraska Department. Today I also have the honor of having been transferred to the Department of California and Nevada where I now make my home. I am simply making this statement in order that you may keep the records on your books correct. In coming into this hall with my comrades I saw upon your wall the banner that called into the service of the United States 2,100,062 loyal men to save the Union. You are the lineal descendants of those men. Your life and character dates back—I beg your indulgence when I say dates back to when that mighty army, the greatest army of volunteer soldiers that ever assembled on the face of the earth, were called into service. (Applause). Those days, my comrades, that brought these men into their early manhood, were the days of intellectual giants and immortal heroes. They were the days of Webster, Clay, Seward, Douglas and Lincoln. They were the days of our greatest statesmen. They were the days of our mightiest orators, William Beecher and Wendell Phillips. They were the days of our greatest editors, Greeley and Raymond. They were the days of our great agitators, Garrison and Phillips. They were the days also of the greatest authors this country ever produced, Whittier, Lowell, Emerson and many others. Through the eyes of these battle-scarred veterans I am speaking. Those were the days of the mightiest army of our faith and those great commanders, the greatest commanders the world ever knew, Grant, Sherman, Thomas, Sheridan and so on. They saved the nation by their

services, they brought back Old Glory unsullied, they saved our Union undivided. But above and beyond them all stood the character of the mighty Abraham Lincoln. I cannot mention the name of that great man without an unusual degree of reverence, and I want to say to you that your convention, yea, the 110,000,000 people in the United States of America today, no matter how busy they may be in their business transactions, they can all well afford to halt long enough each day to raise their eyes reverently toward heaven and thank the Almighty God for the day and hour that honest Abraham Lincoln was made president of the United States. (Applause). I believe I would be warranted in giving you very briefly a little history here, which I trust you will take home with you and talk about. We have heard great things about the battle lines of the great World War, and they *were* great, and I spent three years myself in active field service in that war; but in looking up the record of great wars, these comrades of the Grand Army were on a battle line 3,000 miles in extent, commencing up on the Ohio River and running down through the Mason-Dixon Line, through the state of Texas to the Rio Grande and then turning back and covering the entire southern seacoast. That was a battle line, and here is what I want you to bring to the educational interests of the community in which you live. That battle line was defended by 1,700 regiments infantry, 485 regiments of cavalry, 900 batteries of field artillery, besides the coast divisions and a navy of more than 200,000 men. For four years no set of men, no considerable number of men could cross that battle line without hearing the inexorable comment, "Halt, sir, and give an account of yourself." That is the character of the men of whom you are the lineal descendants. To their credit, and I have taken it directly from the records of the War Department, place, day and date, there is to their credit 9,917 battles, skirmishes, combats, marches and sieges, and that is what your father has endured to save us our glorious Union undivided.

Now, my comrades, having taken considerable note of the Spanish-American War, and we have some members that belong to you, in your organization there are quite a percentage of those boys who were lineal descendants of the boys of which I speak. In the great World War I took pains to investigate the same proposition. I talked with them, marched with them. Twenty-two per cent of the great army of 4,000,000 men are brothers of yours today and you are their lineal descendants. Will you be encouraged? Great God of Heaven, there is nothing more encouraging in the world than to know these facts and figures. You are in your infancy; you are just beginning to breath; you are just beginning to come to life. In the near future you must and will be one of the mightiest organizations in this nation. (Applause). Now, then, comrades, I brought to you this morning just a few declarations from the Grand Army of the Republic, not specifically set forth in any instructions, but they are declarations that rest in the breast of your fathers when they lived and your fathers were in infancy. The first of those declarations is firmly and solidly fixed with them, and it is "America for Americans." They believe that this blessed land of ours should be held sacred for the principles and purposes for which it was inaugurated, that there must be but

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one country and that country must be the United States of America. There must be but one language, and that language shall be the official language of the United States of America. (Cries of "The English language,") There must be but one flag floating over this country, your flag, my flag, and the flag of the free. And now let me say, if there are those in this country that cannot subscribe to those laudable purposes, let us firmly see that the gates through which they enter this country swing outward as well as inward. (Applause). If there are such already in this country they must take their departure, and if when they get to the end of our land there are no boats to take them over, they must go anyhow, even if we have to submerge them across. This despicable speech that is being promulgated throughout our country that we should forget everything else in the country, and even sacrifice our own credit and salvation for it. I say, Do not listen to that for one moment. Say to the nations of Europe, "You must pay your debts." (Applause). Say to every individual in the United States audibly and strongly that the Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the land and it must be enforced. (Applause). Now, I certainly am greatly pleased and will be delighted to take back to our organization the fact that I have been looking into the presence of men who stand firmly and solidly with them in all the matters they are handing down to you as a safeguard for the future. I know you will defend them, I know you will stand square for your country, I know you will say to all the future men, insist upon integrity, honesty and patriotism on the part of every man that you vote for for a public office. (Great applause).

Department Commander Wm. J. Liberton, of Illinois: I am not expected, of course, to furnish the flow of eloquence that Brother Adams did. I am just a sort of a fellow that goes along. I cannot boast of having been born in Illinois or in the United States. I am a foreigner. I cannot boast like you of having been born here, but I take a little bit of a boast and a little bit of pride in this, that you couldn't help being an American citizen, but by the eternal, I chose to be. (Great applause). And I want you to know there is not a fiber in my being but what quivers in the glow of the highest emotion that touches the great United States of America. There is no hyphen about me. I was born in Scotland, I may be a Scotchman, but I am not a Scotch-American, I am an American. (Great applause).

I have seen this country grow. When we came here there were no palaces to live in like you have now, down in Chicago you find a man who, if his thermometer has dropped a degree and a half below seventy, he is ready to send in a complaint because things are not going just right. Do you know, many and many a time in the summertime when it was raining, we lived in a log house, you could see the lightning flashing on the outside, you didn't need to have windows, we didn't have any. The window we had was a log sawed off and laid in an opening when the weather was fit we could take it out and we ventilated that way. In the wintertime it was my job to build the fire, because I was the oldest boy, and I went down those mornings, went downstairs and I had to see to it that the ax was brought in at night so I could chop a hole in the bucket

and pour the water into the kettle and make a fire in the stove. Why, God bless you, a fellow had to be of tough stripe to get through with it, that was the kind of men we were making, but I want you to know this, there were men living in those days, old grandfathers, who were standing back of these boys just as we are standing back of you.

You know I am the Department Commander of Illinois. I don't know why they elected me. I have a letter which I prize very highly from the present Department Commander of Illinois of the Sons of Veterans, that he sent in reply to one from me in regard to the beautiful things they do at our Encampment, for I will tell you there is not anything that warms an old man's heart more than to have a strong boy come and put his arms around you and say, "You are the proper thing. You are it." And if he hasn't done it, we would, but he has. That is what the Sons of Veterans are doing for Illinois. Two or three years ago we sat there with almost a dissolution, because we said, "Our money is pretty near all gone."

But the boys and girls—the girls didn't have a chance to do very much, but they put in their check for \$5,000.00 and that went in, and then the boys said, "Daddy, we want you to come and have dinner with us," and the boys paid for the dinner, and there we were, all sitting at dinner and having a real good time and then the Division Commander of the Sons of Veterans got up and said, "Mr. Commander, we have just a little bit more of the things I want to call your attention to. We want to help on with this. They started, filed right by that desk and the seat where the Commander was sitting, and they laid down in front of the Commander bills and checks until I asked the Adjutant-General, "How much did you get here?" And he said, "Over \$800.00." That is what the boys did for us. The Commander wrote back to me, "All you need to do is to let us know and we will carry it on." I want you to know that warms the cockles of the heart, and for the future, we know it is perfectly safe. (Applause).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief: Brothers, I am sure we will be glad to hear a few words from Past Department Commander L. F. Arensburg of Pennsylvania.

Past Department Commander Arensburg, of Pennsylvania: I do not propose to take up much of your time today by any lengthy address or speech. There is nothing pleased me more than to be named on the Committee to convey the greetings of the Grand Army of the Republic to you, our sons. When Ft. Sumter was fired on the very next day I joined a company of men to go out to defend our country. I was but a boy. So many people had volunteered, that our state would not accept us, we were kept fooling around town and in Camps for so long a time that finally our patience was worn out and we quit and went back home and afterwards joined an independent battery of artillery. We didn't ask our state to accept us, we didn't ask any questions, we simply furnished our own guns and equipment and went out and I will tell you they were mighty glad to have us out there. I was, sir, in the Army of the Potomac, under every commander that commanded that army from McClellan to Grant, from Bull Run to Appomattox. Our battery was under fire over sixty days, sixty-five or sixty-six times we

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were under fire, and during our term of service we traveled more than 8,000 miles. The great pleasure that I have in visiting you today is to say to you that my heart and soul is in the upbuilding of your organization, you Sons of Veterans. I originated and organized a Camp of Sons of Veterans in my home county, in my county seat, Uniontown, with fifty members, gradually growing more and more every day. Now we have something like sixty or sixty-five members. I am not only interested in extending it in my neighborhood, but also in other parts of the state. I have been instrumental in getting in some members into the Sons of Veterans.

I wanted to tell you about these few things and how much I have at stake in seeing you grow. I want to see you be the leading patriotic organization in this country. I thank you very much. (Applause).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: Past Department Commander Arensburg's son is a delegate in this Encampment.

The Brothers cannot listen to the words of Past Commander-in-Chief Adams, Department Commander Liberton and Past Department Commander Arensburg without leaving the hall with the feeling of being better Americans and with the feeling perhaps we are nearer the approval of our fathers, and in order that the appreciation of their presence be directly shown I will ask Past Commander-in-Chief Grant to respond to their greetings.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut: There are times, Past Commander-in-Chief Adams and your associate comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, when words are too weak. Were the officers of this Encampment and the Brothers here assembled to rely upon the words of anyone, no matter how eloquent, to attempt to express their sentiment towards you, then indeed would they be relying on a feeble reed. I have listened to the eloquence, as we all have, of the Chairman of your delegation, and I am not going to attempt to match eloquence for eloquence. The words I may say and that I will attempt to utter will proceed, not from the brain, but rather from the heart of this Encampment. You, sir, in your vigorous and effective tribute to Abraham Lincoln and to your associates with him in that great war; your words, sir, coupled with the words which we glean from the pages of history are all that we have, because we are of a later generation. We listen to you and we read from the pages of history those accomplishments. They will never die, but we, sir, of later generations, and this train of thought ran through my mind as we listened, we, sir, rather have an impression of you, not from your experience in that war, not so much because of what you accomplished in that war, as because of the example you set to us and to American citizens through all of the tremendous years after that war right up to the present time. That, sir, is our picture of your tremendous meaning to this nation and to us. Now we love you. I said our words proceed from our heart. My father has gone to his reward. You were his comrades. I met one of your comrades here at this Encampment, who with tear-dimmed eyes said, "The greatest pleasure that has come to me since I came to this Encampment, or since I have come to any Encampment, that I this time met here one of the men

that went out with me from Illinois, and he I never have met since the war ended until today," and you are here with that feeling and we are here to greet you with that same feeling—no, not quite the same, because they were your comrades during a time of peril, but we have the love of a son for you and your comrades and so, sir, without words, but with the example we hope to afford you from day to day in your Encampments and in your Posts and in your Departments, in your very home towns and home communities and home states, we hope to prove to you, sir, that the honor of your memory rests with us and that we appreciate it as a most sacred obligation, and more yet, that the example of perfect citizenship which you have always carried with dignity shall be continued by us, your sons of this organization. Carry back, sir, to your Commander-in-Chief the regards and thanks of this Encampment for your kindly expressions of interest in our organization. We accept your greetings and bid you God-speed.

Past Commander-in-Chief Clarendon E. Adams: Commander-in-Chief will you pardon me for just about a minute and a half. The remarks and the reply to the greeting we have received have inspired me with a mighty vision, wonderful and marvelous indeed are the two great organizations of which you have been speaking, the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons of Veterans. The one is a vanishing unit, no power on earth can ever add another man or soldier to the records of the Civil War. There is no Lincoln to make a call, there is no Grant to command, there is no Sheridan, Hancock or Logan to make a charge, there is no bugler that can sound retreat for us, our march is onward, ever onward, ever onward to the last, and I want to say to you there rests in the hearts of the Grand Army of the Republic this wish, that it will be your pleasure and your bounden duty to carry their names and write them in the greatest pages of our country. (Great applause).

The Encampment adjourned to meet at two o'clock p. m.)

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

September 6th, 1923, 2 P. M.

The Commandery-in-Chief was called to order by Commander-in-Chief Frank Shellhouse and opened in due form. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fred V. Bell presiding.

COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS REPORTS.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, of Pennsylvania: I may be able, on behalf of the Committee on Officers Reports, to give at this time a partial report, if you will bear with me in the absence of the Chairman of the Committee, Past Commander-in-Chief Bolton.

The Committee on Officers' Reports find in the report of Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse, an interesting review of his term of service—a service marked by zealous effort, splendid devotion and generous personal application, both to office routine and demands of travel. In the latter respect, to the exclusion of his business, he has found time to get a contact with our membership from coast to coast, inspire their friendship, stimulate their activity and perform that fraternal service that cannot be measured because it carries itself with an indefinable future influence for the good of the organization.

His heart, his hand and his money have been at the service of our Order. He will be remembered for his high character, urbanity, dignity and cordial good fellowship. We congratulate him for having won so high a place in the affections of the membership.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

The training and experience of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell were of such a high character, that he brought to his office an unusual degree of aggressive intelligence and applied most energetically his well developed knowledge of organization work. The section he was given to supervise at once became active and stayed active. His recommendations are such as would be expected of a live wire, but are of the administrative character that is subject to existing conditions, and coincident to the geographical location of the incumbent of the office. As a sound proposition they have the approval of the Committee, but we cannot recommend positive adoption for the reason the distribution of the elective office is not always so well apportioned as it was in this administration.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

The trepidation confessed to by its author in rendering this

report, very happily appears not to have constrained him to follow the example set by too many of his predecessors. Discussion in detail would be superfluous.

This document is a record of earnest planning and praise worthy accomplishment, and fully justifies the wisdom of Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse in entrusting the administration over so large a portion of our Order to his Junior officer.

The report contains a number of recommendations which will be commented upon collectively. Upon analysis it is to be observed that most of these recommendations deal with matters of executive administration, affecting particularly, Camps and Divisions. As such we concur to the extent of recommending them to the careful attention of all officers of Camps and Divisions, but not to the extent of being mandatory, as the latter would tend to violate our established principles of local option.

Particular attention is directed to the second and third recommendations regarding the establishing of Regions and Provisional Divisions. This is a development of the plan adopted by the Commander-in-Chief in apportioning a part of his jurisdiction to the supervision of his Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief. The plan has been attempted before, but unfortunately with far less success. A good plan without the right man is of little value. The power of adoption of such a plan is already possessed by the Commander-in-Chief. We concur to the extent of urging its careful consideration by incoming Commanders-in-Chief and adoption whenever and wherever practicable.

The ninth recommendation provides for an appropriation of \$1000 to each of three Regions. In view of the present intensive organization work and the financial requirements thereof, we cannot afford to undertake this proposed obligation, however meritorious and therefore do not concur.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER.

The National Secretary-Treasurer, Horace H. Hammer, has been commended so often for his painstaking work that there are no new words to describe his ability. Promptness and dependability, supplemented by a thorough knowledge of the past and present, and a perception competent to challenge the future make a valuable combination of qualities to serve the organization.

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR.

Four opinions, submitted to the Commander-in-Chief and duly approved by him, are included in this report.

We concur with each of these opinions and recommend that they be affirmed and adopted.

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN.

Our National Chaplain very modestly disclaims merit for the performance of many of the duties of his office, ascribing as due to Past Division Commander J. Colby Beekman, of Illinois, the credit for the same.

Their joint efforts have resulted in performances worthy of

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either or both and for which we are under obligations to them.

The harvest of the Grim Reaper as enumerated in the report brings to us mingled feelings of sorrow and gratitude—sorrow for the separation—gratitude for their services and example of patriotic endeavor.

Attached to this report are the usual statistics and a suggested revised blank for Division Chaplains Consolidated Reports. Relying on the experiences of our National Chaplain, we concur with his suggestion.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

This report indicates a degree of patriotic activity in many of our Divisions that is very gratifying, nothing less, however, could be tolerated in our Order in the light of the example of our parent body and our allied associations.

We are deeply indebted to our National Patriotic Instructor for the zealous manner of performance of his duties. His articles appearing so regularly in the columns of *The Banner* have all been effective and we believe, have contributed in no slight degree to the final adoption of a Flag Code.

FRED E. BOLTON,
JOHN E. SAUTTER,
WM. T. CHURCH,
RALPH M. GRANT,
RALPH SHELDON,

Committee on Officers' Reports.

Commander-in-Chief. I move you where there is no objection, each recommendation of the Committee on Officers' Reports be adopted.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Several recommendations of the Commander-in-Chief do not appear in the printed copy of his report, but were read by the Commander-in-Chief to the Encampment day before yesterday. There may be some brothers present now who were not present then, so I will give you at least the substance of the recommendations, so you may have a better knowledge of the action of the Committee upon the recommendations.

The first recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief referred to the change in the name of our Order to "Sons of Union Veterans."

The Committee concur in the substance of this recommendation, but recommend no adoption until the coming in of the report of the Conference Committee with the Grand Army of the Republic as recommended by the Committee on the State of the Order.

Will you permit me to digress here just sufficiently so you will understand the action of the Committee on Officers' Reports, which was composed with one exception of the same Brothers who are members of the Committee on State of the Order, and their report will be offered to you later and will contain a recommendation for a Conference Committee with

the Grand Army of the Republic upon not only the change in name, but upon the other vital matters affecting the two organizations.

The second recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief refers to a change in the age of eligibility from eighteen years to sixteen years. The Committee recommend the amendment as suggested be referred to the several Divisions for ratification, as provided by Article Eight of the Constitution and in this manner the sentiment of the membership obtained.

You will appreciate, Brothers, that definite action upon an amendment to the Constitution cannot be taken. It requires a submission to the Divisions and becomes effective upon the ratification of ten Divisions.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: I call attention, that amendment must be passed by not less than a two-thirds vote.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fred V. Bell: Past Commander-in-Chief Grant calls attention to the fact that it requires a two-thirds vote. I remained silent on the assumption unless there was objection we had the unanimous concurrence of the members of this Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: The third recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief covers a change in the location of the flag and the positions of Guide and Color Bearer. The Committee concur and recommend adoption.

The fourth recommendation refers to a change in the pledge of allegiance so that it shall read: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States and to the Republic for which it stands—" that is the portion changed. The Committee concur and recommend a conformity to the actions of the other allied organizations. In other words, understand, if the other allied organizations concur in this change, this Encampment likewise concurs in the change.

The fifth recommendation provides for a committee of three Past Commanders-in-Chief to meet with committees which it is presumed will be appointed in conformity with the recommendation and probable action of the organizations of Daughters of Veterans and Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, looking towards a consolidation of those two organizations. The Committee recommend general approval of appointing a committee at such time we are advised our sister organizations desire to consult with this organization.

The sixth and last recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief provides in effect for a change in the time in which elective officers of the Commandery-in-Chief and Divisions shall actively assume the duties of their position. It provides for election of same as at present and also the installation, and that they would not actually assume the duties of the position until the first of the following January, so that the term of office of the Commandery-in-Chief, Division and Camps should be concurrent.

The Committee do not concur for the reason that the change suggested would involve a period of nine months of waiting to assume office in certain Divisions, or the abandonment of the policy of holding certain Division Encampments at the same

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time and place as the Grand Army of the Republic. The suggestion has merit, but is not compatible with well-established policies which have proven sound for many years past, both in our parent and allied organizations. We recommend the rejection of the recommendation.

Commander-in-Chief, this concludes in total the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports and I therefore move the adoption of the report as a whole. Carried.

REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

Council-in-Chief Felix A. Kremer: Now, here is the budget as prepared for the coming year, 1923-1924.

Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 4, 1923.

To the Officers and Members of the Forty-second Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

In accordance with custom and authority of the Constitution and Regulations of the Order, the Council-in-Chief tenders the following report for the term closing.

Immediately after the close of the Forty-first Encampment of this Order held in Des Moines, Iowa, September 26-27-28, 1922, the members-elect of the Council-in-Chief convened at the Hotel Savery in that city and effected the organization with Arthur E. Lewis, Chairman; Charles R. Hale, Vice Chairman, and Felix A. Kremer, Secretary.

BONDS.

The amount of the bonded officers was fixed as follows:

Commander-in-Chief	\$ 1,000.00
National Secretary-Treasurer	10,000.00

The Secretary-Treasurer's books and accounts have been checked, audited and found correct.

We would be derelict in our duty if we failed to voice a sincere appreciation of the faithful service of our National Secretary-Treasurer, Brother H. H. Hammer, for the manner in which his books and records are kept, and the willingness on his part to lighten the work of the officers of the Commandery-in-Chief, in reviewing his year's work.

The balance on hand deposited in the Reading National Bank, Reading, Pa., and certified to by B. F. Whitman, Assistant Cashier, is \$1878.44, and accrued interest of \$2.01. Total, \$1880.45.

During the course of the year, your Council-in-Chief received two separate requests of one thousand dollars each, from the National Organization Committee, for an additional appropriation of two thousand dollars.

This request was granted, and the National Treasurer was authorized to place the sum of \$2,000.00 at the disposal of the Organization Committee. This in addition to the \$1,000.00 voted at the last Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, making a total of three thousand dollars, appropriated to the National Organization Committee during the year.

A report submitted to us by the Organization Committee, indicates that the National Organization Committee now has cash on hand in Peoria, Ill., banks, in the sum of \$1,140.00. This report further shows that they have unpaid bills in the sum of \$1,005.11. They further show that they have supplies on hand, consisting mostly of printed matter, to the value of \$642.00.

We recommend that all funds now in the hands of the National Organization Committee be turned over to the National Treasurer, and that in the future, all funds of the Order, be paid direct to the National Treasurer.

During the month of December 1922, we received a request from Brother Holbrook, Editor of The Banner, to the effect that he be permitted to publish advertising in The Banner.

After due consideration, we decided that this was not a question demanding immediate attention, and a proper question for the Commandery-in-Chief.

In the communication submitted to us by Gen. J. Custer Camp No. 1, relative to the expenses incurred in the Organization of the Division of Oregon, we are of the opinion this is a proper charge against the Division of Oregon, and not the Commandery-in-Chief.

In preparing the budget for the coming year, due consideration must be given to the proposed change of name. If continued under our present name, the supplies and printed matter now on hand can be utilized and therefore must be considered as an asset.

In case our name is changed, at this time, practically \$4,000.00 worth of supplies and printed matter, would become valueless.

We have gone over the expenditures of the past year with great care and from the proposed budget, herewith submitted, it will be seen, that if no change of name is made, at this time, there will be sufficient funds available for the coming year for the payment of all the ordinary expenditures, provided that the strictest economy is practiced.

At the last Encampment, we reported cash on hand in the sum of \$5,292.24.

Due to the appropriation made to the National Organization Committee and the increased cost of The Banner, our cash balance has been reduced to the sum of \$1,880.45. From this sum, the expense of this Encampment must be paid.

We thank the Officers of the Commandery-in-Chief for their splendid co-operation and helpful suggestions. All of our deliberations have been harmonious and our vote on every question has been unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR E. LEWIS,
CHARLES R. HALE,
FELIX A. KREMER,

Council-in-Chief.

Past Division Commander Crowley, of New Hampshire: I move that it be accepted. Motion carried.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Past Division Commander Dallas Dillinger, Chairman of Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations: There is a suggestion from the Division of Oregon and Washington which consists of fourteen typewritten, single-spaced pages. Is it desired this be read? In substance it is an entire new set of Rules and Regulations to supplant the regulations which are now a part of the Commandery. It is practically impossible for the Committee to give the consideration that the instrument deserves. It is drawn very carefully. The language is very good. We have found numerous good suggestions and changes, but the time necessary to report fully the sections of the old Rules and Regulations that are suggested as being dropped in their entirety and the other changes suggested—I believe it would take at least the greater part of a week of careful and continuous work. Your Committee commend the care and thought which the instrument suggests. Upon comparing the old Rules and Regulations we find that the matters suggested as to the forming of Provisional Divisions and Regional Divisions is now vested in the Commander-in-Chief to exercise at such times and under such conditions as he sees fit. We therefore recommend that at this time the amendment to the Rules and Regulations be not adopted by the Encampment.

Past Division Commander Lewis A. Dilley, of Iowa. I move you that these resolutions be turned over to the Council-in-Chief for report at the next session of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Clifford Ireland. I do not think that is a proper reference. It should be referred, to my mind to the Committee on the State of the Order. They were the authors of the other constitution.

Past Division Commander Dilley: I would change that motion in conformity with Brother Ireland's suggestion and move that it be reported at the next Encampment. Carried.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: Brothers, is it the desire of the Encampment that this document be printed in the records of this Encampment in its present form?

A Brother: I move the entire document be included in the proceedings of this Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland: May I inquire what that motion was?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: The motion was to print this document in the proceedings of this Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland: It is pretty bulky and we are trying to be economical. It would be mighty nice for us all to have a copy of this, but I do not think such an expenditure would be warranted until the Committee to which it has been referred has taken some action to re-refer it back to the Commandery-in-Chief. I do not believe that expenditure would be quite warranted under the circumstances. It is a good recommendation or many of them must be, as a reference for the Committee referred to, but I do not believe we want it printed in our proceedings as a prospective constitution until some action is taken thereon. I therefore oppose any such motion.

Council-in-Chief Kremer: I understand that motion is not seconded anyway, so in accordance with the suggestion of Brother Ireland I request it be not printed. Motion carried.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I have here a record of appeal by certain members from the Division of Missouri to the action of their Division Encampment held in May, 1923, together with exhibits purporting to be communications passing between some of the appellants and the Commander-in-Chief, telegrams of the Commander-in-Chief in reply to communication of Camp Commander, communication of Camp Commander to the Secretary and Treasurer of the Division of Misosuri and a copy of a letter from the Division Commander of Missouri to members of Camp No. 5 of Division No. 4. Is it the wish of this Encampment that this file together with all the papers attached be read?

Past Division Commander Turner, of Minnesota: No. It seems to me it is time Missouri settles its own troubles and not bring them into every National Encampment.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: Let us listen to the report of this Committee before we make any further comments on this question.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: The report of the Committee in the matter of the appeal from ruling of Wm. Schumacher, Commander of the Division of Missouri, in summarily dismissing and striking from the records Gen. C. D. Wolff Camp No. 5 of the Division of Missouri, dismissal is recommended for the reasons set forth in Opinion No. 3 as contained in the report of National Counselor Newton J. McGuire.

A Brother: I move the adoption of the report of the Committee.

Past Division Commander Behnke, of Missouri: I heartily join in seconding the motion that the report be concurred in. However, I want to answer the Brother there, isn't it about time that Missouri settles its questions. If you knew the insides of that report—

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: Well, Brother Behnke, this debate, if any, at the present time, must be on the acceptance or rejection of this report as read.

Past Division Commander Behnke, of Missouri: I am in favor of that report.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: If you wish to talk on the question of the rejection or acceptance of the report—

Past Division Commander Behnke: I want the report adopted, but I want the report published because the last National Encampment reported it could not take action because the man did not come there with clean hands, and there was an inference made by some people not implicated no doubt, but as it stands, they didn't come back with any clean hands—

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell (Interrupting): You are not talking on the question and we must ask you to cease.

It is now moved and seconded that this report be adopted as read. All those in favor say aye, opposed no. Motion unanimously carried.

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Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: We have also a petition from the Division of Missouri asking for a re-hearing upon the proceedings which was disposed of at the last Encampment. This is also about ten pages.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: Is it the wish of the Encampment that this appeal be read?

(Cries of "No.")

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: I might state you can find it in the last year's proceedings, about page 204.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: The report of the Committee is:

"Petition of Charles C. Behnke, Past Division Commander of Missouri, for re-hearing, not setting forth any new facts and alleging only an error of previous committee, does not comply with the rules and regulations and its dismissal is recommended."

Moved and seconded the recommendation of the Committee as read be approved.

(Remarks made by Past Division Commander Behnke in relation to the petition are withdrawn with his consent and do not appear in the printed minutes).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: It has been moved and seconded that the report of the Committee be adopted as read. All in favor signify in usual manner. Motion carried.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: The report was made as it was for the reason that it was an attempt to appeal from an action of a Division, whereas the proper basis of the proceeding should have been, if any, a proceeding against the Division Commander for violating and disregarding an order of the Commander-in-Chief. After the trial the case would have laid to this Encampment.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: Any other Committees ready to report?

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph M. Grant, Chairman of Committee on State of the Order: The Committee on State of the Order is ready to report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Various matters referred to your Committee by the Forty-first Annual Encampment have been duly considered.

Two, as to change of name and reducing the age of admission from 18 to 16 years respectively, were subjects of recommendation by Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse, and have been considered by Committee on Officers' Reports.

Another provided for change of name from Division to Department. Your Committee recommends no action pending consideration of change of name of our Order.

The Forty-first Encampment adopted a resolution providing for the adoption of insignia of office and it was voted, "That the specific form of the insignia of office be referred to this Committee to have hearings from all Brothers interested and to report." No Brother has appeared before the Committee per-

sonally or by correspondence. Your Committee recommends that such insignia be in the form of a metal bar, bearing thereon the name of office, to be worn above the membership badge, and

That the National Secretary be authorized to procure such insignia of office to be sold to all Divisions, provided orders for the same shall be received in numbers sufficient to warrant the expense of procuring same.

Secretary Hammer: I move that be not concurred in. Can we repeal that?

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: I think this Committee is simply carrying out its instructions. One year ago this Encampment moved the adoption of the insignia.

Secretary Hammer: Is there a design for the insignia?

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: A metal bar carrying the name of these officers.

Secretary Hammer: I move that be laid on the table. Seconded.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: Moved and seconded recommendation of the Committee with reference to rank strap be laid on the table.

Motion put to a vote, failed to carry.

Past Division Commander Bogart: As a matter of just personal information, shouldn't that report carry with it the specifications of size and so forth for the Secretary to work on?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: That matter may be left to the judgment of the Encampment, as to whether they should have provided specifications or not.

There is no motion before the house at the present time.

Division Commander Martin E. Tilley, of New Hampshire: I move to substitute the rank strap adopted two years ago in place of the one recommended by the Committee?

Delegate E. M. Lowe, of Ohio: I did not catch all of the report of this Committee on rank strap. Now, we have very definitely adopted an insignia of rank. The Committee on Good of the Order must have hearings or receive suggestions and report upon the kind of strap or designation we have on our badges.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: That is exactly the report they have made. It has at present been laid upon the table.

Does anyone second Brother Tilley's motion? The motion is that the rank strap of two years ago be substituted for the recommendation of the Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: On the part of the Committee we accept that readily. We want to give what the Brothers want. The only suggestion of the Committee regarding it was that the rank strap is an insignia of military office. This Encampment one year ago changed that from a rank strap, and it was adopted that it should be an insignia of office, and we felt that the adoption of the words of the office held, like "Commander," should appear upon this badge. As a matter of fact, that is the very form used by the American Legion. These

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badges can be obtained in stock sizes and stock quantities and at comparatively little expense, while the old rank strap, to procure those is a matter of additional expense. We have no preference in this matter and will gladly accept the suggestion if this Encampment wants it.

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrows, of Nebraska: How do I understand that report stands at the present time?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: The report as made by the Committee recommends a metal bar with the names of the office upon the bar. A substitute motion has been offered by Division Commander Tilley of New Hampshire substituting for the Committee's recommendation the military rank strap of two years ago. That substitute motion is now before the house.

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrows: I made my recommendation two years ago, of bringing back the rank strap. Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland did the same thing.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland: Don't remind me of my foolishness.

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrows: I have thought a great deal about that proposition in the past two years. I did not appear before the Committee, but I am opposed to the rank strap and I am in favor of the insignia of office as recommended by the Committee. (Applause).

I just want to make this explanation, I believe the time is come when we should do away with the rank strap, as we have already done, and take the one recommended by the Committee.

National Secretary Hammer: I am not opposed to any insignia or designation of office. I do not want to have that opinion prevail, but this is what I want to do, if I don't do it the parliamentary way I will do it anyway, if I can. Now, you know that ever since there has been an organization the Commandery-in-Chief never bought that outfit. You never bought the saddle and harness for the parades. If a Camp wants to buy that equipment it can buy it. The Divisions and Camps buy those things and retain them. I don't want the Commandery-in-Chief saddled with the purchase of this outfit and never sell them. If the Camp wants it, they know what to buy because the official designation is specified. That is all you want. You don't want to say that the National Secretary will supply them or that the Divisions are to supply them, because there is not a Division has enough money to carry that amount of stock on hand, and there is not a Camp can buy them. If they do buy them every officer that has them will keep them and then you have to buy new ones. Just strike out about the Commandery-in-Chief supplying them, and I have no objection. The Commandery-in-Chief cannot supply them, because of the adoption of the Council-in-Chief's report. You have made no provision to buy them.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: If I might suggest, the recommendation of the Committee was they were not to be purchased unless ordered, if a sufficient number were wanted.

National Secretary Hammer: All right, now you are going to order them. Since when did Camps order from the National Secretary?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: The question now is upon the substitute motion, which does not carry with it any provision for purchase by the National Secretary.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sisson: It seems to me, Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, that this organization at the present moment is standing in the critical position of not knowing whether it is going to need a badge at all or not, and it seems to me, pending the action of the future, which may be dependent upon the resolution we may get from the Grand Army of the Republic before this session closes, this whole matter might be well put over and laid upon the table until next year. I move it be laid on the table.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: There is already a motion before the house, Brothers.

Division Commander Tilley, of New Hampshire: I concur with Past Commander-in-Chief Sisson and withdraw my motion.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sisson: I move the matter be laid upon the table until next year. Seconded.

Past Division Commander Bogart: I would like to make a motion this be referred back to the Committee.

National Patriotic Instructor Shumaker: As I understand it, Secretary Hammer's motion some few moments ago to lay on the table was on another motion altogether, and it was defeated. Now, the motion was introduced to substitute the rank strap and it has become the original motion and it can be laid on the table if this Commandery-in-Chief wants to do it.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: The motion for the substitution of rank strap has been laid on the table.

It is moved and seconded the report of the Committee be laid upon the table until the next Encampment. That is the original motion of the Committee. Agreed to.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: (Reading balance of report):

Your Committee has held several sessions and have devoted much consideration to the problems affecting our Order, its Divisions and Camps. At its request, and with his painstaking accuracy, National Secretary Hammer prepared a chart setting out the membership of each Division from year to year from 1890 to 1923.

While it is quite true that mere numbers are not paramount, they are yet important and usually fairly indicate the effectiveness of any Division. We have pointed out to our Division officers and members the disclosures from the chart. We have attempted to counsel and offer suggestions. We have received definite promises indicating sincere determination to build up our Division, numerically and otherwise. We are prompted to hope for fulfillment of these promises.

Your Committee believe that in addition to ascertaining the attitude of the Grand Army of the Republic concerning any change of name, that may be suggested to and by the Grand Army of the Republic, as indicated by our Commander-in-Chief in his report, it is of vital importance that our standing, both at present and in the future, as it exists in the minds of the members of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of

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the Republic should be ascertained by an expression from that organization. The doubts and perplexities that are reported to have arisen in several places can be removed and a desired reassurance obtained when our fathers' comrades know we desire to be assured. A sense of propriety that has restrained us from intruding on their official meetings may have been an error on our part, and with the belief your Committee suggest the adoption of the following resolution, and its immediate transmission to the Fifty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, now in session.

RESOLVED, That the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in National Encampment assembled, convey their love and affection to the comrades of their fathers; renew their pledge of service to the Grand Army of the Republic, and express an earnest desire to have granted an opportunity to consult with a Committee of their comrades on certain problems which concern our organization.

We respectfully make this petition and ask the indulgence of Commander-in-Chief Willett, that a committee of five (5) be named with whom the representatives of the Sons of Veterans may confer at some suitable time and place.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: I move the acceptance of the Committee's report and the adoption of this resolution. Seconded.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland: In conformity with that resolution I would like to ask Brother Grant if he deems it necessary that the Committee further bring in a resolution authorizing the appointment of a similar Committee from this Order of what the will of the Committee is on that subject.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: The thought of the Committee was that if this request is acceded to by the Grand Army of the Republic, our Commander-in-Chief would name the Committee to meet with them.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland: It might be too late, prior to the adjournment of this Commandery-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: The point is well taken, and I think it is proper and I would be very glad to second a motion that the Commander-in-Chief be authorized to name the Committee upon being advised upon the favorable receipt of this resolution and petition which we have made to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland: It is the business of your Committee to make the motion and recommendation.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter, of Pennsylvania: No further business being referred to the Committee on Ritual, I move you the adoption of the report as rendered yesterday. Motion seconded.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: It is moved and seconded that the report of the Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies as rendered yesterday be adopted by the Encampment. Carried.

National Secretary Hammer: Your Credential Committee presents its final report showing 229 members enrolled in this Encampment, which is the largest in quite some years.

Past Division Commander F. J. Phillips, of Illinois: I think the record ought to show what the escort did yesterday. There were 127 men in line, 106 under arms. The Committee of Milwaukee made an appropriation of \$300.00 for mess services, and this was divided among the men that participated in the parade. They also furnished sleeping quarters for all of those in the escort, and I believe a vote of thanks should be extended to this Committee and also to the Soldiers' Home for the wonderful way in which they have taken care of our boys. And I want to say I want to thank the boys, especially those who helped us make this escort what it was, and I am proud to say Illinois furnished forty-seven of them.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: It has been moved and seconded that a vote of thanks be extended to the Committee on the escort to the Grand Army of the Republic in the parade yesterday, and also to the Commandant of the Soldiers Home for his hearty co-operation and assistance in housing the military escort. Motion unanimously carried.

FURTHER REPORT OF NATIONAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

Past Division Commander Rhinesmith: The only report we have to make at this time is the verbal report on the meeting which was held at the Plankinton Hotel Monday, at which there were present quite a considerable number of Division Commanders and Past Division Commanders, and the reception given to the plans and aims and objects of the membership committee and the enthusiastic support for a future continuation of the work of that committee. Moved and seconded that the further report of the Organization Committee be adopted. Carried.

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman: I move the next meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief of this organization be held at the same time and place as the meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic. Motion seconded and carried.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse resumed the chair.

COMMITTEE TO MEET WITH G. A. R.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: At the close of the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, it was suggested by Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland we ought to have a committee to meet with the Grand Army of the Republic in case of indication on their part they would be glad to meet a committee, and I move the Committee on State of the Order be that Committee, and that the Commander-in-Chief be a member of that Committee. Motion seconded.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: It has been moved and seconded that a committee be in readiness to confer with the Grand Army of the Republic, the Commander-in-Chief to be a member of that committee. Those in favor signify by the usual sign; opposed, no. Motion unanimously carried.

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Past Commander-in-Chief Sisson: Commander-in-Chief, Brothers of the Commandery. I don't know whether I have been asleep or not but I for one don't understand what has come of the Organization Committee's report. I don't know whether we have adopted it or whether we have done nothing with it, and I think it would be well to find out something definitely at this time, and I would like to ask the Commander-in-Chief just where the report of the Committee on Organization stands and what we are committed to.

Division Commander Wm. A. Selz, of Ohio: My understanding is, according to the budget, that we will have \$500.00 prospectively at the end of the next year, and I further understand that this Committee will need \$10,000.00. I think that is where the whole matter stands. Where will we get \$10,000.00?

Past Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Bolton: I do not believe that ever have I come to an Encampment where I have put in more hours on an unofficial proposition and had more time consumed that I ought to have been sleeping, than over this very same proposition, and yet I find myself in the position of no conclusion having been arrived at and no definite report being presented. The matter was not referred to the State of the Order Committee. If it should properly have gone before the Committee on Officers' Reports, it was not with the papers handed to the Committee on Officers' Reports, but, notwithstanding that, however, the State of the Order Committee functions as a general committee to consider, even as individuals, that it is for the good of the Organization. It is with considerable reluctance that I open what may become a discussion here. I hope that it will not. I hope that whatever facts may be revealed will show that we have merely, as an organization repeated what we have often done before, exercised snap judgment, poor judgment as a rule, snap judgment is, and we would have gone ahead faster and then used up more than the cloth provided for a suit.

It would be necessary, in order to have the National Organization work function for another year, as that Committee, and that Committee, by the way, has been sincere, they have been thorough, they have worked almost beyond human ability to accomplish things, you can see if you look at the rear of the hall what they have produced and what they are ready to produce, and those things cannot be published or promulgated without not only their personal application of brain and time and energy, but it requires a considerable financial outlay to maintain. Therefore, it was suggested in the conversation to have this thing function in an ideal way, it would be necessary to raise about \$10,000.00. Then the question immediately occurred how to raise \$10,000.00. The most simple way to raise it naturally would be an increase of the per capita tax. My own position on that was, as a representative of the Massachusetts Division or just as a plain member down there, that I did not propose to stand for giving to the Commandery-in-Chief \$1800.00 a year more than we were already giving, that I would not favor an increase of the per capita tax. I don't know why my particular position in the thing would make much difference, but I had a sort of idea I was reflecting what would be the general judgment of most of the Division. And so the proposition to increase the

per capita tax was not pressed very hard. There has been a lot of talk about it, until it comes to the position it is now in, and the last moment of the Encampment, to the point of indecision. One of the members of that Committee is a member of my own Division. Another one is a friend of mine. I admire and respect them both and I do not believe either of them would want to do this work unless it can be successfully conducted, neither do I believe that either of them would believe that the increase of the per capita tax would be received with the spirit on the part of the Membership that would give them the enthusiasm and interest to support the proposition of the National work. In other words, I believe it would kill it, even though this Encampment had the proposition put before it to adopt. The Committee in perfect good faith—I am making this statement probably without any particular thought, but I want to be accurate—the Committee with perfectly good faith, it seems to me, were authorized by the last Encampment to prepare and submit, after they had made a survey, after they had consulted, after they had met together and devised their plans, to submit all of those findings to this Encampment and ask for the authority to expend in that preparation an expense which would be justified for travel and postage and such things, \$1,000.00. I have difficulty in expressing myself because I do not want to say anything that would be construed as a reflection, but it seems that by some understanding the Committee felt they had a right to proceed and they have gone ahead, submitted an excellent, workable plan, a plan, had it been possible to function immediately in the months of the year congenial to the sort of work they were doing, they probably could have made considerable progress in the work, which is educational at first, but yet demands practical support to be successful. I think they have expended a matter of \$3,000.00 in round figures, and have, in a fund derived from the sales of their service, about enough money to pay all outstanding indebtedness. They are obligated to a number of Camps who have paid for the service, which was to continue for a period beyond this Encampment. They are under obligation, of course, to see that that service is completed or if it cannot be completed because of the lack of financing on the part of this Commandery, that those Camps be reimbursed. Now, this is an extremely embarrassing position. I am telling you the truth about it because you are entitled to know it and I am telling it to you as I understand it and as I believe I am correctly stating it. It will be a great disappointment, a disappointment that none of us can refrain from feeling extremely sorry to bring to the two energetic men who have done this work. You men who have not studied into it probably cannot understand the wonderful service they have given. They know the possibilities of it, but we are an impetuous organization. We never have any funds to do anything with, and when we do have funds to do anything with, we seem to have an easy method of dissipating them, so that there are no particular accumulations. About like a man in business who has done something he cannot put over, he has not been able to get into the territory where business was following enough to financially maintain its future, and that he would have to suspend his business because he could not contract any greater liability. I have tried to find a way to pick out or suggest a

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possible solution, and I am frank in saying to the members of this Encampment that up to the moment Brother Sisson rose to the floor and I heard the words "National organization work," the thing has been worrying me and I have been wondering just how and when the matter would be brought up here. It was my intention to bring it up before we went home because if we did not there would always be that misunderstanding, if the service did not function we would wonder why it happened. It might not take \$10,000.00 to do it, it might not take \$5,000.00 to do it, it might only take \$3,000.00 or \$1,000.00 to do it, but the question is where would that come from. If the service was sold and the Divisions consented to make a remittance on part of the membership fees, that would be merely a gamble to await the returns which would come in pretty slow. It has been suggested there might be contributions received from members, but I have never known of this organization raising any \$5,000.00 or \$10,000.00. We are pretty efficient at giving three large cheers for anything that does not cost us anything and we are pretty strong for anything we haven't given much thought to, we are pretty enthusiastic in going into the things that are sure to work, because somebody stands up and says they are going to work. In other words, the chief attribute of this Commandery-in-Chief for years, according to my humble observation, has been they delight in doing this one year that they can come the next year and abandon it. You put something in this year and take it out next year, and there is not, outside of the ambulance fund, and I think that was raised under some pressure, but outside of the \$25,000.00 which was raised for the ambulance fund during the World War, I ask you to point to a single achievement by this National Organization of Sons of Veterans in which you can take any particular pride. Now, my own personal opinion, and we will get to that, because we want to conclude, is that it might not seem the best thing to do, it might appear to be the injurious thing to do, that a suspension of this service for a period of time, no matter what that time might be, a month, a day or a year, would not work advantage to the organization if we take into consideration that after all the thing we need the most and we need it all over this organization from Maine to California, is an understanding with the Grand Army of the Republic of where we stand with regards to the future, whether they want us or not, whether the Posts desire to have these Camps, whether the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic believe in it. Where there have been contentious between the Camps and the American Legion in some instances where perhaps Camps that have been for thirty or forty years servants of the Grand Army Post found on Memorial Day after the World War they were out of a job, and their feelings were hurt because their places were taken by another organization, and in many instances without any thought, but it has had its effect until the eternal question in the minds of our membership everywhere is, "What is the future of this organization?" Now, the future cannot be explained until we have an understanding from the source from which it can be promulgated to the Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic all over the country, and that is the national organization, and unless we have an opportunity to have an understanding with them—let me illustrate this. The Chief-of-

Staff of the Commander-in-Chief is an old friend of mine, a comrade who always says, "Hello, Fred," to me, and we were talking about some affairs of mutual interest in the two organizations not long ago and I said, "George, how old do you think I am?" He said, "I don't know, Fred, about forty-eight," and I said, "You compliment me making me as young as that, but that will do for what I want to ask you. How long have you known me?" "For thirty years." "How do you look on me as a Son of a Veteran? Am I child, or a man?" He thought a long minute and he said, "By God, Fred, that is the way we do look on them, as children." And that is the way the father most generally looks on his boy, the same as any mother looks on her daughter, they are still young, always a baby, and you have to eradicate that in some way. We do still go ahead as an organization. Without it there won't be any particular need of any Commandery-in-Chief Encampment within two or three years. That is a statement I believe is true. Now, in good faith to the other Camps, until after we have received some sort of assurance that will stimulate the interest and desire and give the evidence of usefulness which eligibles seek before they join the organization, then it seems to me we are in a position to prepare for the future, but as for loading up this thing as an expenditure, and can't find an effectual way to meet it, but to carry it on and buy the service and be of injury to the good brothers who fostered it, it seems to me would be almost criminal. Now, you say when a man talks a whole lot about a thing he ought to have an idea, and there you have got me. I have tried to have an idea, but it has been three or four days I have been trying to get an idea and if I have formed one at all, it would be to have a suspension of the service, go tell these brothers who have worked so hard in it we have lost everything that they have done in the accomplishment of this work, but that we have faith in its effectiveness and be fair and square about the proposition with ourselves and try to go ahead and make it good when it is possible to make it good. That is all I think I can say.

Major Deems, Past Department Commander of the Department of the Potomac: I have an announcement to make that I believe will be gratifying to every member of this Encampment, and that is that the Grand Army of the Republic have just passed an almost unanimous vote to admit the Sons of Veterans to Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic. (Great applause).

Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. T. Church, of Illinois: Comrades. This Commandery wants to tender to you at this time the filial love we have always borne to a father, a love that inspired the organization of this Order in 1882, and has been with these boys, many of them now becoming old men, ever since. Hold them in line, in honor of your sacred memories and the flag you preserved. Take back to the Grand Army of the Republic filial gratitude of the Sons of Veterans for this message which you have now brought to us.

Major Deems: I want to say to the Commandery-in-Chief I was not sent here officially, I came in on my own volition. It was a matter I just thought I couldn't delay. There is no question but what the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army will send in a committee and notify you officially.

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Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman: This only verifies the statement I made this morning in regard to this young comrade of eighty-five years of age in his love for our organization. He is about the best friend of the Sons of Veterans I know of. (Applause).

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman: I ask that Major Deems be heard for a minute or two.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Brothers, please pay attention to our Major Deems.

Major Deems: A year ago, boys, you will remember I was admitted into the organization of the Sons of Veterans of Des Moines, Iowa. Since then I have been relegated to the rear. I am now a has-been. And you will realize that fact when I come in before you today simply as an individual Grand Army man. Comrades, when I became Commander of the Department of the Potomac I realized early in my administration that there were nearly eighty individual patriotic organizations in the city of Washington. Not many of these organizations were attempting to paddle their own canoe. Some of them were running on hidden rocks. I conceived the idea of trying to bring those organizations into a harmonious whole. Where do you suppose I made my first effort? Why, it was to the Sons of Veterans. Then to the Daughters of Veterans, then to the Auxiliary to Sons of Veterans, and it was soon an established fact that the patriotic organizations in the city of Washington would work as a unit. I realized and learned in my service in the army that in union there is strength, and I believed if we could harmonize all of those patriotic organizations that we would form a unit that would be almost irresistible for any laudable purpose. Now, when I say to you, as I said many times in the past to the Sons of Veterans in Washington, "The ranks of the Grand Army are rapidly diminishing," however, you can go into the convention hall today and you would think there is a whole lot of us left yet. I realize this fact and I have helped to have others realize it, that the mantle we have been carrying for the last fifty odd years, when it slips from our shoulders ought to necessarily fall on the Sons of Veterans. Now, I am going to sound a note of warning, that is for you to make every effort in your power to build up your Camps and make them a factor in this country, because you have a rival that is now reaching out and claiming the honor, and that is the Spanish War Veterans. We, in the city of Washington, realize this war from other sections of the country because you know the District of Columbia constitutes a Department of itself, and we have some seven or eight Camps of the Spanish War Veterans in Washington and they are, shall I say, just a little bit jealous of you Sons. They seem to feel and realize that we old Civil War Veterans recognize you as our legitimate successors. They claim that they are the volunteer army of the Spanish War and are entitled to this recognition.

Build up your Camps. I can truthfully say to you that the spirit of patriotism in the last year or eighteen months has received a great impetus in the City of Washington. The Camps of the Sons of Veterans are extremely active, they are taking in new members on almost every regular meeting; the Daughters of Veterans from the small organizations have builded up

until they have about 150 members and there has not been a single meeting they have held this year that they have not taken in from two to eight new members. You will now receive the official notification.

(Past Commander-in-Chief Clarendon E. Adams of the Grand Army of the Republic, is escorted before the Encampment).

Past Commander-in-Chief Adams: Commander-in-Chief and Sons of Veterans. I bring to you official word of the greatest proclamation that has ever come to your organization. That proclamation is that your splendid Order of men can accompany their fathers, that if they have no father they can visit the Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, listen to their deliberations, but you will not be permitted to vote. (Prolonged applause and cheering).

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Will Past Commander-in-Chief Church say to Commander-in-Chief Adams what we Sons of Veterans think of this official and pleasing news as coming from the Grand Army of the Republic.

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: Past Commander-in-Chief Adams of the Grand Army of the Republic: It is with the utmost pleasure that I respond to this invitation of our Commander-in-Chief to reply to you. Won't you be seated, Commander. Some years ago I had the good fortune to be invited, it seemed to me a little surreptitiously at the time, to a Division Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, and I had the privilege at that time with the sanction of the commanding officer of sitting there a few moments and observing some of the deliberations of that great Order, and, as I sat there, I thought of the possibility of that which has happened today and I have thought many times of the enthusiasm with which our Order would receive that announcement, if someone of our fathers' representatives brought it to us. And in the announcement, Commander-in-Chief Adams, that you have made to us today, you have fulfilled that vision of mine of more than five years ago and you have also fulfilled the hope, long cherished, of all of the members of our Order that at some time in some way the Grand Army of the Republic would bring to us a signal of the recognition we so earnestly hoped for of the patriotic work we have endeavored to carry on through the years that are past in honor of our fathers' sacred memories and the flag they preserved unsullied to us; so that, as you know from the rising of these members and their enthusiastic cheers, we receive this announcement with gratitude to the noble organization of the Grand Army of the Republic, and, if possible, with increased filial respect and love for that unparalleled Order. (Applause).

Past Commander-in-Chief Adams, Grand Army of the Republic: I have reported to our Encampment your enthusiasm and your interest and the great respect that your Commander-in-Chief paid our Commander-in-Chief Willett on his itinerary through the various Departments. Now you will bear with me a moment, I know, in talking to you of the activities of your Commander-in-Chief. But I want to say in the beginning that in every Department where he has visited he has been able, through his earnestness, to advance your Order in many respects. His visit has given to the Pacific coast, has given to you, an impetus that I think you have never had there before.

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His kind words rest firmly in the breasts of the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, and cause hopes to rise in the hearts of many good looking women over there.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Brothers, you will rise and sing as you never did before. "Marching Through Georgia" with Dr. Frank Huston as our leader.

Past Commander-in-Chief Adams: Just a minute, before you sing it I am inspired to say that in our Encampment at the City of Denver in 1883 General Grant, General Sherman and General Sheridan were occupying the platform. A band came marching down the street playing "Marching Through Georgia." General Sherman turned to Grant and Sheridan and he said, "You, General Grant and General Sheridan have been receiving the monuments of this war. About all I have got out of it is that old tune "Marching Through Georgia." General Grant turned to him, and I think with one of the most solemn and solid looks I ever saw on his face, said, "General Sherman, when our monuments have crumbled to dust that song will live in the hearts of the American people.

(With Dr. Frank Huston at the piano, the Encampment arises and sings one verse of "Marching Through Georgia.")

ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE SUBJECT.

Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. T. Church. We are standing at this moment on the heights overlooking the promised land, which you and your brothers have at last reached after marching for forty years through an unknown wilderness.

For three days your Committee on the State of the Order have had under consideration the only plan that has ever been presented to an Encampment of the Sons of Veterans by which the members of the Camps would hope to work in an orderly and systematic and enthusiastic manner for the building up of this Order, toward that membership which we ought by right to have. The deliberations of this Committee have dwelt but little upon the defects of that plan. In substance and as a whole, I believe the majority of the members of the Committee are of the same opinion as you men in this Encampment, that it is a plan, that it contains merit and that it ought to be put into operation. But we have sought in one way and another for some means of putting that plan into operation. We know that it could be financed in the only way that it ought to be, in the only right way, the only practical way, the only just way, and that is by the addition of two dimes or four nickels to the per capita tax paid to this Commandery-in-Chief. And we know that you men haven't the nerve to put that over and take it back to your Encampment. And for that reason we haven't recommended it to you, because we know you won't do it. (Cries of "Try us.") It has been proposed to finance this plan by contribution. If I could do it I would give enough to put it through myself, but I can't, and the most of you can't do the same thing. and the aggregate of the contributions we could raise in this Encampment will not finance that plan. It will carry on the hope for a little while, a few days, a few weeks, perhaps months, and then it would fail because contributions would cease. We cannot depend on that. This Committee has made an estimate

or budget as carefully as it could, based on its experience of the past few months, that it would cost not to exceed \$10,000.00 per year to put that plan into operation and to carry it on with the energy, the enthusiasm and the force with which the Brothers of that Committee have labored up to this time, to formulate it and give it a preliminary test. We have over 50,000 members in this Order. An increase of the per capita tax of twenty cents per member would insure the testing out of that plan until we could determine whether it was a success or failure. If it was a failure it would be abandoned and the increased cost of membership to the Commandery-in-Chief would also be abandoned, but we would have tried out an effort which looks good to us today, but which we are forced to deny ourselves because we have not the means financially to carry it on. Now, the Brothers who are appointed on this Committee, and by the way, this Committee I think naturally grew out of the School of Instruction instituted by Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland, and the work that was done at the Des Moines Encampment, and it is true that this Committee, consisting of the National Secretary, Brother Upham of Massachusetts, Brother Rhinesmith of Illinois, were instructed to prepare a plan and present it at this Encampment. It is also true, Brothers, that this Order elected at the Des Moines Encampment a set of National officers and a Commander-in-Chief and Council-in-Chief in whom we have confidence, and insofar as this Committee has gone beyond the limitations of that resolution of the Des Moines Encampment, it has had in each state the approval of the Council-in-Chief and the officers of this Order and I say today we have to stand by the opinion of our officers and our Commandery. (Applause).

They saw the saving of time that could be effected, they saw the test that might be applied which would bring some glimmering or assurance of success or some criterion of failure, if you please, within the months which intervened between the winter when this plan was determined upon and the meeting of this Encampment, and they authorized this Committee to carry on that work, so far as they could, during those intervening months. And for my part, I propose to stand by these officers and this council and say to them they did right. Now, we have this plan before us. It looks good to some of us, to you and to me, but we have to deny ourselves the opportunity to test it out and find out how good it is. We have got to do it because we haven't the money. We have about \$5,000.00, between \$5,000.00 and \$6,000.00 of reserve fund in the national treasury. I don't know why it is there, perhaps it is being held against the time when some great casualty like the earthquake in Japan shall overtake this country. That is a worthy purpose, it may not come in your life-time or mine or in the life-time of the Grand Army of the Republic, and again it may come in one hundred years or so, and with the accumulations of annual interest and compound interest on this \$5,000.00 in one hundred years from now we will have a very respectable sum, providing our Order is still in existence.

Standing here today and looking down as we do into the promised land to which the Grand Army has invited us this afternoon, we fellows must turn back and go the other way because we haven't got the shoe leather to march down hill. That

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is our situation. I am sorry it is so. Your Committee has deliberated seriously on this proposition and it is forced to the conclusion that the only way in which this measure could be tested and tried is impractical, that the Order will not stand for a year, for two years, to test out this plan and see whether there is merit in it or not and whether it will bring to our Camps and Divisions the membership we think it will; whether it will enable us to reach the hearts of the Brothers who have never heard such messages as were delivered to you this afternoon, whether there is any method by which we can by any possibility attract to the ranks of this Order the men who will pay dues willingly, contribute time perhaps, if they have the time, but the men who will help us financially and otherwise to carry on and make this Order worthy of that invitation which was brought to us today. (Applause).

It hurts to tell you this. It hurts me. I have never made a statement on the floor of the Commandery-in-Chief that hurt as much as I have got to say to you today, but I have got to say it. It cannot be otherwise. You men cannot be allowed to go away from here thinking you have a fine plan, when you haven't. You can't go back to your Divisions and think you have something when you haven't. We haven't got the money and we can't get it. I have said to the members of the Committee on the State of the Order and I have said to the members of the Organization Committee, "There is only one honorable thing to do here today, and that is to admit in this meeting our inability to finance this plan, and pay back the 243 Camps who have subscribed and paid their \$3.00 apiece for this service. We have that money. We haven't spent that money. The Committee has it and all that is necessary for them to do is draw a check and send that back to the Camps and our honor is saved, the Commandery-in-Chief will bear the liabilities incurred. It ought to do it, and it wants to do it, because we want no unpaid obligation against this Order of ours. There is the situation, Brothers. We are standing on the heights overlooking the Promised Land today and we have to turn back, but let us do it honorably and as we retreat let us discharge this splendid Committee that has worked for one year, days, nights and Sundays, giving to that effort a wealth of literary intelligence and ability rarely known in our Order, giving to that work a wealth of advertising and salesmanship that none of us possess, ready to carry on if we could give them the ammunition and guns, which we cannot do, but let us make an honorable retreat, let us give that splendid Committee, Brother Upham especially, and Brother Rhinesmith of Illinois, our gratitude and thanks for what they have done and then let us direct that Committee to pay back the money they have received from the Encampment and let us go back. (Cries of "No," "No," "No.")

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Past Commander-in-Chief Barrows has the floor.

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrows: Under the inspiration that we have received this afternoon, I do not believe there is a man within the sound of my voice that believes in retreat. I say, "Let us go ahead." I know what it will mean to my country, and the Son of a Veteran who is not willing under this in-

spiration to pay this little amount during the next two years so that we may go forward, does not deserve to be the son of a veteran. (Cheers).

For years I have looked forward, it seems to me, to when this time should come when we would do just exactly as we did today, and I say let us go ahead. Let us make a special assessment or any other kind of assessment and under this inspiration I say let us go ahead and accomplish something and show to this grand organization of our fathers that we mean business, and now that the opportunity has come to us, that we propose to be worthy sons of worthy sires. (Applause).

Past Division Commander Lange, of New York: I offer the following resolution: That a special assessment of twenty-five cents for one year be levied upon every member in the Order one-half to be paid by the Camps for the quarter ending December 31st and the second half on March 1st, 1924. Motion seconded.

Past Commander-in-Chief Harry D. Sisson: Before we vote upon that motion, I do not like this idea of an assessment on the membership when it is not necessary. What is the matter with our using this fund that we have? We don't want to save it for Japan. I don't believe the thing will cost \$10,000.00, I don't believe it needs to, and we can spend \$5,000.00 and not ask anybody to pay any additional money. We have got it in our treasury, let us use this fund. Let us try this thing out. Here is a business proposition, the first real business proposition we have had up before this Encampment and we have just inaugurated it. Now we are going to throw it away and \$3,000.00 we have spent on it. As long as we have got the money in our treasury, drawing good interest that is sure, but if this is worth anything, it is worth spending money for, and if we need more money have a special assessment afterwards.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland: Commander-in-Chief, gentlemen of the Commandery-in-Chief. I unfortunately, whether I should or not, kind of borrowed some portion of responsibility for this Organization Committee. I truly thought we were offering something constructive to this Order. I was well aware, as you are, that we have switched our tail one year after the other, and whether we had a plan or no plan or a plan worse than this or a better one, that we discontinued it immediately that we got it under operation, or attempted a new one, and that something of a constructive nature to build up our organization in line numerically and in effort as well, binding us closer together to a more concentrated effort, was a necessity. There was no other avenue open that I knew of and this little idea grew out of it. I am convinced now I made a serious mistake and I am very, very sorry that I offered the idea and got these boys into it. I shall be undyingly grateful to these boys the rest of my life for their efforts they have put into this and that it has not met with entire and universal approval I can only regret. There is no malice in my heart because it has been obstructed. My first thought was merely the instruction of the Division Commanders, who in turn will instruct their Camp Commanders and they in turn the laity of our organization.

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You so generously and charitably took hold of the thing last year at Des Moines that it grew unconsciously. I was not aware and perhaps I am quite derelict in what I owe the Order in not keeping in touch with the Organization Committee and knowing of their work and their spending of these additional amounts. I probably should, but unfortunately I was so otherwise occupied that I could not. I had no knowledge of their additional expenditures, so I warned you in the inception of the plan it would not be sufficient. I had no knowledge of their additional expenditures until in June, when I returned home, but that is water that has gone over the dam, and I am not trying to make excuses for it and I stand behind this Committee, I do not apologize for a single action they took.

There are ways of financing this. Each one that we have offered has met rejection. I agree thoroughly with Brother Church and I beg you to defeat this proposition of an increase in per capita tax. not because I would not like to see this proposition succeed, and our per capita tax is entirely too low, but paradoxically we are a poor Order. If I thought it possible to do it, and not raise objections of some of you members, I would say pass it, fine. It will fill the bill. But I am very fearful that you will in your enthusiasm here today do something you will regret when you go home, and be unable to carry out. Now, I am not speaking for my own Division. You can raise the per capita tax anywhere you want to in Illinois and we will make good. You have all got as much money as we have in Illinois and probably more, we are poor in Illinois, but by God we can dig when it is necessary. We proved that to you when we bought the ambulance. I plead with you not to pass this for the reason Brother Sisson has given, for the reason Brother Bolton has given, because I would like to be as considerate of other Divisions as other Divisions have been with me in the past.

There are other means of financing this proposition that haven't met with favor. I cannot mention those or attempt to. I am disheartened, discouraged and licked on this proposition. I can only apologize for having offered it with the best of intentions and if the Good Lord ever forgives me for endeavoring to promulgate a movement in the Sons of Veterans. I can't do it again until I have received sufficient advice to warrant its approval.

National Patriotic Instructor Shumaker: I really feel aggrieved to have heard our beloved Past Commander-in-Chief say some things that he has said, because I am sure there is not a member of this Commandery-in-Chief who entertains one syllable of criticism of what Cliff Ireland has done in creating this Organization Committee. (Applause).

I am sure when every other act of his administration is forgotten, if other acts will be forgotten, this one act of his administration in bringing into being this Committee, which as a board of strategy is seeking to put the Sons of Veterans on the map in a big way, that we have never been able to accomplish, will remain as one of the biggest pieces of statesmanship ever carried out by a Commander-in-Chief.

Now, Commander and Brothers, I will admit that not being conversant with all of the inside facts that have gone to determine the attitude and the necessary action of some of the

Committees that have had to deal with this matter, I am at sea not knowing just how to vote. I recognize on the one hand the difficulty of transferring the enthusiasm that has been generated here as a result of that splendid action of the Grand Army of the Republic and the encouragement it is going to give us to increase the ranks of our Order next year, to the rank and file back home from whom the additional per capita tax will have to be collected, and yet I am persuaded if this is the wise way to get it, that the men who are here can go back again to their own Divisions and their own Camps and can raise any added sum the Commander-in-Chief will ask of them. (Applause). On the other hand I will admit I am in doubt as to whether Brother Sisson really means that we show faith in the effort of this Order and in its potentialities in the years to come, because he did not present a motion as a substitute that we take \$5,000.00 out of our treasury and devote it to the work of expanding our Order. But, Brothers, permit me to say this, that if there shall come to us some other encouragement from the Grand Army of the Republic, as we have received hints there may, along the line of a change in our name, that will make this Order go forward by leaps and by bounds. Are we going to hamstring ourselves by virtually killing this Organization Committee? Now, we ought to leave this matter in such form that the Organization Committee can continue its work or the Council-in-Chief with our new Commander-in-Chief be in a position to draw on some source or sources for the necessary funds to make the next twelve months the greatest twelve months the Sons of Veterans have ever had in their history, and we can do it. (Applause and much enthusiasm manifested). Now, that is all I want to say. We want to get the right method by which we will raise those funds and then continue this Committee in the splendid work it is doing.

PRESENTATION TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Senator Negley, of Indiana: Ben Harrison Camp of Indianapolis and its Auxiliary No. 10 is very proud of a long line of distinguished men. It has given up to the Commander-in-Chief the past year your splendid services. You have given unstintingly of your resources and unsparingly of your valuable time. You have traveled, as we know there in Indianapolis where you are one of us, all over this United States from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the Great Lakes to the Gulf, doing all that your boundless energy could do in the upbuilding of these two beloved organizations, the Sons of Veterans and the Auxiliary. You have kissed more babies, shaken hands with more Sons of Veterans, squeezed the hand and petted the dimpled cheek of more ladies than any other Commander-in-Chief within which the memory of man goeth to the contrary, and I can prove it on you. Now, we are proud of you for what you have done. We love you for what you are, we adore you, Colonel Shellhouse, for that is the way we know him at Indianapolis, for what you have been and will be to Ben Harrison Camp and its Auxiliary. As we welcome you back into our own fold as our most distinguished, because most recent has-been, Ben Harrison Camp and the Auxiliary desires to tender to you in testimony of that love, admiration and affection this slight token. I

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yield the floor to Mrs. Lillian Ball. I would like to have the Colonel take this while she makes her speech. (Handing large bunch of roses to Commander Shellhouse).

Mrs. Lillian Ball. President of Auxiliary No. 10: Commander Shellhouse. It is not because of my ability as a speaker, because I have none, and it is not because of my ability along any line that I have this distinction. It is because of the love that No. 10 bear me that has placed me at the head of No. 10 that I have this distinction, and I for nine months have been realizing how deep and true and sincere that love can be, and so I bring it to you from every member of No. 10, a love that is so deep and so true and so sincere that it is bound to brighten your life throughout the coming years. We want you to know we are so proud of you and so glad to have you back, one of us again, so that you can be with us more than you have during the past year, and now if you will permit it, No. 10 is so proud right now she can hardly hold herself, we have just had the honor of having elected one of our grand girls as National President, Sister Finch.

(Three cheers here given for Sister Finch and the Auxiliary).

Division Commander R. J. Bosworth, of Indiana: Commander-in-Chief, I have this to say in regard to your becoming a "has-been." We feel in the Indiana Division that you have made the best Commander-in-Chief that we ever had. We feel that you have accomplished that which we needed to have accomplished and for that reason we commenced looking around for some way, that you might know what we thought about what you have done. The first thing that was proposed when they said, "Get something that you can remember," was that you ought to have a wife, and we could furnish you one and it would be the greatest thing we could do, but some of our maiden ladies in the Auxiliary said it was absolutely impossible and couldn't be done, so we had to give that up. Then they commenced looking around and they said he has this and he has that, and he has the other, so we went to people that you had been procuring your little keepsakes from and they said, "There is just one thing that Frank needs," and that was a loving cup, so we have procured for you, to help you remember the Indiana Division and its membership, this beautiful loving cup which we beg of you to accept from us with the thanks contained in this for what you have done for us and for our Order. Now, all you have to do with this, Frank, is to rub it a little bit and the great love of the universe will spring from it, as did the bug that the Genii was in in the story of old.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: (Receiving cup): I thank you most sincerely for this token of respect and friendship from the Indiana Division. The loving cup, nothing could have pleased me better. The interest however that has been aroused during the past year in the Sons of Veterans and has been accomplished by such officials as Senior Vice Bell, Junior Vice Bubb Upham of Massachusetts, Rhinesmith of Illinois and so many other able and active Brothers through the nation. I have just been the "Go-between." I cannot take the credit I have been given by our Indiana Commander Bosworth. Now Rosy, I want to thank

you for much that you have done, that my term of office might be a success.

Mrs. Lillian Ball, President of Auxiliary No. 10 of my own home town, Indianapolis. I am very much surprised. I did not even dream of this courtesy and these beautiful presents.

I now say to my Brothers who belong to Camps without an Auxiliary, you do not know and you cannot understand what you are missing in the way of real loyalty, friendship and help, such as these splendid girls are capable and more than willing to extend to you. Now, Senator Negley you are, as we all do know the Commander of the best and largest Camp in our honored Order, and as such I respect and admire you. Have always considered you as my friend and yet before we go any farther in the way of friendship may I ask the question: Did you in your kindly words of a moment ago merely make the statement or did you accuse when you said I had shaken hands with more Sons of Veterans, kissed more babies and squeezed the hand and petted the dimpled cheek of more ladies than any other Commander-in-Chief? If an accusation may I hasten to defiantly acknowledge defeat and plead guilty. Yes, yes I hope I am guilty. Would do the same thing over if I had a chance. As our late little Past Division President Cora Swartz says and what are you going to do about that?

(All join in singing "On the Banks of the Wabash.")

CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION ON NATIONAL ORGANIZATION PLAN.

Division Commander Dallas Dillinger, Jr., of Pennsylvania: I wish to state that the real per capita tax of Pennsylvania for the ensuing year amounts to \$2.05 a member. The Brother was incorrect who stated the per capita tax was reduced. \$2.05 is made up in this manner. The regular per capita tax is 80c, but unfortunately we live in a commonwealth where the Government saw fit to cut materially the appropriations to the various homes of the Grand Army within the borders of the commonwealth, and at our last Division Encampment the Pennsylvania Division passed a resolution that each member should be assessed \$1.00 toward making up the amount that was cut on the appropriation for these Grand Army homes. The Division of Pennsylvania, itself, out of its own fund, appropriated \$1,000.00 to that same cause and in addition to that the members voluntarily at their Encampment contributed close to an additional \$800.00.

For myself, and as Division Commander, I am heartily in favor of the National Organization plan. I maintain a card index of every Go-Getter in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I personally write letters to each Go-Getter as the letters come from the National Organization Committee. I personally know that it is doing good in Pennsylvania. I know of one little town with a population of not quite 3,000 that during the month of August mustered fourteen members. It was not reported in August for the simple reason that the quarter beginning October, there is a little prize over in the association of which this particular Camp is a member. But I do not believe that the rank and file of the Division of Pennsylvania can be reached at

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this time for that additional twenty-five per cent account. We run on the budget system, our per capita tax has been levied according to that tax. I do not hesitate to say and believe that at the next Division Encampment of Pennsylvania, when the dollar will be off, for the reason that the legislature in Pennsylvania meets but once in two years and makes its appropriation for the ensuing two years, that Pennsylvania, as it always has, will gladly and willingly come forward with its proportionate amount, but I do not see, and I know from intimate study of the finances of the Division that it is impossible for Pennsylvania with its 12,000 odd members at this time and before next June to stand that additional 25 cents. We would like to see it, we would like to see the appropriation taken, and in June we will come, but I think Pennsylvania should have some consideration by reason of its large membership and the large sum of money we are asking from each member. I say this because I believe if I wouldn't say it I would fail in my trust and in my duty to the rank and file of the membership that composes the Division of Pennsylvania.

Brother Wm. M. Coffin, of Ohio: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers. I arise to present a substitute motion for the one now before the house, which I believe will solve the problem. I have for sixteen years cherished the heritage of a son of a veteran, but I am not only a son of a veteran, I am a veteran as well. I have never known nor recognized the word "retreat" and I do not like to hear it called in this Encampment. Apparently there has been developed by the officers and committees of this Commandery a proposition which bids fair to increase this Order to the proportions it should have. I have listened with very much interest to what has been said in that regard and I have almost bawled at the disappointment expressed by those who seem to feel that this proposition in which they put so much store could not be fulfilled. I have for many years asked myself, as some of the other Brothers who have spoken before us today have apparently asked themselves, what is the future of this Order. And at this time when that question bids fair to be answered, are we to turn back? I do not believe that in the hearts of any man in whom flows the blood of a veteran of the Civil War, I don't believe in the vocabulary of such a one there is the word "can't." I believe, Commander-in-Chief, it can be done. I therefore offer as a substitute for the pending motion this resolution:

"RESOLVED:

1. That the Reserve fund, amounting approximately to seven thousand (\$7,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary in the judgment of the Council-in-Chief, is hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying forward the plans and organization work of the National Organization Committee, as described to this Encampment.

2. That, for the purpose of further prosecuting the National Organization plans, the Commandery-in-Chief hereby submits on referendum to the several Divisions the following proposal:

(a) That there shall be levied and collected from each Division a special assessment in an amount not exceeding a sum equal to twenty-five (25) cents per capita of the total

membership of the Division, the method of raising said sum to be determined by each Division.

(b) That the several Divisions be requested to consider the foregoing proposal at their next Annual Encampments, and give appropriate instructions to their delegates to the next Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, to the end that the Commandery-in-Chief may at that time take action thereon.

3. That it shall be the duty of the members of the National Organization Committee to fully inform the several Divisions, at or before their next Annual Encampments, of the full import of the foregoing proposal, and of the necessity for raising said sum of money in order to carry forward in a large and systematic way the welfare and upbuilding of the Order of Sons of Veterans."

I understand that the amount of money now in the reserve fund can probably take care of your organization work for the current year, then for the future years you will have the advice of your Divisions. Let them advise amongst themselves as to how best to raise the special assessment and let the officers of the Commandery-in-Chief see to it, and your Organization Committee see to it, that during coming Division Encampments they are duly and properly informed of the necessities which make this proposed special assessment most necessary and advisable. Motion is duly seconded.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I will withdraw the original motion.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland: Let us not precipitate ourselves into a situation here. Just how much is there in the reserve fund?

National Secretary Hammer: The reserve fund is \$7,000, of which \$5,000 is in Liberty Bonds, two thousand (\$2,000) dollars in a collateral note of the International & Great Northern Railway Company, which is in the hands of a receiver at this time. We are not getting any interest on that collateral note, as my report shows, and have not been since 1914. The market value of that collateral note today is about 40 or 42 cents on the dollar. I have thought we ought to sell it some time ago but financial people advised we hold on based on reports of the company.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland: Commander-in-Chief, is it your purpose to continue? Will we close tonight or have a session tomorrow? I wish it were possible for this Commandery-in-Chief to sleep over this matter. The proposal that has been made, if adopted, will dissipate all your assets, and I want you all to know what you are doing. Now, that motion of Brother Sautter's is feasible, but if you come back here next year and are unable to put it over and they don't do it gladly, realize this is a National Organization rather than a collection of state organizations—if we cannot act in unison it is no use attempting it at all, unless every Division will co-operate in this movement and unless you Division Commanders and Delegates can convince your Divisions it is the thing to do. Otherwise we are dissipating our assets to no purpose.

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National Secretary Hammer: I want to remind you that to get the test you speak of from the Divisions you overlook this: Nobody has mentioned this fact, not even your Committee. In six months of promulgation it has brought in \$1100.00. What will the Committee do in twelve months?

Past Commander-in-Chief Clifford Ireland: My thought was originally it would take two years to at least receive positive assurances there were results, good or ill. I haven't the supreme confidence it will be successful, it may be a failure, but as Brother Bolton says, if it is a failure it is only one of a succession of failures we have made, but I have never seen this Commandery-in-Chief so unanimous that there are possibilities of success in it. If we fail, you have dissipated all your assets, and I question whether this is sufficient to carry you through. Someone will have to think about providing an additional fund for carrying it through, in all probability, and some arrangement for that will be made, but if they should carry this home and you should finally make your decision on it next year, in the meantime you have just dissipated your assets.

Past Commander-in-Chief Bolton, of Massachusetts: May I have the privilege of saying this: I haven't any suggestions, but I have a big belief, boys, with the Brothers of this Encampment, that it is a pretty good idea to know what your people at home want to do. I approve the motion as offered by Brother Coffin and I fully approve spending every cent in this Commandery we have control over, because we have the right. I believe if the service sells in the next six months as it has sold during the past six months, it will have given that Committee a considerable extra amount of money. I believe that the service will produce members, now that we have the assurance of the Grand Army of the Republic. When you get home tell the Brothers of your Division what you want. You have no right to spend money out of your budgets that are made up in these Divisions, but another year you have a right to put it before them, and in my Division I will ask them to do it, and they will do it.

Delegate E. M. Lowe, of Ohio: Last year in Columbus, Ohio, they boosted their per capita tax and instead of losing in the Camp we have been putting in two and have half a dozen more coming in.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Ready for the question. Those in favor of the motion will signify by saying Aye, opposed No. Motion carried.

Past Commander-in-Chief Harry D. Sisson: I do not remember just exactly the wording of Brother Coffin's resolution but it seems to me inasmuch as our method expenditure is through a budget, it should be the understanding of this Encampment some way that this money is handled through the Council-in-Chief by an addition to the budget of such further amount of money as is required.

Division Commander Wm. A. Selz, of Ohio: It goes on to say that so much of the money contained in the reserve fund, which is supposed to be seven thousand but may only be five thousand dollars—so much of that as the Council-in-Chief sees

fit to use for this Organization Committee work shall be used. Now, that seems to me to cover everything.

Patriotic Instructor Shumaker: There is this thing I think we ought to be thinking over and probably taking action upon in our Division, and unless there are conditions which make it inadvisable I think the Indiana Division will perhaps bring in the recommendation that \$1.00 of every initiation fee shall go into the work of this Organization Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Clifford Ireland: I move that it be submitted in referendum to the several Divisions this year, along with the resolution Brother Coffin offered.

Division Commander R. J. Bosworth: Second that motion.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland: That the question of remitting \$1.00 from every initiation fee paid into the Order to the Organization Committee, be submitted to the several Divisions at their Division Encampment the coming year for action and report to the next Commandery-in-Chief Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: You have heard the motion properly seconded. Are you ready for the question? All those in favor signify by saying Aye, opposed No. Motion carried.

Council-in-Chief Kremer: The Council-in-Chief has a supplemental report. Brother Phillips has handed us a bill for express on the uniforms from Chicago up here and back, that the boys wore in the parade. It was necessary to have these dyed, which cost \$35.00, and the cartage in Milwaukee \$12.10 and \$22.50 for gloves. In other words, Brother Phillips has incurred a bill of \$131.04 in connection with the uniforms and gloves, the express and drayage on the same in bringing them here and returning them, and has submitted this bill to the Council-in-Chief. We believe this is a proper bill for the Commandery-in-Chief to act upon and we recommend payment.

Past Division Commander Michael Crowley: I move it be left in the hands of the Council-in-Chief with full power to act. Motion seconded and carried.

REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE.

Past Division Commander Edwin C. Irelan, of Maryland: I have here an additional resolution by the Resolution Committee:

Whereas, It has been the unusual good fortune of the Sons of Veterans to have enjoyed during the year last past the beneficent intimacy of our parent organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, and

Whereas, This intimacy and close relation has been largely sought, fostered and sustained by Commander-in-Chief Willett, and

Whereas, Commander-in-Chief Willett through kindly assistance has shown our Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse distinct and thoughtful courtesies and thus honored our Commander and our Order, and

Whereas, Through his timely and forceful utterances com-

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mending our Order of the Sons of Veterans and urging a closer relationship with the Grand Army, and

Whereas, We believe it not too much to hope that such efforts of Commander Willett will be productive of a future relationship between the Sons and the parent order of greater affection and understanding permitting our Order the privilege of being of greater service to the Grand Army of the Republic,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we hereby offer assurances to Commander-in-Chief Willett of our keenest appreciation of his considerate attention to our Commander and his splendid assistance to our Order.

The resolution was adopted.

ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE SUBJECT.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland: Now, this organization plan has surprisingly gone over and we have all got to get behind. The other day when we were in the slough of despond we thought voluntary contributions our only outlet. As I left the hall I think I am correct in remembering there were over \$500.00 offered me in \$100.00 subscriptions. Last night one of the most substantial Sons of Veterans we have, a delegate to this Encampment, said, "I am going to see that our Division remits \$1,000.00 to this Commandery-in-Chief for the Organization Committee." Now, I am fearful that the amount available will not be sufficient to meet our needs. I am also hopeful that the Commandery-in-Chief and the Council will hold this extravagant Organization Committee down to a minimum of expenditures and not let them run riot on every will o' the wisp they want to, for they are so confounded enthusiastic they will want to do it all in about thirty minutes and mortgage our lives for the future to do it. They have got to be held down, but I would like to suggest that no one should be barred from making substantial contributions to this organization fund and that the National Secretary-Treasurer, I do not believe, will refuse to accept any remittances that are sent him.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: We are now ready for the election of officers, and we will proceed to the election of a Commander-in-Chief.

The Secretary was instructed to call the roll, which he did in the order of Divisions.

When Pennsylvania was called:

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, of Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers of the Encampment. I shall be very brief in presenting the name I desire to present on behalf of the Division of Pennsylvania for the important office of Commander-in-Chief. The Brother is known to all of you, and the work that he has done for the thirty-four years of membership in the Sons of Veterans speaks for him with more force than any words I may utter. He has been a consistent worker in the Order of the Sons of Veterans through all these years, when he was the Secretary of his Camp, which for years was

the largest Camp in the Order of the Sons of Veterans. I believe, and I believe that your Brothers likewise have this thought, that never before in the history of our organization was there greater need for a strong man to lead us. I am happy to present to you one with whom I have been acquainted, not for the thirty-four years, because he beat me into the Order by one year, but I met him at the first Encampment I attended thirty-three years ago and I have been intimately associated with him from that day to this. I can vouch for him as a loyal Son of a Veteran, of ability, and because of my personal knowledge of him it gives me great pleasure on behalf of the Pennsylvania Division to present to you for the office of Commander-in-Chief, Past Division Commander Samuel S. Horn. (Applause).

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: On behalf of the Ohio delegation, it is with very great pleasure that I second the nomination of Brother Horn and I also move the nominations be closed and the Secretary be directed to cast the unanimous vote of the Encampment for Brother Horn as Commander-in-Chief. Adopted.

National Secretary Hammer: The Secretary casts the Encampment ballot for Past Division Commander Samuel S. Horn, of Pennsylvania, for Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: I declare Brother Samuel S. Horn elected Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing term. Bring Brother Horn to this station.

Brother Geis, of Washington: Your Commander-in-Chief this year has said he had had valuable services from his assistants and for another year I would like to place in nomination the name of the Brother who now holds the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brother C. Randall Bubb, of Seattle.

Division Commander Lasson, of Vermont: Commander-in-Chief, in behalf of the Vermont Division of which I am Commander, it gives me great pleasure to place in nomination the name of a Brother who has been an active member and a good loyal worker in the Commandery-in-Chief, our present Senior Commander, Brother Bell. (Applause).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fred V. Bell: This is a surprise to me, and I do not understand it, because Massachusetts is not looking for anything and I am not looking for anything. I understand the sentiments of the Vermont Brothers exactly, but, without knowing just what has prompted this or where it comes from, I am somewhat puzzled about accepting a nomination for another year.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant, of Connecticut: I appreciate what Brother Bell says, Massachusetts is not looking for anything, but we are looking for something. We had him as our Senior Vice last year and we want him again.

Past Division Commander Roy J. Brown, of Vermont: I second his nomination.

Brother Lasson: At the request of Brother Bell I withdraw the nomination I just made.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: I wish to decline the nomination for this year. It is quite likely that the next

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Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief will be in Boston. There is going to be a tremendous amount of work to be done by the Massachusetts Division and it is going to need every one of the men we have in that Division. Immediately after we get home from Milwaukee we will have to start to work for that National Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: I have stated what I feel, that we would like the services again of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell, but we have no right against his wishes. He has given us his services and he has given it very willingly, and now if he wants to ask to be excused, we cannot be anything but gentlemen and excuse him.

Past Commander-in-Chief Bolton: Please allow us from Massachusetts to respect Brother Bell and acknowledge the compliment. In Massachusetts we work and play together. Brother Bell does not wish to be a candidate and I think he should be considered.

Brother Lasson, of Vermont: In behalf of Brother Bell, if he is bound to withdraw and does not want to be a candidate, I am heartily sorry, because he would certainly have been one good faithful worker for the Commandery-in-Chief, but if Brother Bell will not consider the nomination I will withdraw it.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bell: I do not want the incoming Commander-in-Chief to think that because of my declining this nomination I intend to drop all of the work in the northeastern section. I intend to go over the line in Rhode Island, who made, I believe, the best percentage showing of any of those Divisions in that section, on the invitation of the Rhode Island boys, whether I have any title or not. I intend to keep on with that work just so far as the work in Massachusetts will permit, and therefore I do not want Brother Horn to have any misunderstanding as to my intentions with regard to any work he may want me to do in that section unofficially during the coming year.

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrows: I nominate Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bubb as candidate for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Division Commander Jewett, of Maine: I want to take this opportunity as representative of the Maine Division to second the nomination of my friend on the Pacific Coast, C. Randall Bubb, who has been untiring in his efforts. I am sure he would continue to put in his time for the good of this Order and I would like to see him go in.

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrows: I move that the Secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous vote for Brother Bubb. Adopted.

National Secretary Hammer: I cast 228 votes for C. Randall Bubb, of the Division of Washington, for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, who was declared elected.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Nominations for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief are now in order. You have decided not to call the roll, so name your nominees.

National Secretary Hammer: I nominate Brother Wm. C.

Kronmeyer, of New Jersey, for Junior Vice Commander and move the National Secretary cast the ballot.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: All in favor of the motion signify by saying Aye. Agreed.

National Secretary: The vote of the Encampment is cast, and Brother Kronmeyer was declared elected.

Commander-in-Chief: Nominations for Council-in-Chief are now in order.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant, of Connecticut: I respectfully place in re-nomination the Brother who served on the Council of the past year, Charles R. Hale, of Hartford, Connecticut. We should have men of experience on that Council, I therefore take pleasure in nominating him.

Patriotic Instructor Shumaker: I want to second what Brother Grant has said, and following that same statement of his that we ought to have at least two men on the Council-in-Chief who have had experience, I want to place in nomination Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin.

Past Division Commander Fred W. Meyers, of Ohio: Commander-in-Chief. The Ohio delegation is a unit in asking this convention to nominate a Past Division Commander of the Ohio Division who has served faithfully in many capacities for more than twenty years, Brother P. F. Yengling, of Camp 40.

Past Division Commander Fred J. Phillips, of Illinois: I move you that the nominations be now closed and the Secretary cast the unanimous ballot for the three names mentioned. Motion carried.

Brother Kremer: Commander-in-Chief, I want to introduce to you Brother Joe Scheuren, Camp Commander at Milwaukee. He did such wonderful work here in helping to entertain you.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: We will hear from Commander Scheuren, of Camp No. 1, Milwaukee.

Camp Commander Scheuren, of Milwaukee, Wis.: As Commander of Camp 1 of Milwaukee and in behalf of the Brothers of the Camp, I wish to extend to you a hearty welcome. We are glad that you are with us and I am sure that Camp 1 has endeavored to do all that it could to help entertain you. I felt sorry indeed that I could not be at these sessions more than I have been, but due to the fact I have been a member of the Executive Committee and Chairman of the Reception Committee it was impossible for me to be here. I would say that about ninety per cent of the Sons of Veterans of our local Camp have been on that Committee and they have worked ever since last Saturday up to yesterday to receive the comrades and brothers of this organization. They have worked hard and faithfully. In conclusion permit me to thank you once more, and hoping that Milwaukee will not be forgotten. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: The National Secretary will call the roll of officers-elect, who, as their names are called, will rise and remain standing.

(The newly elected officers were thereupon duly installed, Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, of Pennsylvania, acting as Installing Officer).

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Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: I will now turn the gavel over to you, Commander-in-Chief Horn. (The new Commander-in-Chief assumes the chair). (Applause).

Past Commander-in-Chief Newton J. McGuire, of Indiana: At this time, in this city, according to the customs of the Order, that the Past Commander-in-Chief just now retired into the ranks of the "has-beens" be remembered, Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse, I deem it a personal privilege to have the honor to present to you on behalf of the boys of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans the regulation gold cross which marks the distinction of a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. I say it is a matter of great personal privilege because of my long friendship and association with you in work that we both loved and we both worked hard to do. I remember the days, not many years ago, when we asked you to become a member of the Sons of Veterans. I never dreamed that you would respond so in your duties as you have. You have made one of the best Commanders-in-Chief this Order has ever known. This large Encampment, one of the largest that we have had in recent years, has been a history making Encampment for this Organization. I believe that you, sir, as Commander of our national body, in your personal efforts with the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, have made a record for yourself that will go down in history. Certainly, the results that are obtained, the recognition of the Sons of Veterans as the end of that great work which you have been so faithful about in traveling over all of the United States, back and forth, has borne fruit that we are all proud of, and now, in conclusion, let me offer to you this badge. May you wear it long and proudly. May it ever be as a guiding star to you in the discharge of your duties, both as the Son of a Veteran and as the citizen of the United States. (Applause).

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank Shellhouse: Past Commander-in-Chief Newton J. McGuire has been my friend more than twenty years. He was my friend when I was admitted to the Order. He was my friend when I was elected Camp Commander. He was my friend when I was elected Division Commander of Indiana. He was my friend when I was elected Commander-in-Chief, and as I now retire from this, the highest office within the gift of the Sons of Veterans, he is still my friend.

Now, Brother McGuire, I most humbly and reverently accept from you this official gold cross which indicates the distinction of a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. I shall wear the badge of honor with a feeling of pride, consolation, and with the resolution as a Son, to be ever true to our obligation. I thank you and the membership of our Order for this most valued token.

National Secretary Hammer: I move that the minutes of this Encampment as taken by the stenographer be approved without reading as the official record of this Encampment. Adopted.

National Secretary Hammer: I now move that all Encampment Committees be discharged. Adopted.

Commander-in-Chief Samuel S. Horn: Brothers. It is not time for speech-making. You have labored long and earnestly.

I question whether I realize, though I appreciate most highly, the responsibilities thrown upon me at this Encampment. Not only are my thanks due to the Encampment for the unanimous choice, but the Pennsylvania Division which has furthered my candidacy, and to the Divisions whom my friends in Pennsylvania made it possible to be agreed with such unanimity. It will be indeed difficult to keep pace with the records of some of the Commanders-in-Chief in the past, particularly of the retiring Commander-in-Chief. While the results of the work of Brother Shellhouse may not at this time be fully recognized or appreciated, I appreciate that he has moulded the bricks to build upon a new foundation today established for our organization. I promise the best that is in me during the next twelve months of this Commandery-in-Chief, ask and expect the earnest working co-operation of my collective brother officers and sincerely ask that the same display of patriotism which was given during our sessions at different times be carried back through the Divisions to the entire membership, that when we meet again next year, wherever that may be, that the results not only may show the work of this year, but also the results of the work founded by my predecessor. Gentlemen, I thank you. (Applause).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bubb: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers. Two years ago I pledged to Brother Ireland a good measure of assistance. Last year I pledged to Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse and this year to Commander-in-Chief Horn. I pledge to you to try to do as well, or better than I was able to do last year. I have been enabled at this Encampment to cultivate a closer acquaintance with the boys in the West, more than I have been able to do at any of the Encampments I have attended heretofore, and they want me to assure you they are going home to try and carry out the ideas that have been expressed here and see what can be done in the way of increasing the membership in the West. I think our increase for the past year in the aggregate has been approximately twenty per cent, and they looked me square in the eye when they said they would agree to make it at least forty per cent next year. (Applause).

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Wm. C. Kronmeyer: New Jersey will appreciate the honor that has been conferred upon her in my elevation to the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I realize the arduous duties thrust upon my shoulders and approach the task with fear and trembling. However, I hope when the year has drawn to a close we can look back upon our efforts with a feeling of satisfaction. I deeply appreciate the high honor that has been conferred upon me.

Council-in-Chief Chas. R. Hale: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers of the Encampment. I want to thank you for re-election and I can assure you when the Council-in-Chief has had work to do I have assisted to the best of my ability, and I want to assure you, Mr. Commander-in-Chief, whenever I can be of assistance to you just call upon me and I will be glad to do anything I can for our organization.

Council-in-Chief Felix A. Kremer: Commander-in-Chief Horn. It gives me great pleasure to assure you that everything in my power will be done to add to your administration. We

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will be with you first, last and all the time, and—watch Wisconsin.

Council-in-Chief Ycngling: I can only add to what the other members of the Council-in-Chief have said to you, that any and all times you will find me ready and willing to do anything that the Commandery-in-Chief desires, if it be the discharge of our official duties or otherwise.

Council-in-Chief Kremer: I move we now adjourn sine die.

The closing ceremonies were observed after which the Forty-second Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., was duly closed.

FRANK SHELLHOUSE,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

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