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- Commander-in-Chief—John H. Runkle, 610 N. Third St., Harrisburg, Pa.
- Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief—Franklin S. Hubbard, 5020 Eighteenth Ave., Kenosha, Wis.
- Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief—Parker E. Thornburg, R. R. 3, Muncie, Ind.
- Council-in-Chief:
- Rudolph M. Genthner, 47 Thorndale Terrace, Rochester, N. Y.
John A. Ruggles, 331 West North St., Carlisle, Pa.
Cleon E. Heald, Keene, New Hampshire.
- National Patriotic Instructor—William F. Nemitz, 85 Warwick Ave., Stratford, Conn.
- National Chaplain—Rev. Richard O. Partington, 2036 E. Cumberland St., Philadelphia 25, Pa.
- National Secretary-Treasurer—Albert C. Lambert, 2772 S. Broad St., Trenton 10, N. J.
- National Counselor—Richard F. Locke, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.
- National Chief-of-Staff—C. Leroy Stoudt, 1410 Mulberry St., Reading, Pa.
- Personal Aide—Frank S. Copenhaver, 3102 Boas St., Penbrook, Harrisburg, Pa.

INTRA-ENCAMPMENT ACTIVITIES

The semi-official opening of the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary took place on Sunday, August 20, at 2:30 P. M. in the Ballroom of the Hotel Statler.

The program was in charge of Henry F. Weiler, Past Department Commander of the Sons; and Mrs. Maude B. Warren, Past National President of the Auxiliary, Co-Chairmen of the Encampment Committee.

Addresses of welcome were given by Lt. Col. Timothy O'Leary, a member of the Governor's staff, representing Governor Paul A. Dever of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and by Capt. William A. George, representing Mayor John B. Hynes of the City of Boston.

Greetings were extended by William C. Rule, Department Commander of the Sons; and Mrs. Josephine L. Bates, Department President of the Auxiliary of Massachusetts.

Responses were given by John H. Runkle, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons; and Mrs. Ethelyn C. Tucker, National President of the Auxiliary.

It was a very impressive ceremony which added much to the opening activities of the Encampment in Boston.

JOINT OPENING — SONS AND AUXILIARY

The joint opening exercises of the Sons and Auxiliary were held at 8:30 P. M., Sunday, August 20, in the Ballroom of the Hotel Statler, in charge of Mrs. Lela B. Shugart, National Chief-of-Staff of the Auxiliary.

The Past Commanders-in-Chief of the Sons and Past National Presidents of the Auxiliary were escorted in and introduced; also the National Officers of the Auxiliary.

Commander-in-Chief John H. Runkle and National President Ethelyn C. Tucker were presented, and each addressed the meeting briefly.

It was a beautiful ceremony, well planned and carried out efficiently.

COURTESY BREAKFAST BY MAYOR OF BOSTON

A courtesy breakfast was given by Mayor John B. Hynes of Boston at 8:30 A. M. on Monday, August 21.

Mayor Hynes was presented, and introduced all National Officers, Department Commanders, Department Presidents, Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past National Presidents and members of the local Convention Committee; also a number of representatives of Veterans organizations.

The chief addresses were given by Mayor Hynes and Commander-in-Chief John H. Runkle.

COURTESY LUNCHEON BY GOVERNOR DEVER

A courtesy luncheon was given by Hon. Paul A. Dever, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at 12:15 P. M. on Monday, August 21.

Governor Dever was presented, and introduced all National Officers of the Sons and Auxiliary and Chairmen of all Standing Committees.

Governor Dever, in his address, extended the greetings of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and wished for us a prosperous and enjoyable Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief John H. Runkle and National President Ethelyn C. Tucker responded.

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES

The Joint Memorial Services of the Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary was held Tuesday, August 22, at 3:30 P. M. in the Ballroom of the Hotel Statler. The service was in charge of the National Chaplain Rev. Richard O. Partington of the Sons, and National Chaplain Mrs. Maud Shroyer of the Auxiliary.

Program

Prelude

Quiet Meditation:

Let the people bow in silent prayer as they remember the departed.

Meditation Mrs. John U. Shroyer
National Chaplain, Auxiliary

Hymn "God of Our Fathers"

Invocation.....The Rev. Richard O. Partington
National Chaplain, Sons

"America" All

Litany:

Leader: For all who have witnessed a good confession, for Thy glory and the welfare of the world.

Response: We praise Thee, O God, and bless Thy name.

Leader: For all who have labored and suffered for freedom, good government, just laws, and the sanctity of the home, and for all those who have given their lives for their country.

Response: We praise Thee, O God, and bless Thy name.

Leader: For all who have sought to bless men by their service and life, and to lighten the dark places of the earth.

Response: We praise Thee, O God, and bless Thy name.

Leader: For all who have, through the years, supported our Order and who have helped to make it an instrument of great good in Thy service and the service of our country.

Response: We praise Thee, O God, and bless Thy name.

Leader: For those who have been tender and true and brave in all times and in all places, for all those who have devoted themselves to the noble, the true, and the good in life, and who by their living and by their dying have made the world a better place in which to live.

Response: We praise Thee, O God, and Bless Thy name. Amen.

Record of Remembrance:

Tribute to the late National President of the Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary, Lillian Ball.....Past National President Emma Finch

- Tribute to Deceased Members of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War..Past National President Katharine Joyce
- Tribute to Deceased Members of the Grand Army of the Republic
.....Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph Sheldon
- Tribute to the late Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, William T. Church—
Past Commander-in-Chief Allan S. Holbrook
- Tribute to the late Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Edwin C. Ireland—
Department Commander James C. Tatman, Maryland
- Tribute to the late Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Park F. Yengling—
Past Department Commander George E. Waller, Ohio
- Tribute to Deceased Members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.....National Chaplain Rev. Richard O. Partington
- Silent Meditation.
- Vocal Selection.
- Prayer.
- Hymn of Commemoration....."O God Our Help in Ages Past"
- Benediction.
- Postlude.

**TRIBUTE TO DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF
REPUBLIC, GIVEN BY PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
RALPH SHELDON**

Just why I should be asked to speak for the Grand Army of the Republic, I do not know; except that there was a limitation of two minutes on my remarks, and possibly they realized that I was one of the Past Commanders-in-Chief who would do as I was requested.

We are gathered here this afternoon in sadness, and with heavy hearts. We are here to memorialize and eulogize the Grand Army of the Republic. Sisters and Brothers, for the Grand Army of the Republic there need not be any eulogy—through their lives and through their works they have wrought all the eulogy that is necessary.

I feel that we should come here with a feeling of happiness, knowing that these men who fought so well and endured so much have now passed on to the life everlasting, where there is no sorrow and no trouble, but only happiness. That, you and I believe because we believe in the Holy Ghost; and they now sit on the right hand of God. Therefore, they do not need any eulogy from me.

I feel that they are looking down upon us this afternoon, watching the work that we are doing and the work which we propose to do in the future. The best tribute that we could pay to the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic would be for each one of us to live a life that would be pleasing to them; and continue to do the work which they started, and put forth all our efforts to perpetuate the memory of these wonderful men forever.

**TRIBUTE TO PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF WILLIAM T. CHURCH,
GIVEN BY PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
ALLAN S. HOLBROOK**

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 12, at Lain's Chapel, Chicago, for William T. Church, well known Chicago lawyer, who died

November 9, 1949, at his home at 9300 Longwood Drive. Mr. Church was born October 4, 1866, at Wabash, Indiana, and his family was one of the early settlers in Beverly Hills, Illinois.

Mr. Church was admitted to the bar in 1890 when he became junior partner of Joseph N. Barker, one of Chicago's pioneer lawyers, whose original firm was founded in 1848. During his career Mr. Church was the senior partner in a number of law firms, the changes in which were occasioned by the death of various partners. He was a member of the American, Illinois, Chicago and New York Bar Associations, and in 1940 received the certificate of Senior Counsellor of the Illinois State Bar Association. He was one of the oldest and most respected members of the Bar and his skill, and ability as an advocate and counsellor brought him recognition as a lawyer of the highest order.

He was a great admirer of Lincoln, a member of the Lincoln Centennial Association, and active in patriotic organizations commemorating the Civil War. In 1916-1917, he was Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He was also an active member of the Loyal Legion, an organization for sons of officers of the Civil War. At the time of the Spanish-American War, he organized a regiment of Sons of Veterans but the war ended before they were called into action.

During World War I, he was Major on the staff of Gen. LeRoy T. Steward, in the Illinois Reserves, and in that capacity taught small arms practice, as he was an expert marksman.

He was also a member of the Masonic Order, Veteran member of the Union League Club and charter member of the Beverly Country Club.

Mr. Church is survived by his wife, Helen, and daughter, Julia; also his brothers, Chester W. of New York, Charles F. of Chicago, and Clarence S. of Detroit.

The Rev. Kermit Long conducted a beautiful and inspiring service which concluded in Mount Hope Cemetery, with the sounding of taps.

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The above, in general, tells of the life and activities of one of our beloved members. It does not, however, tell of the long and devoted service this brother gave to our Order, which he loved so well. Those of us who knew him, and their name is legion, had great respect for him, his love for the Order, and his counsel and ability was a recognized factor. He was a brilliant speaker and the Ritual we are now using contains extracts from some of his literary efforts. He was one of our older members, staunch and faithful to the last, and his memory will long live in the Order, coupled with those of Abbott, Shepard, Dustin and other stalwarts who preceded him.

Farewell, Brother, may your reunion with those who have passed on be a happy one, and rest assured that your sojourn here with us will always be remembered, and the inspiration of your service a constant reminder of the work we still have to do in carrying on the ideals of the Grand Army of the Republic.

**TRIBUTE TO PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF EDWIN C. IRELAN,
GIVEN BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JAMES
C. TATMAN, MARYLAND**

During the past year, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War lost one of its greatest workers, Past Commander-in-Chief Edwin C. Ireland.

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Unfortunaely, I was not well acquainted with Brother Irelan. However, during the few years that I did work with him, I was proud to have been associated with him. Throughout his career he was a faithful worker for his Camp, Department, National Organization and for his Country.

In private life, Brother Irelan was a well known lawyer especially working with insurance companies in Maryland, and other Middle Atlantic states. As an avocation, he did a little writing. In that connection, sometimes when some of the brothers would get stuck they would go to him to see what could be done and, as usual, Brother Irelan would help them out. As long as I have known of him, he has never refused help to anyone.

As a member of the Sons, he has a great record: He was mustered into James A. Garfield Camp No. 1 of Baltimore, Maryland, on May 2, 1898. Prior to that date, was a member of Dushane Post Camp No. 5, of Baltimore. Upon his entrance into Garfield Camp, he put his shoulder to the wheel to help build up that Camp; and then went on to posts in the Department as Department Secretary in 1907 and then Department Commander, in which post he spent much time in making Maryland one of the finest Departments in the country. He was a man who had a goal, was determined to reach it; and I believe he did. He obtained the honorable post of Commander-in-Chief in 1925. He served faithfully, and very well, in that post; after which he continued to carry on his work for this organization. He was a fifty year member of the Order.

On November 28, 1949, Brother Irelan answered the final call of taps.. I am sure he is missed by many here, but his memory will remain with us for many years to come.

**TRIBUTE TO PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF PARK F. YENGLING,
GIVEN BY PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
GEORGE E. WALLER, OHIO**

Past Commander-in-Chief Park F. Yengling was a member of Camp No. 43, of Salem, and a loyal member of this organization from the time he joined. He served as Department Commander at Dayton, Ohio, in 1906, and was a commanding officer of the Reserve. He served as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1933; and was mustered out March 15, 1950. We miss his hearty greeting and smile, and the Reserve miss his services.

**GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC MEMORIAL SERVICE AND
MILITARY REVIEW**

On Tuesday, August 22, at 7:00 P. M. a military parade was held, starting at the 1st Corps Cadet Armory. Colonel C. LeRoy Stoudt, Commander of the Pennsylvania Brigade, Sons of Veterans Reserve, headed the line of march to the Boston Common. Memorial Services for the Grand Army of the Republic followed, with Past Department Commander Jacob Wentzel of Pennsylvania, now residing in Springfield, Massachusetts, as the speaker. Prayer was offered by National Chaplain Rev. Richard O. Partington; and several selections rendered by the Pennsylvania Brigade Band, under the direction of Capt. Charles D. Knecht, Jr. Commander-in-Chief John H. Runkle read a poem, "Who Will Tell the Story When the Boys in Blue are Gone."

Following these commemorative exercises, retreat and review were staged at the parade grounds.

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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
HOTEL STATLER — BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
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MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

August 21, 1950—2:45 P. M.

Commander-in-Chief John H. Runkle: The Officers and Members of the Sixty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will please come to order.

I appoint as Guide, Department Commander Robert W. DeForest, Connecticut; Color Bearer, Delegate Clarence E. Young, Rhode Island; and Guard, Department Commander Vernon W. Miller, Maine.

The Encampment was opened in ritualistic form.

Roll call of Officers showed all present except Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Parker E. Thornburg and Personal Aide, Frank S. Copenhagen. Commander-in-Chief Runkle appointed Past Department Commander Judson N. French, New York, to fill the post of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief for the opening session.

Department Commander A. LeRoy Reynolds, Illinois, then presented a painting of two old Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, slowly walking down the road in the afternoon shadows, to Commander-in-Chief Runkle. The Commander-in-Chief expressed his appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, calling attention to the fact that it was painted by Mrs. Reynolds.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: At this time, I wish to appoint the Credential Committee:

Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer, Chairman.

William C. Rule, Department Commander, Massachusetts.

James C. Tatman, Department Commander, Maryland.

Leslie W. More, Department Commander, New York.

Chester L. Charter, Past Department Commander, Minnesota.

I am going to delay the appointment of the other Committees until a little later in the day.

Does the Credential Committee have a preliminary report at this time?

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE—PRELIMINARY REPORT

Department Commander Leslie W. More, New York: Commander-in-Chief, the Credential Committee wishes to report that there are 109 registered at this time.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Thank you, Brother More. The next order of business is reports of officers. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hubbard, will you please assume this station so that I may read my report.

A discussion followed, relative to distribution of the printed Officers' Reports before the reading of the report of the Commander-in-Chief. The motion to this effect was defeated, and the Commander-in-Chief proceeded to read his report.

REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

To the Officers and Members of the Sixty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief—Greetings:

When elected Commander-in-Chief one year ago in August in the City of Indianapolis, at our Sixty-eighth Annual Encampment and the Eighty-third and Final Encampment of our parent organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, I assumed the duties of the office with full realization of the responsibilities involved, and that the year ahead was a crucial one in the history of our organization which was entering a new era.

For 68 years as a National Organization we enjoyed the privilege of meeting with the Grand Army of the Republic. Although their ranks were growing thin during the past number of years, we could still look forward to the pleasure and honor of meeting in the same Encampment City with them each year. With the close of their Eighty-third Encampment in Indianapolis, which was indeed a solemn occasion for all of us, Encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic became history, with organizations comprising the Grand Army Family, destined to carry on the traditions and ideals of our parent organization.

With deepest respect for our Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Daughters of Union Veterans, and in full recognition of our position as the Senior National Organization and only male order affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic, it was my earnest desire that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War accept and assume leadership of the Grand Army Family in the future.

In accordance with action of the Sixty-eighth Encampment, a sincere effort was made by your Commander-in-Chief and his Staff in an endeavor to have the Grand Army Family meet together this year; first, because it was the wish of the Grand Army of the Republic; second, because this is the first year the Grand Army would not hold Encampments; and third, the purposes and objects of all organizations comprising the Grand Army family are the same and "in unity there is strength." Unfortunately, three members of the Family, prior to leaving Indianapolis, voted to accept an invitation from Los Angeles, California. While our good sisters extended to us an invitation to join with them, the financial condition of the Commandery-in-Chief was such that an Encampment on the West Coast was impossible.

Although numerous invitations from various cities had been received, none were given serious thought until we fully recognized that a compromise to meet in a Mid-West City was futile. Careful thought and consideration were then given to selecting an Encampment site where the best possible attendance could be had. The City of Boston, being located in our second largest Department, is within five hundred miles of seventy percent of our organization's membership. This site was selected only after it was definite that a more central location still would not bring the Grand Army Family together in 1950.

State of the Order

In reviewing our organization and looking into the future, I recognized the vital importance, as several of my predecessors have also, of:

1. Operating on a business-like basis.
2. Creating activity with which to gain publicity.
3. Obtain publicity to advertise our Order.
4. By increased publicity, new members would be interested in our Order.

One of the most important factors in retaining interest of new members, as well as old members, is the proper conducting of Camp meetings. The Ritual of our Order was adopted for a purpose, yet too many Camps, including those having Past Department Commanders and Past Commanders-in-Chief as members, are prone to set aside the regular order of business, dispense with the Ritual and have only round table meetings to pay bills.

In my Banner messages I endeavored to convey to the membership the extreme importance of adhering to the Ritual and properly conducted meetings. As proven in my own Camp, meetings are interesting when well conducted. Many members, especially new members, are not interested in wasting their time and spending an evening listening to a round table discussion of how things were done twenty-five to fifty years ago. While it is true, we cannot and must not forget the importance of teaching American history, the record of the Grand Army of the Republic, as well as the early history of our organization, such must be presented as a part of our planning today for the future.

I have urged Camps to become active in governmental and civic affairs. By interest shown in the important issues of today, activity can be created in the Camp and such activity can be of keen interest to our membership.

During the past year, our slogan has been, "It can be done, it must be done, it will be done." There should be no question in our minds that, "It can be done." In many sections throughout the Commandery-in-Chief where there are energetic members who are willing to talk and live Sons of Union Veterans, there is increased activity, publicity and membership. If the same effort had been put forth by each Camp, the year 1950 would be the turning point in the history of our Order and we would be on the road to a continuous growth in membership.

It is indeed unfortunate that in our ranks are those who assume a "defeatist attitude" and it is doubly unfortunate that this group includes some who have obtained honors as Past Department Commanders and Past Commanders-in-Chief. It is extremely difficult for me to understand how any man elected to the high honor of Commander-in-Chief of this great organization or Department Commander, regardless of how small the Department is, can fail to appreciate the heritage and honor that is his. As a Past Commander-in-Chief or Past Department Commander, he is in position to lend valuable assistance and encouragement to others.

As we review the record of our organization over a period of years, I am sure we all recognize the fact that, "It must be done." To assure our organization of its rightful position as leader of the Grand Army Family, to keep faith with the gallant defenders of our Union, to continue our efforts in representing the "Grand-Daddy of all Veterans Organizations," the Grand Army of the Republic, on Memorial Day and at other times throughout the year, it is a "MUST" for each and every member who appreciates his heritage and the sacrifices made throughout four long years of Civil War by the "Boys in Blue" in order that we, their descendants, might enjoy a free and undivided Nation today.

By resolving that, "It can be done," with full recognition of the importance that, "It must be done," with increased activity and publicity, together with faith in our organization, as well as a will and determination in the interest of Sons of Union Veterans, "It will be done."

While it is true we must again report a loss of membership despite the activity and efforts in many Camps, I am optimistic in my belief that we shall go forward. Losses were checked considerably this year. Let us now here highly resolve, "It will be done in '51."

Membership

I am pleased to report the acquisition of three new Camps during the past year.

Department of California & Pacific

George M. Burlingame Camp No. 14, Pasadena, Calif., instituted January 6, 1950, with 18 Charter Members.

Department of Vermont

Lieutenant Azel Brigham Camp No. 92, Barre, Vt., instituted January 17, 1950, with 24 Charter Members.

Department of Iowa

Cedar Rapids Camp No. 3, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, instituted April 15, 1950.

Honor Roll

The following brothers are those reported to me as having secured 5 or more members during the past year and in recognition of their services it was a pleasure to appoint them as National Aides:

Department of California & Pacific

Clarence A. Curtis, Camp No. 10, Long Beach, Calif...5 New Members
Charles O. Boynton, Camp No. 10, Long Beach, Calif...7 New Members

Department of Iowa

Homer L. Young, Department Commander, Iowa.....12 New Members

Department of Massachusetts

Lester W. Eldridge, Com., Camp No. 44, Westfield, Mass..5 New Members

Department of New York

Truman A. Vincent, Camp No. 77, Elmira, N. Y.....5 New Members

Department of Pennsylvania

Lt. Floyd D. Kemmerer, Camp No. 15, Harrisburg, Pa...5 New Members
Robert Delcamp, Camp No. 34, Mt. Carmel, Pa.....30 New Members

At the close of the year, June 30, 1950, 4 Departments: Colorado & Wyoming, Kansas, Minnesota and Vermont, show an increase which while not large, is still a gain. Two Departments, California & Pacific and Nebraska, are holding their own. Congratulations are in order to the Departments acquiring new Camps and commendations of the Commandery-in-Chief are extended to all brothers, Camps and Departments who have proven, "It can be done."

The most interesting and conclusive proof that, "It can be done" was received in a letter from Carl M. Ruth, Secretary of Camp No. 54 Mt. Carmel, Pa., wherein he states that on February 1, 1949, their mem-

bership was 65. Robert Delcamp, recently elected Commander of the Pennsylvania Department, was selected as Chairman of the Membership Committee. As of June 1, 1950, sixteen months after the start of the membership drive, the membership of Camp No. 34 was 131, or better than 100% increase, and a class of 14 candidates were awaiting initiation. Commander Delcamp was personally responsible for more than 30 members.

Is any more proof needed that, "It can be done"? The question for us is, How much effort will each of us put forth to assure that, "It will be done in '51"?

Junior Camps—Sons of Union Veterans

Over a period of years the topic of Junior Camps was discussed pro and con at Commandery-in-Chief Encampments. Last year the committee's report authorizing Junior Camps was adopted and authority may now be granted by a Department Commander with the approval of the Senior Camp for formation of Junior Camps.

The future of any organization, whether it be church, business, veteran, patriotic or fraternal, is "new blood." By planning now for the future, we can insure continued growth and prosperity of the Sons of Union Veterans. Organization of a Junior Camp in conjunction with a Senior Camp will, in time, provide a steady source of new members for the senior organization.

While organization of Senior Camps is important, it is my firm belief that if each Senior Camp now in operation will assume the responsibility and organize a Junior Camp during the next year, within 5 years the results will be beneficial to the senior organization. I therefore, strongly urge this as a project for the coming year.

I was keenly interested in learning of the Roy J. Bennett Camp of Junior Grandsons formed in Des Moines, Iowa. An organization of 28 boys, all direct descendants of Union Veterans, ranging in the age from 7 to 15 years, are being trained in Civil War History, proper observance of all National and Patriotic Holidays, true patriotism, love of country and respect to Flag. They are truly being prepared to be future Sons.

Organize a Junior Camp and within it, a Junior Fife and Drum Corps or Drill Team. Although all members of Junior Camps do not join the Senior Organization at the age of 16, they will have received a training they shall never forget and you will have aided in making good citizens for tomorrow. The future of your Camp depends on how you plan today.

The Commandery-in-Chief has approved organization of Junior Camps which as I have expressed myself, is an excellent move in the right direction. However, such organization can be successful only if official recognition is given by providing for Junior Camps something to show their official recognition and with which to work.

There should be a Charter, Rituals and regalia which I recognize does involve expenditures. However, I am sure that these items could be provided at nominal cost and a Senior Camp interested in organization of a Junior Camp would hardly object to a nominal Charter Fee established.

It is, therefore, recommended that the in-coming Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee of three to be known as the Junior Order Advisory Committee, to prepare rituals similar to those of the Senior organization but simplified for use in the Junior Order, to arrange for a form of Charter to be issued to Junior Camps when instituted, and to offer suggestions or recommendations essential to organization and operation of Junior Camps.

Sons of Veterans Reserve

Being an active member of the Pennsylvania Brigade, Sons of Veterans Reserve, serving as Major of Infantry and Commanding the 6th Regiment, I am naturally very keenly interested in this part of our organization. The splendid showing made by the Reserve at the final Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in Indianapolis last year, is an example of what can be done.

Colonel C. LeRoy Stoudt, my Chief-of-Staff, and Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, is to be congratulated and commended for his untiring efforts in promoting this organization which is, without question, one of our most valuable assets.

Throughout my year as Commander-in-Chief, from Coast to Coast, I have talked Sons of Veterans Reserve and the uniformed rank. I am of the sincere belief that if Camps and Departments will recognize the importance of adopting the uniform prescribed by regulations, this will be the incentive in recruiting youth in the Sons of Union Veterans. There will be increased activity which will bring publicity and the ultimate outcome will be an increase in membership.

The Sons of Veterans Reserve has official status in our Order. It should be accepted and recognized by each Camp. In so doing, Camps will gain recognition in their communities and will eventually have continuous growth. It has been proven that where there is an active uniformed unit, there is also a progressive Camp.

Visitations

It is a distinct privilege and pleasure to report to this Encampment that during the past year your Commander-in-Chief visited every Department of the Commandery-in-Chief on at least one occasion. In many Departments two or more visitations were made.

Of the 23 Department Encampments, 18 were attended and while time did not permit me to be present for business sessions at all Encampments attended, I was able to be present in the Encampment City, attending Memorial Services or the Grand Army Family Dinner. When impossible to attend business sessions, the Sons and Auxiliary joined together in a special meeting which, however, was necessary on only two occasions.

The following is a schedule of official engagements as Commander-in-Chief. It does not include numerous other meetings attended and participation in Memorial Day activities:

California & Pacific—Los Angeles, Called Meeting, March 26; San Francisco, Called Meeting, March 27.

Colorado & Wyoming—Colorado Springs, Called Meeting, May 9.

Connecticut—New Haven, Encampment, April 15, 16.

Illinois—Chicago, Called Meeting, April 2; Peoria, Encampment, June 13, 14.

Indiana—Terre Haute, Encampment, June 15, 16.

Iowa—Davenport, Encampment, June 12.

Kansas—Newton, Encampment, May 8.

Maine—Portland, Called Meeting, April 13.

Maryland & Delaware—Baltimore, Encampment, May 5, 6; Wilmington, Del., Anniversary Banquet, May 13.

Massachusetts—Boston, Committee Meeting, October 16; Boston, Committee Meeting, November 17; Boston, Past Presidents' Association, January 21; Swampscott, Encampment, May 6, 7; Springfield, Called Meeting, May 19; Boston, Committee Meeting, July 22.

Michigan—Bay City, Encampment, June 8.

Minnesota—Minneapolis, Called Meeting, March 31; Minneapolis, Encampment, June 9, 10.

Missouri—St. Louis, Encampment, May 10.

Nebraska—Fremont, Encampment, June 7.

New Hampshire—Alton, National President's Reception, October 15; Concord, Encampment, April 28, 29; Bennington, Department President's Reception, July 14; The Weirs, New England Regional Meeting, July 15.

New Jersey—Trenton, Lincoln Banquet, February 10; Asbury Park, Encampment, June 2, 3.

New York—New York City, Past Presidents Association Banquet, January 28; Rochester, Lincoln Banquet, February 13; New York City, Grant's Tomb Exercises, April 30; Rochester, Encampment, June 23.

Ohio—Akron, Encampment, June 17.

Oregon & Washington—Portland, Called Meeting, March 29.

Pennsylvania—Gettysburg, Dedication Day Services and Banquet, November 19; Harrisburg, Reception, December 3; Harrisburg, Lincoln Banquet, February 3; Philadelphia, Lincoln Banquet, February 10; Bethlehem, Lincoln Banquet, February 18; Shamokin, Lincoln Banquet, February 25; Mt. Carmel, Class Initiation, March 16; Reading, G. A. R. Memorial Hall Dedication, March 19; Pittsburgh, Western District Meeting, April 23; Harrisburg, Encampment, June 18, 22. Also various other meetings too numerous to mention.

Rhode Island—Providence, Encampment, April 14, 15.

Vermont—Windsor, Called Meeting, May 20.

Wisconsin—Milwaukee, Called Meeting, April 1; Sheboygan, Encampment, June 11.

Miscellaneous

Washington, D. C.—American Coalition & Women's Patriotic Conference, January 25, 26, 27.

Springfield, Ill.—Conference with Chamber of Commerce, June 14.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Pa. Dept. Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, June 26, 27.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Pa. Dept. Convention, Military Order, Purple Heart, July 1.

While it is true considerable planning and effort were necessary to visit all Departments and attend 18 Encampments, I sincerely believe my efforts have been worthwhile, especially in the smaller Departments where a visitation from the Commander-in-Chief is an inspiration and is deeply appreciated. I do regret that I was unable to spend more time on each visit and make more visits during my term of office.

Departments and Officers

Having had the opportunity of visiting every Department, it would be a pleasure to give you an individual report on each. However, this would involve an extremely lengthy report which time does not permit.

I would like to report that in many Departments we have real leadership while in others, we do not. I was and am deeply concerned over the apparent lack of interest indicated by the very poor attendance at some Department Encampments. I am convinced that in some instances the fault lies with Department Officers who are lax in planning an interesting and constructive Encampment and neglect to con-

tact the membership in person or by letter. Interesting Department Encampments are just as important to encourage attendance as Camp meetings.

Careful selection of officers is vitally important to each Camp and each Department, as well as the Commandery-in-Chief. Those selected should be of high standing with a willingness to sacrifice time and money in fulfillment of their duties. Personal contact by Department Officers and if possible, the Department Commander, with all Camps within the Department each year would definitely insure a larger attendance at Department Encampments, more interest shown by membership, more activity within Camp and Department and ultimately, an increase in membership.

The office must seek the man most capable and willing to perform the task. Success depends on planning now for real leaders to serve as officers. This is indeed a serious and important issue for the future of all Camps and Departments.

Officers of the Commandery-in-Chief

It has been my pleasure to have a fine staff of officers during my term of office.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Franklin S. Hubbard and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Parker E. Thornburg have ably represented the Commandery-in-Chief in their respective districts.

Patriotic Instructor William F. Nemitz, along with his duties as Commander of the Connecticut Department, and Commander of the New England Region, proved himself to be a capable and efficient Patriotic Instructor. His inspiring messages in *The Banner* gave much worthwhile instruction to Camps and Departments in carrying on their patriotic endeavors.

To Albert C. Lambert, our National Secretary-Treasurer, words cannot express my feeling of appreciation for the valuable assistance rendered to me during the past year. His counsel and advice have enabled your Commander-in-Chief to do a better job. Having previously served as Commander-in-Chief and two years as National Secretary-Treasurer, Brother Lambert is exceptionally capable to advise and assist the Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard F. Locke has served me faithfully as Counselor and I am deeply grateful for the splendid service rendered to the Order and to me. I feel confident that with his guidance, no serious errors in interpreting the laws of our Order have been made.

To the remainder of my official staff and committees, may I express my thanks and appreciation for their splendid support during this year. The combined efforts of all officers and committees are vitally important and essential to a successful administration.

Congressional Charter

While action of the 68th Encampment at Indianapolis directed the in-coming Commander-in-Chief to make application for Congressional Charter, I must report to you that at the time of dictating this report such application has not as yet been filed.

Following the Encampment and on advice of my Counselor, Past Commander-in-Chief Richard F. Locke, it was deemed advisable and necessary to have the list of incorporators include members of our organization holding positions of responsibility and trust, members who were well known politically and otherwise, and members who could lend

valuable assistance in Washington to assure granting a Federal Charter to our organization. It was further deemed necessary that these men be contacted and their written consent be obtained to use their names as incorporators.

As the records of the Commandery-in-Chief did not contain an up-to-date listing of prominent members, I communicated with Department Secretaries, Department Commanders and others in an endeavor to ascertain the names and addresses of members to be contacted, and I am pleased to report that with few exceptions, those brothers replying to my request accepted the honor of being an incorporator, granting permission to use their name. Quite a few letters were unanswered but with the list now accumulated we are in position to proceed in making formal application to Congress.

This was not an easy task and for information of the Encampment here assembled, more than 400 letters, all personally typewritten and addressed, were mailed in connection with this project.

I am extremely thankful for the advices given your Commander-in-Chief by Counselor Locke, for with some of the replies received, I am firmly convinced that we should not use the name of any member, other than Past Commanders-in-Chief or Department Officers, without written consent.

Legislative Committee

Past Department Commander Fred E. Colwell as Chairman of this Committee was exceptionally active and in constant touch with your Commander-in-Chief during the past year. His articles appearing in The Banner were of interest and were presented in an endeavor to have the members of our organization recognize the necessity of communicating with Representatives, Congressmen and Senators on matters of interest and concern, not only to our organization, but to clear thinking Americans.

While an attempt was made to have the United States Marine Band present at this Encampment, we recognize that failure to accomplish this was not due to lack of effort on the part of our Legislative Committee but due entirely to the report of the House Appropriations Committee and reduction in appropriation to the Navy budget.

The interest of our Legislative Committee in all legislative matters concerning our American form of government, national defense, immigration and veterans affairs, as well as our organization, is vitally important and should be given careful thought and study by our Committee who shall, in turn, report to the membership via The Banner and at Encampments.

American Coalition

In January I was privileged to attend meetings of this organization representing more than 100 patriotic, civic and fraternal Orders, combining their efforts in the interest of keeping America American.

It was with deep interest I have followed their reasoning on the issues of World Government, Communism and Immigration. Being a strong believer in our American Republic, I am heartily in accord with the American Coalition movement. We should lend our assistance in a united effort with other patriotic organizations in taking a firm stand against all un-American activities which seek to destroy the American form of government and the American way of life, so dear to all true liberty-loving Americans.

Time will not permit me to go into discussion on World Government. However, I can assure you that such form of government would

destroy our sovereignty and would supersede our Constitution. Sons of Union Veterans must take keen interest in government affairs—it is our patriotic duty and our responsibility to future generations, as well as ours.

There are no dues as a member of the American Coalition. The Coalition is maintained strictly on contributions which are made at the will of its members. In firm belief that our organization should become active in the American Coalition, I recommend that the Sons of Union Veterans renew their membership in the American Coalition and that the Commander-in-Chief or his designated representative attend the Coalition meetings held in Washington, D. C., during the month of January each year.

Neerology

During this past year three of our Past Commanders-in-Chief answered the final roll call and reported to our Great Commander above where they are welcomed to a meeting which shall never end.

William T. Church, Department of Illinois, 32nd Commander-in-Chief, elected in Kansas City, Mo., in 1916—mustered out November 9, 1949.

Edwin C. Ireland, Department of Maryland, 41st Commander-in-Chief, elected at Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1925—mustered out November 28, 1929.

Park F. Yengling, Department of Ohio, 49th Commander-in-Chief, elected in St. Paul, Minn., in 1933—mustered out March 15, 1950.

While our hearts are heavy, realizing that we shall no longer be privileged to greet these faithful and loyal brothers at our Encampments, may we, in memory of their many years of service to our beloved organization, resolve that their inspiration shall ever remain and abide with us. May we in so doing, continue in our efforts to maintain an organization worthy of their devotion.

The Banner

This official publication of our organization could be of much greater value if Camps and Departments, as well as members, would recognize the importance of reporting activities and ideas which would be of interest to other Camps and Departments.

On numerous occasions I have been informed of members who did not receive The Banner—I also was advised of The Banner being mailed to persons no longer members of our organization.

This is primarily due to neglect on the part of Camp Secretaries in completing the prescribed form for (1) change of address; (2) new members added; (3) members dropped and deceased. If this form is properly completed and forwarded to Department Headquarters and, in turn, to The Banner Editor, those persons entitled to The Banner will receive it and those no longer on the roster will be dropped.

I also received numerous complaints that articles of interest forwarded to the Editor were not printed. Again, the fault usually lies within the Camp or the Department. Camp Press Correspondents shall forward items of interest to Department Press Correspondents who, in turn, will combine the items of interest and forward them to the Editor.

Past Commander-in-Chief Allan Holbrook, our Banner Editor, is to be highly commended for his patience and untiring efforts. There are few men who would give their time and have the enduring patience Brother Holbrook has in preparing this publication.

Advertising and Circulars

In every business, advertising is of great importance. Our organization is a business and as such, it is equally important to advertise.

The only circular we have, "Information Concerning the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War," was adopted prior to World War II and is in need of revision. The circular should include information concerning organization of Junior, as well as Senior Camps and should also include a short form application, setting forth the required information necessary for membership in our Order. This can be done with a three section, two fold circular.

It is, therefore, recommended that the National Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to amend this circular and to provide for a short form application as suggested, subject to approval of the Commander-in-Chief, and to have sufficient quantity printed for free distribution to Departments and Camps.

Camps shall be informed that any number they so desire for use in their communities will be available.

25 Year Service Bar

The adoption of the 50 year badge is a splendid idea and tribute to members who have served continuously and faithfully for a period of 50 years. However, many of our members, either through not becoming members at an early age or by not being fortunate enough to enjoy as many years of life as others, are unable to qualify for a 50 year badge.

We do have in our ranks many men who have served loyally and faithfully for a period of 25 years or more. Some of these men in their 25 years of service have given as much, if not more, than some who have been members for 50 years.

It is, therefore, recommended that the Commandery-in-Chief adopt and approve issuance of a silver bar to be worn with the organization badge and on which is inscribed "25 years service."

Distribution of the silver bar shall be in accordance with regulations governing the 50 year badge.

Future Encampments

While it is regretted that the Grand Army Family is not meeting together this year it is my earnest desire that in 1951, and future years, there will be a meeting of minds on this matter. The Sons of Union Veterans being the only male organization officially recognized by the Grand Army of the Republic, as well as the senior National Organization of the Grand Army Family, must recognize their position and accept leadership of the Allied Orders, inviting our sister organizations to join with us at all future Encampments.

It is not our desire to dictate terms or policy to the Grand Army Family and we are hopeful that each of the organizations will accept our offer in the spirit rendered. We sincerely wish to co-operate, fully realizing that "in unity there is strength" and that all organizations allied to the Grand Army of the Republic have similar plans and objects.

The proposed "rotation leadership" reported as being adopted by the Grand Army of the Republic is without foundation. The Grand Army of the Republic did express an official wish by resolution that the Grand Army Family meet together in Memorial Encampments, but your Commander-in-Chief has been unable to secure any record of action taken by the Grand Army of the Republic with reference to the aforementioned proposal.

It is indeed gratifying to note that in many Departments the entire

Grand Army Family meets at the same time and in the same city. In a few Departments the majority join together. I sincerely trust that in the years to come all organizations will recognize the importance of co-operating one with another and that the Sons of Union Veterans in each Department will accept and assume leadership. It must be understood, however, that real leadership must be exemplified. No organization will follow a poor leader.

In the interest of future Encampments, I hereby recommend the approval of an Encampment Committee of five members to be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief and to serve during his term of office.

It is my suggestion that the Committee include the retiring Commander-in-Chief, the Secretary-Treasurer, the senior member of Council-in-Chief and two Past Commanders-in-Chief.

It shall be the duty of this Committee to obtain bids from prospective Encampment Cities and submit same to the Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief with their recommendations.

It is further recommended that each of the Allied Orders be invited and to appoint two representatives to be members of the Encampment Committee, the Chairman of which shall be one of the Encampment Committee appointed by the Commander-in-Chief.

Publicity

A vitally important phase of advertisement is nationwide publicity which can be obtained only when there is activity of sufficient importance to warrant same.

While active Camps and District Associations observe Abraham Lincoln's Birthday and place wreaths at many monuments, I believe that the Commandery-in-Chief should on Lincoln's Birthday place a wreath at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Illinois, and a wreath at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C. This should be done in co-operation with the Departments and the Commander-in-Chief or his official representative should personally place the wreath.

Our organization has sponsored Dedication Day, falling on November 19, the Anniversary date of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and while the Gettysburg Camp hold annual services on this date in the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, the Commander-in-Chief, if at all possible, should be present and on behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief place a wreath in this historical cemetery. If for any reason the Commander-in-Chief is unable to be present, he should officially designate a representative to be present.

On Memorial Day various organizations each place a wreath in Arlington Cemetery and while I recognize the fact that our interest may be local, there are members of our organization located in Washington, D. C., who could officially represent the Commander-in-Chief in placing a wreath in the Arlington Cemetery in memory of the Civil War dead interred there.

It is recommended that the in-coming Commander-in-Chief be authorized to arrange such suitable services as may be necessary and to place wreaths as suggested, the cost of such wreaths to be paid for from the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund.

Finances

The financial condition of the Commandery-in-Chief has not improved and should be of deep concern to each and every member of our Order. The same condition prevails in practically every Department. Many things that should be done cannot be considered by reason of a

low treasury. The remedy for this is by necessity an increase in per capita tax, both for Departments and the Commandery-in-Chief.

In traveling throughout the Nation, I was alarmed to learn that many Camps charge as low as \$1.00 annual dues, yet their per capita to Departments sometimes exceeds that amount. The answer I received in some localities was, "Our Auxiliary takes care of our per capita tax," which to me was pathetic and is a serious matter to be considered.

I heartily agree with Past Department Commander John Starr of the Department of Oregon and Washington, with his statement made at the Encampment in Indianapolis (Page 52, Encampment Proceedings). We must increase our per capita tax but before so doing, it is necessary for the Commandery-in-Chief to regulate the annual minimum dues to be charged by Camps, in the same manner as the admission fee for members is regulated.

It is, therefore, recommended:

- 1—The Regulations of the Commandery-in-Chief be amended to provide an annual minimum dues of not less than \$5.00, same to take effect January 1, 1951.
- 2—Regulations be adopted providing a per capita tax of \$2.00 per member to Departments, of which \$1.00 shall be due and payable to the Commandery-in-Chief.
- 3—All per capita tax received by the Commandery-in-Chief shall be distributed as follows:
 - (a) 25% invested in a permanent fund, the interest of which may be used for general expenses.
 - (b) 10% placed in the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund.
 - (c) 10% placed in an organization fund to be used for organization work—instituting new Camps, etc.
 - (d) 55% placed in the general fund to be used for general expenses as may be required by the budget.

I fully appreciate that the above recommendations will not meet with the approval of many brothers. I also recognize that those deeply interested in the future of our organization will agree, realizing full well that this may mean losing a number of Camps, I am of the firm opinion that this action is necessary and it would be much better for our Order to go down to rock bottom and start rebuilding rather than discouraging our willing Camps and workers by the inevitable slow process of dropping members of Camps who do not appreciate their heritage and feel the Order is not worth even \$1.00 or \$2.00 to belong to.

We do not wish to be an expensive organization beyond the means of our membership, but if any member feels the Sons of Union Veterans is not worth at least \$5.00 to belong to, such brother is not worthy of being a member.

I would like to point out that the recommendation I have just made penalizes my own Camp which is one of the largest. Our annual dues are and have been for a number of years, \$5.00. Since increasing the dues, our membership has doubled. Our per capita tax until this year was \$1.00. With the above recommendation, our per capita tax is doubled.

Commandery-in-Chief Camp

State Camps within Departments have proven their value by retaining membership of persons whose Camps have disbanded and who otherwise would no longer be members were it not for the organization of a

State Camp. Such Camps also afford the opportunity for persons to join our order when in their community there is no Camp.

Just as a State Camp is important to a Department, it is the opinion of your Commander-in-Chief that there should be a Commandery-in-Chief Camp which would enable persons located in states and territories wherein we do not have Camps or a Department to become members.

The National Secretary-Treasurer frequently receives inquiries from all parts of the United States and its Possessions, asking how to be affiliated with the Sons of Union Veterans. If the inquiry comes from a State where there is a Department, it is a simple matter to direct the inquirer or applicant to Department Headquarters. However, if the inquiry comes from elsewhere, it is practically useless to direct that person to a Department hundreds and sometimes a thousand miles away, such as Hawaii. If the National Secretary-Treasurer could invite the inquirer to become a member of the Commandery-in-Chief Camp, in many cases we would acquire members.

It is, therefore, recommended that serious consideration and thought be given to providing for a Commandery-in-Chief Camp, with the understanding that the membership of this Camp be limited to persons located beyond the territorial lines of our present Departments. The dues of said Camp to be regulated by the Commandery-in-Chief and dual membership permitted.

Life Membership

It is my belief that provision should be made for life membership in our Order and by proper presentation to a certain class of persons, life membership could be sold. In a great many instances, men of financial means join our Order and after several years, either by reason of lost interest or Camps disbanding, such members are lost to our Order. At time of initial interest many of these persons would willingly pay a flat fee for life membership. In so doing, should their interest lag or the Camp disband, they would still retain membership in the Sons of Union Veterans.

It is, therefore, recommended that:

- 1—The Regulations of the Commandery-in-Chief provide for a life membership fee of not less than \$100.00.
- 2—\$50.00 shall be due and payable to the Department, of which \$40.00 shall be forwarded to the Commandery-in-Chief to be invested in the permanent fund.
- 3—A permanent record of each such member shall be maintained in the Camp, Department and at Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters.
- 4—Certificate of Life Membership shall be presented to each such member, said Certificate to be executed by the Commander-in-Chief and attested to by the National Secretary-Treasurer.
- 5—Life members shall be maintained on rosters of Camps and Departments but Camps and Departments will be exempt from payment of per capita tax on such members.
- 6—In event the Camp and or Department should disband, such member, by reason of his life membership certificate, shall automatically become a member of the Commandery-in-Chief Camp.

Public Relations

Advance publicity of the Commander-in-Chief's visitations is extremely important and can do much good for our organization. In some Departments we have men who are "go getters" and will contact newspapers to obtain publicity in advance of the Commander-in-Chief's visit. However, in some instances publicity is not obtained by reason of poor contact with newspapers or the timidity of persons to ask for the publicity.

The Commander-in-Chief, in addition to planning visits, attending to correspondence and in many instances operating his own business, must also prepare for advance newspaper publicity, articles concerning his proposed visit and see that photographs are placed in proper hands. Realizing the value of newspaper publicity, which can be obtained if requested, and recognizing the importance of material being placed in proper hands; also being aware of the reluctance of any person to write a story about himself, I do believe that a publicity agent or public relations officer is necessary if we are to obtain justly earned publicity.

It is, therefore, recommended that an office be created, to be known as "Public Relations Officer", such officer be in close touch with the Commander-in-Chief, his duties to be as outlined above. The Commander-in-Chief shall provide Public Relations Officer with photographs, itineraries and all other necessary information to arrange for advance publicity.

Grand Army of the Republic

Today, 85 years following the close of the Great Civil War, 16 of the 2,213,365 men who wore the Union Blue are still living. Ten of these valiant men comprise the Grand Army of the Republic with Commander-in-Chief Theodore A. Penland as their leader. During this past year, it was my privilege and honor to visit with 4 of these Comrades.

In Los Angeles, California, on Sunday, March 26, together with Past Comander-in-Chief Barrett and a delegation from the Department of California and Pacific, I visited Comrade William A. Magee, age 103, and Comrade Douglas A. Storey, age 105. On arriving in Portland, Oregon, March 29, together with a delegation from the Department of Oregon and Washington, headed by Commander John Starr and Department Secretary-Treasurer E. W. Madison, we journeyed to Vancouver, Washington, for an enjoyable two hour visit with Commander-in-Chief Penland. In the evening, the Commander-in-Chief attended the Banquet and meeting which the brothers from the Oregon and Washington Department had scheduled for me. On June 23, while attending the Department of New York Encampment at Rochester, Department Commander French, Past Department Commander Fred Colwell and I called on the oldest of the Comrades, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief James A. Hard, 108 years of age. Since then, Comrade Hard has observed his 109th birthday on July 15.

It is extremely difficult for me to express the inspiration received from meeting and talking to these grand old men. It was indeed a rare privilege and high honor. The inspiration I received from these visits shall long be remembered and I sincerely wish I could pass that inspiration on to others.

Realizing that the youngest veteran is 102 and the oldest 109, we also realize that another year might mean the final roll call for all of them. With the passing of each Comrade, the duties of Sons of Union Veterans become greater. May we, as true sons of noble sires, recognize our re-

responsibilities and resolve that we shall keep faith with our Comrades and their efforts shall not have been in vain.

Secretary, Grand Army of the Republic

To our good sister, Miss Cora E. Gillis, Secretary to the Commander-in-Chief, Grand Army of the Republic, I extend my appreciation and gratitude for the many courtesies to me this year. Sister Gillis is extremely faithful and loyal to the Grand Army of the Republic and although the Grand Army of the Republic will no longer meet in Encampments, they still continue as an organization, with Sister Gillis rendering to Commander-in-Chief Penland and his Comrades her valuable assistance and cooperation.

Woman's Relief Corps

During the year, it was my pleasure to attend a number of meetings and conventions of this fine organization of patriotic women, officially recognized by the Grand Army of the Republic as its Auxiliary. On several occasions their National President, Mrs. Harriette McCullough was present. Our deepest respect and gratitude is extended to Mrs. McCullough and her organization for their splendid work over a long period of years in the interest of the Grand Army of the Republic, their loyalty to the Grand Army and their co-operation, as well as assistance, to the sons of Union Veterans in many Departments.

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

To this organization privileged to carry the name "Grand Army of the Republic", which is dear to all of us, and to their capable National President, Mrs. Margaret Worrell, it is a pleasure to express the appreciation we feel to this splendid organization. May they continue to prosper and by so doing, keep the name "Grand Army of the Republic" before the public. It was also my privilege to attend a number of meetings and conventions of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and the reception received was deeply appreciated.

Daughters of Union Veterans

To our sister organization, direct blood descendants of Civil War veterans, and to their splendid National President, Sister Clara Mosher, we express our sincere appreciation for their loyalty and helpfulness, not only during the past year but over a long period of years.

Through the efforts of the Daughters of Union Veterans in Des Moines, Iowa, a new Camp of Sons of Union Veterans was instituted during this year. Our sincere thanks and appreciation is extended to those sisters for this splendid contribution to our Order.

In my travels, I attended a number of meetings and conventions of the Daughters of Union Veterans. Several times Sister Mosher was present. The courtesies and friendliness extended to me by sister Mosher and her organization are deeply appreciated.

Our Auxiliary

There are no words to express the gratitude we owe to our Auxiliary, so capably lead this year by National President, Sister Ethelyn C. Tucker. Through the efforts of our Auxiliary we are able to report to this Encampment two new Camps: One in Pasadena, California, and the other in Barre, Vermont.

Webster defines Auxiliary as "a helper; anything that helps, as an auxiliary engine." Our Auxiliary is truly "a helper" and where a Camp recognizes the willingness of its Auxiliary to assist, such Camps are pro-

gressive. May each Camp realize the value of its Auxiliary, accept their willingness to assist, but under no circumstances should any Camp fail to recognize their own responsibilities and leadership. An Auxiliary can only help when the Camp is willing to help itself.

It is common knowledge that some Camps will not permit or subscribe to the organization of an Auxiliary. With few exceptions, such Camps are inactive and should accept the helping hand of an Auxiliary organization. A Camp without an Auxiliary is like a home without a wife.

During the past year Sister Tucker and I made many visitations together. It was indeed a pleasure that we could do this and I believe these visitations will in due time bring results.

My sincere thanks and appreciation is extended to National President, Sister Tucker, and her entire organization in exemplifying a true spirit of helpfulness during the past year. The many kindnesses shown me by members of our Auxiliary from Maine to California will never be forgotten.

Recommendations

All recommendations have been incorporated with each topic in lieu of being listed separately. For guidance and reference refer to the following for recommendations:

1. Junior Advisory Committee
2. American Coalition
3. Advertising and Circulars
4. 25 Year Service Bar
5. Future Encampments
6. Publicity
7. Finances
8. Commandery-in-Chief Camp
9. Life Membership
10. Public Relations

Conclusion

As I bring this report to conclusion with full realization that many of my hopes and plans were not fulfilled, I cannot help but feel that there have been results and accomplishments in many parts of the Commandery-in-Chief. Where we have had brothers with a will and determination to prove, "It can be done," there have been achievements.

It has been a pleasure to serve you as Commander-in-Chief during the past year which has been one of the most crucial years in our organization. I shall always treasure the many friends made from Coast to Coast and the honor of having served this Grand Order as Commander-in-Chief. I am deeply appreciative of the many kindnesses shown me and the splendid co-operation extended without which no organization can be successful.

I trust that we shall continue encouraging the organization of Junior Camps, activity in public affairs, close cooperation with veteran and patriotic organizations and adoption of the uniform throughout the Nation. All of this, will lead to publicity and eventually, membership.

May we constantly recognize the value of building our Order, not only for today but for tomorrow. As we plan and look into the future, we must endeavor to continue building an organization that future generations may respect and be proud to become affiliated with. Our work is never done — we must be perpetually vigilant in the interests of our organization and the principles we represent. While many of our

members have served long and faithfully, perhaps feeling their efforts are in vain, may we learn a lesson from the poem on "The Bridge Builder" and recognize our responsibility to keep faith with the high ideals our Order was founded upon, not only for ourselves but for succeeding generations.

"The Bridge Builder"

An old man going a lone highway
 Came at the evening, cold and gray,
 To a chasm vast and wide and steep.
 With waters rolling cold and deep.
 The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
 The sullen stream had no fears for him,
 But he turned when safe on the other side,
 And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
 "You are wasting your strength with building here.
 Your journey will end with the ending day,
 You never again will pass this way.
 You've crossed the chasm, deep and wide,
 Why build you this bridge at eventide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head,
 "Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
 "There followeth after me today
 A youth whose feet must pass this way.
 The chasm that was as naught to me
 To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;
 He, too, must cross in the twilight dim—
 Good friend, I am building this bridge — FOR HIM!"

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. RUNKLE,
 Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: I have a brief supplemental report regarding the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, and some after-thoughts which followed mailing of my report to Brother Holbrook. This report is not printed, and I would like to read it at this time.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

We are an organization composed of men whose fathers and grandfathers through sacrifices and loyalty to the Republic maintained a united nation, second to none in the world today, yet in our midst, operating under our Banner of Freedom, are many persons who seek to destroy American life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

As the only male organization recognized by and representing the Grand Army of the Republic, senior of all veteran organizations, it is imperative that we recognize our responsibilities as (1) descendants of gallant men who gave us a priceless heritage, (2) as an organization pledged to support and defend the government of the United States of America, and (3) as American citizens to do all in our power to preserve American principles and ideals. We cannot and must not close our eyes to activities of subversive groups. We must always remember that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

In recognition of our loyal and patriotic responsibilities, I recom-

mend that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War officially go on record as:

1. Strenuously opposing any form of world government which will definitely jeopardize the rights and privileges granted to United States citizens under our Constitution.

2. Urge the Congress of the United States to enact legislation outlawing the Communist Party or any other party whose objects have been proven to overthrow our government.

Our organization does not favor war, but in the interest of preserving liberty for all free thinking people, we recognize the vital necessity of preparedness. We are definitely opposed to regimentation but in the interest of preparedness, it is vitally important that the United States of America shall have a military training program whereby our Nation can maintain its position as the greatest military power in the world. Only as such, can we expect to combat aggressiveness of communistic powers.

It is recommended that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War go on record as favoring a universal military training program and urge Congress to adopt such program.

Grand Army of the Republic Comrades

Individual invitations were extended to each of the ten remaining Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic to attend this Encampment as guests of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the City of Boston.

Comrade James A. Hard, Rochester, N. Y., age 109 years, accepted our invitation and fully intended to be with us. Brother Fred E. Colwell, at my request, arranged for charter plane. However, last Saturday, August 12, Comrade Hard fell and while not seriously injured was so badly shaken up that he felt he should not make the trip.

Comrade Robert D. Barrett, Princeton, Kentucky, 104 years of age expressed his desire to attend and arrangements were made for him to come by train with an attendant. Friday, August 18, in telephone conversation with Comrade Barrett's daughter-in-law, I was advised that they were unable to make necessary arrangements to come along with Comrade Barrett and, therefore, he would not be able to attend.

Comrade Joseph Clovese, Pontiac, Michigan, 106 years of age expressed his desire to attend but as of Friday, August 18, I had not received a reply to my letter asking him to advise date, time and method of arrival. A telegram was sent asking to advise by wire or phone collect if he could come. No reply was received by the time I left for Boston.

Comrade Albert Woolson, Duluth, Minnesota, age 104, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, acknowledged my invitation, expressing sincere regrets in not being able to attend.

Comrade William A. Megee, age 104, and Douglas T. Storey, age 105, both of Los Angeles, California, also acknowledged invitations, expressing regrets at being unable to attend.

No replies were received from Comrade Lansing A. Wilcox, Cadott, Wisconsin; Hiram R. Gale, Seattle, Washington; Israel Broadsword, Samuels, Idaho; or Commander-in-Chief Theodore A. Penland. It is my understanding that Commander-in-Chief Penland is at the present time in the Veterans' Hospital at Vancouver, Washington; Comrade Gale is in the Marine Hospital at Seattle, Washington; and Comrade Wilcox and Broadsword, while at their respective homes, are physically unable to attend any public functions.

I sincerely regret our not having at least one Comrade present with us at this Encampment but realizing their ages, we can readily understand that the physical endurance necessary for a trip to Boston is too much to be expected.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. RUNKLE,
Commander-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hubbard: Brothers, you have heard the printed report and supplementary report of the Commander-in-Chief. What is your pleasure?

Past Department Commander Julius Isaacs, New York: I move it be received and turned over to the Committee on Officers' Reports; with a rising vote of thanks given the Commander-in-Chief for this splendid report, and for his work this year.

(Seconded by National Secretary-Treasurer Lambert, and carried. Rising vote of thanks, and applause, given the Commander-in-Chief by the Encampment).

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: At this time, I will ask Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Brother Franklin S. Hubbard to read his report.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hubbard:

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Kenosha, Wis., August 10, 1950.

John H. Runkle, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

During the year now almost past, since my election to the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I have endeavored to carry out the few requests you have asked of me.

Most of my visitations as a National Officer have been by invitation to social functions, nearly all of which were held in Wisconsin.

Two of the high lights were your own reception in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, December 3, 1949; and again your reception in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April 1, 1950.

In Decatur, Illinois, at the Conference of the Central Region, I received the honor of being elected Commander of this Region and much of my time has been devoted to the duties of that office.

Mrs. Hubbard and myself were guests of Post No. 21 of the American Legion at their Armistice Day Banquet in Kenosha. At this affair, I was introduced as a National Officer of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and presented information to them of our organization.

In October, I attended the Mid-Year meeting of my own Department in Madison, Wisconsin, and again in Madison under date of February 10, attended the Dinner Meeting of the Lincoln Fellowship of Wisconsin where I was introduced under my official title.

There were many other affairs which I attended. Among them was a Dedication Day Dinner in Milwaukee and a Lincoln, Washington, McKinley Banquet given by the Allied Orders in the same city. Also was present in Chicago at the Annual Banquet of the Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I attended the Department Encampment of Wisconsin in Sheboygan held during June, and was happy to be able to greet both you and National President Ethelyn C. Tucker.

The last affair was a picnic in Milwaukee given by the Sons and Auxillary at V. F. W. Forward Post under date of August 6, 1950. Mrs. Hubbard and I were their guests and we were both royally received and entertained.

For some time here in Kenosha, the Allied Orders and the American War Mothers have been without a meeting place because of the room allotted to their use in the County Court House having been taken for use of the Small Claims Court. We were told no room was available for our use. Representatives of these organizations elected me their spokesman and I appeared before the County Board of Supervisors at their monthly meetings in May and June in an effort to sell them on the cause of helping these patriotic organizations by providing a meeting place for them. After we had a conference with the District Attorney and a meeting with the Building Committee, the County Board in July voted unanimously to prepare another room for our use at a cost of \$985.00. It is my belief that in localities where a similar situation occurs, the County Board will be willing to provide a meeting place if the matter is brought to their attention in a reasonable manner.

I feel that it has been a very great honor to have been permitted to serve on the staff of a Commander-in-Chief who has shown such enthusiasm during his term of office and who has not spared himself either physically or mentally in the service of our beloved organization.

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

FRANKLIN S. HUBBARD,
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports).

National Secretary Lambert: I have the written report of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. There are no recommendations in this report, and I move that it be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports without reading. (Seconded by Department Commander A. Leroy Reynolds, Illinois, and carried).

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Muncie, Ind., August 12, 1950.

John H. Runkle, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief and Brothers:

I wish to submit to you a brief report of my activities as National Junior Vice Commander.

One year ago the National Encampment honored me by electing me to serve as your National Junior Vice Commander. Realizing that the duties of the Junior Vice Commander are not specified by the laws of our Order only to promulgate the principles and growth of the Order, and to perform such other tasks as may be requested of him by the Commander-in-Chief, I accepted the office with the expectation of being able in some small measure to repay the organization for the trust conferred upon me. In this I have fallen far short of my expectations.

Owing to ill health, I have not been able to make any extended trips but have had to devote my time and work in my own Department. I have attended all the functions held in my own state and endeavored at all times to create an interest in our Order. I was present at a very well attended Mid-Winter meeting at Indianapolis, Indiana. I represented the National Commander and brought his greetings and such message as I thought he would wish conveyed.

I attended the Indiana State Department Encampment and helped in a very profitable meeting that will bear fruit in the future, owing to the helpful service rendered through the visitation of our National Commander.

In closing, I wish to thank the members of my own Department and the National Organization for the honor of serving as National Junior Vice Commander and pledge my loyalty and support to the Sons of Union Veterans organization.

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

PARKER E. THORNBURG,
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I move that all reports, with the exception of the National Secretary and Council-in-Chief be received and referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports, without reading.

National Patriotic Instructor Nemitz: I think there is some pretty important "meat" in my report, and I believe it should be read.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Is there a second to this motion?

(Seconded by Past Department Commander Parker B. Chandler, Massachusetts).

National Secretary Lambert: I think the Patriotic Instructor should be given the privilege of reading his report—with that exception, I am in favor of the motion.

National Counselor Locke: Commander-in-Chief, I would like to make a substitute motion for all matters now pending—that the reports of all officers, exclusive of the Council-in-Chief and National Patriotic Instructor be received and referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports without reading. (Seconded by National Secretary Lambert, and carried).

The following reports were referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports, without reading:

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR

Glen Ellyn, Ill., August 21, 1950.

John H. Runkle, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

This report as your Counselor is necessarily brief for the reason that your administration of the affairs of the Order has been one of sound judgment, patriotic devotion and an intense and persistent determination to promote our objects and purpose.

You deserve and will receive the thanks and appreciation of the entire membership for your exceptionally valuable services.

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

RICHARD F. LOCKE, National Counselor.

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

Philadelphia, Pa., August 19, 1950.

John H. Runkle, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Sir and Brothers:

It was with great pride coupled with deep humility that I accepted this high and sacred office in our beloved Order. Pride that our Com-

mander-in-Chief saw fit to appoint me as his National Chaplain, humble in the realization of the high principles for which our Order, and especially this office, stands.

During the year the opportunities to serve have been many and varied. Personal contact, as well as by letter, with many of you has led to closer fraternal feelings. In planning the Memorial Service, scheduled for Tuesday afternoon, it was my privilege to work with Mrs. John U. Schroyer, National Chaplain of the Auxiliary. Such harmony and co-operation as we experienced, I feel sure, cannot help but lead to a better comprehension of our common purpose.

Perhaps the outstanding event connected with my duties as Chaplain was the special observance of Lincoln's birthday held in the Cumberland Street Methodist Church in Philadelphia. The church was filled to capacity with members and friends of our Order, and was a glowing tribute to our organization as well as to our father's Commander-in-Chief.

Above everything else I have considered it my responsibility to remind the people at all times of the place and importance of religion in the lives of men and in the history of our country. To quote from Howard Lowery's new book, "The Mind's Adventure," "when the Western world, and more than the Western part, tries to express its highest idea, it wraps its hope in a single word—democracy. By this it means far more than a form of government. Primarily, the word democracy expresses a conviction about man himself—that he has rights, duties, and meaning as a person." When man forgets this he no longer maintains his freedom. Thus it is that democracy will stand and endure, not in a political abstraction, but only in the realm of a people's faith.

With this thought ever in mind I have tried to discharge the duties of this sacred office.

May God's richest blessings continue to abide with us all as we journey together into the future.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

RICHARD O. PARTINGTON,
National Chaplain.

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHIEF-OF-STAFF

Reading, Pa. August 15, 1950.

The Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Honored Sir:

Pursuant to my appointment as Chief-of-Staff, I have endeavored to perform the duties of that office as called upon.

In addition to answering the usual letters requesting information relative to the Sons of Veterans Reserve, several requests for certificates necessary to obtain arms from the government, were received and forwarded. Upon the request of the National Chief-of-Staff of the Auxiliary, plans have been made for the joint opening and also for the banquet and dance honoring the Commander-in-Chief and the National President. Such other duties have been performed as directed by the Commander-in-Chief.

The honor of my appointment is deeply appreciated.

Fraternally yours,

C. L. STOUT,
Chief-of-Staff.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

Trenton N. J., August 1, 1950.

Mr. John H. Runkle,
Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

It is an honor to present my report of the office of National Secretary-Treasurer. I regret that the tendency regarding membership is downward, but am happy to observe many bright spots that are encouraging. This, I feel, has resulted from your conscientious and untiring efforts on behalf of the Organization. The fine work done by you during the year has shown results, and will continue to help the Organization in the future.

Again with careful planning, we are able to show a small balance in the General Fund, with all bills paid. During the year, we have replenished necessary stocks of supplies, and now have all supplies on hand.

Continual decreases in membership result in loss of revenue for the Commandery-in-Chief, as well as the Departments, and the Camps. We must hold the line somewhere soon, or be faced with the necessity of drastically changing our procedure. Expenses are steadily rising, and cannot be met with decreasing income. An examination of the records for the past ten years show a loss in that time of 198 Camps, and 8,691 members.

I would like to recommend new ventures in advertising the Order, teaching of American History, and worthwhile civic work for the Order, but our finances permit only continuance of present established expenses.

Financial Statement

July 1, 1949, to June 30, 1950

	General Fund	G. A. R. Fund	W. L. Jacques Fund	Legis. Com.	U. S. Govt. Bonds
July 1, 1949—To Balance..	\$ 358.30	\$1,381.79	\$119.16	\$	\$6,700.00
RECEIPTS:					
Per Capita Tax.....	5,271.84				
New Members Fees	173.00				
Charter Fees	15.00				
Camp Reinstatement Fees.	10.00				
Supplies	1,050.00				
National Auxiliary—Gift ..	500.00				
Col. at Indianapolis Enc...	306.20				
Interest on U. S. Bonds...	167.50				
Miscellaneous	27.16				
Prem. on Dept. Com. Bonds	11.25				
Nat. Pat. Inst. Hubbard...		750.00			
Donation—Wm. Schneider.				150.00	
	<u>\$7,890.25</u>	<u>\$2,131.79</u>	<u>\$119.16</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>	<u>\$6,700.00</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

1949-1950 Vouchers No. 1 to 51

General Expense..\$5,008.02

C.-in-C. Expense,

Runkle 750.00

C.-in-C. Expense,

Fouch ... 184.20

Enc. Expense 689.12

Dept. Com. Bonds 50.00

Supplies 1,177.06

—\$7,858.40

Jacques Fund, Lafayette Camp

119.16

Congressional Record

12.00

Gift to G. A. R....\$500.00

Grave Marking Com. 25.00

GAR Highway Com. 144.92

Printing and

Stationery 25.75

695.67

Balance June 30, 1950....\$ 31.85 \$1,436.12 \$138.00 \$6,700.00

Stock and Supplies Account

Cost of Supplies on hand June 30, 1949.....\$1,744.46

Supplies purchased 1,177.06

\$2,921.52

Cost of Supplies on hand June 30, 1950..... 2,316.41

Cost of Supplies Sold\$ 605.11

Received for Supplies Sold\$1,050.00

Cost of Supplies Sold 605.11

Profit on Supplies Sold.....\$ 444.89

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S ANNUAL CONSOLIDATED REPORT, 1949-1950

Departments	In Good Standing June 30, 1949		GAIN						LOSS							
			By Organization and Initiation		By Transfer		By Reinstatement		Total Gain		By Disbanded		By Death		By Hon. Discharge	
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members
At Large	1	20	1	1												
California & Pacific	17	477	1	52	1		6	1	59				17	3		
Colorado & Wyoming	4	76		7					7				3			
Connecticut	25	715		6			1		7	2	33	20	3			
Illinois	18	290		8			2		10			13		11		
Indiana	13	248		5			3		8	1	10	10				
Iowa	14	239	1	39				1	39	3	58	17				
Kansas	13	202		8					8				3			
Maine	27	686		15	1		3		19	2	19	16	2			
Maryland	7	171		3	2		1		6			12				
Massachusetts	87	2011		29	1	1	31	1	61	1	5	65	5	1		
Michigan	13	366		12					12	1	8	9	3	1		
Minnesota	6	98		6					6			1				
Missouri	4	76					1		1			4				
Nebraska	4	64		1					1			1				
New Hampshire	16	318		8	1	1	17	1	26			11			3	
New Jersey	19	490		13			3		16	1	3	19	1			
New York	51	1211		42	5		15		62	1	3	51	2	6	4	
Ohio	47	1075		12	1		4		17	4	32	46				
Oregon	7	163		8	1		8		17			5	1	2		
Pennsylvania	78	2393		60			41		101	7	55	64	4			1
Rhode Island	13	214		1		1	7	1	8			7	4			
Vermont	19	391	1	39				1	39	1	13	14				
Wisconsin	12	300		9	1		2		12	1	12	8	1	1	1	
Total	515	12294	3	384	14	3	145	6	543	25	251	416	29	26	8	6

RECAPITULATION

Good Standing June 30, 1949	515	Camps
GAIN	6	
LOSS	33	
Good Standing June 30, 1950	488	
NET LOSS—27 Camps; 835 Members		

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S ANNUAL CONSOLIDATED REPORT, 1949-1950 — GAINS AND LOSSES BY DEPARTMENTS

Departments	In Good Standing June 30, 1949		GAIN						LOSS						In Good Standing June 30, 1950		Net Gain.		Net Loss.		Balance in Department Treasuries	Balance in Camp Treasuries				
	Camps	Members	Camps	By Organization Members and Initiation	By Transfer.	By Reinstatement	Total Gain.	Camps	Members	By Disbanded.	By Death.	By Hon. Discharge	By Transfer.	By Dropped	Total Loss.	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps			Members			
																								Members	Members	Members
At Large	1	20	1				1									1	21	1								
California & Pacific	17	477	1	52	1	6	1	59			17	3	1	38	59	18	477	1					\$ 686.75	\$ 1,073.31		
Colorado & Wyoming	4	76		7				7			3			2	5	4	78		2				57.63			
Connecticut	25	715		6			1	7	2	33	20	3		7	2	63	23	659		2	56	195.28	3490.81			
Illinois	18	290		8			2	10			13	11		12	36	18	264			26	56	1,020.51				
Indiana	13	248		5		3		8	1	10	10			22	1	42	12	214		1	34	25.68	214.31			
Iowa	14	239	1	39			1	39	3	58	17	3		22	3	100	12	178		2	61	152.06	71.92			
Kansas	13	202		8				8			3			2	5	13	205		3			97.75				
Maine	27	686		15	1	3		19	2	19	16	2		39	2	76	25	629		2	57	405.60	13,553.05			
Maryland	7	171		3	2	1		6			12			5	17	7	160			11		60.77	376.42			
Massachusetts	87	2011		29	1	31	1	61	1	5	65	5	1	73	1	149	87	1923			88	72.34	11,747.07			
Michigan	13	366		12				12	1	8	9	3	1	20	1	41	12	337		1	29	109.60	693.50			
Minnesota	6	98		6				6			1			2	3	6	101		3			42.62	102.02			
Missouri	4	76				1		1			4			5	9	4	68			8		124.72	275.89			
Nebraska	4	64		1				1			1				1	4	64									
New Hampshire	16	318		8	1	17	1	26			11		3	56	3	67	14	277		2	41	274.28	296.23			
New Jersey	19	490		13		3		16	1	3	19	1		14	1	37	18	469		1	21	1,384.83	3,309.31			
New York	51	1211		42	5	15		62	1	3	51	2	6	79	5	141	46	1132		5	79	827.88	754.30			
Ohio	47	1075		12	1	4		17	4	32	46			71	4	149	43	943		4	132	422.03	460.04			
Oregon	7	163		8	1			8		17	5	1	2	20		28	7	152			11		132.50			
Pennsylvania	78	2393		60		41		101	7	55	64	4		135	7	258	71	2236		7	157	138.84	18,725.13			
Rhode Island	13	214		1	1	7	1	8			7	4		2	13	14	209	1			5	162.02	1,100.11			
Vermont	19	391	1	39			1	39	1	13	14			8	1	35	19	395		4		167.90	680.59			
Wisconsin	12	300		9	1			12	1	12	8	1	1	22	2	44	10	268		2	32	929.74				
Total	515	12294	3	384	14	3	145	6	543	25	251	416	29	26	8	656	33	1378	488	11459	2	13	29	848	\$7,491.33	\$56,909.01

RECAPITULATION

	Camps	Members
Good Standing June 30, 1949.....	515	12,294
GAIN	6	543
	521	12,837
LOSS	33	1,378
Good Standing June 30, 1950.....	488	11,459
NET LOSS—27 Camps; 835 Members		

Sixty-ninth Annual Encampment

Fifty-Year Badges Issued

California, 3; Illinois, 1; Maine, 2; Massachusetts, 7; New Jersey, 4;
New York, 20; Pennsylvania, 11; Rhode Island, 3.

War Medals Issued

Massachusetts, 2; New Jersey, 2; Oregon, 2; Ohio, 2; Wisconsin, 1.

New Camps

During the year the following new Camps were organized:

Pasadena, California	18 members
Barre, Vermont	20 members
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	27 members

Reinstated Camps

The following Departments reinstated Camps during the year as follows:

Pittsfield, New Hampshire	16 members
Camp 3, Rhode Island	7 members
Fitchburg, Mass.	22 members

Itemized Receipts from Departments

July 1, 1949 to June 30, 1950

Department:	New Memb'r Fees	Per Capita Tax	Camp Char. Fees	Reinst. Fees	Dept. Bond	Total
Calif. & Pacific...	\$ 17.00	\$ 207.18	\$ 5.00	\$	\$ 109.21	\$ 336.39
Colo. & Wyoming.	3.50	34.84			25.50	63.84
Connecticut .. .	4.00	305.72			40.20	349.92
Illinois	2.50	123.90			75.09 6.25	207.74
Indiana	2.50	101.68			17.30 2.50	123.98
Iowa	10.50	109.12	5.00		51.38	176.00
Kansas	4.00	89.36			5.00	98.36
Maine	10.50	291.72			65.63	367.85
Maryland .. .	2.00	73.82			13.96	89.78
Massachusetts .. .	17.00	868.20			97.08	982.28
Michigan	9.00	158.08			24.00	191.08
Minnesota .. .	2.50	44.06			16.85	63.41
Missouri		40.42			1.35	41.77
Nebraska	1.50	28.16				29.66
New Hampshire ..	2.50	128.16		5.00	42.44	178.10
New Jersey	9.00	212.74			17.50	239.24
New York	23.00	520.58			118.14 2.50	664.22
Ohio	10.00	449.88			58.16	518.04
Oregon	4.00	72.50			6.70	83.20
Pennsylvania .. .	32.50	1,019.64			135.65	1,187.79
Rhode Island50	93.46		5.00	16.25	115.21
Vermont	3.00	170.62	5.00		82.71	261.33
Wisconsin	2.00	123.20			29.90	155.10
At Large		6.80				6.80
	\$173.00	\$5,271.84	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$1,050.00	\$11.25 \$6,531.09

Vouchers—1949-1950

1. Aug. C. Frank Co., Philadelphia, Pa.—Badges.....	\$ 50.45
2. Edw. S. Baldwin, Trenton, N. J.—Printing supplies.....	18.00
3. The Banner, Dwight, Ill.—September subs., 12,114 at .03....	363.42
4. Albert C. Lambert, Trenton, N. J.—Salary third quarter....	340.00

5. Collector Internal Revenue, Camden, N. J.—Withholding tax	60.00
6. Arlington Hall, Des Moines, Iowa—Donation.....	50.00
7. W. C. Mabie, Philadelphia, Pa.—Stationery.....	22.70
8. Aug. C. Frank Co., Philadelphia, Pa.—Badges.....	284.00
9. Aug. C. Frank Co., Philadelphia, Pa.—Express on badges...	1.79
10. Annamae Berhalter, Reading, Pa.—Bal. on stenographic ser- service	104.22
11. Edw. S. Baldwin, Trenton, N. J.—Stationery.....	16.50
12. Aug. C. Frank Co., Philadelphia, Pa.—Badges.....	32.76
13. A. C. Lambert, Trenton, N. J.—Encampment expenses.....	47.67
14. The Banner, Dwight, Ill.—November subs., 11,935 at .03— printing	655.74
15. Supt. Documents, Wash., D. C.—Congressional Record.....	12.00
16. Edw. S. Baldwin, Trenton, N. J.—Printing	7.75
17. Ladies of the G. A. R., Neenah, Wis.—G. A. R. badges.....	85.00
18. Edw. S. Baldwin, Trenton, N. J.—Supplies	9.75
19. M. Wackerhauser, Baltimore, Md.—Flowers, Irelan.....	10.20
20. John H. Runkle, Harrisburg, Pa.—Encampment expenses...	70.00
21. John H. Runkle, Harrisburg, Pa.—Travel expense	50.00
22. A. C. Lambert, Trenton, N. J.—Salary fourth quarter.....	340.00
23. Collector Internal Revenue, Camden, N. J.—Withholding tax	60.00
24. Edw. S. Baldwin, Trenton, N. J.—Stationery	9.25
25. Aug. C. Frank Co., Philadelphia, Pa.—Badges.....	240.55
26. The Banner, Dwight, Ill.—Jan. subs., 11,740 at 3½c.....	411.21
27. Secretary of State, Springfield, Ill.—Filing annual report..	1.00
28. Edw. S. Baldwin, Trenton, N. J.—Supplies	31.00
29. The Banner, Dwight, Ill.—1949 Proceedings, 800 copies.....	504.17
30. Edw. S. Baldwin, Trenton, N. J.—Printing	1.50
31. The Banner, Dwight, Ill.—March subs., 11,671 at 3½c.....	408.48
32. John H. Runkle, Harrisburg, Pa.—Travel expense.....	200.00
33. John H. Runkle, Harrisburg, Pa.—Flowers, Yengling.....	11.19
34. A. C. Lambert, Trenton, N. J.—Salary, first quarter.....	340.00
35. Collector Internal Revenue, Camden, N. J.—Withholding tax	60.00
36. Collector Internal Revenue, Camden, N. J.—Social security.	9.00
37. Edward S. Baldwin, Trenton, N. J.—Supplies	21.50
38. John H. Runkle, Harrisburg, Pa.—Travel expense.....	250.00
39. The Metal Marker Mfg. Co., Cleveland, Ohio—Supplies....	9.46
40. Aug. C. Frank Co., Philadelphia, Pa.—Badges.....	100.00
41. Aug. C. Frank Co., Philadelphia, Pa.—Express on badges...	1.25
42. Norton, Farr & Cummings, Trenton, N. J.—Die and plates.	105.00
43. Edw. S. Baldwin, Trenton, N. J.—Supplies.....	2.75
44. Edw. S. Baldwin, Trenton, N. J.—Supplies	34.25
45. The Banner, Dwight, Ill.—May subs., 11,535 at 3½c.....	408.22
46. John H. Runkle, Harrisburg, Pa.—Travel expense.....	150.00
47. John H. Runkle, Harrisburg, Pa.—Travel expense.....	100.00
48. A. C. Lambert, Trenton, N. J.—Salary, second quarter.....	340.00
49. Collector Internal Revenue, Camden, N. J.—Withholding tax	60.00
50. Lafayette Camp 140, Dept. of New York—Jacques Fund....	119.16
51. Collector Internal Revenue, Camden, N. J.—Social security.	9.00

Grand Army of the Republic Fund

Through the medium of this fund, we accomplish much that could not be financed from the General Fund. There is so much that we can do to keep alive the name of the Grand Army of the Republic, that I would offer:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1—That the practice of soliciting contributions by the National Patriotic Instructor be continued, and that the name of this fund be changed to "Grand Army of the Republic Memo-

rial Fund," and that such withdrawals as authorized from this fund be given in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

From several sources, I have received suggestions that influence the following recommendation. For the purpose of advertising the Order, as well as revering the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, and also as a means of increasing the G. A. R. Fund, I would offer:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2—That the National Patriotic Instructor have seals printed in sheets of 100 similar to Christmas Seals; these seals to have as their theme the observance of Memorial Day, and to be sold at \$1.00 per hundred, with 50c of each \$1.00 to be sent to the National Patriotic Instructor, and 50c of each \$1.00 to be kept by the Department selling the seals. In this manner, any Department disposing of 200 sheets of seals would make \$100.00 for the National Patriotic Instructor, and \$100.00 for the Department.

Supplies

All items are in stock, and you will notice that our inventory on hand is in excess of that of last year. A profit of \$444.89 was realized on the sale of supplies during the year, in spite of the fact that we paid out \$127.06 more for supplies than was received.

The Banner

Brother Holbrook, and his staff has, as usual, been efficient, courteous, and dependable. They render a very important and beneficial service, and are alert to our best interests. Every request has been immediately and cheerfully granted, and I extend to them my sincere expression of appreciation for their co-operation.

W. L. Jacques Fund

At the beginning of the year there was a balance of \$119.16 in this fund. This money was being held for Lafayette Camp No. 140 of New York City at the request of the Surrogate's Court of the County of Westchester, State of New York. During the year this amount was paid to Lafayette Camp in accordance with instructions of the Court, and the account is now closed.

Grand Army of the Republic

Those of us who were privileged to attend the Encampment in Indianapolis last year were the sad witnesses to the last Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. Miss Gillis, their National Secretary, advises me that the following is a complete roster of their membership:

California:

Douglas T. Story, 1228½ S. Brockton Ave., W. Los Angeles, Calif.	Birthday November 24, 1844
Wm. A. Magee, 7135 Hazeltine Ave., Van Nuys, Calif.	August 19, 1846

Idaho:

Israel Broadsword, Samuels, Idaho	Age 103
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Kentucky:

Robert Barrett, Sr. Princeton, Ky.	November 5, 1846
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Minnesota:

Albert Woolson, 215 E. 5th St., Duluth, Minn.	February 11, 1847
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Michigan:

Joseph Clovese,
18 Deland Ct.,
Pontiac, Mich.

January 30, 1844

New York:

James A. Hard,
31 Portsmouth Terrace,
Rochester, N. Y.

July 15, 1841

Oregon:

Theodore A. Penland
1917 E. Street,
Vancouver, Washington

January 23, 1849

Washington:

Hiram R. Gale,
Marine Hospital,
Seattle, Wash.

November 8, 1847

Wisconsin::

Lansing A. Wilcox,
Cadott, Wis.

March 3, 1846

Our love and affection for these men and all of their Comrades can best be shown by building a strong organization that will continue to tell the story of the G. A. R., its influence for good, and its traditions and heritage.

Miss Cora E. Gillis, National Secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic has loyally and conscientiously served them individually and their organization. For this, and for her many courtesies to us, we express appreciation.

Our Auxiliary

Each year our Auxiliary finds leaders of exceptional ability and devotion, and this year is no exception. Under the leadership of National President, Sister Ethelyn Tucker, the Auxiliary has again proven to be a great help to the National, the Department, and the Camps. Sister Tucker, her Officers, and her Organization have proven to be an Auxiliary in every sense of the word. My relationship has been always cordial and helpful, and I feel greatly indebted to them.

Allied Organizations

Correspondence and relationships with the various allied organizations has been cordial and co-operative. I regret that I did not have the occasion to personally meet any of their National Presidents.

Future Encampments

Whenever possible, I believe that the time and place of each National Encampment should be established at the previous Encampment. With this in mind, I offer:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3—That the Commander-in-Chief immediately appoint a committee to consider such offers as we now have for our 1951 Encampment, said committee to report to this Encampment.

Also, to facilitate future invitations, I offer:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4—That the incoming Commander-in-Chief immediately appoint a Committee to receive invitations during the year for our 1952 Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle did everything possible to induce the Allied Organizations to meet with us in Boston, and I sincerely trust that the incoming administration will continue to invite these fine Organizations to meet with us yearly.

World Conditions

The recent article in The Banner by Commander-in-Chief Runkle regarding World Government was instructive and well timed. I sincerely trust that the Committee on Resolutions at this Encampment will bring in suitable resolutions covering this subject as well as the outlawing of Communism, and a pledge to the President of the United States from this Organization for support in the Korean War.

Conclusion

As you approach the end of your term of office, I feel that you are to be sincerely congratulated on your efforts during the year on our behalf. Your devotion to your duties, your co-operation with the National Officers, the Departments, and the general membership is noteworthy and commendable.

I deeply appreciate the courtesies, fraternal interests and co-operation given me by the Commander-in-Chief, and my colleagues—the National Officers.

What we need on the part of every member is a little more effort. The line between failure and success is so fine that we scarcely know when we pass it—so fine that we are often on the line and we do not know it. How many a man has thrown up his hands at a time when a little more effort, a little more patience, would have achieved success.

As the tide goes clear out, so it comes clear in. In Organizations, sometimes, prospects may see darkest when they are really on the turn. A little more persistence, a little more effort, and what seemed a hopeless failure may turn to a glorious success.

There is no defeat except in no longer trying. There is no defeat save from within, no really insurmountable barrier, save our own inherent weakness of purpose.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

ALBERT C. LAMBERT,
National Secretary-Treasurer.

SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1950, to August 31, 1950

	General Checking Account	G. A. R. Fund	Legislative Committee	U. S. Gov't Bonds
Balance June 30, 1950.....	\$ 31.85	\$1,436.12	\$133.00	\$6,700.00
Receipts:				
Per Capita Tax	1,348.68			
Membership Fees	33.00			
Supplies	98.50			
Gift from Auxiliary	200.00			
Registration Fees	336.00			
Dept. Commanders Bonds	45.11			
Camp Reinstatement Fee	5.00			
Nat'l Pat. Inst. Wm. Nemitz ...		518.00		
	<u>\$2,098.14</u>	<u>\$1,954.12</u>	<u>\$138.00</u>	<u>\$6,700.00</u>
Disbursements:				
General Expense:				
(Vouchers 52 to 74)	\$ 834.81			
Com.-in-Chief Travel (Runkle)..	250.00			
Encampment Expense	653.28			
Bonds	107.86			
Grave Marking Committee		25.00		
G. A. R. Highway Committee...		112.58		
Congressional Records			18.00	
Total Disbursements	<u>\$1,845.95</u>	<u>\$ 137.58</u>	<u>18.00</u>	
Balance August 31, 1950	\$ 252.19	\$1,816.54	\$120.00	\$6,700.00

Vouchers

52. The Banner, Dwight, Ill.—July Subscription.....	\$ 399.66
53. Bertrand O. DeForest, Derby, Conn.—Grave Marking Com..	25.00
54. John H. Runkle, Harrisburg, Pa.—Travel Expense.....	250.00
55. John H. Runkle, Harrisburg, Pa.—Convention Expense....	100.00
56. Edw. S. Baldwin, Trenton, N. J.—Printing, Office Supplies..	9.00
57. C. R. Schlechter, Reading, Pa.—C.-in-C. Badge.....	162.00
58. A. C. Lambert, Trenton, N. J.—Express, Shipping, Postage one year	68.20
59. The Metal Marker Co., Cleveland, Ohio—Camp Seal.....	9.69
60. John A. Ruggles, Carlisle, Pa.—Encampment Expense.....	49.33
61. Rudolph M. Genthner, Rochester, N. Y.—Encampment Exp.	48.00
62. C. LeRoy Stoudt, Reading, Pa.—Encampment Expense.....	29.65
63. Wm. F. Nemitz, Stratford, Conn.—Encampment Expense....	18.50
64. Franklin S. Hubbard, Kenosha, Wis.—Encampment Expense	70.47
65. Richard O. Partington, Philadelphia, Pa.—Encampment Exp.	24.91
66. John H. Runkle, Harrisburg, Pa.—Encampment Expense...	36.58
67. Richard F. Locke, Glen Ellyn, Ill.—Encampment Expense..	64.26
68. Annamae Berhalter, Reading, Pa.—Encampment Expense...	123.00
69. Cleon E. Heald, Keene, N. H.—Encampment Expense.....	18.20
70. Albert C. Lambert, Trenton, N. J.—Encampment Expense..	70.38
71. The Banner, Dwight, Ill.—Officers' Reports and Memorial Program	186.26
72. The John H. Runkle Co., Harrisburg, Pa.—Bonds.....	107.86
73. J. Clark Mansfield, Pittsburgh, Pa.—G. A. R. Highway Com. Expense	112.58

74. Supt. of Documents, Washington, D. C. — Congressional Record	18.00
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Past Commander-in-Chief Hale then made an announcement about a personally conducted sight-seeing tour around Boston on Thursday, August 24, at 2 P. M. for the members of the Encampment, through the courtesy of the local Encampment Committee.

The printed Officers' Reports were then distributed.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF

Council-in-Chief Heald: The Council-in-Chief held a meeting on Sunday, August 20, 1950, and:

I—Examined Savings Bonds—Total, \$6,700.00.

II—Examined letter from the First Mechanics National Bank, Trenton, N. J., as follows:

The First Mechanics National Bank
Trenton, N. J.

August 15, 1950.

The Council-in-Chief,
Commandery-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Gentlemen:

At the request of Mr. Albert C. Lambert, National Treasurer, Trenton, N. J., we hereby advise that the balance in the account of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at the close of business August 15, 1950, was \$2,345.65.

Yours very truly,

ROY M. CROCKETT,
Assistant Manager.

III—Balanced check book with the vouchers.

Balanced check book with paid out checks.

Reconciled checking account.

Your Council-in-Chief feel that we would not have fully discharged our duty in this partial report if we failed to commend the National Secretary-Treasurer, Albert C. Lambert, for his efficient manner in conducting the business of his office.

RUDOLPH M. GENTHNER,
JOHN A. RUGGLES,
CLEON E. HEALD,
Council-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hubbard: If there are no objections, this report will be accepted as read. (No objections).

COMMITTEES

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: I wish to appoint the following Committees at this time:

Resolutions

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

Ralph M. Grant, Past Commander-in-Chief, Connecticut.

Neil D. Cranmer, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York.

Warfield W. Dorsey, Department Commander, Ohio.

Ralph W. Garwood, Department Commander, California & Pacific.

Officers' Reports

Walter C. Mabie, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania, Chairman.
 John E. Sautter, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania.
 Ralph Sheldon, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York.
 Homer L. Young, Department Commander, Iowa.
 Fred H. Combs, Sr., Past Department Commander, New Jersey.

Constitution and Regulations

Wm. L. Anderson, Sr., Past Commander-in-Chief, Massachusetts, Chairman.
 Ralph R. Barrett, Past Commander-in-Chief, California & Pacific.
 A. Leroy Reynolds, Department Commander, Illinois.
 Harold E. Arnold, Department Commander, Rhode Island.
 William Schneider, Past Department Commander, Missouri.

Ritual and Ceremonies

Charles H. E. Moran, Past Commander-in-Chief, Massachusetts, Chairman.
 Perle L. Fouch, Past Commander-in-Chief, Michigan.
 Frederic G. Bauer, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.
 Robert Delcamp, Department Commander, Pennsylvania.
 A. C. Aldrich, Department Commander, Vermont.

Press

H. Harding Hale, Past Commander-in-Chief, Massachusetts, Chairman.
 Harold M. Drown, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.
 Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer, New Jersey.
 Allan S. Holbrook, Past Commander-in-Chief, Illinois.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEES

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans

All Past Commanders-in-Chief, with Homer L. Atkins, Jr., Department Commander of New Hampshire, Chairman.

Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Daughters of Union Veterans, at their Conventions in Los Angeles

John H. Runkle, Commander-in-Chief, Chairman.
 Ralph R. Barrett, Past Commander-in-Chief, California, Co-Chairman.
 Ralph W. Garwood, Department Commander, California & Pacific.
 Earl F. Riggs, Past Department Commander, California & Pacific.
 Vernon Cheney, Department Secretary-Treasurer, California & Pacific.

COMMUNICATIONS—GREETINGS

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: I have here a letter from Theodore A. Penland, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic (reads letter).

National Secretary Lambert: I move that this letter be spread on the minutes of the Encampment, and published in the proceedings. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Nathan F. Sprague, Michigan, and carried).

National Headquarters
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Vancouver, Wash., August 11, 1950.

National Encampment,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Hotel Statler,
Boston, Mass.

My Dear Sons and Brothers:

Greetings and best wishes for one of the finest Encampments you have ever held.

I regret that I cannot be with you this year but the distance is too great and my health will not permit.

I enjoyed meeting your Commander-in-Chief this spring and wish for all of you success in the years to come. In these troubled times, we surely need to work just a bit harder along patriotic lines and give our best that our country may be preserved, and that we may enjoy the freedom which has been ours for so long.

May God's richest blessings be with you.

Sincerely,

T. A. PENLAND,
Commander-in-Chief,
Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: I would like to say that I have also received several other letters from G. A. R. Comrades; from Miss Cora Gillis, Secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic and personal letters from the families of these Comrades.

Past Commander-in-Chief Craig: I move you that any communication of a personal nature shall be presented to the Commander-in-Chief for his scrap book, and any letters from the Grand Army of the Republic be printed in the proceedings. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt, and carried).

Communications, telegrams of congratulations, greetings and best wishes for a successful Encampment were received from:

Cora E. Gillis, National Secretary, Grand Army of the Republic.

Harriet Eaton Hughes, National Secretary, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Hon. John O. Pastore, Governor, State of Rhode Island.

Past Department Commander Vernon Cheney, California.

Past Department Commander Albert E. Deems, California.

Past Department Commander Charles B. Martin, Kansas.

Past Department Commander Rev. Arthur M. Soule, Maine.

Past Department Commander George E. Bailey, Minnesota.

Past Department Commander Michael G. Heintz, Ohio.

Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania.

RESOLUTIONS

National Secretary Lambert called the roll of Departments for Resolutions. The following were presented and referred to Committees:

From the Department of Massachusetts—"Relative to holding the National Encampment of this organization and the Sons of Confederate Veterans, with their allied organizations, for the year 1951 concurrently in the City of Charleston, South Carolina." (Referred to Committee on Resolutions).

From Department Commander William C. Rule, Massachusetts—

"Resolution of thanks to Commander-in-Chief Runkle." (Referred to Committee on Resolutions).

From the Department of Minnesota—"That the Commandery-in-Chief resume the publishing of the entire membership of the Commandery-in-Chief in the Proceedings of the Annual Encampment." (Referred to Committee on Resolutions).

From the Department of Minnesota—"Relative to deletion of the American's Creed from the Ritual." (Referred to Committee on Ritual).

From Ferd V. Dayton Camp No. 5, New Jersey—"Requesting that resolutions be adopted by this body endorsing: Universal Military Training, Penalties for War Profiteering, Federal financing of current defense requirements on 'pay as you go' basis, Additional federal appropriations for the 'Voice of America,' Opposition to World Government and Immediate outlawing of the Communist Party in the United States." (Referred to the Committee on Resolutions).

From Ferd V. Dayton Camp No. 5, New Jersey—"Relative to Article 2, Chapter 3, Section 1, be changed, in the third paragraph to read 'Fifty' instead of 'One hundred'—(Referred to Committee on Constitution and Regulations).

From the Department of Pennsylvania—"Relative to 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg in 1963." (Referred to Committee on Resolutions).

From the Department of Pennsylvania—"Requesting approval of House Resolution 7850 authorizing the attendance of the United States Marine Band at the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War." (Referred to the Committee on Resolutions).

From the Department of Pennsylvania—"Opposing change in the name of this organization to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Succeeding Wars of the United States of America." (Referred to the Committee on Resolutions).

From the Department of Pennsylvania—"Relative to designation of (Armed Forces Day) at least thirty days in advance or after Memorial Day." (Referred to Committee on Resolutions).

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Is there any further business to come before the Encampment for this session?

Delegate Samuel W. Morrell, Connecticut: Commander-in-Chief, I think it is about time we heard the report of the National Patriotic Instructor.

Past Department Commander Julius Isaacs, New York: Most of us have other commitments for the early part of the evening. I move that the report of the National Patriotic Instructor be the first order of business tomorrow morning, and that we now recess until 9:30 A. M. tomorrow.

(Seconded by Delegate Clarence E. Young, Rhode Island, and carried).

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

August 22, 1950 — 9:45 A. M.

The Encampment opened with prayer by the National Chaplain.

The Commander-in-Chief appointed the following substitute Officers for this session: Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Past Department Commander Judson N. French, New York; and as Guide, Delegate Robert Werkheiser, Pennsylvania.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: The first order of business this morning, by motion of yesterday, is the reading of the report of the National Patriotic Instructor. At this time, that report will be presented.

National Patriotic Instructor Nemitz:

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Stratford, Conn., August 19, 1950.

John H. Runkle, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

It is impossible to present to you, and to the officers and members of the Sixty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, an accurate report of the Patriotic Activities and Programs of our twenty-three Departments, because of the fact that several Departments have failed entirely to send in any report, and what reports were sent in cover only a few Camps in each Department. In fact, only one Department rates 100% for a complete report from all Camps, the Department of Missouri.

Just why this condition should exist is inconceivable, and only shows an attitude of indifference on the part of Camp Officers, and the neglect on the part of the Department Officers, especially the Department Patriotic Instructors to see that these reports are accurately made out, and returned to the office of the National Patriotic Instructor before the opening day of the National Encampment. The situation is deplorable, and should not be passed over lightly. Much thought should be given as to the cause, and careful consideration as to the remedy. For instance, in our Department, out of a total of 43 Camps, only 12 reported—this is disgraceful, and only proves in one way why we are becoming slack, and in many sections losing contact with our Department officers and outside associates. It is easy to see from the foregoing that a clear picture, and an intelligent knowledge of the real activities of each and every Camp in the respective Departments cannot be obtained from partial returns. It is the duty of every Department Commander to keep in close contact with his Department Patriotic Instructor, and to know if reports are obtained; and if not, why not. If certain Camps fail to appoint a Camp Patriotic Instructor for one reason or another, then the Camp Secretary should assume the duty of that office. Also, Department Commanders should choose with consideration those selected for the office of Department Patriotic Instructor, one of the most important posts in the Department.

Of one thing we can be certain—the principal work of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is the flagging of graves of our Union Veterans, and the Veterans of succeeding wars. In this endeavor, the members of each Camp who are responsible for the constant and faithful procedure each passing year are to be commended; and to those members who leave it all to a few to do, let me say “rouse yourselves and lend a helping hand in this great work.”

Following is a list of the activities in Departments:

Reported Activities in Departments

California & Pacific—J. Elmer Wohlgemuth. No report.

Colorado & Wyoming—L. Elwood Keach. No report.

Connecticut—Benjamin H. Rose. Observances: Washington and Lincoln's Birthdays, Flag Day, Memorial Day and Dedication Day.

Illinois—Oscar Arnold. No report.

Indiana—Parker E. Thornburg. Twelve Camps, 8 reporting. Observances: Lincoln and Washington Birthdays, Army Day, Appomattox Day, Flag Day, Dedication Day, Memorial Day. Speakers: Judge H. B. Pike and Clarence M. Barksdale of Indianapolis.

Iowa—H. L. Crowell. Fifteen Camps, 6 reporting. Observances: Lincoln and Washington Birthdays, Appomattox Day, Memorial Day.

Kansas—William Bowles. No report.

Maine—David E. Grindle. Twenty-five Camps, 14 reporting. Observances: Lincoln and Washington Birthdays, Memorial Day, Flag Day and Dedication Day.

Maryland—Charles H. Langlet: Seven Camps, 5 reporting. Observances: Lincoln and Washington Birthdays, Flag Day, Armistice Day, Memorial Day. Memorial Day addresses given by local dignitaries, no names available. Several Camps sponsor essay contests. Suggested and recommended: That this Department, due to its proximity to the Mason-Dixon line, consolidate with a larger Department in order to prevent distintegration.

Massachusetts—Alfred M. Bowen, Jr. Eighty-seven Camps, 32 reporting. Observances: Lincoln and Washington Birthdays, Appomattox Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence and Columbus Day. Speakers: Charles R. Clason, Russell A. Porter, Ralph E. Burnham, George A. Adams, Jacob Wentzel of Springfield, Mass.; William Evans, Theodore Paull, William W. Tilson, Taunton; Judge Joseph Waner, Longmeadow; Carl E. W. Welcome, Westfield; Earl W. Harrington, Rockland; Allen B. Howland, Abington; Fred C. Ames, Leominster; John W. Emery, Easthampton; Charles H. E. Moran, William C. Rule, H. P. Kelley, Holyoke; Leon H. Palmer, Melrose; Addison A. Quinn, Dorchester; L. E. Howland, Adams; William Allen, Fiskdale; John Kenfield, Sturbridge; Otis A. Clark, E. Brimfield, and Kenneth Shapard, Southbridge.

Michigan—Nathan F. Sprague. Thirteen Camps, 6 reporting. Observances: Lincoln and Washington Birthdays, Memorial Day and Flag Day.

Minnesota—John M. Aretz. Six Camps, 2 reporting. Observances: Lincoln and Washington Birthdays, Appomattox Day, Armistice Day, Memorial Day, Dedication Day. Speakers: Carl M. Boyes, Chester L. Charter, John M. Aretz, R. E. Payne, Dewey B. Mead. Patriotic Instructor attended meetings of the St. Paul Veterans Hospital Association, Memorial Day Association and Flag Day celebration in 1949.

Missouri—Perry A. Brubaker. Four Camps, 4 reporting. Observances: Lincoln and Washington Birthdays, Memorial Day, Flag Day.

Sixty-ninth Annual Encampment

Armistice Day. Speakers: Rev. Frank G. Beardsley, Alfred L. Moeser, Theo. H. Mohr, Camp 4, St. Louis; Perry A. Brubaker, Camp 17, St. Joseph. One Camp places wreaths at the gate of cemetery instead of flagging graves.

Nebraska—Elmer Cram. No report. I regret that the passing of Brother Cram is probably the cause for no report being issued by this Department. It was only through the kindness of our National President of the Auxiliary, Sister Ethelyn Tucker, that I learned of the above—no word or notification from the Department Commander of the Department.

New Hampshire—Fred R. Atwood. Fourteen Camps, 9 reporting. Observances: Lincoln and Washington Birthdays, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Armistice Day. Speakers: P. D. C. William L. John, Fred R. Atwood, Manchester; National Patriotic Instructor William F. Nemitz, Jr.

New Jersey—George Kilmer. Nineteen Camps, 6 reporting. Observances: Lincoln and Washington Birthdays, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Armistice Day, Dedication Day. Speakers: Rev. W. Coon, Rev. P. Collis, Bloomfield; Hon. M. McKeown, Orange; Hon. D. H. Scott, Mayor, Trenton; Rev. Rabbi Kosoblsky, Dr. Lewis M. Case, Trenton. Department sponsors essays for school children on Patriotism.

New York—Phillip Sattler. No report.

Ohio—William G. Meyers. Forty-three Camps, 12 reporting. Observances: Lincoln and Washington Birthdays, Memorial Day, Grand Army Day, Armistice Day. The Department raised funds for the erection of a memorial to Past Commander-in-Chief Grate of the Grand Army of the Republic. Suggestions: That all sports be outlawed on May 30th. That members bring in new members from their own sons and grandsons. That school children be permitted to take part in decorating graves. That "The Banner" carry announcements of events to come, as most news is too old. Department Patriotic Instructor is a member of Summit County American Veterans.

Oregon—F. E. Melvin. No report.

Pennsylvania—Frank M. Hemminger. Seventy-two Camps, 40 reporting. Observances—Lincoln and Washington Birthdays, Appomattox Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Columbus Day, Armistice Day, Dedication Day, Union Defenders Day. Suggestions: All patriotic orders should make a concentrated drive against the improper use of the Flag. From Indiana Camp, service officer attends to placement of headstones and markers on graves of veterans of all wars. American Legion and V. F. W. place Flags on graves of World War I and II, United Spanish War Veterans place their own Flags and a committee from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War assist all in this work. Speakers: P. C. M. B. Langdon, Scranton; Elwood Schultz, Robert Smyser, Paul L. McMaster, Judge Harvey A. Gross, York; Herman A. Poehler, Jacob P. M. Steiger, Coleman Weinstock, Edward Kerner, Fred Edelman, National Chaplain Rev. Richard O. Partington, G. W. S. Johnson, E. C. Clymer, F. Carl Willie, Jr., Margaret Reithmeyer, R. Francis Larkin, Rev. F. Bonying, Rev. Elmer Finger, P. C. C. Walter C. Mabie, Donald B. Lewis, Philadelphia; Congressman John C. Kunkle, Commander-in-Chief John H. Runkle, Capt. Chester L. Otstot, Lt. Paul Barnhart, Sgt. Robert E. Hemminger, Pvt. Donald Clymer, Charles Crossley, Clarence Zorger, Harrisburg; Lt. Col. Coleman B. Marks, Arlington, Va.; Charles Honick, West Fairview; Frank M. Hemminger, Camp Hill; I. F. Woodrow, Somerset; Arthur P. Oplinger, Rev. John Schetter, Rev. Robert Knauss, Hellertown; Capt. Charles Thompson, Croydon; St. Clair Faust, Prof. Paul Eaton, Rev. Edward P. Turnbach,

T. McKeen Chidsey, Easton; Lt. Col. Howard A. Cressman, U. S. Army; Kermit P. Haas, Howard P. Schutt, Carl M. Ruths, Robert Delcamp, D. C., Mt. Carmel; Arthur Bradley, Wilburton; Marlin Billman, Elysburg; Merrill F. Hummel, P. D. C. John A. Ruggles, L. Alvin Kern, Kermit L. Wilson, Joy J. White, Carlisle; Howard F. Boone, Lansdale; Harold Heberling, Northampton; Wm. E. Griffith, P. D. C. Frank M. Heacock, Judge A. C. MacDade, Media; W. S. Adkin, West Philadelphia; Charles Engle, Joseph H. Daviss, Mahonoy City; Ambrose M. Bredbenner, Edgar M. Post, Wilkes-Barre; Theodore Dissinger, Manheim; Howard Dissinger, Lititz; Wm. C. Elliot, Wilkinsburg; Carl Ruhe, Warren L. Beadling, Wm. J. Blakeley, Harry W. McClure, George H. Reutzel, Willis Reutzel, Hon. A. L. Wolk, Hon. W. Heber Ditlich, Robert Van Der Voort, Hon. James H. Gray, Pittsburgh.

Rhode Island—Israel B. Bragton. Fourteen Camps, 5 reporting. Observances: Lincoln and Washington Birthdays, Memorial Day, Flag Day, I Am an American Day.

Vermont—Alfred A. Brigham. Nineteen Camps, 6 reporting. This Department also lost a faithful worker in the late Elmer Monroe, of Pittsford, as Department Patriotic Instructor. Observances: Lincoln and Washington Birthdays, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Armistice Day, Dedication Day. Speakers: P. D. C. Thomas Chadwick at Brattleboro, May 30. Several schools prohibit the essay contest. This seems to be the decision of certain school principals only. Suggestions: Members should try for 100% turnout at all affairs. Increase our work with school children through the help of several of our Sisters who are school teachers. Contact prospective members and explain the satisfaction we enjoy in seeing the cemeteries properly decorated on May 30th. Each Camp and Department should make a special effort to put in press correspondent who will see that each Camp and State is represented in every issue of The Banner and if necessary, add a little more to our yearly dues so that all expenses can be met.

Wisconsin—Roy R. Lewis. Twelve Camps, 3 reporting. Observances: Lincoln and Washington Birthdays, Memorial Day, Flag Day. Speakers: Chales Fleming, Clarence Hoth, Roy R. Lewis, Milwaukee; F. Sessmers, Wm. Jones, Plymouth; M. Taylor, Chester Hubbard and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Franklin Hubbard, Kenosha.

Quote from letter of Roy Lewis:

"This report only comes from three Camps, which I have received so far. I am sorry they do not send in reports. I asked them at State Encampment and, so far, have not received any. (Roy)."

Your National Patriotic Instructor is of the opinion in view of the foregoing, that the same law that prevails at National should also apply to Camps in Departments, viz: That if a Camp fails to submit a report of its Patriotic activities before the Department Encampment, its delegates and voting members automatically lose their representation in the said Encampment. This should be enforced.

And now to the serious situations of the present day.

Patriotism, as we know it and exemplify it, is on the wane and in many cases, seems to have been crushed by the heel of many a thoughtless person, who in the mad turmoil of the present state of affairs, seems to have no time for anything that might require a little time for the purpose of keeping alive the traditions and customs of our beloved country. Recent disclosures have proven that many of our grade schools and institutions of higher learning have become infiltrated with instructors and educators with so called "Liberal tendencies."

Many of the text books that are being used today censure, instead

of praise the founders of our Republic, along with other great men of history who have protected and defended with their lives and fortunes, the true principles of freedom and equality as laid down in the Declaration of Independence. Our children, for the most part, are being educated along the lines of Collective thinking, along the lines of regimentation and, in many cases, act like mechanical robots because of these teachings. There is little individuality allowed or permitted, and those who would attempt it, in many cases, are discouraged for their views. One by one our procedures of American life are vanishing. The Bible has been eliminated from most schools and now the usual patriotic ceremonies are disappearing also from the schoolroom. As one of the Principals of a school said, "There is no time for that now," and many school teachers tell me that only once a month is an assembly held for the purpose of conducting exercises of a patriotic nature. This condition is not experienced by all localities, but happens in a great majority of our cities, especially where the schools are over-crowded and class rooms taxed to the limit.

If ever there was a time when we should turn our eyes to the motto of the Grand Army of the Republic, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," it is now.

To those of you who are under the impression that all of this nasty business of Communism is something of recent years, let me here set down a few facts. Communism had its birth in Europe as far back as 1830. Louis Phillipe and Louis Napoleon both owed their downfall to the red menace. Under the cloak of so called protection, the Communists prey on all unsuspecting peoples, discontented workers, and those who aspire to high position, and it is not only the ignorant but, in many cases, men and women in prominent positions who fall for their pattern of enslavement. The destruction of the Church, and the total obliteration of God from the minds of the masses is the principal object of these atheists. It is sad to think that a country that we be-friended in many ways is now seeking to destroy our American way of life. The general scheme is to drag our economy down to the level of their own enslaved peoples, for they know full well that they can never bring their people up to ours. In the first five months of this year, from January to May, this country admitted \$17,049,488 in goods from Russia, while in return they bought from us only \$514,050 worth of goods. This gave them a trade balance in gold dollars with which to buy metals, rubber and armament in other countries, with which they are now furnishing the Red Armies of Korea, to use against our Armies of the Allied Nations. We should back Representative Russell V. Mack of Washington, wherein he demands that all trade with the Soviet Union be broken off at once. In the past, we have shied away from all political and controversial subjects but current conditions which we are now facing leaves us no alternative than to take an active part in joining with other patriotic groups to help stamp out the spreading fire of destruction which now is universally known to be in the form of the Union of Socialistic Republics.

In analyzing what reports were sent in to me, I assume that the same work is being done by the majority of Camps in each Department but, for unexplained reasons, the returns are not forwarded. The general attendance at the Memorial Services for the Grand Army of the Republic is low and should be largely attended for, in many cases, these services are held in conjunction with other organizations, and it is one means of showing our spirit of loyalty.

Recent rulings by various cemetery associations prohibit the erection of headstones or the placing of plants or flags on graves but, in

the case of a veteran, the state law governing the placing of headstones can be used. In some cities, it has become the custom to have a flag pole set at the entrance, or in the center of the cemetery, for all veterans, in place of individual flags. While I do not encourage this, yet I have heard reasons set forth which seem to warrant such action—one particular case being that the cemetery is located in a foreign section of town and the children are allowed to trample over the graves, and many flags are stolen. It is hard to believe that a condition of this nature exists, but it does, and the authorities are too busy to give the matter any attention.

There are a few States wherein the Pledge of Allegiance is not required in the schools. Our Department Commanders and Patriotic Instructors should work together with all Military and Patriotic bodies in their respective states to make this law compulsory.

Important items in the various reports—

The Department of Iowa placed 29 headstones on the graves of Civil War Veterans.

The Department of Pennsylvania placed the greatest number of Flagholders—963.

The Departments of Iowa and Ohio each lost one Civil War Veteran. The Department of Massachusetts had the greatest number of Camps having Grave Marking Committees—39. The Department of Maine presented the greatest number of Flags to school—24. The Department of New Jersey presented the greatest number of Flags to other organizations. The Department of Pennsylvania took the lead in the broadcasting of radio programs—2, and also in the number of parades—86.

There is a great need for visitation to schools by our members. Department Patriotic Instructors should work with their Camp officers in planning these visits.

Over one quarter million school children participated in the Memorial Day exercises, and in the absence of a complete report, I estimate that the number would likely be around one half million.

In the matter of Armistice Day, many of our members feel that this day belongs to the Veterans of World War 1, and I agree and feel that this is a local situation, and one that can best be decided by the Camps. However, all invitations to participate should be accepted, if it will be the means of creating a stronger bond of comradeship between veteran orders.

Only two Departments observe Grand Army Day—Indiana and Ohio. Post 1, of Decatur, Illinois, was chartered on April 6, 1866; and in memory of this great organization, I suggestion that Camps in every Department include this observance in their list.

This past year has been a busy one for me. In addition to my duties as your National Patriotic Instructor, I am honored by being the Commander of the New England Regional Association, and just recently finished my term as Department Commander.

I have tried to fulfill the duties of National Patriotic Instructor to the best of my ability, and no one can truthfully say that I have shirked any assignment that was given me. My travels up and down the New England coast has paid off in the many new found friends, Brothers and Sisters of our Order, who I find are staunch, true Americans—proud of their heritage, and willing to at all times, and in all ways to prove that they are still loyal to the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The one great drawback is the lack of young members, to whom we

must look for the building up of our organization. Let each and every one of us firmly resolve that we will spur ourselves on to greater effort toward this end. In these trying times, there are many obstacles to overcome and, at times, all of us become discouraged. Let us then think of our Commander-in-Chief's motto, "It can, It must, It will be done."

I wish to express my profound thanks to you Commander-in-Chief Runkle for the honor which you bestowed upon me this past year. It was a pleasure to have you here in New England on so many happy occasions, and you have left a lasting impression on us New Englanders.

To all the Departments wherein I was most cordially received, especially New Hampshire and Vermont, my gratitude.

Suggestions:

1—That this Encampment go on record as being opposed to the placing of the "Communist Party" on our ballots, and that we express our unanimous approval for the removal of same.

2—That we keep a close watch on all school boards and education heads, for the prevention of the admission to positions of teaching all instructors with communistic ideas and so called liberal ideals.

3—That Department Commanders, and Department Patriotic Instructors working in co-operation with local Camp officers, give more thought to the publicizing of our Order through the medium of the radio. In the New England Region, we have had great publicity through well planned programs, under the able direction of our Past Commander-in-Chief H. Harding Hale.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

WILLIAM F. NEMITZ,
National Patriotic Instructor.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports. The complete and itemized report of money collected for the G. A. R. Fund will be found in subsequent pages, given as a Supplementary Report of the National Patriotic Instructor).

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: At this time we will have Reports of Standing Committees.

Past Department Commander Bertrand O. DeForest, Connecticut: Commander-in-Chief, I am ready to present the report of the Grave Marking Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKING GRAVES

Derby, Conn., July 19, 1950.

John H. Runkle, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Harrisburg, Pa.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

Working quietly throughout the Commandery-in-Chief in Departments, in Camps, in small committee groups, and in the person of individual members of our Order, the vast but yet unfinished task of marking and recording the graves of veterans of the great Civil War 1861-1865 is diligently going on. So unheralded, in fact, are the accomplishments of this band of loyal workers; so routine and so commonplace their conception of the job they are doing, that it is difficult for the National Headquarters office of this Committee to attempt to compile a complete and concise report of the progress being made in states,

cities, townships, villages and small rural communities everywhere along the line.

That headstones are being placed, that new and accurate lists are being compiled, and that revised maps are being drawn up of cemeteries throughout the several states in which our Order is situated, is clearly indicated by the reports we are fortunate enough to receive from various sources. All of this spells progress in the ultimate aim of those who are engaged in the work; to have a headstone at every veteran's grave, and a record of their exact location.

Further indication of the progress of the work is attested by the correspondence received at this office from many sources requesting headstone application forms, or information, or reporting grave marking activities.

A survey conducted by this office early in May, throughout the Departments of the Commandery-in-Chief, revealed some interesting facts concerning this work. In several Departments applications for headstones, both States and Federal, were pending and in one Department eight headstones had been erected during the first part of the year.

It has been established by these reports that flat type headstones are being required in many of the larger cemeteries, particularly in the cities, and this has caused the Federal Government to discontinue supplying the high-type stones.

Several Departments report that standing "temporary" metal grave markers are frowned upon by cemetery associations, and flat or ground-flush markers must be substituted for the old flag-holder type of G. A. R. metal marker so familiar to most of us for many years. Rural cemeteries have not imposed such stringent regulations, however.

It is noted with much satisfaction that in every Department reporting, grave flags are permitted in all cemeteries.

In one Department no potted plants are permitted on graves, and several Departments report that it is not permissible to set out these plants on the graves.

Nearly every Department now has a Department Committee on Grave Marking. New Hampshire Department established such committee this year. The few remaining Departments which have no Department Committee on Grave Marking do have Camp Grave Marking Committees in many of their subordinate Camps. To these Departments it is recommended that a Department Committee be appointed to assist their Camps in the work. This should not require Departmental legislation, as the Department Commander, under the Constitution and Regulations is authorized to appoint any necessary committees.

Connecticut Department recently conducted a survey of its Camps to ascertain which cemeteries were being attended to by each Camp. The request was made by the Department Grave Marking Committee through the medium of a specified form which was sent out from Department Headquarters and each Camp Secretary was required to list the name and location of every cemetery in which his Camp is responsible for the decoration and care of veterans' graves. The Department Committee's objective is to verify that every veteran's grave in the state is receiving attention, as well as to improve its own files with a state-wide record of the cemeteries wherein are buried our war veterans.

Outstanding service in the field of grave marking is being rendered to this Order in the Maine Department, where Past Department Commander Charles C. Webster, chairman of the Department Committee, has for years applied untiring effort together with many hours of re-

search and labor in this cause. Headstones are being erected there, and the graves of 8,876 Civil War veterans are receiving constant care and attention. His goal is to have every one of these marked with a headstone and there is every indication that he will realize it.

Departments in which progress has also been made along these lines include the Departments of Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Connecticut. Without doubt there are others, whose reports have not been received in this office, but who deserve to be listed among those Departments which are actively engaged in this work.

It has been a pleasant duty to have served in this Committee chairmanship capacity during your administration, Commander-in-Chief Runkle, and I thank you sincerely for the confidence which prompted you to reappoint me to this post. I trust that I have conducted the committee's affairs in a manner satisfactory to you, and that I have been instrumental in some degree toward furthering the cause for which this committee is pledged. It has been the realization for me of a hobby acquired in childhood and inherited from my honored grandsire, to be privileged to administer the important project of marking of veterans' graves throughout the Departments of our organization nationally during the past five (5) administrations. I firmly believe that in this particular phase of our organization's program, more than any other, we are actually accomplishing the objects for which we exist, "to perpetuate the memory of the Union Veteran of the great Civil War."

The sum of \$25 annually allocated to the work of this committee has been expended for postage, typing, and making report forms on duplicating machines.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

BERTRAND O. DEFOREST, P. D. C., Conn.,
National Chairman.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Brothers, you have heard the Report of the Committee on Grave Marking. What is the pleasure of the Commandery-in-Chief?

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett: I move that we accept it, and place it on file.

National Secretary Lambert: I would like to second the motion, and say a word further. The job of being Chairman of the Grave Marking Committee is one that requires an individual who will do much in research; and we are very grateful that we should have a man, in this capacity, who is so genuinely interested in that type of work. Many, many hours have been devoted to this work, and I think Brother DeForest has done a splendid job; and the sincere thanks of this Encampment should be given to him. (Motion carried).

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: We are now ready for the Report of the Chairman of the G. A. R. Highway Committee. Past Department Commander Mansfield of Pennsylvania is not here, but has sent his report and the National Secretary will read it.

National Secretary Lambert:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY

Pittsburgh, Pa., August 11, 1950

John H. Runkle, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Harrisburg, Pa.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

The National Committee, Grand Army of the Republic Highway has the honor to render the following report:

NEVADA: All states concerned except Nevada have enacted legislation and erected markers to indicate U. S. Route 6 as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. Three years ago both houses of the Nevada Assembly adopted a joint resolution requesting the National Congress to designate Route 6, the U. S. Veterans Memorial Highway. Your chairman paid a visit to Washington, D. C., and convinced the two Senators and single Representative from Nevada that Route No. 6 should be named in honor of the G. A. R. Representative Joe Martin of Massachusetts, Speaker of the House at the time, stated that the naming of the highway was not a matter for the Congress, but for the states to determine. Now that Nevada is the only resisting state it is expected that the said state will fall in line, but the Assemblyman who introduced and had passed, the U. S. Veterans Memorial Highway resolution is still a member of the Assembly, and is a Director in the National Roosevelt Highway Association. Another trip was made to Washington, D. C., this spring and valuable assistance obtained from the Senators and Representative from the State of Nevada. Considerable work has been done—the outlook is favorable. The General Assembly of Nevada convenes on the third Monday in January. Under a constitutional provision the session is limited to 60 days. Bills have been prepared for introduction in both houses.

CONNECTICUT: Last year the State of Connecticut passed a law providing for the erection, at state expense, of G. A. R. markers all along the right of way on Route 6. The previous law required the placement of only two markers, one at the Rhode Island state line, and one at the New York state line. Additional markers are now in course of erection at Bolton, Chaplin and Woodbury. This work has been delayed by important reconstruction and relocation activities. State Highway Commissioner G. Albert Hill has advised as follows:

"I have discussed the matter of the signs with Mr. Osterhout, our Engineer of Traffic, and we are now agreed that we shall adopt the "Grand Army of the Republic" sign which is standard over practically all the U. S. A. I know you and your associates will be pleased to have us conform. During a recent brief vacation in which I had occasion to travel through Rhode Island and Massachusetts, I noted the signs you described and was favorably impressed with them. Perhaps it is not amiss for me to report that Route 6, both east and west of the Connecticut River, is presently undergoing relocation. The relocated highway, certainly west of the Connecticut River, will be an expressway—one of the most significant highways in our state."

PENNSYLVANIA: The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is making extensive improvements on Route 6, having expended \$2,793,369.94 during the year 1949. One of the large G. A. R. signs, 8 feet by 6 feet in diameter has been installed near Milford, Pa., at the New York-Pennsylvania entrance to the highway. Eleven of these large signs are now in position along the right of way. These markers are beautifully designed in the official colors of the Commonwealth, deep yellow and blue. ■

should be expected that Pennsylvania should do something magnificent for the Civil War Veterans, as the famous Bucktail Brigade was largely recruited in the area intersected by Route 6, and the decisive battle of Gettysburg was fought and won on Pennsylvania soil. The official state-highway maps issued to the public, indicate Route 6 as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. These improvements did not just happen. It is significant that Chief Highway Engineer, E. L. Schmidt, is a son of a Union Veteran. Assistant Chief, C. H. Buckins, is a grandson; and State Secretary of Highways, Ray F. Smock, a nephew of a Grand Army veteran. The Grand Rapids Encampment allocated \$100.00 toward the dedication of the highway in Pennsylvania, but that has not yet been accomplished. However, the dedication is not a function of the National Committee.

BLUE AND GRAY HIGHWAY: Good brotherly feeling is developing between the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Under the auspices of the Blue and Gray Association, Inc., the thirteenth annual championship foot ball game will be played this year in Montgomery, Alabama. The objective of the Association is to cement good will between the North and the South. Some day there certainly will be a Blue and Gray Highway transversing the battlefield areas of the Civil War. It would seem that the Sons of Union Veterans should take the lead and carry this worthy project through to accomplishment.

GRAND ARMY PLAZA: This plaza provides the main entrance to Prospect Park, Brooklyn, New York—one of the largest city parks in the United States. The plaza is beautifully landscaped and embellished with a soldiers' and sailors' monument in the form of an archway, designed after the ARC de Triumpe in Paris, France. The only description on the Memorial is in large incised lettering TO THE DEFENDERS OF THE UNION 1861-1865. It should be appropriate to have Grand Army plazas at important gateway points on the Grand Army of the Republic Highway.

One of the supreme objectives of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, but one should never know it from the indifference manifested on every hand. I have attended fifty dinners or meetings of the Allied Orders and never have heard the Grand Army of the Republic Highway mentioned. But many of our members are overflowing with enthusiasm and are electrified at the very thought of the famous highway. Commander-in-Chief H. Harding Hale had the right idea when he stated on June 26, 1946:

"My tours have uncovered here and there a short-sighted attitude toward this memorial which shows that such members are not awake to the great chance we now have to convince the general public that we are really doing an extraordinary patriotic service, which should find reflection in wider recognition and enable us to draw into our membership the kind of human material we need."

Respectfully submitted,

J. CLARK MANSFIELD,
Chairman.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Brothers, you have heard the report of the Chairman of the G. A. R. Highway Committee, read by the National Secretary. What is your pleasure?

National Patriotic Instructor Nemitz: I move you that the report be accepted and a vote of thanks and confidence be extended Chairman Mansfield, and his Committee, for the work they have put into this

project. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Bertrand O. DeForest, Connecticut, and carried).

Past Department Commander Fred E. Colwell, New York: As Chairman of the Legislative Committee, I am ready to give that report.

REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Rochester, N. Y., August 16, 1950.

John H. Runkle, Commander-in-Chief,
Officers and Delegates,
69th National Encampment,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My Brothers:

Since the appointment of your National Legislative Committee, little in the way of Congressional legislation of import to our beloved Order has been enacted.

A bill introduced just prior to that time, however, which would have authorized to all Confederate veterans and their widows equal financial benefits to those enjoyed at present by our Union veterans and their widows, died in committee and never saw the light of day.

The main objective of the year was, of course, the effort made to secure our coveted Congressional Charter. Preliminary surveys disclosed several interesting facts: Congress has always been "tough" on granting Charters. It has always taken its time in doing so and, for technical reasons, the ratio of petitions granted compared to those submitted has been very low indeed through the years. Careful and proper preparation of our petition was, therefore, the most advisable and necessary course of action. A select list of incorporators, covering as wide a geographical territory as possible was the first necessity, and securing their written consent for the use of their names as incorporators was equally important; and strange as it may appear collecting these written consents was not completed in time to finish our petition for presentation to the 81st Congress. This delay was totally unexpected, but in the final analysis proved to be the real cause of our apparent inaction.

HR7850, introduced by Congressman Keating, authorizing the re-creation of the U. S. Marine Band at this National Encampment, received scant consideration from the Committee on Armed Services, to whom it was referred. That the cards were stacked against this resolution is evidenced by the following advice, dated February 28, 1950, from Oliver F. Smith, Major General, U. S. Marine Corps:

"From the hearings on HR2485 last year (80th Congress) with its passage, and the Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic being its last, there was no intention on the part of Congress in the future to perpetuate the tradition by sending the Band to any functions of the Grand Army of the Republic affiliates."

Small wonder then that under date of June 9, 1950. Congressman Keating wrote me as follows, "The Navy Department has been advised by the Bureau of the Budget that the enactment of HR7850 would not be in accord with the program of the President." Some food for thought there, my Brothers.

Our report would be remiss indeed without recognition of the work and assistance rendered by Congressman Kenneth B. Keating, 40th District, New York. It is regrettable that Congressman Keating is not eligible for membership in our Order, because if he were a member of long standing, he could not have given more of himself to our interests. He has characterized our various petitions as "worthwhile legislation"

and labored long and earnestly for their passage. He has been lavish in his advice and counsel, and deserves our lasting gratitude for all he has done for "Dedication Day" since the days of the 79th Congress.

It has been an honor and a distinct pleasure to have served you and with you during the past year; and to my successor every assistance possible if desired.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

FRED E. COLWELL, P. D. C., Chairman.
 HON. CECIL J. RANDALL, P. D. C.
 MICHAEL CASEY, P. D. C.
 FREDERIC GILBERT BAUER, P. D. C.
 E. W. MADISON, P. D. C.
 WM. F. HATHAWAY, P. D. C.
 National Legislative Committee.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Brothers, you have heard the Report of the Committee on Legislation. What is your pleasure?

National Patriotic Instructor Nemitz: I move that the report be accepted and Chairman Colwell, and his Committee, given a vote of thanks for their efforts. (Seconded by Past Department Commander William Schneider, Missouri, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Brother Mackey, are you ready with your report for the Committee on Americanization?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AMERICANIZATION

Past Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Commander-in-Chief Runkle, in the absence of a written report, I will present it verbally. The Committee on Americanization this year didn't have one article submitted to them.

There have been numerous times on recent occasions in which Un-American activities were involved in this country; and if your Committee on Americanization would have made any attempt during this past year to go into that problem, we would have been a very busy committee indeed.

It was an honor for us to be on this Committee this year, but nothing was submitted for our attention or consideration.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Thank you, Brother Mackey. Is the Committee on the State of the Order ready to report at this time?

Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts: The Committee has not as yet formulated a report; but wish to present to you the following report from Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin, Chairman of this Committee:

REPORT OF MEMORIAL TRUST FUND AND SURVEY OF THE ORDER

August 11, 1950.

To Members of the Committee on Memorial Trust Fund and Survey of the Order.

William L. Anderson, Sr., P. C.-in-C., Massachusetts.
 John W. Emery, P. D. C., Massachusetts.
 Richard F. Locke, P. C.-in-C., Illinois.
 Henry Towle, P. C.-in-C., Maine.

Copies to: Commander-in-Chief John H. Runkle.
 Nat'l Sec.-Treas. Albert C. Lambert.

Brothers:

I have just returned home from the hospital after a major operation. It is now clearly impossible for me to attend the Boston encampment. So, at long last, I find it necessary to report to you in this fashion what I had hoped and expected to present in more detail and discuss with you personally and jointly, at the coming Encampment.

Attached are copies of such correspondence as I had earlier in the year with the Commander-in-Chief and the National Secretary.

Frankly, my activities in this matter became somewhat stalled about February because of the possible impact on our "trust fund" ideas of the provisions of our present corporate charter or of the new Congressional Charter which we were seeking. You will find references to this in the attached correspondence; also copies of the essential provisions of the Illinois Charter we now hold. I believe this charter is broad enough to permit us to accomplish the essential object we have in mind. I met the Commander-in-Chief in Washington late in January and discussed the matter with him.

I am a "life member" of the Military Order of the World Wars, an organization similar to the Loyal Legion, and also a member of its General Staff. Some 25 years ago it was in a situation somewhat similar to ours. It solved its problem by setting up a sort of endowment fund to which contributions were made by interested members able to do so. This later developed into a "life membership" fund administered by a Board of three trustees. One is elected every three years by the General Staff of the Order. The income only of this fund is remitted annually to the National Headquarters, which in turn remits a percentage to the local chapters.

To those Committee members who may live in the vicinity of Boston, Mass., I suggest they communicate with Capt. Alan C. Virtue of Boston, who is Chairman of the Trustees of this fund. I regret I do not have a better address handy, but I am sure you can locate him. Tell him I asked you to seek from him further details as to the origin and organization of this fund.

To Brother Locke I am sending a letter I had from the Adjutant General of the M. O. W. W., together with copies of its original and amended charters, which are under the laws of the District of Columbia. Will he please return this file to me when he has perused it. I believe he will agree with me that if the M. O. W. W. could establish the fund it has under this charter, we certainly can do the same under our Illinois charter.

I agree with what Brother Lambert has said in the third paragraph of his letter of February 9th—to the extent at least that I do not believe it necessary for us to become embroiled in a lot of legal technicalities and expense because of our establishment of what we are pleased to call a Trust Fund. It will be a "trust fund" in the sense that it should be provided for in our Constitution, created to be maintained in perpetuity, and the income therefrom only to be used for the accomplishment of our essential objects and purposes.

Among the attachments you will find copy of that portion of my report as Commander-in-Chief just 25 years ago, recommending such a fund as we are now considering. I still adhere to and believe in what I then wrote; except I now would add a fifth method for collection, namely: a provision for life memberships in our Order. These would provide a "quid pro quo" for the donation—the payment could be considered as a contribution, exempt from income tax—should be a total amount of at least \$50.00 and could be paid either in a lump sum or in installments. There is much more I might say on this subject.

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life memberships but space and time does not permit. It is being done today in the M. O. W. W. and the D. A. V., since I am a life member in both. Its value has been proven.

Now, as to the "Survey" part of our committee assignment: My views are quite succinctly expressed in the first paragraph of my letter of September 24, 1949, to the Commander-in-Chief. This is but an up-to-date statement of what I said as to the "State of the Order" in my report to the 44th Annual Encampment at Grand Rapids in 1925. I suggest you get a copy of those proceedings and read that report and also the report of Horace Hammer as National Secretary particularly at pp. 41-45, 49-50; Chart on p. 140 and pp. 140-143. If you do not have a personal copy, you should be able to obtain it at either your local Camp or Department Headquarters.

I regret more than I can tell you that I shall be unable to sit down with you all at Boston and work this out to some conclusion.

Good luck; and God be with you all till we meet again.

Fraternally,

WILLIAM M. COFFIN, Past Com.-in-Chief,
Chairman.

(Referred to Committee on Constitution and Regulations).

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I am sure, John, that you have received numerous gifts during this past year; and you will probably receive additional ones at this Encampment—but I couldn't pass up the opportunity to make one of these gavels, and present it to you at your Encampment here in Boston. It is a plastic gavel, with bronze medallions of our Order in the ends; and I want to present it to you at this time. As you grow older, you can look back to the year when you presided in Boston as Commander-in-Chief of this organization, and I want you to have it as a memento of this Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Roy, I want to say "thanks," and you know I mean it from the bottom of my heart. Somehow, I just had a feeling that I was going to receive a gavel from you. Quite sometime ago I received a hand carved gavel which was used by Post 58 of the Grand Army of the Republic, and which I am now using at this station. The gavel being used by the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief was presented to me by the Sons of Veterans Club of Philadelphia, and is made out of wood from the old Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Wilmington, and Baltimore railroad station.

"Thanks again" Roy, I certainly do appreciate it.

At this time we would like a report from the Credential Committee.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Department Commander Leslie W. More, New York: The Credential Committee reports a total of 143 members on the roll at this time.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: I will recognize Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie who wishes to present a partial report for the Committee on Officers' Reports.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie:

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

Your Committee on Officers' Reports wish to report on Recommendation No. 3, contained in the report of the National Secretary-Treasurer, so that a Committee can be appointed by the Commander-

in-Chief and a report from that Committee can be received from them during this Encampment.

The recommendation is, "That the Commander-in-Chief immediately appoint a committee to consider such offers as we now have for our 1951 Encampment, said Committee to report to this Encampment."

Your Committee on Officers' Reports concur in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER C. MABIE, Pennsylvania, Chairman.
 JOHN E. SAUTTER, Pennsylvania.
 RALPH SHELDON, New York.
 HOMER L. YOUNG, Iowa.
 FRED H. COMBS, Sr., New Jersey.

National Secretary Lambert: I move that where there are no objections, the report of the Committee be adopted; and this motion is intended to cover all reports. (Seconded by Delegate Clarence E. Young Rhode Island, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: If there are no objections, the recommendations of the Committee will be accepted. (Report of Committee adopted).

On the Committee to review the invitations for our 1951 Encampment, I appoint the following:

Past Commander-in-Chief C. Leroy Stoudt, Pennsylvania, Chairman.
 Department Commander Warfield W. Dorsey, Ohio.
 Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Franklin S. Hubbard, Wisconsin.
 Department Commander A. LeRoy Reynolds, Illinois.
 Past Department Commander Henry F. Weiler, Massachusetts.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Don't forget, Brothers, tonight the Department of Massachusetts Degree Team will put on the work in the ballroom. They have a class of candidates and, although I don't know how many they have, I am sure it will be a large class. Every member of the Sons of Union Veterans should be present tonight to witness the work of this Massachusetts degree team. I am sure you will enjoy it; and I hope you will make it a point to be there to see it, and to pay courtesy to the Auxiliary also by your attendance.

I have several letters from members of the Grand Army of the Republic which I would like to read to you. If there are no objections, I will have these letters become part of the record of this Encampment. (Reads the following):

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

W. Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 13, 1950.

Mr. John H. Runkle, Commander-in-Chief,
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
 Harrisburg, Pa.

I have just received your invitation to attend your Convention in Boston, August 20-24, and your kind and generous offer, with the city of Boston, of hotel accommodations while there.

I am very appreciative of this invitation and regret that the distance and the infirmities of my age oblige me to decline it. But be assured, my blessing and good wishes have no limitations and they will be with you in your Convention, as with you in all of your good undertakings. I hope you really are aware of this fact.

I, too, recall with pleasure your welcome visit to me in my home on March 26 and your assurance then, as now, that our Sons will carry on the good work of the G. A. R.

Someone has said most truly, "Blessed is the man who has a son on whom he can depend." This would be a sorry world if the Soldier had no son to fight for, no son to carry on when the fathers come to their "muster out."

But we, of the G. A. R. have an army of such sons. We depend on you and I'm sure you will never fail us.

May your Convention, and that of your Auxiliary, be a grand success in every way and may you, each and every one, return to your home Camps encouraged and strengthened for any task; for your strength and courage are needed now as was ours in 1861.

Please extend my thanks to the City of Boston for their gracious invitation.

We hope we may see many of you in Los Angeles for your "Sisters" (all of the women's orders of our G. A. R. family) Convention September 3-7, 1950.

Yours in sincere comradeship,

By
Dulcy Story Potee
(Daughter)

DOUGLAS T. STORY,
Department Commander, G. A. R.,
Dept. California & Nevada.

7135 Hazeltine Ave., Van Nuys, Calif.,
Friday, August 11, 1950.

Dear Mr. Runkle:

My Father received your kind invitation to attend the Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to be held in Boston, Massachusetts.

My Father wished me to thank you very much, but it would be impossible for him to attend at this time, as I fear the journey would be a little too strenuous for him.

Thanking you again, and wishing you might be here on the 19th of August to have a piece of birthday cake and ice cream with us. On that date, my Father will be 104 years old.

Sending you best wishes for you and all who attend the Encampment, I remain,

Yours in Comradeship,

By
Isabelle Magee
(Daughter)

COMRADE W. A. MAGEE.

Duluth, Minn., August 10, 1950.

Hon. John H. Runkle.

Dear Sir:

Your kind invitation to attend your Convention received. Would say under my present physical condition, it would be impossible for me to accept same. Our Good Friend, Mr. C. L. Charter, of Minneapolis, Minn., who is an official member of your Order, has made the same request to me. God bless you all.

Respectfully yours in F. C. & L.,

ALBERT WOOLSON,
Age—103½ Years.

Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief,
National G. A. R.
(Please excuse in haste).

Princeton, Ky., August 11, 1950.

Mr. John H. Runkle, Commander-in-Chief,

Will say Mr. Robert Barrett is very anxious to attend the 69th Encampment and appreciates the offer given him by the City of Boston. He thinks it is wonderful, but as it is such an expensive trip just don't think he can come on that account. Seems as there would be arrangements made for these old veterans to attend those Encampments with expenses paid, as there is such a few left and they look forward to those meetings. He would have to have two attendants as he just can't walk without help, and will be 104 years old November 5, 1950, the only Civil War Veteran in Kentucky.

Thanks for the invitation.

Sincerely,

For:

MR. AND MRS. TOM BARRETT.

ROBERT BARRETT, Sr.

P. S.—Now, if there can be any arrangements made for him and his attendant, he will be there; but he will have to know as soon as possible.

MR. AND MRS. TOM BARRETT.

"THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC" ARTICLE

The Commander-in-Chief then called attention to an article written by Past Department Commander Michael G. Heintz, Ohio, last year, entitled, "The Grand Army of the Republic." After discussion, the Encampment voted to have it printed in the proceedings, after being condensed by the author. However, upon contacting Brother Heintz after the Encampment, it was his wish that it be printed in The Banner instead; and after consultation with him, Brother Holbrook and the newly elected Commander-in-Chief Cleon E. Heald, it was printed in The Banner.

GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM ALLIED AND PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATIONS

The following Committee was escorted in and presented:

Mrs. Laura I. Smith, Past National President, Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. Mabel S. Taylor, National Chaplain, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. Nellie M. Goodman, Past National President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Mrs. Joseph E. Longren, representing Mrs. Eleanor D. Boyd, National President of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.

Mrs. Harriet Warner Baxter, National President, National Society of Patriotic Women of America, Inc.

They extended the greetings of their National Presidents and National Organizations, and presented gifts to Commander-in-Chief Runkle.

Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. L. Anderson, Sr., responded.

The Harrisburg Drum Corps, 6th Infantry Field Music, was then presented, and played several selections; after which they escorted the above Committee from the Encampment.

GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM THE AUXILIARY

The Greetings Committee from the Auxiliary, consisting of the

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lowing, were escorted in by the Harrisburg Drum Corps; and the 2nd Regiment Band of Allentown, Pa.:

Mrs. Gertrude Sautter, Past National President, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Clara Gallagher, Past National President, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Katharine Joyce, Past National President, Pennsylvania.

And the entire Pennsylvania delegation; also the family of the Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: On behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I bid you a most hearty welcome to our 69th Annual Encampment. I didn't realize there were this many people here from Pennsylvania, the Keystone State. I don't know where he will put all of you; but I believe the Past National Presidents, and the members of my family can come to the platform and the rest of you find seats down there.

Now, it is my pleasure to present to you the Chairman of the Committee, Past National President Gertrude Sautter of Pennsylvania.

Past National President Gertrude Sautter: John, I don't know of anything that gave me more pleasure than when our National President asked me to come over with this committee and bring greetings from our National organization. And, it was an added pleasure, for us to bring to you, at your Convention, your entire family. I don't know if any other Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans has ever had the privilege of having his entire family visit him in his Convention. They should be proud of you, and I know they are. I know you have traveled a lot this year and have been away from home a great deal, and your wife has given up a lot; but we know it has been done for the good of this organization, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, which we all love so well. We want you and your family to know that we appreciate that, because you have done so well as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans.

We, of the Auxiliary, want to wish you continued success, we want to stand back of you and help you keep the things that you have in your hearts. I hope everyone will go back from this Encampment and say to their Brothers back home that you have one of the most outstanding men in your organization as Commander-in-Chief this year. He has given of his time and efforts, has traveled far in the interests of this organization, and has accomplished much. We love you, John, and we wish the rest of your Encampment to be a very fine one. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Thank you, Gertrude, for those nice remarks. Now, I present Past National President Clara Gallagher; who lives a hundred miles from Harrisburg but who spends quite a lot of time at our house and is just one of the family.

Past National President Clara Gallagher: John, I just want to say "congratulations" on a most wonderful year, a wonderful family, and a wonderful Department to back you up; and we wish for you and your whole Encampment a very, very lovely time with lots of nice memories for the future. I just want to take this opportunity to present a little personal gift to you.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Thank you, Clara. And, now, I present Past National President Katharine Joyce.

Past National President Katharine Joyce: To those which have gone before, I want to add my congratulations and best wishes, John, for a very successful and harmonious Encampment; and say that we in Pennsylvania are very proud of you.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Thank you, Katharine. I would like

to introduce the Department President of the Auxiliary of Pennsylvania, Sister Lottie Trumbower.

Department President Lottie Trumbower: I had prepared a nice, long speech but I better not make it at this time. The other morning I was present at the breakfast given by the Mayor of Boston and, at that time, John made some remarks. Those of you who did not hear those remarks missed something. I knew he was a good orator, from a wonderful state and I was proud to hear those remarks made by him. His work was outstanding this year, not only for the Sons but for the Auxiliary also. If you have someone in back of you, much can be accomplished in the service we give to our organization and to our Country; and he was in back of the Auxiliary as well as the Sons this year.

I just want to say, briefly, that the Auxiliary of Pennsylvania appreciates you; and I want to present to you a little gift with our heartfelt appreciation for everything you have done, and I know you will continue to do in the future. I know that with John's help, many of our members were inspired to render special service to our organizations this year.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Thank you, Lottie. Incidentally, for those of you who may not know it—Lottie is the daughter of Past Commander-in-Chief Titus M. Ruch. My sincere thanks and appreciation to the Pennsylvania Department of the Auxiliary. It is a pleasure to work with the ladies; and I realize the fact that what we do for them will come back many times over for us. I would now like to present to you another of our Pennsylvania girls, Past Department President and now National Chaplain of the Auxiliary, Maude Shroyer.

National Chaplain Maude Shroyer: I am very happy to be here. I am sure the sisters of the Auxiliary realize that without the Sons we can't get very far; and we are proud and willing to help you wherever and whenever we can. I know that you have had a splendid year and the organization is very proud of you; and I sincerely hope that the balance of your week here in Boston will be most happy.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Thank you, Maude. I now have the proud honor and pleasure to present my family—my wife, Kathleen; my Mother and Dad, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Liddick; my son, Harry; and my daughters, Mary Gertrude, Marjorie Ann and Jeanne Louise. (At this point, "Hail to the Chief" was played by the 2nd Regiment Band of Allentown).

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: At this time, I want to steal a few minutes from Department Commander Delcamp, because I wanted this privilege and this honor.

Six years ago, a scene similar to this happened in Des Moines, Iowa. However, the actors in this scene of that play were in reverse—I was then Commander-in-Chief, and you were my Chief-of-Staff. You, through my good friends in the Department of Pennsylvania, presented to me a lovely chest of silver; and so, today, on behalf of your friends in Pennsylvania, I am certainly happy to present you this beautiful set of silver. Lots of good luck, and our best wishes go with it, John.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Thank you, Roy; and you know, without my saying it, just how I feel about that. It was a pleasure to work for you as Chief-of-Staff and it was a personal pleasure for me to arrange for that gift which your Department gave you then. Thanks to all of you from the bottom of my heart.

At this time, I would just like to say a word to Capt. Chas. Knecht and our band. We have two musical units, of which we are very proud—the 2nd Regiment Band of Allentown and our 6th Infantry Field

Music of Harrisburg. Thanks to you boys—we enjoy your music so much.

At this time, I would like to present my Mother, Mrs. Mary Liddick. Mrs. Liddick: To my Commander-in-Chief, and to my son—this is indeed a pleasure for me, which I feel I need not express in mere words. It is a happy moment in my life; and I particularly appreciate it when I hear all the nice things said about my son. We know what he has sacrificed for this organization; but it makes us feel happy to know you appreciate what he has done. So to you, Son, to show our appreciation, here is a little something which you may place on your desk from your Mother and Dad, something to add to your silver service which your Department gave you.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Thank you, Mother. I would like to present to you the one that I argue with sometimes and shouldn't, I guess, but she is the one who has stayed home for years, while Harry and I went to Encampments, and took care of the children. She has given much to this organization; and I am proud to present my wife, Kathleen.

Mrs. Runkle: Our best wishes to you for a happy and successful Encampment; and this is a little token for you from your family, with our love.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Thanks, so much. I now want to present my son, Harry, who is representing Gen. John Hartranft Camp No. 15 and Auxiliary No. 7 of Harrisburg.

Harry Runkle: Daddy, I would like to say that we of Camp 15 and Auxiliary 7 appreciate the honor you have brought to our city. I would like to present this gift, on their behalf, and hope you can use it with your silver set. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Thanks to Camp 15 and Auxiliary 7. First of all, I want to express my personal thanks to the Greetings Committee from the Auxiliary for coming over to visit us. We are happy to have you; and this is certainly a wonderful representation from the Department of Pennsylvania.

Secondly, I am proud that I have the opportunity to present this family of mine. I was much disappointed when they couldn't be in Indianapolis last year as we had anticipated; but we planned to bring the entire family to Boston and I am happy to have had the privilege to present them to you.

Sister Gertrude Sautter has been the Chairman of the Committee from the Auxiliary, and I think it would be very fitting for our senior Past Commander-in-Chief from Pennsylvania to respond. At this time, I will ask Past Commander-in-Chief John Sautter to respond on behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Commander-in-Chief, members of the Auxiliary and of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, were I not an obedient member of this organization, I wouldn't be doing what I am trying to do at this moment because, for about the last one and one-half hours, I have been engaged with a Committee report and haven't been here and, consequently, don't know exactly what has taken place.

I do understand that the head of the Sautter family extended the greetings of the Auxiliary and since I don't know what she said, I don't even have the opportunity of answering my wife on her remarks—that opportunity does not present itself very often, and I regret that I was not present to hear them. But I believe that with the association of

some fifty years with her, that I might have some idea of what she has said to you. I feel I can truthfully say that we are grateful to have those words spoken to us by our Auxiliary. We are always happy when the Auxiliary pays a visit to us to present not only their greetings but their best wishes, and pledge their continued support.

Where would we be without our Auxiliary? I would like every member of our organization to answer that question himself. If you answer it honestly, it will be that "God only knows" where we would be without the Auxiliary; and we deeply appreciate their continued co-operation.

Just as I came into the room, Commander-in-Chief, I heard you say that all of your family is here. John, I congratulate you for having the opportunity of having all the members of your immediate family present at your Encampment. I said to his dear Mother last night that I regretted that we didn't have the mother and wife of the Commander-in-Chief in the room to witness the son and husband being installed as Commander-in-Chief; and she informed me that they were present. To my knowledge, we have had sons witness such an installation, but never in the history of this organization did a mother witness the installation of her son as Commander-in-Chief. We have also had wives present at installation, but I do not believe that at any previous time was it the good fortune of the Commander-in-Chief to have both his dear mother and wife in the room when he was installed; and I want to say to this dear mother and wife that they can truly be proud of the son and husband who has so faithfully served this organization as its Commander-in-Chief during this past year. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Thank you, John; and my apologies for imposing on your generosity to respond when you did not hear the remarks made by the Committee; but I can say this to the Auxiliary—that I am in a position to say that we do truly appreciate our Auxiliary. Webster defines "Auxiliary" as a helper; and our Auxiliary has truly been a helper to us. Thank you so much for coming in to visit with us. My thanks too, to the Field Music, the Band and all the good brothers and sisters from Pennsylvania—I do sincerely appreciate everything. I would like to report that the little envelope which Lottie Trumbower handed to me has in it check for \$50.00 from the Auxiliary in Pennsylvania. I do appreciate these many gifts—thanks a lot.

We will now recess until 2:30 p. m.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

August 22, 1950 - 2:35 P. M.

The session opened in regular form.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: It is my understanding that the Committee on Resolutions is ready to report and, at this time, Brother Sherman will present that report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: Brother Commander-in-Chief, your Committee on Resolutions have met and considered the several matters which have been referred to them.

In the beginning, I would like to state that the national body of the Sons of Union Veterans is always open to receive resolutions or petitions; and it is the proper way to bring matters to the attention of the Encampment. I am impressed with the fact that should you desire to present a resolution upon which you desire action by the Commandery-in-Chief—whether it be through an individual member, a Camp, or a Department, it can be done in this manner.

These resolutions, in many cases, are quite lengthy; and unless it is the desire of the Encampment to have them read in full, which would take considerable time, I prefer to summarize them. If there are no objections, I suggest that the report of the Committee be considered as adopted.

Your Committee on Resolutions present the following:

(1) From the Department of Minnesota—That the Commandery-in-Chief resume the publishing of the entire membership of the Commandery-in-Chief in the proceedings of the Annual Encampment, rather than listing only those members who were in attendance at the Encampment.

Your Committee recommends non-concurrence, because of the additional expense involved in printing the full membership.

Past Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota: As a representative of the Department of Minnesota, I would like to say that I had a conference with the Chairman of this Committee last night. We are trying to be as economical as we can, and I realize we must cut down expenses; but the boys in Minnesota seriously miss the information which previously was included in the annual proceedings, and that is why the resolution was presented. However, we would like to be reasonable; and I wonder if the Chairman of the Committee would settle for this—that every member who is here from the different states today shall be printed in the proceedings.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: The National Secretary advises that those who are present in the Encampment are recorded in the Encampment Roll of the proceedings. Those who were elected delegates and did not attend are, of course, not printed; but all those attending are listed under the various Departments. (Committee sustained).

(2) From the Department of Massachusetts—That the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans contact the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans with a view to arranging to have the two organizations, with their allied organizations, hold their National Encampment for the year 1951 concurrently in the City of Charleston, South Carolina. Your Committee considers that the entire matter of the 1951 Encampment is covered by another recommendation; and recommend that no action be taken on this resolution. (Committee sustained).

(3) A resolution from an individual requesting that we go on record as favoring severance of diplomatic relations with Soviet Russia.

This is a very simple statement, but fraught with tremendous complications. Your Committee reports lack of sufficient information to justify such action; and recommend that the introducer be given permission to withdraw the resolution.

Past Commander-in-Chief Craig: I thought I gave to the Committee five or six good reasons why we should do it. Many other organizations are suggesting to the State Department, and to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, that unless Russia changes her tactics we should sever relations. In 1933, Franklin D. Roosevelt re-established relations with them, with certain provisions. They have disregarded these provisions, and everyone seems to be just waiting to see what they are going to do. My suggestion was that unless Russia is willing to reciprocate with the United States of America in allowing our diplomats in Russia, the time should come that we would sever our relations with them. However, in accordance with the recommendation of Brother Sherman, I am very willing to withdraw this resolution; but the time will come when this thing will happen, whether the Sons of Union Veterans take any action or not.

(Committee sustained, resolution withdrawn).

(4) From Ferd V. Dayton Camp No. 5 of New Jersey, requesting that resolutions be adopted by this body endorsing the following:

- (A) Universal Military Training, both military and for civil defense.
- (B) Penalties for War Profiteering.
- (C) Federal financing of current defense requirements on a "pay as you go" basis.
- (D) Additional federal appropriations for the "Voice of America."
- (E) Opposition to World Government.
- (F) Immediate outlawing of Communism as a political party in the United States.

It is so manifest that we would be involving our organization to a greater extent than ever before, and your Committee recommends non-concurrence.

National Secretary Lambert: I object to the Committee recommendation although I agree with one statement of Brother Sherman—that it is much farther than this organization has ever attempted to express itself before. However, I don't think this is to our credit. These are vital matters. These are matters that we, not alone as individuals, but as a national organization should express ourselves upon. I feel, and those responsible for the resolution feel that this is what we should do at this time. In doing so, we would be following the lead of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the Jewish War Veterans, and many other national patriotic and veteran organizations. We, like anyone else, have the privilege of changing our mind if we feel differently about any one of these at any time.

I would like to say to you that the Communistic party is pledged

to overthrow this Government—should we continue to recognize them as a political party when they are attempting to destroy our form of government? If you feel that this party should be outlawed, you certainly can express your opinion. When the reporters come in to us after each session, they ask what resolutions have been adopted and what is our stand on questions of national importance—and I think we can very well discuss these items because this is the type of thing we can give to the press. This is the kind of question we should consider and express ourselves upon; so let's take these items in the resolution individually and vote on them. (Applause).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: The matters in this resolution are varied. Universal military training may seem a wise procedure. We can take action or not, and it will have very little effect nationally. The Government now has the right, and requires all men between certain ages to register, although not necessarily called. I don't know whether our expression would have a detrimental or beneficial effect and, therefore, the Committee felt it would be better for us not to take action on Universal Military Training.

As to War Profiteering and the "pay as you go" financing of current defense requirements, those are tremendous questions to say anything about. A probable billion dollars will be spent this year, in addition to regular defense expenditures—and our expression in this case also will have little effect on the national picture.

Perhaps we might voice serious opposition to World Government, and we might ask for additional appropriations to the "Voice of America." Maybe you know how much we want, maybe you have a little idea as to what is required; but I feel that these questions are outside the realm of the Sons of Union Veterans, but I, personally, do not oppose it.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: All I know is what I read in the newspapers but I find that Congress takes action to increase, by the millions, the very things we are talking about now. Our expression may have little effect on it, but we can at least express what we believe; and I think we should have the courage to say what we believe.

National Secretary Lambert: The intention is that we express opposition to some of these expenditures, and it may have a tendency to hold down some of this excess debt accumulation.

Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts: In order that this thing may be regularly acted upon, I move the substitution of the resolution for the report of the Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I move you non-concurrence with the recommendation of the Committee, which means adoption of the resolution as submitted. (Seconded by National Secretary Lambert).

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: It seems to me that the first section of the resolution is somewhat controversial, by reason of the fact that there is now pending in the Congress of the United States a new bill providing for Universal Military Training, and we do not know what the provisions of any such bill might be. If that part of the resolution was in somewhat different language—that we were simply committing ourselves to the general idea favoring Universal Military Training, it seems to me that we would be in a little better position. I am in full sympathy with sustaining the motion made by Brother Sautter, except for the first provision.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: May I ask that this section be read so we know what it says in reference to universal military training.

National Secretary Lambert: (reads) "Universal Military Training both military and for civil defense." The intention was that it be approved in principle.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: Will you add that?

National Secretary Lambert: Yes.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: A motion has been made, and seconded that the Committee report be non-concurred in, which means we shall adopt the resolutions submitted by Ferd V. Dayton Camp No. 5, as amended. (Motion carried).

(5) From the Department of Pennsylvania—relative to 100th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg in 1963, requesting the Commandery-in-Chief to appoint a Committee to arrange for proper observance of this occasion.

Your Committee is in sympathy with such an event but believe that it is too soon to take action, binding our organization thirteen years in advance of this observance and, therefore, recommend no action at this time. (Committee sustained).

(6) From the Department of Pennsylvania—relative to approval of House Resolution 7850 authorizing the attendance of the United States Marine Band at the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Boston. Your Committee recommends approval of this resolution. (Committee sustained).

(7) From the Department of Pennsylvania—opposing change in the name of this organization to "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Succeeding Wars of the United States of America."

Your Committee recommends approval of this resolution. (Committee sustained).

(8) From the Department of Massachusetts—That this Encampment extends thanks to Commander-in-Chief John H. Runkle for the firm and courteous manner in which he has upheld the dignity of this Order and vindicated its right to primacy among the several organizations allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, at the same time offering co-operation to all other allied organizations who would reciprocate; and recommend to his successor in office a continuation of the policy as established. Your Committee recommends concurrence. (Committee sustained).

(9) WHEREAS, The Commander-in-Chief has appointed a special committee to consider the next National Encampment and make arrangements for same, and

WHEREAS, The City of Columbus has extended an invitation to hold its 70th Annual Encampment in that city, and has offered all of the usual inducements, therefore, be it

RESOLVED. That we favor acceptance of such invitation; but if through a national emergency it might not be possible or advisable to hold such a meeting; that this Special Committee be authorized to arrange for a limited meeting including National Officers and Department Commanders.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I move that action on this resolution be deferred until we have had a report from the Committee appointed in accordance with the recommendation in the report of the National Secretary-Treasurer. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Locke, and carried).

(10) "We record with much satisfaction that this 69th Annual Encampment was planned to be held in Boston, and though we lack the presence of some of our allied organizations, we heartily approve of the

decision. The great Commonwealth has proved the ideal host, the City of Boston and the Massachusetts Department have extended themselves to the utmost to provide every opportunity for our convenience.

The very atmosphere of this city reminds us that it was here in Boston that the seeds were planted which later flowered into our independence. When disunion threatened Massachusetts was among the first to rally to the defense of the Union and the martyrs' blood was shed in Baltimore. Upon three occasions since the Civil War, and even now when we are engaged under the auspices of the United Nations, we are giving our best to bring peace to an invaded nation, it is proof that the spirit of independence for all nations has not atrophied." (Committee sustained).

(11) "The administration now coming to a close merits the highest commendation. Our Commander-in-Chief has worked most zealously. He had high ambition, a worthy goal. In session and out, all over this country, he has most enthusiastically enhanced the spirit of patriotism. We cannot adequately compensate him, but we do want him to know that his untiring efforts have not been in vain. He has had the assistance of a corps of loyal assistants, to all of whom we tender our grateful thanks.

The provisions for our comfort in the hotel have been all we could have expected, and we hereby express our appreciation; also to the public press which has given splendid co-operation." (Committee sustained).

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES F. SHERMAN, Chairman, New York,
RALPH M. GRANT, Connecticut,
NEIL D. CRANMER, New York,
WARFIELD W. DORSEY, Ohio.
RALPH R. GARWOOD, California.

Chairman Sherman: I move the adoption of the report of the Committee on Resolutions as submitted and corrected by action of the Encampment. (Seconded by Delegate Clarence E. Young, Rhode Island, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Brothers, we have scheduled at 3:30 the Joint Memorial Service with the Auxiliary. I know that in past years we have journeyed from one building to another; or from floor to floor, and we had about 25% of our membership present at that service. This year, all we have to do is go into the next room. I am hoping that the vast majority, if not the entire body of the Commandery-in-Chief will join in the Memorial Service.

Before we go over, I am going to call on Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt for a report from the Encampment Committee.

REPORT OF 1951 ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Commander-in-Chief, this Committee has considered seriously all the invitations received and reviewed the complete information referred to us by the Resolutions Committee, or by any other group. However, I am wondering whether the action taken by the Encampment last year, and the year before, with regard to the Commander-in-Chief calling a meeting of all the National heads to select the time and place of the Encampment yearly, is not the final action.

National Secretary Lambert: Any action you take now would supplement that. The action taken now would be what we do from now on.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Then it was sort of foolish to take that action the past two years.

Your Committee wishes to submit its recommendations:

Invitations were received from Palm Beach, Fla., Milwaukee, Wis., Columbus, Ohio, Grand Rapids, Mich., Cincinnati, Ohio, and Springfield, Illinois. Most of them were from Chambers of Commerce and hotels, and we considered all of them carefully. They all extended invitations for us to meet in their city and stated they would be happy to entertain us but, in a number of cases, did not commit themselves as to what they would provide or what they would give us in the way of accommodations, etc. However, we felt that the invitation from Columbus, Ohio, was the most complete. We had invitations from the Camp in Columbus, from the Department Commander of Ohio and the Department of Ohio, from the Mayor of Columbus, the Governor of Ohio, the Chamber of Commerce of Columbus and the Deshler-Wallick Hotel of Columbus. We took into consideration the fact that they committed themselves as to what they would give us. They will provide badges, programs, suites of rooms, meeting places and several other items. Therefore, your Committee unanimously recommends that Columbus, Ohio, have the 1951 National Encampment.

I move the adoption of the recommendation of the Committee.

(Seconded by Past Department Commander Julius Isaacs, New York).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hubbard: As a member of that Committee, I would like to say a word. We have been talking for a number of years, when it became apparent that the Encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic were coming to a close, what was to be done about keeping the organizations together. At Cleveland, in 1947, we set up a formula to accomplish this purpose—that the incoming and outgoing Commanders-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans should call a meeting of the heads of the allied organizations, to decide upon a meeting place for the next Encampment. In Grand Rapids, and in Indianapolis, we re-affirmed that formula.

Now, we know what happened with these other organizations at Indianapolis—they made the decision as to where they would hold their Conventions, and it was not with us. Now then, are we not to take them into consideration because they kicked us last year? I believe that you fellows will feel that we might be justified in doing that; but we must have free relations with these organizations and I am thinking about the possibility of their meeting together again. I object to their not being included.

National Secretary Lambert: I, perhaps, know as much about this picture as anyone. In the July issue of The Banner, notice was given that any Department desiring to entertain the Commandery-in-Chief, and the Grand Army family in 1951 or some future year, should contact me in reference to it. The result was those invitations read to you, some being more favorable than others. In all cases, I stated that there was to be provision for the allied organizations to join with us.

If we accept this today, the same invitations from Columbus will be extended to the other organizations, meeting in Los Angeles, as was extended to us. This gives us an opportunity to make a decision, and then invite the others to join us. Our statement of policy last year was correct, but it didn't work out.

I am very much in favor of the adoption of the report of this Committee to accept the invitation from Columbus, as they will provide for us and all the other organizations; and I believe there is more than a fifty-fifty chance the others will meet with us.

Department Commander Warfield W. Dorsey, Ohio: We, in Ohio, spear-headed this matter of the invitation to meet in Columbus; and particularly had in mind that maybe we could get the family back together again. This invitation is for all the organizations.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, will you assume command as I would like to speak on this question. Brothers, as you know from my report, it is my sincere desire to get the Grand Army family together again. Yesterday, I named myself Chairman of the Greetings Committee to the three sister organizations who will meet in Los Angeles the week of September 3rd. The purpose of my going there is not only to bring greetings from the Sons of Union Veterans; but it was my thought that I, personally, could go to them in their Conventions, explain our position, and invite them to join with us next year. I am heartily in accord with the Sons of Union Veterans taking the lead—we must be the leaders in the Grand Army of the Republic family. It is not because we are dictators, or want to take the place of our fathers; but we are the senior national organization. Ours is the 69th Annual Encampment this year, and it is the 68th of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Where we go is immaterial to me, but I do feel that we, as an organization, must select the place which will give us the most. It is now that we must plan for what we will obtain in the future. Personally, I felt strongly about going to Springfield, Illinois—but we do not have a Camp in Springfield such as we had in Boston, or in Columbus; and the Springfield hotels will not commit themselves on rooms for National Officers, or on other accommodations. I believe Milwaukee would have gone along with practically everything but, as I said before, it is immaterial to me where we go. However, I hope and wish that the recommendation as submitted by the Committee might be amended in such a manner that we accept, and extend to the Auxiliary, and other sister organizations, an invitation to join with us.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I don't think we need an amendment—that is intended.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hubbard: With this explanation that we are to take invitations to the other organizations to meet with us in Columbus, I withdraw my objections.

(Motion carried).

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: We will now recess for the Memorial service, to meet at 9:30 tomorrow morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

August 23, 1950 — 10:00 A. M.

The Encampment opened in regular form, with prayer by National Chaplain, Rev. Partington.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: I will appoint as Guide for this session Department Commander Homer L. Atkins of New Hampshire.

Brothers, I do wish to apologize for the delay this morning; but the Auxiliary is now in session and I am going to ask the Greetings Committee to retire at this time and pay our respects to them. I want to get them off the first thing this morning so they can get back as soon as possible, as I think we should all be here when the reports are presented.

I want to call your attention to the photographs on the table at my left, which were taken during my year as Commander-in-Chief. Some of them are from the Memorial Day parade in Harrisburg, from the Department of Pennsylvania Encampment held in Harrisburg in June, and some from various other places throughout the country, quite a number of which are newspaper photographs. I thought maybe you would be interested in seeing what can be done and what has been done, during this past year, in the way of publicity for our organization.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS PRESENTED

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: In order that you might know the Department Commanders who are present, I would like to have them rise.

The following were presented: Department Commanders Ralph W. Garwood, California; Robert W. DeForest, Connecticut; A. Leroy Reynolds, Illinois; Homer L. Young, Iowa; Vernon W. Miller, Maine; James C. Tatman, Maryland; William C. Rule, Massachusetts; Robert E. McCloud, Sr., New Jersey; Leslie W. More, New York; Warfield W. Dorsey, Ohio; Robert E. Delcamp, Pennsylvania; Harold E. Arnold, Rhode Island; A. C. Aldrich, Vermont. (Homer L. Atkins, Jr., New Hampshire, was absent—Chairman of the Greetings Committee to the Auxiliary).

RUNKLE'S 1950 CLUB

Department Commander James C. Tatman, Maryland: We formed this morning, at the Department Commander's breakfast meeting, Runkle's 1950 Club composed of Department Commanders who served in '49-'50 and '50-'51. Through this organization we hope to exchange ideas, and perhaps offer some form of incentive to Departments and individuals to continue to prove that "it can be done." Commander-in-Chief Runkle will be the President for the first year; I will serve as Secretary and Department Commander William Rule is the Treasurer. We hope it will be a friendly club, to keep up the spirit of activity and we do believe it will bring results in the way of good fellowship. We feel we might be able to do something worthwhile for the organization as we hope to meet from year to year, not only this year.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Thank you, Brother Tatman. May we have at this time a further report from the Credential Committee.

Department Commander Leslie W. More, New York: Commander-in-Chief, we have 167 present at this time.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: I want to announce that there was a radio broadcast over radio station WCOP at 7:30 this morning; and I had the opportunity of speaking about our adoption of those three resolutions yesterday regarding World Government, the Communistic Party and Universal Military Training.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hubbard: What order of business are we now under?

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: We are waiting for the Greetings Committee to return from the Auxiliary so that we can proceed with the reports of committees.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief: I take this opportunity, Brothers, to call to your attention the matter of the various regions set up by the Commandery-in-Chief back in 1935. Most of you heard my report yesterday, and know that I have been Commander of the Central Region since last October. These regions, while set up by the Commandery-in-Chief, have no authority given to their officers. There is no provision made at our Encampments of the Commandery-in-Chief for the presentation of a report from the Commanders, or other officers, of these various regions; and I just want to bring it to your attention. These regions, under the present set up are left to themselves to develop their own individuality as an organization. What they do apparently does not concern the parent body, the Commandery-in-Chief, except when it may affect the organization as a whole. The idea of these regions is to have meetings and social affairs, discuss various propositions and try to iron out difficulties which arise in the various Departments. That is all well and good but, since the Commandery-in-Chief has set up these regions, I believe there should be some provision made to have a report from the various regions as to what activities they may be engaged in, and whether or not they are an asset to the Commandery-in-Chief. I thank you, Brothers.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: At this time, I will recognize Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: The brothers in this Encampment who were present in Indianapolis last year will remember a resolution presented by a member of Castle Williams Post No. 105 of the American Legion of Decatur, Illinois. The resolution is to the effect that Congress erect in Decatur, a memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic honoring the founding of the G. A. R. in 1866. It was prepared by the American Legion, and then turned over to the local Camp of Sons of Union Veterans in that city. They asked the co-operation of our National body to help carry along that project and possibly, in the future, effectuate it.

We, in Illinois, have been doing what we could so far; and are digging into the records of the Grand Army of the Republic with relation to a project started by them in this city sixty years ago, to erect a monument there. We find that, at the Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1890 a committee was appointed for that purpose and some work was done. We find that they raised \$5,000.00 in pledges and cash, but we haven't found out what became of that money or the project and why, if it was dropped, it was dropped by them.

We feel that until the project is properly started and we can come

to the National body of this organization with something concrete, it should be an Illinois project. I am asking that this Encampment refer it back to us until we can come to you with something concrete in form, at which time we can then ask for assistance. I, therefore, move that this resolution be referred back to the Department of Illinois.

(Seconded by Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: At this time, the Greetings Committee is returning from the Auxiliary, and we will have the report of that Committee.

REPORT OF GREETINGS COMMITTEE TO AUXILIARY

Department Commander Homer L. Atkins, Jr., New Hampshire: On behalf of your Greetings Committee to the Auxiliary, I would like to say that your orders were fulfilled to the best of our ability; and it was a pleasure to bring the greetings of our organization to them. We were graciously received, and they thank you for your good wishes.

PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF PRESENT

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: I feel this is the opportune time, while we have them all there at the altar, to present to you the Past Commanders-in-Chief who are present at this Encampment.

The following were presented, after which a picture was taken: Past Commanders-in-Chief Ralph Sheldon, Ralph M. Grant, John E. Sautter, Charles F. Sherman, Walter C. Mabie, Allan S. Holbrook, Richard F. Locke, Wm. L. Anderson, Sr., Ralph R. Barrett, J. Kirkwood Craig, Albert C. Lambert, Henry Towle, C. LeRoy Stoudt, Urion W. Mackey, H. Harding Hale, Neil D. Cranmer, Charles H. E. Moran and Perle L. Fouch.

INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT ETHELYN TUCKER OF THE AUXILIARY

The National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Ethelyn Tucker, and Past National President Blanche Beverstock were escorted into the Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Sister Tucker, my National President, and part time traveling companion, it gives me pleasure, on behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief to welcome you to our Encampment; and with that goes my own personal appreciation to you for coming to visit with us. I hope that your short stay with us will be most pleasant, and I want you to know that we do appreciate your taking time out to visit with us.

Sister Beverstock you, too, are extended a welcome to this Encampment and we are happy to have you with us.

At this time, I am pleased to present to you Sister Ethelyn Tucker, National President of the Auxiliary. We have made many visitations together during this year, and she has worked very closely with your Commander-in-Chief.

National President Ethelyn Tucker: Thank you, John, for those nice things you said and I would like to say "thank you" to this group of men for giving to me my co-partner this year. We have had some grand trips together, have had a lot of fun and some sadness during this administration. I am so happy that we were both fortunate enough to visit every Department. It has been a grand year working with your Commander-in-Chief and I do feel that I should thank every one of you for giving him to me this year. I told his wife that I would borrow

him for a year, and that he would go back home at the end of the year, after accomplishing much for our organizations.

I hope the friendship we have formed and the association we have had together will always be a pleasant memory to him as it is for me. It was my privilege to entertain him in my home, and it was a pleasure to work with him at all times.

I do want to take this opportunity to thank each one of the Department Commanders for the very great response you gave to us in calling special meetings for us, when we couldn't be at your Department Conventions. You can't be but one place at a time; and had it not been for your co-operation in arranging those meetings, and my acceptance of John's idea to fly, we would not have been able to visit all the Departments. It was with some misgivings, and it took a great deal of persuading on John's part to get me to fly, but I am glad that I adopted his suggestion.

I do want to express to the National organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War the appreciation of my National Organization, together with my personal appreciation for everything you have done for us for so many years. I want to tell you what a grand thing it was for you to send all your Past Commanders-in-Chief into the national convention of the Auxiliary. My Past National President, Sister Beverstock, said, "I think it is the first time in the course of our national conventions that all of the Past Commanders-in-Chief visited our national organization as a Greetings Committee." It meant a great deal to me, and I thank you very much.

Now, I have a pleasant duty to perform because I was given the privilege to bring in to your Commander-in-Chief our little love gift to you. It doesn't half show our appreciation and love, because we love everyone of you. Thank you for everything, and please accept our gift with our very deep love and appreciation.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: On Behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief, I accept this love token. As I told the Encampment yesterday when your Greetings Committee was here, accompanied by the Pennsylvania delegation, Webster defines "auxiliary" as a helper—and your organization has truly been a helper to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We do appreciate everything our Auxiliary does for us. Sometimes we do not show it as we should, but then again the men are not quite as affectionate as the ladies. We want you to know that we deeply appreciate everything the Auxiliary has done for us not only in the way of financial tokens, but also by the efforts that the ladies of the Auxiliary put forth to help our local Camps. I maintain a Camp without an Auxiliary is like a home without a wife. I am sure that the boys of the Sons of Union Veterans feel as I do—we deeply appreciate this, and extend sincere thanks to you, and to your National organization.

Now, may I present Sister Blanche Beverstock, Past National President of the Auxiliary.

Past National President Beverstock: Commander-in-Chief Brother John, National President and Brothers: I am simply the escort to my National President. I came to see that Ethelyn would get here and back to her Convention again; but I do welcome this opportunity, Commander-in-Chief, to express to you the deep appreciation of our National organization, and of the Department of New Hampshire, for all the many courtesies which you have extended to our National President this past year. We do truly appreciate it and we hope that all the work and effort that you have put into the past year will bear fruit in the years to come. I hope the inspiration of this splendid meeting here

today will remain with each one of you; and that you will take it back to your Departments and instill it among your Camps—for a larger and better organization of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Then, Brother John and Sister Ethelyn's work will not have been in vain. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Thank you, Sister Blanche. Now, I will respond to these sisters myself.

I have said a lot already, but I want to add that we express our thanks for the nice things you have said about the Sons of Union Veterans, and I express mine for the nice things you said about me. I always tried to co-operate and I want both of you to know that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War deeply appreciate your coming over here to visit with us. It has been a grand year working together. We have had our little disagreements, but I don't think we have had any big ones. While I know that other Past Commanders-in-Chief and National Presidents will feel they had the best Encampment ever in the Commandery-in-Chief—I think we can say that with the opening we had on Sunday, the initiation of two classes of candidates by the Sons and Auxiliary last night, and the many nice gifts which both of us have received, that we have had one of the best, if not the best, Encampment ever held by the national organizations. Then too, we had that outdoor program on the Boston Common last night which was appreciated and enjoyed by all. I personally feel that we can be very proud of our year. It has been a pleasure to work with you and I want to say, on behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief, thanks for coming and I will be over to visit with you before I retire as Commander-in-Chief.

Incidentally, the check presented by the Auxiliary was for \$200.00. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: We shall now proceed with the order of business and I will recognize Past Commander-in-Chief Anderson who is ready to report at this time.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS

Past Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Commander-in-Chief, and members of this National Encampment, your Committee on Constitution and Regulations wish to submit the following report:

(1) A resolution from Ferd V. Dayton Camp No. 5 of New Jersey recommending that Article 2, Chapter 3, Section 1 be changed as follows: In the third paragraph strike out the words "one hundred" and substitute therefor "fifty."

It has been the general expression of this Encampment that we need a greater revenue to carry on our business. If we adopt the recommendation as presented, we will double the membership of our National Encampments and, therefore, double the registration fee now received. With a membership of 12,000, a delegation of 120 is permitted to take part now, which means \$240.00; but if we reduce the ratio to 1-50, we will double the registration fee, which would be \$480.00.

Your Committee recommends concurrence.

Past Department Commander Henry F. Weiler, Massachusetts: I simply want to call attention to a matter of procedure. When our Camps in Massachusetts see need for a change in the regulations, we submit it through our Department. I wonder if this matter has been before the New Jersey Department.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Brother Weiler, this came from a

Camp. It is not necessary that it go through the Department—it may be presented direct to the Commandery-in-Chief.

Past Department Commander Weiler: I think it is better to present it to the Department, and then to the Commandery-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: I agree generally with what Brother Weiler has said, but this Committee on Constitution and Regulations can bring up this proposed change.

It gives me a great deal of satisfaction and pleasure to have something about which I can criticize Past Commander-in-Chief Anderson. I think he is unintentionally making a misstatement when he says the adoption of his recommendation will double the membership of this Encampment. It will double only the delegation representation, and will not affect the membership so far as the Departments are concerned. I am very much in favor of this matter, and I think it should be adopted. I would go so far as to say that I would have no objections to a ratio of one to every twenty-five members, because we might stimulate interest in the Encampment in that way.

(Committee sustained).

(2) Proposed amendment by Past Commanders-in-Chief Sautter and Locke to Article 5, Section 3, page 35—strike out following the word compensation, the words “the sum of \$2,000.00 per annum” and substitute in lieu thereof the words, “each year the sum fixed at the annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.” Section 4, Page 35, strike out following the word compensation the words, “the sum of \$200.00 per annum” and substitute in lieu thereof the words, “each year the sum fixed at the annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.”

Your Committee recommends concurrence.

Past Department Commander Allen F. Spink, Connecticut: I am not objecting, but I think it should be made clear just what we are changing in the regulations.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: The regulations of our Order as they read, provide that the compensation of the National Secretary be \$2,000.00 and that of the National Treasurer \$200.00 per year. We deem it advisable, Brother Locke and myself, to offer this proposed change because we would, in effect, legally be responsible for the payment of the amount specified in the regulations, so long as it is fixed. With this substitution, we would have no fixed compensation or salary for the National Secretary and Treasurer and it shall be determined at each session of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Does that answer your question?

Past Department Commander Spink: Yes.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: This is a matter which I think should be given some very serious thought. You elect a man for five years, do you not, but if you adopt this substitution you are now in no position to tell him what his salary will be. Maybe you will pay him \$200.00—maybe \$50.00, depending on the financial condition of the Commandery-in-Chief. Are you going to get a competent man to take the position under these circumstances? I am only wondering about it, not objecting.

(Committee sustained).

(3) Recommendation of the “Memorial Trust Fund Committee” relative to this fund that it be changed to “Memorial Fund” and that this fund be \$25.00 per member, with details on how it is to be handled.

This organization of ours is a living memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic. It is a living memorial, to the memory of your fathers. The thought back of this Memorial Fund is that the Sons of Union

Veterans would like to maintain a living memorial; and by this contribution of \$25.00 would feel that you have done something to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Your Committee concurs.

Department Commander Warfield W. Dorsey, Ohio: I rise to a point of information. Does that mean that the \$25.00 contribution is compulsory?

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: No, it is voluntary.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: I would like to suggest an amendment to the recommendation of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations for the purpose of perhaps avoiding difficulty and misunderstanding—that this proposition shall be made effective only when it is approved by the next Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief. This involves so many legal and technical problems that we had better be careful, in order that we may be safe. I hope the Committee will accept that amendment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Anderson: The Committee gladly agrees on the amendment of Past Commander-in-Chief Locke.

Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts: It seems very evident that the purpose of this Trust Fund is to raise money. We need to raise it now, and it doesn't seem as though we are going to gain anything if we put it off another year.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: Maybe I can explain it a little more clearly. While in one sense, this is a method of raising money to be used by the Commandery-in-Chief, the principal will not be expended and it is only the interest upon these funds which can, or will be used for expenses. We are trying to build for the future and I repeat that it would be inadvisable, and a lack of good judgment, if we were to attempt to make this effective now before the whole plan has been submitted in detail, and passed upon by the Commandery-in-Chief. I hope you will accept that explanation and waive your objection. It certainly would be inadvisable to put into the regulations at this time any plan for the handling of this matter without careful consideration.

Past Commander-in-Chief Craig: I would like to have this go a step further. I think this matter of the Trust Fund is far reaching in its opportunities and responsibilities and it ought to go to the Departments. I would like to suggest that this be brought up here one year hence; but it also should be brought up in the Departments and if, and when, at least two-thirds of the Departments in the Commandery-in-Chief shall approve of this plan in principle during the coming year, then it should come back before the Commandery-in-Chief for further consideration. Any Department can go ahead with the project if they want, but it will become operative only after the Commandery-in-Chief has approved it. It is my suggestion that this plan be promulgated to the various Departments during the coming year for their action and then, when we know we have the backing of our Camps and Departments we can vote more intelligently upon it here next year.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Brothers, my interpretation is that the Committee concurs with the plan in principle. However, consideration has not been given as to the details on handling it, and that is the reason for non-concurrence with the recommendation of the Committee. We feel it should be presented in detail at the next Encampment, and then we would know just how it is to be done.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: For the purpose of making the record clear, let us do this. I will move that the report of the Com-

Committee on Constitution and Regulations as submitted, and as amended by the Committee, be approved. That does not compel any Department or the Commandery-in-Chief to do anything now. When you get the proposition in detail one year hence, you can decide what to do. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Anderson).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I have no desire to be technical, but I have constantly opposed amendments to the regulations unless offered in proper form. This is a resolution, and not an amendment, because it does not specify in any manner what portion of the existing regulations are to be amended; and until done in that form cannot become a part of the laws of this organization.

(Motion carried).

(4) Recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief under "Finance," page 14 of Officers' Reports—Section 1—Annual minimum dues of not less than \$5.00.

The Committee, realizing that we need more money in our Camps, Departments and the National Organization concur in Section 1.

National Secretary Lambert: This is not an objection to the recommendation, but it should be presented in the proper form. I would like to speak about the same matter that Brother Sautter just mentioned, that of making provision for the change in the regulations. I am surprised that the Committee on Constitution and Regulations would say that they approved it without providing us with a chapter and a paragraph on it. Otherwise, it cannot become a part of the Constitution and Regulations.

Past Department Commander Wm. E. Kelly, New York: I may have missed something that Brother Lambert said. I would rise to inquire whether it is the prerogative of the Commandery-in-Chief to set the annual dues of members.

National Secretary Lambert: There is nothing in the regulations officially setting the dues of members.

Past Commander-in-Chief Craig: I think that should be handled by the Camps. In Article VII, page 17, under "Finances" it says, "Each Camp shall regulate its dues, fees for revenues, etc." It seems to me that answers the question and I believe it should be done that way. I want to concur with Brothers Sautter and Lambert that unless the Committee specifically mentions what articles of the C. & R. are to be changed, it is nothing more than a recommendation for our consideration; and cannot be put into the Constitution and Regulations until submitted properly.

Past Commander-in-Chief Anderson: May I suggest that this portion of the Committee report be referred back to us for further consideration, and we will report on it later.

(No objections—referred back to the Committee).

(4b) Section 2 and 3 of the Commander-in-Chief's report on "Finances" relative to per capita tax of \$2.00.

Your Committee desires to commend the Commander-in-Chief for his far sightedness in recommending changes which he deems necessary for improving the financial condition of the Order. Because of the importance of these recommendations, your Committee feels that a further study should be made of these changes; and recommends that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a Committee of three to take these recommendations into consideration and report back to the next Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: You have a recommendation from the Committee that it be referred to a Committee of three, to be ap-

pointed by the incoming Commander-in-Chief; and a matter of reference is not debatable by anyone, not even by the Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: In order to properly place this, I would move that the recommendation of the Committee be concurred in. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Craig).

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: I believe we have a little misunderstanding. The Committee has recommended that it be referred to a committee, to be appointed by the incoming Commander-in-Chief; and now the motion is that we concur with the Committee recommendations. It doesn't mean any action at this time.

Past Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota: Inasmuch as the first section was taken back by the Committee for further consideration, I am wondering whether that action doesn't take the whole thing back with it.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: I would like to speak on the question and will ask Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hubbard to assume command.

Ordinarily, I have no objection to referring of any matter to a committee; but in this case, I do. First of all, I want to tell you that none of the remainder of the recommendations under that heading of "Finances" in my report could be adopted and carried out without acceptance and approval of Section 1. You couldn't decide that the per capita tax should be \$2.00, if you didn't provide also for the annual dues. Please note that Section 1 is not a recommendation that the annual dues should be \$5.00, but a minimum of \$5.00. We really are desperately in need of funds now; and this prolonging it from year to year makes it that much more difficult to get into a working plan what we need. In my travels last year, I visited every Department. I had an opportunity to discuss the desperate condition of finances in some of those Departments. In some Departments, they questioned the money being paid by them to National; and I defended National because we need it too.

I only object to referring it to a committee because I feel we are not accomplishing our purpose in obtaining money necessary to do things. I am a business man and I know that I must spend money to earn money. You can't begin to organize Camps, place wreaths, or do anything worthwhile unless we have money to do it. I do feel that action must be taken, and should be taken now. We can't continue to postpone it from year to year.

I will talk on the other part of the recommendation when the time comes.

Delegate Charles F. Morton, Maine: My thought is this; one hundred and fifty of us tell 10,000 what they must do. It doesn't seem quite right to me.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: This is the Commandery-in-Chief, the executive body of all Departments. We have within our right the same power as the Federal Government in Washington to say what shall be done in Departments and Camps.

Department Commander Warfield W. Dorsey, Ohio: If that is the case, we are getting back to "taxation without representation." You can tell them what to do but you can't make them do it. You can tell us what amount of per capita tax is to be paid to National, but you can't go much further than that.

Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts: I make a substitute motion that the entire matter be referred back to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations. (Seconded by Delegate Clarence E. Young, Rhode Island).

National Secretary Lambert: We now have a motion and a substitute motion before us, and both are out of order. I would like to say that since this affects our present regulations that if there is to be a change, let us amend the regulations. If we want to change these regulations let us submit it through the proper channels. These sections are not properly submitted for a change in the laws and, therefore, cannot be incorporated in the regulations at this time. In addition, per capita tax is handled by Council-in-Chief; and until such time as we have had a report from them, we cannot take any such action.

(Committee not sustained, as these sections were not properly submitted).

(5) Commandery-in-Chief Camp, Page 15, Officers' Reports—This requires study and consideration, and can't be done on the spur of the moment. Your Committee concurs in the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief and recommends that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a Committee of three to bring in rules and regulations to cover such a Camp.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I am not objecting. The Commander-in-Chief recommends that serious consideration be given this matter. In order to be done properly, it should specifically state just what part of the Constitution and Regulations is affected so that, in the future, we would know where we are at and we would be certain it is done in the right manner.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: I am only recommending that consideration be given to it.

Past Department Commander Thomas A. Chadwick, Vermont: I would like to ask a question. Is it, or isn't it, so that any change in the Constitution and Regulations, after it is acted on here must be referred to the Departments before it becomes law?

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: On Constitution, yes; on Regulations, no.

(Committee sustained).

(6) Life Membership—Page 15, Officers' Reports. This also is something beyond the scope of the Committee to do in a short space of time.

Your Committee again recommend to the incoming Commander-in-Chief that he appoint a Committee to investigate this matter, make a survey, and report back to the next Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I have no objections, provided it be referred to the same Committee of three as the previous matter. It seems to me that it is not the intention of the Committee to have one committee of three for the previous item, and a second committee to handle this particular thing. It is my thought that the entire question of finances, life memberships and Commandery-in-Chief Camp is so important that it should be done in a manner prescribed by the present regulations; and I feel that it should all be handled by the same Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Anderson: The Committee agrees to that. (Committee sustained).

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: The Committee on Constitution and Regulations cannot be discharged at this time, because they will have a further report.

At this time, I will recognize the General Chairman of the Encampment Committee, Brother Henry Weiler of Massachusetts; and he is to be credited with doing a marvelous job on the arrangements for this Encampment here in Boston.

Past Department Commander Henry P. Weiler, Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief and members of this Encampment, we boys from Massachusetts are very glad to have you here; and we sincerely hope that you are having a fine time in Boston. We have had a good working Committee in connection with this Encampment, and our problems weren't too many. To finance some of our plans donations were contributed by our Camps and Auxiliaries; and we raised more money than we expected, so that our plans weren't large enough to fit the amount of money we collected and we are in the embarrassing position of having surplus funds. So, to relieve the tension and eliminate some of the surplus the Encampment Committee have agreed to make a donation to the musical units who have furnished us with music during this Encampment. On behalf of the Committee, I would like to present to the Harrisburg Drum Corps and to the 2nd Brigade Band of Allentown, checks in the amount of \$50.00 each, which I hope they can use.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: I would like to turn this \$50.00 for the band over to Colonel Stoudt, and I would like to add that Col. Stoudt deserves much credit for getting the band here to Boston. On behalf of the Harrisburg Drum Corps, and Colonel Stoudt for the Band, and myself, I wish to thank you for your contribution.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I move you that we now recess until 1:30 P. M., then resume our session and remain in session until all business of this Encampment, including nomination, election and installation of officers is completed. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie).

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I object to that—we have a banquet tonight at 6 P. M. Your afternoon session can't run too late as we must have time to get ready for the banquet.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: You have heard the motion. What is your pleasure? (Motion lost).

I now declare a recess until 1:30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

August 23, 1950 — 1:45 P. M.

The Encampment opened in regular form.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: I appoint as Guide for this session, Department Commander Homer L. Young, Iowa.

Department Commander William C. Rule, Massachusetts, presented a gift to the Commander-in-Chief, on behalf of Runkle's 1950 Club.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: We are ready to continue with reports of Committees. Are there any to report at this time?

Past Commander-in-Chief Hale: The Publicity Committee desires to render our report at this time.

REPORT OF RADIO-PRESS COMMITTEE

Three of four radio stations seen have responded with program time offerings. The content of those programs was to feature Commander-in-Chief Runkle, and messages framed to bring to the listening public the significance and realism of our commemorative cause. His voice is being heard during our Encampment (but not in all three radio programs—not heard to reach three different radio audiences those three stations serve).

The Civil War story, to the public is already indistinct, dim and is growing dimmer. No Civil War Veteran being present greatly increased the difficulty of interesting radio officials. So, our accomplishment, under the circumstances, is indeed gratifying to you and to me.

Instances of Civil War heroism point up interest in our broadcasts. Here in New England we have been repeatedly issuing such stories, prepared from authentic material secured after painstaking research. No one attempting such service should forget that a radio program poorly done is poor advertising for the Order.

But, with the Grand Army of the Republic almost extinct, there is a greater need than ever to present meaningful programs that will engage public interest. For the most part, ours is the only Order of the Grand Army family that is pursuing this form of Civil War publicity. The air waves offer really tremendous opportunities to carry our cause to the people of today. Can we afford to ignore these great opportunities? It is later than we've been thinking as to the possibilities for expressing Civil War patriotism; but it's not too late.

Our gratitude is expressed to Commander-in-Chief Runkle for his significant addition to our publicity. From my observation over a number of years, our publicity, both in radio and in the press, has reached the largest proportions it has ever attained, during this year.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Thank you, Brother Hale. Now, I believe Brother Drown is ready with his publicity report on Press work.

REPORT OF NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY

Past Department Commander Harold M. Drown, Massachusetts: Up to the opening of the Encampment we had 160 column inches—one full

page in a standard newspaper in publicity. Approximately that much more has been used since opening of the Encampment, a conservative estimate with no opportunity to check.

Copy has been sent to a large number of key publications in New England and the percentage of results is almost 100%. Much of this copy has been profusely illustrated.

Some fifty hours have been spent in preparing items and frankly we can say the results have warranted the effort but, of course, none of us are satisfied.

I told Commander-in-Chief Runkle when he appointed me last year that Past Commander-in-Chief Hale and I work together. An article of his in last Sunday's Boston Post, one of the leading publications of the United States, dealt with the Memorial Room to the Grand Army of the Republic in the State House as a permanent need or must. This consumed one and one half columns and was a feature story by one of their best feature writers, Warren Carberg.

The matter of publicity is mostly "push" and "push," but without "u" is only "psh."

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Thank you, Brothers. What is the pleasure of the Encampment?

Department Commander Homer L. Young, Iowa: I move that we accept the reports as given, with thanks. (Seconded by Past Department Commander William Schneider, Missouri, and carried).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND CEREMONIES

Past Commander-in-Chief Moran: The Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies present the following report:

(1) From the Department of Minnesota—That the American's Creed be deleted from the Ritual of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on account of the reference to "a sovereign nation of many sovereign states." That the states are sovereign in many respects is established by the Constitution and affirmed by decision of the Supreme Court of the United States.

This resolution has been twice rejected by our National Encampment; and as Americans who believe in the power of the Federal government and the rights of the individual states, the Committee unanimously recommends that the Resolution ought not to pass. (Committee sustained).

(2) In the report of the Commander-in-Chief, at the bottom of page 6 he recommends, "that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee of three to be known as the Junior Order Advisory Committee, to prepare rituals similar to those of the senior organization, but simplified, for use in the Junior Order; to arrange for a form of Charter to be issued to the Junior Camp when instituted and to offer such suggestions or recommendations essential to organization and operation of Junior Camp."

Your Committee believes that some good might develop from such Junior Camps but believes that it is a matter that should be handled by the several Departments and, therefore, recommend that the subject be referred to the Departments. (Committee sustained).

(3) Your Committee on its own initiative believing that in our Installation services the guidance of the Supreme Being should be asked, makes the following recommendation:

On page 35, Installation of Camp Officers, after line 16; and on

page 45, Installation of Department and Commandery-in-Chief Officers, after line 4, insert the following:

Installing Officer: As no work of this nature can be a success without the assistance of the Divine Provider, the Chaplain will ask His assistance and guidance.

"Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we humbly beseech Thee to send Thy blessing unto these brothers assembled here for installation. Grant unto them Thy wisdom, that they may daily perform the duties of the office into which they are to be installed, with the knowledge that Thou art ever watching over them. Keep them in good health that they will not falter on the way. Endow them with Thy great mercies that they might be more competent to attend the many problems that will confront them. Bless their every endeavor in Thy name through the mediation of Thy Blessed Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."
(Adopted).

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. E. MORAN, Massachusetts, Chairman,
PERLE L. FOUCH, Michigan,
FREDERIC G. BAUER, Massachusetts,
ROBERT DELCAMP, Pennsylvania,
A. C. ALDRICH, Vermont.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: I now discharge this Committee, with the thanks of the Commandery-in-Chief. Are there any other Committees ready to report?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie:

To the Sixty-ninth Annual Encampment,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Your Committee on Officers' Reports beg leave to report as follows:

Commander-in-Chief's Report

At the session held yesterday afternoon, the Committee on Resolutions offered a resolution, prepared by them, expressing the thoughts of the membership of this organization as it pertained to the activity of the Commander-in-Chief. It is unnecessary and, in a sense superfluous for us, therefore, as a Committee to in any manner repeat or add to this resolution. Our Commander-in-Chief has served this organization during this year in a manner excelled by none of his predecessors and, as a Committee, we feel that his efforts will be shown by the results that we will obtain in the days which lie ahead. We do, however, desire to express the thought that as Commander-in-Chief he cared for the important question of the meeting place for this session of our organization and its Auxiliary in a manner entirely in keeping with the thoughts and desires of our organization, as expressed at the Indianapolis Encampment and we strongly commend him for what he did, believing that it will eventuate in what we all desire and hope for—that in the immediate future the organizations affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic will carry out the express desire of the Grand Army of the Republic in meeting at the same time and place.

The report of our Commander-in-Chief shows his intense interest in our welfare, an interest gained by long association with our organization and especially acquired by him in his unparalleled activity in the past year as Commander-in-Chief. His report offers ten recommendations, upon which we report as follows:

(1) Page 6—Junior Advisory Committee—Referred to Committee on Ritual.

(2) Page 11—Recommendation that the Sons of Union Veterans renew their membership in the American Coalition and that the Commander-in-Chief or his designated representative attend the Coalition meetings held in Washington, D. C., during the month of January each year.

Your Committee approves of this recommendation. (Adopted).

(3) Page 12—Advertising and Circulars—

We heartily agree with the recommendation and believe that something must soon be done along these lines; but we feel that until something more concrete in the way of form and the approximate cost of same is presented, no action should be taken at this time. (Adopted).

(4) Page 12—25 Year Service Bar—

Your Committee does not concur in this recommendation.

Past Commander-in-Chief Craig: If I am not mistaken, there is already a 25 year bar, because I have one. When this matter was mentioned a number of years ago, Jackson Carr sent me a 25 year bar and I have it now.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: That may be true, but I do not think there is any official approval of such bar by the Commandery-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: If you look at your Constitution, which we did, you will find photographs of every official decoration there.

Past Commander-in-Chief Craig: If that is the case, I object.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hubbard: This matter came before the Committee in 1947 in Cleveland, and our good friend, Brother Craig, made the same remarks and got the same answers that he got today. The 25 year bar has never been authorized—it has been used by that Department but it is not authorized by the Commandery-in-Chief.

National Secretary Lambert: I would like to preface my remarks by saying that I am in favor of something along this line. However, I do object to it in its present form for two reasons: First, no estimate of cost was submitted for a badge, bar or whatever you want; and secondly this affects your general regulations which are part of the Constitution and Regulations; and it must go to that Committee who will then provide for this bar if we are to have it. That's the only way it can be done.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hubbard, will you assume command—I would like to speak on this matter.

My recommendation states that it shall be a bar. This question of a 25 year bar has been brought to my attention at least a hundred times during the past year. It has been a sincere request by members who may have thirty years or, at least, twenty-five or more years of service. To those who join when they are sixteen, upon reaching the age of sixty-six or better, are entitled to wear the fifty year badge; but there are many Brothers who aren't fortunate enough to live that long. However, there are many Brothers who have twenty-five years of service to this organization and they are entitled to some recognition for it. I feel that something along that line should be adopted by this organization, in recognition of twenty-five years of loyal service.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: If there is no objection, we will turn it over to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations. (Referred to that Committee).

(5a) Page 13—Encampment Committee of five members— This has already been taken care of by action on Recommendation No. 3 of the National Secretary-Treasurer's report.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: As I understand it, this will be a committee which will function during this coming year, so that they are in a position to present the invitation for the 1952 Encampment at our meeting next year. The Committee appointed during this Encampment was only for the invitations for the 1951 Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: It is intended that this Committee shall be for the 1952 Encampment, and future Encampments.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: This conflicts with the action taken last year. (Reads from page 57 of last year's Proceedings) "That when such time arrives that the Grand Army of the Republic holds no National Encampment the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War along with the immediate Past Commander-in-Chief is hereby authorized to call a meeting of two representatives of each of the Allied Organizations for the purpose of arranging for each yearly National Encampment," etc. This would apply to both Section 5a and 5b.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: This Encampment can supersede action of a previous Encampment. The action of previous years does not bind this Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: For your information, we are not making any recommendation; we are telling you what happened.

National Secretary Lambert: Your recommendation, in this instance, is practically the same as Recommendation No. 4 in my report. Both provide for a Committee to receive invitations during the year for our 1952 Encampment, and both accomplish the same thing. It doesn't make much difference which of the two we adopt and I move that, instead of no action as suggested by the Committee, the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief be adopted. (Seconded by Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts).

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: In view of our limited budget, I am wondering what the cost of such a thing would be. During this past year, our Commander-in-Chief made a visit to Springfield, Illinois, with reference to the Encampment going there. Are we going to provide funds for this purpose or not? We also know that the preliminary work, relative to these invitations during this past year has been handled by the National Secretary. If you appoint a Committee, they will have to get in touch with the Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary. The invitations will still come to the National Secretary, and then will have to be forwarded to the members of the Committee for their consideration. I am wondering whether our Encampment city couldn't be selected by the Commander-in-Chief, the National Secretary and the Council-in-Chief.

National Secretary Lambert: I believe you meant that the invitations are to be reviewed by them.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: There is no recommendation here regarding money for expenses or transportation, and I do not believe there is any provision for payment of such funds by this body.

Brothers, we have a motion before us—to concur with the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief that a Committee of 5 be appointed to receive invitations for the 1952 Encampment. (Motion carried).

(5b) Two representatives of each of the Allied Orders to be members of the Encampment Committee—

dition whereby people will subscribe or donate, without being put in the position of having to beg. I sincerely hope that the plans for the forthcoming year for raising money will eliminate this situation.

Again, I want to thank all the Brothers who assisted me in my work this year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. NEMITZ,
National Patriotic Instructor

DETAILED REPORT OF NATIONAL G. A. R. FUND

Department of California & Pacific:		
P. D. C. Earl F. Riggs.....	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Department of Connecticut:		
Chas. L. Upham Camp No. 7.....	15.00	
Camp No. 17, New Haven	5.00	
H. F. Taft Camp No. 20.....	1.00	
P. D. C. B. O. DeForest, Sr.....	5.00	
Charles O'Neil	1.00	
Charles E. Clark, Sr.....	1.00	
Robert DeForest	1.00	29.00
Department of Illinois:		
Not itemized	100.00	100.00
Department of Indiana:		
Camp No. 651, Lafayette	2.50	
Camp No. 20, Muncie	2.50	
Camp No. 82, Terre Haute.....	2.50	
Camp No. 116, Valparaiso	2.50	
Camp No. 44, Winchester	2.50	12.50
Department of Iowa:		
Not itemized—Department	7.00	7.00
Department of Maine:		
Department of Maine, G. A. R.....		
Wade Camp No. 19	25.00	
P. C.-in-C. Henry Towle	2.00	
P. D. C. Albert B. DeHaven.....	5.00	
P. D. C. Charles C. Webster	2.00	
Forest Dean	2.00	
Charles York	1.00	
David E. Grindle	1.00	39.00
Department of Maryland:		
D. C. James C. Tatman	3.00	
P. D. C. Frank C. Connor.....	5.00	
P. D. C. Thomas L. Bufter	1.00	
C. H. Langletz	1.00	
Judson W. Knappen	1.00	11.00
Department of Massachusetts:		
H. W. Bogue	1.00	
G. S. Wentworth	5.00	
Alfred M. Bowen	2.00	
Howard E. Waitt	5.00	13.00
Department of Minnesota:		
P. D. C. Geo. E. Bailey	5.00	5.00
Department of Missouri:		
Missouri Department	48.00	48.00

Department of New Hampshire:		
Hillsboro Camp	2.00	
Nashua Camp	5.00	
Milford Camp	5.00	
Concord Encampment	4.00	
D. P. I. H. M. Wheeler.....	4.30	20.30
Department of New Jersey:		
New Jersey Department	100.00	100.00
Department of New York:		
New York Department	55.00	
Marshall A. Hope	1.00	56.00
Department of Ohio:		
P. D. C. C. Edward Wetzel, Camp 89.....	5.00	
C. F. Wagner, Baldwin Camp No. 2.....	5.00	10.00
Department of Pennsylvania:		
Pennsylvania Department	100.00	
G. T. Love	2.00	102.00
Department of Rhode Island:		
Department Officers	5.00	
Elisha Dyer Camp No. 7.....	15.00	
McGregor Camp No. 4.....	5.00	
Zenas Bliss Camp No. 12.....	5.00	
E. F. Thurber Camp No. 9.....	2.00	
P. D. C. Charles H. Young	1.00	33.00
Department of Vermont:		
Vermont Department	10.00	10.00
Department of Wisconsin:		
Sr. Vice C.-in-C. Franklin Hubbard	5.00	
P. D. C. Roy Lewis	5.00	10.00
Department of Michigan:		
P. D. C. Nathan F. Sprague	10.00	
Mrs. Nathan Sprague	2.00	12.00
TOTAL FROM ALL DEPARTMENTS.....		\$622.80

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: The supplementary report of the National Patriotic Instructor will be accepted if there are no objections. (Adopted).

Are there any other Committees to report at this time?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS (Continued)

Chairman Anderson: A few matters were referred back to us, and we are now ready to continue our report:

(4) Recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief under "Finances," page 14 of Officers' Reports—Section 1—Annual minimum dues of not less than \$5.00.

This morning we concurred in the \$5.00 dues, and we were not sustained because it was not in proper form. Therefore, your Committee recommends "That the regulations of the Order be amended by striking out all of Section 1, Article VII, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 1—"Each Camp shall regulate its membership fees and dues, provided, that no Camp shall fix a membership fee at less than \$5.00

and no Camp shall fix dues at less than \$5.00 per year, and that no part of the membership fee shall be credited for any other purpose."

Chairman Anderson: I move the adoption of this recommendation of the Committee. (Seconded by Delegate Walter S. Richardson, Massachusetts).

Past Department Commander Thomas L. Crawford, Massachusetts: Does this mean a \$5.00 initiation fee and \$5.00 annual dues? If it does, we are going to lose a lot of members. I am quite opposed to it.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, will you assume command so that I may speak on this matter.

Brothers of this Encampment, I heartily agree with you that, in some localities, it will be a great increase; but you will agree with me that this organization should be worth \$5.00 a year to be a member. When you say that you will lose members if we increase dues, it may be true in some cases. Eight years ago, my Camp in Harrisburg raised dues from five cents a week to \$5.00 a year. We were told at the time, that we would lose members but we believed that if a man is deeply interested in this organization, we would not lose him. In Harrisburg, we now have a membership triple that of eight years ago, I am not in favor of dropping members but the dues have not been changed in many Camps for fifty years, yet our expenses have increased. If you have a few dollars you can do business; if you are broke you can't, and we must get money in to operate our business.

Delegate Charles F. Morton, Maine: I understand that your Camp increased its dues to \$5.00, and that is fine if you want to do it. I still think it isn't right for the National body to tell the Camps what they must do when the Constitution and Regulations says that Camps shall regulate their own dues. Some of our members just can't stand it, and we will lose half of our membership. Once you are a Son of a Union Veteran, you are that by blood; and it is just too bad if you are to be kept out because you can't pay those dues—I object to it.

Department Commander James C. Tatman, Maryland: I would like you to hear what I have to say. First of all, I am heartily in favor of this recommendation although as Treasurer of a local Camp, I realize it is hard to get money out of fellows if they do not want to give it or don't have it; but this is a way to raise your income of your Camps, your Departments and the Commandery-in-Chief.

I am glad to see there are some young fellows in the Commandery-in-Chief. Everyone here is crying for young members; but if you want them, you must give them something so that they will come into the order. To me, it is worth more than \$5.00 to say that I am a member of the Sons of Union Veterans, but a great number of young men who are eligible won't come in unless there is something to do. You can't have anything that will interest young people if you don't have the money to do it. Most of the Camps can't have entertainment, banquets, etc., because they don't have the money to do it. I belong to two other fraternal organizations whose dues are much more than \$5.00, yet they are growing steadily—not falling back. If you want to get the young members, give them something to interest them. To do that, you must have money; and I think this is one way of accomplishing that end.

Delegate Charles F. Morton, Maine: I probably have been a member of the Sons of Union Veterans as long as a good many of you. It is the first organization I ever joined. I belong to others, and pay more dues, but they have more to offer. When I joined this Order, we had as many in our Camp meeting as we have here today. What has happened? It is going down because a good many have died; and now

you want to cut it down still more by increasing the dues. You talk about getting new members—young members, but they won't stay in after we increase the dues to \$5.00. When you said that a man isn't worthy to belong to the Sons of Union Veterans if he is not willing to pay \$5.00 dues, you over-stepped your office. I am Treasurer and Secretary of a Camp in Augusta, and I can tell you now that Maine won't go along with you.

Alternate Delegate Lester K. Sweeney, Massachusetts: Officers and Brothers, at some time in the future we will again be confronted with this question. There is an expression which goes, "seize time by the fore-lock" so we should take action now. We must take into consideration that the purchasing power of the dollar has been cut, and we must be governed accordingly. The purchasing power of the dollar is not the same as it was twenty-five or fifty years ago, and yet our dues remain the same. There has been an increase in prices of everything else, and I think there should be a higher level for dues and initiation fees for this organization.

Department Commander A. C. Aldrich, Vermont: We have a great many of our members in Vermont who are on social security, and many of them will be lost if we raise the dues to \$5.00. I am afraid that if our members are to pay \$5.00 dues a year, we will lose one-third of our Camps and better than half of our membership. Many of our members are not able to pay such dues, and the Vermont delegation is opposed to this plan.

Past Department Commander Frederick G. Bauer, Massachusetts: Brother Commander-in-Chief, this recommendation contains two entirely separate provisions—that of minimum admission fee and that of minimum dues. The two are entirely separate, and I would ask that it be divided. The admission fee is paid once in a lifetime and I don't believe any member would be kept out for \$5.00. That which is cheaply bought is, generally, lightly esteemed. I believe that we will have no trouble in getting members at the \$5.00 initiation fee.

Now, when you come to the \$5.00 a year dues, that is quite different. This affects different conditions in different sections of the country. Camps that couldn't possibly get along here in Boston would do fine in other sections of the country; and that is true in many other localities. Furthermore, we must consider what the Camps have to offer. Many have nothing more than having the members' names on the roll. We definitely must have something to offer. I can cite an instance, where the dues are more than 5.00 a year, but you hear the finest addresses by leading men of this country, plus four free dinners a year. I don't say we should do that, but it is something to be considered. So far as experience in other orders is concerned, I can tell you that the Sons of the War of 1812 raised their dues and didn't lose a single member. The Sons of The American Revolution lost one-half of 1% when their dues were raised, and in neither organization was a question raised when the matter of increasing dues was proposed. I am simply stating that this has happened in other organizations and there was very little loss. However, I think the question of initiation fee and dues should be divided.

Past Department Commander Hugh H. Snider, Indiana: A point of information, Commander-in-Chief. The previous speaker from Vermont said that it would be disastrous if the initiation fee and the dues was raised to \$5.00. I understand it is a minimum fee of \$5.00 for dues, but only \$2.00 for per capita tax. Is that correct?

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: The question now is on minimum dues for Camps. There is no question yet on the per capita tax.

National Secretary Lambert: Brother Commander-in-Chief, regardless of the merit of this question, I believe we should do everything possible to educate the Camps to regulate their dues so that they can exist. In all fairness to the small Departments, you would damage them a great deal if the dues were raised to \$5.00 a year. I would, therefore, like to offer a substitute motion that the Commandery-in-Chief regulate the amount of the initiation fee at \$5.00; not to regulate the amount of Camp dues, but allow the dues to be set by the individual Camps. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt).

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Brothers, there is only one thing the matter with that. If you regulate, and increase the initiation fee and the amount paid to the Departments and to the Commandery-in-Chief, you will find that the Camps do not increase their dues because they can't. As to per capita tax, someone digs down in his own pocket and pays it, and when that person dies, the Camp is off the rolls. That's the only bad feature of it. I don't like to see any Brother doing that, but it is true in many Departments. Even at \$1.00 or \$2.00, the members do not appreciate their membership in this organization. I don't like to brag about this, but I am a man with a family and I have had a lot of expenses for this organization this year. I put myself in a pretty serious hole this year because \$4,000.00 has gone out of my pocket to do my traveling for this organization. Because of my absence, the income in my office has dropped a great deal and, all in all, it has cost over \$5,000.00. I am proud and glad that I could do it for my organization, and it is very disappointing to hear someone say that \$5.00 is too much a year. I do think we need regulations on our membership dues for all Camps.

Past Department Commander William Schneider, Missouri: I wish to state that two years ago, in the Department of Missouri, we raised it to \$5.00 initiation fee and \$5.00 a year dues. You can't do business without money, and you can't conduct a business like you did ten or twenty years ago. I have been a member of this organization for fifty-two years, and my observation is that we are too cheap. I belong to a number of others, and you can't get into them for less than \$5.00. Gasoline has risen in price, food has risen in price and everything else has advanced, yet we go along as we did twenty years ago. It should be worth something to have the honor to belong to this organization. As for me, if I had all the money in the world, I would rather belong to the Sons of Union Veterans than any other organization.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: It is with some considerable degree of hesitation that I give expression to the amendments which I am about to utter. There's one thing I think upon which we can all agree—that this organization of ours is in constant trouble from the point of finances and membership. We are arguing now about finances.

I never come to Boston but what I go over to the State House and go through what, I think, is called the "Hall of Honor." I prefer to call it the "Hall of Glory." I look at the battleflags which are there on display, and I stop before the flag of the 2nd Massachusetts Cavalry, in which my Father served. It gives me a new birth of patriotism when I look at that flag, and the condition in which it is. Do you think I could measure the value of my father's sacrifices to his country at \$5.00? Just stop and think a minute what it means to belong to this organization—and yet we will scrap and argue over a few paltry dollars.

There is no organization which exercises any measure of influence where dues are as low as ours—isn't it ridiculous if you stop to think about it? Do you think I could oppose this proposition here and go home and enjoy any peace of mind, when I think of the sacrifices that

John Runkle has made because this organization, for which he was working, was unable to pay expenses incurred for us? We are at war in this organization of Sons of Union Veterans—the war for the purpose of advancing the principles of the Government which was saved by our fathers. We cannot wage war without a war chest. If the Congress of the United States should declare war, what would happen if it failed to provide a means of carrying on that war? Isn't it about time that we begin to exercise plain, ordinary, everyday horse sense? Can't you learn, from the past, what our trouble has been? Let's get some sense, and go out and do the work we are organized to do. I beg of you, I plead with you, I entreat you to take such steps here as will give to our organization a working fund so that we can amount to something in these United States.

National Secretary Lambert: I assume that this will conclude debate on this matter. I would like to tell you, briefly, why I made that substitute motion. I believe that everyone who spoke in favor of regulating Camp dues was sincere, and wanted to help this organization financially but, perhaps, started at the wrong end. Whatever this Commandery-in-Chief will need for the performance of its work must be regulated by per capita tax. In this case, it is the Department and the Camp who must change first. I feel that we should not regulate Camp dues for these reasons: First, there is the question of the smaller Departments who have elderly men in their membership who could not afford to pay the increase. Secondly, if we attempt to control Camp dues we may, at some future date, change it to \$10.00 or to any other figure, depending upon the financial circumstances at that time. I am assuming, however, that for the present the minimum is to be \$5.00. I am opposed to it.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: The substitute motion is that the Commandery-in-Chief shall establish a minimum application fee of \$5.00; but shall not, in any way, regulate the dues of the Camps. (Substitute motion adopted).

(7) Twenty-five year service bar—Page 12, Officers' Reports—Your Committee concurs.

National Secretary Lambert: Does that authorize the National Secretary to stock them?

Chairman Anderson: I think that should be left in the hands of the National Secretary-Treasurer.

National Secretary Lambert: How is he going to get them? Money is necessary to get them, and no provision has been made for that.

Chairman Anderson: The Council-in-Chief can take care of that provision.

WM. L. ANDERSON, Massachusetts, Chairman,
 RALPH R. BARRETT, California,
 A. L. REYNOLDS, Illinois,
 H. E. ARNOLD, Rhode Island,
 WM. SCHNEIDER, Missouri,
 Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

Chairman Anderson: I move that the report of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations be adopted. (Seconded by Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts, and carried).

Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief and members of this Encampment, those who saw the splendid program put on by members of the Pennsylvania Reserve on Monday night can certainly appreciate the effort that was put into

Brought forward	\$4,790.00
Bills—due and payable September 1.....	400.00
Miscellaneous, incl. P. C.-in-C. Badge (Same as 1950)	200.00
Printing, Stationery, Postage	125.00
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses	1,000.00
Proceedings	500.00
Officers Reports and Rosters	200.00
Band and Drum Corps	50.00
Total Disbursements	\$7,265.00
Total Receipts	\$6,861.08
Total Disbursements	7,265.00
Deficit	\$ 403.92

Recommendations:

(1) That the sum of \$50.00 be appropriated from our G. A. R. Fund for Arlington Hall.

(2) That the travel expense (coach fare) of the Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary-Treasurer and the Council-in-Chief be allowed for attendance at the next National Encampment.

(3) That four copies (quarterly) of The Banner be printed in 1950-1951 at the cost not to exceed \$1,760.00.

(4) That the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to cash Savings Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$500.00, same to be transferred to the General Fund as required.

(5) That, because of financial reasons, we do not approve of the appropriation of funds for Lincoln Memorial University at Harrogate, Tennessee.

Respectfully submitted,

RUDOLPH M. GENTHNER,
JOHN A. RUGGLES,
CLEON E. HEALD,

Council-in-Chief.

Council-in-Chief Genthner: I move the adoption of the report of the Council-in-Chief as presented.

(Motion of Past Commander-in-Chief Locke regarding report of Council-in-Chief—That the report of the Council-in-Chief be accepted except as to the number of issues of The Banner, which shall be six; and that the per capita tax be fixed at 60 cents beginning with the third quarter, 1951—and that money be borrowed from other funds, or bonds cashed, to cover current expenses, if needed, until the new rate of per capita tax becomes effective).

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: I would like to speak on this matter a moment. I notice that the Council-in-Chief has recommended four issues of The Banner instead of six, but they do not specify when they are to be issued. Further than that, in going before the Council, previous to preparing their budget, they asked me what the expense would be for publishing six issues of The Banner this year and if it would be in excess of last year, and I told them it would. Last year it was 3½ cents per issue for 6 issues; this year it would be 4 cents per issue per member. They asked me if the number of issues were cut to 4 if the price would remain the same as last year; and I told them that you cannot print 4 issues on the same basis as 6. I would ask for further consideration on that subject of The Banner, and for instructions

as to what months it shall be published, if four instead of six issues. That is necessary so that I may know in advance what to prepare for.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: I notice the Council-in-Chief did not include the gift from the Auxiliary in the budget. Also, some provision should be made in the budget for the purchase of the 25 year bars.

Council-in-Chief Genthner: As to the four issues of The Banner, it was understood that they would be issued on the calendar quarters—January, April, July and October.

Our figures in our budget will not be changed as the \$200.00 from the Auxiliary can be used for the 25 year bars.

Past Commander-in-Chief Craig: Brother Holbrook stated that the cost of The Banner this year would be 4 cents per issue per member based on 6 issues. How much would it be for 4 issues instead of 6?

Council-in-Chief Genthner: The idea of the Council-in-Chief was that if four issues couldn't be printed for the absolute minimum, we would then recommend one page less in The Banner.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Will someone who is familiar with printing tell me how that could be possible, when you are working with units of four?

Council-in-Chief Genthner: We might then make it an even number of two pages less.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: That won't help. It is a unit of four, and all four must be printed at the same time. There is no way that you can delete one sheet—you are asking something that is impossible.

Council-in-Chief Heald: Brothers, there probably isn't anyone in the room more interested than I in having The Banner as it now is. The Council-in-Chief had a painful job, indeed, preparing the budget. From our report, you can readily see that our income is not adequate to do things we want to do. The Council-in-Chief voted on the amount that can be spent for The Banner. In fact, there was serious discussion of doing away with The Banner and going back to general orders; but we felt we could get the best results, and reach more of the individual membership, with The Banner on the basis of quarterly issues.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: What recommendation has Council-in-Chief made with reference to per capita tax?

Council-in-Chief Heald: In order to do anything about per capita tax, and to be fair with individual Camps, the change would have to be made one year in advance. There is nothing we can do in this respect without penalizing the individual Camp and, realizing it was doubled last year, we did not feel that we wanted to do anything about it.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: Then the same question will arise next year. It seems to me that it would be better to increase the per capita tax, effective in 1951; then the Commandery-in-Chief would know that there would be additional funds coming to us in the ensuing year.

Past Commander-in-Chief Craig: Brother Holbrook hasn't answered my question as to how much it would be for 4 issues of The Banner instead of 6.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Without having any knowledge of what might take place in this Encampment, I figured on the usual number of issues as in the past. It is hardly fair to expect me to answer questions about which I am not prepared. I cannot give you a definite answer at this time.

Past Commander-in-Chief Craig: There is one other thing we can

do. Many copies of The Banner go into the mails to men who have died, moved away, etc. If we would check into that situation, I am sure that hundreds of copies would be saved. I would like to move that this matter of The Banner be referred to the incoming Council-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hubbard: There is a motion on the floor at this time.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: There is another matter which I do not think the Council-in-Chief, and the members of this Encampment knew about. As to the contract with The Banner, any change in entry is to be paid by the Commandery-in-Chief. If you change to 4 issues instead of 6, will mean a re-entry. That fee is \$100.00, and you certainly can't expect The Banner to assume any such fee. There are various things that a good many of you are not familiar with and before any change is made, all these things should be taken into consideration. I would have to check my records before giving an answer on the 4 issue proposition.

National Patriotic Instructor Nemitz: The Banner has been a "hot potato" for years. A lot of members are getting a great deal of satisfaction out of it and there are others who don't appreciate it. I am opposed to cutting it down to 4 issues because it doesn't do justice to the Commandery-in-Chief or the Departments. What about the increased revenue that we are receiving from registration fees? What about the money that is being raised by the National Patriotic Instructor? There must be some way that we can continue on with our six issues, and have faith in the future that the money will be forthcoming in some way.

What about families of four or five members who are all receiving copies of The Banner? I feel if you would contact that family they would willingly relinquish two or three copies. Another thing, there are many members in the country whose dues are paid for them by the Camp. They are scattered all over creation and the Post Office doesn't have any address for them.

So, let us consider this thing carefully. Let us continue to have 6 issues of The Banner, continue on with the same program, with the following exception. There should be a strict revision of the mailing lists in every Department, and a revised list should be sent to Banner headquarters immediately after this Encampment, regardless of any action we may take here on this question.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: Unless this Encampment, by action of today, can increase its income you have no right to increase your expenses. I think everyone here will be hesitant to take any action detrimental to Brother Holbrook; but our Council-in-Chief, three members elected to that office, should have gotten together with him and agreed upon the number of issues. Their report then should have been made to this Encampment, and it was for us to accept or reject it. This report already shows a contemplated deficit, and if you increase any expenses you, of course, will increase that deficit. The Council-in-Chief has appropriated a certain amount for The Banner—if you cannot get 6, or even 4 issues, publish what you can for the amount appropriated.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: I would just like to make a further remark relative to Brother Craig's criticism. I will grant you, in all probability, not every copy of The Banner is read and becomes of use to a member of the order. This condition exists because of the Department Secretaries who do not keep their membership list up to date. Also, there are members in many Departments who are not really entitled to The Banner, but how are you going to remove them without orders from the Department Commander? It would be a major

proposition and, in some instances, the Department Commander and the Department Secretary would not co-operate in the project.

Past Commander-in-Chief Craig: It was not a criticism, just a suggestion on saving.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: I am heartily in accord with Brother Sherman's remarks. You cannot increase expenses without increasing receipts, and I would be in favor of a motion that the matter of issuing The Banner be referred to the incoming Council-in-Chief, and the publisher of The Banner, for settlement.

Past Commander-in-Chief Craig: My motion was to refer it to the incoming Council-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hubbard: The motion before us is the recommendation of Council-in-Chief for adoption of its report.

Past Commander-in-Chief Craig: My motion is to lift out that section, and I think that is my privilege.

National Secretary Lambert: There is a motion before the house to accept the report of the Council-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Brothers of this organization, I realize that, under the present system, we have not been getting things across to the membership in The Banner. Yet, The Banner is an inspiration to many Camps. What you are doing in your Department may be of interest to us in our Department, and this is the medium we have to get it across. If we get only 4 issues of The Banner, the boys will lose interest. In my own Department, they are waiting for it, are anxious to receive it and I hope it will not be 4 issues.

National Secretary Lambert: I am not a member of the Council-in-Chief but in the position of National Secretary-Treasurer which I hold, it would be a natural thing for the Council to consult with me, which they did on several occasions. I tried to give them the picture of our experience in the past, and what we might anticipate for the immediate future. Nothing has been done so far in this Encampment to raise the per capita tax. With the budget the Council-in-Chief has submitted, even decreasing The Banner to 4 issues, there is still a deficit of \$403.92; which will require the cashing of \$500.00 in bonds. It is evident to you and me that should we not adopt this budget, and increase our disbursements, we must then increase our income. That is the reason why the Council-in-Chief did not make any recommendation regarding the per capita tax. With all due respect to Brother Holbrook, I can't see how we can charge 48 cents per capita tax, and pay 24 cents per member for this one item of expenditure. We must do one of two things—reduce that cost, or increase our revenue. That, simply is our problem.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I appreciate the position of the Council-in-Chief but I wonder how much good four issues will be to us, with the exception of publishing General Orders and messages from the Commander-in-Chief. As far as news is concerned, it will be three months late and, by the time we get it, will be old and of no interest. Likewise, news coming three or four months in advance of an affair will be of no value. About the only thing which would be accomplished would be the publishing of the message of the Commander-in-Chief and the General Orders.

National Patriotic Instructor Nemitz: May I ask how much money the Auxiliary contributes toward the printing of The Banner?

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: The contribution of the Commandery-in-Chief covers only thirteen pages of the present Banner. A number of years ago, the Commandery-in-Chief controlled fourteen pages and there were two pages left for advertising, or additional news.

A few years ago, two pages were given to the Auxilliary and then we agreed, later, to give them another page. However, the pages used by the Auxilliary are paid for by them, and it makes no difference to the Commandery-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hubbard: The question is being called for; and the motion is to adopt the report of the Council-in-Chief. (Motion carried).

Council-in-Chief Genthner: Now that the report of the Council-in-Chief has been accepted, we recommend that the per capita tax remain at 48 cents per year.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: A few minutes ago, by majority vote, this Encampment decided not to fix the minimum dues in the Camps, at \$5.00 per year. I was very much disappointed, and now that the Council-in-Chief report is in, I find that disaster has overtaken us sooner than expected. You have now adopted the report of the Council-in-Chief. They recommend that the per capita tax for the ensuing year, and indirectly for the following year, be 48 cents. We are considerably cheaper than I thought we were.

I haven't consulted anyone and will assume full responsibility; but I have a substitute motion for all matters now pending before this Encampment, for the purpose of keeping this organization alive for a couple more years—I move that the per capita tax, beginning with the third quarter, 1951 be 60 cents per member per year; and that six issues of The Banner be published, as previously. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Wm. E. Kelly, New York). (Motion carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: Have we not, by motion, just decided that the per capita tax shall be 48 cents per year. We adopted a motion that the per capita tax, for the year beginning July 1, 1950, shall be 48 cents and you cannot change that motion. You now made a motion that it be 60 cents and I protest on the basis that you can't do that without rescinding the other.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: That was for the year beginning July 1, 1950, and my motion is for the third quarter, 1951.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: I do not think we should adopt that. That is the business of the Council-in-Chief of next year. You have decided on 48 cents per capita tax. If you want to change it let us rescind that action and go about it in the logical way.

(Commander-in-Chief Runkle returns).

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: I want to offer my apologies for not being here for this action on the report of the Council-in-Chief. I didn't understand the substitute motion, and have asked for some advice on whether or not we can, in this Encampment, legislate a year in advance.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: I am sorry to have to disagree with Brother Sherman. However, to clear the atmosphere I desire to withdraw my motion, with the consent of the second; and to make this motion—that the action heretofore taken in connection with the report of the Council-in-Chief be re-considered. (The second consented to withdrawal of the previous motion; this motion seconded by Past Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota).

Past Commander-in-Chief Craig: Does he mean the whole report of the Council-in-Chief, or just the per capita tax?

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: The entire report; I didn't vote on the original motion.

Past Commander-in-Chief Craig: I would like to ask Brother Locke

whether he has any right to make a motion to re-consider when he did not vote on the original motion. I do not think he has.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: The motion is to re-consider the report of the Council-in-Chief. (Motion carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: As I now understand it, we have before us the report of the Council-in-Chief in which they recommend that there be 4 issues of The Banner, that \$500.00 be taken from the permanent fund and turned into the general fund, and that the per capita tax for the current year remain the same.

It is my contention that you cannot properly, and with fairness to the several Departments, increase the per capita tax at this Encampment and make it effective prior to the beginning of the third quarter of the following year. In order to enable the several Departments to make their arrangements in the early part of the year 1951, I move that the report of the Council-in-Chief be accepted except as to the number of issues of The Banner which shall be six; and the per capita tax be fixed at 60 cents a year, beginning with the third quarter, 1951. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Earl R. Riggs, California).

National Secretary Lambert: I would like to know what you are going to do about the deficit of \$403.00 plus an additional \$880.00 by July 1, 1951, as your motion authorizes 6 issues of The Banner. The revised budget will now have a deficit of \$1,283.00. You must provide money to pay this deficit.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: You are not going to pay out all this money until the close of the next Commandery-in-Chief year. You can borrow from other funds or cash bonds to cover current expenses, if needed, until the new rate of per capita tax becomes effective.

National Secretary Lambert: Will you include that in your motion?

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: Yes. (Motion carried).

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: I think the Credential Committee is ready with their final report at this time.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE — FINAL REPORT

Department Commander Leslie W. More, New York: The Credential Committee presents its final report:

Number of members enrolled, 168, composed of—

Past Commanders-in-Chief	18
Past Department Commanders	64
Department Commanders	14
Delegates	65
Alternate Delegates	7
Total	168

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT C. LAMBERT, Chairman, New Jersey,
 WILLIAM C. RULE, Massachusetts,
 JAMES C. TATMAN, Maryland,
 LESLIE W. MORE, New York,
 CHESTER L. CHARTER, Minnesota.

Report adopted on motion of Delegate Clarence E. Young, Rhode Island, and seconded by Department Commander Homer L. Young, Iowa. (Complete report, as per Encampment Roll).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: It is now 4:50 and if we were to attempt in this session to complete our business, it would, indirectly,

disrupt our banquet this evening. I assume that we have now completed all business except nomination, election and installation of officers; and I move you that we now recess until 9:30 A. M. tomorrow (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt).

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: It seems to be the opinion of some of the Brothers that we should attempt to finish today. If we can complete our Encampment in a forty-five minute period, then I would say the motion should be withdrawn.

Past Commaonder-in-Chief Sautter: I withdraw the motion (agreed by second), and move that we proceed with the regular order of business. (Seconded by Delegate Geo. W. Lovering, Illinois, and carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: The Grand Army of the Republic Highway is now through every state except Nevada. The Nevada Legislature meets in January of next year, and our particular work is to accomplish our hope of having that Legislature name the Grand Army of the Republic Highway in Nevada. Just what would be required in order to do that no one knows. I, therefore, offer a motion that an appropriation of \$500.00 be made to the Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee; and that the Commander-in-Chief be authorized to increase the amount, if necessary, to meet its objectives. (Seconded by Delegate George E. Burrows, Rhode Island, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: If there is no other business to come before this Encampment, all Committees will be discharged, with the thanks of the Commandery-in-Chief.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I move you that we now proceed with nomination, election and installation of officers. (Seconded by Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts, and carried).

Past Department Commander Julius Isaacs, New York: I move you that the nominating speeches be limited to two minutes; and seconding speeches to one minute. (Seconded by Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: I appoint as Judge of the tellers, Department Commander Warfield W. Dorsey, Ohio; and as tellers, Past Department Commander Wm. E. Kelly, New York, and Department Commander A. C. Aldrich, Vermont.

Past Department Commander Julius Isaacs, N. Y.: I move you that where there is only one candidate, the National Secretary cast the ballot of the Encampment. (Seconded by Department Commander Wm. C. Rule, Massachusetts, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: National Secretary, you will call the roll for nominations for Commander-in-Chief.

The National Secretary called California & Pacific when Past Commander-in-Chief Barrettt gave way to New Hampshire.

Past Commander-in-Chief Craig: I could make a long speech about the candidate I am going to nominate, but I am not going to do it. You have all known Brother Heald for his work in his Camp, in his Department, in the Grand Army of the Republic and in the Commandery-in-Chief in the various capacities in which he has served. He has assumed his responsibility in all of these offices and served you well; and we know that he will do likewise in the capacity of Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It gives me great

pleasure to submit to you the name of Cleon E. Heald for Commander-in-Chief. (Seconded by Department Commander Vernon W. Miller, Maine; Past Commander-in-Chief Mackey, Michigan; Past Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota; Department Commander Robert E. McCloud, Sr., New Jersey; Department Commander Leslie W. More, New York; Department Commander Robert E. Delcamp, Pennsylvania; Department Commander Harold E. Arnold, Rhode Island; Department Commander A. C. Aldrich, Vermont, and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hubbard, Wisconsin).

Department Commander James C. Tatman, Maryland: The Maryland Department has a man who has been active in this organization for twenty-five years as Camp Commander, Department Commander, and is now serving as Department Secretary-Treasurer. In 1947, he was Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of this organization. At this time, I place the name of Thomas L. Buffer of Maryland for Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: I shall have to ask you if he is present at this Encampment.

Department Commander Tatman: Brother Buffer is not here.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: I am sorry, but he cannot be nominated. To be nominated for an office, you must be registered in the Encampment. I am sorry, but I can't accept that nomination.

(The National Secretary cast 168 votes for Cleon E. Heald for Commander-in-Chief).

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: I declare Brother Heald to be elected Commander-in-Chief of this organization. Do you accept?

Council-in-Chief Heald: Commander-in-Chief, I accept.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Nominations are now open for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The National Secretary called the roll to Connecticut, when Past Commander-in-Chief Grant gave way to Massachusetts.

Delegate William S. George, Massachusetts: It is an honor and a privilege to nominate a man who is very well known, not only in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War but also in other organizations. I know of his work and he will be a credit to this organization. He is a man of experience, and you are missing a great deal if you do not elect him to this office. I present to you the name of Col. Frederic G. Bauer, a Past Department Commander of Massachusetts.

(Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter, Pennsylvania; Department Commander Harold E. Arnold, Rhode Island, and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hubbard, Wisconsin).

(National Secretary cast 168 votes for Frederick G. Bauer for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief).

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Brother Bauer, you have been elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Do you accept?

Past Department Commander Frederic G. Bauer: Brother Commander-in-Chief, I won't make a speech but I can assure you that I will give my time, effort and expenses necessary to help Brother Heald build up the order—to make it respectable and influential throughout the country.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Nominations are now open for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett: We, in California, are desirous of presenting to you one who has been active in the order and in the affairs of the Sons of Union Veterans for quite a long time. We found that he does splendid work and feel that his services to this organization should be recognized; and it is with pleasure that I present to you the name of Past Department Commander Earl F. Riggs of California for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(Seconded by National Patriotic Instructor Nemitz, Connecticut; Department Commander A. Leroy Reynolds, Illinois; Past Department Commander Nathan F. Sprague, Michigan; Past Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota; Past Department Commander Fred H. Combs, Sr., New Jersey, and Past Department Commander George E. Waller, Ohio).

(National Secretary cast the Encampment vote).

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Brother Riggs, you have been elected to the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Do you accept?

Past Department Commander Earl F. Riggs: I do, and I want to thank you for the privilege to serve in this capacity.

Council-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Nominations are now open for Council-in-Chief.

(The National Secretary called the roll to Connecticut).

Delegate Samuel W. Morrell, Connecticut: I wish to place the name of the man who is now serving you as National Patriotic Instructor for the office of Council-in-Chief, Wm. F. Nemitz.

Department Commander Robert E. McCloud, Sr., New Jersey: The New Jersey Department would like to place the name of one who has served on Council-in-Chief in the past, and you know him by the fine work he gives the organization. It is with pleasure that I present the name of Fred H. Combs, Sr., as a member of the Council-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Moran: As an adopted member of the Rhode Island Department, it is a pleasure for me to present a candidate from that Department, the Department Commander of Rhode Island, Harold Arnold.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: I want to nominate one who has been recommended to us very highly, one who is at present serving as Department Commander of his Department. I present to you the name of Homer L. Young of Iowa.

National Patriotic Instructor Nemitz: I would like to withdraw my name from the list of nominations, feeling that the time is not right as yet. I will pass it up for a later time, with my thanks.

(The National Secretary cast the Encampment ballot).

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: I declare Brothers Combs, Arnold and Young elected to serve as Council-in-Chief. Do you accept? (Each responded affirmatively).

National Secretary-Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Nominations are now open for National Secretary-Treasurer, for the term of five years.

Past Department Commander Fred H. Combs, Sr., New Jersey: I would like to say a few words. Two years ago, I had the honor to present the name of a man fully qualified to hold that position, through his education and experience, and he was elected to fill an unexpired term at that time. You all know that he does an efficient job and that

he is fully qualified to carry on in that capacity; and I again want to present the name of Albert C. Lambert of New Jersey for National Secretary-Treasurer. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Walter C. Matic, Pennsylvania, and several others).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: In view of the single candidate being nominated for National Secretary-Treasurer, I move the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief cast the ballot of the Encampment. (Seconded by Department Commander William C. Rule, Massachusetts, and carried).

(Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief cast the ballot of the Encampment).

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Brother Lambert, I declare you elected to the office of National Secretary-Treasurer for a term of five years. Do you accept?

National Secretary Lambert: I do, Commander-in-Chief.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief elect Heald was escorted to the station of Commander-in-Chief. He appointed Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter as Installing Officer and Past Department Commander John A. Ruggles as Installing Guide.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Commander-in-Chief elect, do you have any appointments at this time?

Commander-in-Chief elect Heald: I wish to appoint the following at this time: National Chaplain, Rev. Richard O. Partington, Pennsylvania; National Counselor, Past Commander-in-Chief Richard F. Locke, Illinois; National Chief-of-Staff, Past Commander-in-Chief C. LeRoy Stoudt, Pennsylvania; Personal Aide, Department Commander Homer L. Atkins, Jr., New Hampshire.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: The National Secretary will call the names of the newly-elected officers (complied with and

Commander-in-Chief—Cleon E. Heald, New Hampshire;

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Frederick G. Bauer, Massachusetts;

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Earl F. Riggs, California;

Council-in-Chief—Fred H. Combs, Sr., New Jersey,
Harold E. Arnold, Rhode Island,
Homer L. Young, Iowa;

National Secretary-Treasurer—Albert C. Lambert, New Jersey;

National Chaplain—Rev. Richard O. Partington, Pennsylvania;

National Counselor—Past Commander-in-Chief Richard F. Locke, Illinois;

National Chief-of-Staff—Past Commander-in-Chief C. LeRoy Stoudt, Pennsylvania;

Personal Aide—Homer L. Atkins, Jr., New Hampshire;
were installed in Ritualistic form).

The following National Officers were subsequently appointed and installed:

National Patriotic Instructor—Frederick K. Davis, Oregon.

Guide—Clarence H. Parker, New Hampshire.

Color Guard—Clarence P. Renell, Maine.

Inside Guard—George A. DeWitt, Vermont.

Outside Guard—Jackson C. Carr, New Hampshire.

Publicity Chairman—Harold M. Drown, Massachusetts.

Radio Chairman—Past Commander-in-Chief H. Harding Hale, Massachusetts.

Musician—Carder Perkins, Massachusetts.

Commander-in-Chief Heald: We agreed to have the hall cleared by 5:30 and we only have a few minutes so my acceptance speech must, by necessity, be brief.

I assure you, Brothers, that I accept this office in full realization of the responsibility placed upon me; and I accept it in sincere humility. I regret that time does not permit me to say the things that are in my heart today; but I pledge to you my time and my talents during the coming year for the best interest of our organization. I thank each and everyone of you for bestowing this honor on the Department of New Hampshire for the first time in our sixty-eight years of service to the organization.

PRESENTATIONS

Commander-in-Chief Heald: I will recognize Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter, who now has a duty to perform.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle, will you rise. I would that I had the time to say all that is in my heart this afternoon. I will, however, say no more than I must.

With the close of this Encampment, there will be added to the ranks of the Past Commanders-in-Chief another brother of this order. With similar experience and activity in the Commandery-in-Chief for over a period of more than forty-five years, I want to say that none of his predecessors have ever excelled him, few of them have been his equal. The record made by John Runkle as Commander-in-Chief has been outstanding and I can most heartily welcome him to the ranks of the Past Commanders-in-Chief, to join the twenty-one living Past Commanders-in-Chief. He has labored unflinchingly, he has given of his best and that was much, and the organization of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has been made better and will continue to be better because of his work as Commander-in-Chief.

And now, Brother Runkle, it gives me pleasure to present to you, whom I have known practically during your entire membership in this organization, and whom I had the privilege of nominating for Commander-in-Chief one year ago, this Past Commander-in-Chief's badge. I have no pledges to make or to ask of you John, for your work in the past, and at present, is evidence of what you have done and will continue to do.

You become a Past Commander-in-Chief at about the same age I was when I reached that honored position, thirty-six years ago. May God, in His goodness, permit you to live to serve the order you have served so well in the past and that you love so much, equally as long as I, is my earnest prayer.

Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Thank you, Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter for those nice words. I have endeavored to give my best to this organization, and everything I have done has come from the heart. I only hope that the seeds which have been sown during the past year will germinate and that I shall live to see the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War take their rightful place as one of the most, if not the most prominent organizations in the United States.

I want to pledge to this organization and to the new Commander-in-Chief my continued support insofar as my health, mentally and physically, and finances permit. Cleon, I pledge you my support wher-

ever and whenever you need me. That doesn't mean only in Harrisburg, but any place where it is possible for me to get there.

When the gavel rapped, declaring you Commander-in-Chief, this badge came off my coat so that I might place it on you. As you assume the office of Commander-in-Chief, I am sure that you cannot help but feel as I did, from the bottom of your heart, that you will do your best during the coming year. Congratulations, and God be with you.

National Secretary Lambert: Brother Runkle, a very nice tradition was established a number of years ago by Horace Hammer, and it has been my pleasure to continue that tradition. I therefore, want to present to you this Past Commander-in-Chief's lapel button.

Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle: I want to thank you, Brother Lambert, for this button; and I assure you that it will take its proper place. Our Auxiliary presented me with a gold ring, with an onyx stone on which was mounted the insignia of a Past Commander-in-Chief. I appreciate that too.

I wouldn't want this Encampment to close without having this on the record. I want to voice my sincere appreciation to my office staff, and particularly my Secretary, for their loyal assistance in answering correspondence, working on reports, and any other office work pertaining to this office. Many hours were devoted to assisting me, along those lines and I deeply appreciate it. I also want to thank the Massachusetts Department for the splendid initiation ceremony they performed last evening; and for the splendid support of the Encampment Committee headed by Brother Henry Weiler—and which included Col. Bauer, William Ruhl, and many others. Thanks so much for giving us such a fine Encampment here; and to the new Officers—good luck, and God speed.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: I move that the proceedings as taken by the Encampment stenographer, when approved by the retiring Commander-in-Chief, be the official proceedings of this Encampment; and that we do now adjourn. (Seconded by Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts, and carried).

The Encampment closed in Ritualistic form.

Certified as a true and correct transcript of the Proceedings of the Sixty-ninth Annual Encampment.

Attest:

ALBERT C. LAMBERT,
National Secretary.
MRS. A. BERHALTER,
Official Stenographer.

JOHN H. RUNKLE,
Commander-in-Chief.

Representation

Chapter 3, Article 2, Section 1, Constitution and Regulations:
 “* * * one delegate from each Department, whatever its membership,
 and one additional delegate for every one hundred members or major
 fraction thereof * * *”

Department:	Seniority Rank	Date Instituted	June 30, 1950 Membership.	Delegates
California & Pacific	19	July 1, 1886	477	6
Colorado & Wyoming	23	Mar. 22, 1929	78	2
Connecticut	5	May 15, 1883	659	8
Illinois	10	July, 1883	264	4
Indiana	18	June 12, 1885	214	3
Iowa	6	June 2, 1883	178	3
Kansas	9	June, 1883	205	3
Maine	4	Apr. 10, 1883	629	7
Maryland	20	June 15, 1887	160	3
Massachusetts	2	July 17, 1882	1923	20
Michigan	15	June 24, 1884	337	4
Minnesota	17	Jan. 1, 1885	101	2
Missouri	7	June 2, 1883	68	2
Nebraska	16	Sept. 2, 1884	64	2
New Hampshire	11	Aug. 1883	277	4
New Jersey	8	June 14, 1883	469	6
New York	13	Nov. 6, 1883	1132	12
Ohio	3	Aug. 1, 1882	943	11
Oregon	22	June 8, 1923	152	3
Pennsylvania	1	July 4, 1882	2233	23
Rhode Island	14	Feb. 14, 1884	209	3
Vermont	12	Oct. 1883	395	5
Wisconsin	21	Sept. 1887	268	4

SIXTY-NINTH ENCAMPMENT ROLL Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Boston, Massachusetts, August 20-24, 1950
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1882	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	
1883	*Frank P. Merrill	Maine	
1884	*Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania	
1885	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	
1886	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	
1887	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	
1888	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	
1889	*Charles F. Griffin	Indiana	
1890	*Leland J. Webb	Kansas	
1891	*Bartow S. Weeks	New York	
1892	*Marvin E. Hall	Michigan	
1893	*Joseph B. Maccabe	Massachusetts	
1894	*William E. Bundy	Ohio	
1895	*William H. Russell	Kansas	
1896	*James Lewis Rake	Pennsylvania	
1897	*Charles K. Darling	Massachusetts	
1898	*Frank L. Shepard	Illinois	
1899	*A. W. Jones	Ohio	
1900	*Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania	
1901	*Edward R. Campbell	Maryland	
1902	*Frank Martin	Indiana	
1903	*Arthur B. Spink	Rhode Island	
1904	*William G. Dustin	Illinois	
1905	*Harley V. Speelman	Ohio	
1906	*Edwin M. Amies	Pennsylvania	
1907	Ralph Sheldon	New York	Lyons, N. Y.
1908	*Edgar Allan, Jr.	Maryland	
1909	*George W. Pollitt	New Jersey	
1910	*Fred E. Bolton	Massachusetts	
1911	*Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	
1912	Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	18 Asylum S., Hartford, Conn.
1913	John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania	622 Whitney Ave., Pittsburgh 21, Pa.
1914	Charles F. Sherman	New York	51 Woodridge Circle, Bridgeport 19, Conn.
1915	*A. E. B. Stephens	Ohio	
1916	*William T. Church	Illinois	
1917	*Fred T. F. Johnson	Maryland	
1918	*Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania	
1919	*Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts	
1920	*Pelham A. Barrows	Nebraska	
1921	*Clifford Ireland	Illinois	
1922	*Frank Shellhouse	Indiana	
1923	*Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania	
1924	Wm. M. Coffin	Ohio	3755 Hyde Park Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio
1925	*Edwin C. Ireland	Maryland	
1926	*Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts	
1927	Walter C. Mable	Pennsylvania	2227 South Ninth St., Philadelphia, 48, Pa.

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Address.	Department.	Elected.	Name.
1928 *Delevan Bates Bowley	Calif. & Pac.		
1929 *Theodore C. Cazeau	New York		
1930 Allan S. Holbrook	Illinois	Dwight, Illinois	
1931 Frank C. Huston	Indiana	1071 Edgewood Ave., Jack- sonville, Florida	
1932 *Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania		
1933 *Park F. Yengling	Ohio		
1934 *Frank L. Kirchgassner	Massachusetts		
1935 Richard F. Locke	Illinois	Glen Ellyn, Ill.	
1936 *Wm. Allan Dyer	New York		
1937 *Wm. Allan Dyer	New York		
1938 Wm. L. Anderson, Sr.	Massachusetts	40 Robin St., West Roxbury, Mass.	
1939 Ralph R. Barrett	Calif. & Pac.	7118 Rita Ave., Huntington Park, Calif.	
1940 J. Kirkwood Craig	N. Hampshire	636 Pine St., P. O. Box 1074, Manchester, N. H.	
1941 Albert C. Lambert	New Jersey	2772 So. Broad St., Trenton, 10, N. J.	
1942 Henry Towle	Maine	13 Free St., South Portland, 7, Maine	
1943 C. LeRoy Stoudt	Pennsylvania	1410 Mulberry St., Reading, Pa.	
1944 Urion W. Mackey	Michigan	417 Ardmore St., S. E., Grand Rapids 7, Mich.	
1945 H. Harding Hale	Massachusetts	Room 527, 88 Tremont St., Boston, Mass.	
1946 Nell D. Cranmer	New York	518 Robinson Bldg., Elmira, New York.	
1947 Charles H. E. Moran	Massachusetts	72 Carlton St., Holyoke, Mass.	
1948 Perle L. Fouch	Michigan	562 Ely St., Allegan, Mich.	
1949 John H. Runkle	Pennsylvania	610 N. Third St., Harrisburg, Pa.	

Sons of Veterans

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

The Post System

1889-90 †George W. Marks	New York	Brooklyn, New York
1890 †*George T. Brown	New York	

Honor Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief

1883 *A. P. Davis	Pennsylvania
1899 *R. M. J. Reed	Pennsylvania
1939 *Horace H. Hammer	Pennsylvania

PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDER

E. Howard Gilkey Ohio

*Deceased.

†Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief.

Commandery-in-Chief Encampments

No.	Year.	Date.	Place.	State.
1st	1882	Oct. 18	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
2nd	1883	Aug. 6-7	Columbus	Ohio
3rd	1884	Aug. 27-30	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania
4th	1885	Sept. 17-18	Grand Rapids	Michigan
5th	1886	Sept. 1-2	Buffalo	New York
6th	1887	Aug. 17-19	Des Moines	Iowa
7th	1888	Aug. 15-17	Wheeling	West Virginia
8th	1889	Sept. 10-13	Paterson	New Jersey
9th	1890	Aug. 26-29	St. Joseph	Missouri
10th	1891	Aug. 24-29	Minneapolis	Minnesota
11th	1892	Aug. 8-12	Helena	Montana
12th	1893	Aug. 15-18	Cincinnati	Ohio
13th	1894	Aug. 20-23	Davenport	Iowa
14th	1895	Sept. 16-18	Knoxville	Tennessee
15th	1896	Sept. 8-10	Louisville	Kentucky
16th	1897	Sept. 9-11	Indianapolis	Indiana
17th	1898	Sept. 12-14	Omaha	Nebraska
18th	1899	Sept. 7-9	Detroit	Michigan
19th	1900	Sept. 11-13	Syracuse	New York
20th	1901	Sept. 17-18	Providence	Rhode Island
21st	1902	Oct. 7-9	Washington	D. C.
22nd	1903	Sept. 15-17	Atlantic City	New Jersey
23rd	1904	Aug. 17-19	Boston	Massachusetts
24th	1905	Sept. 18-20	Gettysburg	Pennsylvania
25th	1906	Aug. 21-23	Peoria	Illinois
26th	1907	Aug. 20-21	Dayton	Ohio
27th	1908	Aug. 25-27	Niagara Falls	New York
28th	1909	Aug. 24-26	Washington	D. C.
29th	1910	Sept. 20-22	Atlantic City	New Jersey
30th	1911	Aug. 22-25	Rochester	New York
31st	1912	Aug. 27-29	St. Louis	Missouri
32nd	1913	Sept. 16-18	Chattanooga	Tennessee
33rd	1914	Sept. 1-3	Detroit	Michigan
34th	1915	Sept. 28-30	Washington	D. C.
35th	1916	Aug. 30-31	Kansas City	Missouri
36th	1917	Aug. 22-23	Boston	Massachusetts
37th	1918	Aug. 20-21	Niagara Falls	New York
38th	1919	Sept. 9-11	Columbus	Ohio
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
43rd	1924	Aug. 12-14	Boston	Massachusetts
44th	1925	Sept. 1-3	Grand Rapids	Michigan
45th	1926	Sept. 21-23	Des Moines	Iowa
46th	1927	Sept. 13-15	Grand Rapids	Michigan
47th	1928	Sept. 18-20	Denver	Colorado
48th	1929	Sept. 10-12	Portland	Maine

No.	Year.	Date.	Place.	State.
49th	1930	Aug. 26-28	Cincinnati	Ohio
50th	1931	Sept. 14-17	Des Moines	Iowa
51st	1932	Sept. 19-22	Springfield	Illinois
52nd	1933	Sept. 19-21	St. Paul	Minnesota
53rd	1934	Aug. 14-16	Rochester	New York
54th	1935	Sept. 9-12	Grand Rapids	Michigan
55th	1936	Sept. 22-24	Washington	D. C.
56th	1937	Sept. 6-9	Madison	Wisconsin
56th	1938	Sept. 5-8	Des Moines	Iowa
57th	1939	Aug. 29-31	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
58th	1940	Sept. 10-12	Springfield	Illinois
59th	1941	Sept. 15-18	Columbus	Ohio
60th	1942	Sept. 15-17	Indianapolis	Indiana
61st	1943	Sept. 20-23	Milwaukee	Wisconsin
62nd	1943	Sept. 20-23	Milwaukee	Wisconsin
63rd	1944	Sept. 12-14	Des Moines	Iowa
64th	1945	Oct. 1-4	Columbus	Ohio
65th	1946	Aug. 25-29	Indianapolis	Indiana
66th	1947	Aug. 10-14	Cleveland	Ohio
67th	1948	Sept. 26-30	Grand Rapids	Michigan
68th	1949	Aug. 28-31	Indianapolis	Indiana
69th	1950	Aug. 20-24	Boston	Massachusetts

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