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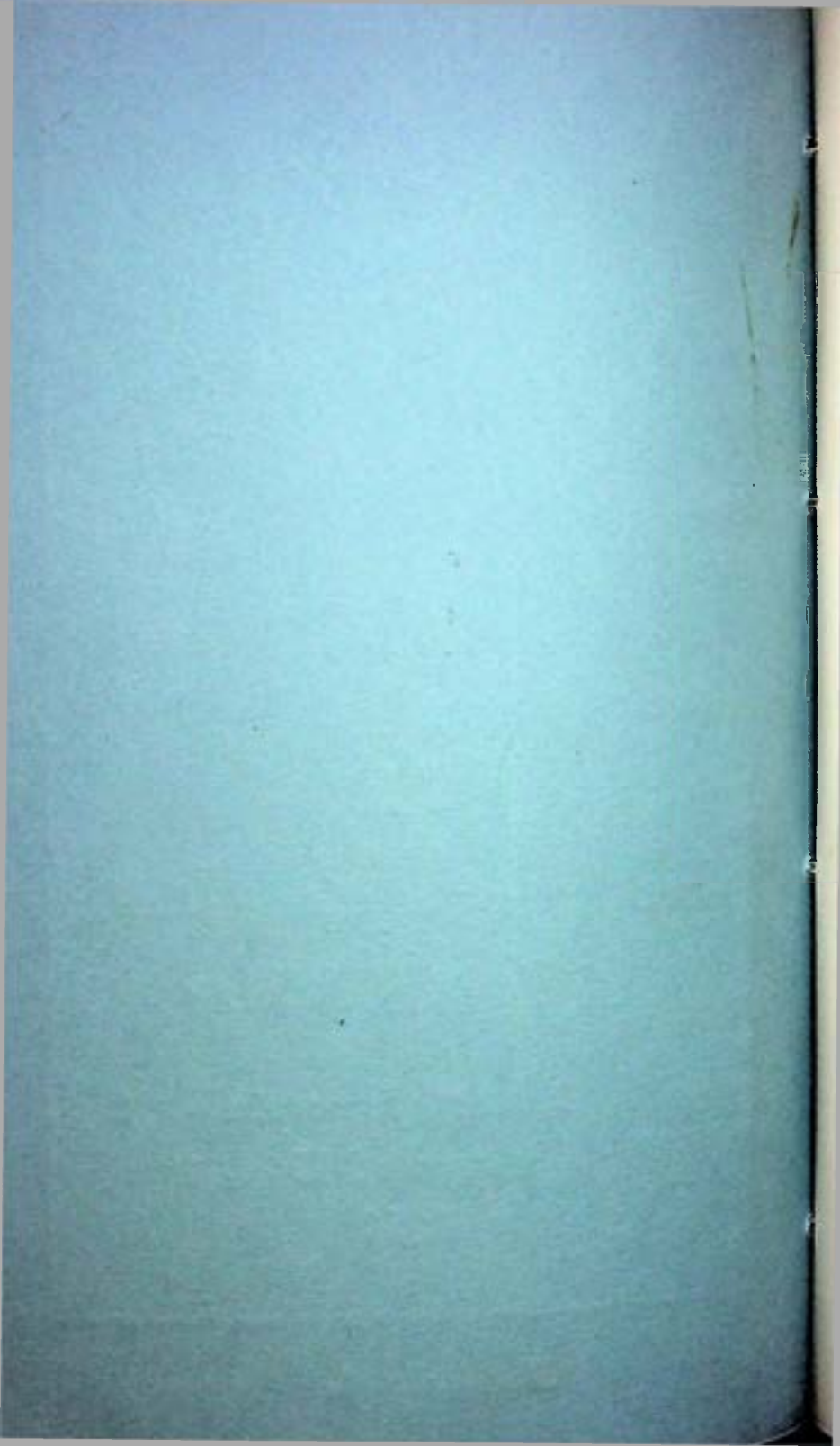


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## NATIONAL OFFICERS—1953-1954

### Commander-in-Chief—

U. S. Grant 3rd, Maj-Gen., U. S. A., Ret., 1135 21st St., N. W.,  
Washington 6, D. C.

### Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—

Dewey B. Mead, 116 S. 12th St., Room 168, Minneapolis, Minn.

### Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief—

Rev. Hermon L. Brockway, 412 Albany St., Ithaca, N. Y.

### Council of Administration—

Laurence J. Parker, Bennington, N. H.

Geo. W. Kimball, 11A. John St., Chelsea 50, Mass.

Frederick K. Davis, 1193 Pearl St., Eugene, Ore.

### National Secretary-Treasurer—

Albert C. Lambert, 2772 S. Broad St., Trenton 10, N. J.

### National Patriotic Instructor—

Harold Arnold, 759 Washington St., West Warwick, R. I.

### National Chaplain—

Louis T. Storey, 208 N. Rose Ave., Compton, Calif.

### National Counselor—

Richard F. Locke, 526 Crescent Blvd., Glen Ellyn, Ill.

### National Chief-of-Staff—

John H. Runkle, 814 No. Second St., Harrisburg, Pa.

### Personal Aide—

James C. Tatman, 213 Concord Ave., Wilmington, Del.



# PRE-ENCAMPMENT ACTIVITIES

August 9, 1954

## COUNCIL-OF-ADMINISTRATION MEETING

The Council of Administration met at 9:30 A. M., Monday, August 9, 1954, in the Hotel Duluth, to consider and formulate future plans on the adopted 3-year plan now in effect.

By authority of the Council, James C. Tatman was appointed to serve on the Council of Administration, as two members of the Council of Administration were absent. Other members of the Council were present, as follows: Commander-in-Chief U. S. Grant, 3rd; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Dewey B. Mead; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Rev. Hermon L. Brockway; National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert; and Council of Administration Members Geo. W. Kimball and James C. Tatman.

The main objectives of the Adopted 3-year plan, dealing primarily with the Third Year—1954-1955, were discussed in detail; and resulted in the following:

- (1) Print leaflet on true Civil War information.

In lieu of said leaflet Commander-in-Chief Grant was authorized to prepare a folder, answering questions which might be asked by prospective members, giving information relative to our Order, thereby resulting in increased membership in the Order.

- (2) Continue campaign to increase The Banner subscription list.

It was suggested by Commander-in-Chief Grant that the Departments and Camps include the sum of \$1.00 on the bill for dues to cover the subscription to The Banner; and the suggestion was adopted by the Council.

- (3) Encourage Camps to have occasional open meetings with informative programs.

- (4) Continue the study and experiment with State Camp methods. Start a definite effort to help with programs by providing ideas, lists of speakers, any practicable aids.

- (5) Issue C. & R. revision material so that booklets can be made to conform; i. e., the possessor of a booklet can correct it.

Motion was adopted that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a Committee of not less than three, and not more than five members, to revise and prepare the Constitution and Regulations for a new printing, and report back to the next year's Encampment. (Submitted to the Encampment as a partial report of the Council of Administration).

- (6) Complete and make available one or more screen programs of historical nature, same to be subject to rental by Camps or Departments.

Motion was adopted by the Council that this program be continued, and that special effort be made to emphasize the programs already prepared, and encourage their use.

(7) Further develop, perfect and publicize the Americanism program now in effect.

(8) Continue Highway publicity. Encourage Departments to locate historical sites for markers; and use influence to get States to develop picnic areas along the Highway, naming same for prominent Union people of the Civil War.

(9) Survey progress that has been made in carrying out the objectives of the 3-year plan.

Motion was adopted for the incoming Commander-in-Chief to prepare a projected program, in line with what already has been started, covering the next three years; to be submitted to the Council of Administration, action taken on it before the next Encampment, and published in *The Banner*, after its adoption.

Other matters considered were:

(10) A gift of \$100.00 was approved to Comrade Albert Woolson, at the public ceremony, in his honor on Monday evening, August 9.

(11) The contract for the printing and editing of six (6) issues of *The Banner* during 1955, was awarded to Leslie W. More, Past Department Commander, New York.

National Secretary Lambert was commended by the Council for the splendid work he has done in the preparation of *The Banner* during the time he has edited and published it.

(12) The matter of investment of a portion of the Permanent Fund, primarily that of the Government bonds expiring September 1st was taken into consideration; and action taken that there be a Finance Committee consisting of the Commander-in-Chief, the Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief, and the National Secretary-Treasurer empowered to make these investments.

(13) The award of a Scholarship grant to Lincoln Memorial University, in an amount between \$200.00 and \$300.00 was approved.

### COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

August 12, 1954

The Council of Administration met at 1:30 P. M., Thursday, August 12th, in the Hotel Duluth, with the following present: Commander-in-Chief U. S. Grant, 3rd; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief John W. Emery; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Homer L. Young; National Secretary-Treasurer, Albert C. Lambert; Council of Administration Members Geo. W. Kimball and Wallace W. Scott.

Authority was given Commander-in-Chief Grant to arrange for placing of wreaths in Washington, D. C., and also in Springfield, Ill., on Lincoln's Birthday.

National Secretary-Treasurer Lambert was authorized to visit Cincinnati, to make preliminary arrangements for the 1955 Encampment.

The Council authorized the Commander-in-Chief to call a meeting of the incorporators of the new Congressionally Chartered Corporation and to furnish proxies for those who could not be present in person and to recommend the adopting the present Constitution and Regulations of the Order, and the election of its officers and councilmen elected at this Encampment.

They also voted that all property and funds of the present Illinois Corporation be turned over to the newly formed Federal Corporation.

(This action under authority of Sec. 7, Public Law 605—83rd Congress, is to provide for compliance with Sec. 2 thereof).



ALBERT WOOLSON  
Sole survivor of the Union Army of 1861-65  
Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief  
Grand Army of the Republic  
Past Commander-in-Chief (conferred 1953)  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



**CEREMONY HONORING ALBERT WOOLSON, SOLE SURVIVING MEMBER OF THE UNION ARMY OF 1861-65**

On Monday evening, August 9, 1954, the most outstanding patriotic ceremony ever held in Duluth, Minnesota, and one of the finest ever held in the country was witnessed in the Crystal Ballroom of the Hotel Duluth, in honor of Comrade Albert Woolson, last survivor of the Union Army of 1861-1865.

Following the invocation by National Chaplain Louis T. Story of California, Miss Lucy Monroe, noted concert artist led the assemblage in singing the Star Spangled Banner.

A bust of Comrade Woolson, cast in bronze, was unveiled. This bust, which will be kept in the rotunda of the Duluth City Hall, was presented by the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Greetings were read from President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Vice President Richard Nixon and General Douglas MacArthur, the Society of the War of 1812, and National Presidents were present from the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Daughters of the Union. The Ladies of the G. A. R. were represented by a P. N. P. Every branch of the armed Forces in Duluth was represented by their commanding officers. Music was furnished by the Drum and Bugle Corps, 515th Air Group, U. S. Air Force, and colors were presented by every branch of the Armed Forces. Musical selections were sung by the combined Nurses Choir of the St. Luke's Hospital of Duluth.

Hon. C. Elmer Anderson, Governor of Minnesota spoke, as did Hon. George D. Johnson, Mayor of Duluth. The principal speaker was Dr. Kenneth Powers Williams, Ph. D. of Indiana University.

The bronze bust was presented by Mrs. Hellen Newbright, National Patriotic Instructor of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and was unveiled by Frances Anne Kobus (5), granddaughter of Comrade Woolson.

The following message was subsequently received from President Eisenhower:

"General U. S. Grant, 3rd, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Hotel Duluth, Duluth, Minn.

I am happy to send greetings to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on the occasion of your annual Encampment. It seems to me admirably appropriate that you have chosen to meet in the city where the last surviving member of the Grand Army of the Republic is spending his one hundred eighth year. From the soldiers who fought in the Civil War we have a great heritage and a great responsibility. That war was a bitter and yet real proof that the men of the blue and gray were willing to die in order to defend what they felt in their hearts was the right. Even in that war both sides were fighting for their own conceptions of the principles of liberty and honor in which we today commonly and fervently believe. For the battle for the right still goes on and the responsibility for waging that battle is now ours. In reminding us unceasingly that this is a struggle which calls from men their highest courage, fortitude and devotion, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are making a genuine contribution to our nation's strength.

Dwight D. Eisenhower."

Following is the message received from Vice President Nixon:



"General U. S. Grant, 3rd, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
Hotel Duluth,  
Duluth, Minnesota.

Dear General Grant:

It is my pleasure to join with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as you meet at your annual national encampment, together with representatives from other organizations connected with the Grand Army of the Republic, to pay tribute to the last survivor of the Grand Army, Mr. Woolson. I should have considered it a special privilege to be able to meet Mr. Woolson and I hope you will give him my personal best wishes for continued good health and happiness.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the members of your organization on the splendid work you are doing to help combat the very real threat of Communism here in the United States. A question which I know is uppermost in the minds of Americans today is how we as individuals and groups can deal effectively with Communist infiltration in our country. One of the most important ways to combat this threat is the education of our young people—your sons and daughters. We must make sure that they are aware of the grave dangers which Communism presents to our way of life.

We in this country can not condone Communist methods. We can, however, remain alert to their aims and techniques by focusing our attention on our young people and stimulating their development as future community and national leaders; and, we can support our government by urging the enactment of laws which in turn will control and expose the Communist conspiracy in the United States.

With every good wish for a successful convention,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON"

General Douglas MacArthur sent the following message:

"Dear Ulysses:

I am sorry that I could not attend the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans on August ninth. I am glad you are honoring on that occasion a survivor of the Grand Army of the Republic. The tradition he represents is, perhaps, the finest in the history of the Republic. It is fitting, indeed, that the sons of those who were his comrades-in-arms in such a mighty and noble effort should pay him due honor and respect. I would that the mantle of the mighty host which he now symbolizes may fall upon the shoulders of those who now fill our ranks, and that the invincible spirit of your immortal Grandfather may continue always to lead us on. I am sure were he alive he would join me in a simple message—a simple admonition to all fighting men—'In war, there is no substitute for victory.'

Best wishes to you, Ulysses, as always,

Cordially,

DOUGLAS McARTHUR"

#### Address by Dr. Williams

Following is the text of the splendid talk given by Dr. Williams:

"General Andrew A. Humphreys, brilliant Chief of Staff of the Army of the Potomac, Commander of the Second Corps on the day of Appomattox, closed his great book on the last war year in Virginia

with the simple sentence, 'It has not seemed to me necessary to attempt a eulogy upon the Army of the Potomac or the Army of Northern Virginia.' His unbiased story was the perfect tribute. There were other armies, North and South, that had fought with equal valor during those four years of unhappy war, which somehow seemed necessary for the forging of this nation. For all of those armies, a narrative of deeds suffices as a tribute.

Tonight our thoughts are not of the marches, the bivouacs, the skirmishes, or the great battles of 1861-1865. They center on the post-war achievements of the men whose battle flags carried stars not only for Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Minnesota, but also for Alabama, South Carolina, and Virginia; men who were resolved that this nation should not be split in twain.

On the two days of the great review in Washington in May, 1865, the soldiers saw a streamer on the front of the Capitol with the legend, "The only debt we can never pay is the debt we owe the victorious Union Soldiers." Similar expressions of gratitude greeted returning Regiments throughout the land.

The host of a million men in service on May 1 began to melt rapidly away, and those who had saved the nation faced a new battle—that of finding a place in civil life. Some went back to the farm, some fitted more or less easily into a position gladly made for them. But for many there was the problem not only of psychological readjustment, but of making a living. After speaking of the resolution of thanks passed in the summer by state political conventions, a recent historian comments, "Once home, the soldiers found these extravagant expressions to be but hollow words."

Worst of all was the lack of provision for the disabled. While Congress had voted pensions for the wounded, for widows, orphans, and dependent mothers, neither Congress nor state legislatures had provided for disabled veterans. There was another distressing fact. The last years of the war had seen the growth of many secret disloyal societies in the North, especially in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. Returning veterans passed on the street men who had conspired to stab the Federal Army in the back. Inescapably there came the thought: Would these men gain political power that would nullify the military victory?

In the summer and fall of 1865 former soldiers and sailors came together in groups for social purposes and for mutual aid, as well as to strengthen their voice on the new and crucial questions of the hour. It was not, however, until the next year that the great lasting organization was formed, though in a way it went back to February, 1864, and a tent in Mississippi, where Major Benjamin F. Stephenson, an army surgeon, and Chaplain William J. Rutledge talked together about the future. After the war Stephenson returned to Springfield, Illinois, where under his leadership, the Grand Army took form, Charters for posts in Decatur and Springfield being granted in the first week of April, 1866.

Posts soon followed at other places in Illinois and adjoining states. Some objected to the name Grand Army of the Republic, claiming it was too cumbersome or too pretentious. When asked to give a better name, they could not. There could have been no better name, and to this day no veteran organization has a name as stirring. In response to a call by Stephenson the first National Encampment met at Indianapolis on November 30 and 31. A modest little leaflet sets forth the proceedings, the constitution and the resolutions. The resolutions asked strongly for proper provisions for orphans and widows, as well as for maimed veterans, and for "needy and worthy soldiers and sailors such



positions of honor and profit as they may be competent to fill." The men who had stepped forward in the hour of crisis also asked for "the passage of a law making it the inexorable duty of every citizen to defend his country in time of need, in person and not by substitute."

The first Commander-in-Chief was Stephen A. Hurlbut, South Carolinian by birth, who had moved to Illinois in 1847, and had become a close friend of Lincoln. There was no more staunchly Union man than he, and the war brought him the stars of a Major General, and command of the Sixteenth Corps. Stephenson was rewarded by election to the position of Adjutant General.

No Encampment was held in 1867, but 186 representatives from 21 Departments assembled in Philadelphia in January, 1868. On the 5th of the following May, the new Commander-in-Chief, General John A. Logan, issued his celebrated order designating May 30 as a memorial day, an observance he hoped would be "kept up year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades."

In the Encampment held in Cincinnati, in 1869, a regulation was adopted banning the discussion of partisan questions at any meeting of posts of the Grand Army, and also of nominations for political office. To further encourage the growth of the order, three grades of membership were established—recruit, soldier, veteran. The reaction was swift, but just the opposite from what was wished, and hundreds of posts were lost and thousands of members, before the unhappy experiment was abolished two years later.

The Seventies closed with the Order numbering not quite 45,000 members. Then came a decade of phenomenal growth, not only of the Grand Army itself, but of important auxiliary organizations. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was organized in 1881. A few months later the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army sent an invitation to the widespread local women's auxiliaries to send representatives to the Denver encampment of 1883, "to unite to assist the Grand Army in all its works of charity and in every way to alleviate the distress of any needy soldier or sailor." So the great Woman's Relief Corps came into being.

Viewing the growth of the Order with justified pride, Commander-in-Chief William Warner said at the 1889 encampment, when the membership was just a little under 400,000, "The Grand Army of the Republic is the greatest civic organization the world has ever seen." He spoke with fervor of the men who had "followed the Stars and Stripes as the emblem, not of a confederacy of States bound together by ropes of sand, but as the emblem of an indestructible Union of indestructible States." At the last preceding Encampment a committee had been appointed to establish relations with the Sons of Veterans, and Warner said, "They constitute the great reserve of the Grand Army of the Republic. I say let us have the boys with us—Hail their coming, welcome them with open arms." Fitting indeed is it that Albert Woolson, whom we reverentially honor tonight, is a member of the Sons of Veterans through his soldier father, as well as the sole surviving Union veteran.

The year 1890 saw the Grand Army at its peak with 408,489 names upon its rosters. Though from that time the membership shrank, the influence of the Grand Army, and of those veterans who never joined it, did not diminish. One more soldier of '61-'65 became President of the United States, raising the total to four. The veterans played an important part in Congress and in the governments of states and cities. They were in industry, in commerce, in the professions, and in educa-

tion. They were a great leaven that added spiritual strength as the nation grew in wealth and power.

As the Nineteenth Century ebbed the country was involved in a foreign war, brief, and making small call upon our resources. But it helped bring North and South closer together. Joe Wheeler and Fitz Hugh Lee were now U. S. Generals, and the sons of men who had worn the blue were the comrades of those who had worn the gray.

Slowly but surely understanding and affection of North and South for each other increased, until it showed itself dramatically in 1913, the semi-centennial of Gettysburg, Vicksburg, Chickamauga, and Chattanooga. In June of that year a group of ex-Confederates who had been prisoners at Camp Morton, in Indianapolis, presented to the state of Indiana a bronze bust of Col. Richard Owen, the Camp Commandant, as a memorial to his courtesy and kindness. A historian of the event wrote, "To what age or what land shall we look to find a record of prisoners erecting a monument to their prison keeper." One's admiration goes no more to Richard Owen than to those Southern men whose memory and gratitude did not grow weak with years, men who could not be content until they had expressed themselves imperishably.

In July there came the great Encampment at Gettysburg of 60,000 men who had worn the blue and the gray. The President of the united Nation was there, as well as Members of his Cabinet, and Congressmen and Governors. People throughout the land uttered prayers of thankfulness for the new consecration of the great battlefield, and also prayers that they might be as staunch in their devotion to what they thought was right as had the men of the Sixties.

In the following September, the G. A. R. held its Encampment at Chattanooga, in the shadow of Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge, and not far from the silence of the woods of Chickamauga. Only a few weeks before the Confederate Veterans had assembled in the same city. In his address of welcome, the Mayor said, "My father wore the gray. But were I able today with the stroke of a pen to turn back the old leaf, I would not make the stroke that would dismember the Union."

Five years later the sons and grandsons of the Northern and Southern men of '61-'65 were a part of the mighty host that turned the tide of war in Europe. At the Portland Encampment, Commander-in-Chief Orlando Somers proudly told his comrades that he had visited shipyards, had inspected great industries, had addressed soldiers, witnessed parades, and reviewed troops. He prayed that the likenesses of Lincoln, Stanton, and Grant would be found in Woodrow Wilson, Newton D. Baker, and John J. Pershing, and he said, "Men of the Grand Army of the Republic, WE SHALL WIN THE WAR!" He had no doubts; he was a man of Shiloh, of Murfreesboro, of Chickamauga.

Three years later a new Commander-in-Chief warned his comrades that the world was topsy-turvy, and he mentioned bolshevism as a menace that threatened so mightily that it must be rooted out. Vision and determination were still present in the Grand Army.

Five years ago, the final Encampment was held in Indianapolis, where the first had met eighty-three years before. Of the sixteen survivors, six were present, including Comrade Woolson, the Order's last Chief-of-Staff. Concurrently in Philadelphia, the American Legion, mighty veteran organization with 3,000,000 members was meeting. But it was on Indianapolis, not Philadelphia; it was on the six, not the thousands, that the thoughts and affections of the nation were centered. Many patriotic groups had representatives present, who spoke deeply from the heart. Greetings came by wire from others. The

President of the United States said in a letter, "The spirit of the Grand Army of the Republic will never die." In the ceremony at the base of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument, the Marine Corps Band played the Battle Hymn of the Republic, still our most moving anthem.

The six men sent their felicitations for a pleasant Encampment to the surviving Confederate Veterans, and they arranged for depositing their national headquarters flags, their archives, and the badges of their national officers in the Smithsonian Institution, but everywhere through out the broad land there was affectionate memories and lasting monuments to the men who had marched to battle to preserve the nation, and then played the major role in making it great in the ways of peace. The freedom and ideals that are again being challenged are bequeathed to you, the Sons of Union Veterans, to carry on and defend with equal determination and resourcefulness. It is a great heritage of glory and duty left you by your fathers."

### JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES

The Joint Memorial Services of the Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary were held in the Ballroom of the Hotel Duluth, on Tuesday, August 10 at 4 P. M., under the direction of National Chaplain Louis T. Story of the Sons; and National Chaplain Sue M. Bennett of the Auxiliary.

#### Program

- Piano Prelude.....National Pianist, Florence R. Parsons  
 Processional Hymn.....Escort, Mary Story, Jane Tatman  
 Altar Ceremony  
 Invocation..... Louis T. Story  
                     National Chaplain, S. U. V. C. W.  
 Male Quartet....."In The Garden"  
 Tribute to the Memory of Ralph M. Grant, Past Commander-in-Chief  
                     Past Commander-in-Chief, Charles F. Sherman  
 Tribute to the Memory of Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. L. Anderson  
                     Past Commander-in-Chief Charles H. E. Moran  
 Tribute to the Memory of Past Commander-in-Chief Dr. Ralph Barrett  
                     Past Commander-in-Chief Roy J. Bennett  
 Tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic  
                     Past Commander-in-Chief William M. Coffin  
 Tribute to the Memory of the Officers and Members of the S. U. V. C. W.  
                     Past Department Commander of California, Frank Woerner  
 Poem—"Dear Lord".....National Chaplain, Sue M. Bennett  
 Tribute to the Memory of Past National President Margaret Patterson  
                     Stephens  
                     Past National President Edna Bergwitz  
 Tribute to the Memory of Deceased Department and Past Department  
                     Presidents  
                     Past National President Edna S. Lambert  
 Tribute to the Memory of Deceased Members of the Auxiliary to the  
                     S. U. V. C. W.  
                     Past National Vice President Beatrice S. Riggs  
 Floral Tribute by Department Commanders and Department Presidents  
 Male Quartet....."The Lord's Prayer"  
                     Donald Erickson, Tim Stoker, John Johnson and  
                     Lt. Wallace Johnston—F. P. E. B. F. Q. S. A.  
 Song—"The Old Rugged Cross"..... Assembly  
 Benediction.....National Chaplain, Louis T. Story  
 Recessional.

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## Seventy-Third Annual Encampment Commandery-in-Chief

### SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Hotel Duluth                      Duluth, Minnesota

August 8-13, 1954

### TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

August 10, 1954

9:15 A. M.

Commander-in-Chief U. S. Grant, 3rd: The Officers and members of the Seventy-third Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will please come to order.

I appoint as Guide, Past Department Commander Fred H. Combs, Sr., New Jersey; Color Bearer, Past Department Commander Ludwig Manolly, Maryland; and Guard, Department Commander Wm. J. Moore, Illinois.

The Encampment then opened in Ritualistic form.

Roll call of Officers showed all present except Council of Administration members Laurence J. Parker and Frederick K. Davis. The Commander-in-Chief appointed Past Department Commander James C. Tatman, Maryland, to the Council of Administration.

Department Commander Wm. J. Moore, Illinois: Commander-in-Chief, I would ask the privilege of approaching your station at this time. There are great memories behind this presentation which I am about to make to you.

Down in Decatur, Illinois, in one of our public parks, a tree stood for one hundred fifty years; and recently it was cut down. This tree had quite a history to it, for it was under this very tree that our fathers trained before they went to fight in the great Civil War. After their return, they held many reunions under that same tree and during its life it has shaded many generations of citizens of Decatur. The wood in the gavel which I am about to present to you came from that tree; and I want to present it to you, Commander-in-Chief, as a personal gift.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you so much.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: I wish to appoint the following Committees:



**COMMITTEES****Credentials**

David A. Phelps, Department Commander, Minnesota, Chairman.  
 Earl F. Riggs, Past Department Commander, California & Pacific.  
 Geo. Satterthwaite, Sr. Vice Department Commander, New Jersey.  
 Leslie W. More, Past Department Commander, New York.  
 Charles W. Hooper, Department Commander, Massachusetts.

**Resolutions**

Wm. M. Coffin, Past Commander-in-Chief, Ohio, Chairman.  
 Clarence O. Hoth, Department Commander, Wisconsin.  
 Walter C. Mabie, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania.  
 Charles C. Webster, Past Department Commander, Maine.  
 John A. Ruggles, Past Department Commander, Pennsylvania.

**Officers' Reports**

Allan Holbrook, Past Commander-in-Chief, Illinois, Chairman.  
 Henry Towle, Past Commander-in-Chief, Maine.  
 Harold Shepardson, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.  
 Lawrence K. Boutin, Department Commander, Iowa.  
 Louis G. Blair, Past Department Commander, Ohio.

**Constitution and Regulations**

Charles F. Sherman, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York, Chairman.  
 Wallace W. Scott, Department Commander, California & Pacific.  
 Norman E. Fossett, Department Commander, Maine.  
 Elmer W. Hohe, Department Commander, Pennsylvania.  
 Bertram Isaacs, Department Secretary, New York.

**Ritual and Ceremonies**

Neil D. Cranmer, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York, Chairman.  
 Thomas L. Wilson, Department Commander, Michigan.  
 Geo. A. Strait, Department Commander, Rhode Island.  
 Dr. Karl Rothchild, Department Commander, New Jersey.  
 Albert B. DeHaven, Past Department Commander, Maine.

**Press**

Dewey B. Mead, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Chairman.  
 Chester L. Charter, Past Department Commander, Minnesota.  
 David A. Phelps, Department Commander, Minnesota.

**Restoration of Rank**

Henry Towle, Past Commander-in-Chief, Maine, Chairman.  
 Robert A. Hicks, Department Commander, New Hampshire.  
 Russell H. Bogert, Past Department Commander, New Jersey.  
 A. LeRoy Reynolds, Past Department Commander, Illinois.  
 William O. Fuller, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.

**Fraternal Relations**

John E. Sautter, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania, Chairman, and all Past Commanders-in-Chief.

## 1955 Encampment City

John H. Runkle, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania, Chairman.  
 Charles H. E. Moran, Past Commander-in-Chief, Massachusetts.  
 Roy J. Bennett, Past Commander-in-Chief, Iowa.  
 Richard F. Locke, Past Commander-in-Chief, Illinois.  
 Henry Towle, Past Commander-in-Chief, Maine.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: I am going to recognize Brother Colwell, Chairman of the Committee on Legislation, who has a matter to bring before us at this time.

Past Department Commander Fred E. Colwell, New York: Commander-in-Chief, I have good news for you and the seventy-third annual Encampment. Our bill for the incorporation of the Sons of Union Veterans has passed the House of Representatives, and received acceptance of the Senate Judiciary Committee; and I wish to present, at this time, a resolution which I think demands our immediate attention.

"WHEREAS, Senator Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois, and Representative Kenneth B. Keating of New York introduced identical bills authorizing the incorporation of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War with a Congressional Charter, and

WHEREAS, said bill has now passed the House of Representatives and received acceptance of the Senate Committee of the Judiciary, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that telegrams of our thankful appreciation for their untiring efforts in our behalf to date for the successful passage of this bill be sent immediately to Senator Dirksen; Representative Chauncey Read, Chairman of the House Committee of the Judiciary; and to Representative Kenneth B. Keating, for their loyal and highly appreciated work for the good of our beloved Order; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of our seventy-third National Encampment, in regular session assembled in Hotel Duluth, Duluth, Minn., this 10th day of August, 1954.

FRED E. COLWELL, Chairman,  
 National Legislative Committee."

and I respectfully move you, Commander-in-Chief, that this resolution be adopted, and that these telegrams be sent immediately. (Seconded by Delegate Edward W. Carmichael, Calif. & Pacific, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Is the Credential Committee ready with a preliminary report?

## PRELIMINARY REPORT—CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Department Commander David A. Phelps, Minnesota: The Credential Committee reports that we have 120 delegates registered at this time.

National Counselor Locke: Today, in the little town of West Branch, Iowa, one of the greatest Americans of his time is receiving birthday greetings. It seems to me fitting and proper, and due this great American, that our organization send our greetings to him. I move that our Commander-in-Chief be requested to send such a telegram to a former President of the United States, the Hon. Herbert Hoover, on the occasion of his 80th birthday. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you, Brother Locke; and you may be assured that I will take care of the matter at the very first opportunity.

We are now under Reports of Officers, and if you will bear with me for a short time, I will read my report.

The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief presided, as Commander-in-Chief Grant read his report:

### REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Washington, D. C., July 21, 1954.

To the Officers and Members of the Seventy-third Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

#### GREETINGS:

1. It has been a real pleasure, as well as an honor, to be your Commander-in-Chief during the past year. My thanks go to all who have helped me by their counsel and by their work to keep the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the position of dignity and usefulness to our country which by rights it should occupy. We have a great tradition of public service to the nation to uphold. With the Grand Army of the Republic unable to carry on as in its glorious past, we the Sons must assume the burden of patriotic work that they used to do, and that still must be done, in counteracting the well organized and cleverly managed campaign of subversion against our form of government. Our fathers saved the American Government for us as they found it; it should be an inspiration to us to meet the attacks of today with equal fortitude and intelligence. Let us become the Grand Army of the Republic of the future, and at this Encampment again dedicate ourselves to the unfinished work which they so nobly advanced.

2. As I warned you last year at Buffalo might be the case, when you elected me to this high position, I have regretfully been unable to attend as many meetings, ceremonies and Department Encampments, as I would have liked. To those who so graciously and hospitably entertained me on the occasions I could attend, my sincere thanks. These events, which might easily have been just a routine job to be done, were uniformly made most agreeable and happy visits for me by the cordiality and kindness and consideration shown me.

3. While I have thus had ample occasion to appreciate the quality of our membership under the pleasantest circumstances, I have also become aware of the apathy and unreadiness in some quarters to do what is essential to keeping our Order alive, and a really useful patriotic organization. Under existing circumstances I have also been constrained to realize how little practical leadership your Commander-in-Chief can really exercise. In the first place, it takes some time—two or three months—to get his headquarters and staff really functioning, and to find out what really has to be done. In the second place, owing to the dispersal in dates of Camp and then Department elections, our Order's organization is in a constant state of flux during the year. Your Commander-in-Chief is continually finding that he must deal with a new set of officers somewhere that trouble has occurred. In the third place, knowledge of trouble brewing does not reach him until after the fact. Finally, by the time he knows his job, he is expected to attend a series of Department Encampments, at which new Department Officers are elected, who are looking forward to a new Commander-in-Chief, so that his potential ability to secure action by personal contact, is largely lost before he himself steps out with what grace he can.



4. Your Commander-in-Chief has nothing to do with the budget under which he has to administer the affairs of the Order, unless he happens to be a member of the Council before he is elected. Of course, as long as you have your present able and efficient National Secretary-Treasurer, a Past Commander-in-Chief himself, this is not of great importance, but it may be of vital importance if you should have a less able and experienced man in his position, or one whose ideas are not entirely sympathetic with those of the new Commander-in-Chief. I have been most fortunate in my association with Brother Lambert, and have enjoyed working with him, but I must recognize that some of my successors may be less fortunate. The set-up is not sound administrative organization. To be sure, the Council of Administration now has authority to make modifications in the budget, but it is difficult to arrange a meeting of the Council, and the Commander-in-Chief should not have to be submitting changes to the Council on matters he would have foreseen if he participated in the preparation of the budget.

5. There are two ways of overcoming the first difficulty: (1) Either change the term of office to two years, or (2) adopt the policy prevalent in many organizations, that the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief shall generally succeed to leadership the following year. Under (1) he will have time to develop a program and at least start it on its way. Under (2) he will in his desire to prepare himself for the next year's job, take a real interest in the work of the Order, would be ready to act as a real chief of staff or as trouble-shooter for the Commander-in-Chief, and would enthusiastically carry out a program, in the initiation and planning of which he had had a part.

6. To overcome the second trouble: (1) Department Encampments should immediately follow, or precede the National Encampment, preferably follow so that the Commander-in-Chief in visiting a Department Encampment could personally become acquainted with the officers who are to manage the Departments under him, and could give them instructions and advice. In other words, brief his team, and then work with it. (2) In order to give the Department Commanders the same advantage, Camp elections should take place very soon after the Department Encampments. For instance, the National Encampment might be held at the end of May or early in June, followed by Department Encampments in August or early September, and Camp officers be elected in October. In addition to much greater overall efficiency, this arrangement would put the National Encampment at a time when the heat in most places is less oppressive, and would enable Department Commanders and the Commander-in-Chief or his deputies to visit weak Camps and give them a shot in the arm at the time they need it most. The budget should provide some travel funds for the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief or other deputies of the Commander-in-Chief acting under his orders, or at least let the latter grant some reimbursement from the funds available to him.

7. If the foregoing recommendations were carried out, the third and fourth difficulties of the Commander-in-Chief would be automatically eliminated.

8. Loss of membership continues to be the most serious threat to the existence and effectiveness of our Order. It is commented on each year. We cannot stop the depredations of death and disease. However, in my General Order No. 6 I have stated how the annual net loss can be overcome, and suggested ways and means. I will not repeat my statement here. I ask those who have not read it, to get a copy of the Banner July-August issue and read it. If you cannot get the apathetic Camps to take it to heart and try my suggestions, our Order is doomed

to gradually fade away. The reports of other officers will show how serious the situation is. The successful efforts of some faithful and energetic brothers are counteracted and their benefits wasted to a great extent by the apathy and lack of interest of others. It is not you who are here today who are dragging your feet; your very presence evidences your interest and loyalty, but you are the only ones on whom I can call to stir up the lazy and indifferent. It is a local question; energy and resourcefulness must start working at the grassroots. You can carry the message to your local Camps and revive the moribund.

9. No Camps are further along the road to a fade-out than the two in Washington, D. C. The requirements of my service to you have not left me time or energy to do anything about them in the last two years; but I promise you that I will make a real effort to revive them when I get back next autumn. I now ask you to do likewise in regard to the disappearing Camps in your Departments.

10. Let us not forget the very real and effective help our Auxiliaries are ready and anxious to give us. Disregarding old misunderstandings and grudges, however well justified, let us seek closer relations with the other organizations of the Grand Army Family. Let us work for the cause and forget the rivalries of internal politics and ambitions, and work for the maintenance of American institutions, against any subversive movement or even talk within our ken, and to spread the doctrine of freedom and the dignity of the individual among our acquaintances and in our communities. Our Order was established to do this and is only the means to a noble end. It is not a stepping stone to political preferment, but a method for united action in a great cause.

11. The only recognition I could give to those who have rendered outstanding service was to appoint them National Aides. I recommend for your consideration, in lieu of this temporary and soon forgotten compliment, authorization of a certificate of merit and the wearing of a special mark on the badge of the Order, or a ribbon of a special order.

12. Our heartfelt thanks are due Congressman Kenneth B. Keating of New York and Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen of Illinois for introducing and fighting for the passage of the bill to give our Order a Congressional Charter, and to Congressmen George A. Dondero of Michigan and William J. B. Dorn of South Carolina for the especially friendly assistance they have given in obtaining a hearing for it during this hectic session of Congress and getting the help of their friends for its passage. (Final fate of the measure to be announced at the Encampment but still uncertain until Congress adjourns). We also owe thanks to Senator Edward J. Thye and Congressman John A. Blatnik for their determined and persistent efforts on our behalf to get authorization for the U. S. Marine Band to participate in this Encampment. I ask that appropriate resolutions be passed acknowledging our debt to these busy members of Congress for their efforts in our behalf.

13. Special recognition is due to our Auxiliary. It seems to have more enthusiasm and is more up and doing than we men. Under the gracious leadership of Mrs. Webster this year, it has been of immense help on every front, and especially in organizing and managing the social events which are such an important part in our fraternal life. All honor and, may I add, affectionate regard to them.

14. My thanks, my very sincere thanks, go to the other officers and their staff who have served with me during the past year. Only consideration of the time it would take prevents me from naming each of them and mentioning his individual contribution in advice or work.

I can not pass over, however, those who have responded loyally and effectively to emergency calls for special duty. I have already spoken of our efficient and ever-on-the-job National Secretary-Treasurer. Then the chairman of the Committee on the Charter, Colonel Bauer, who produced the first draft of our charter bill under pressure; the chairman of the Committee on the G. A. R. Memorial Highway, who has on several occasions responded to emergency calls. P. C.-in-C. Holbrook; our National Chaplain, Brother Story, who has been ever ready to act for me on the Pacific Coast; and our National Counselor who has answered several legal questions and has "brought home the bacon" in a special case, P. C.-in-C. Locke.

15. The picture is far from gloomy. Our finances are sound, though lacking funds for many things we ought and would like to do, we have lived within our income. During the year we have welcomed new Camps and Members. Our officials and committees have participated in and often lead patriotic ceremonies in their localities. I feel confident that our Order is better known than a year ago, and has lost nothing in dignity or reputation, indeed has gained. Interest in the Civil War is far from dead. Our people are more interested in it than in any other phase of our national history. We have a great heritage, and with it we have inherited an obligation to carry on with the same fortitude and devotion as our fathers, and to pass on to our sons and grandsons the lesson of their example. Let us so act as to inspire youth and make our young people want to join our Order and participate in what it is doing.

16. The call from on high, from our fathers and grandfathers is FORWARD MARCH. Is there any one with heart so dead that he will not respond? As Speaker Martin said a few days ago "this America of ours is the hope of the world, the eyes of all freedom loving people are upon us." You and I must do our part so that this hope shall not be lost.

U. S. GRANT, 3rd,  
Commander-in-Chief.

Applause followed the reading of the report of the Commander-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Mead: You have just heard the excellent report of our Commander-in-Chief. What is your pleasure?

National Counselor Locke: I move that this report, and all other Officers Reports presented to this Encampment be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports for their action. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Grant: We will now hear the report of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Mead:

### REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

July 24, 1954.

U. S. Grant, 3rd, Maj-Gen.Ret.,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

I hereby submit my report as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. To have been selected

for so high a position was an honor that was fully appreciated by myself, and the members of the Minnesota Department.

The high-light of the year was when in company with National Secretary-Treasurer Lambert and Mrs. Lambert, I presented Comrade Woolson with the engraved resolution which made him a Past Commander-in-Chief of this organization. This occasion was at his home in Duluth, Minnesota.

During the year, I made it a point to keep in close contact with Comrade Woolson and his family, visiting them on an average of once or twice a month. I found him in good health and good spirits on these trips.

On a number of occasions, I represented the Commandery-in-Chief—among them were the Central Region Conference at Aurora, Illinois; the Dedication Day dinner of the Sons and Auxiliary at Milwaukee, Wisconsin; a special meeting of the Camp and Auxiliary at Waterloo, Iowa, where they were starting a proposition of holding joint meetings. I attended the Minnesota Department Encampment held in Duluth, and the Wisconsin Encampment at Beloit, Wisconsin. It was a pleasure to bring the greetings of our Order to the Department Conventions in Minnesota of the Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

While attending to these matters, I tried to carry out the welfare of our Order in my local community as Treasurer of the Minneapolis Memorial Day Association; Secretary-Treasurer of the Memorial Hall Committee of Minneapolis; and Secretary-Treasurer of the Minnesota Department; also work in my own Camp.

Commander-in-Chief, the welfare of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has always been close to my heart and I want to do everything possible in its becoming the force in the affairs of this Nation that I believe it should be. The contacts that I have made throughout the years with the Grand Army of the Republic and the leading members of our Order have instilled in me a desire to see the Order become more aggressive and more militant in the questions facing our Country today. The Grand Army was never a bit backward when it came to taking stands on important questions. We must not be. When we have subversives in various parts of American affairs, it behooves us to be on the alert.

When the youth of our Country cannot look forward toward a business career or toward establishing their own homes, without first being faced with the thought of having to do police duty in the far-off jungles of the World, there is something radically wrong with our National affairs. Much of the questions of youth troubles today could be solved if that question could be answered.

Let us be alert to the things which have made America the great nation it is today. We must not surrender American principles to European diplomacy. Let us be red, white and blue Americans first, last and all time.

Respectfully submitted,

DEWEY B. MEAD,  
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports).



## REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

August 8, 1954.

To My Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Grant, 3rd, and  
The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve on your staff of officers during the year.

I have attended several Patriotic events in New York State. Three of these where I have had the honor of being the speaker were at the Lincoln Day celebration at Rochester; the Gen. U. S. Grant Birthday celebration at Grant's Tomb on Riverside Drive, New York; and the 60th Anniversary of Gen. Diven Camp at Elmira, N. Y. Also, I represented our Staff at the Vermont Department Encampment in Bellows Falls. Of these gatherings, all were well attended and patriotic devotion was deep and genuine.

At the Vermont Encampment, I found a loyal group of Sons and Grandsons, descendants of the old sturdy New England patriots, a sort of Calvin Coolidge type. No words were wasted. One Sunday when Cal. came home from church, his wife asked him, "What did the minister preach about?" He replied, "Sin." "What did he say," she asked. Cal replied, "He was agin it." Those Vermonters said they were "agin" Communism and all kinds, sorts and descriptions of fellow travelers. They laid much emphasis on genuine Americanism. They said considerable about team work, and made plans to canvass their Department for new recruits; and this brings me to the recommendation that I want to make. We have, over the last few years, set up much machinery to strengthen our Order and try to accomplish something worth while. We have succeeded in influencing legislation to name Route No. 6, the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, stretching from coast to coast. We have emphasized increasing our Permanent Fund, which still needs considerable shaping up by our member lawyers so that it cannot be made inoperative in the future by the "dead hand." We have emphasized Americanism in the purest and strongest terms. Our efforts to get a Charter from Congress is, in these very hours, materializing successfully we hope. In the face of all this, we have seen a decline each year in our membership which if not checked means, in just a few years more, the extinction of our Order.

We all know there is a great reservoir of material in our grandsons and great-grandsons throughout our Commandery-in-Chief. Also, we all know that they will never become members of our Order until someone contacts them and persuades them to join our organization. Look over your Camps today, and take account of the members you have left who never would have become members if someone had not persuaded them to come in and be one of us. I would like to see a campaign put on this next year in every Department, to train workers to go out into the field and gather in the harvest. Those organizations that are growing today are doing this very thing.

You will pardon me, I am sure, if I refer here to an organization in our ranks and that is the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. They have pledged themselves to help us. They have been organized for that purpose and that purpose only. They are ready, willing and waiting in every Department to get into action and to respond to an earnest request from us to help bring in new recruits. I speak from experience, for there are faithful members in the Auxiliary to General Burdick Camp, my own Camp, who have, in the past, brought in to us new members.

There are many other things that I could suggest that would help us put on a drive for new members this next year but time forbids, in this report.

I am grateful for the gracious courtesy extended to me during the year by all members of the Staff; and especially by our Commander-in-Chief. It has been a great pleasure to serve under his command and to become better acquainted with a delightful and stimulating personality.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMON L. BROCKWAY,  
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports)

Commander-in-Chief Grant: We are now ready to hear the report of the National Patriotic Instructor.

### REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

West Warwick, R. I., August 2, 1954.

U. S. Grant, 3rd, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My dear Commander-in-Chief:

At this time I wish to submit my report to you and to the officers and members of the Seventy-third Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, for consideration and approval.

I wish to thank you, Commander, for asking me to serve as your National Patriotic Instructor. It is an office that every son of a Union Veteran should feel it an honor and privilege to serve and I have done so to the best of my ability, and trust your confidence in me has not been misplaced.

On several occasions throughout New England, I have brought the greetings of the National Body; at meetings of the allied orders of the G. A. R. family as well as to several other organizations, both Military and Fraternal. At this time, I want to thank all Department and Camp Officers and the officers of all the G. A. R. family for the many courtesies shown me in the past year.

As your Patriotic Instructor, I presented an American Flag in memory of all departed members of the G. A. R. to the Amos P. Chapman Camp of Rhode Island, to be used on a memorial of which you will hear more about further in this report.

I wish to thank all who have donated to the National G. A. R. Fund the past year, and hope and trust that this project will continue throughout the years to come.

The outstanding Patriotic event of the year in any Department was held in my own Department. The Department of Rhode Island, on May 22nd and 23rd, in the form of a dedication of a monument to all men of Southern Rhode Island who served in the Civil War. This dedication was held in a small typical New England village, Ashaway in the town of Westerly, and was sponsored by the Amos P. Chapman Camp, Sons of Union Veterans, under the leadership of Bro. A. Waller Lewis, Jr., who was then the Department Patriotic Instructor. The official dedication of the monument was made by our Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Grant, 3rd. The allied orders of the Grand Army family were well represented by several National, State and Local Officers, as well as members of the State and Local Government, and members

of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and their Auxiliaries.

At this time, I wish to mention the fine co-operation that the Camp there received from the Westerly Battery of National Guard, under the command of Lieutenant Herbert C. Young. These men gave their time freely to the project and I dare say that I have never heard a report read where a company of men of this type have rendered such an assistance to the Sons of Union Veterans; and I believe that our Commander-in-Chief will agree with me on this statement. From the time he (our Commander-in-Chief) arrived in Rhode Island, he had at his disposal the car of Brig. General Murphy of the Rhode Island National Guard, as well as a chauffeur and two members of the Westerly Company as his aides. There were some beautiful pictures taken of the event, both movies and silent, some of which may be shown here if time warrants. There will be copies made of these as well as a tape recording, which will be presented to the Commandery-in-Chief for their library, for further use by others when needed. Since this event Lieutenant Herbert Young has become a member of Chapman Camp. In my opinion, if more events of this type were conducted it would help increase our membership; and the field of this type of program is wide and varied with not too much expense involved.

The following is a listing of the Reported Activities in Departments:

California and Pacific—No report received.

Colorado and Wyoming—No report received.

Connecticut—Wilbur L. Couch. Days observed, Washington and Lincoln's Birthday, Memorial Day, Dedication Day and Armistice Day. Speakers: Maj. Charles H. Sprague, Maj. D. S. Sarmios, Ernest E. Barnum, P. D. C., Judge Paul L. Niller, Judge C. Harry Curtis, Robert W. DeForest, P. D. C. Bertrand O. DeForest, P. D. C., Willis Cowdry, P. D. C., Harold L. Scott, P. D. C., Maj. Frank H. McGar, P. D. C.

Illinois—Oscar Arnold. Days observed: Washington and Lincoln's Birthday, Memorial Day and Armistice Day.

Indiana—Argus E. Ogborn. Days observed: Washington and Lincoln's Birthday, May Day, Memorial Day, Dedication Day, 4th of July and Armistice Day. Principal speakers: Judge Hezzie Pike, Clarence A. Beaudum, Atny. Lincoln Address Contest.

Iowa—Jacob Kirchner. Days observed: Washington and Lincoln's Birthday, Dedication Day, Gen. Grant's Birthday, Appomattox, Independence and Constitution Days.

Maryland—Blank report received.

Kansas—No report received.

Maine—Melvin Stone. Days observed: Washington's and Lincoln's Birthday, Memorial Day, Armistice Day and Flag Day.

Massachusetts—Carder A. Perkins. Days observed: Washington and Lincoln's Birthday, Thanksgiving Day, Memorial Day, Armistice Day, 4th of July. Speakers: Emerson Whitman, Dept. Jr. Vice Com., Earl W. Harrington, Allen B. Howland, P. D. C., Evan S. Crocker, Sr., Frank E. Brown, LaForest Osborne, Howard E. Elliott, John W. Emery, P. D. C., Edward H. Tabor, Frank Johnson, Arthur Pray, Henry S. Bowen, William Haskell, P. D. C., Thomas Crawford, P. D. C., George Bachman, Leon H. Palmer, Dept. Sec. Radio broadcasts on Gettysburg and Flag Day.

Michigan—Arthur J. Young. Days observed: Washington and Lincoln's Birthday, Memorial Day, Grant's Birthday, Emancipation Day.

Minnesota—No report received.



Missouri—No report received.

New Hampshire—Fletcher E. Griffin. Days observed: Washington and Lincoln's Birthdays, Memorial Day, Armistice and Flag Days.

New Jersey—No report received.

New York—Truman A. Vincent. Days observed: Washington and Lincoln's birthday, Flag Day, Memorial Day, Appomatox Day, Gen. Grant's Birthday, Independence Day, Constitution Day and Dedication Day.

Ohio—Morris D. Sharp. Days observed: Washington and Lincoln's Birthday, Memorial Day, Armistice Day.

Oregon and Washington—Dr. L. L. Baker. Days observed: Memorial Day and Lincoln's Birthday. Speakers: Dr. W. E. Buchanan, P. D. C., Rev. Frank L. Cook, P. D. C., Glen L. Adams, Frederick K. Davis, P. C. C.

Pennsylvania—Gloid E. Long. Days observed: Washington and Lincoln's Birthday, Memorial Day and Flag Day.

Rhode Island—Frederick E. Holden. Days observed: Lincoln's Birthday, Memorial Day and Dedication Day. Speakers: Wallace J. Macomber, P. D. C., Frank S. Reavey, P. D. C., Harry J. Geer, P. D. C., U. S. Grant, 3rd, Commander-in-Chief, Earl Hinz, A. Waller Lewis, Dept. Sr. Vice Com., Harold E. Arnold, National Pat. Instr., Robert Morgan, Robert Kenyon, Edward Billings, Lieutenant Herbert C. Young. Suggestions: Stricter adherence to proper execution of ritual and by-laws. Institute a slogan, "An American Flag in every American Home." Discourage the display of any other flag than the American Flag.

Vermont—No report received.

Wisconsin—No report received.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

HAROLD E. ARNOLD,

National Patriotic Instructor.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports).

Commander-in-Chief: Is the National Chaplain ready with his report at this time?

#### REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

Compton, Calif., July 17, 1954.

Maj.-Gen. U. S. Grant, III,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you and the Order as your Chaplain this year.

In December, I represented you and the Commandery-in-Chief at the funeral of Past Commander-in-Chief William L. Anderson, and gave the closing Prayer.

In January, I attended all the installations of the Camps and Auxiliaries in Southern California, and one in the North, installed one Camp, and acted as Chaplain at five installations.

May 2-5, the Department of California and Pacific held their Encampment in San Jose. We were all very happy to have our Commander-in-Chief with us at that time.

May 24-25, I attended the Encampment of the Oregon and Washington Department, as your representative, and was well received and

royally treated. I installed the Oregon and Washington Department Officers.

I attended three Memorial Day services and read Gen. Logan's address at the Church services, and took part in the services at the cemetery. I have attended all District meetings and have represented the Commander-in-Chief at meetings of the Allied Orders.

I represented you and the Commandery-in-Chief at the funeral of Past Commander-in-Chief Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, and took part in the services.

July 5th—A. Podrasnik Camp No. 15 of Ontario, Calif., put a car in the All State picnic parade for the National Chaplain. Both sides of the car carried a large sign, "National Chaplain, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War." There were 100,000 people and over 200 floats and entries in the parade—our float was well received along the line of march.

I heartily commend A. Podrasnik Camp and Earl and Beatrice Riggs for their untiring effort to keep the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War before the public—it is worthwhile to advertise if we wish to grow.

May the coming years bring many active members to this great organization.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

LOUIS T. STORY,  
National Chaplain.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports).

#### REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

National Secretary-Treasurer Lambert read his report.

Trenton, N. J., August 1, 1954

U. S. Grant 3rd,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My dear Commander-in-Chief:

As National Secretary-Treasurer, it is again my duty and pleasure to report to you and the members of the 73rd National Encampment regarding the fiscal transactions of my office during the past year, together with observations and recommendations.

Continued improvement will be noted in the financial condition of the Order which reflects proper planning and execution. The problem of another decrease in membership is one that must merit the thoughtful consideration of everyone. Your National Officers can do little to correct this condition without the active help of Camps and Members. The passing of the Grand Army of the Republic is the reason why we, their sons, should continue the activities they have been unable to carry out during recent years. Perhaps we are changing from an association of the many to one of the elite or aristocracy, an aristocracy in heritage and purpose of endeavor. Until now, our membership could afford to rest on the glory of the G. A. R. and let them bear the ultimate responsibility. We can no longer rely on the past, on history, and on public acclaim which came to the inheritors of a good name. We must present ourselves to the public and not simply rely on the deeds of past heroes.

While we cannot undertake great crusades, our membership understands and feels a deeply patriotic obligation to our homeland. We should seek on a community level, a better understanding of American

history, a sense of responsibility for good government and a pride in local and national heritage. We should cooperate in the community with all groups who have a common concern about the protection and development of the American way of life.

During the past year, six issues of *The Banner* have again been published at a modest cost. Your attention is called to the fact that the net loss of several hundred members will result in a reduction in income for per capita tax.

### Our Auxiliary

Again this year, our Auxiliary under the leadership of National President Sister Mildred Webster has proven themselves to be loyal supporters to the various Camps and Departments. Sister Webster and her entire membership deserve our grateful appreciation.

### Grand Army of the Republic

It was my pleasure to visit Comrade Woolson on October 17th along with Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Dewey B. Mead, at which time we presented him with an engraved copy of the resolution passed last year at Buffalo making him an Honorary Past Commander-in-Chief of our organization. We found him in good health and spirits and looking forward to this encampment in Duluth.

We thank him and his comrades for the trails they have blazed, for the wonderful contribution they have laid on the altar of freedom, and are eternally indebted to them for that splendid heritage of loyalty to our Constitution and our laws with which they endowed us all.

As pioneers in organized veterandom they have built an arch to span the cross currents of resistance to our American way of life; which, from time to time, threaten to weaken the cornerstones upon which our Republic stands.

All correspondence and contacts with Miss Cora E. Gillis, National Secretary of the G. A. R., have been cordial and cooperative at all times.

### Constitutional Amendments

At the 72nd National Encampment held last year in Buffalo, N. Y., the following Amendments to the Constitution were adopted, pending approval by ten Departments:

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The Constitution is hereby amended by renumbering Article 8 as Article 9, and by adding the following new Article:

### Article 8—Permanent Fund

Section 1—The Permanent Fund of the Order shall consist of funds now invested in U. S. Savings Bonds, such moneys as have been or may be given or bequeathed to the National Organization in memory of a Civil War Veteran, all moneys given or bequeathed to the National Organization and not designated for some other purpose by the donor or testator, and such other moneys as may be added thereto by vote of the Commandery-in-Chief or of the Council of Administration. Moneys given or bequeathed in memory of a Civil War Veteran shall be accounted for under a separate heading as the "Honor Roll Fund."

Section 2—Such funds shall be kept on deposit in some one or more bank-institutions whose deposits are fully insured to the amount of the deposit, or invested in obligations of the United States or in the securities of corporations or trusts located in the United States, which

securities are listed or admitted to trading privileges on the New York Stock Exchange or are registered under the so-called "Blue Sky Law" in the State where such corporations or trusts are located, and no investment shall be made in the securities of any corporation or trust which has not paid regular dividends on its common stock, or on its capital stock if it has only one class, for at least three years prior to such investment.

Section 3—All Moneys shall be deposited and all investments made in the name of the Order.

Section 4—All moneys given or bequeathed to the National Organization upon any express trust shall be held and the income and principal thereof shall be used only in accordance with the terms of the trust, but the restrictions in this Article upon the investment and use of funds shall apply to Trust Funds, in so far as they are consistent with the terms of the trust.

Section 5—Except as may be provided in the will or donation giving trust funds, no part of the principal of any of the funds covered by this Article shall ever be spent, and all moneys accruing from the sale or rights and all stocks received as a dividend shall be held as a part of the principal of the fund to which they accrue.

Section 6—By vote of the Commandery-in-Chief or of the Council of Administration and subject to the restrictions governing any trust funds, the income of the funds covered by this Article accruing in the year in which such vote is passed, or any portion of such income, may be transferred to the General Fund and used for the expenses and purposes of the Order, but any income not so transferred shall be added to the principal.

#### Associate Membership

Addition to Article 7 of the Constitution by adding a new section, to be known as Section 3:

Section 3—Departments and Camps may establish Associate membership. Said Associate Member must be ineligible for full membership due to lack of lineal descent from a Union Veteran of the Civil War. Said Associate Member shall not hold elective office, or be entitled to vote, but he may serve as an appointive officer or as a member of a committee. The wearing of the membership badge is prohibited, except with some distinguishing mark, to be prescribed in Regulations. No Camp shall, at any time, elect Associate members, when the number of Associate members will exceed one half the number of regular members at the time of such election.

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Ten Departments or more have approved these Amendments, which now makes them part of the Constitution of the Order.

Action of the various Departments on the Constitutional Amendments was as follows:

Approval of Permanent Fund (Article 8)—Colorado and Wyoming; Connecticut; Maryland; Massachusetts; Michigan; Minnesota; New Hampshire; New Jersey; Ohio; Rhode Island; Wisconsin; New York.

Approval of Associate Membership (Sec. 3 Article 7)—California and Pacific; Vermont; Connecticut; Maryland; Massachusetts; Michigan; New Hampshire; New Jersey; Oregon and Washington; Rhode Island.

Kansas voted no action on either amendment; Illinois voted no action on Permanent Fund. No report of action taken was received from Missouri.



### Publicity

While we do not seek publicity for personal reasons, we must be realists and acknowledge that the influence our Order can have for good must necessarily be largely dependent upon the Public's appreciation of what we are doing and what we stand for.

It is unfortunate but only human nature that some of our Southern friends should continue to try to justify "the lost cause" in the eyes of our country and history. Bitterness on our part will not change public opinion on the subject, and may give it an emphasis it does not deserve. Many Southerners acknowledge it was most fortunate for our country and for them that the Confederacy lost.

It does not seem that Lee's great sin of taking up arms against the United States should be condoned merely because he fought for the principles in which he believed. Present enemies of the United States doubtless believe, as Lee believed in the views they hold. Robert E. Lee owed much of what he was to the taxpayers of the United States who made it possible for him to attend the United States Military Academy. As a member of the United States Army, Lee had taken an oath to protect and defend the United States. That he was a sincere and kindly man may be conceded. The United Daughters of the Confederacy can, if it chooses preserve his memory in dozens of different ways, but there is something ironical about their reverential attitude. We must remember that no one has ever come closer to overthrowing the Government of the United States by force and violence than Robert E. Lee.

As our fathers fought primarily for a re-united country, we, to be true to their tradition, should on every possible occasion insist on the true story of the Civil War, and on the advantages of a united country which resulted from the Union victory and the failure of secession.

### Phonograph and Tape Recordings

Carrying out his suggestion made last year that our organization should do what it could to create a library of historical and program recordings, P. C.-in-C. Frederick K. Davis has presented to the Order as a nucleus of such a library, a number of recordings that he was able to locate and assemble.

A complete description of the programs was published in the March-April "Banner" and copies were secured for distribution. The total lack of interest by Camps and Members in these wonderful programs is disheartening.

### State of the Order

During the March quarter, the Department of Missouri dropped two Camps, which now leaves them with two Camps and thirty members. While they were under strength required previously, it is not impossible for them to continue as a Department according to our regulations. On January 29th Department Secretary-Treasurer Theo. H. Mohr wrote me as follows: "This is a letter I would rather not write, but circumstances compel me to do so. It seems that Missouri Department can no longer exist as a Department—I have been trying hard to keep the Department going, but without the co-operation of Camps and Members nothing could be done further. I attended the Illinois Department Encampment with the thought of affiliating with that Department, but received little encouragement. I am sorry, and I leave the answer with you."

With the approval of Commander-in-Chief Grant, I immediately

communicated with the Illinois Department and received their assurance that they would be happy to welcome the two remaining Missouri Camps into the Illinois Department. On February 26, March 13, and again on March 30 I wrote to Department Secretary-Treasurer Mohr of Missouri without receiving a reply, and it now seems that there is a divided opinion in Missouri relative to their course of action.

The only alternative to affiliation with another Department is for these two Camps to become Camps-at-large. Therefore, I offer:

**RECOMMENDATION No. 1**—That the incoming Commander-in-Chief do everything possible to retain the two remaining Camps in Missouri either as members of a neighboring Department, or as Camps-at-large.

Present regulations do not provide for Camps-at-large to be represented at National Encampments. Therefore I offer:

**RECOMMENDATION No. 2**—Amend Chapter 3, Article 2, Section 1 of the Regulations on Page 32 by adding the following paragraph:

"Of one delegate from each Camp-at-large whatever its membership, and one additional delegate for every fifty members or major fraction thereof in good standing, based upon the report next preceding the Encampment."

While attending hearings relative to our Congressional Charter I ascertained that one of the requirements for such a Charter is that the books of our National Secretary-Treasurer be audited yearly by a Certified Public Accountant. This is something that I approve of regardless of whether we are successful in securing the Charter or not. Many times the auditing committee of the Council of Administration is not particularly qualified in this field, and in all cases they are rushed and are prone to take much for granted. This is no reflection on the splendid service rendered by these officers, but I really feel that an audit made by an impartial auditor immediately prior to the Encampment is good business. If this should take place, it would eliminate the necessity of the National Secretary-Treasurer bringing volumes of books and records to the Encampment City. Therefore, I offer:

**RECOMENDATION NO. 3**—That starting with the fiscal year 1954-1955 the books of the National Secretary-Treasurer be audited by a Certified Public Accountant within two weeks prior to the date of the National Encampment.

If Recommendation No. 3 is adopted, this will call for additional expense, which I feel can be offset by reducing travel expenses of National Officers, therefore I offer:

**RECOMMENDATION No. 4**—That round-trip coach fare for the Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary-Treasurer be allowed to the 1955 National Encampment, and that mileage at the rate of two cents (2c) per mile, one way only, be allowed for the Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief; Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief; two elected members of Council of Administration; Patriotic Instructor; Chaplain; Chief-of-Staff; and Counselor.

We should start planning for the centenary of the Civil War in 1961. It is not too early to make arrangements for observing this period. As the keepers of this great heritage we should begin thinking about the most appropriate means of marking the Civil War. Ceremonies should be planned for Fort Sumter and Charleston with the President of the United States invited to make an address, to make the Centennial Year a period of reaffirmation to American principles. Perhaps during the period of 1961 to 1965 we could arrange to hold Na-

tional Encampments near Civil War shrines and battlefields and incorporate visits to these places as a feature of each encampment.

#### Conclusion

As this year comes to a close, I wish to pay tribute to you, Commander-in-Chief upon your thoughtful, considerate, and understanding devotion to our organization. The impact of your inspiring leadership will be evidenced for years to come. We appreciate your taking time from your busy life, which demonstrated your love for the principles and ideals for which we stand. It has been a distinct privilege and pleasure to be associated with you, and I appreciate thoroughly your many courtesies.

To you, Commander-in-Chief Grant, and to all of my colleagues, I am indebted and express my appreciation.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

ALBERT C. LAMBERT,

National Secretary-Treasurer.



**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

July 1, 1953 — June 30, 1954

	General Fund	G.A.R. Fund	Legisl. Comm.	Savings Acct.	U. S. Bonds
Balance July 1, 1953.....	\$1,953.09	2,530.87	77.37	815.00	5,500.00
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>					
Per Capita Tax .....	5,160.60				
New Member Fees .....	90.00				
Charter Fees .....	20.00				
Supplies .....	840.18				
Gift—National Auxiliary ..	200.00				
Registration Fees .....	272.00				
Int. on U. S. Bonds.....	137.50				
Premium Dept. Com. Bonds	47.50				
Banner Subscriptions .....	1,027.25				
Chief-of-Staff Fund .....	86.45				
Restoration of Rank .....	10.00				
G. A. R. Fund 1952-1953...		232.19			
G. A. R. Fund 1953-1954..		311.00			
Honor Roll Fund .....				60.00	
Interest on Savings Acct...				17.61	
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	\$3,844.57	3,074.06	77.37	892.61	5,500.00

**EXPENSES**

Supplies .....	\$ 533.94				
Banner .....	2,105.69				
C.-in-C. Davis .....	147.48				
Printing—Office Exp. & Sup.	406.10				
Salaries .....	1,200.00				
Social Security .....	39.00				
Encamp Exp., C. in C. Badge	710.63				
1953 Proceedings .....	646.68				
Rent .....	400.00				
Premium on Bonds.....	118.75				
Chief-of Staff Fund .....	33.50				
Congressional Record.....			11.35		
American Coalition .....		25.00			
Grave Marking Committee.		25.00			
Lincoln University .....		50.00			
Highway Folders .....		317.72			
Grand Army of the Republic, 1952-53		100.00			
Grand Army of the Republic, 1953-54		200.00			
Albert Woolson .....		100.00			
Route 6 (G.A.R. Hy) Meeting		64.14			
Transcriptions & Recordings		302.50			
Wreath—Lincoln Tomb .....		22.00			
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	\$6,341.77	1,206.36	11.35		

Balance June 30, 1954	\$3,502.80	1,867.70	66.02	892.61	5,500.00
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**Stock and Supplies Account**

Cost supplies on hand 6-30-53.....	\$2,689.34
Cost supplies purchased .....	533.94
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	3,223.28

Carried forward .....		
Cost supplies on hand 6-30-54.....		\$3,223.28
		<u>2,444.96</u>
Obsolete supplies .....		778.32
		<u>80.00</u>
Cost of supplies sold .....		\$ 698.32
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Received for supplies .....		\$840.18
Cost of supplies sold .....		698.32
Profit on supplies .....		\$141.86
Series G—United States Bonds—\$2,300.00	expire September 1954	
	\$3,200.00	expire November, 1957

Departments	Good Standing June 30, 1953		GAIN		LOSS		Good Standing June 30, 1954		Balance Dept. Treasury	Delegate Represen- tation
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members		
At Large .....	1	16	..	..	..	..	1	16	\$ 536.81	..
Calif. & Pac. ....	18	467	32	..	..	28	18	471	29.27	10
Colo. & Wyo.....	4	66	..	2	..	..	4	68	29.27	2
Connecticut .....	21	494	..	9	..	54	20	449	114.04	10
Illinois .....	11	168	1	16	3	30	9	154	970.01	4
Indiana .....	10	174	..	6	..	11	10	169	148.16	4
Iowa .....	10	132	..	3	..	23	9	177.15	177.15	3
Kansas .....	8	91	..	..	1	15	7	76	123.10	3
Maine .....	24	501	..	14	..	30	24	317.77	317.77	11
Maryland .....	7	131	..	1	..	18	7	114	90.93	3
Massachusetts .....	82	1532	..	45	..	108	82	1469	517.07	30
Michigan .....	10	242	3	89	..	31	12	300	210.63	7
Minnesota .....	6	91	..	..	..	..	6	88	65.74	3
Missouri .....	4	49	..	..	2	19	2	30	63.41	2
New Hampshire.....	13	261	..	..	..	3	13	234	94.84	6
New Jersey .....	17	431	..	2	..	29	17	399	1117.44	9
New York .....	40	912	..	4	..	36	40	813	2036.76	17
Ohio .....	35	661	..	18	..	115	36	644	555.83	14
Ore. & Wash.....	5	117	..	7	..	14	5	110	102.44	3
Pennsylvania .....	57	1667	..	42	..	256	55	1453	.....	30
Rhode Island .....	12	156	..	10	..	3	12	163	164.19	4
Vermont .....	20	341	..	4	..	59	16	286	377.63	7
Wisconsin .....	10	163	..	1	..	9	10	155	570.53	4
	425	8863	4	321	15	926	414	8258		

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Indiana .....	10	174	..	6	..	11	10	169	148.16	4
Iowa .....	10	132	..	3	1	23	9	112	177.15	3
Kansas .....	8	91	..	..	1	15	7	76	123.10	3
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## RECAPITULATION

			Camps	Members
Good Standing June 30, 1953.....			425	8863
<b>GAIN:</b>				
	Camps	Members		
Initiation .....	3	230		
Transfer .....		44		
Reinstatement .....	1	47	4	321
			429	9184
<b>LOSS:</b>				
Death .....		330		
Disbanded .....	10	34		
Honorable Discharge .....		34		
Transfer .....		40		
Dropped .....	1	443		
Suspended .....	4	45	15	926
Good Standing June 30, 1954....			414	8258

Camps Organized: Camp 4, Detroit, Mich.; Camp 5, Detroit, Mich.; Camp 9, Port Huron, Mich.

Camps Reinstated: Camp 25, Peoria, Illinois.

At this point, Dr. J. F. Robinson, Past Commander of David Wisted Post, American Legion of Duluth, Minnesota, was escorted in and introduced. He extended greetings of the American Legion, and complimented the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on the fine public ceremony held last night, in honor of Comrade Woolson.

National Chief of Staff Runkle: Commander-in-Chief, I want to preface my report with a statement about the ceremony last night. Those of you who attended that ceremony, in honor of Comrade Woolson I think will agree that it was "tops," and I think you will also agree that having the Commander-in-Chief we had this year made it possible.

At that ceremony, another important duty was assigned to me—that of forming a color guard and, with the help of some of my boys, we carried out that duty; and I sincerely say that it was an honor and a privilege to participate in this ceremony. I will now present my report:

## REPORT OF NATIONAL CHIEF-OF-STAFF

August 10, 1954.

To the Officers and Members of the 73rd Encampment,  
Commandery-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.  
Commander-in-Chief, and Brothers:

While it was a great honor and privilege to serve this great patriotic organization as Commander-in-Chief in 1949-1950, I considered the appointment as Chief-of-Staff to Commander-in-Chief Grant a privilege and honor equal to that of serving you as Commander-in-Chief. My sincere thanks to you, Commander-in-Chief, for extending to me that privilege.

During your term of office the most important job assigned to me by you was participation in the annual services at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C., sponsored by the Loyal Legion; and I want



this Encampment to know that it was solely through the efforts of our Commander-in-Chief that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War were accorded the privilege to participate in this splendid service. Members of General John F. Hartranft Camp No. 15, Harrisburg, Penna., who assisted me in forming the color guard were our Camp Commander Edwin Kramer, Sr. Vice Camp Commander, David J. Klinepeter; Color Guard, Vernon Sanders, and Past Department Commander Kenneth Hemminger. Incidentally, the Brothers are also members of the Harrisburg Fife and Drum Corps and they, too, were very happy to have a part in this grand affair.

Brothers, if ever I was proud of Runkle's 1950 Club, it was at this Memorial observance; for it was due to the efforts of the Department Commanders of my year as Commander-in-Chief that we were able to present the Commandery-in-Chief colors last year in Buffalo, N. Y. The display of our colors in this observance, in my opinion, added much to the publicity we received.

There is no doubt that our participation gave the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War much needed publicity. All credit goes to you, Commander-in-Chief, for had you not interceded on behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans and had us included in the program of the Loyal Legion, we would not have been granted the privilege and honor which was ours.

It has been a pleasure to serve you as Chief-of-Staff. I want to take this opportunity to say, "Thank you," for the privilege; and a "Double Thank You," for being our Commander-in-Chief.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. RUNKLE,  
National Chief-of-Staff.

(Referred to Committee on Officers Reports).

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Has the Council of Administration a report to make at this time?

#### PRELIMINARY REPORT—COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Grant, III,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

On August 9, 1954, the Council of Administration held a meeting and examined the books and accounts of the National Secretary-Treasurer and found them properly kept, and in perfect balance.

We found that the balance in the checking account of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1954, was \$5,436.52.

We wish to commend the National Secretary-Treasurer for the accurate and neat manner of maintaining records, and for the excellent and most capable performance of his duties.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

GEORGE WM. KIMBALL,  
JAMES C. TATMAN,  
Members, Council of Administration.

Council of Administration Kimball: I move the acceptance of this report. (Seconded by Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts, and carried).

## COMMUNICATIONS—GREETINGS

National Secretary Lambert read communications, telegrams of greetings and best wishes for a successful Encampment, and regrets at being unable to attend from:

- Hon. Richard M. Nixon, Vice President of the United States.  
 General Douglas MacArthur.  
 Hon. John A. Blatnik, U. S. House of Representatives, Minnesota.  
 Hon. Edward J. Thye, U. S. Senator, Minnesota.  
 Hon. Hubert H. Humphrey, U. S. Senator, Minnesota.  
 Hon. Everett McKinley Dirksen, U. S. Senator, Illinois.  
 Ross Keeley Cook, Secretary-General, General Society of War of 1812.  
 Cora E. Gillis, Secretary, Grand Army of the Republic.  
 Mabel S. Taylor, National President, Ladies of the G. A. R.  
 Past Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston, Florida.  
 Past Commander-in-Chief Orion W. Mackey, Michigan.  
 Past Commander-in-Chief Cleon E. Heald, New Hampshire.  
 Past Commander-in-Chief Frederick K. Davis, Oregon.  
 Department Commander J. W. Burke, Colorado & Wyoming.  
 Department President, Aux., Louella V. Holmes, Colorado & Wyoming.  
 Department Commander Alonzo R. Stanfield, Indiana.  
 Past Department Commander Rev. Arthur M. Soule, Maine.  
 Department Commander T. L. Wilson, Michigan.  
 Past Department Commander Roy Ring, Vermont.  
 Past Department President, Aux., Mary Harrison, Wisconsin.  
 State Camp No. 1, Detroit, Michigan.  
 Thomas Barker Camp No. 4, Detroit, Michigan.  
 General U. S. Grant Camp No. 5, Detroit, Michigan.

## RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions were read by the National Secretary, after which they were referred to Committees:

(1) From the Commander-in-Chief—Relative to advancement of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief to position of Commander-in-Chief. (Referred to Committee on Resolutions).

(2) From Commander-in-Chief Grant—relative to travel expense of representative of Commander-in-Chief. (Referred to Council of Administration).

(3) From Commander-in-Chief Grant—to amend regulations relative to dates of elections, and Department Encampments. (Referred to Committee on Constitution and Regulations).

(4) From the Commandner-in-Chief—to amend regulations to authorize recognition for meritorious service. (Referred to Committee on Constitution and Regulations).

(5) From the Department of New York—relative to change in dates of nomination, election and installation of Camp Officers. (Referred to Committee on Constitution and Regulations).

(6) From Grenville Dodge Camp No. 75, Iowa—relative to commending the FBI for their efforts to fight against Communism. (Referred to Committee on Resolutions).

(7) From the Council of Administration—relative to appointment of a Committee for revision of the C. & R. (Referred to Committee on Constitution and Regulations).

(8) From the Department of Pennsylvania—That the 75th Annual Encampment be held in Harrisburg, Pa. (Referred to 1955 Encampment Committee).

(9) From the Department of Pennsylvania—To adopt new form of pledge to Flag, by adding words, "under God." (Referred to Committee on Ritual).

(10) Three resolutions from the Commander-in-Chief—to express appreciation and sincere thanks for efforts in behalf of Bills HR8034 and S2924 for our Congressional Charter, and election to Honorary Membership in the Order to:

Hon. Kenneth B. Keating—U. S. House of Representatives.

Hon. Everett McKinley Dirksen, U. S. Senate.

Hon. George A. Dondero, U. S. House of Representatives.

Hon. William J. B. Dorn, U. S. House of Representatives.

(Referred to Committee on Resolutions).

(11) Two resolutions from the Commander-in-Chief—to express appreciation and sincere thanks for efforts in behalf of H. R. 8034 and S 2924 to:

Hon. Chauncey W. Reed, U. S. House of Representatives.

(Referred to Committee on Resolutions).

(12) Two resolutions from Commander-in-Chief Grant—to express appreciation and thanks for efforts to secure services of the U. S. Marine Band for this Encampment to:

Hon. Edward J. Thye, U. S. Senate.

Hon. John A. Blatnik, U. S. House of Representatives.

(Referred to Committee on Resolutions).

Commander-in-Chief Grant: We are now down to Reports of Committees. Are any Committees ready to report at this time?

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: I am ready to report for the G. A. R. Highway Committee.

### REPORT OF GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY

To: Commander-in-Chief Grant, and the

Members of the 73rd Annual Encampment:

Brothers:

As Chairman of the National G. A. R. Highway Committee, I beg to report as follows:

The appointment to head this Committee this year came to me as a great surprise and I hesitated to accept, but having already promised Commander-in-Chief Grant any assistance within my power during his year, and because it was his earnest desire, I had no alternative.

In starting the work I felt that the Committee membership should be limited to a member in each Department to work with your Chairman, consequently immediate contact with the fourteen Department Commanders, through whose Departments the Highway passes, was made with a request that a Department Committee be appointed, or at least one interested Brother be named to work with me. This was done and the names of the following Brothers were forwarded:

California and Pacific—Vernon Cheney.

Connecticut—Harry L. Clark.

Colorado—A. G. Myers.

Indiana—C. Ross Smith.

Iowa—Roy J. Bennett.

Illinois—Allan S. Holbrook.  
 Massachusetts—Wm. W. Haskell.  
 New York—Leslie W. More.  
 Ohio—Chester O. Bigley.  
 Pennsylvania—John A. Ruggles.  
 Rhode Island—Harold E. Arnold.

Because there had been some question in my mind as to marking already done being adequate, or if adequate when done by State officials, whether same was being maintained, and because I had found by having survey made in Illinois and found such was not always true, I asked each Department member of the Committee to have survey made of Highway through their State, note any markers missing, determine distance between markers, whether staggered or not, so as to be readable by traffic in either direction, and note condition of road surface.

In most instances, when Route 6 was designated as the G. A. R. Highway by legislative sanction, the states assumed responsibility for erecting and maintaining the G. A. R. markers. The only way to find out whether such was being done was to survey, and if survey showed markers missing because of vandalism or obsolescence, request the proper state officials to correct omissions. I found that in Illinois officials were indeed grateful to have anything of this nature reported, and also they were glad to know of the interest of our organization in the upkeep of this Highway. My relations with all officials of the State Highway Departments in Illinois, and all other states contacted, have been very cordial, and I firmly believe that such officials in every state will be glad indeed to comply with any reasonable request survey shows necessary, if we go to them with the proper co-operative spirit.

In those states where we have no organization, viz: Utah, Nevada and Nebraska, I contacted state officials direct, and immediately in return got the data requested.

I also want to state that full and ready cooperation was forthcoming from the officials and members of the National Highway 6 Association. This Association is made up of groups of members living along Route 6, who are interested in the maintenance and development of the Route for business reasons. I was privileged to meet with them last September in Hastings, Nebraska. They are live, earnest men, keen to the opportunities a popular and well traveled route would be to them, and are spending time and money to make Route 6 the popular east and west Coast-to-Coast Highway. They are in sympathy with and interested in our project, and realize that co-operative effort from both would enhance the effectiveness of both their and our organizations.

In order to give the membership as true a picture of the G. A. R. Highway as I have been able to get, there follows something from each Department, as reported by our Committee or by State officials:

**CALIFORNIA:** Notwithstanding repeated requests to Department Chairman and others, I have not received data concerning G. A. R. Highway in California. I looked through Proceedings of our Encampments from 1944 through 1953 and can find nothing concerning markers in California except in 1944, when the late Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett was Chairman of the Committee. In his report that year, he stated, "Work has been completed here by erection of markers at conspicuous places along U. S. Highway 6, from the Pacific Ocean, to Long Beach, to the Nevada State line." There is nothing as to the length of the Highway in that state, and there has been nothing reported since as to whether those markers are still being maintained.



NEVADA: A letter to Ralph J. Otini, Traffic Manager, Carson City, Nevada, brought forth this reply: "Route 6, the G. A. R. Highway, has a length of 307 miles across our state, and this Department has erected and maintains 16 official G. A. R. Memorial Route markers: five markers in each direction, spaced 60 miles apart; the Route is paved in its entirety and is maintained as an all-year highway."

UTAH: A similar letter to Frank S. Sherer, Chief Traffic Engineer of the State Road Commission, in Salt Lake City, Utah, asking for data, Mr. Sherer replied as follows: "Length of G. A. R. Highway through Utah is 276 miles; number of special signs provided, designating G. A. R. symbol is 30; signs provided by special authority of the Legislature and installed and maintained by the Road Commission. Road surface throughout this Route is comparable with the average transcontinental Highway."

COLORADO: Department Chairman A. G. Myers has had his troubles in trying to have that state show up better. The state officials, although in sympathy with our project has, as yet, offered no compliance to our requests. From the Traffic Engineer of the Highway Department, I received the following: "The length in miles across the state is 480 miles; number of signs, 8—one for each direction of travel outside the corporate limits of Sterling, Brush, Denver and Grand Junction; signs erected and maintained by state officials; road surface maintained in good condition." I wrote a letter to the Governor and to Mr. Watrous of the Highway Department, asking that consideration be given to additional signs, but reply was non-committal.

NEBRASKA: The Traffic Engineer of the Highway Department sent me information on G. A. R. Highway as follows: "Length of Route 6 across Nebraska, 375 miles; 120 official markers, placed on east and west edges of each town Route passes through, staggered; markers were erected and are maintained by Highway Department; road surface well maintained as No. 6 is one of the more important Routes across the state."

IOWA: Iowa is fortunate in having as Department Chairman, Past Commander-in-Chief Roy J. Bennett, who has been interested in and a worker for the G. A. R. Highway since its inception. A short history of the Route has been prepared, locating important historical sites, showing pictures along Route, etc. The data concerning Route across the state is: Length in miles, 317; 58 markers, at one or more locations in each county, staggered; markers erected and maintained by state officials, road surface maintained in good condition.

ILLINOIS—In Illinois your National Chairman, with the assistance of some good Brothers, saw that a survey was made and the results shown to the Traffic Engineer. It showed some signs missing, a promise being made that they would be replaced. In April, I received from said Traffic Engineer the following: "I am pleased to inform you that all districts have been supplied with a sufficient number of new signs to augment their old supply. They have all informed me that all signs are now up and in good condition. A sign is also being placed upon the departure side as the Route enters another state." Length in miles, 180; 18 signs, staggered on either side of Route at 5 mile intervals; signs erected and maintained by Highway Department; roadway kept in good condition.

INDIANA: Indiana was originally marked, I believe, by markers not furnished by the State, but erected by them. Some of these markers became disreputable in appearance, were taken down and not replaced. There were April 1st only 9 signs in place and those were between the Ohio line and Elkhart; there are none from there to the



Illinois line. The matter has caused a number of letters between my headquarters and the Indiana Chairman and State officials. It seems there was a misunderstanding about furnishing signs. Number of miles, 150; road surface is maintained in good condition as it is reported Route carries 12,000 cars per day on its highest count.

**OHIO:** Chester O. Bigley, Department Chairman, writes that the Highway length is 254 miles; markers spaced about 10 miles apart, most in good condition; condition of markers being taken up with State officials.

**PENNSLVANIA:** John A. Ruggles, Department Chairman in the Keystone state, asked that Highway matters in Pennsylvania be left largely to the Brothers there, pending the settling down of differences of opinion covering naming of the Route. A letter was addressed to the Secretary of Highways, which brought forth the following: "Length across state, 403 miles; 10 signs located strategically, installed and maintained by Highway Department; road surface kept in good condition."

**NEW YORK:** Leslie W. More, Department Chairman, writes under date of April 27: "Have just completed survey of G. A. R. Highway, result being: Length of Route, 64 miles; markers every 3 miles, placed each side of Route; lightly traveled because of only two-lane pavement, with several better roads in same section from which to choose."

**CONNETICUT:** No data as to length of Route within state. Harold S. Scott, a member of the Department Committee, writes that there are markers every five miles.

**RHODE ISLAND:** Harold E. Arnold, Committee member, writes that G. A. R. Highway in Rhode Island is in good condition, is being well kept, signs replaced new this season. He is working on a souvenir map of the state and the outstanding item will be G. A. R. Highway.

**MASSACHUSETTS:** Wm. W. Haskell, under date of April 27, writes that he with other Committee members have gone over the entire length three times and find the Highway in good condition. From the State Engineer, the following data was forwarded: Length of Route, 116.3 miles; 25 new signs at intervals of about 3 miles, painted on both sides; no advertising signs can be placed within 100 yards.

Three states, Massachusetts, Iowa and Colorado, have already established spots on the Highway, or have plans under way for a park, to be named for a Veteran of the Civil War. This is fine, but instead of three, the number should be fifty or a hundred.

This is a picture, Brothers, of the G. A. R. Highway, as I have been able to get data up to the present time. It is not one of which we are entitled to a great amount of credit, after some ten or twelve years of effort. Yes, we do have a cross country Highway, dedicated to our beloved sires, but who knows of it? Ask anyone in general outside of our affiliated organizations what and where is the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, and nine chances out of ten the answer will be, "Never heard of it."

Now that we have it, will we be able to keep it? Only time will tell. I feel assured, however, that we will keep it only so long as we fight for it, work for it and make of it a living, thought-stirring memorial to every one of those who answered Lincoln's call in the "60's", be he General or Private, and who preserved for us a nation united in spirit as well as in name.

I want to thank all the members who worked with me to get the above data for presentation. It is something that has never before been presented, and yet is something we should know about if we are

to work for the most worth-while project the Sons ever had. There is much work to be done. Will we do it? What is your answer, Brother?

Commander-in-Chief Grant, it has been a pleasure to have been a member of those Committees appointed to work with you for the welfare of our Order. It has been a year of effort I was glad to make and I thank you for the opportunity. You have been helpful in the work, and the many courtesies extended were appreciated.

Fraternally yours,

ALLAN S. HOLBROOK, National Chairman,  
Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee.

National Secretary Lambert: I move that where there is no objection to Committee reports, and recommendations contained therein, if any, they be adopted as read. (Seconded by National Counselor Locke, and carried).

(Committee report of the Report of Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee adopted as read).

Commander-in-Chief: Is the Chairman of the Legislative Committee ready to report?

#### REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

U. S. Grant III, Commander-in-Chief,  
Officers and Delegates, 73rd National Encampment,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.  
Duluth, Minn., August 8-13, 1954.

The one piece of legislation of greatest interest and importance to our beloved Order during the past year is, of course, the bill now pending to incorporate the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War by Congressional Charter. For further details, I respectfully refer you to our esteemed Brother, Col. Frederic Gilbert Bauer, Chairman of the Congressional Charter Committee. Permit me to add, however, that on Tuesday, August 3rd, Representative Kenneth B. Keating of Rochester, N. Y., advised me by wire that he was delighted to advise bill for SUV passed House of Representatives today.

Another piece of legislation was successful when several Representatives introduced identical bills to insert two words—"Under God"—after the word Nation in our present Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. President Eisenhower made this effective on Flag Day, last. This revised pledge brings to us as descendants of those loyal patriots of 1861-1865, the men who preserved our glorious Union as we now know it; to the millions of today's citizens as well as to the youth of our country who represent tomorrow's citizenry the realization that our great nation, which has long been blessed by our Creator, has at last seen fit to recognize Him as our Everlasting Benefactor and Guide. May we adopt this pledge immediately and in so doing, forestall that fatal day when, through negligence or indifference, we fail to invite Him to all our gatherings, our councils and our deliberations. "Under God" are the keynote and cornertstone of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, and they incorporate the recognition of our Heavenly Father as expressed in our Constitution provided by our Founding Fathers.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

FRED E. COLWELL, Chairman,  
National Legislative Committee.

Chairman Colwell: May I add to this report that the Congressional Charter bill has been passed by the House of Representatives, has been

favorably reported by the Senate Judiciary Committee; and it is now up to the vote of the Senate itself.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you, Brother Colwell. Might I supplement this report by telling you that a bill was introduced in the Senate by Senator Edward J. Thye, and in the House of Representatives by John A. Blatnik, to authorize the funds necessary to bring the U. S. Marine Band here for this Encampment; but the House would not take any action to tell the Army and Navy what to do with their personnel, and the U. S. Marine Band didn't have the money to come here. I think these men should have our thanks and appreciation for their efforts.

(No objections to report—adopted as read).

Commander-in-Chief Grant: We will now recess until 1:30 p. m.

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

August 10, 1954 — 1:40 P. M.

The Encampment opened in regular form.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: We are now under Reports of Committees. Brother Emery, are you ready to report at this time for your Committee?

### REPORT OF AMERICANISM COMMITTEE

Easthampton, Mass., July 19, 1954.

Gen. U. S Grant, 3rd, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

I herewith submit the report of the Americanism Committee. This had formerly been known as the Americanization Committee, but this was changed last year upon the recommendation of Past Commander-in-Chief Davis.

Mr. Webster says that the word Americanism means "something peculiar to America." What a great interpretation—what a challenge to you and I. This word, I am afraid, includes many events in our daily lives that we take for granted. Things that we too often do not take seriously until some catastrophe seems about to engulf us.

The founding fathers of this great country laid firm foundations upon which future generations might build an even stronger nation than they conceived. It is for you and I to stand up and say I am an American—to mean it, and to live it in our every day life. We must let the peoples of the world know that we are their friends just as long as they want to be friendly with us and that we will not tolerate the enslavement of any nation—of any people. Yes, we are our Brother's keeper.

One of the cornerstones of the foundations upon which this country was founded was the freedom of religion. To have this freedom was the principal reason the Pilgrims left their homes and loved ones and sailed into the great unknown to finally land on these shores. The right of the individual to worship Almighty God in the way and manner of his own choice. Could we not enjoy this privilege more than we do?

Another phase of Americanism that many of us do not take too seriously is the freedom of the ballot. It is very important that we go to the polls at every opportunity and cast our ballots—then, and only then, can we say that we have done our duty as citizens.

As it seemed to be the consensus of opinion of the Brothers at the Buffalo Encampment that this committee should prepare and present a program to be used by all Camps as a guide throughout the year, we herewith submit the following schedule for your approval and adop-

tion. It is suggested that where any state celebrates a special holiday, the Camps in that state arrange suitable programs:

**"An All Year Americanism Program"**

**January**—New Year; March of Dimes Campaign.

Camps could assist by solicitations and fund raising events on the "March of Dimes" program.

Convening of Congress—Make study of new laws to see their effect on Americanism.

Start plans for Lincoln-Washington parties.

**February**—Annual Boy Scout Week.

Presentation of Flags to troops.

Assist in programs to celebrate this week.

Lincoln-Washington combined parties with appropriate programs.

**March**—Annual Red Cross Call.

Camps to furnish volunteer workers for solicitations.

Plan Americanism essay contest to end in time for Flag Day programs.

**April**—Appomattox Day, April 9—

Camps to have appropriate programs.

Easter Seal Drive—

Members to assist local community committees.

**May**—Armed Forces Day—

Camps could assist in the celebration of this day.

Memorial Sunday (The Sunday before Memorial Day)—All members to attend Divine Worship, with other organizations, where possible.

Memorial Day (Flags to be at half-mast until noon). Camps to have suitable programs at cemeteries or other memorials in conjunction with Veterans organizations.

**June**—Flag Day (June 14)—

Camps to present Flags to churches, schools, or any organization desiring them.

Camps to give awards to Americanism Essay contest winner.

Present Flag Code books and any available literature about the Flag, and its history.

**July**—Fourth of July—

Camps to assist in any community celebration.

Picnics with Allied Orders.

**August**—Month of V-J Day.

Camps to assist in any planned community programs.

Another good month for picnics.

**September**—Labor Day—

Camps to assist in any program in their community.

I Am an American Day—

Camps to take active part in celebration of this day.

Constitution Day (September 17, 1787)

Present copies of the Constitution to all schools.



**October—Columbus Day—(October 12)—**

Camps to hold or assist in any celebration of this day.  
Camps to formulate plans for Veterans night.

**November—Election Day—**

Members to assist in getting voters to the polls.

**Armistice Day—**Camps to take part in community celebration, where possible.

**Veterans Night (Nov. 19)—**

Camps to have appropriate programs, featuring Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

**National Education Week—**

Present need of having correct history of the Civil War taught in the schools.

**Americanism Citation Award for outstanding citizens—**

Plan to hold this event in the spring.

**Thanksgiving Day—**

Give thanks to Almighty God for this great country, and our own individual heritage.

**December—Bill of Right Day (Dec. 15)—**

Camps to assist in any celebration or have discussions in Camp meetings.

**Christmas Seal Sale—**Camps to assist in any way possible.

Christmas parties with Allied Orders.

**Christmas Day—**Members to attend Church services in their own Church.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

We recommend that each Department and Camp Commander appoint an Americanism Chairman, to have charge of this program.

We also recommend that suitable material be made available to these Chairmen to enable them to carry out this program successfully.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. EMERY, Chairman,  
Americanism Committee.

(No objections).

National Secretary Lambert then read the report of the National Graves Registration Officer.

**REPORT OF NATIONAL GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER**

July 12, 1954.

Maj. Genl. U. S. Grant, 3rd, Commander-in-Chief,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

It is a privilege and an honor to submit to you a report of the activities of the National Graves Registration Officer during the past 12 months.

Another year of accomplishment has placed us in a position that much nearer our goal, to place a headstone memorial at every unmarked grave where lies a veteran of the great Civil War of 1861-1865. It is routine to again report that this office has been busily engaged in keeping up correspondence of which there is always a considerable quantity;

filling requests for headstone applications from a supply kept always on hand, answering all sorts of inquiries concerning the proper procedure to follow to obtain headstones; and, in general, giving advice where necessary covering every phase of our immense job of marking veterans' graves.

In some sections of the country, there has been a most encouraging surge of effort along the lines of grave marking. This office has made every attempt to assist in these efforts by promptness in complying with requests made of me, and of the services of my office. There is little doubt of the success of these endeavors on the part of our members engaged in this all-important work, and evidence has reached this office of truly wonderful accomplishments.

In the DEPARTMENT OF MAINE again this year, the work has progressed to an accelerated degree, under the capable leadership of Department Grave Marking Chairman, Charles Webster. Twenty applications for Federal headstones for veterans' graves were sent to Brownfield, scene of the devastating forest fires of 1947, where members of the Auxiliary are assisting the Camp in a summer-time project of searching records to replace those destroyed in the fire, and are erecting new headstones.

In INDIANA DEPARTMENT, applications were requested for Federal headstones in Marion. This office added its protest to that of a citizens group in Richmond, in a communication addressed to the Mayor and members of the Common Council of that city, to oppose the proposed action to use a cemetery where graves of Civil War veterans are located, for the erection of a building to serve as a school replacement in that place.

In PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT, activity in grave marking was indicated in a request for a supply of Federal headstone applications for veterans' graves in Mt. Carmel.

In OHIO DEPARTMENT, Grave Marking Chairman Campbell M. Voorhees promulgated a questionnaire to all Camps in the Department similar to those sent from this office to the various Departments. From this questionnaire is collected data concerning the work and the need for assistance in the work, in order that such assistance may be offered.

Applications for Federal headstones were sent to Dayton, where veterans' graves are being marked with memorials.

In CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT, thirty-two marble markers inscribed with the name of the war in which the veteran served, and fourteen state headstones were erected in the cemeteries of the Stamford area. In Waterford, members of the Department committee are attempting to have an old cemetery properly cared for. As Department Grave Marking Chairman, I attended an Aldermanic Board meeting in one of the cities of the State, and appealed to the Board members to have the city assist in the care of an unkept cemetery within its borders, and I was promised the support of the city by the Mayor and the Aldermen toward having the street and park department men and equipment accomplish the job. In another town, I appealed to the Selectmen to give attention to graves of Civil War veterans there in need of proper care.

These are but a few of the many instances of endeavor along the lines of grave marking which are being carried out every day almost, by loyal members of our Order. Many times, no report is made to this office of accomplishment by the Camp and Department Committees throughout the organization.

Assistance was given by this office to the National Administrator

of Veterans Affairs of the General Headquarters of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, located in Bedford, Virginia, in an attempt to locate the grave of a Union veteran of the Civil War buried in West Virginia after the war.

The column "Headstone Memorials," appearing in the March-April issue of THE BANNER was written by this office to explain the procedure for procurement of Federal headstones.

On two occasions, I had the signal honor to represent Commander-in-Chief U. S. Grant, 3rd, once at the annual Lincoln Day banquet of the Connecticut Department, held under the auspices of Griffin A. Stedman Camp No. 6, Hartford, in the Hotel Garde in the capitol city of Connecticut, at which I delivered the principal address of the evening on the subject, "The Character of Abraham Lincoln." Again, at the banquet in connection with the 70th annual encampment of the Connecticut Department, held at the Hotel Garde, in New Haven on May 1, 1954, I was privileged to represent Commander-in-Chief Grant and the National body. At both these affairs, I was accorded the honors of the Order given representatives of the Commandery-in-Chief; and I brought the greetings of the National body.

And, so, we continue to pursue the ultimate goal of placing a headstone at each and every unmarked veteran's grave. The job is stupendous in its proportions and yet, each year, our loyal members are persistently chalking up new accomplishments of a permanent nature. The end is still afar off, but our Order can be justly proud of the splendid achievements of its members in the grave marking project, who are constantly applying themselves to this task without thought of reward other than the satisfaction that comes of their devotion to the memory of their fathers and their fathers' comrades-at-arms.

In conclusion, permit me to thank you sincerely for appointing me to supervise a job that I am most interested in; and I assure you that it has been a privilege and honor to serve in this office during your administration, as well as through several previous terms. I trust that my efforts have met with the approval of our membership throughout the Commandery-in-Chief, and that they have proved to be to your own satisfaction.

The allocation of \$25.00 made for administering this office, has been necessary for typing, ditto copying, postage, and supplies for the conduct of this office.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

BERTRAND O. DeFOREST,

National Graves Registration Officer.

(Adopted as read).

#### GREETINGS FROM THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS AND THE DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Mrs. Gertrude McLean, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, and Mrs. Emma R. Cadieux, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, were escorted in and presented to the Encampment.

They extended greetings, on behalf of their organizations, as well as their personal greetings for a successful and harmonious Encampment, and each presented a gift to the Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter responded to Mrs. McLean; and Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook to Mrs. Cadieux.

National Secretary Lambert then read the following report:

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONGRESSIONAL CHARTER**

30 June 1954.

To the Officers and Members of the  
Seventy-third National Encampment,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

This report is submitted under peculiar circumstances. When a Brother (not the Commander-in-Chief) told me I was to be appointed to the Chairmanship of this Committee, I positively declined the position. Because of statements the Brother made to me, and from a feeling of loyalty to our Commander-in-Chief, I finally agreed to postpone my declination of the office until after the Brother in question had an interview with me in Washington last winter. From reasons which I believe were beyond his control this interview never took place, but when Congress met, I felt that a loyalty to the Order and the Commander-in-Chief required me to step into the breach. With the co-operation of the Commander-in-Chief, I drafted the Bill, to be introduced into Congress, and have personally corresponded with our Departments to get names for the Charter, and interviewed members of Congress in reference to the Bill, including one Southern Senator, whose assistant assured me that he would support the bill. Much of the credit for what has been done up to this time belongs to the Commander-in-Chief, who has personally worked on the matter.

At the time of writing this report, the bill has been favorably reported by the sub-committees of both the Senate and House, and now awaits the report of the full committee. If press of legislative work prevents it getting on the floor at this session, it will have to be re-introduced.

I submit this report of progress at this time because I shall be absent in Europe from 1 July to 14 September.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,  
FREDERIC GILBERT BAUER, Chairman,  
Committee on Congressional Charter.

(Adopted as read).

Commander-in-Chief Grant: You have had presented, through these reports what a splendid staff of Officers and Committee Chairmen have been helping me through the year. I am grateful, and you ought to be grateful too. Give them a hand. (Applause).

I have a very pleasant duty to perform at this time.

**PRESENTATION OF MEMBERSHIP BANNER**

Commander-in-Chief Grant: In looking over the membership gain during the past year, we find that the Department of Colorado and Wyoming had a net gain of 2 members; California and Pacific, 4 members; and Michigan, 58 members. If the Department Commander, and the Michigan delegation, will come forward, I will give you this banner, indicating that you have won the membership championship for this year. (Presents banner to Department Commander Thomas L. Wilson, Michigan). We congratulate you on doing such a splendid job, and hope that other Departments will do the same.

Past Department Commander Charles F. Dexter, Michigan: We would like to make a presentation at this time. Commander-in-Chief Grant, I have the honor and pleasure of presenting to you this bound volume of photographs and the story of the institution and installation of General U. S. Grant Camp No. 5, which took place in Detroit on April 24th of this year.



Department Commander Thomas L. Wilson, Michigan: The Michigan Department is happy to have had Commander-in-Chief Grant present on that occasion, and we are happy to have a Camp bearing the name of U. S. Grant.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you, Commander.

We have now reached the conclusion of our scheduled work for today. The Committees are not ready to report as yet. Is there anybody here who has something on his mind, which he wants to present at this time?

Past Department Commander Charles F. Morton, Maine: As to the Associate members, do they count as members of the Camp or not?

Commander-in-Chief Grant: They are counted only as Associate members. They would not be counted as voting members of your Camp, and would not affect the number of delegates to which you are entitled.

Past Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota: Might I suggest, Commander-in-Chief, that we include in the resolution of thanks to Senator Thye and Representative Blatnik, for their efforts to bring the U. S. Marine Band to this Encampment, the name of Senator Hubert H. Humphrey for his efforts on this matter also.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: That can be included, and will be handled by the Resolutions Committee.

I just wanted to tell you, for your information, that Colonel Hicks of the Air Force Band, who gave us that splendid music last night was a grandson of Governor Hicks, who kept Maryland from seceding in 1861.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: The affair last night, as a whole, was splendid—one of the finest programs I think we have ever had. I move that this Encampment go on record thanking and commending Commander-in-Chief Grant, Brothers Lambert, Meade, and all those responsible for the public ceremony last night honoring Comrade Woolson; as it was a very outstanding feature of this Encampment. (Seconded by Council of Administration Member Tatman, and carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I said to some of the brothers after that splendid meeting of last night, and I would like to repeat it now that, with sixty-four years of membership in this great organization, last night was the best evening I knew in the history of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I only hope this body will appreciate the greatness of that meeting, and do something to make us worthy of it.

### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY

Past Department Commander Frank Woerner, California & Pacific: I am the Chairman of the fund raising committee for the G. A. R. Memorial for U. S. Highway No. 6 at Long Beach, California. Our report, given by Brother Holbrook in the report of the Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, was not very favorable; but I would like to say that U. S. Highway No. 6 extends for a distance of 380 miles through California—from Long Beach to Las Vegas, Nevada.

The City of Long Beach is one of the richest cities in this nation, with millions of dollars in their treasury; and they have voted to keep this money for municipal purposes, when the city is ready to use it in that manner. They have voted \$2,900,000 to improve the entrance to the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. They are planning to tear



down four blocks of houses. They plan to build an underground garage, with a parkway on top; with ramps down and up to a municipal auditorium. In between this section, where the ramps go up and down, a section of the parkway is going to be given to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to place their memorial.

In the past two years, with the help of some of the good brothers, I have raised \$1200.00 personally. The Woman's Relief Corps gave over \$500.00 which is just a sample of the splendid co-operation we have received in California, from our allied organizations as well as from many individuals. Before we are through, we hope and pray that we will have one of the finest memorials that this organization can think of building, in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

We have the co-operation of all the organizations and we are setting our goal, and hope that we may reach it. We plan to raise money by means of a book, in which there will be subscription pages, to be purchased by those subscribing—with a record of the ancestor to whom the page is dedicated; and the book will be placed in the monument and sealed at the completion of the project. This, we hope, will be completed in approximately two and one-half years from now.

We hope that the National Encampment can come to California, enjoy our hospitality in Long Beach, and help us dedicate that monument.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you, Brother Woerner. With the consent of the Committee on the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, we will accept this as a supplement to their report.

We will now recess until 9 A. M. tomorrow. However, I do want to remind you of the Memorial Service, to be held in the Ballroom at 4 P. M. this afternoon.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

August 11, 1954 — 9:00 A. M.

The Encampment opened in regular form.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Is the Committee on Resolutions ready to report?

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: Your Committee on Resolutions met last evening, and passed on a number of resolutions which have been submitted to this Committee. Those which are in order will be reported at this time.

There were a number of resolutions proposed by Commander-in-Chief Grant, chiefly thank you resolutions, on which we wish to report as follows:

(1) To express our sincere thanks to Hon. Kenneth B. Keating, U. S. House of Representatives for introducing H. R. 8034 to incorporate our Order, and for his loyal assistance in the effort to secure its passage; and hereby elect him to HONORARY MEMBERSHIP in our Order. (Your Committee approves).

National Secretary Lambert: I move you that where there are no objections on Committee reports, which are now being read, they be adopted as read. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie, and carried). (Adopted).

(2) To express sincere thanks to Hon. Everett McKinley Dirksen, U. S. Senate, for introduction of Senate Bill S 2924 to incorporate our Order; and for his loyal assistance in the effort to secure its passage; and hereby elect him to HONORARY MEMBERSHIP in our Order. (Your Committee approves). (Adopted).

(3) A similar resolution for Hon. George A. Dondero, U. S. House of Representatives, in behalf of H. R. 8034 expressing sincere thanks and electing him to HONORARY MEMBERSHIP in our Order. (Your Committee approves). (Adopted).

(4) A similar resolution of thanks for Hon. William J. B. Dorn, U. S. House of Representatives, in behalf of H. R. 8034; and electing him to HONORARY MEMBERSHIP in our Order. (Your Committee approves).

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Mr. Dorn is from South Carolina, a son of a Confederate veteran. He was very enthusiastic about our bill and did considerable work in talking to various southern representatives, and helped much in getting the bill passed; but I think you should consider if you want to make him an honorary member. (No objections—adopted).

(5) To express sincere thanks to Hon. Chauncey W. Reed, U. S. House of Representatives, for his sympathetic understanding of our problems and his loyal efforts in behalf of H. R. 8034; appreciating the fact of his membership in this Order, and congratulating him upon his

continued and consistent patriotic service in the National Congress. (Your Committee approves).

Commander-in-Chief: I want to say a word of caution to you. We have been a little bold in electing four members of Congress to honorary membership in our Order. A great many members of Congress do not like to have any specific connection with any one organization and, therefore, they may not want to accept this honorary membership if there is any publicity before they have indicated whether they will accept it; so I ask you not to say anything about it until they have accepted.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: In view of this, I move that the resolutions that we have just passed be referred to the Commander-in-Chief, to the end that he may personally communicate with the recipients to ascertain their desires, before giving it further action and formally preparing a certificate of membership for them. (Seconded by National Counselor Locke, and carried).

(6) To express sincere thanks to Hon. William Langer, U. S. Senate, for his assistance in connection with S 2924 to incorporate our Order. (Your Committee approves). (Adopted).

(7) To express sincere thanks to Hon. Edward J. Thye, U. S. Senate for his efforts to secure the services of the U. S. Marine Band for this Encampment, in introducing S 3136. (Your Committee approves). (Adopted).

(8) A similar resolution to express sincere thanks to Hon. John A. Blatnik, U. S. House of Representatives, for introduction of H. R. 8153 for the services of the U. S. Marine Band. (Your Committee approves). (Adopted).

(9) A similar resolution to express thanks to Hon. Hubert H. Humphreys, U. S. Senate, for his efforts in behalf of the services of the U. S. Marine Band for this Encampment. (Your Committee approves). (Adopted).

(10) A petition submitted by Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts—"That the present Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee of at least three, to meet with the Mayor, the President of the Chamber of Commerce and the President (or a suitable executive officer) of one of the National Banks of Duluth for the purpose of forming a commission, of at least seven members, four from the city of Duluth and three from the Sons of Union Veterans, to plan and erect a memorial to the G. A. R. and its last member, Albert Woolson. This memorial to be a granite shaft with four bronze plaques commemorating events of the G. A. R., and a bronze bust of their last member, Comrade Woolson, and to be placed in a suitable spot in the City of Duluth.

"This project to be financed by the commission, by the minting of a commemorative silver half dollar suitably engraved to commemorate the G. A. R. and its last member, Albert Woolson; and that such funds as remain after the project is fully completed and the dedication held, be turned over to the Sons of Union Veterans for further commemorating the memory of the G. A. R." Your Committee felt it certainly would do no harm, and it is worth looking into; and recommend that the Commander-in-Chief appoint such a Committee, to check into the matter of a Memorial to the G. A. R., to be erected in Duluth. We discussed this resolution in great detail and Brother Waite who, it seems, is somewhat of a coin collector told us that it requires an act of Congress for the minting of this commemorative half dollar, but that it has been done on many occasions before. The Congress authorizes minting of commemorative half dollars, such as the one for the Colo-

rado Exposition of 1893. They are issued to a National Bank, which finances them at face value and the bank sells them to coin collectors, and the profits have to be devoted to some public purpose. Brother Waite seems to think that through such a project might come favorable publicity for our organization, and perhaps an income for our Permanent Fund.

Your Committee unanimously feels that this might be a very worthwhile project; and recommend the adoption of this resolution.

Past Department Commander James M. Blackman, Illinois: I believe there was a bill passed at one time for the minting of a 50c piece for the Sons and Daughters of Southern Veterans, which sold at \$1.00 each.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: I know, that in 1922, there was a memorial gold dollar for my Grandfather, and the proceeds were used to pay for the Memorial Bridge at Point Pleasant. There was also a half dollar but I don't know what the proceeds were used for, perhaps the Memorial Church at Point Pleasant. Also, in recent years, there was a memorial half dollar for Booker T. Washington. (Adopted).

Commander-in-Chief Grant: I would like to appoint to that Committee the following:

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Dewey B. Mead, Minnesota.

Past Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota.

Department Commander David A. Phelps, Minnesota.

One thing I would like to say—that while this Committee, to handle the matter here, is appropriately a local affair; when it comes to legislation to authorize the minting of the half dollar, that should go through our Legislative Committee. It would come with the recommendation of the authorities in Minnesota and would then be handled by the Legislative Committee, rather than this local Committee.

(11) A resolution from Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Dewey B. Mead—"That an expression of our sympathy and concern in the illness of Department President of the Auxiliary of Minnesota, Mrs. Mildred Killstrom, and best wishes for her recovery be sent to her by letter."

Your Committee unanimously recommends that the National Secretary-Treasurer be instructed to send this letter. (Adopted).

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: This is a partial report of the Committee on Resolutions. We should like to consider other matters presented to us, and report on those later.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you, Brother Coffin. Is the Patriotic Instructor ready with his supplemental report at this time?

National Patriotic Instructor Arnold: I should like to present, at this time, the contributions to the G. A. R. Memorial Fund, which is a supplement to, and part of my report:

### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

#### Donations to G. A. R. Memorial Fund

Department of California & Pacific:

Rev. Thos. H. Langdon .....	\$ 5.00
J. Val Loebel .....	1.00
J. C. Emes .....	10.00
H. A. Sessions .....	2.00
L. J. Snow .....	1.00
Lena G. Barrett .....	25.00

Lena Simmons (Memory-Dr. Barrett).....	3.00	
Nellie Parker (Memory-E. J. Parker).....	25.00	
Mansfield group of Calif. (Memory-Dr. Barrett)....	25.00	
Camps 7 & 14, Aux's 3 & 14 (Memory-Dr. Barrett)..	10.00	
Stanton Camp No. 8 (Memory-Dr. Barrett).....	5.00	112.00
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Department of Connecticut:		
Herman C. Burkhardt .....	1.00	
E. D. Keyes .....	1.00	
Frank L. Wilder .....	5.00	
John T. Judson .....	5.00	
Camp 17 & Camp 1, New Haven.....	5.00	
James Ledwith .....	1.00	18.00
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Department of Illinois:		
E. W. Eggman .....	4.00	
B. F. McClelland .....	5.00	.....
John D. Black .....	50.00	
Lt. Col. Lester F. Stewart.....	1.00	
Department of Illinois .....	100.00	
Geo. W. Lovering .....	1.00	161.00
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Department of Indiana:		
Argus E. Ogborn .....	15.00	
S. L. Isaac .....	2.50	17.50
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Department of Iowa:		
L. B. Jones .....	2.00	
Jacob Kirchner .....	5.00	7.00
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Department of Kansas:		
Charles M. Krebs .....	1.00	
Ernest Damoude .....	1.00	
Department of Kansas .....	5.00	
Chas. E. Katterman .....	1.00	8.00
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Department of Maine:		
Albert B. DeHaven .....	2.00	
Chaplin Camp No. 3, Bangor.....	5.00	7.00
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Department of Maryland:		
U. S. Grant, 3rd .....	25.00	
James Tatman .....	2.00	27.00
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Department of Massachusetts:		
Wm. W. Tillson .....	2.00	
Edward F. Howard .....	3.00	
Kate L. Dewey .....	5.00	
Camp 104, Saugus .....	5.00	
Otis M. Whitney .....	5.00	
Marilla W. Haskins .....	1.00	
Ralph B. Chadbourne (Memory, Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Chadbourne) .....	25.00	
Camp 24, Gloucester .....	2.00	
Edw. W. Baker .....	1.00	
Henry F. Weller .....	5.00	



Edgar Andrews .....	2.00	
Ira A. Buxton .....	5.00	
John W. Emery .....	1.00	
Frank E. Brown .....	1.00	63.00
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Department of Michigan:		
Harry T. Widdicomb .....	5.00	
H. Earle Cowdin .....	1.00	
Donald Peacock .....	10.00	
Department of Michigan .....	10.00	
Robert Finch .....	5.00	31.00
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Department of Minnesota:		
Andrew Anderson .....	2.00	
Auxiliary 5, Duluth .....	10.00	12.00
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Department of Missouri:		
Ethelyn Gray .....	1.00	1.00
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Department of New Hampshire:		
Robert A. Hicks .....	2.00	
Mr. and Mrs. K. T. Wheeler .....	2.00	4.00
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Department of New Jersey:		
Anna Williams .....	1.00	
Nancy Hood .....	5.00	
Walter P. Simmons .....	1.00	
Jennie L. Becker .....	1.00	
Ella G. Reeger .....	1.00	
Camp 8, Paterson .....	5.00	
William H. Sofield .....	5.00	
Camp 5, Trenton .....	5.00	
Albert C. Lambert .....	5.00	
Edna S. Lambert .....	5.00	
Department of New Jersey .....	50.00	84.00
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Department of New York:		
Camp 93, Binghamton .....	2.00	
Past Pres. Club - Aux. 3, Cortland .....	2.00	
Camp 171, Long Island City .....	1.00	
Tilden Auxiliary 31 .....	2.00	
Chas. B. Stanion .....	5.00	
Fred E. Howe .....	5.00	
Maud Townsend .....	1.00	
Allied Organizations (Memory - G. A. R.) .....	1.00	
Lafayette Camp .....	2.00	
Burdick Camp 40 .....	5.00	
Glidden-Pierce-Lomb Camp 6 .....	5.00	
O'Rourke Camp 60 .....	5.00	
Dever Camp 77 .....	5.00	
Stewart Camp .....	2.00	
U. S. Grant Camp .....	2.00	
Koltes Camp .....	1.00	
Chas. E. Messer .....	2.00	
Marshal Hope .....	2.00	
Marshall Hope .....	1.00	
Fred Barnard .....	1.00	
Philip Sattler .....	1.00	
Truman A. Vincent .....	1.00	
Fred Colwell .....	1.00	54.00

## Department of Ohio:

Louis G. Blair .....	2.00	
G. Edw. Wetzel .....	15.00	17.00

## Department of Oregon &amp; Washington:

Camp 16, Yakima .....	3.00	
Arthur G. Fry .....	3.00	6.00

## Department of Pennsylvania:

R. G. Landis .....	5.00	
Camp 40, Philadelphia .....	5.00	
Robt. E. Swayne .....	1.00	
Katherine L. Joyce .....	1.00	
Frank M. Heacock .....	1.00	
Jacob Liddick .....	2.00	
John E. Sauter .....	5.00	
Runkle's 1950 Club .....	8.00	
John H. Runkle .....	10.00	38.00

## Department of Rhode Island:

Wm. M. P. Bowen .....	1.00	
M. Gertrude Peterson .....	1.00	
Department of Rhode Island .....	13.00	
McGregor Camp 4 .....	5.00	
49'ers of R. I. ....	5.00	
Harold E. Arnold .....	5.00	
George Strait .....	1.00	
Ellen Baker .....	1.00	
Catherine Plante .....	1.00	
A. Waller Lewis, Jr. ....	5.00	38.00

## Department of Wisconsin:

In Memory of Dr. J. C. Smih .....	5.00	
A. A. Koechenmeister .....	2.00	7.00

Total .....\$712.50

(Adopted as read).

### VISIT OF DR. ROBERT L. KINCAID

Dr. Robert L. Kinkaid, President of Lincoln Memorial University, was escorted in and presented to the Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: We appreciate very much your coming here today to visit with us, and I am happy to welcome you here. I have asked Dr. Kincaid to tell you something about Lincoln Memorial University, and I am pleased to present him to you now.

Dr. Kincaid: General Grant, and members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, indeed it is a high honor to be here, to represent an institution which is trying to carry out the ideals of this organization. I suppose that I might feel that I am a spy in the midst of this gathering of Sons of Union Veterans, as I cannot become a member. Furthermore, I am the grandson of a Confederate soldier, and was named for Robert E. Lee. That is a very bad beginning, I am sure, but although I do come from the south, I have had a new national hero since my boyhood in Georgia, and that hero is Abraham Lincoln. My life has been associated with that of Abraham Lincoln since 1912, when I came to Lincoln University, as a student. Later in my life, I

returned to the University; and have had the privilege of guiding that institution now for quite some time.

Lincoln Memorial University is a small, liberal arts college. It is an institution, founded in 1897, to provide educational opportunities for the young people of that southern mountain area, among whom Lincoln was born.

I could go into great detail to give you the history of the mountain country of the south, particularly during the period of the Civil War, but time does not permit. However, I would like to call to your attention the fact that the area was Union, furnishing three times as many soldiers for the Union as for the Confederate Army.

The institution has its origin in the ideals of the Grand Army of the Republic and actually, it was inspired by Abraham Lincoln himself, in a conversation with General Howard in 1863. General Howard was commander of the 11th Army Corps, and two divisions of the corps along with two of General Slocum's were being detached and transferred to Chattanooga. General Hooker had just been made commander of the Union forces, and these Corps were being detached from the Army of the Potomac. Abraham Lincoln requested General Howard to stop and see him in Washington before he took his corps to Chattanooga; and it was in that interview that the idea of an educational institution in that area was created.

General Howard has many times recalled this conversation with Abraham Lincoln. They talked about the locality for such an institution, and Abraham Lincoln spoke with affection of the people of that southern mountain area. During the period of the war, the loyalty of these southern people was truly amazing, in spite of the fact that they needed help badly. The area in and about East Tennessee needed help and Lincoln, during the years, had tried to get help to relieve these people. After Lincoln had finished his talk, and had decided to send armies down there to relieve the distressed states of Tennessee, Kentucky and North Carolina, in order to hold the country permanently he referred, with particular affection, to the mountain people of the south, stating the educational opportunity they should have and hoping that, after the war, something could be done. He turned to General Howard and said, "If you and I come out of this horror alive, I hope we can do something about it."

General Howard had a distinguished career, during the Civil War. He became a commissioner of Freedman's Bureau from 1865-1874; then continued his military career in the west. In 1895, as a Major General, he retired from the army and then, as the old soldiers did at that time, went on a lecture tour, during which time he was invited to come to Cumberland Gap.

On June 18, 1896, General Howard returned to Cumberland Gap and made a talk to a group of students gathered at Chattanooga—students of the Harrow School, which had been established by Rev. A. A. Myers in 1890. At that time, he met Rev. Myers, Congressman Darwin R. James of New York City, and Dr. F. B. Avery, an Episcopal Minister of Cleveland, Ohio. After his speech, he listened for a while to their conversation about the possibility of future expansion of the Harrow School. Then he got up and said, "I want to tell you a story," and he related, in detail, the interview with Abraham Lincoln. "If you will make this an educational enterprise—a college, in memory of Abraham Lincoln, I will take hold and help," General Howard said.

The charter was drawn up for the establishment of Lincoln Memorial University, and was signed in February of 1897. It was so named

because they wanted to give a name befitting the man for whom it was founded. Most appropriately the school colors were blue and gray. It was to be a school for the humble people, among whom Lincoln was born. General Howard became managing director and President of the Board of Trustees, and served in that capacity until his death in 1909. General Hill became the Vice President of the Board and, together with Colonel Patterson, these men established that institution which brought educational opportunity to the back country, during that period of recovery from the Civil War, and establishing this college in memory of Abraham Lincoln. That is the beginning, briefly, of Lincoln Memorial University.

The little college has now become a shrine to Abraham Lincoln. It is dedicated to the task of giving a liberal arts education to young people of limited opportunity, and to instill in them the ideals of good citizenship and intelligent leadership. We serve about 500 students each year, 85% of which come from the southern mountain area near Cumberland Gap, and 15% from other states in the Union.

We now have 1,000 acres of land, a large farm and dairy, 18 major buildings and 34 smaller ones, with a total value of about \$1,750,000. Many of our students earn a portion of their expenses on the farm, in the dairy, in the shops, etc., and thus it is truly a college of opportunity where a boy or girl may come and get a good liberal arts education at low cost, but still with high standards of scholarship.

Many fine men and women have helped build our University to what it is today. We now have a proposed two million dollar building program, and we depend upon such fine folks as you for these gifts which enable us to continue the work of this independent, non-sectarian college—based upon the ideals of citizenship and intelligent leadership which Abraham Lincoln exemplified.

During the course of the development of the College, we have acquired a collection which is the third largest in the country, with 5,500 books, pamphlets, pictures, etc., dealing with the life of Abraham Lincoln—a very complete collection, visited by thousands of people. That collection has come as a result of gifts from friends throughout the nation, and it is valued at \$250,000. We have 6,000 volumes on the history of the Civil War alone. In our Department of history, we have the finest library of any collection in the south on that particular period. We have a course on the life of Abraham Lincoln during the Junior and Senior years—a course on the study of the man, of his principles, and of the contributions that he made to the great American heritage we love so much.

In addition to that Lincoln Memorial course, we publish a quarterly magazine, devoted entirely to the study of the life of Abraham Lincoln, and the principles with which he was endowed. It is called the "Lincoln Herald," and I have brought a number of copies with me. I felt you would be interested in some of these copies, particularly this issue, as you will find in it an article entitled, "Some Reminiscences of Abraham Lincoln," about General Howard; also a reprint of the speech General Grant your Commander-in-Chief, made to the Civil War Round Table of the District of Columbia in 1953 entitled, "General Ulysses S. Grant—a Close-up," which I feel sure you will find quite interesting. This magazine is not a propaganda magazine, as only the editorial has any reference to the institution. It is peculiarly an historical magazine, and you may subscribe to it at \$4.00 a year.

I feel that our college is trying to carry out the ideals which you would have provided for in an educational institution. We are proud



of our school, and very grateful for the support that a number of your Departments have given in the form of scholarships, and through the contributions of your members. We have over one hundred boys and girls who must have financial assistance. A memorial scholarship is \$150.00, and the total cost per year to a student at Lincoln Memorial University is \$698.00.

Lincoln Memorial University lives in the heart of the south. We have the only outside statue of Abraham Lincoln, located on our campus, in any Southern state, except Kentucky. It is located in a beautiful spot in the geographical center of the Southern Appalachians at Cumberland Gap, where Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia meet. It is a region replete with history, and has become a national shrine. It is a region, in the Cumberland Gap, where a historical park is to be established very soon. We feel that we are at the point where America began to loom large into its natural stature; and that we are making a definite contribution to good citizenship and intelligent leadership in America—just as did the man for whom it is named.

I appreciate this opportunity to speak to you, and invite you to come and see us when you are in the South. The spirit of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the spirit of America is at Lincoln Memorial University.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: I want to express the thanks of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for your coming here and giving us this interesting information and history about Lincoln University. To me, it brings back some happy recollections of General Howard, whom I knew very well, for many years. He came to West Point when I was a cadet, and later, I had the privilege of knowing him well. I feel he did make a contribution to good citizenship in this country, as he was a fine man. Thank you so much, Dr. Kinkaid—we are very happy to learn more about Lincoln University.

Now that you are here and since you are a southerner, I would like to ask a question that was in my mind. Why do some of the confederate descendants insist upon calling the "Civil War" the "War between the States?"

Dr. Kincaid: I noticed that one of the speakers on Monday night, at the public ceremony, referred to the Civil War in those terms.

General Grant, you have asked a question which I cannot answer. I can say, however, that the Civil War, in the minds of the Southern people, has a quite different interpretation than that of the Northern people. In other words, a civil war existed among ourselves at that time, it was true but they, as Southerners, felt that as independent states they have a right to go the way they choose. It was not a war between brothers, as they see it, but a war between independent states; and that is the idea they want to convey. I think the term is dying out and, in a little while, we will have the full acceptance of the term "Civil War." As far as I am personally concerned, it is, and always has been the Civil War—and certainly so since the time I came to Lincoln University and adopted Abraham Lincoln as my great National hero.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND CEREMONIES

Past Commander-in-Chief Cranmer: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, your Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies wish to report the following:

(1) The resolution from the Department of Pennsylvania to adopt the new version of the Pledge of Allegiance which adds the two words,



"Under God," following the words, "One nation," thus making it, "One nation, under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

The Congress of the United States having passed a law adding these two words to the Pledge of Allegiance, your Committee feels our organization should adopt this addition.

Your committee concurs, and recommend the Ritual be so amended. (Adopted).

(2) Th resolution submitted by Department Commander Thomas L. Wilson, of Michigan, relative to public memorial services at National and Department Encampments, to create patriotic public interest.

Your Committee concurs and recommends that, in addition to the memorial services during regular proceedings of this organization at National and Department Encampments attended by members of the Allied Organizations of the Grand Army of the Republic public memorial services be observed at monuments or memorials of the Grand Army of the Republic, during these Encampments, for the good of the Allied Organizations of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Department Commander Thomas L. Wilson, Michigan: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, we in the Michigan Department, as well as in several other Departments, have held the Memorial services as part of the proceedings of our Encampment, and as we do at our National Encampments, but the general public does not know what goes on. What they see is the public ceremonies and we, in Michigan, are taking steps to attempt to work that up so that the general public will be able to see that service, not only our members. We are very fortunate at this Encampment, to have Comrade Woolson here, which has brought us national recognition and, through it, we are coming into contact with the general public over the entire nation. I feel that it is for the good of the Allied Orders that the general public should have some contact with our Encampments, and that some appropriate memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic be held. It should be held at a G. A. R. monument and, if not, at some other war memorial in the city in which we meet. This will give us an excellent opportunity to come into contact with the general public, and will give them an opportunity to observe who the Sons of Union Veterans, and the Allied Organizations are, and what they are doing; and will do much to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic in the sight of the general public.

If we are to build up this organization, and increase our membership, the general public should have an opportunity to find out something about us and, thereby, become interested in the organization. On Monday evening, the Civil War was referred to as the "War between the States." If we were to have more public ceremonies, perhaps it might help to remedy the incorrect use of that term. I feel that the least we could do to carry on the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic is to establish our relations with the public, and I feel we could do this with such a ceremony. Thank you. (Adopted).

Respectfully submitted.

NEIL D. CRANMER, Chairman, New York.  
 KARL ROTHSCCHILD, New Jersey.  
 GEORGE A. STRAIT, Rhode Island.  
 ALBERT B. DEHAVEN, Maine.  
 THOMAS L. WILSON, Michigan.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: I asked this Committee whether the Bible should be on top of the Flag. It is in our ritual now, but is some-

what contrary to agreed treatment of the Flag. Did your Committee consider the matter?

Past Commander-in-Chief Cranmer: Your Committee did consider the matter informally, but did not take any action; but the sentiment of the Committee was 4-1 against removing the Bible from the Flag.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: I think that is a very interesting finding of the Committee, and we thank you for giving the matter consideration.

(Discussion on this matter followed, but since there had been no communication received covering it, it was out of order and, therefore, all discussion was ordered deleted from the proceedings).

Commander-in-Chief Grant: We are now ready to hear the Report of the Committee on Officers' Reports.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

Duluth, Minnesota, August 11, 1954.

To the Officers and Members of the Seventy-third Annual Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Your Committee on Officers' Reports beg to report as follows:

We have carefully examined all reports submitted and feel that nothing but commendation can be given to the Officers, as a whole, for the summation of their year's effort in their reports to this Encampment. The affairs of the order have apparently been in good and capable hands. As to individual officials, we desire to call attention as follows:

#### Commander-in-Chief's Report

The Order was indeed fortunate to have a man leading us this year whose capabilities and experiences were so varied and so vital to our necessities. To have a descendant of our great Civil War General U. S. Grant as our standard bearer gave the Order a dignity and prestige that was recognized immediately. His understanding of the heritage of all descendants of Civil War veterans, which heritage is made up as much of service as of privilege, enabled him to offer suggestions, smooth out difficulties, and to give inspiration for added effort among the Camps and Departments.

His recommendations were not included in his report, so this Committee reports no action thereon.

#### Report of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

We all think that the report of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief was of great help to the national body. He not only was a frequent visitor of Comrade Woolson, but was one in company which presented him with the engraved resolution which made Comrade Woolson a Past Commander-in-Chief of this organization.

He also contributed a great deal in the covering of the Departments in the central part of the country.

#### Report of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Many thanks to you, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Brockway for the ground you covered during your year in that office.

Your feeling toward our Auxiliary has brought them closer to us.

There were no recommendations in the report of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

### National Secretary-Treasurer's Report

The report of this faithful and efficient official is accurate, complete and concise as usual. He has again brought to bear his knowledge and business ability to carry out the duties of his office, and has enumerated the things accomplished and the things needed to be considered for the future, in a clear and understandable manner.

It is noted that the numerical loss this year is less in comparison with other years, and that our financial resources are expanding. This is evidence of careful and attentive consideration of details, and deserves our appreciation. His efforts in behalf of our medium of publicity, *The Banner*, shows in an improved appearance of that periodical, and we are happy to note that it is going to more and more readers each month.

As to his recommendations, we report as follows:

(1) That the incoming Commander-in-Chief do everything possible to retain the two remaining Camps in Missouri either as members of a neighboring Department, or as Camps at large. Your Committee concurs. (Adopted).

(2) Amend Chapter 3, Article 2, Section 1 of the Regulations.

Your Committee referred this matter to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations. (No objections).

(3) That starting with the fiscal year 1954-1955 the books of the National Secretary-Treasurer be audited by a Certified Public Accountant within two weeks prior to the date of the National Encampment.

Your Committee concurs. (No objections).

(4) That round-trip coach fare for the Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary-Treasurer be allowed to the 1955 National Encampment, and that mileage at the rate of two cents (2c) a mile, one way only, be allowed for the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, two elected members of Council of Administration, Patriotic Instructor, Chaplain, Chief of Staff and Counselor. Your Committee refers this matter to the Council of Administration.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: May I ask a question. If it is referred to the Council of Administration, will we take action on it in this Encampment? I am inclined to think that we will not; and I move that the recommendations of the National Secretary-Treasurer be approved as contained in his report. (Seconded by Past Department Commander James M. Blackman, Illinois).

Delegate Bertram Isaacs, New York: If we have an auditor to audit the books, I can't see any need to have two elected members of Council of Administration as that is part of their job.

National Secretary Lambert: That is a part, but only a small part of the job handled by the Council of Administration. The Council of Administration has as part of its work the investment of funds in our Permanent Fund, preparation of the budget for the coming year which is so designated in the Constitution & Regulations, and the C. & R. also sets up a Council of Administration of seven (7) men to act at times other than at National Encampments, should an occasion arise where such action is necessary. The audit is a small part of the work that is assumed by the Council of Administration.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: The question is whether you are to act on it now, as it will help the Council of Administration to prepare the budget, which is to be presented later in this Encampment. (Motion carried, and recommendation of National Secretary-Treasurer adopted).

### National Patriotic Instructor's Report

The office of National Patriotic Instructor is one that presents a real opportunity for doing much constructive, patriotic and educational work so essential to the welfare of our Order. Brother Arnold's report shows he has given much thought to all these issues. Your Committee, therefore, commend him for his fine report. No recommendations were contained in this report.

### National Chaplain's Report

The splendid report of National Chaplain Louis T. Storey is that of a job well done.

He was active in all installations in Southern California and one in the northern part; and with the help of the A. Podrasnik Camp No. 15 placed a beautiful Sons of Union Veterans float in a parade witnessed by 100,000 people.

Attentive to all calls made upon him for Chaplain services, he performed them admirably; and at the funeral of Past Commander-in-Chief Anderson represented the Commandery-in-Chief.

There were no recommendations in this report.

### Report of National Chief of Staff

National Chief of Staff John Runkle reported glowingly on the beautiful Lincoln Day ceremony of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, the oldest of the recognized Civil War organizations. This Memorial Service is always attended by the President of the United States, and is held in Washington, D. C. each year. At the command of General Grant, Brother Runkle took the Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp No. 15 Color Guard of Harrisburg, Pa., to Washington to carry the colors of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans at this historic affair.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 ALLAN S. HOLBROOK, Chairman,  
 Illinois,  
 HENRY TOWLE, Maine,  
 LAWRENCE K. BOUTIN, Iowa,  
 LOUIS G. BLAIR, Ohio,  
 HAROLD P. SHEPARDSON,  
 Massachusetts.

Committee on Officer's Reports.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: I move the adoption of the report, as a whole. (Seconded by Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts, and carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Grant: I believe that the Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations is ready to report.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION & REGULATIONS

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, your Committee on Constitution and Regulations offer the following report:

In the first place, it should be held clearly in mind that while we can change a Regulation at this Encampment, we cannot change the Constitution. Let me read the two paragraphs in the present C. & R. (Reads Article VIII, page 6 and Article X, page 58.

This is an organization of laws, and we should be very careful not



to destroy the laws under which we operate. At the same time, I note that we are now operating under a Constitution which was printed in 1939. Some constitutional changes have been made since 1939, and the printed copy does not contain all of them and, therefore, some of us are getting an erroneous interpretation of our C. & R. I am very glad to note that the Council of Administration yesterday submitted a proposed change, which is included in our report.

As to the matters submitted to your Committee, we present:

(1) Resolution offered by the Council of Administration—"That the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a Committee, of not more than five (5) members, to revise the present Constitution and Regulations, by incorporating all of the amendments that have been adopted since the last printing of this booklet and to make such other suggested revisions as they deem advisable. This Committee is to report their findings and recommendations to the 1955 National Encampment, for adoption.

It is estimated that the present supply of the Constitution and Regulation booklets will be exhausted at that time; and the new printings can immediately be ordered, containing such changes and revisions as will be authorized by the 1955 Encampment." Your Committee favor the same, and recommend its approval. (Adopted.

(2 Offered by the Commander-in-Chief — That there be added to Chapter V, Article II, page 46, of our Regulations, the following new section:

Section 9 — Especially meritorious services to our Order beyond the efficient and loyal performance of a member's duties may be recognized by the Commander-in-Chief by a suitable citation in general orders or letter, and if the service is considered to merit the distinction and approved by the Council of Administration, the member who performed the said service shall be authorized to wear a small bronze star on his badge.

Your Committee favor same, and recommend its adoption. (Adopted).

(3) Resolution offered by the New York Department, as adopted at its last Department Encampment, in re: change of time for nomination, election and installation of Camp Officers. Your Committee, while unanimously in sympathy with the proposal, deem it unwise to adopt the same in view of the adoption of previous proposal to have a complete revision of the C. & R. and, therefore, feel this change should be referred to that Committee. (Committee sustained).

(4) A number of changes offered by the Commander-in-Chief, in re: change of time of election and installation of Camp Officers, Department Officers and Commandery-in-Chief. For the reason aforesaid, we do not favor these changes, but refer them, in their entirety, to the Committee on Revision of the C. & R. which is to be appointed. (Committee sustained.)

(5) Changes in the Regulations, as submitted to this Committee by Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter, that Article VIII, "By Laws," page 18, shall become Article IX.

Article IX, "Camp Supplies," page 19, shall be Article X.

Article X shall be Article XI.

Add new Article VIII—All provisions of Article II, "Membership," Sections 1, 2, 3, 4; and all provisions of Article VII, named "Finances," Section 1, 2 and 3 shall apply to Associate Members; except that Camps shall report Associate Members under separate heading as



"Associate Members." Your Committee approves, and recommend its adoption. (Adopted).

Respectfully Submitted,  
 CHARLES F. SHERMAN, Chairman,  
 New York,  
 WALLACE W. SCOTT, California,  
 NORMAN E. FOSSETT, Maine,  
 ELMER W. HOHE, Pennsylvania,  
 BERTRAM ISAACS, New York.  
 Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: I would like to add my personal thanks to those of this Encampment to Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman for being the Chairman of this Committee. His wisdom, good judgment and capabilities are of so much value, and we appreciate his acceptance of this job.

National Secretary Lambert: In the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports, that Committee referred recommendation No. 2 of my report to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations. They have just completed their report, and no action was taken. It is important that action be taken on this matter.

We are suggesting that they do one of two things—either become members of a neighboring Department, or become Camps-at-Large. If they become Camps-at-Large, unless we pass this, or some other amendment allowing them to be represented at National Encampments, we will lose them.

National Counselor Locke: Commander-in-Chief, I talked with one of the brothers from Missouri yesterday and outlined the manner in which they would not lose any representation—they could temporarily be assigned to an adjacent Department. At any time they wanted to resume in Missouri, they could then be detached from the Department to which they had been assigned and then come back under the present set-up. It would not necessarily be de-franchised as it could be attached to another Department.

National Secretary Lambert: I think Brother Locke missed my point entirely. You have adopted No. 1, which says that the incoming Commander-in-Chief is to do everything possible to retain the two remaining Camps in Missouri either as members of a neighboring Department, or as Camps-at-Large. We must make provision for them, should they become Camps-at-Large. In addition, we have a Camp in Alabama to which this would also apply.

Department Commander Wallace W. Scott, California: Speaking for the Chairman, and as a member of that Committee, he has delegated me to make an explanation on that. In the first place, let me say that we did take action on that recommendation and concurred in the thought contained in the proposal. However, we do not approve it as it is written because it is identical with the representation the Departments now have. If we give the same representation to the Camps-at-Large as to the Departments in our National Encampment, there will be no incentive to keep our Departments together. If the De-Camps-at-Large would not have the same representation as the Departments, we would concur in this recommendation without any question.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: I think something should be done about this matter and I will ask the Committee to take it under consideration, and give a report later on what representation they think should be given.

Department Commander Wallace W. Scott, California: We will be glad to do that, Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: I think that Brother Runkle has a report for us at this time.

### REPORT OF 1955 ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE

National Chief of Staff Runkle: Commander-in-Chief, and brothers, the 1955 Encampment Committee met yesterday and, for more than an hour, considered invitations and listened to those presenting invitations; and then again met this morning and we found it very difficult to come up with a recommendation because of so many things which were involved. However, we finally did arrive at a recommendation to make to this Encampment.

We had invitations from quite a number of cities, some of which were: Long Beach, California; Washington, D. C.; Estes Park, Colorado; Miami Beach, Florida; Tampa, Florida; Chicago, Ill.; Davenport, Iowa; Detroit, Michigan; Grand Rapids, Michigan; Cincinnati, Ohio and Columbus, Ohio. However, many of them were only invitations from hotels who are interested in the business, and were not at all complete. We finally came down to careful consideration of invitations from three Departments—Michigan, California and Ohio.

In the selection of an Encampment city, many things must be taken into consideration. We took into consideration that the boys from the Detroit area did a splendid job in the organization of two Camps there, one named for General U. S. Grant; and we gave serious consideration to the one from California, as their invitations are always such splendid ones and we know that they would do everything in their power for a fine Encampment in California; and we gave much thought to the one from Cincinnati.

We had an incentive for coming to Duluth this year—to honor Comrade Woolson. Our main object in coming here was the incentive, not necessarily just to come to the city of Duluth. Your Committee felt that this was an excellent idea. We fully realize that we cannot have an incentive such as we have had here in Duluth in the future, but perhaps it might be something with historical connection to the Civil War.

With that thought in mind, we analyzed these three invitations and have come up with the recommendation that the 1955 Encampment be held in Cincinnati. The incentive there is that Point Pleasant, the birthplace of General U. S. Grant, is within very close distance to Cincinnati and, in addition to holding our Encampment there, perhaps we can have a pilgrimage to the birthplace of General Grant.

Your Committee recommends that the 1955 Encampment be held in Cincinnati, at the Netherland-Plaza Hotel. I would move you, Commander-in-Chief that the recommendation and report of your Committee be accepted, and the Encampment be held in Cincinnati next year. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Charles F. Dexter, Michigan).

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you, Brother Runkle. It was very gracious of the Michigan Department to second that motion that the Encampment be held in Cincinnati next year.

I also want to say that I am very appreciative of the suggestion that there might possibly be a pilgrimage to the birthplace of my Grandfather.

Past Department Commander Frank Woerner, California & Pac-

ific: We, in California, would like to have you Brothers come to California very much. However, we will concede to Cincinnati to have the Encampment there next year; but we would love to have you come to our State when we have all of our Grand Army of the Republic Highway ready for you, in several years. I don't think the Sons of Union Veterans have ever held an Encampment in California, and I think you should.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: I think that is a very generous concession on the part of the California delegation. What you want us to do is to look into the future and go to California when you inaugurate your improvements to the G.A.R. Highway, and I hope that we can do that. That is my personal thought. (Motion carried).

National Chief of Staff Runkle: Commander-in-Chief, I also have a letter here which was turned over to the Encampment Committee, to be handled by them. I would like to call your attention to the letter from the Pennsylvania Department issuing an invitation to hold the 75th Annual Encampment in Harrisburg, Pa.

I am partly responsible for this. On a visit of Brother Lambert, about a year ago, the idea was suggested and we discussed where the 75th Encampment might be held; and we thought there would be no better place than Pennsylvania, since the first Encampment of this organization was held in Pennsylvania. Harrisburg is located thirty-five miles from Gettysburg and, if possible, we should take the time to have a pilgrimage to Gettysburg.

There is no action which can be taken by this Committee; but we recommend that this letter be placed on file for action at our 74th Annual Encampment.

We, in Pennsylvania, want you to come to Harrisburg—we can show you a wonderful time, and you will have a fine Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: Commander-in-Chief, I wish to present a supplemental report.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION & REGULATIONS

Your Committee has considered the recommendation of the National Secretary-Treasurer regarding the representation of Camps-at-Large to this body.

We recommend concurrence in this, but members of this Committee suggest that we amend Chapter 3, Article 2, Section 1 of the Regulations on Page 32 to read: "Of one delegate from each Camp-at-Large regardless of its membership."

Department Commander Wallace W. Scott, California & Pacific: I move you, Commander-in-Chief that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie, and carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Grant: We will now recess until 1:30 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

August 11, 1954

1:35 P. M.

The Encampment opened in regular form.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: I am going to ask the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief to tell you something about the Bible we are using at this Encampment.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Mead: This Bible that we are using, I discovered here a few years ago; and I took it and put it in the care of a Minneapolis Camp. This is the Bible of John A Rawlins Post No. 126 of the Grand Army of the Republic—the Post of which two Past Commanders-in-Chief of the Grand Army were members.

The gavel head you see here is from a piece of wood from the White House, and was obtained through the Public Buildings Department at the time our Commander-in-Chief was head of that Department.

Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, yesterday when I made the report of the Americanism Committee, it was my understanding that it was to be turned over to the Committee on Officers' Reports for their action. However, I am now informed that action must be taken by this Encampment as one Committee report is not referred to another.

I want to say here that the consensus of opinion last year was that the Americanism Committee should formulate a program to be used by the Camps and Departments; and we have a schedule here, by months which we hope will be used.

There are two recommendations in my report, on which I think we should take action now, which are as follows:

(1) That each Department and Camp Commander appoint an Americanism Chairman to have charge of this program.

(2) That suitable material be made available to these Chairmen to enable them to carry out this program successfully.

I move you the adoption of these recommendations, with the proposed program as outlined in the Report of the Committee on Americanism. (Seconded by several).

Delegate Edward W. Carmichael, California & Pacific: Who is going to furnish this material?

Commander-in-Chief Grant: The Camps and Departments. (Motion carried, and recommendations adopted).

### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Department Commander David A. Phelps, Minnesota: The Credentials Committee report a total of 130 registered.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you for that report.

I would like to devote a little time this afternoon to what I think is one of the most important things we are facing — making our



camps and their activities of interest so that prospective members will want to join

Delegate A. Waller Lewis, Jr., Rhode Island spoke about the re-dedication of a Civil War Dahlgren Boat Howitzer in the First Hopkinton Cemetery, sponsored by the Amos P. Chapman Camp; how it came into being, its progress as a community county, and state project, until the successful conclusion and dedication on May 23rd. Past Department Commander Charles F. Dexter, Michigan spoke on the membership increase in that Department. Delegate Bertram Isaacs, New York, stated that the New York Department Sons and Auxiliary will present yearly, a saber, to the Cadet at West Point who is selected by the Commandant of West Point as the boy most entitled to it).

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: I understand that those who were present at the showing of the film on the G.A.R. Highway last night were very much pleased, and I am indeed happy that you enjoyed it. I would like to have it understood that this film is available to Camps and Departments. The film is by the Highway No. 6 Association and requests to the Secretary, Mr. Darwin Lambert at Ely, Nevada, will place your name on the list to receive it; and the only expense attached is that you pay the postage on the return of the film.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you, Brother Holbrook. I am sure that this film is of great interest to all of us and sincerely hope that some of the Camps and Departments will ask for it.

There is something else I would like to say in connection with this matter of having programs of some interest to Camps and Departments. On the recommendation of Past Commander-in-Chief Davis, who could not be present at this Encampment, and through his efforts primarily, we have built up a considerable library of records and tape recordings. We think these recordings would be of interest to have in the different cities at our meetings, and are available to Camps and Departments who desire them. Thus far, we have had no requests for them, but hope that we will have some in the future. I am going to ask the National Secretary-Treasurer, who is the custodian of these recordings, to play one or two of them for you now.

(The recording of the 83rd and Final Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and mustering out of the G.A.R. in Indianapolis in 1949 was presented; also the recording of the interview with Comrade Woolson in October of last year at which time the scroll was presented to him making him a Past Commander-in-Chief of this organization).

At this point the Commander-in-Chief was called out of the room, and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Mead presided.

#### GREETINGS FROM THE LADIES OF THE G.A.R.

The following Committee from the Ladies of the G.A.R. was escorted into the Encampment and introduced:

Mrs. Irene Mangel, Past National President,  
Mrs. Mary Schucht, National Patriotic Instructor,  
Mrs. Marion Doughty, Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. Mangel extended the greetings of her National President, Mrs. Bertha Williamson of Blanchard, Oklahoma; together with her personal wishes for a successful Encampment, and expressed the hope that an invitation would be issued for all the Allied organizations to meet together again next year. Mrs. Schucht and Mrs. Doughty extended greetings and best wishes.



(Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin responded to this Committee, after which they were escorted out).

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: You have heard one of the members of that visiting delegation express the hope that they would be invited to meet with us next year, and I am wondering if you would want to propose this as a resolution or not. I do not think it would be out of order. They could be told where we are to meet and asked to join us and, if they accept, we can all meet together again.

National Secretary Lambert: On several occasions, we have invited the Allied Orders to meet simultaneously with us at National Encampments. Now that we have decided to meet in Cincinnati in 1955, I make a motion that the Woman's Relief Corps, The Ladies of the G.A.R., and The Daughters of Union Veterans be extended a cordial invitation to meet with us at that time, providing however, that this action in no way endorses the principle of rotating amongst organizations in the matter of selecting future Encampment cities. (Motion was seconded by Past Department Commander Albert B. DeHaven, Maine; and carried).

(The Commander-in-Chief returned to the Encampment, and resumed his station).

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Brothers, I have good news for you. I had a telephone call just now from Congressman Kenneth B Keating of New York. Our Congressional Charter bill passed the Senate today. (Applause).

#### REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR

National Counselor Locke: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, at the beginning of this Encampment I asked the Commander-in-Chief to defer my report as National Counselor, in the hope that we would get, in the next day or two, the favorable news which you have just heard.

August 11, 1954—3 p. m. begins the dawn of a new era for this organization. We have now been recognized by the Congress of the United States as the logical successor to the heritage of the Grand Army of the Republic.

I am on my feet, of course, to give you the report of my duties during the past year as National Counselor. There is not much to report. During this administration, we have had a Commander-in-Chief who didn't need very much advice or information, thus making of but little moment the duties of office of National Counselor as we have heretofore considered it.

The big project of the Sons of Union Veterans during the past three or four years has been the securing of our Congressional Charter, similar to that which was held by our fathers. I have been interested in the venture from its beginning; and in the summer of 1953 I made a trip to Washington and secured a considerable amount of information, and then again several months ago returned to Washington and found the situation much more favorable.

Now, I want to tell you something which you may not know—to Fred Colwell of New York there goes a great deal of credit for his efforts. It was his Congressman who introduced the bill in the House. It also happens that the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee in the House is Chauncey Reed, and it didn't hurt a bit that Reed was a member of Camp 100, Department of Illinois, and a close personal friend of mine for the past thirty-five years. But, I will tell you now who put this proposition across and made it a success—it was no one

but U. S. Grant, 3rd. I want you to know it and to fully realize it; and I will defy anyone to contradict that statement, although I know the General will.

There is one other matter upon which I have spent considerable time during the past year. It was a proposition which arose after the close of the Buffalo Encampment. It is of such a nature that I cannot tell you about it at the present time but, again due largely to the efforts of our Commander-in-Chief, there is almost positive assurance that by the middle of September we will have some news which will be almost equal in importance to the good news just received. You will remember that I said a few minutes ago that a new era had dawned for us—that we have been recognized as the logical successor to the Grand Army of the Republic and this news, which I expect you will receive in September, will simply confirm that and make it without question.

That is the report of your National Counselor, and I don't think it will be necessary to refer these remarks to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you, Brother Locke.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Originally we were chartered under the State of Illinois—what happens to that?

National Counselor Locke: I move that the incoming National Counselor take all necessary steps to see that all property owned by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held by the Commandery-in-Chief and the several Departments or several Camps, shall be conveyed to the new organization chartered by act of Congress.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: The act itself provides that we may accept the property, etc., covered by the Illinois charter. When that is completed, the Illinois charter legally can be withdrawn.

I would like to make a little further explanation on this bill. Our charter bill was originally drawn very much like that of the G. A. R., but many years have passed since the G. A. R. charter was granted, and the Senate and House have requested certain changes which, of course, had to be made before it could possibly be passed.

One of the stipulations of the act is that there shall be a list of incorporators, and that these incorporators shall adopt a constitution and by-laws. We will have to handle that by mail, but I would recommend that we ask these incorporators to vote by mail to adopt the Constitution and Regulations we have now, and then we will be at full liberty, under the act, to change those next year when our Constitution and Regulations are revised.

I thought that General MacArthur, General Fries and myself had enough friends in the House and Senate that we could ask for this legislation, so we got a list of people in each Department which comprises the list of incorporators. It was done in a great hurry in December of last year; so please don't feel hurt if you, or anybody in your Department, was left off and don't anyone feel stuck up if they were included. However, I do think we ought to feel quite pleased that we got this bit of legislation through.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: I may be out of order, but I move that the Council of Administration be authorized, at the proper time and place, to transfer all property of the Illinois chartered organization to the one authorized by Act of Congress; and when we meet next year it will be under the Federally authorized organization.

National Counselor Locke: I will accept that as an amendment to

my motion. (Seconded by National Chaplain, Louis T. Story, California & Pacific, and carried).

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESTORATION OF RANK

Past Commander-in-Chief Towle: Commander-in-Chief, nothing was referred to this Committee and we, therefore, have no report to be submitted to this Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you, Brother Towle.

### INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT AND GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM THE AUXILIARY

The National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mildred R. Webster; and the Greetings Committee from the Auxiliary consisting of the following were escorted in and introduced:

Mrs. Lela Shugart, Past National President, Indiana.

Miss Celeste Gentieu, Past National President, Maryland, and the Maryland delegation.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: We are most happy to have this visit from the Auxiliary; and it is my pleasure to first call upon the very fine lady with whom I had the privilege of working during this past year, Mrs. Mildred Webster, the National President of the Auxiliary.

National President Mildred Webster: Commander-in-Chief, it is a pleasure indeed to visit you and your Encampment. We have adjourned for today so that I might have the opportunity to come over to visit you this afternoon, and I am grateful that this privilege has been extended to me.

I know you are having a fine Encampment, and are swinging right along with your business and we wish for you, for the remainder of the sessions, everything that is fine and good and hope for you that everything works out for you as you desire.

I would like to present a gift from our organization, your Auxiliary, to again show you that we really do love you; and also a personal gift from me. At this time, it gives me great pleasure, Commander-in-Chief Grant, to present to you a gift of \$200.00 from the Auxiliary.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you, from the bottom of my heart. I don't know which to be the most grateful for, but I think it is the little gift from you personally, as I will have to give the check to the National Treasurer. Thank you so much

It is now my pleasure to present to you Past National President Lela Shugart of Indiana.

Past National President Lela Shugart: Commander-in-Chief, and Brothers; I am delighted to have been selected as the Chairman of this Committee and we are most happy to come here to visit you this afternoon, and be able to bring with us our National President.

We are members of your Auxiliary and are happy to be in that unique position as your helpers—we were created for that purpose.

You all seem to be in happy spirits this afternoon, so may I give you a toast:

It only takes a little love,  
 To make a life more sweet;  
 It only takes a little cheer,  
 To make the day complete.  
 It only takes a little help,  
 To brighten all the way;  
 So here's a bit of all  
 From us to you today.

You, as the sons of your fathers are doing splendid work for humanity in carrying on their traditions and we, as your Auxiliary are pledged and willing to stand by your side—to continue to help you carry on those traditions which will make this great land of ours a better place in which to live. The ideals, as exemplified by your fathers and ours, are the spirit of true Americanism and we, of the Auxiliary, are proud indeed to help you carry on those ideals, in the name of our fathers, the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander-in-Chief Grant, we know that you are having a splendid Encampment, and may I wish for you that

"Each morning may greet you with a smile  
 To make rosy hours of gladness be with you all the while,  
 That they remain with you all the day long  
 That the eventide will bring you a heart that is free from care,  
 With true friends of Sons and Auxiliary all about you,  
 And God's blessing everywhere."

With the very best wishes from your Auxiliary for everything that is good.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you so much. And now, it is my pleasure to present to you Past National President Celeste Gentieu, of Maryland.

Past National President Celeste Gentieu: Brother Commander-in-Chief and National President Webster, I am from General Grant's Department of Maryland, and want to extend to him our best wishes and hope that you Sons of Union Veterans are having a wonderful Encampment. We feel that you should certainly be having a good one with General Grant as your Commander-in-Chief and we want you to know that Maryland is proud to have had the privilege of giving you this fine leader.

I want to tell you Sons about two things this afternoon. The first one is that I made a suggestion in the Department of Maryland about changing the name of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to G. A. R. Sons, and our Auxiliary would then be known as the G. A. R. Sons Auxiliary. I notice that in our Wilmington papers the name of the Auxiliary doesn't stand out prominently and I was wondering if we couldn't have a title that would be more distinctive, such as the D. A. R. or S. A. R. for example. I was wondering if we could take under consideration a change in the name to something more outstanding, as I feel sure it would bring us more attention in our local and national papers.

Secondly, I would like to report to you that we, of the Auxiliary, have decided to place a life size statue of Comrade Woolson in Gettysburg Memorial Park, so that all the school children who visit Gettysburg might see the likeness of the last member of the Union forces in the Civil War. Comrade Woolson served in the First Minnesota Regi-



ment which lost 82% of their men in that war, and I think it would be fitting that we place this statue at Gettysburg.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: We are happy for two reasons this afternoon—one, that you came to visit us; and second, that word has just reached us that our Congressional Charter bill has been passed.

I would like to say that in regard to your suggestion as to a change in name, it appeals to me very much; but I was told there was some objection by the G. A. R. some years ago, and would require an amendment to our Charter if we should decide to make any such change.

We are happy that you plan to place a memorial to Comrade Woolson at Gettysburg—it will be a fine project.

I am going to ask Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter to respond to the National President and this Greetings Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: If I had known the Commander-in-Chief was going to do this, I think I might have slipped out. There are times in the lives of all of us and all too frequently in mine, when I get to the point where I don't know what I want to say and I am in that position now, to some extent, because tomorrow morning the Committee from the Sons of Veterans composed of Past Commanders-in-Chief and accompanied by the Commander-in-Chief, will visit the Auxiliary and then I will tell them how much we, as their Brothers, love them. I don't need to tell you that—you know it, and it shall always be that way.

We are delighted to have you come here to visit us, as we always are. You are always welcome, and we are happy to have you with us.

Our Commander-in-Chief has already conveyed our thanks to you for what you have done in presenting this gift to us, so I say "Why have more words." The best organization of women in the United States, yes in the world, as far as we are concerned, is the Auxiliary—and that's enough for me to say at this time.

Past National President Lela Shugart: Brother Sautter, you have been a married man for a long time, and I know that your wife never tired of hearing that you loved her; and so, we girls, like to hear it over and over.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Yes, I have been married to the same girl for 56 years, and I will agree that you are perfectly right. (The Committee was then escorted out of the Encampment).

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: Before we recess, I would like your permission to make a very brief statement. I believe it is fitting and proper that we should bring to the attention of our members to bring home, as it were, just exactly what the Congress wrote in reporting out this bill of ours. I would like to read to the Encampment the report submitted by Congressman Robinson of Kentucky:

"This bill would grant a Federal charter to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This organization was founded in 1881, and is presently incorporated under the laws of Illinois. It is composed of 8,863 active members in 424 local units known as Camps, which are located in 24 States.

Membership in this organization is open to all male blood relatives of persons who actively served in the Union forces during the Civil War. It is the only male organization that is connected with the Grand Army of the Republic and was organized to support and assist the Grand Army.

The primary purpose of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is to keep alive the memory and traditions of the Grand Army of



the Republic and to preserve and make available in their respective localities the great quantity of historical records, data, and reminiscences relating to the Grand Army and the Civil War period of our National history.

The congressional charter to the Grand Army of the Republic will expire by its terms upon the death of the last member of the Grand Army. The sole surviving member, Mr. Woolson of Duluth, was 107 years old last February 11. In a sense, therefore, the charter proposed by this bill will succeed the charter formerly granted by Congress to the Grand Army of the Republic, which, before very long inevitably will expire. In the areas of operation of their organization, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War consider themselves the successors to the Grand Army of the Republic.

The list of proposed incorporators contained in the bill includes men held in high public esteem throughout the Nation. Heading the list are General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, Maj. Gen. Amos A. Fries, retired, and Maj. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, 3rd. retired. Major General Grant, who is the present Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans appeared at the committee hearing and testified in support of the bill." This took team-work and leadership to get this bill through; and there can be no team-work without leadership. Here is the man who provided the leadership to put it across—your Commander-in-Chief, General U. S. Grant, 3rd. (Applause).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Commander-in-Chief, I move you that a copy of the Congressional Charter itself be incorporated into our proceedings and become a part of the record. (Seconded by National Secretary Lambert, and carried).

Public Law 605 - 83rd Congress

Chapter 774 - 2d Session

H. R. 8034

### AN ACT

For the incorporation of the Sons of Union Veterans, of the Civil War.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following named persons to wit: General of the Army, Douglas MacArthur, New York; Major General Amos A. Fries, retired; and Major General Ulysses S. Grant, 3rd, retired, Washington, District of Columbia; Charles Boynton, Long Beach, California; Frank Woerner, Inglewood, California; Wilbur Coursey, Fresno, California; Roy A. Davis, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Angus Ogborn, Richmond, Indiana; Thomas M. Horn, Lafayette, Indiana; Alonzo R. Stanfield, Indianapolis, Indiana; Roy J. Bennett, Des Moines, Iowa; Homer L. Young, Waterloo, Iowa; Dr. L. L. Shope, Des Moines, Iowa; E. S. Spangler, Newton, Kansas; A. P. Phillips, Newton, Kansas; William Dix, Newton, Kansas; F. Harold Dubord, Waterville, Maine; Hon. Burleigh Martin, Augusta, Maine; General William E. Southard, Bangor, Maine; George W. Kimball, Chelsea, Massachusetts; Brig. Gen. Otis M. Whitney, Concord, Massachusetts; Charles H. E. Moran, Holyoke, Massachusetts; Governor Alvan Tufts Fuller, Boston, Massachusetts;

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Charles R. Cowdin, Detroit, Michigan; Birt Hammond, Jackson, Michigan; Charles F. Dexter, Detroit, Michigan; Donald F. Peacock, Detroit, Michigan; Dewey B. Mead, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Donald C. Bennyhof, Hennepin County, Minnesota; William A. Anderson, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Laurence J. Parker, Bennington, New Hampshire; Wallace L. Mason, Keene, New Hampshire; Cleon E. Heald, Keene, New Hampshire; Colonel Edward Black, retired, Bennington, New Hampshire; Albert C. Lambert, Trenton, New Jersey; Colonel Frederic G. Bauer, Ridgewood, New Jersey; Charles A. Otto, Elizabeth, New Jersey; C. Wesley Armstrong, Trenton, New Jersey; Doctor Karl Rothschild, New Brunswick, New Jersey; Rev. Hermon L. Brockway, Ithaca, New York; William M. Coffin, Cincinnati, Ohio; Homer A. Ramey, Toledo, Ohio; Miles S. Kuhn, Dayton, Ohio; S. Anselm Skelton, Portsmouth, Ohio; Frederick K. Davis, Eugene, Oregon; Doctor W. E. Buchanan, Eugene, Oregon; Austin D. McReynolds, Eugene, Oregon; Glenn L. Adams, Salem, Oregon; John H. Runkle, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; C. LeRoy Stoudt, Reading, Pennsylvania; Walter C. Mabie, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Edgar L. Gale, Seattle, Washington; Edward T. Fairchild, Madison, Wisconsin; Roland J. Steinle, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Lyall T. Beggs, Madison, Wisconsin; and Doctor William Martin Lamers, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin; and their successors are hereby created and declared to be a body corporate of the District of Columbia, where its legal domicile shall be, by the name of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (hereinafter referred to as the corporation), and by such name shall be known and have perpetual succession and the powers, limitations, and restrictions herein contained.

#### Organization

Sec. 2. A majority of the persons named in the first section of this Act, acting in person or by written proxy, are authorized to complete the organization of the corporation by the selection of officers and employees, the adoption of a constitution and by laws not inconsistent with this Act, and the doing of such other acts as may be necessary for such purpose.

#### Purposes of Corporation.

Sec. 3. The purposes of the corporation shall be: To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union in 1861 to 1865; to assist in every practicable way in the preservation and making available for research of documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members, to co-operate in doing honor to all those who have patriotically served our country in any war; to teach patriotism, and the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country, and the love and honor of our Flag; to oppose every tendency or movement that would weaken loyalty to, or make for the destruction or impairment of, our constitutional Union; and to inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles of representative gov-

ernment, of equal rights, and of impartial justice for all.

Sec. 4. The corporation shall have power—

- (1) to have succession by its corporate name;
- (2) to sue and be sued, complain and defend in any court of competent jurisdiction;
- (3) to adopt, use, and alter a corporate seal;
- (4) to choose such officers, managers, agents, and employees as the activities of the corporation may require;
- (5) to adopt, amend, and alter a constitution and by-laws, not inconsistent with the laws of the United States or any State in which the corporation is to operate, for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;
- (6) to contract and be contracted with;
- (7) to take by lease, gift, purchase, grant, devise, or bequest from any public body or agency or any private corporation, association, partnership, firm, or individual and to hold absolutely or in trust for any of the purposes of the corporation any property, real, personal, or mixed, necessary or convenient for attaining the objects and carrying into effect the purposes of the corporation, subject however, to applicable provisions of law of any State (A) governing the amount or kind of property which may be held by, or (B) otherwise limiting or controlling the ownership of property by a corporation operating in such State;
- (8) to transfer, convey, lease, sublease, encumber and otherwise alienate real, personal or mixed property; and
- (9) to borrow money for the purposes of the corporation, issue bonds therefor, and secure the same by mortgage, deed of trust, pledge or otherwise, subject in every case to all applicable provisions of Federal and State laws; and
- (10) to do any and all acts and things necessary and proper to carry out the objects and purposes of the corporation.

Corporate powers.

68 Stat. 749

68 Stat. 750

Sec. 5. Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights, privileges, and designation of classes of members shall, except as provided in this Act, be determined as the constitution and by-laws of the corporation may provide. Eligibility for membership in the corporation shall be limited to male blood relatives of persons who served between April 12, 1861, and April 9, 1865, as soldiers or sailors of the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Revenue-Cutter Service, and of such regiments as were called into active service and were subject to orders of United States general officers between the dates above mentioned and were honorably discharged therefrom at the close of such service or who died in such service.

Membership

## Government.

Sec. 6. The supreme governing authority of the corporation shall be the national encampment thereof, composed of such officers and elected representatives from the several States and other local subdivisions of the corporate organization as shall be provided by the constitution and by-laws; Provided, That the form of the government of the corporation shall always be representative of the membership at large and shall not permit the concentration of the control thereof in the hands of a limited number of members or in a self-perpetuating group not so representative. The meetings of the national encampment may be held in any State or Territory or in the District of Columbia.

## Council of Administration.

Sec. 7. (a) During the intervals between the national encampments, the council of administration shall be the governing board of the corporation and shall be responsible for the general policies, program, and activities of the corporation.

(b) Upon the enactment of this Act the membership of the initial council of administration of the corporation shall consist of the present members of the council of administration of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the corporation described in Section 18 of this Act, or such of them as may then be living and are qualified members of said Council of Administration, to wit: Major General Ulysses S. Grant, 3rd, retired; Dewey B. Mead; Reverend Hermon L. Brockway; Laurence J. Parker; George W. Kimball; Frederick K. Davis; and Albert C. Lambert.

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 68 Stat. 751.

(c) Thereafter, the council of administration of the corporation shall consist of not less than seven members elected in the manner and for the term prescribed in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

## Officers.

Sec. 8. The officers of the corporation shall be a commander in chief, a senior vice commander in chief, a junior vice commander in chief, a secretary and a treasurer (which latter two offices may be held by one person), and such other officers as may be prescribed in the constitution and bylaws. The officers of the corporation shall be selected in such manner and for such terms and with such duties and titles as may be prescribed in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

## Principal office.

Sec. 9. (a) The principal office of the corporation shall be located in Trenton, New Jersey, or in such other place as may be determined by the council of administration; but the activities of the corporation shall not be confined to that place, but may be conducted throughout the various States, the District of Columbia, and Territories and possessions of the United States.

## D. C. agent.

(b) The corporation shall have in the District of Columbia at all times a designated agent authorized to accept service of process for the corporation; and



notice to or service upon such agent, or mailed to the business address of such agent, shall be deemed notice to or service upon the corporation.

Sec. 10 (a) No part of the income or assets of the corporation shall inure to any of its members or officers as such, or be distributable to any of them during the life of the corporation or upon its dissolution or final liquidation. Nothing in this subsection, however, shall be construed to prevent the payment of compensation to officers of the corporation or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the council of administration of the corporation. Use of income.

(b) The corporation shall not make loans to its officers or employees. Any member of the council of administration who votes for or assents to the making of a loan or advance to an officer or employee of the corporation, and any officer who participates in the making of such a loan or advance, shall be jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of such loan until the repayment thereof. Loans to officers.

Sec. 11. The corporation and its officers and agents as such shall not contribute to or otherwise support or assist any political party or candidate for public office. Political activity.

Sec. 12. The corporation shall be liable for the acts of its officers and agents when acting within the scope of their authority. Liability.

Sec. 13. The corporation shall have no power to issue any shares of stock or to declare or pay any dividends. Stock shares.

Sec. 14. The corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall keep minutes of the proceedings of its national encampments and council of administration. All books and records of the corporation may be inspected by any member, or his agent or attorney, for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time. Books and records.

Sec. 15. (a) The financial transactions of the corporation shall be audited annually by an independent certified public accountant in accordance with the principles and procedures applicable to commercial corporate transactions. The audit shall be conducted at the place or places where the accounts of the corporation are normally kept. All books, accounts, financial records, reports, files, and all other papers, things, or property belonging to or in use by the corporation and necessary to facilitate the audit shall be made available to the person or persons conducting the audit; and full facilities for verifying transactions, with the balances or securities held by depositories, fiscal agents, and custodians shall be afforded to such person or persons. Audit.

(b) A report of such audit shall be made by the corporation to the Congress not later than March 1 68 Stat. 751  
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of each year. The report shall set forth the scope of the audit and shall include a verification by the person or persons conducting the audit of statements of (1) assets and liabilities, (2) capital and surplus or deficit, (3) surplus or deficit analysis, (4) income and expense, and (5) sources and application of funds. Such report shall not be printed as a public document.

Sec. 16. On or before March 1 of each year the corporation shall report to the Congress on its activities during the preceding fiscal year. Such report may consist of a report on the proceedings of the National Encampment covering such fiscal year. Such report shall not be printed as a public document.

Use of name.

Sec. 17. The corporation and its subordinate divisions shall have the sole and exclusive right to use the name, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The corporation shall have the exclusive and sole right to use, or to allow or refuse the use of, such emblems, seals, and badges as it may legally adopt, and such emblems, seals, and badges as have heretofore been used by the Illinois corporation described in section 18 and the right to which may be lawfully transferred to the corporation.

Transfer of assets.

Sec. 18. The corporation may acquire the assets of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois, upon discharging or satisfactorily providing for the payment and discharge of all of the liability of such corporation and upon complying with all laws of the State of Illinois applicable thereto.

Use of assets on dissolution or liquidation.

Sec. 19. Upon dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, after discharge or satisfaction of all outstanding obligations and liabilities, the remaining assets, if any, of the corporation, shall be distributed in accordance with the determination of the council of administration and in compliance with the constitution and by-laws of the corporation and all Federal and State laws applicable thereto.

Sec. 20. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is expressly reserved.

Approved August 20, 1954.

National Chief of Staff Runkle: Commander-in-Chief, I would like to announce that the 1950 Club of Past Department Commanders who served when I was Commander-in-Chief, and who are now known as Runkle's 1950 Club want to do something to stimulate activity. We intend to present a plaque, awarded to the Department having the most outstanding activity during the year; and the Department winning it three times will be entitled to keep it.

This is not done for membership gain, but for activity. Therefore, the Departments must report their activities in order to be eligible for this award.

We would like to offer that to the Commandery-in-Chief in the hope that it will stimulate our various projects in our Departments. We hope that it will give you something to work for, so let's get busy and show our Commander-in-Chief that we do appreciate everything

he has done for us by bringing forth some real activity during this coming year.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you, Brother Runkle. I do hope that some of the Departments will get busy and get into the competition for this award.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: The Auxiliary has recessed until 9 a.m. tomorrow morning. It is the purpose, at that time, for the Committee of Past Commanders-in-Chief, and the Commander-in-Chief, to go over to the Auxiliary and extend our greetings to them. Of course, any member of this organization can attend that meeting too, if they so desire. Therefore, I move that we recess until 10 a. m. tomorrow morning. (Seconded by Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts, and carried).

## THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

August 12, 1954 — 10:30 A. M.

The Encampment opened in regular form.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: First of all, I would like to apologize for not starting on time this morning. We made an engagement to have our Greetings Committee visit the Auxiliary this morning at 9:30, and there was some delay which, of course, was unavoidable. We had a delightful visit, and the ladies were very gracious and hospitable to us.

Are there any reports to be given at this time?

### REPORT OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Council of Administration Member Kimball: The Council of Administration wish to present the proposed budget for 1954-1955, together with our recommendations:

#### Proposed Budget 1954-1955

##### Receipts:

Per Capita Tax—8,000 members at .60c .....	\$4,800 00
Membership Fees—200 members at .50c .....	100.00
Registration Fees—150 members at \$2.00 .....	300.00
Gift from Auxiliary .....	200.00
Sale of Supplies .....	800.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$6,200.00</b>

##### Disbursements:

The Banner .....	\$1,100.00
Commander-in-Chief's expenses .....	1,000.00
National Secretary-Treasurer Salary .....	1,200.00
Supplies .....	600.00
Encampment Expense (1955) .....	800.00
Shipping Expense (Supplies) .....	50.00
Rent for National Headquarters .....	400.00
Miscellaneous (Incl. P C. in C. Badge) .....	250.00
Printing, Stationery, Postage .....	200.00
Proceedings .....	600.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$6,200.00</b>

##### Recommendations:

(1) That the following appropriations be made from the G. A. R. Memorial Fund:

- \$250.00 for Lincoln University.
- \$ 25.00 for Committee on Marking Graves.
- \$ 25.00 for Legislative Committee.
- \$ 25.00 for American Coalition.

(2) In order to keep the membership informed of what is being done by the Sons of Union Veterans, the Council of Administration requests that Camps add \$1.00 yearly to the bill for Camp dues for subscriptions to The Banner.

The Camp Secretary will report to the National Secretary-Treasurer, giving the names and addresses of the members that have subscribed.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE WM KIMBALL.

JAMES C. TATMAN.

Council of Administration.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Mead: I move the adoption of this report together with the recommendations contained therein. (Seconded by Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Grant: I would like to say something about the addition of \$1.00 on the bill of the individual member for the subscription to The Banner. We think that every member should be interested enough to get The Banner, and we feel this will be the easiest way to accomplish that, to some degree at least. We believe The Banner is the best medium for the distant member to keep in touch with what we are doing, and feel that every member should have it. We hope this plan will help to increase the subscriptions to The Banner. Although subscriptions have increased considerably, we can make it a better paper if we get more subscriptions.

It won't mean that you add \$1.00 to your dues, but that you will put the \$1.00 for the subscription to The Banner, as an extra item on the bill.

I see that Brother Sautter has just come into the room. Are you ready to report for the Fraternal Relations Committee?

#### REPORT OF FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I am happy to report to this Encampment that the Fraternal Relations Committee has just returned from fulfilling our duty in visiting the Auxiliary. Again, this year, we had the pleasure of having the Commander-in-Chief go with us.

As always, we were received with open arms by our Auxiliary. They are always happy to have us pay them a visit, and it is such a pleasant feeling to know that you are so welcome I do not need to say anything about their greetings to us, because their Committee was here yesterday to bring those to us.

They again repeated their pledge to us—to stand by us, side by side, and help us in anything which we might undertake. We know they have been doing that for many years, and will always continue to do so. Our Auxiliary—our partners—the best and finest women in the world as far as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are concerned.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Brother Coffin, are you ready to complete your report?

#### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: The Committee on Resolutions submits the following supplementary and final report:

(12) A resolution from the Department of Iowa, asking that this Encampment commend the Federal Bureau of Investigation for their fight against communism up to this time, and request that they continue unremittingly in their fight against communism. Your Committee presents the following resolution covering this matter:

WHEREAS, the declared purposes of this Order are: To oppose to the limit of our power and influence all movements, tendencies, and efforts that make for the destruction or impairment of our Constitutional Union; and "To demand of all citizens undivided loyalty and the highest type of Americanism,"

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in seventy-third National Encampment assembled.

That we heartily re-affirm the resolution unanimously adopted at our seventy-second National Encampment at Buffalo, N. Y., August 27, 1953, in substance and effect as follows: (A) That we heartily commend the objectives of the Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States in their efforts to weed out subversive elements in all branches of the government;

(B) That we further commend the courage and perseverance of the personnel of these committees in exposing such influences and tendencies wherever appearing in the nation;

(C) That we heartily commend the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and its present direction and leadership, upon the able performance of duty which it has demonstrated, and we urge that it be aided and encouraged in its continued and unremitting activities against foreign intrigue or domestic disloyalty;

(D) That we applaud the announced intention of the Executive branch of the Government to eliminate from the service all such subversive elements and influences; and we call upon all Executive Departments for vigilant, and vigorous action in giving speedy effect to that declared purpose;

(E) That we endorse and call for early action upon a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States, phrased so as surely to prevent the frittering away, by devious interpretation, of the rights of the people clearly reserved to them by explicit provisions of the Constitution;

(F) That copies of this Resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the head of each Executive Department, to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to the Chairmen of the Congressional Committees concerned.

Chairman Coffin: I move the adoption of this resolution. (Seconded by Department Commander Dr. Karl Rothschild, New Jersey, and carried).

(13) The following Resolution of thanks is presented by our Committee:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in its 73rd Annual Encampment, assembled in the city of Duluth, Minnesota:

That we hereby express our grateful appreciation and thanks to all who have contributed in any way toward making this Encampment the success it has been;

To President Dwight D. Eisenhower for his telegram, and to Vice President Richard Nixon and General Douglas MacArthur for their



letters of greetings and good wishes; to C. Elmer Anderson, Governor of Minnesota, to George D. Johnson, Mayor of the City of Duluth, to Miss Lucy Monroe, to the representatives of the Allied organizations, to the Combined Nurses Choir of St. Luke's Hospital and the various branches of the Armed Services in Duluth, and to Dr. Kenneth Powers Williams, speaker of the evening who contributed so much to the outstanding public ceremony Monday evening, in honor of Comrade Woolson; to the Chamber of Commerce, the public press and the television and radio stations of Duluth, for their splendid co-operation; to the Manager of the Hotel Duluth for the accommodations afforded our delegates; and to the Encampment Committees of the Minnesota Department, Dewey B. Mead, Chairman for the Sons, and Mrs. Alice Payne, Chairman for the Auxiliary, for their preliminary arrangements and ultimate success of our Encampment, through their efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. COFFIN, Ohio, Chairman.

CLARENCE O. HOTH, Wisconsin

WALTER C. MABIE, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES C. WEBSTER, Maine.

JOHN A. RUGGLES, Pennsylvania.

Chairman Coffin: I move the adoption of the Report of the Committee on Resolutions. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Moran, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Grant: There is one matter which I would like to bring up. It is a matter of suggesting a resolution of congratulations, and also of indicating our appreciation. Yesterday, when Mr. Keating called me on the 'phone to tell me that our bill had passed in the Senate, he told me that he had also been fortunate in getting another bill through which would authorize or direct the return to their own countries of people found to be subversive. I think this is a very good bill, and I would like to ask if you want to prepare a resolution authorizing me to congratulate Mr Keating on getting that bill through, as well as our own.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: If you will permit, Commander-in-Chief, I will, with the consent of the members of the resolutions Committee, present the following: (obtains assent of each member of the Committee)

The Resolutions Committee unanimously proposes a Resolution that the Commander-in-Chief be authorized to write to Congressman Kenneth B. Keating, congratulating him on the passage of our bill, and also the bill which has to do with the repatriation of subversives from this country. I move that this resolution be adopted. (Seconded by National Counselor Locke, and carried).

National Chief of Staff Runkle: There is a question in the minds of many of those present here, especially so since we received the news of yesterday. The question uppermost in the minds of many is the status quo of eligibility in our organization, as affected by the Congressional Charter when signed by the President of the United States. The application, and the bill as presented to Congress, specifies, "that it is composed of blood kin of men who wore the Union Blue." Last year, in Buffalo, an amendment was proposed to our constitution permitting other than blood kin. This amendment was referred to the several Departments throughout the year, acted upon and it is my understanding that it was passed by the several Departments and became effective.

We now have our Congressional Charter granted to the blood kin,

direct lineal descendants, of veterans of the Union forces during the feel that we should not allow any other than blood kin as members of this organization—if we do, we will be over-run by the others and we will have a real problem on our hands. I feel that we, of this organization, should retain our priceless eligibility.

Another question is this—now that we have federal recognition, do we start off again as a new organization in spite of the fact that we are seventy-three years old?

Commander-in-Chief Grant: The answer to your question about membership is that it is perfectly true that the statement in the bill, as re-written and revised does, in very general terms, require connection of the usual members of the organization by blood with people who took part in the Civil War. In the House Committee, I understand that was changed so that it said, "except honorary and Associate." However, in the final draft of the bill, it is in accordance with our Constitution and by-laws, and is covered by them.

National Chief of Staff Runkle: Personally, I can't see Associate membership.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: If the program goes through, as proposed, it will be according to the Constitution as it is now. If we can get our incorporators to adopt it as it is now, we will continue to operate the same as we are at the present time and, in a few years, you may wish to extend or change it

Delegate James A. B. Young, California & Pacific: If we admit Associate members, we lose our standing as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I do not approve of Associate membership. I would like to make a motion that that action be rescinded from our minutes.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: You have already gone through the process of changing the constitution to admit them. They need not be permitted by any Camp or Department that does not want them.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: I would ask you, Commander-in-Chief to refer to another provision of this federal act. Yesterday, I offered a resolution to this body that we authorize its Board of Directors, the Council of Administration, at the proper time and place, to turn over the effects of the Illinois Corporation to the Federally chartered one. I now find in the bill this further provision. (Reads Section 2 of the Charter bill); I now wish to present the following:

RESOLVED, that the Commandery-in-Chief authorizes and requests the incoming Commander-in-Chief to take a written vote of the incorporators by mail, with a view to the adoption by them of our present Constitution and Regulations as the Constitution and By-laws required by Section 2 of the enabling act. This is with the unanimous consent of the Resolutions Committee.

I move the adoption of this resolution. (Seconded by Past Department Commander John A. Ruggles, Pennsylvania, and carried).

Delegate Edward W. Carmichael, California & Pacific: Has anything been done about the ribbon for Associate members?

National Secretary Lambert: The Encampment last year authorized the National Secretary to procure the hadges, and they have been ordered. They are a plain blue ribbon which has the word "Associate" printed on it in white.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Commander-in-Chief, I simply have one motion which I wish to make. The budget, as submitted by the Council of Administration does not provide for the appro-

priation for the G.A.R. Highway Committee. I, therefore, move you that an appropriation, not to exceed \$250.00, be drawn from the G.A.R. Fund for the use of the incoming Chairman of the G.A.R. Highway Committee. (Seconded by Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts, and carried).

**CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE—FINAL REPORT**

Department Commander David A. Phelps, Minnesota: The Credential Committee presents a final report:

Number of members enrolled, 131, composed of:	
Past Commanders-in-Chief .....	13
Past Department Commanders .....	51
Past Department Commander (Registered, not present) ..	1
Department Commanders .....	12
Delegates .....	53
Delegate (Registered, not present) .....	1
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>131</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
 DAVID A. PHELPS, Chairman,  
 Minnesota.  
 EARL F. RIGGS, California  
 GEO. SATTERTHWAITE, New Jersey.  
 LESLIE W. MORE, New York.  
 CHARLES W. HOOPER, Massachusetts.

Report adopted on motion of Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie, seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Towle, and carried. (Complete report as per Encampment roll).

Commander-in-Chief Grant: I will now discharge all Committees who served during this Encampment, with sincere and heart-felt thanks. You all did a fine job and I am grateful to you.

Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts: I move you, Commander-in-Chief, that we now proceed to nomination and election of Officers. (Seconded by several, and carried).

**NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief Grant: National Secretary, you will call the roll for nominations for Commander-in-Chief.

The National Secretary called California & Pacific. Past Department Commander Earl F. Riggs yielded to Maryland.

Past Department Commander James C Tatman, Maryland: The Department of Maryland would like to yield to Illinois, but would like the floor when the Department is called in regular turn.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, in the many, many years during which it has been my privilege to be a member of this Order there has been assigned to me many pleasant tasks, but never before has there been accorded me a greater privilege than that which I am about to do now.

Many years ago, a noted French philosopher, in writing about the United States of America, gave expression to these words, "God takes care of children, fools and the United States." It seems to me that in every period of our history, a divine providence has controlled things

in America, this land of ours—your land and my land, the land which has become the greatest power the world has ever known. To my mind, the Grand Army of the Republic has played the greatest role in history since the Revolutionary War. I have always contended that the G.A.R. performed the greatest service, in the period following the Civil War, in building the nation to what it is today; until certain subversive forces began, about twenty years ago, an attempt to purge us of many of our rights and privileges.

A great many years ago—twenty-five or thirty years ago, a dearly beloved member of the Grand Army of the Republic and Commander-in-Chief of that body gave expression to this thought—that the Sons of Veterans would never amount to a “tinkers dam” as long as the Grand Army of the Republic was active in the life of the nation; but when that period expired the Sons of Veterans, with proper guidance, could become as great as the Grand Army of the Republic—the all dominating influence in American life.

I said to you yesterday that a new era had dawned for the Sons of Union Veterans when we received word that our Charter Bill had been passed by Congress, and I repeat it now.

Our fathers were guided to victory mainly through the efforts of two great men—Abraham Lincoln and U. S. Grant; and an all highest Providence has made it possible for the grandson of one of those men, U. S. Grant, to become our leader. He has performed a wonderful task during this past year, but many things are left to be done, because of lack of time in the short space of a year.

I am happy to say to you that he has finally consented to go ahead with the work he has started during his term of office and has agreed, if this Encampment so desires, to lead us again; and it is my proud privilege to nominate for a second term as Commander-in-Chief of this organization, General U. S. Grant, 3rd.

National Secretary Lambert: In accordance with the request, the Department of Maryland will now have the opportunity to speak, as this is an unusual occasion.

Past Department Commander James C. Tatman, Maryland: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, the Department of Maryland has been greatly honored this past year. We were able to present a Commander-in-Chief whom we feel is one of the finest, and one of the greatest men that could have been the leader of our organization. It is very seldom that we can find a man with such qualities of leadership as that of your Commander-in-Chief who served you during the past year. Commander-in-Chief Grant has brought this organization prestige; at the same time possessing the qualities of leadership which, under the circumstances, proved extremely valuable.

We are extremely gratified that the Commandery-in-Chief has shown a desire to have him serve a second year. Needless to say, we are very happy to hear that he has consented; and, therefore, on behalf of the Department of Maryland, I heartily second the nomination and wish for General Grant much success.

National Secretary Lambert: Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I feel sure that as I call the roll of the Departments, every Department will second the nomination. I would, therefore, move you that we ask every man in the room to stand, as a gesture of seconding the nomination of Commander-in-Chief Grant. (Seconded by several, carried; and unanimous rising vote of the Encampment given Commander-in-Chief Grant).



Commander-in-Chief Grant: I would like to say a word now. It is my belief now that, last night, I was somewhat under a misapprehension. I was tendered a very enjoyable and tasty dinner, at which time I was supposed to become eligible to the honors of the order of Past Commanders-in-Chief of this organization. After I had submitted to the humiliation and all the heckling that goes with the preliminaries of being admitted to that order, I received a telephone call asking me to come to the Italian Room and I went there.

To my knowledge I have never, in my lifetime, been black-balled by any organization or Club; but when I faced that group of men I was told that I had been black-balled by the Past Commanders-in-Chief of this organization. In that group of Past Commanders-in-Chief, I had a collection of determined men there before me. They outnumbered me, of course, and made it appear that it would be my duty to this organization for me to go on another year.

I am deeply touched and complimented by the attitude shown here today, but I feel that I should give you a few words of explanation. I felt that I didn't want to get on the shelf completely after retiring from the Army and have, therefore, been active in the work of patriotic and civic organizations. This year, expecting to be relieved of this office at this Encampment, I agreed to two others—to be the Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion and the Chairman of a Committee to try to organize a Museum of Immigration, to be located in the base of the Statue of Liberty in New York; which would illustrate, by visual education the contribution made to our country by the millions of people who have come to this country.

So, I want you to know that I have two other jobs this year and I don't want you to go ahead with this idea, expecting more of me than I can do; and I want you to realize that I can't serve you as I would like because I do have these other obligations.

In view of my explanation, maybe Brother Locke would like to withdraw his nomination now.

National Counselor Locke: Not on your life.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: I move that the calling of the roll be suspended; and that the National Secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of this Encampment for U. S. Grant, 3rd. for Commander-in-Chief. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Ludwig E. Manoly, Maryland, and carried).

(National Secretary cast 131 votes for U. S. Grant, 3rd. for Commander-in-Chief).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Mead: Commander-in-Chief Grant, you have been elected to a second term of office. Do you accept?

Commander-in-Chief Grant: I do.

#### Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Nominations are now open for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

The National Secretary called California & Pacific, when Past Department Commander Earl F. Riggs gave way to Massachusetts.

Past Commander-in-Chief Moran: You have just elected a Commander-in-Chief and to be associated with him in elective offices of the Commandery-in-Chief, we must have men who are capable of giving to him the assistance that he needs.



The person whom I am about to nominate has been known to me since he was a very young man. He has served his Camp well, has served our Department faithfully, has been Department Commander, has served the Commandery-in-Chief as National Patriotic Instructor and, this year, as Chairman of the Committee on Americanism.

He is a young man, compared to most of us, but he is old enough to have a great deal of common sense and ability; and his love for this organization cannot be excelled by any man. I know that he will be a credit to the Commandery-in-Chief in this office, and will do everything in his power to carry out the position to the best of his ability.

I, therefore, take pleasure in presenting to you, on behalf of the Department of Massachusetts, the name of John W. Emery for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(The nomination was seconded by Past Department Commander Charles F. Morton, Maine; Department Commander David A. Phelps, Minnesota; Past Department Commander Fred H. Combs, Sr., New Jersey; Past Department Commander Fred C. Barnard, New York; Past Commander-in-Chief William M. Coffin, Ohio; Department Commander Elmer W. Hohe, Pennsylvania; and Past Department Commander Clarence O. Hoth, Wisconsin).

Past Commander-in-Chief Moran: I will move that the National Secretary cast the ballot of the Encampment for John W. Emery for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. (Seconded by Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts, and carried).

(National Secretary cast 131 votes for John W. Emery for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief).

#### Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Nominations are now open for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The National Secretary called California & Pacific, and Past Department Commander Earl A. Riggs yielded to Pennsylvania.

Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Commander-in-Chief, it is a very happy privilege of mine to present to this Encampment a candidate for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. The man I am about to nominate is well known to you all because he has been attending these Encampments for quite a number of years. He is a man who, in his own home town, was instrumental in organizing a combined veterans council of veterans of all wars to work with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and has been a leading figure in this council. In his Department he has filled the office of Department Commander, as well as other numerous offices; and has served the Commandery-in-Chief as a member of National Council. In all of these, he has exemplified himself as the type of man we want to serve as an officer of this Commandery-in-Chief. Last, but not least, I say that he was one of the best Department Commanders of my year as Commander-in-Chief of this organization, and is a member of Runkle's 1950 Club.

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the name of Homer L. Young of Iowa.

Past Commander-in-Chief Bennett: I should like to second that nomination and feel sure that if he is elected, he will do justice to that position.

(The nomination was also seconded by Department Commander Norman E. Fossett, Maine; Past Department Commander James C.

Tatman, Maryland; Department Commander Thomas L. Wilson, Michigan; Department Commander David A. Phelps, Minnesota; Past Department Commander Wm. Schneider, Missouri; Department Commander Robert A. Hicks, New Hampshire; Department Commander Dr. Karl Rothschild, New Jersey; Past Department Commander Louis G. Blair, Ohio; Department Commander George A. Strait, Rhode Island; and Past Department Commander Clarence O. Hoth, Wisconsin.

Past Department Commander Charles F. Dexter, Michigan: I move that the unanimous ballot of the Encampment be cast by the National Secretary for Homer L. Young. (Seconded by Department Commander Wm. J. Moore, Illinois and carried).

The National Secretary cast the Encampment ballot.

#### Member — Council of Administration (2 Year Term)

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Nominations are now open for a two year term to the Council of Administration. The National Secretary called the roll to California & Pacific

Past Department Commander Earl F. Riggs: California passes to New York, but would like to reserve the right to the floor after the nomination.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: It seems to me that the position of member of the Council of Administration may be of exceeding importance at this particular time—perhaps a great deal more so than at any time in the past. I do not have the time to dwell upon the merits of the person I propose, but I rejoice and thank the Department of California for giving me the opportunity of naming this particular candidate.

I wish to propose for the office of member of Council of Administration a man who has served accountably as Department Commander of California, among other offices. I know that if he is elected, he will serve you well and he is quite capable of filling this position.

I, therefore, wish to present the name of Wallace W. Scott, of California and now, with your permission, refer back to the Department of California who has given me, from the Atlantic coast, the opportunity to name a candidate from the Pacific coast, thus spanning the United States of America.

Past Department Commander Frank Woerner, California: We, from the Department of California, held a meeting of the delegates and have agreed not to put anyone up for any office this year. The delegates do not agree with this nomination, and I would like to have the National Secretary call the roll of the California delegation so that we might have their feelings on this matter.

Past Department Commander Earl A. Riggs, California: I believe that is out of order.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: I think that the views of the California delegation are a matter for local settlement, and a nomination is permissible by anyone. Therefore, we do not have to have the unanimous endorsement of the California delegation, or the New York delegation, to nominate Brother Scott for an office.

National Counselor Locke: It is not for us to interfere in the affairs of any Department. The roll is in the process of being called and if the Commander-in-Chief will permit me, I move that the National Secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of this Encampment for Wallace W. Scott to the position of Council of Administration for a two year term. (Suspended until the roll was called).

(Past Department Commander Frank Woerner, California objected; then the nomination was seconded by Past Department Commander Harrison LeGrand, Iowa; Department Commander Norman E. Fossett, Maine; Past Department Commander James C. Tatman, Maryland; Department Commander David A. Phelps, Minnesota; Department Commander Robert A. Hicks, New Hampshire; Past Department Commander Fred E. Colwell, New York; Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. M. Coffin, Ohio; Department Commander Elmer W. Hohe, Pennsylvania and Department Commander George A. Strait, Rhode Island).

National Counselor Locke: My motion is now in order. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Charles C. Webster, Maine, and carried).

Past Department Commander Frank Woerner, California: Since there is no opposition, it isn't important now to take a vote of the California delegation, but there are still three (3) No's in our delegation.

The National Secretary cast 128 votes for Wallace W. Scott for a two year term on the Council of Administration.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Are there any other nominations? Those of you who have been elected to your respective offices—do you accept? (Each replied in the affirmative).

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: In view of the unique and wonderful situation in which we now find ourselves by virtue of the fact that our Commander-in-Chief will serve a second term, to complete the personnel of the Council of Administration, I move that we confirm the position of Past Commander-in-Chief Davis on that Council of Administration, as the immediate retiring Commander-in-Chief. (Seconded by National Secretary Lambert, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Grant: We have a message from the Auxiliary that installation of officers will be held in the Ballroom at 3:45 P. M.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: I move that we hold our Installation of Officers at 3:45 P. M. in the Ballroom, in accordance with the request of our Auxiliary. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt, and carried).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Mead: Commander-in-Chief, on behalf of the Minnesota Department I want to be the first to congratulate you, and your officers—you on your re-election, and they on their election to the various offices of the Commandery-in-Chief.

I want to thank you for coming to Minnesota for this Encampment and we hope that you enjoyed it, and also enjoyed having Comrade Woolson with you. I also want to thank you for appointing me as an Aide to Comrade Woolson during this Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you. We will now recess until 3 P. M.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

August 12, 1954 — 3 P. M.

The Encampment opened in regular form.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: I am very happy to have here a message from the President of the United States, and would like to read it for you. (Reads telegram from Dwight D. Eisenhower—included, in full, in the program of the Monday night ceremony). Applause by the Encampment followed the reading of this message.

You have elected some very fine officers for the coming year, and I feel sure that we will have a very good year. I have talked with certain others, who have consented to serve in appointive positions, which I would like to announce at this time:

National Patriotic Instructor—C. LeRoy Stoudt, Pennsylvania.

National Chaplain—Rev. Hermon L. Brockway, New York.

National Counselor—Richard F. Locke, Illinois.

National Chief of Staff—John H. Runkle, Pennsylvania.

Personal Aide—Charles F. Dexter, Michigan.

Chairman of Committees:

G. A. R. Highway—Allan S. Holbrook, Illinois.

Legislative—Fred E. Colwell, New York.

Americanism—A. Waller Lewis, Rhode Island.

National Graves Registration Officer—Bertrand O. DeForest, Sr., Connecticut.

National Encampment—Wm. M. Coffin, Ohio.

Revision of Constitution & Regulations—Charles H. E. Moran, Massachusetts.

The installing officer, who will install the officers in the Ballroom, immediately following this session, will be Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter.

Is there any other business to come before this Encampment at this time?

Past Department Commander A. LeRoy Reynolds, Illinois: Commander-in-Chief, I would like to tell you Brothers that we, in Illinois, are trying to do something about placing an appropriate memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic in Decatur, Illinois.

Department Commander Wallace W. Scott, California & Pacific: In the report of the Committee on the G. A. R. Highway, we heard that no information had been received from California. I now have word from the Department Secretary-Treasurer Cheney stating that U. S. Highway No 6 is a first class highway, from Denver to Long Beach. I thought perhaps you might like that information to complete the report on the G. A. R. Highway.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: We are happy to have that information on the highway, and will accept it as part of the report for that Committee. Thank you very much.

I do want to make an announcement about the action of the Council of Administration, which met this afternoon just before this session.



I think you might want to know the fact that the Council of Administration took action to transfer all property and funds of the Illinois Corporation to the new nationally chartered corporation, at the time the bill has been signed by the President or as soon thereafter as the national corporation has been formed and organized. I think we have taken care of all other matters necessary to carry out this important transfer.

Now, I must say that I am a little disappointed at the small attendance here at this session; as I wanted to take the opportunity of asking you, the people on whom we can rely, if you are ready to go back to your Camps and your Departments and help to carry out the work which we have before us. Are you going to work with us? Can I count on you to work on the team for this coming year? We need the help of everyone if we are to accomplish the work before us this coming year, and I am asking for the co-operation of every one of you. We need your help, and I hope we can depend upon it.

We hope that you agree with what has been done during the past year, and what has been done during this Encampment; and if you don't we want to know about it. If there is anybody in disagreement with the ideas we have expressed, or with any action we have taken, I would like you to tell me about it—even though we might have approved it at this Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I am not in disagreement with any action or ideas advanced by this Encampment; and I have no advice. A few moments ago, you read a message from the President of the United States—an unusual message, both as to the message itself, and the wording of it.

I attended my first session of the Commandery-in-Chief fifty-one years ago, and I think I can safely say that this is the first time in the history of this organization, at least since that time, that we have received a message from the President of the United States; and I personally think it is a wonderful thing.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: We have a President now who does the right thing when he should.

Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts: I want to address the Brothers of this Encampment now on a matter of thankfulness—perhaps something which might, in a way, be considered the duties of the Chaplain. This morning we heard several resolutions of thanks—thanks to the city of Duluth, the Chamber of Commerce, the Mayor, the Governor, etc. A little while ago, we voted to go to Cincinnati next year and expressed the hope that Comrade Woolson would still be alive next year.

We were thrilled to have Comrade Woolson with us on Monday night at the public ceremony in his honor; and again on Wednesday night at the banquet and the presence of this beloved Comrade added much to the success, and gave significance to this Encampment, without which it might not have been the wonderful Encampment that it has been.

I am going to ask that we rise, in a moment of silent prayer—giving thanks to Almighty God that he spared Comrade Woolson to us for this Encampment; and asking Him to continue the life of Albert Woolson for another year—that His favor rest upon our dear Comrade until such time that He sees fit to call him over to the other shore to be re-united with his Comrades. (The Encampment rose, and observed a moment of silent prayer).



Commander-in-Chief Grant: I would like to complete the Committee on Revision of the Constitution and Regulations.

Past Commanders-in-Chief Moran, Chairman, Coffin, Locke and Lambert, with the Commander-in-Chief and P. C.-in-C. Sautter as advisors.

I think we have now completed our business; and I want to thank you all for coming here to help us carry out our program—you did just that, and we are, indeed, grateful to you.

National Secretary Lambert: Commander-in-Chief, and members of this Encampment, if there is no further business, I move you that the minutes of the Encampment as taken and transcribed by the Encampment stenographer, after being approved, be the official proceedings of this Encampment. (Seconded by Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts, and carried).

National Secretary Lambert: I move that we now recess, to meet at 4 P. M. in the Ballroom for the purpose of Installation of Officers; and that following the installation, this Encampment is officially adjourned. (Seconded by Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts, and carried).

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

August 12, 1954 — 4:15 P. M.

In accordance with action taken at the previous session, this was a special session for the purpose of Installation of Officers; with Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter as Installing Officer, and Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. M. Coffin, as Installing Guide.

Commander-in-Chief Grant read the list of appointments announced at the early afternoon session.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: The National Secretary will call the names of the newly elected officers (complied with) and Commander-in-Chief—U. S. Grant, 3rd, Major-General, U. S. A., Ret., Maryland;

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—John W. Emery, Massachusetts;

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Homer L. Young, Iowa;

Council of Administration—Wallace W. Scott, California, (2 Yrs);  
Geo. W. Kimball, Massachusetts, (1 Yr.);

National Secretary-Treasurer—Albert C. Lambert, New Jersey;

National Patriotic Instructor—C. LeRoy Stoudt, Pennsylvania;

National Chaplain—Rev. Hermon L. Brockway, New York;

National Counselor—Richard F. Locke, Illinois;

National Chief-of-Staff—John H. Runkle, Pennsylvania;

Personal Aide—Charles F. Dexter, Michigan; were installed in

Ritualistic form).

Commander-in-Chief Grant: First of all, I want to thank Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter for installing our Officers again. I found that being installed by him last year brought a certain amount of good fortune and good luck to us; and I thought if he has a special brand of favor bestowed upon him, his installing us again would bring another year of good fortune.

I want to thank the Encampment for the honor given to me by electing me to this position for a second term; and I fully realize the responsibilities which go with it. With the help of the splendid group of officers which have been selected, we hope to give you a successful administration.

There is nothing very much for us to do, at this time, other than to call on Brother Locke who, I understand, has a presentation to make.

National Counselor Locke: It has only been twice before in the history of this organization, which now goes back almost seventy-five years, that a man has been elected to this office twice in succession. The first time was in 1887-1888 when that honor was conferred upon one of the finest men I ever knew, George B. Abbott of Illinois; and the second time was in 1936-1937 when Wm. Allan Dyer of New York received that honor.

It is a great pleasure for me to have been designated as the one to present you with this badge of authority. I have never before, in my membership in this organization, had the satisfaction of doing anything finer than placing this gold cross of a Past Commander-in-Chief upon your breast; firm in the conviction that such an emblem was never placed on the breast of any Son of a Union Veteran who is more loyal to the principles of true Americanism than this particular one.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you very much, Brother Locke. I would like to say to the Officers and Committee Chairmen that I am delighted to have you on the team this coming year, and hope that you will all work hard in accomplishing the work we have to do.

National Secretary Lambert: It has been the custom for quite a number of years to present the outgoing Commander-in-Chief with a lapel button in gold, which is a miniature of the Past Commander-in-Chief's badge.

It is a distinct pleasure, Commander-in-Chief Grant, to present this personal gift from me; and I want to say to you that it has been a privilege to work with you, and I sincerely appreciate all the cooperation given to me.

Commander-in-Chief Grant: Thank you very much, Brother Lambert. It has been fine working with you; and you know, as well as I do, that if you hadn't done most of the head work during the past year it wouldn't have been such a good year.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: While we, of the Sons, still have the floor, I have a little suggestion to carry out. May I, at this time, ask all the delegates from Ohio to rise—both those of the Sons and Auxiliary.

Commander-in-Chief, Sons and members of the Auxiliary, we, the delegates present from Ohio, wish to extend to you all a most cordial invitation to come to Cincinnati for the 1955 Encampment.

(The Encampment closed in Ritualistic form).

Certified as a true and correct transcript of the Proceedings of the Seventy-Third Annual Encampment.

Attest:

ALBERT C. LAMBERT,  
National Secretary.  
ANNAMAE D. BERHALTER,  
Official Stenographer.

U. S. GRANT, 3rd,  
Commander-in-Chief.

## REPRESENTATION

Chapter 3, Article 2, Section 1, Constitution and Regulations:  
 \* \* \* one delegate from each Department, whatever its membership,  
 and one additional delegates for every fifty members or major fraction  
 thereof \* \* \*

Department	Seniority Rank	Date Instituted	June 30, 1954 Membership Delegates	
California & Pacific	19	July 1, 1886	471	10
Colorado & Wyoming	23	Mar. 22, 1929	68	2
Connecticut	5	May 15, 1883	449	10
Illinois	10	July 1883	154	4
Indiana	18	June 12, 1885	169	4
Iowa	6	June 2, 1883	112	3
Kansas	9	June, 1883	76	3
Maine	4	April 10, 1883	485	11
Maryland	20	June 15, 1887	114	3
Massachusetts	2	July 17, 1882	1469	30
Michigan	15	June 24, 1884	300	7
Minnesota	17	Jan. 1, 1885	88	3
Missouri	7	June 2, 1883	30	2
New Hampshire	11	August 1883	234	6
New Jersey	8	June 14, 1883	399	9
New York	13	Nov. 6, 1883	813	17
Ohio	3	Aug. 1, 1882	644	14
Oregon & Washington	22	June 8, 1923	110	3
Pennsylvania	1	July 4, 1882	1453	30
Rhode Island	14	Feb. 14, 1884	163	4
Vermont	12	Oct. 1883	286	7
Wisconsin	21	Sept. 1887	155	4

## SEVENTY-THIRD ENCAMPMENT ROLL

### Duluth, Minnesota—August 8-13, 1954 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

#### COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF OFFICERS

- \*Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Grant, 3rd, Maj.-Gen. U. S. A., Ret.  
1135 21st N. W., Washington 6, D. C.
- \*Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Dewey B. Mead,  
116 S. 12th St., Room 168, Minneapolis, Minn.
- \*Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Rev. Hermon L. Brockway,  
412 Albany St., Ithaca, N. Y.

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Elected.	Name.	Department.	Address.
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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	
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	
1913	John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania	4110 S. Tangerine Ave., St. Petersburg, Fla.
1914	Charles F. Sherman	New York	51 Woodridge Circle, Trumbull 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	
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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	
1939	*Ralph R. Barrett	California	
1940	J. Kirkwood Craig	New Hamp.	823 Union St., Manchester, N. H.
1941	Albert C. Lambert	New Jersey	2772 So. Broad St., Trenton 10, N. J.
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1881	†*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania
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1883	†*Edwin Earp	Massachusetts
1884	†*Edwin Earp	Massachusetts
1884	†*Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania
1885	†*Louis M. Wagner	
1886	†*Louis M. Wagner	

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1889-90	†George W. Marks	New York	Brooklyn, N. Y.
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	
1953	Alfred Woolson	Minnesota	215 N. 5th St., Duluth, Minn.

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E. Howard Gilkey	Ohio
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\* 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. 4-6	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
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

No.	Year	Date	Place	State
54th	1935	Sept. 9-12	Grand Rapids	Michigan
55th	1936	Sept. 22-24	Washington	D. C.
56th	1937	Sept. 6-9	Madison	Wisconsin
57th	1938	Sept. 5-8	Des Moines	Iowa
58th	1939	Aug. 29-31	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
59th	1940	Sept. 10-12	Springfield	Illinois
60th	1941	Sept. 15-18	Columbus	Ohio
61st	1942	Sept. 15-17	Indianapolis	Indiana
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
70th	1951	Aug. 19-23	Columbus	Ohio
71st	1952	Aug. 24-28	Atlantic City	New Jersey
72nd	1953	Aug. 23-27	Buffalo	New York
73rd	1954	Aug. 8-13	Duluth	Minnesota

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