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Annual National Encampment

## Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



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## NATIONAL OFFICERS — 1955-1956

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**FREDERIC G. BAUER**  
Commander-in-Chief 1955-1956



## PRE-ENCAMPMENT ACTIVITIES

September 9, 1956

### COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

The Council of Administration met at 1:45 P. M., Sunday, September 9, 1956 in the Penn Harris Hotel, Harrisburg, with the following present: Commander-in-Chief Col. Frederic Gilbert Bauer; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Howe; Council of Administration Member Wallace W. Scott; and National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert.

The following matters were taken into consideration by the Council, with these results; all by unanimous action: (1) Authorization was granted to National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert, by certification of the Commander-in-Chief, to transfer property from the Illinois Corporation to the Congressional Corporation of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(2) That the bank account with the First Mechanics National Bank of Trenton, Trenton, N. J., be changed from The Illinois Corporation to the Congressional Corporation.

(3) A sub-Committee of the Council of Administration, consisting of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Howe and Council of Administration Member Wallace W. Scott was appointed by Commander-in-Chief Bauer to examine the report of the Certified Public Accountant, presented by the National Secretary-Treasurer; and to present their findings to the Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Bauer also appointed the following sub-Committee to prepare a budget, and present it to the Encampment: Council of Administration Member Wallace W. Scott; National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert; and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Howe.

(4) Action was taken to give the sum of \$150.00 to Past Department Commander Dewey B. Mead, Minnesota; from the G.A.R. Fund, for his services as liaison officer to Comrade Woolson.

(5) No action was taken relative to appropriation of funds for maintenance of G.A.R. Headquarters; as the Council felt it unnecessary to take such action at this time.

(6) Action was taken to pay travel expenses of the National Historian at the rate of 2¢ a mile, one way—the same basis now in use for all other National Officers.

(7) Past Commander-in-Chief U. S. Grant, 3rd., was designated as the official representative of the Order in Washington, D. C., until further order of the Council of Administration.

(8) On the matter of the publication of the Banner, after expiration of the present contract; no action was taken by the Council of Administration at this time, but was held over for a future meeting of the Council.

(9) As to the suggested investment of money now in the Permanent Fund in a Mutual Fund, such as the Wellington Fund; no action was taken by the Council as they felt this was a matter for future consideration, and action at the proper time.

(10) Relative to present investments, the National Secretary-Treasurer was directed to take up the rights which accrue to the Order in American Telephone & Telegraph stock, including the purchase of rights for a fractional share.

## JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES

### Sunday, September 9, 1956—4 P. M.

The Joint Memorial Services of the Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary were held in the Ballroom of the Penn Harris Hotel, under the direction of National Chaplain Rev. George Hibbert Driver of the Sons; and National Chaplain Beulah R. Freeman of the Auxiliary.

#### PROGRAM

Piano Prelude .....	Florence R. Parsons
Past Department President, New York	
Processional .....	Dept. Presidents and Dept. Commanders
Introduction .....	Beulah R. Freeman
National Chaplain	
Invocation .....	Rev. George Hibbert Driver
National Chaplain, Sons of Union Veterans	
Scripture Reading .....	Beulah R. Freeman
National Chaplain	
Solo .....	Mary M. Mandeville
Past Department President, New York	
Ceremony at Altar	
Tribute to Grand Army of the Republic ...	Col. Frederic Gilbert Bauer
Commander-in-Chief	
With Special Eulogy In Memory of the Beloved Late Comrade	
ALBERT WOOLSON	
Acting Commander-in-Chief and last survivor of the	
Grand Army of the Republic	
Honorary Past Commander-in-Chief	
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War	
"LUX PERPETUA LUCEAT EI"	
Died August 2, 1956	
Tribute to Past Commander-in-Chief Allan S. Holbrook	
Deceased May 14, 1956 .....	Richard F. Locke
Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor	
Tribute to Past Commanders-in-Chief ...	Rev. Kirkwood Craig, D.D.
Past Commander-in-Chief	
Tribute to National Patriotic Instructor Oliver S. Larkby	
Died in Office, November 1955 .....	William M. Coffin
Past Commander-in-Chief	
Memorial to Past National Presidents .....	Mildred Webster
Past National President	
Memorial to Past Department Presidents .....	Sue Bennett
Past Department President, Iowa	
Memorial to Past Department Commanders .....	Fred E. Howe
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief	
Memorial to Deceased Sons .....	W. Earl Corbin
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief	
Memorial to Deceased Auxiliary Members .....	Katherine Joyce
Past Department President, Pennsylvania	
Solo .....	Mary M. Mandeville
Past Department President, New York	
Floral Tributes by Department Presidents and Department Commanders	
Assembly join in singing "THE OLD RUGGED CROSS"	
Benediction .....	Rev. George Hibbert Driver
National Chaplain, Sons of Union Veterans	

## REVIVAL OF G.A.R. "CAMP FIRE"

Sunday, September 9, 1956—7:30 P. M.

A revival of the "Camp Fire" (Grand Army of the Republic Tradition) with a joint meeting of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans, and Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; under the auspices of the three organizations and their General Encampment Committee was held in the Forum—State Education Building, with the following program:

Presiding: Col. Frederic Gilbert Bauer, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

7:30 P. M.

Concert of Selected Military Music

28th. Infantry Division Band, PNG.  
C.W.O. James J. Wolford, Directing

8:00 P. M.

Call to Order and Introductions ..... Major John H. Runkle  
Past Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans  
General Chairman, Encampment Committee.

Advance and Massing of Colors

Military, Veteran and Patriotic Groups  
under direction of Major John A. Ruggles  
National Chief of Staff, Sons of Union Veterans.

National Anthem ..... 28th. Infantry Division Band

Pledge of Allegiance ..... Assembly

Invocation ..... Rev. George H. Driver, S.T.M.  
National Chaplain, Sons of Union Veterans

Welcome ..... Chester S. Shriver  
Commander, Pennsylvania Dept., Sons of Union Veterans

Greetings ..... Stanley Walker  
Acting Mayor of Harrisburg

Welcome from the Governor of Pennsylvania  
Represented by Major Gen. A. J. Drexel Biddle, Jr.  
The Adjutant General of Pennsylvania

Greetings ..... Commander William C. Duval, U.S.N.R.  
Commander-in-Chief, Military Order of Loyal Legion

Commander-in-Chief Bauer read greetings from Martin J. Johnson  
Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Confederate Veterans

Telegram of greeting and good wishes from Dwight D. Eisenhower  
President of the United States  
read by Commander-in-Chief Bauer



- Greetings ..... William Henry Pitcher  
Deputy President General, Society of the War of 1812
- Greetings ..... Mrs. Lenore D. Glass  
National President, Auxilliary to Sons of Union Veterans
- Greetings ..... Miss Theo. McCallum  
National President, Ladies of the G.A.R.
- Introduction of Distinguished Guests
- Civil War Music ..... 28th Infantry Division Band
- Address—"The Battle of Gettysburg" ..... Dr. J. Walter Coleman  
Superintendent, Gettysburg National Military Park
- Vocal Selection ..... Miss Margaret Hartman  
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
- Presentations in Memory of the Grand Army of the Republic—  
Harrisburg Polyclinic Hospital — Auxilliary to S.U.V.  
Scotland School for Veterans' Children — Ladies of the G.A.R.
- Flag Presentations ..... Miss Winnona P. Kahl  
National Patriotic Instructor, Ladies of the G.A.R.
- to Capital City Post No. 10 AMVETS ... Vernon Millett, Commander  
Camp Curtin Fire Company ..... Chester L. Rowan, President
- Civil War Selections  
General John F. Hartranft, Camp No. 15, S.U.V.  
Fife and Drum Corps, Harrisburg, Penna.
- Address and Memorial Tribute to Grand Army of the Republic  
Dr. Sylvester K. Stevens  
Executive Director, Penna. Historical and Museum Commission
- The Battle Hymn of the Republic ..... 28th Infantry Division Band
- Vocal Selection—"Old Soldiers Never Die" .. Miss Margaret Hartman
- Taps
- Retirement of Colors and Adjournment

**Dedication of the  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC  
MEMORIAL STATUE**

**Wednesday, September 12, 1956—2 P. M.**

The delegates and members of the several allied organizations assembled in Gettysburg National Military Park, for the dedication of the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Statue, erected and presented to the National Park Service in the Gettysburg National Military Park by the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, under the direction of C. Leroy Stoudt, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, Chairman of the Dedication Committee. The program follows:

Advance of the Colors

- Welcome ..... C. Leroy Stoudt  
Past Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans  
Chairman, Dedication Committee
- Welcome ..... Miss Celeste D. Gentieu  
Past National President, Auxiliary to Sons  
Chairman, National G.A.R. Memorial Fund, Auxiliary
- Master of Ceremonies ..... Hon. Donald P. McPherson, Jr.  
Commissioner, Interstate Commerce Commission
- America ..... Gettysburg High School Band  
Mr. Robert Ziegler, Directing
- Invocation ..... Mrs. Beulah R. Freeman  
National Chaplain, Auxiliary
- Pledge of Allegiance ..... Led by Mrs. Iyla L. Bartlett  
National Patriotic Instructor, Auxiliary
- Welcome ..... Col. William G. Weaver  
Burgess of Gettysburg
- Unveiling of Memorial ..... Miss Celeste D. Gentieu  
Dept. Commander of Penna. .... Chester S. Shriver
- Dedication and Presentation of Memorial ..... Mrs. Lenore D. Glass  
National President, Auxiliary
- Acceptance of Memorial for U. S. Department of Interior  
Mr. Eivind T. Scoyen  
Associate Director, National Park Service
- Medley of Civil War Tunes ..... Harrisburg, Pa. Fife and Drum Corps  
Frank S. Copenhaver, Directing
- Address ..... Maj.-Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd., U. S. A., Ret.  
Past Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans
- Remarks ..... Dr. J. Walter Coleman  
Superintendent, Gettysburg National Military Park



This Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Statue of Comrade Woolson was posed for by Comrade Woolson, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and last member of the Grand Army of the Republic, who died August 2, 1956; and the statue was created by Dr. Avard Fairbanks, Sculptor.

After the ceremony, members of the three organizations completed their bus trip of the Gettysburg battlefield; after which they returned to Harrisburg.

Greetings .....	Col. Frederic Gilbert Bauer, A. U. S., Ret. Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans
Greetings .....	Miss Theo McCallum National President, Ladies of the G.A.R.
Introductions .....	Hon. Donald P. McPherson
Benediction .....	Rev. George Hibbert Driver, S.T.M. National Chaplain, Sons of Union Veterans
National Anthem .....	Gettysburg High School Band
Taps .....	Vernon E. Sanders Camp No. 15, Harrisburg

# PROCEEDINGS

## Seventy-Fifth Annual National Encampment SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Headquarters: Penn Harris Hotel

Business Sessions: B. P. O. Elks Harrisburg, Pa.

September 9-13, 1956

### MONDAY MORNING SESSION

September 10, 1956—9:30 A. M.

**Commander-in-Chief Frederic Gilbert Bauer:** The Officers and members of the Seventy-Fifth Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will please come to order.

I appoint as Guide, Delegate G. Elliot Sanford, New York; Color Bearer, Delegate Edward J. Carmichael, California; and Guards, Past Department Commander Harold Shepardson, Massachusetts, and Delegate Robert Wagoner, New York.

The Encampment then opened in Ritualistic form.

Roll call of Officers showed all present except Council of Administration Member Homer L. Young.

### COMMITTEES

**Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** The following Committees are hereby appointed:

#### Credentials

Albert B. DeHaven, Past Department Commander, Maine, Chairman; Bertram Isaacs, Delegate, New York; Charles Langlet, Past Department Commander, Maryland; Earl F. Riggs, Past Department Commander, California; William O. Fuller, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.

#### Resolutions

U. S. Grant, 3rd., Past Commander-in-Chief, Maryland, Chairman; George R. Raub, Sr., Department Commander, Michigan; Henry Towle, Past Commander-in-Chief, Maine; Vernon E. Cheney, Past Department Commander, California; Harold Shepardson, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.

#### Officers' Reports

Wm. M. Coffin, Past Commander-in-Chief, Ohio, Chairman; Roy J. Bennett, Past Commander-in-Chief, Iowa; Howard E. Walte, Dele-

gate, Massachusetts; Charles F. Dexter, Past Department Commander, Michigan; Louis T. Story, Department Commander, California.

#### Constitution and Regulations

Chas. H. E. Moran, Past Commander-in-Chief, Massachusetts, Chairman; Earl F. Riggs, Past Department Commander, California; Harold E. Arnold, Past Department Commander, Rhode Island.

#### Press

Chester S. Shriver, Department Commander, Pennsylvania; and a Committee to be selected by him.

#### 1957 Encampment City

John L. Day, Department Commander, Massachusetts, Chairman; Dewey B. Mead, Past Department Commander, Minnesota; Fred E. Howe, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, New York.

#### Ritual and Ceremonies

Cleon E. Heald, Past Commander-in-Chief, New Hampshire, Chairman; Walter C. Mabie, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania; Frank A. L. Daubert, Department Commander, New Jersey.

#### Fraternal Relations

To the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Auxillary to Sons of Union Veterans:

All Past Commanders-in-Chief, with Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, Pennsylvania, Chairman.

**Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** Two of our Past Commanders-in-Chief have suddenly been taken ill—Brothers Sherman and Cranmer; and I would like to suggest that we extend wishes to them both for a speedy recovery. (National Secretary Lambert was instructed to send a message to each of them, via air mail; expressing regret at their absence from the Encampment, and extending sincere wishes for a speedy recovery).

Brothers, we are now reports of Officers and, at this time, I will read my report.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Howe presided, as Commander-in-Chief Bauer read the following report:

#### COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S REPORT

In National Encampment  
10 September 1956.

To the Officers and Members of the  
Seventy-Fifth National Encampment of the  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

The completion of seventy-five years of life, whether of an individual or of an organization, is an event worthy of note. In the case of an organization it is an occasion to review the history of the past and to plan for the future so that the years yet to come may be full of better and greater accomplishments than those which have gone by. The history and present conditions in our own Order warrant us in doing this.

In 1881, when our Order started, it is demonstrable from the ages of the men who fought the Civil War that few persons over sixteen years of age, our legal minimum, were eligible to our Order. Of necessity it started as a boys' Order. It was the day of the Boys' Brigade, the Loyal Temperance Legion and close order military drill in high schools, and the right to wear a uniform and bear a military

title were social assets which drew into our Order persons who had little conception of the work to be done in the years to come. Our chief activity was to march with the Grand Army and carry flowers on Decoration Day, as it was then called. In 1881 there were no hereditary societies which we could imitate, for the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution and other similar organizations did not come into existence until several years later. As boys we imitated in all respects the only organization with which we were familiar,—the Grand Army of the Republic, not realizing that some features of their organization and methods were not adapted to us. St. Paul says: "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things." Our organization was slow in following St. Paul's example. We retained low dues to suit the pockets of boys, semi-monthly meetings with nothing done but inconsequential business, and the external forms of both a military and a fraternal beneficiary organization, although we lacked the power to enforce the former and the financial set-up properly to administer the latter, long after we should have outgrown them. We also made the mistake of taking into our ranks any person who had the hereditary qualification, regardless of whether he was likely to be an asset to the Order or not. In our early days this was perhaps understandable. Today we are an organization of grown men, many of whom have won for themselves important places in public, military, professional and business life; and if we are to occupy the place which of right belongs to us as the oldest hereditary society in our country, we must function in a manner befitting men of that character.

Our Order is now entering on a new phase of its existence. Hitherto we have rested under the aegis of the Grand Army of the Republic. With the death of Comrade Woolson the corporate existence of the Grand Army terminated. We, therefore, stand in the front line of the Civil War organizations. With the exception of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, we are the senior organization in any way connected with the Civil War and under the law and customs prevailing in English-speaking countries we as the "natural heirs" of the Grand Army succeed to the head-ship of the group formerly allied to them but now allied to us and have the right to define the conditions of that alliance. This position entails both prestige and responsibility. When the poet king of Israel lay dying he called his son Solomon to him and said: "I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore and shew thyself a man." The Grand Army of the Republic in the person of Comrade Woolson has in effect said to us on more than one occasion: "We go the way of all the earth: be ye therefore strong and shew yourselves men." If we are fitly to occupy the place which the end of the Grand Army of the Republic has left vacant, we must be strong and show ourselves men.

Difficulties lie ahead. Shortly after our Order was formed there came into existence an organization most of whose members were in fact the wives, mothers or sisters of members of the Grand Army, although under their rules membership is open to any woman regardless of relationship by blood or marriage to any Civil War veteran. They were grown women, whereas we were boys, and they naturally treated us as grown women do boys, and we meekly allowed them to treat us as boys and themselves to occupy the place in the group which of right belonged to us, and even after our members had grown to man's estate we still allowed this wrong to continue out of a mistaken sense of courtesy. Their organization is junior to ours and neither law nor usage justifies them in assuming any primacy. So long as the Grand Army existed its primacy was unquestioned.

Now as their natural male heirs and the senior member of the group we have succeeded to that primacy. This does not depend on any action by our own or any other organization, but is a pure matter of fact, for it is a maxim of Anglo-American law that God, not man, makes an heir.

The Grand Army expressed a wish that the five organizations meet together in Encampments, but, so far as I can ascertain, said nothing about any rotating committee. Having lived their lives in a country where Anglo-American institutions prevail, it must be assumed that they took it for granted that the ordinary procedure under Anglo-American law and custom would be followed and that we as their sons would take the lead of the group. Our Past Commanders-in-Chief have called meetings of the heads of the other Orders to consider the place of meeting. Without according us the courtesy of a reply to our invitation one or more of the other organizations have undertaken to set the meeting without reference to us. We have gone as far as gentlemen can go and retain their self-respect. Our Auxiliary is obliged by their own rules to meet with us on both the National and Departmental level. By an almost superhuman effort, General Grant got the other three organizations to meet with us in Cincinnati last year, and invited them to meet with us in 1956. The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic graciously accepted our invitation. The other two organizations ignored it and proceeded, without consulting us, to decide to meet in St. Louis and an insulting letter was sent by a retiring officer of one of them to General Grant. We waited until the last day of our Encampment before deciding on our place of meeting, and even then left it open to change if the other two organizations decided to meet with us. I communicated this invitation to each of the seceding organizations and received the reply that they had voted to meet in St. Louis. We have definitely taken the stand that we will have no part in a "rotating committee." It is merely a device of the seceding organizations to nullify our primacy in the group. The situation when I took office a year ago was quite analogous to that which confronted President Lincoln in 1861. The Gulf States had seceded, just as two of our organizations have seceded. Some in the North, including men who had held high office, were in favor of yielding to the demands of the Secessionists, as a few of our androgynous members are in favor (apparently) of yielding to the demands of our Secessionists. Some are in favor of appeasement, as were the Constitutional Union Party in 1861. The Secessionists tried to win over the border States, as our Secessionists have tried to alienate the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic from the intents of the three societies. As the South provided an army before they were ever attacked, and in spite of President Lincoln's express statement that "the Government will not assail you," so the Woman's Relief Corps has provided money in advance for litigation which has not been brought and to which, so far as I can see, they could not be parties. I can only repeat to our Secessionist organizations another expression from President Lincoln's First Inaugural: "Think calmly and well upon this whole subject . . . You can have no conflict without being yourselves the aggressors."

Such was the situation when I took office. In order to clarify the situation I consulted the members of the Council of Administration and with their unanimous approval, issued the statement of our position which appears on the first page of the January Banner. We have definitely taken a stand against a rotating committee and that we are the titular head of the group with all which that involves. Are we to make that statement a mere empty pronouncement or are we to uphold and implement it? We have for years followed a policy of appeasement. Such a policy gets nowhere, and the appeaser always

ends up worse off than before he appeased, as the recent history of our country amply shows.

We have another situation which requires legal advice and assistance. On 13 February 1954, Comrade Woolson, as the last surviving member of the Grand Army of the Republic executed a conveyance of all its property, with certain exceptions not here material, to us under our Illinois charter, and, in accordance with the Act of Congress incorporating the Grand Army, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia on 22 December 1954 entered a decree vesting title to said property in us under our Illinois charter. Because of a typographical error of one letter in that conveyance, which would probably not have affected its legal effect, if presented to a court, and because we had in the meantime received our charter from Congress, I thought it better to have a confirmatory conveyance executed. This was done in February 1956, and Comrade Woolson then executed a document, under seal, authorizing me to affix the corporate seal of the Grand Army to the confirmatory conveyance, and adding, "I hereby direct Cora E. Gillis, the Secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic to allow him to affix said seal to said document." With these two documents, and accompanied by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Howe and Mrs. Howe, I called on Miss Gillis at Jamestown in the so-called office of the Grand Army of the Republic, showed her the documents and asked her to permit me to affix the seal, which she refused to do. I took the papers to Washington with me and presented them to a Judge of the United States District Court, with a motion setting forth the necessary facts and he entered a decree vesting title to the property in our Order. After the time for appeal had expired, I had National Secretary Lambert send Gillis a letter notifying her of the decree and telling her that we should hold her responsible for any unauthorized disposition of the property. She wrote me on 18 July—"Your letter of the 16th. has been referred to our attorney for action and you will hear from him direct." Up to date, I have not heard from him.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Howe has been in charge of locating and perfecting title, where necessary, to any property of the Grand Army, title to which is within the scope of the foregoing conveyance, and his report will give further details.

The matters of our position in the group and carrying out Comrade Woolson's intent in making over the Grand Army property to us have taken much time and travel, and certain other brothers, notably Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Howe and Brother Waite of Massachusetts have represented me in cases where it was impossible for me to attend in person; and to them I tender my sincere thanks.

During my term of office, I have travelled over 30,000 miles,—more than the distance around the earth. All my meetings with the brethren in the different Departments have been pleasant, and the courtesies shown both to myself and Mrs. Bauer have gone beyond the demands of hospitality. To all of these brethren and the members of our Auxilliary and of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. I offer my deep gratitude.

All the officers associated with me have done all that has been required of them and in most cases far more than I had the right to ask. Of course, we have come to expect that our National Secretary-Treasurer will exert all possible effort to help the Order in any way, whether in the line of his duty or not, but there is one other case which should be singled out for special mention. Our National Patriotic Instructor, Brother Wells, has done more constructive work in the line of his department than any predecessor in the office, so far as I know, and I wish to bring his work to the notice of the Commandery-in-Chief.



### Recommendations

The information I have received, in person and by letter during my term of office indicates that our greatest needs are: (1) to vindicate our status, and (2) a more up-to-date business administration. Most of the needed changes do not need legislation on the national level, but can be brought about by changes in the Departments.

1. Our status as head of the Grand Army group must be definitely determined by official action of the National Encampment, leaving the details to be worked out by the Council of Administration. In most Departments, there will be no difficulty. Once the guiding rules are established, they will be followed by the three co-operating organizations. In cases where state or local units of the other organizations are now on a friendly basis, there is no reason why these friendly relations should be disturbed, provided the rules laid down as above are adhered to. We are not trying to run or manage the other organizations. There are certain customs which are universally adhered to in this country by well bred persons, like a man's name preceding that of his wife and daughters, and conversely a man serving a lady before he serves himself. If the seceding organizations wish to come back into the group, compliance with the rules so laid down should be a condition precedent to their admission.

2. A Permanent Fund, so invested as to produce the maximum income consistent with safety of principal, and properly safeguarded by the By-laws, should be established in each Department. Some Departments, at my suggestion, have already taken steps to establish such a fund and all should do so. The provisions of our National Constitution can be taken as a guide. Camps should also be encouraged to start such a fund. Few Camps have the set-up to go into the stock market. In Massachusetts this situation is met by the Department allowing any Camp to turn over its funds to the Department, which invests it for the Camp, turning over the income to the Camp or allowing it to accumulate, as the Camp directs. A similar practice can be adopted by the National Organization for Departments whose resources are too small to be available for the usual channels of investment, and would require no change in our Regulations.

3. Some Camps and Departments hold moneys of such a nature that they are subject to the obligations of trust funds. Our Regulations (Chap. III, Art. V, Sec. 5(d)) give the Council of Administration visitatory powers over such funds. It has come to my notice that in at least one case such money is being used in a manner which is at least open to question. I recommend that my successor order report of all money held by any Camp or Department other than ordinary income, with a statement of how it is invested and being used.

4. I further recommend that the following section be added to the Regulations as Section 5 of Article VI, of Chapter III:

"Sec. 5. All moneys held by Camps, Departments, and the National organization are charged with a trust for the purposes for which the Order exists, as stated in its Act of Incorporation, and any use of any of said moneys for other purposes is illegal and shall subject the parties concerned to disciplinary action under Article VI of Chapter V, and may be restrained by the Commander-in-Chief or Council of Administration to the extent, if necessary, of taking possession and control of the money involved."

5. The Council of Administration has justified its creation in the few years of its existence. The only objection to it as at present constituted is that its members are so scattered that it is difficult for them to meet except at the time of the National Encampment.

To get the maximum benefit from it, there should be at least one meeting between Encampments. Unless the organization is in a position to pay travel expenses the only time when a quorum can be assembled is at some Department Encampment, and even this proved impossible this past year. We have a provision by which less than a majority can do business, provided their action is assented to by five of the seven members. This is a life preserver in emergencies, but does not fully meet the situation. The purpose of having a board of several members to act is to have discussion and deliberation before action. There can be no real discussion where members do not meet. I recommend that this question be further considered, during the next year, with a view of devising a plan by which the Commander-in-Chief may be able to get real advice based on discussion, which I believe will be of much more help to him than a plebiscite without prior discussion.

6. The Department and Camp Councils were created by our Order in imitation of the Grand Army. They still have a limited usefulness, but what a Department especially needs is a deliberative body having all the powers of a Board of Directors, which can meet at intervals between Encampments. In Massachusetts when we incorporated we had to have such a body, in order to comply with the State law. It consists of all the elected officers, including the three members of the Council, and five elected members; one elected each year for five years. This gives an element of permanence to the financial policies of the Department and is largely responsible for its prosperous financial condition. I recommend that each Department be authorized to create such a body, the size to depend on local conditions, such body to have the powers of a Board of Directors of a business corporation under the State law, and either to include or replace the Department Council, which will thus become an auditing and budgeting body, if so desired. In many cases the existence of such a body will save calling a special session of the Department Encampment.

7. Article VI of Chapter V, of our Regulations, "Discipline" is a sword too rusty to be drawn out of the scabbard. No Camp and few Departments have the set-up to handle charges. Charges usually result from some internal dispute and it would be difficult, if not impossible, to get from the Camp; and in many cases difficult to get in the Department a trial commissioner who would be both disinterested and sufficiently versed in law to handle the questions of law and fact likely to be involved. It would be much simpler to have charges preferred by Members, Camps, or Departments to the Commander-in-Chief, with an appeal to the Council of Administration or the National Encampment, in case he neglected or refused to act. He would then have the entire membership of the Order to draw upon for a trial commissioner, and could pick one from the Department concerned or from some other Department, as circumstances might indicate. Circumstances have arisen this year which indicate the desirability of this change. The trial commissioner should be limited in his power to finding the facts, and recommending the penalty, but his recommendation should be advisory only.

8. When I took office a year ago, I was probably more familiar with the set-up and problems of the national organization than any Commander-in-Chief in recent years, because I had held a national office during four out of the preceding five years, yet it has taken me more than half of my term of office to become sufficiently acquainted with the problems confronting the office so that I felt I really had them in hand. If the policy of promoting the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, which has been followed during the last three administrations, is adopted as a fixed policy (and I believe it should be), it will do much to cure this difficulty, but even that is not

sufficient. An incoming head of any organization should have a certain period after his election, when he knows he is to be head of the organization and can choose his staff and plan his policies without the burden of actual administration. Many medical societies elect their president a year in advance. During that year he is a member of the governing board as "president elect" and can plan his administration with the certainty that he is going to take over. In all our state, city and national governments there is a certain period between election and inauguration. I recommend that we so amend our Regulations that the National Officers shall be elected and installed at the Encampment, but shall take office on October first.

9. Certain persons not members of our Order have rendered during the past year, services which should be recognized, and suitable resolutions will be presented at the proper time. There is one service which can never be repeated and should be suitably honored. Five of our members conducted the Grand Army burial service at Comrade Woolson's funeral and the Drum Corps of our Order from Mount Vernon, Ohio, led the procession to the grave, their Civil War uniforms adding a pathetic touch of Civil War memories to the occasion. The service of each of these brethren should be fitly recognized. I recommend that each of the brethren who rendered service in either of these capacities on this historic occasion be authorized to wear, so long as he shall be a member of the Order, a gold star on the ribbon of the membership badge immediately below the pin, the same to be presented by the National organization.

We need to have some fitting testimonial to give persons, whether members of the Order or not, who have rendered signal service. I suggest that we use for this purpose either one of the medals struck in honor of President Lincoln or that struck in honor of General Grant's victories. Bronze replicas of these can be obtained at the Philadelphia mint and would be in keeping with our Civil War heritage.

10. In recent years our Colors and our Color Guard have been invited by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States to participate with them in the exercises at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington on February 12, where we have been shown every courtesy. I recommend that the National organization pay the expense of this participation. Past Commander-in-Chief Locke and Past Department Commander Beekman have also attended to placing a wreath at President Lincoln's tomb. The expense of this also should be paid. I am informed that conditions at the Lincoln Tomb are not satisfactory, as a women's organization usurps the place which should be ours. This should be corrected and we should assume our proper place with whatever that involves.

11. By a mandate of the National Encampment a vice Commander-in-Chief has been chairman of a national membership committee. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Corbin has done all that could humanly be expected in that position. National committees will not bring in members. The way to increase our membership is in the grass roots, as has been successfully shown by the new Camps in Michigan; and Seattle, Washington. A nucleus of interested persons in a community can gather to themselves kindred spirits. The charter of an existing Camp can be used for this purpose or a new Camp instituted, as local conditions may indicate. In my opinion, the possibilities of membership at large and of non-resident membership in local Camps can be developed further than it has been. The old type of Camp will not interest men of the type of those who are now asking to join our Order. The so-called "dinner-camps," meeting only a few times a year, with dues high enough to finance this type of meeting, such as already exist in several States, will attract and hold men of this class. I therefore recommend that a Vice Com-

mander-in-Chief be designated to investigate and develop, with such assistance as he may desire, the possibilities along this line.

12. The Military Order of the Loyal Legion has suggested closer relations with our own Order, and I am on their committee to investigate the subject. This committee will report to their Commandery-in-Chief next month. The Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion is a member of our own Order and General Grant and I are members of the National Board of Officers of the Loyal Legion. As the Loyal Legion is the older organization, the initiative should come from them; and I recommend that when an invitation comes from them, the Commander-in-Chief be empowered to encourage Camps and Departments to co-operate in such measures for closer relations as may be mutually agreed on.

I have outlined some of the work which faces our organization. In meeting these problems, I have had the cordial co-operation of the National President of our Auxiliary, Mrs. Glass; and the National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Miss McCallum. To them I express my personal gratitude, and that of our Order. To them is due much credit for what has been accomplished. As Governor Chamberlain of South Carolina, who did much toward restoring decent government in that State during the reconstruction period, said on retiring from office: "All these things could not be accomplished during my term of office, but if I shall have turned the tide, I shall be content." I believe the tide has turned in our Organization, so on retiring from office I can only echo the dying words of King Edward VII: "It is over now, but I think I have done my duty."

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

(Frederic Gilbert Bauer)  
Commander-in-Chief.

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

National Secretary Lambert then read the following, and moved its adoption: "That the sessions of this Encampment open at 9:30 A. M. (D.S.T.), and unless sooner adjourned, shall adjourn at 5 P. M., with recess from 12 noon to 1:30 P. M. That all reports of officers shall, without a motion and without debate, be referred to the Committee on Officers Reports; and all reports of Encampment Committees containing recommendations for action by the Encampment shall be received on submission; and unless objection is made at the time the report is submitted, the recommendation shall be considered adopted without formal motion and vote." (Seconded by Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts, and unanimously carried).

(Report of the Commander-in-Chief referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports).

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

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Howe:

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

1345 Michigan Avenue,  
Niagara Falls, N. Y.  
August 25, 1956

To: Commander-in-Chief Frederic Gilbert Bauer,  
and the Officers and Members of the  
Seventy-fifth National Encampment:

It is my pleasure to report to you and the officers and members, assembled for the seventy-fifth annual National Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, on my activities for the past year.

During the year, I attended several Camp meetings, also some dinners and receptions, at which I gave a talk on the main objectives of the Sons; and extended personal greetings of our Commander-in-Chief and the National Organization, as well as my own. Some of the places visited are listed below.

Tuesday, September 6, 1955, H. C. Berry Camp No. 89, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Monday, September 12, Chaplain P. G. Cook Camp No. 223, Buffalo, N. Y.; Saturday, September 24, dinner and reception at Jack's Restaurant, Albany, N. Y., honoring Department President Lillian Messer and Department Commander Wm. F. Bruckel and their staffs, of our Auxiliary and the Sons. Friday, January 27, 1956, attended the Old Guard Ball with my wife. We were guests of Department Commander Wm. F. Bruckel and wife. This was held in the Ballroom of the Commodore Hotel in New York City, in honor of the Seventh Regiment, 107th. Inf., N.Y.N.G. on its 150th. anniversary. Our Commander-in-Chief and his wife were there as well as many other Sons and Auxiliary members. The Sons had a small detail in the military review at 11:00 P. M., at which time dancing was temporarily interrupted for this review.

Saturday afternoon, January 28, I attended the S.U.V. New York District meeting at headquarters in Municipal Building with Commander-in-Chief Bauer and Department Commander Bruckel; and in the evening was a guest of the Auxiliary Past Presidents Association of Greater New York at their annual dinner dance, held at Rosoffs on 43rd. St.

Saturday evening February 11, attended the Lincoln Dinner given by the Abraham Lincoln Association of Rochester at Hotel Seneca; and on Sunday evening, February 12, went to the Park Lane, Buffalo, to the Lincoln Dinner given by the G.A.R. Memorial Association of Erie County.

June 20-23 attended the 73rd. annual Encampment of my own New York Department in Lake Placid at Hotel St. Moritz. I spoke to the members and quoted from a letter sent me by Commander-in-Chief Bauer, regarding the prestige of the Sons, G.A.R. Property, and Members, Money and Meetings.

I regret to report that on Tuesday July 10, Past Department Commander Hermon L. Brockway of Ithaca passed away after a lingering illness and much suffering, which an operation did not alleviate very long. You will all remember Brother Hermon, who served two years as National Chaplain, and one as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Our Order has lost a hard and faithful worker as well as a very good friend in the passing of Brother Brockway, whose heart and soul was in this patriotic work of ours.

Friday, July 13th., Mrs. Howe and I went to Ithaca, N. Y. to attend the funeral of Brother Brockway, which was held from the First Methodist Church. There were approximately thirty-six mem-

bers of the Sons and Auxiliary present from Rochester, Ithaca, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Batavia, Oneida, Elmira and New York City.

Saturday afternoon, July 21st., Past Department Commander Wm. F. Bruckel and I had the honor of being adopted as members of the Indian Defense League of America, as members of the Beaver Clan of the Tuscarora Indian Tribe.

This took place at Hyde Park, Niagara Falls, N. Y., after a noon parade from the Canadian side to the United States side and to the ceremonial stand in the above park, and was in celebration of the restoration of the Jay Treaty which allows free crossing of the Canadian-American Border by the Indians at will. This was their twenty-ninth annual celebration. They adopt five white people yearly.

I was taken as an officer of the National Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and was dressed as a Son of a Veteran in uniform, and drove near the head of the parade with Past Department Commander Bruckel and another inductee in my car. I believe this is the first time that the Sons of Union Veterans have been represented in an affair of this kind with the Indians.

The passing of Comrade Albert Woolson, August 2nd. will now officially close the Grand Army of the Republic. It now behooves us as the descendants of these men who fought in the Civil War, to get our shoulders to the wheel and work harder than ever to keep green the memory of these brave men.

According to the vote of the 1955 Encampment held in Cincinnati, Ohio, the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief was to have charge of the work of locating, inventorying and where necessary, perfecting our title to G.A.R. Property conveyed to us by deed of Comrade Woolson under date of February 13, 1954.

Having been installed as your Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, this work fell in my lap; and shortly after my return from Cincinnati, I started to draft a letter which I sent to the Department Commander of each of our twenty-one Departments, as well as one to the Secretary of each of our Camps at large, giving them an outline of what we desired.

This last spring I sent out follow-up letters to the above, and have turned my G.A.R. Property report in to our National Secretary Albert Lambert, showing results obtained. I am not entirely satisfied with this report, but will state that I have done the best I could with what material was sent to me.

The response and co-operation from the individual Departments was exceedingly poor, probably on a par with what Department Secretaries have to put up with from their Camp Officers—either a half-hearted answer not giving complete information, or no answer whatsoever.

The outstanding Department reporting on this project came from Department Commander Spencer Leonard of the Department of Oregon-Washington, who immediately answered my first letter, informing me that he was practically four years ahead of us in this matter, and had been working on the G.A.R. Records and property, also giving several lectures on same. Altogether, I have received about ten or more letters from Department Commander Leonard alone, each with additional data for my report, as well as a couple of printed circulars of lectures he has given.

It would be putting it very mildly if I were to say that I have been astonished at the amount of information this Brother has sent to me. I have been trying to get him to attend our National Encampment at Harrisburg; but he says he is too busy digging up more G.A.R. data for our records. My mail of August 7th. brought another letter from Brother Leonard, stating that this would probably be his last to me as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I am giving you the

gist of this letter, which also appears in my G.A.R. Property Report. Brother Leonard says: "For Oregon, have located the records Gen. Ransom Post No. 69 of Hillsboro. An old W.R.C. Past Dept. Pres. has had them in her basement for twenty-one years. When I requested her to give them up, she refused; so I had a friendly talk with the present W.R.C. Dept. Pres., and the outcome of it is that I will take her into court in her own community, Hillsboro, and force her to show cause why she has any legal right to keep them, and without having to fight the W.R.C. Dept. Pres., as she is on my side in this squabble. For Washington, am starting another court action regarding two lots and G.A.R. Hall, valued at \$35,000.00. This is really a mixed up deal, as the G.A.R. had deeded it to the county in perpetuity, with certain stipulations, that it be kept permanently as a meeting hall for the G.A.R., Relief Corps, Spanish American War Vets and all Veterans of the War with Germany. Then, on top of that, the W.R.C. gave a quit claim deed to the V.F.W. for the whole works. Have had the W.R.C. quit claim deed declared invalid. Assisting me out here is the former Assistant State Atty. General. I have enough legal data on this to take the case into court. The women in Washington are with me, so that means over half the battle.

If you wish some excitement, come out west. Our women outnumber us about twelve to one, but most of them have forgotten to read the C. and R. and that's where I have them in a trap they cannot get out of. Now, a little story about the Grand Army book of Constitution and Regulations. I don't believe there is a National Officer who has ever seen or read it.

When the G.A.R. was organized April 6, 1866, a grade system was adopted for membership. First grade not eligible to office, not to speak or vote at meetings. After two months, he could advance to the Second grade. Meetings of the Post were held in the second grade. Meetings of Officers were held in the third grade. In all, it took about eight months for a soldier to reach the third grade.

A digest of opinions was published up to 1877. An issue of the manual was made in 1879, which seems to have been used by many Posts. The first edition of the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army was published in 1884 by Robert B. Heath, Past Commander-in-Chief of the G.A.R. and was called the Grand Army Blue Book, and contained all official opinions, with additional notes up to that time.

We are going to have to force a show down with the W.R.C. sooner or later, and the better prepared we are, the better result we can obtain in court.

One provision of the Grand Army was—"Posts cannot form auxiliary societies composed of persons not eligible to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic." This is in the Blue Book. This question was battled through many Encampments, but as many of the delegates had wives present who belonged to the W.R.C., the G.A.R. had to save face and it was always referred to the Judge Advocate General for his opinion, and the opinion was upheld all through the life of the Grand Army.

First copy of the Blue Book that was offered for sale was announced at the 1903 Department of Oregon Encampment. By then, the W.R.C. was so well rooted that none of the men had the intestinal fortitude to enforce the rule of the G.A.R., and I doubt if any but a very few men in the Department offices ever bothered to read it. It was sold for \$1.00 at that time.

Now for an important must. The incorporation of the Grand Army. The bill was submitted by Mr. Moore of Indiana, and is known as House Bill No. 1869 of the first session of the 68th. Congress. Title of the book is as follows:

United States Statutes  
at large  
1923-1925  
Vol. 13 Part 1  
Public Laws

Inside this book, start at bottom of page 358, Chapter 242, in parenthesis on side, in small type is H.R. 1869

3 June, 1924 Public Laws No. 184

In it, the Grand Army made ample provision for the functions of their Order after the last Encampment could be held; and specified that the G.A.R. would exist and their rules and regulations would be in effect until the last man had passed away.

Some reference is made to this in the 1927 Journal of Proceedings of the National G.A.R. Encampment for 1927, bottom of page 92, regarding property. The provisions of the incorporation of the G.A.R. come under various Public Laws, which can be found in the index to United States Congressional Records.

I am quite sure that the W.R.C. would have a red face when shown the records of incorporation of the G.A.R., when they put on lots of their stationery and letter-heads, that the Grand Army ended at their last National Encampment in 1919.

Department Commander Leonard deserves high commendation for his very fine work along this line. It is a hobby of his, and he enjoys it. Commander-in-Chief Bauer has made him a National Aide and presented him with the proper ribbon designating him as such, which he well deserves. Also, his Department of Oregon-Washington has recently re-elected him to another term as their Department Commander. Here is a man we should have in National Office.

Brothers, it has been a pleasure to serve as your Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief this past year. I have enjoyed and also learned a few things. I wish, at this time, to express my sincere thanks to the Brothers for electing me to this office at Cincinnati, Ohio in 1955. I hope I have merited your confidence in me. Again, Thank You,

Respectfully submitted,

(Fred E. Howe)

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports).

**Past Commander-in-Chief Grant:** Commander-in-Chief, I want to offer a Resolution—that the thanks and appreciation of the Encampment be extended to Hon. Alexander Holtzoff, Judge of the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia for his courteous co-operation in expediting necessary legal formalities in transferring the property of the G.A.R. to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in accordance with provisions of the Act of Congress of the U. S. incorporating the G.A.R.; and I move that this Resolution be adopted. (Seconded by National Counselor Locke, and carried).

The Guide then escorted the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief to the station of Commander-in-Chief; and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief to the Senior Vice station—after which Commander-in-Chief Bauer left the Encampment to visit the ladies' organizations, and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Howe presided.

**Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Howe:** Brother Corbin, are you ready to give your report?



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

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Corbin: I do not have a written report, but should like to submit a brief, verbal one.

I represented the Commander-in-Chief, in various meetings in the Department of Ohio, during the past year. I attended the Regional meeting in Detroit, and met the Commander-in-Chief at that meeting.

I was appointed National Membership Chairman, and I proceeded to write every Department Commander, asking him to appoint four (4) Brothers in his Department to work on the project to increase membership. The Department Commanders replied very faithfully; and I then wrote every Brother who had been appointed, asking them to assist in a program to increase our membership. I did not receive a single letter from any of those Brothers, giving me any information on what was being done on this project, if anything. I am sorry, but I did not get any response; so can report no progress on the membership project.

I have enjoyed the work of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; and I have tried to be of assistance wherever and whenever I could.

In connection with the project to increase members, I would like to recommend that the incoming Commander-in-Chief follow through on a similar plan as we had this past year; and have four (4) organizers in each Department, instead of one.

Thank you for the privilege of serving the organization.

(Verbal report referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Howe: Is the Credential Committee ready to give us a preliminary report?

### PRELIMINARY REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Past Department Commander Albert B. DeHaven, Maine: Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, the Credential Committee reports a total of 120 registered at this time.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Howe: Thank you, Brother DeHaven. Is the National Patriotic Instructor ready to report?

### REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Cambridge, Mass.  
September 1, 1956

Colonel Frederic Gilbert Bauer,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
My dear Commander-in-Chief:

I shall briefly report that many circulars, letters, flyers, and odd items of interest and information have been sent to as many National Department and Camp Officers (Past and Present) as I could find addresses to send to—not once, but a number of times. I've also tried to solicit from just about everybody I could for the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund. Let me now thank the many who contributed to it in any way and let me also assure the countless others who didn't that I bear them no ill will—and I hope they bear me none for having bothered them so much.

Every Department, and quite a few Camps, were sent "Kits for Patriotic Instructors." Each "Kit" contained material I had used as Massachusetts Department Patriotic Instructor, with detailed suggestions as to their use and possible development.

My first appearance was as one of the speakers at the Annual Lincoln's Birthday Exercises of the Massachusetts Past Commanders

and Past Presidents Associations, held in conjunction with the City of Boston, before the Emancipation Statue, representing Abraham Lincoln freeing the Slaves.

I had the pleasure of bringing the greetings of the Commandery-in-Chief to the Lincoln Birthday Banquet of the Rhode Island Grand Army Family, held in Providence. Our Allied Orders in Rhode Island are to be congratulated for the excellent tableaux presented at this affair.

Particular credit must be given to our Rhode Island Department for their presentation depicting a representative of the Grand Army turning over to us the gavel of authority and the property of our legal inheritance; staged and directed by the then Department Patriotic Instructor George Stairs; assisted by the then Department Commander E. Waller Lewis; Department Secretary Harold Arnold; and Past Department Commander Wallace Macomber.

February 18th, attended the Annual Washington-Lincoln Banquet of the Plymouth County Association in Abington, Mass.

February 25th, attended the Annual Washington-Lincoln Banquet of Past Commanders and Past Presidents Associations of Massachusetts.

April 7th, attended 30th. Annual Banquet of the North Metropolitan District Association in Malden, Mass.

April 14th, attended Rhode Island Department Encampment. Visitation to Auxilliary. Served as Installing Guide under Past Commander-in-Chief Charles H. E. Moran. Address at Joint Banquet.

April 27, 28 and 29th, attended Massachusetts Department Encampment in dual capacity as Department and National Patriotic Instructors. Led Greetings Committee to Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Regular business sessions as Department Patriotic Instructor; Official Dinners, Banquet, and Reception as National.

My Memorial Day activities were devoted to the several exercises held at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Forest Hills, Mass., by my home Camp, Charles Russell Lowell Camp No. 9 of Roxbury.

July 21st and 22nd, attended New England Regional Conference of "Sons" and Auxilliary at "The Weirs," New Hampshire.

These conferences could be labeled as interesting, enjoyable, and profitable—and should be used as examples to encourage other such gatherings throughout our National Body. This Association is a testimonial to the far-sightedness of Charles C. Webster (Maine), H. L. Atkins, Sr. (New Hampshire), A. C. Aldrich (Vermont), H. E. Arnold (Rhode Island), B. O. DeForest, Sr. (Connecticut), C. H. E. Moran (Massachusetts), and the enterprising Brothers and Sisters who assisted them.

An excellent radio presentation was made from Station WFAH in the nearby city of Laconia. Smoothly professional introductions were made by the host and hostess to the Associations, Richard E. Wyman and Mrs. E. Martelle Marston, New Hampshire's Department Commander and Department President. A description of their work, and an outline of the aims and ideals of their Orders came from Mrs. Iyla Bartlett, Auxilliary National Patriotic Instructor, and myself.

Plans were made to continue jointly the Annual Presentation, at the Coast Guard Academy Commencement Exercises in Connecticut, of a suitably inscribed Dress Sword to the Cadet graduating with the highest military proficiency.

September 1, '56—Spoke at U.A.V. Department Convention in Taunton, Mass.

The Pennsylvania Department is to be commended for the fine work done by its then Patriotic Instructor, John D. Erskine. It is worthy of note that it was through him and the then Department Commander William C. Jones that I received information regarding

the then pending H. J. Res. No. 558, which attempted to shuffle the dates of four of our holidays; this was further dealt with in our invaluable BANNER.

My thanks to the Indiana Department for their complete and excellent report. An accolade must be given to the then Department Commander Alva Reef, and particularly to the enterprising and enthusiastic Department Secretary-Treasurer Arthur M. Bowman, for their effective program in encouraging the display of "Old Glory" in their Department. This is a continuing project, thus far ably conducted by Brother Bowman, and is recommended to other Departments for emulation.

The Department of Illinois is indeed to be commended and eulogized for the notable patriotic program presented at their Dedication of the U. S. Grant Highway on April 28th, in Galena, Illinois. This is an outstanding example of the type of activity that our Order needs to establish our rightful position in the minds and hearts of all good Americans, as the modern representatives of the Preservers of our Union—the Grand Army of the Republic. Let me use one of the prerogatives of this office to extend to the Department of Illinois the congratulations of the Commandery-in-Chief—and a hearty "Well done!"

On Memorial Day last, one of the finest and most beautiful flags ever was presented by Past Department President Flora Bates to the City of Worcester, Mass., in honor of the Grand Army of the Republic. This tremendously impressive ceremony was held as the culmination of the City's Memorial Day Parade, with a Marine escort, in full view of the general public and participating units of all our armed services. A thrilling occasion by our wonderful Auxiliary and deserving of the pleased and grateful thanks of all "Sons."

Mention must be made of the Dedication on April 21st. of a "Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Room" in Detroit by our Michigan Department—a memorable affair that must be recorded.

If there are any other events that should have been recognized, they have not been for the good and sufficient reason that I was not placed in possession of the necessary information.

Continuing a service started as Massachusetts Patriotic Instructor, I sent large cartons full of postage stamps of the world and collector's supplies to the hospitalized veterans of two Veterans Administration Hospitals; one in Syracuse, New York, and one in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Without the American Coalition of Patriotic Societies as a source of information and material, my activities in this office would have been substantially curtailed. I not only heartily endorse our continued association with this splendid organization, but also urge all Brothers, who are able, to contribute, financially to an extension of their services.

Using material supplied by the American Coalition and the assistance of cooperative Brothers and Sisters, I have approached many of our U. S. Senators and Representatives with the request that they declare themselves on important issues.

As is to be expected, most of the returns are not yet in and, of those that are in, many hedged and evaded any definite stand. Only a very few were forthright in their views and, of those few, only one or two agreed with us on every point.

On the positive side of the ledger, I can report a billion dollar cut in foreign "Aid" and also that we have held the line on the Immigration question. Membership in the O.T.C. was not voted on and bureaucratic meddling with education was stopped. The National Motto has been officially established as "In God We Trust."

At the last Encampment, a recommendation by Gen. Grant was approved, suggesting that the National Patriotic Instructor invite all

National Patriotic Organizations to departmental and local meetings on matters of national import.

The response has been reasonably good. Definitely lined up for meetings are, first of all, our Auxiliary and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Then, equally enthusiastic are the Marine Corps League, Catholic War Veterans, and the Disabled Officers Association. With us on a tentative basis is the Military Order of Foreign Wars. The Military Order of World Wars and the Daughters of Union Veterans have promised to submit our invitation to their National Conventions for consideration.

As vague allusions are so easily evaded. I gave these "Discussions" the tentative titles of "Councils for United Patriotic Action." The plan that has thus far taken shape has been for a meeting of Department heads to be called for the purpose of setting up local "Councils." The first departmental "Council" is scheduled for Saturday, September 15, 1956, at 8:00 P. M., in the beautiful Memorial Building, Main St., Melrose, Massachusetts.

The following is a list of the outright Donations to the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund received this year.

#### Department of California and Pacific

J. Val Loebel, \$5.00; Camp 21, \$5.00; Rosecrans Auxiliary No. 2, \$2.00; Helen L. Spaulding, \$1.00; James T. Holmes, \$5.00; C. E. B. Roberts, \$1.00; John W. Tweed, \$5.00; Dr. L. J. Snow, \$2.00; Walter Adams, \$1.00. Total \$27.00.

#### Department of Connecticut

Allen F. Spink, \$2.00; Camp 25, Ansonia, \$5.00. Total \$7.00.

#### Department of Illinois

A. L. Biering, \$10.00; Ivy Lyman, \$2.00; Paul E. Herschel, Jr., \$10.00; Hugh C. Beelman, \$10.00; Illinois Department, \$50.00. Total \$82.00.

#### Department of Indiana

Raleigh O. Yingst, \$3.00; Department of Indiana, \$14.00. Total \$17.00.

#### Department of Iowa

Jacob Kirchner, \$10.00; Camp 75, \$2.00; Camp 33, \$3.00; Department of Iowa, \$5.00. Total \$20.00.

#### Department of Kansas

Charles Katterman, Jr., \$1.00; Department of Kansas, \$5.00. Total \$6.00.

#### Department of Maine

Albert B. DeHaven, \$2.00. Total \$2.00.

#### Department of Maryland

Charles P. Weldin, \$5.00; U. S. Grant, 3rd., \$25.00. Total \$30.00.

#### Department of Massachusetts

Arthur C. Pray, \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. Evan Crocker, \$17.00; May N. Berry, \$1.00; Ira Buxton, \$2.00; Kate L. Dewey, \$5.00; Howard E. Waite, \$2.00; Camp 24, Gloucester, \$5.00; Camp 112, Oxford, \$5.00; Camp 9, Roxbury, \$10.00; Maud Colburn, \$1.00; Bay State Camp 61, \$5.00; Millard F. Brown, \$1.50; John L. Day, Sr., \$2.00; Ernest G. Wells, \$29.00; Maude B. Warren, \$1.00; Camp 21, \$2.00; Ralph P.

Bickmore, \$1.00; Camp 80, Malden, \$1.00; Louis E. Winchell, Sr., \$1.00. Total \$93.50.

Department of Michigan

Department of Michigan, \$5.00. Total \$5.00.

Department of Missouri

Ethelyn Gray, \$1.00. Total \$1.00.

Department of New Hampshire

Cleon E. Heald, \$5.00; Department of New Hampshire, \$26.00. Total \$31.00.

Department of New Jersey

Rev. Joseph MacCarroll, \$2.00; William Vanderhoof, Jr., \$5.00; Albert C. Lambert, \$5.00; Stanley A. Kopack, \$5.00; Anna Williams, \$1.00; William Freck, \$5.00; Ella G. Reeger, \$5.00; Alice Thompson, \$1.00; James S. Steenworth, \$3.00; Department of New Jersey, \$25.00. Total \$57.00.

Department of New York

Camp 223, Buffalo, \$5.00; Allied Orders (Memory of the G.A.R.), \$2.00; DuPont Eisenman Camp, \$5.00; Camp 171, N. Y., \$1.00; S. Grove McClellan, \$5.00; Ezra Hamlin, \$1.00; Fred E. Howe, \$12.00; Charles B. Stanion, \$1.00; Camp 77, \$2.00; Charles E. Cranston, \$5.00; Lafayette Camp, \$2.00; Camp 64, Mt. Vernon, \$5.00; Department of New York, \$19.00. Total \$65.00.

Department of Ohio

Harry S. Johnson, \$50.00; Anne E. Lockyer, \$5.00; C. Edward Wetzel, \$5.00. Total \$60.00.

Department of Oregon and Washington

Frederick K. Davis, \$10.00; Camp 17, \$5.00; Department of Oregon and Washington, \$10.00. Total \$25.00.

Department of Pennsylvania

C. Leroy Stouidt, \$5.00; George Jordan, \$5.00; Howard Dissinger, \$1.00; Camp 16, Reading, \$5.00; Clara Lewis, \$1.00; Charles C. Carman, \$1.00; R. G. Landis, \$10.00; Camp 182, \$5.00; Camp 31, \$2.00; Robert E. Swayne, \$2.00; John E. Sautter, \$5.00; Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Liddick, \$2.00; Frank M. Heacock, \$1.00; Camp 149, Media, \$2.00. Total \$47.00.

Department of Rhode Island

Hattie Thurber, \$1.00; A. Waller Lewis, Jr., \$5.00. Total \$6.00.

Department of Wisconsin

Oscar Doppler, \$2.00; Benjamin G. Haag, \$5.00. Total \$7.00.  
TOTAL \$588.50.

Recommendation No. 1

The use of Form 60, Camp Patriotic Instructor's Report; and Form 61, Department Consolidation of Camp Patriotic Instructors Reports, was (in essence) our recognition of the importance of the Office of Patriotic Instructor—and the duties thereof. Granted that these forms are out of date, sadly in need of revision, and, therefore, too frequently neglected. Nevertheless, to do away with these reports, without replacing them with more effective ones, is to take the first step in demoting the Patriotic Instructor from a major office to a minor one—by removing him from both supervision and recognition.

All of this at a time when patriotism in our country is at the lowest ebb in the tides of our national history. This, then, is an admission of defeat—a "giving up" in the presence of apathy and disinterest. It certainly is not in the tradition of the blue-clad veteran at Gettysburg.

Consequently, "patriotic instruction" is now more necessary than ever—and is more than ever to be encouraged and, yes, even "pushed."

This is another of those times when the easy way out will not only solve nothing, but lose us much. It is, then, recommended that we revise our antedated Patriotic Instructors Reports and encourage their use with the issuance of "Certificates of Merit" by both the Departments involved and the Commandery-in-Chief for those Reports most completely and effectively prepared.

It is further suggested that these report forms be so printed as to encourage the Patriotic Instructor to turn in a really personal achievement, rather than a dull, common-place, routine check. This form should be a brief outline of what is expected of him and should be nothing more than a guide for him to follow. He should be expected to turn in an adequate report of his year's activities on something more than a single sheet of paper. Suggested forms and certificate are attached to this Report.

#### Recommendation No. 2

I recommend that we participate in some manner in the fund-raising program of the project of which our Past Commander-in-Chief Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd., is National Committee President and Chairman. I refer to the tremendous cultural contribution inherent in the American Museum of Immigration, which will be a National Shrine at the foot of the Statue of Liberty.

Our last Encampment endorsed this recognition of the contributions of the various countries of the world to our heritage. It is my belief that the honor of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War requires a much more potent part than this, if only in memory of the many sacrifices made by those of foreign birth and foreign descent in our Union Armies in the Civil War—the Irish, the Germans, and the many others—whose proud and grateful descendants so many of our members are today.

The reasonable contention has been made that we cannot afford to support two such projects as this and Scholarships to Lincoln Memorial University.

There is one way that it can be done. It cannot be refuted that there are many individual members of this Order who are well able to afford contributions to both of these worthy programs, without detriment to either. An appeal in the Banner, early in the TERM of our next administration, and accompanied by a printed Coupon, can be addressed to just such affluent Brothers requesting them to contribute what they can afford to the American Museum of Immigration, after they have set aside their usual donation to the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund.

Let us consider that this Museum will speak more eloquently to the other Nations of the world of the true Brotherhood and Understanding inherent in these United States of America than will any and all of the machinations of the chaotic and propaganda-ridden United Nations.

#### Recommendation No. 3

The American Heritage Foundation has launched a tremendous nation-wide drive to build up the shamefully low percentage of voting in our elections. This is the 1956 Non-Partisan "Register, Inform Yourself and Vote" Program.

It is recommended that we take part in this campaign and get in on ten million dollars worth of free space and time that will be made available through their Advertising Council.

This program takes no sides; favors no issues; simply concentrates on getting out the vote.

If we value the priceless heritage of our right to vote and, thereby, have a voice in the government of the greatest nation on earth, we will do our part to persuade others to exercise this high and mighty privilege.

If we want the other nations in the world to believe that we consider our citizenship in the U. S. A. as important, we will help to prove it to them in the voting statistics that will be published after this election.

Respectfully submitted,

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

(Ernest G. Wells)

National Patriotic Instructor.

(Applause by the Encampment, after which the Report was referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports).

Commander-in-Chief Bauer: We will now recess until 1:30 P. M.

**MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION****September 10, 1956—1:35 P. M.**

The Encampment opened in regular form.

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

**REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER**

National Secretary-Treasurer Lambert read his report:

Trenton, N. J.  
September 1, 1956

Frederic G. Bauer,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
My dear Commander-in-Chief:

It is a privilege and pleasure to present to you, and to the members of the 75th. National Encampment, a report of the fiscal transactions of the office of National Secretary-Treasurer for the year ending July 1, 1956.

The books, records, assets, etc. have again been audited by J. S. Teunon & Co., Certified Public Accountants. Their audit and survey and certified copies of their report are furnished to the Council of Administration and to the Congress of the United States. A supplemental to this report furnishes excerpts from their report. I wish to call attention to the Permanent Fund which shows a balance of \$8,966.10. The market value of this fund is in excess of the book value. Interest and dividends received on this fund during the fiscal year was in the amount of \$297.50.

\$110.00 was received during the year for the Permanent Fund by the addition of 11 names to the Honor Roll. These have all been acknowledged in the columns of The Banner. This fund is not for a select few, but for every member of the Order to support. The name of a Union Veteran of the Civil War, or member of our Order can be memorialized through a subscription of not less than ten dollars. This fund is protected and invested, and the interest only is to be used for welfare and patriotic work of the National Organization.

Particular appreciation should be extended to Brother U. S. Grant, 3rd, for his generous contribution to the Permanent Fund.

The favorable condition of the finances of the Order, in spite of a declining membership is attributable to your National Officers serving without commensurate compensation and at their own expense.

Quarterly report blanks were mailed to each Department and all have reported to date. Additional duties performed include: Preparing and distributing a National Roster; soliciting and receiving all Banner subscriptions and maintaining the addressograph mailing list for The Banner; receiving of donations to the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund; distribution of the Proceedings of the 1955 Encampment; distribution and assembling of ballots by Departments covering their action on Constitutional Amendments; supervision of



investments and income of the Permanent Fund; editing and reporting of minutes of National Council meetings; ordering and keeping perpetual inventory of supplies; maintaining mailing list of Camps for Banner distribution; filling orders for supplies; and miscellaneous correspondence which in itself is very heavy.

#### THE BANNER

The Banner has been published at modest cost and Brother Leslie More is to be congratulated for his good work. Unfortunately The Banner does not reach every member. Camps are again urged to add the cost of The Banner to dues, and have every member receive the paper.

#### LIFE MEMBERS

During the year the following brothers have paid the required fee and have been elected to Life Membership:

U. S. Grant, 3rd.—Maryland Department  
Howard E. Waite—Massachusetts Department

#### CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS

I have prepared a draft of our C. & R. including corrections and amendments to the best of my knowledge. This has been turned over to the C. & R. Committee for their guidance. As our present booklet is incorrect, I feel that a new printing should be made immediately after this Encampment to include such corrections as are made at this meeting.

#### GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

From April 6, 1866 to August 2, 1956, a period of 90 years was a crucial period in the history of the United States. Our fathers and grandfathers succeeded after four years of the hardest sort of fighting in reestablishing the Union, and went on to set the world an example by guiding the country through an era of outstanding development and prosperity. Those men who composed the Grand Army of the Republic not only knew how to wage war successfully, but also knew how to end war and make peace.

The men of the G.A.R. can have peace of mind, with the knowledge that those principles of unity, equality, and justice for which they struggled in the 1860's are today more firmly than ever entrenched in the hearts of Americans. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War proudly inherits the distinction of being the only male organization representing the Grand Army of the Republic, and takes up the torch proudly. With the closing of the books upon the long and distinguished career of the Grand Army of the Republic, ours is a solemn and grave responsibility—one which, God willing, we shall cherish and remember.

#### NECROLOGY

It is with sorrow that we record the passing of Comrade Albert Woolson; Past Commander-in-Chief Allan S. Holbrook; National Patriotic Instructor Oliver S. Larkby; Department Secretary-Treasurer of Ohio, R. J. Williams; and other brothers of our Order who have been active in the Commandery-in-Chief. Our tribute to their memory will be given at our Memorial Service. They have served their God—their Country—and their Organization well; may they rest in peace.

#### OUR AUXILIARY

Each year, our fine Auxiliary continues their unselfish devotion, for which we are extremely thankful. Each year they succeed in securing outstanding Officers, and this year is no exception. Na-

tional President Sister Glass and her officers have been loyal and faithful to their organization and ours.

### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Herewith are the Constitutional Amendments adopted at the 74th. National Encampment, held last year in Cincinnati, Ohio.

#### Article 2—Purposes and Objects

Eliminate sections one to seven inclusive, and substitute the following: "To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union 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 cooperate in doing honor to all 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 government, of equal rights, and of impartial justice for all."

#### Article 5—Organization

Section 1—Add a new paragraph to Section 1 as follows: "Fifth—Eligibles from states where no Department exists, may become members at large to a Camp attached to National Headquarters. Dues for members in this Camp shall be \$5.00 per annum, which shall include subscription to The Banner. Members of such Camp attending the National Encampment may elect from their membership, one delegate to represent them and further delegates shall be based on same ratio provided representation in Departments. Membership fee for members at large shall be \$5.00 which shall be placed in the Permanent Fund."

#### Article 8—Amendments

On page 6 in the fifteenth line, eliminate the words "by not less than ten Departments," and insert "by not less than 50% of the Departments."

#### Article 5—Organization

Section 1, page four, third paragraph should be changed to read: "of the National organization, of which the National Encampment is the supreme governing body, and the National Officers, councillors and staff and the National Council constitute the Commandery-in-Chief."

Section 2, page four—Change "Commandery-in-Chief" to "National Encampment" in both cases. Then add: "Between sessions of the National Encampment the business of the Order shall be carried on by the Commandery-in-Chief in accordance with policies established by the National Encampment or, when it has not fixed a policy, by the Council of Administration which shall have the authority and duty usually exercised by a Board of Directors."

Section 3, page four—"National Encampment" should be substituted for "Commandery-in-Chief."

These were submitted to the several Departments for their consideration at their 1956 Department Encampments with the following results:

All of the amendments were approved by the Departments of California and Pacific; Connecticut; Illinois; Iowa; Kansas; Maine; Maryland; Massachusetts; Michigan; Minnesota; New Hampshire; New Jersey; New York; Ohio; Oregon and Washington; Rhode Island and Vermont.

The Department of Indiana did not approve of any of the proposed changes.

The Departments of Colorado and Wyoming; Pennsylvania; and Wisconsin approved some and disapproved of some of the proposed changes.

As more than ten Departments approved the entire group, they have been adopted in accordance with Article 8 of the Constitution.

#### INTERNAL REVENUE DEPARTMENT

The last ruling from the Internal Revenue Department for our organization was given in 1941 at which time we were informed that we are tax exempt. They should be advised that we are now a Federal Corporation, and a request should be made to make gifts to our Order deductible for tax purposes by the donors. Therefore I offer:

##### Recommendation No. 1

That the incoming Commander-in-Chief together with his legal advisor and our Washington Representative, make a formal request of the Department of Internal Revenue to accomplish this.

#### LINCOLN MONUMENT

Again this year, our Order presented a wreath at the Lincoln Monument in Washington, D. C. on February 12th. as a guest of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, who has sponsored this event for several years. Our resolution committee should take action to express our appreciation to the Loyal Legion for their consideration.

It has been suggested that we as an organization sponsor a similar ceremony at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Illinois on or near April 14th, the anniversary of his assassination, and that we invite the Loyal Legion to participate. Therefore, I offer:

##### Recommendation No. 2

That the incoming Commander-in-Chief be authorized to investigate the advisability of such a ceremony and that the Council of Administration appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to defray expenses.

#### CONCLUSION

As your year as Commander-in-Chief comes to a close, I wish to express appreciation to you and to my colleagues—the National Officers—for the many courtesies extended.

Sincerely in F. C. & L.

(Albert C. Lambert)  
National Secretary-Treasurer.

## NAT'L TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

JULY 1, 1955 to JULY 1, 1956

	General Fund	Legis- lative Comm.	G.A.R. Fund	Perm. Fund
<i>Balance July 1, 1955</i> .....	\$2,614.63	52.42	1,216.76	505.33
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Per Capita Tax .....	4,347.10			
New Member Fees .....	62.00			
Supplies .....	636.08			
Banner Subscriptions .....	922.75			
Registration Fees—Cincinnati .....	242.00			
Gift—Auxiliary .....	500.00			
Charter Fee .....	5.00			
Nat'l Patr. Instr. Stoudt .....			382.00	
Nat'l Patr. Instr. Wells .....			383.00	
Donation—U. S. Grant 3rd .....				1,060.00
Donations—Honor Roll Fund .....				110.00
Life Membership Fees .....				200.00
Member-at-large Fees .....				14.00
Interest on U. S. Bonds .....				80.00
Dividends on Common Stock .....				217.50
	6,714.93		764.00	1,681.50
	9,320.56	52.42	1,980.76	2,186.83
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>				
Supplies .....	409.75			
The Banner .....	1,873.10			
Commander-in-Chief 1954-55 .....	450.69			
Salaries .....	1,200.00			
Social Security .....	48.00			
Encampment Expense .....	593.00			
Rent .....	400.00			
Commander-in-Chief Testimonial .....	100.00			
Proceedings 1955 .....	545.42			
Office expense, Postage, Tel., Express .....	371.33			
American Coalition .....	40.00			
C. P. A. Audit .....	150.00			
Flowers .....	45.60			
Congressional Record .....		9.65		
Grave Marking Committee .....			25.00	
Albert Woolson .....			100.00	
G. A. R. Headquarters .....			100.00	
Lincoln University Scholarship .....			300.00	
G. A. R. Highway Committee .....			54.90	
Dewey Mead, Aide to Comrade Woolson .....			50.00	
Legal Fees .....			15.30	
Investment—Amer. Tel. & Tel. ....				1,944.06
	6,226.89	9.65	645.20	1,944.06
<i>Balance July 1, 1956</i> .....	\$3,102.67	42.77	1,335.56	242.77

JULY 1, 1956

## Permanent Fund Investments

	<i>Book Value</i>	<i>Market Value</i>
Series "G" United States Bonds (expire Nov. 1957)	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
12 Shares American Telephone & Telegraph .....	2,082.45	2,160.00
2 Shares American Telephone & Telegraph .....	307.18	360.00
9 Shares American Telephone & Telegraph .....	1,636.88	1,620.00
60 Shares Public Service Corp. of New Jersey .....	1,739.59	1,995.00
	<u>\$8,966.10</u>	<u>\$9,335.00</u>

## Stock and Supplies Account

Cost supplies on hand 7-1-55	\$2,612.36	Received for supplies ...	\$636.08
Cost supplies purchased ...	409.75	Cost of supplies sold ...	549.16
	<u>3,022.11</u>	Profit on supplies .....	\$86.92
Cost supplies on hand 7-1-56	2,472.95		
Cost of supplies sold .....	\$549.16		

## Comparative Balance Sheet

CASH	June 30, 1956	June 30, 1955
General Fund .....	3,102.67	2,614.63
G. A. R. Fund .....	1,335.56	1,216.76
Legislative Committee .....	42.77	52.42
Permanent Fund .....	242.77	505.33
United States Bonds .....	3,200.00	3,200.00
Common Stocks (Market value \$6,135.00) ...	5,766.10	3,822.04
Inventory of Supplies at cost .....	2,472.95	2,612.36
	<u>\$16,162.82</u>	<u>\$14,023.54</u>

## A Comparison for your Attention!!

	<i>Per Capita Tax</i>	<i>Membership</i>	<i>Camps</i>
1956 .....	\$4,347.10	6748	386
1945 .....	6,474.40	16538	625
1935 .....	9,747.09	26418	767
1925 .....	17,314.64	53730	1007



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Departments	Good standing June 30, 1955				Good standing June 30, 1956				Delegates Representation
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	
Calif. & Pac. ....	18	418	17	31	1	58	17	377	9
Colo. & Wyo. ....	4	69	2	2	3	3	4	68	2
Connecticut .....	20	423	..	..	26	26	20	397	5
Illinois .....	10	143	2	31	20	20	12	154	4
Indiana .....	10	157	2	27	2	57	10	127	4
Iowa .....	6	84	..	10	..	5	6	89	3
Kansas .....	7	74	..	..	1	1	7	73	2
Maine .....	24	462	..	8	4	67	20	403	9
Maryland .....	7	92	..	..	1	20	6	72	2
Massachusetts .....	82	1390	..	25	3	120	79	1295	27
Michigan .....	11	282	..	11	2	73	9	223	5
Minnesota .....	6	85	..	2	..	..	6	87	3
New Hampshire .....	12	214	..	4	..	21	12	197	5
New Jersey .....	16	356	..	14	..	30	16	340	8
New York .....	39	762	..	21	..	91	39	692	15
Ohio .....	34	567	..	8	3	113	31	462	10
Ore. & Wash. ....	5	107	..	2	..	10	5	99	3
Pennsylvania .....	51	1215	..	3	..	152	51	1066	22
Rhode Island .....	12	169	..	4	..	11	12	162	4
Vermont .....	16	264	..	3	2	49	14	218	5
Wisconsin .....	9	139	..	10	2	41	7	108	3
Camp 21, S. C. ....	1	16	..	..	..	..	1	16	1
Camp 4, Missouri ...	1	19	..	..	..	1	1	18	1
Camp 30, Missouri ...	1	6	..	..	..	1	1	5	1
	<u>402</u>	<u>7525</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>202</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>979</u>	<u>386</u>	<u>6748</u>	

**RECAPITULATION**

	Camps	Members
Good standing 6-30-55 .....	402	7525
Gain .....	4	202
	<u>406</u>	<u>7727</u>
Loss .....	20	979
	<u>386</u>	<u>6748</u>

Associates included in above figures: Iowa 1, Massachusetts 13, New Jersey 4, Ore. & Wash. 6, Pennsylvania 1. Total 25.

Camps Suspended: Wooster, Ohio; Valparaiso, Ind.; Frankfort, Ind.

Camps Reinstated: Camp 61-65 Chicago, Ill. Rock Island, Ill.; Frankfort, Ind.; Valparaiso, Ind.

Camps Disbanded: Camp 31 Washington, D. C.; Camps 46, 100 and 115 Massachusetts; Camps 3 and 9 Michigan; Camps 12 and 77 Vermont; Camps 35 and 37 Wisconsin; Camps 15 and 17 Ohio; Camps 5, 43, 99 and 53 Maine; Camp 1 San Francisco, Calif.

(Applause of the Encampment, after which the report was referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports).

Commander-in-Chief Bauer: Is the National Chaplain ready to report?

National Chaplain Rev. Driver:

## REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

September 1, 1956

To: Commander-in-Chief Bauer, and the  
Members of the 75th. Annual Encampment.

Brothers:

The most impressive feature of our assembly here,—in this our three-quarters of a century gathering, must beyond everything else, be first, the final departure to his Everlasting Reward of the lamented last survivor of the Grand Army of the Republic, Comrade Albert Woolson. This solemn reminder of the transitoriness of earthy concerns permits your Chaplain to dwell in these too inadequate words, upon the more spiritual aspects of this heart-grieving event and certain of its abiding reminders for us.

The generation of our Fathers, as represented by those who fought the Civil War is, indeed, over. An era of memory, and,—as it must be,—of song. What are we as Sons to do in face of this "tale that is told" (Ps. 90:9), and not an unremaining glory of things that soon are old—but a brilliant light to lighten the future. We live in the age of light. Only recently the flash from the new powerful invention on top of the Empire State Building, N. Y., failed to reach Boston only because of clouds. May God, then, lighten our hearts!

I would humbly and yet fervently suggest that we conscientiously, and prayerfully, set our goal as the performance more faithfully than ever, of several worthy endeavors toward as we may pray, goals more needed now, we are coming to feel, than ever before, in a world destructible not by the means our champions used at Gettysburg, but atomic demons computed to be able to disrupt, if not finish, the whole inhabited world.

And first,—for all points touched upon here shall make up three "M"'s—first point to press home is an emphasis upon Memories. "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem" (Ps. 137:5), said the ancient Jewish patriot; and shall we be unmindful of "the rock whence (we) were hewn and the hole of the pit whence (we) were digged"? (Isa. 51:1).

Am I to forget, or rather shall I not publish forth, that my own resolute sire, of then Salem, Mass., who had been on a voyage for health to Zanzibar came back to debark at the port, Fall River, R. I.? The Civil War struggle had been in process a whole month and he had heard (no cross water communication then) no word of it. That he proceeded home, and the very next night went down to take his accustomed place in the drill company, Captain Whipple's Jewels; returning to surprise his mother by declaring: "I have enlisted!" That in Captain Whipple's Company he fought in that early Campaign of Roanoke, under Burnside, and was invalidated home by reason of serious illness? Or forget that he inaugurated one of the earliest groups of Sons of Veterans which he urged me to join? Ay, and the care he, as Past Commander and long time Adjutant of the Wakefield (Mass.) Post, took to see that every grave of the Civil War heroes was properly decorated? Why am I particular to help in the decorating of the 1,000 graves at Mt. Auburn Cemetery, outside Boston? This reason!



"O Memory! at thy behest  
 We strew the tearful flower;  
 Nor Time's remove, nor gold's gross quest  
 Can blind us to thy power." (G. H. D.)

Let us so do always. Lest the things the volunteers of '61 stood for be lost again.

And, then second,—not that I should give too long a dissertation as report:

The second of the "M" 's might surely be:—Mastersies—Mastersies! The Civil War was finished. They fought on until they won. Have we national problems to settle? Was it not fitting?—consistent with our Order?—ay, memorable that our present leader, Commander-in-Chief Colonel Bauer, should initiate a method of information about the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act? Do not we benefit by such knowledge? Ay, win MASTERSIES by such exercise of our united strength!

And, then,—lastly,—the third "M",—and akin to this: Militant Action! May I be pardoned if I may say I always regarded the Civil War as one war, at least, which was finished, brought to a conclusion,—a result: the preservation of the Union and the freeing of the slaves. The Union still is intact, a shining, much admired light in whole modern world. But our segregation policy?—Where is it this late date? To confess further, though a minister of the Gospel, I trust in God's grace. I have recently wanted to put in the paper just this single sentence—almost—message (and recent newspaper reports accentuate the pertinency of it): "We understand Alabama is thinking of seceding from the Union. One lesson is not enough! Is that too militant? What else could be true in view of what our fathers,—what they lived for and fought for and died for? (You perhaps would not want me as Chaplain if I had so spoken— and perhaps the gentler way—I think myself,—hope, will this time win.

And now concluding as we may offer, I am reminded, recommendations at this time I desire the following vote be unanimously passed and adopted as our militant challenge, originated in our now ancient and powerful Organization: viz:—

We, the SONS OF UNION VETERANS of the CIVIL WAR, and ALLIED ORDERS, in National Encampment assembled, (date?), do hereby express our patriotic approval of the action of the Supreme Court of these United States of America, in declaring the day for any segregation of citizens by reason of race, color or previous servitude is now finally declared unlawful; and we hereby assent our promise, in memory of our fathers, the ever blessed Grand Army of the Republic, to forward to a blessed fulfillment this humanly honorable and Christlike goal.

Respectfully submitted,

(George Hibbert Driver)  
 National Chaplain.

(Applause by the Encampment followed; after which the report was referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports).

National Historian Spink: Commander-in-Chief, I am ready to submit my report at this time.

## REPORT OF NATIONAL HISTORIAN

175 Ridgewood Road,  
West Hartford 7, Conn.  
September 1, 1956.

To: Commander-in-Chief Bauer, and the  
Members of the 75th. Annual Encampment;  
Brothers:

It has been a pleasure to have served you as National Historian for the past year.

This Office has endeavored to compile a brief history of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for the 1955-1956 term.

When I was installed in this office on my birthday, October 8, 1955, by Commander-in-Chief Bauer, at the fall meeting of the New England Regional Association, held in Hartford, I did not realize the tremendous task cut out for me to do. Just how and where to start was a problem. After groping in the dark for the balance of the year, it would seem to me that a contact man in each Department is the only way for a National Historian to get the desired information.

Therefore, I recommend—that each Department should create the office of Department Historian, by appointment of the Department Commander. It would be beneficial for each Camp to have a Historian who would report to the Department Historian and he, in turn, to the National Historian.

It will be the duty of the Department Historian to collect within his own Department proper publicity, programs and general information that would be of importance and interest to our Organization. These articles could be collected in duplicate, if the Department desires to keep a copy. One copy should be sent to the National Historian. This information should include articles referring to the Grand Army Highway, Grand Army Camp Fires, Department Encampments, favorable publicity notices about members of the organization and death notices of the members of the Commandery-in-Chief, pilgrimages to historic shrines, information about historic places (especially those pertaining to the Civil War era), any information, stories, or interesting facts of the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and Civil War period.

The National Historian will collect all such data, endeavoring to add more, mount data in chronological order in a scrap book and keep a written history of our Order, in so far as it shall come to his attention.

This year, your National Historian has collected a file of "Banners." I recommend that, in the future, a copy be sent to the office of the National Historian, expressly to keep this collection intact.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

(Allen F. Spink)  
National Historian.

(Applause by the Encampment, after which the Report was referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports).

**Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** I want to compliment Brother Spink for his work in this office. This is a newly created office, and he has done a fine job in laying the ground work and setting up a basis for the historical data of this organization.

**National Historian Spink:** Thank you, Commander-in-Chief. If time permits, I would like, at this time, to read the history which I compiled this year. (Reads history; which was followed by applause of the Encampment).

I move that this history be accepted; and the Scrap Book, history and copies of The Banner be retained and turned over to the incoming National Historian. (Seconded by Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts; and carried).

**Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** Is the National Chief of Staff ready to report?

#### REPORT OF NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF

Carlisle, Pa.  
September 1, 1956.

Colonel Frederic G. Bauer, Commander-in-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

A little over a year ago, at our National Encampment in Cincinnati, Ohio, you appointed me your Chief of Staff. It was a great honor conferred upon me, and I prized it very highly.

During the year there was not much work nationally; but being active in Reserve work, I have been kept busy. In the Pennsylvania Brigade, at the present time, the Military Committee is revising our By-laws to date, and making changes in Units and Officers.

At the present, we have three (3) Units from other Departments—New Jersey, Michigan and Connecticut. I wish we could get more Departments interested in Reserve work, and make our Camps more active. You will find where there are Reserves, we have live wire Camps.

My active work will be during this, our 75th., Encampment, as the Chief of Staff will have plenty to do.

Again thanking you for the honor you have conferred upon me, I remain,

Fraternally yours in F. C. & L.

(John A. Ruggles)  
National Chief of Staff.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports).

**Past Commander-in-Chief Grant:** I have the report of the Registered Agent in D. C., if you would like to hear it at this time.

#### REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

Clinton, N. Y.  
24 August, 1956.

To: Frederic Gilbert Bauer, Commander-in-Chief  
and the 75th. Annual Encampment,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Brothers:

I wish to present the following report of the Representative in Washington, D. C.:

1. As such my duties have been light. No papers of any kind have been served on me as representative of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

2. For the Commander-in-Chief I checked by personal inspection on the house, 1328 18th. Street, N. W., in which the Grand Army of the Republic at its last Encampment decided to locate its Headquarters. The house was vacant and for sale or rent. The real-estate firm in charge had no record of its ever having been occupied by any office of the Grand Army or any of its associated organizations.

3. On behalf of our Order I wrote letters favoring S. J. Res. 98, which proposes a Veterans Memorial Building or Shrine in Washington under the auspices of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; and also the bill to give the said organization a Congressional charter. No hearing was held on either bill—at least I was not notified of any although I had offered to testify if invited.

4. April 21st, I installed a new Camp in Detroit, Michigan, having been invited at our National Encampment in Cincinnati to do so. Past National President of our Auxiliary, Mrs. Ellinore L. Konrad, was also a guest and participated in the ceremony.

5. As representative of our Order, I attended the luncheon meeting of the American Coalition on February 16th. and the annual dinner of the Women's National Defense Council that evening.

Respectfully submitted,

(U. S. Grant, 3rd)  
Washington Representative.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports).

#### REPORT OF NATIONAL AIDE

National Personal Aide Dexter then read his report:

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania  
September 10, 1956.

Col. Frederic Gilbert Bauer (U. S. A., Ret.)  
Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.  
Brother Bauer:

The following is my Report as your Personal Aide.

During the past fiscal year, I have tried to do whatever I could for good Americanism and the good of our Order. As Personal Aide to the Commander-in-Chief, I have continued my efforts to build the Order. We now have three new Sons Camps in Detroit, one new Auxiliary, and one re-organized Camp.

In my efforts of building the Sons, I have had the strong, unselfish co-operation of our Michigan Department Commander, the immediate Past Department Commander, the Commander-in-Chief, the National Secretary-Treasurer, and other Members of our Order.

Last year, in preparing for the Central Region Conference, which was held at Detroit last October, the Brothers and Sisters elected me to serve as the General Chairman of the Committee, and Toastmaster of the banquet. The conference was honored with the presence of Commander-in-Chief, Col. Bauer, and other National Officers of the Sons and their Auxillary.

February 12th, 1956, was an outstanding Lincoln Day in Detroit. The German-American Cultural Center held a meeting, attended by 600 persons at the Detroit Art Institute, when they presented to the City of Detroit a Lincoln Monument. I was invited to the platform with other Department Officers and was called upon to extend the greetings of our Commander-in-Chief and National body.

The same day, it was my privilege, as Personal Aide to the Commander-in-Chief, to bring greetings to Thomas Irwin Starr, noted Detroit citizen and outstanding Civil War scholar and Lincoln student, when, in behalf of Past Commander-in-Chief, Maj.-Gen. U. S. Grant, III, a certificate was presented to Mr. Starr as "Honorary Associate," at his Detroit home where he has been an invalid for a number of years. Department Commander, Milo C. Newer, Sr., and Department Senior Vice Commander, George R. Raub, Sr. (the present Michigan Commander), assisted in presentation.

On several occasions, it has been my privilege to bring the greetings of our National Body and Commander-in-Chief.

In my own Camp, the oldest one in Michigan (46 Yrs.), I presented a Resolution requesting to change our name to "Albert Woolson State Camp No. 1." This was approved by Department Commander, Brother Newer, and Commander-in-Chief Bauer, thus honoring the last Union Veteran while he was still alive, in March, 1956.

The project of having the city of Detroit name a room in the Veterans Memorial Building, honoring the Grand Army, was consummated April 21st, 1956, when the plaque, bearing the emblem to the Grand Army and the inscription—"Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Room," was unveiled by Past National President, Sister Elliuore L. Konrad; and the room dedicated by Maj.-Gen. U. S. Grant, III. We also erected a distinctive Honor Roll, containing the names of the persons and the organizations who participated and co-operated in making this permanent Detroit Memorial to the Grand Army possible.

In the meantime, Department Commander, Milo Newer, Sr., had appointed Brother George Raub, Sr. (then Department Senior Vice Commander), and myself to organize the new Gen. Carl Schurz Camp No. 2, which was duly instituted by Maj.-Gen. U. S. Grant, III, April 21st, 1956. Commander-in-Chief, Col. Bauer, closed the charter of Camp 2, June 25th, by attending and initiating new candidates; and gave the Brothers a most inspiring talk on the new Camp and the possible goal they could achieve.

Department Commander Newer, had appointed me on a Department Membership Committee; and early in 1956, also appointed me to make whatever arrangements were necessary to get our National Body to meet in Detroit in 1957. In this effort, I secured the co-operation of many persons and, as a result, invitations have been issued by our Detroit Mayor, Detroit Chamber of Commerce, Convention Bureau, the Fort Shelby Hotel at Detroit, the Michigan Department—Sons of Union Veterans, and from the Governor of Michigan. Unselfish co-operation and hard work have been the two outstanding virtues in the handiwork of our success, in Michigan. I have enjoyed immensely working with the Michigan Department Commanders and their administrations for the past years; most especially Past Department Commander, Milo C. Newer, Sr., and our present Commander, George R. Raub, Sr. It has been a great privilege to also work with so fine a Commander-in-Chief, as Brother Frederic Bauer, and other National Officers.

I close by extending my sincere thanks and best wishes to all of whom I have worked with and served with.

Fraternally submitted in F. C. & L.

(Charles Frederick Dexter)  
Personal Aide to the Commander-in-Chief.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports).

**Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** Are there any other Officers who are ready to submit reports at this time?

**National Aide, Howard E. Waite:** Commander-in-Chief, I would like to present my report:

### REPORT OF NATIONAL AIDE

Harrisburg, Pa.  
September 9, 1956.

To: Frederic Gilbert Bauer, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
and the 75th. National Encampment:

Brothers:

At the request of Commander-in-Chief Bauer, I attended the annual Convention of the Department of Rhode Island. A very impressive joint Memorial Service was held Friday evening. The business sessions opened at 10 A. M., Saturday, and continued in the afternoon; with a banquet and reception to the Department Commander and Department Auxiliary President Saturday evening. The Department, being geographically the smallest, is also numerically one of the smallest—with thirteen (13) Camps, some inactive. If the Department Commander were to make only one visit each month, he would be able to attend a meeting with every Camp (except perhaps his own) in the Department. Such a visit, properly handled, should inspire the Camps to renewed activity and indefinite continuation with some increase in membership. Live (or semi-live) Camps have a good opportunity to visit in neighboring communities and there, with the help of only one individual interested in our Order; and also the help of the Department Commander, can start up a group that will become another Camp. It is not impossible; it is practical; and is being done in some places. This Department could well have twenty (20) Camps.

A notice to attend the annual Convention of the Department of New Hampshire by our Commander, who was unexpectedly unable to be there, was received much too late for me to make plans to do so. A night telegram was sent them, however, telling of the Commander-in-Chief's message—with his best wishes. An answer to same was sent to the Commander-in-Chief.

A request to attend the annual Convention of the Department of Maine found me in attendance there. A short business session and Joint Memorial Service was held Friday, followed by a business session Saturday. A very fine Banquet was held Friday evening, attended by all six (6) of the G.A.R. family group. This is one of the few Departments in our Commandery-in-Chief where the entire group get together for annual Convention and Joint Banquet. There is a State Relief Corps in Maine, making five (5) women's groups and with the Sons, it makes for a very sizeable attendance at the Banquet with an excellent speaker who, having an audience big enough, is some prominent and interesting person. This creates much interest. There are twenty-three (23) Camps in the Department; and with some help from a National level, there could be thirty (30) or more.

#### Recommendation No. 1

That the Commandery-in-Chief be divided into five (5) (or more) Districts geographically; and five (5) Junior Vice Commanders be elected each year, one from each District; to assist the Commander-in-Chief in that District, and to try and improve the Order; and that

the Constitution and Regulations be changed to make this division and election of five (5) Junior Vice Commanders possible.

#### Recommendation No. 2

That the Commandery-in-Chief notify each Department to be sure to appoint (or elect), according to their By-Laws, an Inspector for the Department every year; and see that same is adhered to.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

(Howard E. Waite)  
National Aide.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports).

Dewey B. Mead, Special Aide, then presented his report:

#### REPORT OF NATIONAL SPECIAL AIDE

116 South 12th. Street,  
Minneapolis 3, Minn.  
August 18, 1956.

Col. Frederic Gilbert Bauer  
Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

A year ago, at Cincinnati, you gave me the high honor by asking me to again serve as National Aide to Comrade Albert Woolson to act as liaison officer between him and our National Order. There was no recognition that could have come to me that was more acceptable and I am greatly indebted to you. I feel, therefore, that a statement for the records would be fitting and proper.

Having been close friends of Comrade Woolson and his family for many years, I welcomed the appointment in that I could serve both him and the Order at the same time. At every opportunity I went to Duluth to see the Comrade and do what I could for him. I kept in close touch during his illnesses which finally took him. When I couldn't go, I would call. So, I knew how he was at all times.

During one of my visits over a year ago, knowing the time was not far off when such action would be necessary, Mrs. Kobus, daughter of Comrade Woolson expressed the desire for the Grand Army Burial Service and for the Sons of Union Veterans to give it. She directed me to make such arrangements. In order to be prepared, I asked Roy J. Bennett of Des Moines, Iowa; Chester L. Charter of Minneapolis, Minn.; Homer L. Young of Waterloo, Iowa; and Ed. Biering of Milwaukee, Wisconsin to prepare themselves to be ready with myself being the fifth one. All agreed to be ready on a moment's notice. When it became apparent that Brother Charter would be unable to act on account of illness, he turned his part over to Theodore Freed of St. Paul.

Each of us, realizing the position our Order was placed in the arrangements for the funeral, was determined to go all out to give a good account of ourselves. From all reports received, our efforts were well done.

In acting as go-between the Order and the family, I was able to get their consent to have the Mount Vernon Fife and Drum Corps, Sons of Union Veterans to come for the funeral. They proved to be a splendid organization and the Order can be proud of them, as they were very impressive.

During the past three years, I was able to get Comrade Woolson's signature on a number of documents in order to further the interests of our Order. This was largely and entirely due to the high regard of his family, especially Mrs. Kobus, has for our Order. Some of these papers have aroused considerable resentment in some quarters. Whatever happens, we must protect Mrs. Kobus from any and all re-action that may come up.

As my duties as National Aide to Comrade Woolson were ended at his grave-side, I want to again thank you for the most signal honor that has ever been bestowed on me.

In F. C. & L.

(Dewey B. Mead)  
National Aide to Comrade Woolson.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports).

Commander-in-Chief Bauer: Are there any reports of Officers which have not as yet been given?

National Secretary Lambert read:

#### REPORT OF NATIONAL GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

1381 Dartmouth St.  
Baldwin, L. I., New York  
August 10th, 1956.

Hon. Frederic Gilbert Bauer  
Colonel A. U. S. Ret,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

The 75th. (Diamond Jubilee) Encampment of our Order marks the 30th. year of organized effort on the part of the National body in the all important project of marking, registering, erecting headstones, and otherwise caring for the graves of our veterans of the wars of the United States of America.

It was at the 44th National Encampment that this project began to take form, and in June, 1926, the late Brother Charles R. Hale, of the Connecticut Department became the first National Graves Registration chairman. Brother Hale served in this post for nearly 20 years, until his death in February of 1946, and laid the foundations for one of the most worthwhile efforts our Order ever engaged in.

My own appointment to succeed Brother Hale in this office came in July, 1946 and I have, for the past 10 years, made every effort to promote this project to the very best of my ability. I feel amply rewarded that each annual report has given evidence of great progress in the work in every Department of the National organization.

It must be realized, of course, that much of the work of this office is clerical, statistical, and advisory, answering inquiries received in a volume of correspondence, furnishing application blanks for new headstones and giving instructions as to how to proceed in every phase of the work. The past year has been no exception to the routine business conducted by this office.

In the field, there are many loyal Brothers, who go about the task of marking and registering, many times mapping veterans' graves, and arranging for the erection of many headstones at unmarked



graves. These Brothers work quietly in their own localities and give much of their time and efforts to the work, unsung and unheralded, and unrewarded save for the satisfaction they experience in their own hearts for having done a good job and having helped greatly to perpetuate the memories of their father's comrades at arms.

To these faithful Brothers is due the praise and commendation for all of the fine progress we have shown in the furtherance of this noble work.

The methods employed over the past years in the operation of this office and the general supervision of the work has been so standardized that it has not necessitated the appointment of a full committee to conduct the office. There is nothing which necessitates decisions to be made by a committee of several members, since the laws of the States and the law of the Federal Government are quite clear as to the procedure.

The several Departments have Grave Registration Officers for the most part, and individual Camps have their Grave Marking Committees, and the function of the National officer is mainly to assist these officers, to advise them, and to furnish them with the necessary supplies to enable them to get their job done. My predecessor and myself have been working along these lines since the inception of the project.

Therefore, I am of the opinion that the office is not functioning as a "National Committee" and should, therefore, be changed from the category of "Committee Chairmen" to a regularly appointive Staff officer of the National body. And, such officer should also be listed on Department staff officers and on Camp staff officers as a regularly appointive office of Departments and of Camps.

I recommend that the office of National Graves Registration Officer be included among the regularly appointive officers of the Commander-in-Chief's staff hereafter.

It is with much honor and a great deal of pleasure that I report some of the activities of the grave marking project in our Departments which have come to the attention of this office over the past administration. Unfortunately, many instances of splendid work which is accomplished does not get reported to the National office, and I am sure that much more is actually being accomplished than we ever learn about. However, those which do come to our attention are well worth including in this report.

CONNECTICUT Department has been most active in arranging for the erection of headstones furnished without cost to us by the State, and some fifty applications are presently being processed by the State Veterans Home Commission for erection in the near future. Outstanding in the work of this project and for the caring for a large number of veterans' graves in the state, is Brother Benjamin H. Rose, vice-chairman of the Connecticut Department Grave Marking Committee. Brother Rose has spent many hours with cemetery officials to bring about erection of state headstones on veterans' graves and has travelled many miles in his work. Working without co-operation in some cases from the cemetery officials, he has done a herculean job in mustering the assistance of veteran and civic organizations to oppose unjustifiable regulations which tend to hamper the work of marking veterans' graves in certain cemeteries. Brother Rose deserves the plaudits of our Order for his faithfulness and loyalty.

INDIANA Department has also been engaged in a splendid work in registering and marking veterans' graves in that State. Sister Margaret Horn, P.D.P. of the Auxiliary, and a score of associates have completed four volumes of names of veterans buried in the State; and P.D.C. Alva Reef of Muncie has, with his wife Sister Reef of the Auxiliary, contributed some 562 names and locations of graves

for the 3rd. and 4th. editions of the books which repose in the Indiana State Library.

Brother Reef has also been active in arranging for headstones to be erected at some of these graves. In Richmond, P.D.C. Argus E. Ogborn has done an excellent job for us as President of the "Save Our Parks Club," including a heroic attempt to save a cemetery containing veterans' graves from the ravages of modern civilization. Dedicatory exercises for the Civil War Soldier's Memorial Marker and flagpole at Maple Grove Cemetery addition to Glen Miller Park highlighted one of the many projects Brother Oghorn has occupied himself with in behalf of our Order.

NEW YORK Department's East Amherst Member of Camp No. 223 of Buffalo, Chaplain Harold L. Wilson has renewed interest in his Camp along the lines of grave marking work, and has arranged for several headstones to be erected in the area.

PENNSYLVANIA Department's Mt. Carmel Camp with Brother Robert E. Delcamp in charge of operations has done a remarkable job arranging for headstones to be set in the Mt. Carmel cemeteries. Sixty-five applications for Federal headstones have been filled in and submitted for veterans' graves by this loyal and active Brother and his associates. They state that they will keep working on this project until the job is finished. Wonderful spirit is being displayed by these faithful brothers.

OREGON AND WASHINGTON Department's Commander Spencer Leonard reports that he maintains a complete card index record of all Civil War veterans who, at any time, lived in Oregon showing all data available for each. Genealogical and historical societies and old cemeteries' officials have made use of his files on many occasions where military records were required. He offers information to our Order from his files whenever needed.

And from neighboring CANADA we learn from Brother A. C. Marvin of the Michigan Department, now living in Port Rowan, Canada, that our work is being projected even in that part of the continent. He has made request for headstone applications and tells of Civil War veterans' graves he has located in Port Rowan cemetery. His records include the Grand Army Posts in Canada, of which Toronto had the largest.

And there are inquiries in the files of this office from several other Departments of our Order which give evidence that our work is progressing in those places although no official reports have been received.

This report would not be complete without the mention of the names of two Brothers of our Order whose work in marking and registering veterans' graves and erecting headstones is most outstanding and has covered a period of many years of faithful and tireless effort in behalf of our organization.

Connecticut Department's Brother Samuel W. Morrell who, for 26 years has recorded traveling 10,234 miles, most of which on his bicycle to cover the cemeteries in the Stamford area and visiting families, securing headstone applications, having the headstones erected, mapping and registering the names of every veteran buried in the area and those who lived in his part of the state who are buried elsewhere. Brother Morrell serves as Grave Registration Officer for the Central Veterans' Association Inc., of Stamford and has made application for 115 Federal headstones and 426 State headstones in the past year.

Maine Department's Charles Webster, P.D.C., who has nearly completed the erection of headstones in the entire Pine Tree State over the past several years and whose record is equalled by no other member of our Order engaged in this work. He has been one of

the most faithful and ardent workers in every branch that our Order has ever had.

It would seem to me that some substantial commendatory action should be taken by the National Body for the recognition of a job well done and bestowed upon these two Brothers in particular, and including also those whose names are mentioned in this report. I would so recommend.

Allow me in closing this report, Commander, to express to you personally my heartfelt thanks for the honor you bestowed upon me in re-appointing me to this important post. I trust that I have conducted it to your complete satisfaction as well as to the satisfaction of our members and for the good of the Order in general. It has been a pleasure to have served in this post, and despite my removal during the term from Connecticut to New York, I have tried to do my best to help along the wonderful work we are attempting to do along the lines of your marking.

The small allocation of \$100.00 monthly budget for the use of this office has been used for the purchase of supplies, postage, and the usual expense of maintaining a public business office.

Respectfully yours in F. O. & L.

Samuel C. DeForest  
National Public Registration Officer.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.)

#### COMMUNICATIONS—GREETINGS

National Secretary Lambert read the following telegram from President Eisenhower:

Colonel Frederic Gilbert Ester  
A. U. S. (Ret.), Commander-in-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

"Greetings to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on the occasion of your seventy-fifth National Encampment. As the last of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic join the ranks of the immortals, your organization contributes to the nation's total strength by promoting an awareness of the duties of citizenship and by showing forth the glorious traditions of our whole land. Best wishes for a successful Convention.

Dwight D. Eisenhower"

Other telegrams, communications of greetings and best wishes for a successful Encampment, and regrets at their inability to attend were read by the National Secretary from the following:

Past Commander-in-Chief Chas. F. Sherman, Connecticut (from his daughter, Mrs. George E. Mayo).

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Hunter, Florida.

Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. W. Cooney, New York.

Past Commander-in-Chief Frederick K. Davis, Oregon.

Past Department Commander Rev. Arthur M. Spaul, Idaho.

Senator Estes Kefauver, Vice Presidential Candidate.

#### RESOLUTIONS

National Secretary Lambert then read the following Resolutions, after which they were referred to Committee:

(1) From the Department of New York a petition to allow the Camps in New York to hold their encampment and installation in April

or May of 1957, and ensuing years—(Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations).

(2) From the Department of New York—going on record as being opposed to the \$5.00 minimum dues for members—(Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations).

(3) From Gettysburg Camp No. 112, Penna.—that the Encampment urge every member of the Sons of Union Veterans to actively participate in the 100th. Anniversary of the Civil War; and seek to promote interest of the general public in this observance by observances during the period 1961-1965 by local Camps in their own communities—(Referred to the Committee on Resolutions).

(4) From the Department of New York—recommending that annual or semi-annual meetings be legalized in our C. & R. by adoption of addition to the By-Laws submitted by them—(Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations).

(5) From National Aide Howard E. Waite—that a letter of appreciation be sent to communities who made special recognition of the death of Comrade Woolson—(Referred to the Committee on Resolutions).

(6) From the Department of New Jersey—recommending changes in the Constitution to Article V, Section 2; and Article V, Section 3—(Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations).

(7) From the Department of New Jersey—a proposed amendment to the Constitution to Article 8, page 6, line 4, adding "or by the Council of Administration"—(Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations).

(8) From the Department of Indiana—that any member of the Order who has continually paid his dues for fifty years shall be issued a Paid Up Life Membership Card by the National Organization—(Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations).

(9) From the Department of Maine—that a copy of all orders coming from the Commander-in-Chief be made available, without cost, to all members in good standing—(Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations).

(10) From the Department of Pennsylvania—that Form No. 60, Camp Patriotic Instructor's Report; and Form No. 61, Department Patriotic Instructor's Report, or similar forms, be re-established—(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports, as this same matter is covered by a recommendation in the report of the National Patriotic Instructor).

(11) From the Department of Maryland—relative to a suggested change in Department By-Laws—(Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations).

**Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** Are there any Committees ready to report?

**Past Commander-in-Chief Bennett:** I am ready to present the report of my Committee.

#### REPORT OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC MEMORIAL HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

To: Commander-in-Chief Frederic G. Bauer,  
and Members of the 75th. National Encampment

Brothers:

As Chairman of the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Highway Committee, I beg to submit the following report.

Always mindful of the obligation to my grandfather and the Sons of Union Veterans, I accepted this Chairmanship from our Commander-

in-Chief. After talking with Past Commander-in-Chief Allan Holbrook, I knew that the roses were few in any new projects that lay ahead. After considerable delay, owing to the illness of Brother Holbrook, I received the property he held in his possession. It was very little. Most of the property had been lost as it passed from one Chairman to another.

On receipt of this data, I immediately sent a letter to each Department Commander through which the highway passes, requesting him to appoint a Committee of three Brothers to serve with the National Chairman. Upon receiving these names, a questionnaire was sent to each chairman to be filled out, and returned to me. After much delay some answered—some ignored it, according to the interest of the Brothers.

One thing I had no knowledge of was, that on the last day of the Encampment in Cincinnati, a motion was passed to combine the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Highway Committee with a new project, the U. S. Grant Highway, No. 20; and to further its completion across the United States—this because I had to leave before the Encampment was over last year. After receiving the Encampment proceedings, I sent letters to the Chairmen at once, to interview their legislative representatives, and report their reaction to this movement. To date, no replies have been received.

I have appealed for information through the medium of the Banner, but received very little information. No further attempt has been made to have the Grand Army seal placed on maps, in place of Route No. 6. They do not offer to give it any future consideration. I attended the Dedication of Highway No. 20 at Galena, Illinois. Worked to enthuse my Committees in all Departments through which our Highways pass. Made a trip into Nebraska to check on conditions in that State, as we have no Camps in Nebraska. Have written numerous letters to the Committee Chairmen and tried to give some inspiration for their Department. Worked in the State of Iowa with my Chairman, in the placing of tables and beautifying the Highway No. 6, as this was my dream for the last two years.

The following final reports have been received and Departments listed—in most cases it is the only report received for the year.

California Department—Chairman Brother Rainwater—appointed a Committee and Acting Chairman. No report received.

Indiana Department—Chairman Clarence Bodle—All markers in good condition. Highway standard width. Has roadside tables. No suggestions.

Colorado Department—Chairman John B. Fuller—The Memorial Monument erected in honor of the G.A.R. Memorial Highway was dynamited to bits—reason unknown.

Illinois Department—Chairman (Charles H. Bournstine) pro tem report—Highway inspected every six months. In April, 1956, the U. S. Grant Highway, Route No. 20, was dedicated through the work of Richard F. Locke. Our deceased Brother, Allan Holbrook, designed the markers, which are in place.

Iowa Department—Chairman Laurence K. Boutin—On April 26, 1956, two wayside tables were dedicated at the junction of Highway No. 6 and Highway No. 38. Another picnic table to our credit has been placed at Marengo on Highway No. 6. It has been landscaped to comply with surroundings.

Massachusetts Department—Chairman Wm. W. Haskell—They look over the Highway as to its upkeep and condition at least three times a year. The Highway is 118 1/3 miles long, with 52 markers.

New York Department—Leslie More, Chairman—No new projects. Markers in place, highway secondary, poorly traveled. They have wayside tables. No suggestions.

Ohio Department—Chairman Martin R. Battey—Stone Marker plaque at roadside park near Edgerton. Lights will be placed this year at Athletic Field of Boys Town, near Smithfield. Markers are 5 miles apart, and well kept.

Pennsylvania Department—Chairman John H. Runkle—The Pennsylvania maps carry three locations marked "G.A.R. Memorial Highway." There are 8 large signs.

Rhode Island Department—No answer to any letter—no report.

Contacts with Nebraska, Utah and Nevada Highway Commission reports markers same as last year—no changes.

Received a communication from Herbert Bogue of Massachusetts stating that Highway No. 6, Grand Army Memorial Highway, passing through the City of Providence had been renamed, by an act of Legislation, in honor of an Arctic Explorer, Rear Admiral McMillon. It was a distinct shock. I immediately wrote to the Massachusetts Chairman for further particulars, but received no reply. Why could they not have chosen some other highway? It is not right that one man should replace the Grand Army of the Republic; and especially in the New England States where the ground is haunted with the blood and deeds of the Union Soldiers.

In closing, I wish to thank the Committees for the information sent to me. I realize that the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Highway is an accomplished fact and, as such, has lost some of the glamour that has surrounded it for the past eighteen years. So our Brothers consider it—over and done with, but this is not so. We must be ever on the alert to protect our interests so they will not be taken from us.

I offer the following recommendations:

#### Recommendation No. 1

That the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Highway Committee be continued indefinitely, to protect our interests.

#### Recommendation No. 2

That the placing of Rest Zones and Picnic Tables be continued, wherever feasible.

#### Recommendation No. 3

That, on the convening of the next Legislature in the State, through which Highway No. 20 passes, they be petitioned to pass a law naming Highway No. 20, U. S. Grant Highway.

Respectfully submitted,

(Roy J. Bennett), National Chairman,  
Grand Army of the Republic Memorial  
Highway Committee.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Bennett:** Does anyone know anything more recent concerning the situation in Massachusetts?

**Department Commander John L. Day, Massachusetts:** I received the same communication as that of Brother Bennett; and I checked into the matter. It has never gone before the House or Senate for action, up to this day—and when it does, I am sure that it will be squashed.

**National Counselor Locke:** Commander-in-Chief, probably the majority of States through which this new Highway passes are the same as those of the G.A.R. Highway; and I think that it would be a duplication of authority, perhaps, if there is to be a separate Committee for each highway. I think the G.A.R. Highway Committee should have jurisdiction over the U. S. Grant Highway, in every state

in which the two highways are located and if we could make some suggestion, either here on the floor or by resolution, I would like to see this done.

**Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** That action is not necessary, as it can be added to the recommendation, as an amendment, if the Committee so agrees.

(Committee agreed; after which the Report was adopted, as amended—"That the implementation of the U. S. Grant Highway project be committed to the G.A.R. Highway Memorial Committee.")

**Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** Is the Legislative Committee ready to report?

Chairman Colwell presented the following:

#### REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Commander-in-Chief Bauer,  
Officers and Delegates of the  
75th. National Encampment  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Harrisburg, Pa.

Brothers:

Legislation of real interest to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War during the past year cannot be classified as outstandingly favorable. Representative Kenneth B. Keating's HJ Res. 53—A bill to establish November 19th of each year as Dedication Day to the ideas and ideals of Abraham Lincoln and his Gettysburg Address, was our most desired piece of legislation. Ten years ago, the Hon. Louis Ludlow of Indiana introduced a similar bill to the 79th Congress which became Public Law 645 for the year 1916 only. Our mutual warm friend and advisor, Representative Keating, took over where his colleague left off and has worked long and diligently in our behalf. In June, of this year, I was advised by a prominent member of the House Committee on the Judiciary that "your views on HJ Res. 53 will be placed before our Committee," but no such action was ever taken. It is our contention that Representative Keating's bill, written entirely around the immortal name of Abraham Lincoln and his Gettysburg Address, is entirely 100% patriotic in concept and deserves a far better fate than its slow, smothering death in a Congressional pigeonhole. This bill will be re-introduced at the opening of the 85th Congress; and I respectfully urge every member of every Camp, of every Department of our beloved Order, at the proper time, to help in securing favorable consideration of this bill.

HJ Res. 396—A bill to provide a national motto, "In God We Trust" WAS signed by President Eisenhower on July 29, 1956, to become Public Law 851.

HJ Res. 569—A bill to provide a medal to be presented to each surviving Veteran of the "War Between the States" was signed by President Eisenhower on July 18, 1956, to become Public Law 730.

HR 6392—A bill to provide hospitalization for the three remaining Confederate Veterans, and any Union Veterans that may be alive, was not reported out of the Committee on Armed Services and there died with HJ Res. 53 with the 84th Congress. This is the bill we unanimously endorsed at Cincinnati last year; and we should strongly favor its re-introduction to the 85th. Congress and work diligently for its favorable consideration.

Our primary job is to secure the release of all bills desired by our beloved Order from the various Committees to which they are referred to the Congressional floor. The help of the rank and file

of our membership is of great importance to this end, and your letters to these various Committees and to your own Representative will prove invaluable.

Sincerely yours in F. C. & L.

(Fred E. Colwell), Chairman,  
National Legislative Committee.

(Adopted, and the Council of Administration empowered to commit the organization in support of legislation on HJ Res. 53 and HR 6392).

Commander-in-Chief Bauer: We will now recess until tomorrow morning at 9:30.



## TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

September 11, 1956—9:45 A. M.

The Encampment opened in regular form.

Commander-in-Chief Bauer: Is the Committee on Officers' Reports ready to present a report?

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: We are ready, but I do not have a written report.

Your Committee on Officers' Reports, with the speaker as Chairman, have reviewed the reports of all the Officers submitted yesterday, to the best of our ability. We stayed up until 1 A. M. this morning considering these reports; but haven't had the opportunity to reduce our report to writing. However, we would like to make our report, at this time, as it includes many references to other Committees which should have them as soon as possible.

#### Report of Commander-in-Chief

The report of the Commander-in-Chief has been thoroughly considered. We commend him for his zeal and interest, time and effort—which has been considerable, in preserving and continuing the principles and objects of our Order, and our position in the community of States.

His report contains a number of recommendations; on which we wish to report as follows; on these which are numbered from 1 to 12 in his report:

(1) Relative to official action by the Encampment to definitely determine our status as head of the Grand Army group—

Your Committee feels that if any action to vindicate our status is necessary or appropriate, it should be referred to the Committee on Resolutions for their action. (After discussion, it was referred to the Committee on Resolutions).

(2) That a Permanent Fund, so invested as to produce the maximum income consistent with safety of principal, and properly safeguarded by the By-Laws, should be established in each Department.

Your Committee approves, in principle; and refers it to the incoming Council of Administration for appropriate action. (Adopted).

(3) That the incoming Commander-in-Chief order a report of all money held by any Camp or Department other than ordinary income, with a statement of how it is invested and being used.

Your Committee approved this recommendation, in principle, and refer it to the incoming Council of Administration for implementation. (Adopted).

(4) Amendment to Regulations by addition of Section 5 of Article VI of Chapter III—

Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

(5) That the question of a mid-year meeting of the Council of Administration be further considered during the next year—

Your Committee refers this to the incoming Commander-in-Chief and Council of Administration. (Adopted).

(6) Relative to Department and Camp Councils—

Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

(7) Relative to Article VI of Chapter V of the Regulations, "Discipline"—

Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

(8) That the Regulations be amended that the National Officers shall be elected and installed at the Encampment, but shall take office October first.

(Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations).

(9) That each of the brethren who rendered service at the funeral of Comrade Woolson be authorized to wear, so long as he is a member of the Order, a gold star on the ribbon of the membership badge— (Referred to the Committee on Resolutions).

(10) That the expense of participation of our Colors and Color Guard in the exercises at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington on February 12; and the placing of a wreath at President Lincoln's tomb be paid by the National organization—(Referred to the Council of Administration).

So far as expressing appreciation to the Military Order of the Loyal Legion for the courtesies extended in inviting us to the February 12 ceremony, your Committee refers that to the Committee on Resolutions. (No objection).

(11) That a Vice Commander-in-Chief be designated to investigate and develop possibilities of increasing membership with so called "dinner camps," etc.

Your Committee approves the recommendation in principle; and refers it to the Council of Administration. (No objection).

(12) That when an invitation comes from the Loyal Legion, the Commander-in-Chief be empowered to encourage Camps and Departments to co-operate in such measures for closer relations—

Your Committee approves this, and refers it to the Council of Administration. (No objection).

That concludes the report of the Commander-in-Chief and we wish to commend him for his faithful and earnest service to our organization during this last year.

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

The report of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Howe is quite long, but an excellent and interesting report in which he reviews a rather difficult job which was placed upon the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War by the last Encampment, namely: the duty of having charge of the work of locating, inventorying and perfecting our title to G.A.R. Property.

With this report, he files an attachment dealing with the list of property; and because this deals with the subject closely parallel to that in the first part of the report of the Commander-in-Chief, this report is referred to the Committee on Resolutions for reference, as a matter of factual representation, when they pass on the report of the Commander-in-Chief.

We wish to highly commend Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Howe for his excellent work—he has done a fine job.

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

This report was not submitted in writing; and the verbal report given by Brother Corbin contained no recommendations.

However, the Committee wishes to commend our Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief for the effort of the past several years on behalf of our Order.

### Report of National Chaplain

This report was most interesting and instructive, and we wish to compliment Brother Driver on a job well done. This report contains a definite Resolution and, therefore, this Committee refers it to the Committee on Resolutions.

### Reports of National Personal Aide and National Aide

The reports of National Personal Aide Dexter and National Aide Waite have been reviewed, with much interest; and we highly commend both Brothers for the assistance they have rendered to the Order. Brother Dexter is to be especially commended for the work he has done in Michigan, as well as that which he has done for the National body.

In the report of Brother Waite, there are two recommendations:

(1) That the Commandery-in-Chief be divided into five or more Districts, and that five Junior Vice Commanders be elected—

Your Committee felt that there was some merit in this suggestion, and we refer it to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

(2) Relative to Department Inspectors—

Your Committee refers this matter to the incoming Council of Administration, since it is an administrative matter.

### Report of National Historian

We wish to express our commendation to Brother Spink for doing a fine job in this office. It is a newly created office, and he has had to start from the beginning, with no guide on what was to be done, or what was expected of him. He has certainly done an excellent job, and we are grateful to him for his efforts.

Two recommendations are contained in his report:

(1) That the office of Department Historian be created—

Your Committee refers this to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

(2) That, in the future, a copy of each "Banner" published be sent to the office of the National Historian for his collection of the publication—

Your Committee approves, and refers it to the incoming administration to put into effect. (Adopted).

### Report of Graves Registration Officer

The report of Brother DeForest is an excellent one, and we are most grateful to him for his efforts in this important work of our Order.

There are two recommendations in his report:

(1) That the office is not functioning as a National Committee, and should be changed to a regularly appointive staff officer of the National body.

Your Committee does not approve of that, and expressed the feeling that it should be a working committee. Perhaps it would be better if he created the Committee, selecting people in the various Departments and Camps to be used as assistants. In that way, a working Committee could be designated as Assistant National Officers. However, we refer the matter to the incoming Council of Administration, and the incoming Graves Registration Officer, for their consideration. (No objection).

(2) That commendatory action be taken by the National body for the recognition of a job well done by the Brothers mentioned in the report of the National Graves Registration Officer.

Our action on the first recommendation would include that and, therefore, we refer this to the incoming Council of Administration and incoming Graves Registration Officer also. (No objection).

#### Report of our Representative in Washington, D. C.

We feel that it is very appropriate to have an official representative of our organization in Washington, whose presence is necessary for the protection of our Charter.

We are of the opinion that our representative is definitely an official of this Commandery-in-Chief, and a very important one and feel, also, that we have an excellent man there in the person of General Grant. We wish to commend him for what he has done, is now doing, and what he will do for us in the future.

#### Report of National Chief of Staff

There were no recommendations in the report of Brother Ruggles; but we do want to commend him for his work in connection with the Diamond Jubilee Year here in Pennsylvania.

(The Report was interrupted to admit the Greetings Committee from the Auxilliary).

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

The National President of the Auxilliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Lenore Glass; and the Greetings Committee from the Auxilliary, consisting of the following were escorted in and introduced:

Maude Warren, Past National President, Massachusetts,  
Kate L. Dewey, Department President, Massachusetts, and  
Twenty-six members of the Massachusetts Department of the Auxilliary.

**Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** It is indeed a pleasure to receive such a fine delegation from the Auxilliary, and we are happy to welcome you to this Encampment.

**Sister National President,** it is an honor to have you personally come to us with this delegation; and we want you to know that we appreciate it very much.

I have always been a very strong "rooter" for the Auxilliary. We, of the Sons, feel that the Auxilliary is not only the right arm, but the best arm of the Sons; and we want to show every consideration to you, and we also want you to know that we appreciate all that you do in our behalf.

At this time, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to call upon my very fine co-worker of the past year, Sister Lenore Glass, National President of the Auxilliary.

**National President Lenore Glass:** Commander-in-Chief Bauer, all National Officers and all my Sons of Union Veterans; it is indeed a pleasure for me to have the privilege of visiting the Sons of Union Veterans with the Massachusetts delegation of our Auxilliary; and I am indeed happy to bring you the greetings of our National organization.

We, of the Auxilliary, are organized to assist the Sons of Union Veterans—and if we fail in that, there is no need for us to carry on as an organization. I am sure that we will always assist you, in every way that is possible; and we are glad of the opportunity to be of service to you.

I wish for you, Commander-in-Chief Bauer, a most harmonious Encampment; and much success in the future to this organization.

I also want to extend a personal invitation to you, Commander-in-Chief, to visit my Convention. I would request that you come with your Greetings Committee when they visit us, because we will be very proud to receive you.

At this time, I want to present this personal gift to you—something for you and your wife, with my very best wishes.

**Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** Thank you very much, both for the good wishes and the gift.

We have with us a Past National President of the Auxiliary whom I have had the privilege of knowing for quite a number of years. It is my pleasure to welcome, and to present to you Sister Maude Warren.

**Past National President Maude Warren:** Commander-in-Chief, and Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; we come here today with this large delegation from the Department of Massachusetts, because the Commander-in-Chief is a Massachusetts man and we are Massachusetts sisters. It is, indeed, an honor and a pleasure to be the Chairman of this Committee from your Auxiliary, who come to extend best wishes to you.

We came here today to express our appreciation to you for choosing this man as our Commander-in-Chief. As we heard reports of our Commander-in-Chief, of his travels throughout the country and the fine work he has been doing helping to build up the organization, we were very proud of him. We want to say to you that, as your Auxiliary, we are in complete agreement with him in his stand for our organizations to lead the way, in the future.

We also want to express our appreciation for all the fine work he has done, and would like to do for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

We are most happy to bring you these Sisters from Massachusetts, twenty-six in number, to visit you Commander-in-Chief Bauer, and pay our respects to you and the Sons; as Massachusetts is very proud of our Commander-in-Chief this year.

Our National President has invited you to our Encampment and, Commander-in-Chief, I hope you will make an effort to come personally.

**Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** Thank you, Sister Warren; and I will put forth every effort to come and visit our Auxiliary. We also have with us the Department President of the Auxiliary in Massachusetts, Sister Dewey.

**Department President Kate L. Dewey, Massachusetts:** Commander-in-Chief and Brothers: I consider it a great honor, and am very proud and happy to be Department President of Massachusetts this year, and to have our Commander-in-Chief from our Department, but we will be happy when he comes back home to us again. I know that you have had a fine year, and I know the Sons are as proud and happy as we that you have had such a fine leader from our Department.

I wish for you, Commander-in-Chief a wonderful Encampment, and for your successor a fine year. (Presented gift from Massachusetts Auxiliary).

**Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** I certainly thank you ladies for your greetings; and the Massachusetts Department for the gift. I will now ask Past Commander-in-Chief Heald to respond to you.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Heald:** Commander-in-Chief, Sisters, National President, Department President, Past National President, and ladies of the Auxiliary; the assignment the Commander-in-Chief has given to me is a very difficult, and yet a very pleasant one.

It is difficult for me to say to you girls anything that has not already been said to you concerning our affection and admiration for our Auxiliary.

This is the crowning moment of our Encampment—when we have the honor and pleasure of receiving the representatives of our Auxiliary; and it is the crowning moment for me to have this privilege of expressing to you very fine ladies our sincere appreciation.

I have known all of them a great many years. When I was Commander-in-Chief, I was entertained in the home of your lovely National President in California; and Kate and Maude and I are old friends—so, for me, it is a family reunion to have you here with us today.

Men are often accused of being not too sentimental and perhaps not too prompt to express their true feelings but, as we have said to you girls so many times in the past, what we are in our organization and what we do depends largely upon the support from our Auxiliary; so I want you to take back to your Auxiliary the feeling of every man in this Encampment—that even though we do not continually express our feelings we are, in our hearts, appreciative of the many things you do for us; and we love each and everyone of you. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Bauer: We should like to hear from every one of the twenty-six ladies from Massachusetts, but time does not permit; so I am going to ask each one of you to stand up so that we can recognize you with a round of applause.

Each one was introduced, with applause of the Encampment; after which "Massachusetts Passing By" was sung, and the Committee escorted from the Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Bauer: Brother Coffin, are you ready to resume your report?

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS (Continued)

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin:

### Report of National Secretary-Treasurer

The report of Brother Lambert is, as usual, a brief but thorough review of the work of his office. Those of us, of which there were two on the Committee, who have served in the past as Commander-in-Chief, have full knowledge and meaning of the office of National Secretary. We learn by experience—and we get it only by doing the job, and being faced by the responsibilities of the job; and we learn how to do things by doing them.

Our National Secretary has been a tower of strength to the Order and to the Commandery-in-Chief; and your Committee cannot find words adequate to express our appreciation to him for all that he has done for the Order.

His report contains two recommendations, which he so designated:

(1) That the incoming Commander-in-Chief, together with his legal advisor and our Washington Representative, make a formal request of the Department of Internal Revenue to make gifts to our Order deductible for tax purposes by the donors.

Your Committee approves the recommendation in the strongest possible terms; and refer it to the persons indicated in the recommendation. (Adopted).

(2) That the incoming Commander-in-Chief be authorized to investigate the advisability of sponsoring a ceremony at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Illinois, on or near April 14th, and that we invite the Loyal Legion to participate, and that the Council of Administration appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to defray expenses.

Your Committee approves the recommendation, and refers it to the incoming Commander-in-Chief and Council of Administration to implement it. (Adopted).

On his suggestion that our Resolutions Committee should take action to express our appreciation to the Military Order of the Loyal Legion for their consideration, in connection with the ceremony held at the Lincoln Monument in Washington, D. C., on February 12th, we refer it to the Committee on Resolutions.

As to the comment of Brother Lambert, in his report, relative to The Banner which reads, "Camps are again urged to add the cost of The Banner to dues, and have every member receive the paper," the feeling of the Committee is that it be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations, to specify that every member receive The Banner, as part of the \$5.00 dues. (After discussion, it was referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations).

#### Report of National Patriotic Instructor

The Committee finds it difficult to express, in words, our feelings about the work accomplished by, and the future possibilities of our National Patriotic Instructor. This is truly a case where the man has made the job; and we can only commend him for having done a very fine job. We hope that he will be continued in this office for at least another year, if not more. In this case, if the past is any sign of the future we can expect great things from Brother Wells. We can give him a job to do and have no fear that it will not be done—and well done.

His report contains several recommendations:

(1) That Form 60. Camp Patriotic Instructor's Report; and Form 61. Department Consolidation of Camp Patriotic Instructor's Reports be revised—with suggested revised copies attached to his report.

Your Committee heartily approves this recommendation, and refer it to the incoming Patriotic Instructor and incoming Council of Administration for implementation. (After discussion, the recommendation of the Committee was unanimously adopted).

**Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** We must now recess until 1:30 P. M., so Brother Coffin, I will ask you to continue your report at that time.

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

September 11, 1956—1:45 P. M.

The Encampment opened in regular form; with Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Howe presiding, as the Commander-in-Chief accompanied the Greetings Committee on their visit to the Auxiliary and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

**Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Howe:** May we have a supplementary report from the Credential Committee?

**Past Department Commander Albert B. DeHaven, Maine:** We now have a total of 142 registered.

**Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Howe:** Thank you, Brother DeHaven. There is nothing we can do in the line of legislative work until the return of the Past Commanders-in-Chief, so we will now be under the heading of business of "Good of the Order." If anyone has anything to offer, now is the time to do it.

(General discussion of matters of interest in the various Departments and Camps followed).

**National Chaplain Driver:** I move you that we express, by a rising vote of thanks, our appreciation to the Department of Pennsylvania for providing us with the souvenir badge, a replica of the original badge of the Sons of Veterans, presented to all those who attended this National Encampment. (Seconded by Past Department Commander William C. Rule, Massachusetts; and carried—and rising vote, and applause of the Encampment given the Department of Pennsylvania).

Several inquiries were made about the National Organization presenting one of these souvenir badges to the daughter of Comrade Woolson; and were advised by Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie that this had been done by the Pennsylvania Department.

**Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Howe:** I will appoint Past Department Commander Charles F. Dexter as substitute Color Guard.

Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts, then spoke about a plastic flagholder, for use on graves, a sample of which he displayed, which could be obtained in lots of twelve or more at 75¢ each from the Union Screen Plate, Inc., 146 Water St., Fitchburg, Mass.

(The Commander-in-Chief, and Past Commanders-in-Chief returned to the Encampment).

**Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** Brothers, I thank you very much for your patience. In view of the close association with the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and with our Auxiliary, I felt that I must take the time to go over to their sessions in person.

I told you that we wanted to co-operate with these organizations to the fullest extent, and I have received assurance from them that they desire to do the same with us.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin:** Brother Commander-in-Chief, when we recessed at noon, we were reporting on the report of the National Patriotic Instructor, but had not completed it. We are now ready to complete our report.



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(2) That we participate in some manner in the fund-raising program of the project of the American Museum of Immigration, which will be a National Shrine at the foot of the Statue of Liberty.

Your Committee heartily approves the recommendation of the National Patriotic Instructor, and refers it to the Council of Administration for implementation.

(As objection was raised to the suggested coupon in The Banner for contributions to this project, the National Patriotic Instructor forwarded the recommendation, striking out the part which referred to the coupon; after which the Encampment approved the project of the American Museum of Immigration, without committing the organization to any financial support).

(3) That we take part in campaign of The American Heritage Foundation in the 1956 Non-Partisan "Register, Inform Yourself, and Vote" Program.

Your Committee approves this recommendation; and refers it to the National Patriotic Instructor to work it out, as he sees fit. (Adopted).

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. M. Coffin, Chairman, Ohio.

Roy J. Bennett, Iowa.

Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts.

Charles F. Dexter, Michigan.

Louis T. Story, California.

Committee on Officers' Reports.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin:** That completes the action of the Committee on Officers' Reports, on all reports that have been referred to us; and we should now like to be discharged.

**Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** Thank you, Brother Coffin. The Committee on Officers' Reports is now discharged, with the thanks of the Encampment.

Is there any other Committee ready to report at this time?

**Past Commander-in-Chief Grant:** The Committee on Resolutions is ready with a partial report:

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS**

Your Committee on Resolutions wish to present the following:

(1) **BE IT RESOLVED:** by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in their 75th National Encampment assembled, that the Commander-in-Chief is hereby authorized and requested to telegraph or write Honorary Associate Thomas I. Starr, on behalf of our Order, expressing our continued regard and esteem, and our great distress at his continued illness, and assuring him of our prayers for his improved health. (Adopted).

(2) **BE IT RESOLVED:** by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in their 75th National Encampment assembled, that the Commander-in-Chief is hereby authorized and requested to write or telegraph our Honorary Associate George A. Dondero our greetings; and expressing our deep regrets at the news that he has refused to return to Congress for another term. We are deeply appreciative of the fine patriotic services he has rendered our Country while a member of Congress, as well as his help with the legislation for our Order. (Adopted).

(3) Whereas, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have a very special interest in the appropriate celebration and commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of the Civil War; and

Whereas, many other organizations as well as all levels of government are likewise interested in the commemoration of the Centennial; Therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED:** by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in their 75th National Encampment assembled, that the Commander-in-Chief is hereby authorized and directed to offer the co-operation of our Order to any other organization or organizations similarly interested in co-ordinating all these efforts and interests involved so that there may be a National Commission to evolve a suitable and dignified national program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the Commander-in-Chief may obligate our Order to such participation in the celebration as may be proper and practicable, and prescribe appropriate policies for the participation of Departments and Camps in State and local events; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that our Order emphasize the educational possibilities of the celebration to teach the true history of the Civil War and inspire patriotism and devotion to the Union; and finally,

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that our participation include two or more reunions in different parts of the country with the Sons of Confederate Veterans. (Adopted).

(4) **BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:** by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, that the National Secretary-Treasurer be instructed to send a letter of appreciation, on behalf of our Order, to any communities that gave special recognition to the passing of Comrade Albert Woolson, the last survivor of the Grand Army of the Republic; upon report and recommendation by the Department Commander. If necessary or advisable, such letter may be drafted to cover the general purpose and reproduced in multiple.

Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts: As the drawer of the original resolution, I should like to have a word. It is an absolute fact that a great many communities have taken special recognition of the passing of Comrade Woolson; and, in some cases, these communities are not located near any of our Camps—so to place this responsibility on the local Camps would give some of them a tremendous territory to cover.

I think that our National Secretary will know better than anyone else how to handle this matter, and send it to Camps if they ask for it. As the framer of the resolution, I would be willing to leave the execution of it in the hands of the National Secretary-Treasurer.

Commander-in-Chief Bauer: As it now stands, the Department Commander is to notify the National Secretary-Treasurer where this action is to be taken; and the National Secretary-Treasurer will then carry it out. (Adopted).

(5) **BE IT RESOLVED:** by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in their 75th National Encampment assembled, that the incoming Commander-in-Chief and Washington Representative are hereby authorized and requested to give, on behalf of our Order, all proper and appropriate assistance to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic in their efforts to secure incorporation by act of Congress; and legislation for the construction of a Veterans Memorial Building in the Nation's Capitol. (Adopted).

(6) **BE IT RESOLVED:** by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in their 75th National Encampment assembled, that the incoming Commander-in-Chief and Washington Representative are hereby authorized and requested to take all necessary steps for the

issue of a special commemorative coin of Comrade Albert Woolson, last Commander-in-Chief and survivor of the Grand Army of the Republic; and that any funds derived from the sale of such coin shall be paid into the principal of the Permanent Fund. (Following discussion, it was adopted).

(7) BE IT RESOLVED: by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, that we hereby express our heartfelt concern and distress that Past Commanders-in-Chief Sherman and Cranmer are prevented, by sickness, from attending this Encampment, and that we wish them an early recovery of their health. (Adopted).

(8) BE IT RESOLVED: that we hereby express our deep appreciation of the gracious cooperation in this Encampment by our own beloved Auxiliary, and by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, with whom we hope for many more happy reunions. (Adopted).

(9) BE IT RESOLVED: that we hereby extend our enthusiastic thanks to Past Commander-in-Chief John H. Runkle and all members of his Committee, for the efficient and satisfactory arrangements made for this Encampment, which have resulted in its being so successful; and that the National Secretary is requested to express the thanks and appreciation of our Order to the high officials, to B. P. O. E. No. 12 for our meeting room, and to others who have contributed so much to the said success. (Adopted).

(10) BE IT RESOLVED: by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, that we hereby assure the Hon. Martin J. Johnson, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, of our deep distress that illness should have prevented his attendance at this Encampment, of our heartfelt best wishes for his early restoration to good health; and that his courteous, patriotic and fine message was greeted with enthusiastic applause. (Adopted).

(11) BE IT RESOLVED: that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War hereby express their grateful appreciation to the Military Order of the Loyal Legion for the privilege of participating, for the last three years, in the birthday anniversary ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, and wish to thank the District of Columbia Commandery of the Loyal Legion for the courtesy and hospitality shown our representatives in connection therewith. (Adopted).

**Past Commander-in-Chief Grant:** That is all we have, up to the present time. A further, and final report will be submitted later.

**Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** Thank you. Is any other Committee ready to submit a report?

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND CEREMONIES

**Past Commander-in-Chief Heald:** The Committee on Ritual wishes to report that no recommendations have been referred to our Committee. Therefore, we have no report; and we would ask to be discharged.

**Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** Thank you, Brother Heald, for your interest; and the Committee is discharged, with our thanks.

I believe the Committee on Time and Place is ready to report.

#### REPORT OF 1957 ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE

**Department Commander John L. Day, Massachusetts:** As Chairman of the Time and Place Committee, I would like to present our report.

A Committee of this sort is a good deal like a man elected to Congress—they have to consider all the angles, and try to do the greatest good for the greatest number of people concerned.

With that in mind and, after long and serious consideration, we recommend that the National Encampment meet in Detroit, Michigan, in 1957.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Grant:** May I ask a question? Were the ladies agreeable?

**Chairman Day:** The ladies organizations, in both cases, have graciously extended their co-operation to go wherever we wish to go.

Respectfully submitted,

John L. Day, Chairman, Massachusetts.

Dewey B. Mead, Minnesota.

Fred E. Howe, New York.

1957 Encampment City Committee.

(Adopted).

**Department Commander John L. Day, Massachusetts:** Commander-in-Chief, I would like very much to have this Encampment consider having their 1958 Encampment in Boston, Massachusetts. We have not presented a formal invitation from the Department, in writing, but will do so before leaving this Encampment. We would like to have your acceptance, and we would like advance notice now so that we may prepare for it. I think if we try to plan two years ahead, we will do much in aiding the job of keeping the Sons of Union Veterans alive and constantly before the public. (No objection).

**Past Commander-in-Chief Grant:** I think this is a very wise action. The hotel situation is getting to be such that it is hard to get the accommodations that we need, so that if we have advance notice we will have more time to arrange for our Encampments and can get better accommodations.

In connection with going to Detroit next year, might I suggest that the Committee give consideration to inviting George A. Dondero to that Encampment. I am sure you would all like to meet him, and it might be well to have him in mind right from the start.

**Department Commander George R. Raub, Sr., Michigan:** As Department Commander of Michigan, and on behalf of our Department, I want to say that we will welcome you to our State and to the City of Detroit next year; and the suggestion of General Grant heartily meets with my approval. I want to thank Past Department Commander Charles F. Dexter for all the work he has done in getting all the invitations from the various Boards of Commerce, from the City of Detroit, and from the Governor of Michigan. We certainly appreciate your coming to Detroit next year.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt:** We have just adopted a resolution to cooperate with other organizations relative to the 100th Anniversary celebration of the Civil War.

As to the matter of meeting with the Sons of Confederate Veterans, General Grant and I discussed it last evening; and we felt it would be nice to meet in 1961 in a city in the South, and in Gettysburg in 1963.

However, if such arrangements are to be made, I think it would be well that we communicate with the Sons of Confederate Veterans to get their reaction to such a plan and, perhaps, tie down some tentative arrangements.

I would move you, Commander-in-Chief, that the incoming Commander-in-Chief be instructed to communicate with the National Commander of the Sons of Confederate Veterans; and advise him of the action of this Encampment—that we meet jointly with the

Sons of Confederate Veterans in 1961 and 1963, one year in the north, and one year in the south. I think we should communicate this action to them, and ascertain their feelings; and then the details can be worked out in any way you desire.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Grant:** I would like to suggest that you write Carl S. Betts, 1636 I. St., N. W., Washington, D. C., Chairman of the Washington Civil War Round Table about this matter; and I would also like to second the motion just made by Brother Stoutt. (Motion carried).

**Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** We will now recess until 9:30 A. M. tomorrow morning.

## THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

September 13, 1956—9:40 A. M.

The Encampment opened in regular form.

### 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:

Edna S. Lindsey, Editor of National Publication, The Bugle Call, Oregon,

Lillian Milewsky, National Junior Vice President, Ohio.

They extended the greetings of their National President, Miss Theo McCallum, and the National Organization, with best wishes for a successful Encampment. A gift of money was presented to Commander-in-Chief Bauer, who turned it over to the National Secretary-Treasurer, to be put into the Permanent Fund.

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

Commander-in-Chief Bauer: Is the Committee on Resolutions ready to make a further report?

### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: We wish to present the following supplemental report for the Committee on Resolutions:

(12) RESOLVED: that the thanks of this Encampment be extended to the Honorable William M. Beard, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, for his courtesy and patriotism in arranging to have the surviving Confederate Veterans pay tribute to the memory of Comrade Albert Woolson, last survivor of the Grand Army of the Republic. (Adopted).

(13) From recommendation No. 10, in the report of the Commander-in-Chief:

BE IT RESOLVED: by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, that hereafter the representatives of our Order and the members of the Color Guard, when attending the annual ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C. shall be entitled to reimbursement of actual expenses or mileage, whichever is the less. (Adopted).

(14) Also, from recommendation No. 10, in the report of the Commander-in-Chief; and No. 2 in the report of the National Secretary-Treasurer:

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Commander-in-Chief and the Commander of the Illinois Department are hereby requested to make arrangements for a simple and dignified commemorative ceremony at the Tomb of President Lincoln on April 15th each year, and that the Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion and the Illinois Commandery thereof be invited to participate. (Adopted).

(15) BE IT RESOLVED: by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, that we hereby express our appreciation of the professional

skill and energy with which Commander-in-Chief Bauer has established our Order's rights and interests in the G.A.R. property, deeded to our Order by the late Comrade Albert Woolson; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that we concur in his statement of the position and status of our Order in the Grand Army Family, published in the January issue of The Banner; and that we also concur in his recognition in his annual report that, in the many cases where excellent relations exist between our Camps and Departments and the corresponding units of the ladies organizations, the observation and insistence upon our position of leadership should be with tact and consideration of others, such as may be necessary to avoid rupture of the said good and friendly relations. (Adopted).

(16) From the report of the National Chaplain—that we express our patriotic approval of the action of the Supreme Court in declaring the day for any segregation of citizens by reason of race, color or previous servitude is now finally declared unlawful; and we assert our promise, in memory of our fathers, to forward to a blessed fulfillment this humanly honorable and Christlike goal.

Your Committee on Resolutions is in sympathy with the patriotic and Christian sentiments expressed therein and in his report. However, your Committee doubts the propriety of our Orders formally approving or disapproving a decision of the Supreme Court, and we feel that the whole question of segregation and de-segregation is of such a partisan and political character as to be outside the purview of our Order's purposes or proper activities. We, therefore, recommend that in compliance with Article IV of the Constitution, this resolution be passed over.

(After discussion, the Committee recommendation was unanimously adopted).

Respectfully submitted,

U. S. Grant, 3rd, Maryland, Chairman.  
George R. Raub, Sr., Michigan,  
Henry Towle, Maine,  
Vernon E. Cheney, California,  
Harold Shepardson, Massachusetts.  
Committee on Resolutions.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Grant:** In addition to the official report of the Committee, I would like to suggest that the incoming Commander-in-Chief, for the benefit of the people in the Departments and in the field, again repeat our resolution of last year about the G.A.R. property—so as to bring out the fact that we are not going to take anything away that belongs to someone else; and perhaps it might be well to outline the procedure to Camps and Departments for their information and guidance.

**Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** Thank you, Brother Grant. Is there objection to receiving this final report from the Committee? If not (no objection) the Committee on Resolutions is hereby discharged, with the thanks of the Encampment.

Brother Moran, are you ready to present your report?

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS

**Past Commander-in-Chief Moran:** Your Committee on Constitution and Regulations have considered the several matters referred to it, and report as follows:

(1) Recommendation contained in the Report of the National Historian—that each Department create the office of Department Historian, by appointment of the Department Commander; and that

each Camp have a Historian, who would report to the Department Historian and he, in turn, to the National Historian.

Your Committee can see the logic of this recommendation and, therefore, offer the following amendments to the Regulations:

(A) In Article IV, Chapter I, Section 1 (Camp Officers), line 5 (after Secretary-Treasurer) add, "Camp Historian," to be appointed. (Adopted).

(B) In Article IV, Chapter II, Section 1 (Department Officers), line 7, after Secretary-Treasurer, add "Department Historian," to be appointed. (Adopted).

(2) From the Department of Indiana—that, starting January 1, 1957, any member who has continually paid his dues for fifty years shall be relieved of further payment of said dues; and that said member shall be issued a Paid Up Life Membership Card by the National Organization.

Your Committee recommends non-concurrence. (Committee report adopted).

(3) From the Department of New Jersey—Amendment to the Constitution—

Article 8—Amendments—on line four, following approval by some Department, add the following, "or by the Council of Administration."

Your Committee does not recommend the passing of this amendment, as we do not believe that we should take it out of the hands of the Encampment and place it in the hands of the Council of Administration.

National Secretary Lambert: I believe that the Committee has missed the point entirely in the requested change. By no means does this give the Council of Administration any more authority, and we are not taking anything away from the Encampment.

Many times the Council of Administration may feel that a change is indicated; and would like to make a suggested amendment to the constitution to this body. Under present regulations, they do not have the right to suggest a change; and it means going to a Department and having that Department approve it, and then it can be brought before the National body.

This would permit the Council of Administration, up to forty days prior to the Encampment, to propose a change to us for consideration at our National Encampment.

Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania: Might I ask that the proposed change, as submitted by the Department of New Jersey, be read. (Chairman Moran read the amendment, as submitted).

Past Commander-in-Chief Moran: We agree, after hearing the explanation of Brother Lambert, and after re-reading the proposed change, that he is correct. The Committee has misinterpreted the amendment submitted by the New Jersey Department and, therefore, wish to change our report to concurrence.

Commander-in-Chief Bauer: It simply means, if you adopt this, that the Council of Administration can now submit suggested changes to the Encampment for action.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mable: That means, does it not, that if no Department is willing to bring it forward, the Council of Administration can do it? If no Department is willing to bother with it, I can't see why we should amend the constitution to cover this. We are just loading our laws with so many more changes.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: I think this proposed amendment is being confused a bit. The answer to Brother Mable is this—many of our Departments hold their annual meetings quite some time before our National Encampment; and it is quite possible that between the time of the Department Encampments and the National



Encampment an amendment becomes desirable. In this way, an amendment can be presented to the National Encampment without having to go through some Department. I can't see any reason why anybody should object to the Council of Administration presenting an amendment.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie:** Why should three men on the Council of Administration be able to bring it forward, if a Department cannot sponsor it. I think it should be presented through some Department; and if there isn't a Department that would do it, I think it foolish to allow the Council to have that power.

**Department Commander John L. Day, Massachusetts:** As we all know, in many cases in the past, the Departments have been the "goat" for these proposed recommendations. I feel that it would be much better to have the Council of Administration do it, because they are closer to the National body and see the picture much more clearly than we do in the Departments, in many cases; and I think the amendment should pass.

**National Secretary Lambert:** Commander-in-Chief, and Brothers; I don't think it is quite fair to say that three men will attempt to influence your legislation; because, first of all, the Council is composed of seven men. If, in our judgment, we would like to present a proposal to you, it would certainly be something which would merit your consideration. We only want you to give us an opportunity to submit it to you, rather than through a Department—which may, in some cases, delay it a full year until we can get a Department to act upon it and present it to you.

**Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** The Committee recommends adoption of this amendment. We will now vote on it. (Vote: Yes, 116; No. 0—adopted).

(4) From the Department of New Jersey—Amendment to the Constitution—Article V, Section 1—Eliminate the words "and the National Officers, councilors and staff, and the National Council constitute the Commandery-in-Chief."

Your Committee is favorable to the adoption of this amendment to the Constitution. (Adopted).

From the Department of New Jersey—Amendment to the Constitution—Article V, Section 2—Eliminate the words "by the Commandery-in-Chief."

Your Committee is favorable to the adoption of this amendment to the Constitution. (Adopted).

(5) From the Department of New York—that annual or semi-annual meetings be legalized in the C. and R., by adoption to the By-Laws of the Commandery-in-Chief that an alternate method of Camp organization be provided allowing Camps to meet annually or semi-annually without using the ritual form of meeting.

Your Committee feels that this would create two or three types of Camps in a Department instead of the type we now have; and since the recommendation is not brought in in proper form, the Committee recommends non-concurrence.

**Department Commander Marshall Hope, New York:** This proposal was submitted merely to ascertain the feeling of this Encampment in the matter. We didn't want to bring in any change to the Constitution. We only wanted to get the feelings of other Departments on it.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter:** I have no objection to the suggestion of the Department of New York but, frankly, I do not understand what change they propose. They should present it to us in the language in which they want the regulations amended—it should be in proper form, as an amendment, in order that we will know just what is proposed.

**Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** It was the recommendation of the Committee that it be rejected, so we will now vote on the Committee recommendation. (Committee sustained).

(6) From the Department of New York—to allow the Camps in New York State to hold their elections and installations in April or May of 1957, and ensuing years.

Inasmuch as a precedent was established two years ago when the Department of California made a similar request; and the matter was referred at that time to the Council of Administration, giving them authority to allow it if they deemed it necessary, your Committee reports no action necessary. (Committee sustained).

(7) From the Department of New York—said Department going on record as being opposed to the Commandery-in-Chief ordering the minimum dues of a member shall be \$5.00, as it interferes with the idea of home rule.

It is not submitted in the form of an amendment to the Regulations and, therefore, no action can be taken. (Committee sustained).

(8) From the Department of Maine—requesting the National organization to make available, without cost, to all members in good standing, a copy of all Orders coming from the Commander-in-Chief.

Your Committee reports that this is not a matter referring to the Constitution and Regulations, and recommend that it be referred to the Council of Administration to investigate as to cost, and practicability.

**Department Commander Maurice J. Warner, Maine:** I would like to have a word to clarify this resolution. I think this was a case where the resolution was presented, at the last session of our Encampment, when we were trying to get things through in a hurry so that we might adjourn and, as a result, we did not understand it thoroughly, and did not clearly present what we had in mind. My interpretation is this—that, in the future, there might be a possibility of the Past Department Commanders receiving the orders from the Commandery-in-Chief; as it would give the Past Department Commanders an opportunity to see what was going on between meetings. Some of the Camps do not meet regularly; and in this way they would be able to get this information and keep up to date on what is being done. I don't mean that each member receive a copy but I do wish that something could be done, even at a later date, so that the Past Department Commanders could receive some sort of orders from the Commandery-in-Chief because I feel that it would be of great value in the various Departments. (Committee sustained).

(9) From the report of National Aide Howard E. Waite—that the Commandery-in-Chief be divided into five (5) or more Districts geographically; and five (5) Junior Vice Commanders be elected each year, one from each District, to assist the National Commander in that District—

Your Committee reports no action necessary, as there are enough branches now, and we feel there is no need for more. There is no necessity of dividing the organization into Districts, because of our small membership; and it is inadvisable to create sub-divisions. (Committee recommendation adopted).

(10) From the Report of the Commander-in-Chief—that the following section be added to the Regulations as Section 5 of Article VI of Chapter III:

"Sec. 5. All moneys held by Camps, Departments, and the National Organization are charged with a trust for the purposes for which the Order exists, as stated in its Act of Incorporation, and any use of any of said moneys for other purposes is illegal and shall subject the parties concerned to disciplinary action under Article VI

of Chapter V and may be restrained by the Commander-in-Chief or Council of Administration to the extent, if necessary, of taking possession and control of the money involved."

Your Committee recommends concurrence.

Delegate Edward W. Carmichael, California: Just what are those moneys to be used for?

Commander-in-Chief Bauer: They can be used for the purposes of institution of Camps, perpetuation of the Grand Army of the Republic, for charity and for anything within the scope of our present charter. They cannot be used for private use of any of our members.

(Adopted).

(11) From the report of the Commander-in-Chief—that each Department be authorized to create a deliberate body, the size to depend on local conditions, such body to have the powers of a Board of Directors of a business corporation under the state law, and either to include or to replace the Department Council.

Your Committee presents the following additions to the Regulations, and recommend their adoption:

Article 4—Chapter II, add a new section 2—"Departments may have a Council of Administration, having the powers and duties of a Board of Directors of a business corporation, under the state law."

Add a new paragraph to Section 2, Article 4, Chapter I—"Camps may, if they desire, have a Council of Administration; consisting of Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Secretary-Treasurer and Camp Council—whose duties would be comparable to a Board of Directors of a business corporation."

National Secretary Lambert: I object. If you create such a Board of Directors, it must be completely covered, under our rules. In our regulations we refer to the duties of Officers, duties of Department Council, etc. If we are to make such proposed changes, we should know what is to be eliminated, what is to be added, and all changes required in any part of the constitution affected by such proposed change.

Commander-in-Chief Bauer: As to the Department Council of Administration, this would be an addition to Section 2 of Article 4 of Chapter II. It would be an elective board, and this proposed change simply authorizes it.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: May I ask a question? Is this offered in proper form?

Commander-in-Chief Bauer: I think it is in sufficient legal form; and I think it is sufficient to authorize creation of such a Board.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: With all deference to the Commander-in-Chief, I still maintain that to receive action on any suggested change, we must know what is intended by the exact wording of the proposed amendment. It has not been offered in proper form and, therefore, we cannot act upon it.

National Secretary Lambert: This may also affect other parts of our Regulations, other than the specific one mentioned as it applies to both Camps and Departments. If any of the chapters in the Regulations are affected, they must also be amended to include those changes.

Commander-in-Chief Bauer: I recommended the Departments; and the Committee recommended a change, both for Departments and Camps.

National Secretary Lambert: I would assume that under the "Duties of Officers" the proposed change would prescribe those duties, as affected by these amendments. What is the form in which it is to be put into the Regulations?

**Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** It is included in the recommendation.  
**Department Commander Marshall Hope, New York:** I move that the proposition be laid on the table. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin, carried, and tabled).

(12) From the Report of the Commander-in-Chief—his recommendation No. 7 in that report, referring to "Discipline"—

Your Committee feels there is need of revision of the Chapters in our Constitution covering discipline, but do not have sufficient time, or knowledge of the legal phases of it, and recommend that this be referred to the 1957 Encampment; and that, in the meantime, a Committee be appointed to study it, and report to that Encampment, and submit such revision to that Encampment for action. (Adopted).

(13) From the report of the Commander-in-Chief—that the Regulations be amended that the National Officers shall be elected and installed at the Encampment, but shall take office on October 1st—

Your Committee presents the following recommendation—that Section 2, Article IV, Chapter III, of Regulations shall include (at the end of the section): "Such Officers shall take office on October 1st of the year elected."

**Delegate Edward W. Carmichael, California:** From September 13 to October 1 is not sufficient time. I think that should be changed to November 1st, and offer an amendment to that effect.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Moran:** The Encampment, as a rule, is held in August. We are late this year.

**National Secretary Lambert:** This proposed change, if adopted, means that the man you elect Commander-in-Chief today is not really the Commander-in-Chief until October 1st. When you elect and install a man at your National Encampment, his duties as Commander-in-Chief include presiding over Council meetings, signing documents, etc. If this is adopted, the man you choose at the National Encampment is only the Commander-in-Chief elect; and the present Commander-in-Chief would continue in that office until October 1st.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt:** I would like to ask what benefit is to be derived from this? If you are going to elect a Commander-in-Chief today, let us install him and get him started in that office now.

**National Counselor Locke:** Commander-in-Chief, who would take care of the business of this organization between the time of your Encampment and the time the elected Commander-in-Chief would assume the duties of his office? The present system, in existence for seventy-five years, has not proved itself to be inadequate; and I see no common sense in making any change.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin:** It is a very confusing situation, but this proposition might get us into worse shape than the method under which we now operate. Different recommendations in the report of the Commander-in-Chief stem from many previous recommendations of Past Commanders-in-Chief in their reports, based primarily on the fact that they only had one year in that office. I think that every Past Commander-in-Chief will agree that it takes six months to get going, and only by the time his term is over and he surrenders the reins does he know what it is all about and how to handle the job. I think Commander-in-Chief Grant said just that, in both of his reports and it has been reiterated by our present Commander-in-Chief. However, I think that instead of moving up the date of taking office to October 1st, we should have an interim period between September and October. Therefore, I am opposed to this proposition.

**National Secretary Lambert:** I would like to object to this proposed change. I think we would create a period of time in our

national administration during which we would have no one as Commander-in-Chief; and it might have the effect of reducing the term of office from twelve to eleven months. I do not approve of its passage for these reasons.

**Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** The question is on the adoption of the Committee report. The Committee recommends that the proposed change in Section 2, Article IV, Chapter III of the Regulations that "Such officers shall take office on October 1st of the year elected" be adopted. (Rejected).

(14) From Past Department Commander Charles Langletz, Department of Maryland—relative to a change in procedure in the Department—

Your Committee recommends no action, as it is not submitted in proper form.

**Past Department Commander Charles Langletz, Maryland:** Commander-in-Chief, since this proposal is not in proper form, the Department of Maryland withdraws it.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Moran:** That completes our report on all matters submitted to this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Chas. H. E. Moran, Chairman, Massachusetts,  
Earl F. Riggs, California,  
Harold E. Arnold, Rhode Island,  
Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

**Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts:** I move you, Commander-in-Chief that the report of the Committee be accepted, and that they be discharged, with the thanks of the Encampment. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania, carried; and the Committee discharged).

**Department Commander Maurice J. Warner, Maine:** I do hope that some arrangements can be made that all these proposed changes, which we have just adopted, can soon be printed and distributed to us so that we will have a C. and R. which is up to date; and that the Camps will know what is to be done.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Grant:** I think there is much merit in what the Brother has just said. The Banner summarizes the action taken here, so that anyone who reads the Banner carefully will get it.

During the last year, the National Secretary-Treasurer has compiled all the material for our Constitution and Regulations, with all the changes up to date; and I think this should be printed as soon as possible.

I move you that the National Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to have the Constitution and Regulations printed, including the amendments passed at this Encampment, and distributed as soon as possible. (Seconded by Delegate Edward W. Carmichael, California, and carried).

**Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** The next thing in the order of business is the Report of the Council of Administration on the Budget.

**REPORT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE  
COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION**

Council of Administration Member Scott: The Budget Committee of the Council of Administration present the proposed budget for 1956-1957 as follows:

**Proposed Budget 1956-1957**

**Receipts:**

Per Capita Tax—6,000 Members @ \$1.00 .....	\$6,000.00
Registration Fees—150 Members @ \$2.00 .....	300.00
Sale of Supplies .....	600.00
Banner Subscriptions .....	900.00
Gift from Auxiliary .....	500.00
Total .....	\$8,300.00

**Disbursements:**

The Banner .....	\$2,000.00
Commander-in-Chief's expense .....	1,000.00
National Secretary-Treasurer Salary .....	1,200.00
Supplies .....	500.00
Encampment Expense (1957) .....	900.00
Shipping Expense, Supplies, etc. ....	100.00
Rent of National Headquarters .....	400.00
Miscellaneous (Incl. P. C. in C. Badge) ..	275.00
Printing, Stationery, Postage .....	300.00
Printing of Constitution and Regulations ..	200.00
Proceedings—1956 .....	700.00
C.P.A. Audit .....	100.00
Special "Banner" (Woolson Memorial Issue) ..	200.00
Expense for Celebration—Lincoln Tomb and Monument ..	125.00
Total .....	\$8,000.00

**Recommendations:**

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

- \$ 25.00 for Committee on Grave Marking.
- \$300.00 for Lincoln University.
- \$100.00 for G.A.R. Highway Committee.
- \$162.62 Commander-in-Chief's expense attending funeral of Comrade Woolson.
- \$150.00 to compensate P.D.C. Dewey B. Mead for services to Comrade Woolson.

Respectfully submitted,

Wallace W. Scott, California,  
Fred E. Howe, New York,  
Albert C. Lambert, New Jersey.  
Budget Committee,  
Council of Administration.

(Adopted).

**Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** Is there any other business to come before the Encampment before Nomination and Election of Officers?  
Is the Credential Committee ready with their final report?

### CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE—FINAL REPORT

Past Department Commander Albert B. DeHaven, Maine: The Credential Committee presents a final report. The number of Delegates accredited to this Encampment are:

Past Commanders-in-Chief .....	14
Past Department Commanders .....	52
Past Department Commanders (Registered, not present) .....	3
Department Commanders .....	12
Delegates .....	63
Alternate Delegates .....	2
Associate Members .....	1
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>147</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Albert B. DeHaven, Chairman, Maine,  
 Charles H. Langletz, Maryland,  
 William O. Fuller, Massachusetts,  
 Earl F. Riggs, California,  
 Bertram Isaacs, New York.  
 Credential Committee.

(Report adopted on motion of Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin, seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie, and carried).

**Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** Thank you, Brother DeHaven. The Committee on Credentials and any other Committees, if any, who have not as yet been discharged are now discharged with the thanks of the Encampment.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter:** I move that we now go into Nomination and Election of Officers. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Moran, and carried).

### NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

#### Commander-in-Chief

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

The National Secretary called California and Pacific. Department Commander Louis T. Story yielded to New York; and Department Commander Marshall Hope, New York yielded to Massachusetts.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Moran:** Commander-in-Chief, and Brothers of this Encampment: it is rather unusual for a Department to allow a member of another Department to present their choice for the highest office in this Order. In this instance, it is mainly due to the inability of our two good Brothers, Past Commanders-in-Chief Sherman and Cranmer to be present at this Encampment, because of illness.

I have known the Brother whose name I am about to present, for quite a number of years. Of course, a lot of you do not know that New York was previously my State; and for that reason, I have had the opportunity to know and be associated with him for that length of time.

This Brother has been very active, and very faithful in his Camp and in his Department; and he has served the National body for quite a number of years in various capacities. A year ago, you elected him as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and he has performed the work of that office in a creditable manner, to say the least. The

duties in connection with the location and inventorying of property of the G.A.R. have not been light—he has put forth diligent effort, and has done a fine job.

I am not going to tire you with a lot of statistics about the Brother, but I am sure that if you elect him you will honor a man who will bring credit and dignity to our organization. It is with a great deal of pleasure that I present to you the name of Fred E. Howe, of the Department of New York, for Commander-in-Chief of this organization.

(Seconded by Departments of Connecticut, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Department Commander Marshall Hope and Past Department Commander Willard B. Stephan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Wisconsin).

**Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie:** I move that the National Secretary cast the ballot of the Encampment for Fred E. Howe for Commander-in-Chief. (Seconded by Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts, and carried).

(The National Secretary cast 147 votes for Fred E. Howe for Commander-in-Chief).

**Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** Brother Howe, you have been elected to the office of Commander-in-Chief of this organization. Do you accept?

**Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Howe:** I do, and shall serve to the best of my ability.

#### Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

**Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** Nominations are now open for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The National Secretary called California and Pacific, and Past Department Commander Earl F. Riggs, gave way to Maine.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Towle:** Commander-in-Chief, and Brothers; I would like to present the name of a brother whom I am sure you all know. He is a Past Department Commander, and the present Secretary-Treasurer of the Department of Maine, Albert B. DeHaven. It is my privilege and pleasure to present his name to you for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(Seconded by the Departments of Massachusetts, and Minnesota).

**Past Commander-in-Chief Heald:** I rise, with a great deal of pleasure in having the opportunity to second this nomination. A word should be said about this brother, as Past Commander-in-Chief Towle has been a little bit too brief.

I have known and worked with this brother for more than twenty years. I have served with him on all sorts of Committees and, in my experience in this organization, I have never come into contact with a brother who is more interested in our organization; or one who has rendered more consistent service to it. We, in New Hampshire, are proud to have such a man proposed for this office. It is a great deal of pleasure for me, personally and for the Department of New Hampshire, to second the nomination of Albert B. DeHaven for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(The Departments of New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island seconded the nomination).

**Past Commander-in-Chief Moran:** I move that the National Secretary cast the unanimous ballot of the Encampment for Albert B. DeHaven for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(Seconded by Past Department Commander William C. Rule, Massachusetts, and carried).

The National Secretary cast the Encampment ballot.

**Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** Brother DeHaven, you have been elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Do you accept?

**Past Department Commander Albert B. DeHaven, Maine:** I do.



### Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

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

The National Secretary called the roll to California and Pacific.

**Past Department Commander Earl F. Riggs, California:** We have a Brother from California whom we would like to present for this office.

His father was a Grand Army of the Republic man. This Brother, whose name we present has been in the Order for a long time; and he has served in our Camps, in our Department and the National Organization and has done a fine job in all of them. I do not know a better man for this office and, therefore, it is with pride and pleasure that I present the name of Louis T. Story for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(The nomination was seconded by the Departments of Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Ohio and Pennsylvania).

**Past Commander-in-Chief Towle:** I move that the National Secretary cast the unanimous ballot of the Encampment for Louis T. Story for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(Seconded by Past Department Commander William O. Fuller, Massachusetts, and carried).

The National Secretary cast the Encampment ballot.

**Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** Brother Story, you have been elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Do you accept?

**Department Commander Louis T. Story, California:** I do.

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

**Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** Nominations are now open for a two year term to the Council of Administration.

The National Secretary called the roll, when California and Pacific passed to New Jersey.

**Department Commander Frank A. L. Daubert, New Jersey:** Commander-in-Chief, I would like to place before the Encampment for a two year term as a member of the Council of Administration the name of Past Department Commander Fred H. Combs, Sr. He is well known and highly respected throughout the New Jersey Department, and he is also known to many of you in the Encampment. He has been Secretary-Treasurer of the Department for ten years. He has been a member of the Order for forty-seven years, and I have had the privilege of working with him for forty-two years, and I feel sure that he possesses all the necessary qualifications for this post. Therefore, it is with a great deal of pleasure that I present, on behalf of the Department of New Jersey, the name of Fred H. Combs, Sr., as a member of the Council of Administration for a two year term.

(The Departments of Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Ohio, Pennsylvania, California and Pacific and Michigan seconded the nomination).

**Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt:** I move you that the National Secretary cast the unanimous vote of the Encampment for Fred H. Combs, Sr., for a two year term to the Council of Administration.

(Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie, and carried).

The National Secretary cast the Encampment ballot.

**Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** Brother Combs, do you accept your election to the Council of Administration for a two year term?

**Past Department Commander Fred H. Combs, Sr., New Jersey:** I do, and will serve to the best of my ability.

**Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** Is there any other business to come before us?

**Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle:** Commander-in-Chief, just a word before you close this Encampment.

On behalf of the Encampment Committee, I sincerely hope that you have all had a good time in Harrisburg this week. We have put forth every possible effort to make it a fine Encampment, and we hope that you enjoyed it. We tried to arrange a program that would be interesting and enjoyable; and I feel sure that you did enjoy it; especially the Camp Fire on Sunday night, and the bus trip to Gettysburg and the dedication of the Albert Woolson Memorial there yesterday, in addition to all the rest of the program which we provided for you. We sincerely hope you have had a pleasant stay in Harrisburg.

**Past Department Commander William C. Rule, Massachusetts:** I move that a rising vote of thanks be given to the Department of Pennsylvania, to Past Commander-in-Chief John H. Runkle, and the Convention Committee, by the Encampment.

(Seconded by Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts, and carried; and rising vote of thanks and applause given by the Encampment).

Mrs. Howe, the wife of the Commander-in-Chief elect was then escorted in, and presented to the Encampment.

**Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** That concludes the business of the Encampment, except Installation of Officers. Brother Commander-in-Chief elect, will you name your Installing Officer, and proceed to that order of business.

**Commander-in-Chief elect Howe:** The Installing Officer will be Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter; and I will ask him to proceed with the Installation of Officers at this time.

#### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Installation of Officers then followed with Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter as Installing Officer, and Past Commander-in-Chief Cleon E. Heald as Installing Guide.

The Commander-in-Chief elect read the following list of appointments:

National Patriotic Instructor—Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts.  
 National Chaplain—Fred E. Colwell, New York.  
 National Counselor—Richard F. Locke, Illinois.  
 National Historian—Allen F. Spink, Connecticut.  
 National Chief of Staff—C. LeRoy Stoudt, Pennsylvania.  
 Registered Agent in D. C.—Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd, Ret.  
 Personal Aide—Chas. L. Messer, New York.  
 Aides—Willard D. Stephan, New York. Wallace W. Scott, California.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter:** The National Secretary will call the names of the newly elected officers. (complied with) and Commander-in-Chief—Fred E. Howe, New York; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Albert B. DeHaven, Maine; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Louis T. Story, California; Council of Administration—Col. Frederic G. Bauer, Massachusetts, (1 Yr.); Homer L. Young, Iowa, (1 Yr.); Fred H. Combs, Sr., New Jersey, (2 Yrs.); National Secretary-Treasurer—Albert C. Lambert, New Jersey, (4 Yrs.); National Patriotic Instructor—Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts; National Chaplain—Fred E. Colwell, New York; National Counselor—Richard F. Locke, Illinois; National Historian—Allen F. Spink, Connecticut; National Chief of Staff—C. Leroy Stoudt, Pennsylvania; Registered Agent in D. C.—Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd, Ret., Maryland; Personal Aide—Chas. L. Messer, New York; Aides—Willard D. Stephan, New

York; Wallace W. Scott, California; were installed in Ritualistic form.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter:** It has been my privilege, over the years, to perform this duty many times. It always gives me pleasure to install a Commander-in-Chief but at no time has it given me more pleasure than it has today to install this Brother as the Commander-in-Chief of this organization. I offer my congratulations to you, Brother Howe; as well as my good wishes for a very successful year.

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** Thank you for installing me, Brother Sautter. When I became Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief I hoped, if I ever was elected to this office, that I would be privileged to have you as Installing Officer; and I am glad that it worked out the way I hoped it would.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** Commander-in-Chief, I have a very pleasant duty to perform—to pin upon your breast this badge which Past Commander-in-Chief Grant pinned on me a year ago. I just learned today that it is solid gold. I am sure you will prize it, not only for its intrinsic value but for what it symbolizes, and I know that you will wear it proudly. It is a pleasure to pin it upon you, with the wish for a most successful administration.

**National Counselor Locke:** May I have a word with Past Commander-in-Chief Bauer?

Fred, it is a very great pleasure which today has been assigned to me; and I am pleased to have the opportunity of being the first to refer to you as a Past Commander-in-Chief.

You know the usual custom, over the years, that upon retirement from office every Commander-in-Chief has been given a Past Commander-in-Chief's gold cross. However, you have expressed your desire not to receive it, but to receive cash in lieu of this gold cross.

On behalf of your associates, on behalf of the entire Order, we desire to express our grateful appreciation for all you have done for us in the past years. So, without further explanation, please accept from your Brothers this check, which is to be used as you see fit.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** I thank you, Dick. We have been friends for a long time, and I hope we shall continue to enjoy that friendship until parted by death.

The Department of Massachusetts wanted to give me a remembrance, and I also expressed a desire for money to them as I feel the money will do much more good in the Permanent Fund than anywhere else. The Massachusetts Department of the Sons and Auxillary each presented me with a check for \$50.00, and I immediately turned it over to the Department Treasurer to add to the Permanent Fund. A cash token of the Department of California has been turned over to the Department Commander to establish a Permanent Fund in California. I want to continue my custom and, therefore, turn this over to the National Secretary-Treasurer, to be placed in the Permanent Fund.

I said I didn't want the gold cross, as I will not have much chance to wear it in my lifetime; and I do have the miniature insignia worn by Past Commanders-in-Chief, which is sufficient everywhere else; and all of you here know that I am a Past Commander-in-Chief. I believe that the money which that badge would cost will do the Order much more good in the Permanent Fund than on my breast. Therefore, I am turning over this check for \$140.00 to the National Treasurer—\$100.00 for a life membership for my son, Richard Wingate Bauer; and the remaining \$40.00 to be used to place on the honor roll three names, in memory of three Civil War Veterans—my grandfather, my grand uncle, and my boy's grandfather on the

Mother's side. I turn this check over, and ask that it be used for those purposes.

I thank the Commandery-in-Chief just as much for this as if I had used it for my personal benefit; and I think it will do the Order much more good than the gold star on my breast.

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** Past Commander-in-Chief Bauer, I just want to say how happy I was to work under your jurisdiction, and congratulate you on the work you did.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Bauer:** Thank you. I know that I need have no fears about my successor because, Brother Howe, I am sure that you will handle this office with a great deal of efficiency and tact.

**Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief DeHaven:** Commander-in-Chief, may I just have a word to say "thank you" to the Brothers for electing me to this office. I shall do all in my power to merit your confidence in me.

**Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Story:** Commander-in-Chief, I would just like to thank the boys for the faith and trust they have placed in me in electing me to this office. I shall do all that I possibly can to be a credit to the office, and to serve the organization well.

**Commander-in-Chief Howe:** I heartily thank you all for the confidence you have placed in me and I hope, at the end of my term of office, you will be able to say, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Colonel Bauer, in his acceptance speech in Cincinnati, said that in following his predecessor the organization was being demoted; as he followed a Major General. I don't know where that places me, because I do not even rank as a buck private; but I will do the best I possibly can to serve you in a manner which will be acceptable to you.

At this time, I would like to make the following appointments:

National Graves Registration Officer—Bertrand O. DeForest, Connecticut.

Committee Chairmen: G.A.R. Highway—Roy J. Bennett, Iowa. Legislative—Fred E. Colwell, New York. Americanism and Education—Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin:** Commander-in-Chief, I move you that the minutes, as taken by the Encampment Stenographer, and approved by the Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary, be the official proceedings of this Encampment; and that we now proceed to adjourn.

(Seconded by Past Department Commander Earl F. Riggs, California, and carried).

(The Encampment closed in Ritualistic form).

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Certified as a true and correct transcript of the proceedings of the Seventy-Fifth Annual Encampment.

Frederic G. Bauer  
(Commander-in-Chief).

Attest:

Albert C. Lambert  
(National Secretary)  
Annamae D. Berhalter  
(Official Stenographer)

## COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

September 13, 1956

The Council of Administration met at 3 P. M., Thursday, September 13, in the Penn Harris Hotel with Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Howe; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Albert B. DeHaven; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Louis T. Story; National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert; Council of Administration Members Frederic Gilbert Bauer and Fred H. Combs, Sr. present.

The following matters were considered by the Council, discussed in detail; and resulted in the following action:

(1) National Secretary-Treasurer Lambert was given authority to visit the city of Detroit and make preliminary arrangements for the 1957 Encampment.

(2) Authority was given National Secretary-Treasurer Lambert to take over the preparation and printing of The Banner, at the beginning of the year when the present contract expires.

(3) Past Commander-in-Chief Grant brought a message to the Council that Thomas I. Starr, Associate Member, of Detroit, Michigan, had called him by telephone and expressed sincere thanks for the message sent to him by the Seventy-Fifth National Encampment; and Commander-in-Chief Howe directed that it be incorporated in the Council of Administration proceedings.

(4) In the matter of arranging for a service at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Ill., the Council authorized Commander-in-Chief Howe to have Past Commander-in-Chief Richard F. Locke contact the curator of the Tomb, the head of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion in Illinois, and the Department Commander of the Sons in Illinois; and make arrangements for such service.

(5) In the matter of appointment of a Committee to study the question of revision of regulations, relative to Discipline, this was referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations for their consideration, and further report.

(6) On the proposal contained in the Report of Past Commander-in-Chief Bauer relative to a more up-to-date business administration—such legislation not required on a national level but to be brought about by changes in the Departments, the Council took no action as nothing of a concrete nature was recommended.

(7) As to the suggestion contained in the report of Past Commander-in-Chief Bauer relative to a mid-year meeting of the Council of Administration, no action was taken. The Council felt that if such an occasion should arise where a meeting is necessary, it can be held in connection with some reception or social gathering. If that is not possible, the Council has the power to hold a vote by mail, as provided by the Constitution.

(8) In connection with closer relations and co-operation between the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, action was taken to co-operate with them in every way possible. National Secretary Lambert and Past Depart-

ment Commander William F. Bruckel, New York, were designated as liaison officers with Past Commanders-in-Chief Grant and Bauer, who are members of the National Board of Officers of the Loyal Legion.

(9) Action was taken to give special recognition to the five members who participated in the G.A.R. funeral services for Comrade Woolson. These men will be entitled to wear a gold star on the ribbon of their badge for the duration of their membership in the Order.

(10) On the matter of Department Inspectors, as contained in the report of National Aide Howard E. Waite, no action was taken by the Council. The regulations were amended several years ago to permit, but not insist upon, Inspections and, therefore, the Council felt that it is a matter of local rule with no action necessary.

(11) Action was taken that the National Secretary-Treasurer be directed to pay the travel expenses of National Officers incurred by them in the performance of their duties, to an amount not exceeding all moneys which may be given the Order for that purpose.

(12) The matter of the proposed Veterans Memorial Building or War Museum Building in Washington, D. C. was discussed; and Past Commander-in-Chief Grant, the representative of the Order in Washington, was empowered to act, on behalf of the Order, upon this matter as he sees fit.

## REPRESENTATION

Chapter 3, Article 2, Section 1, Constitution and Regulations: "one delegate from each Department, whatever its membership, and one additional delegate for every fifty members or major fraction thereof."

Department	Seniority Rank	Date Instituted	June 30, 1956 Membership	Delegates
California and Pacific	19	July 1, 1886	377	9
Colorado and Wyoming	23	March 22, 1929	68	2
Connecticut	5	May 15, 1883	397	9
Illinois	10	July, 1883	154	4
Indiana	18	June 12, 1885	127	4
Iowa	6	June 2, 1883	89	3
Kansas	9	June, 1883	73	2
Maine	4	April 10, 1883	403	9
Maryland	20	June 15, 1887	72	2
Massachusetts	2	July 17, 1882	1295	27
Michigan	15	June 24, 1884	223	5
Minnesota	17	January 1, 1885	87	3
New Hampshire	11	August, 1883	197	5
New Jersey	8	June 14, 1883	340	8
New York	13	November 6, 1883	692	15
Ohio	3	August 1, 1882	462	10
Oregon and Washington	22	June 8, 1923	99	3
Pennsylvania	1	July 4, 1882	1066	22
Rhode Island	14	February 14, 1884	162	4
Vermont	12	October, 1883	218	5
Wisconsin	21	September, 1887	108	3
Camp 21, S. C.			16	1
Camp 4, Missouri			18	1
Camp 30, Missouri			5	1

## SEVENTY-FIFTH ENCAMPMENT ROLL

Harrisburg, Penna.

September 9-13, 1956

## SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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## Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief—

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(Members Present)

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## PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF

### SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

<i>Elected</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Address</i>
1881	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	
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 E. 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 C. 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	1012 Mark Drive, Clearwater, 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. J. Johnson	Maryland	
1918	*Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania	
1919	*Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts	
1920	*Pelham A. Barrows	Nebraska	
1921	*Clifford Ireland	Illinois	
1922	*Frank Shellhouse	Indiana	
1923	*Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania	
1924	Wm. M. Coffin	Ohio	3755 Hyde Park Ave., Cincinnati 9, Ohio
1925	*Edwin C. Irelan	Maryland	

<i>Elected</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Address</i>
1926	*Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts	
1927	Walter C. Mabie	Pennsylvania	2227 S. 9th St., Philadelphia 48, Pa.
1928	*Delevan Bates Bowley	Calif. & Pacific	
1929	*Theodore C. Cazeau	New York	
1930	*Allan S. Holbrook	Illinois	
1931	Frank C. Huston	Indiana	1071 Edgewood Ave., Jacksonville, Fla.
1932	*Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania	
1933	*Park F. Yengling	Ohio	
1934	*Frank L. Kirchgassner	Massachusetts	
1935	Richard F. Loeke	Illinois	526 Crescent Blvd., Glen Ellyn, Ill.
1936	*Wm. Allan Dyer	New York	
1937	*Wm. Allan Dyer	New York	
1938	*Wm. L. Anderson	Massachusetts	
1939	*Ralph R. Barrett	California	
1940	J. Kirkwood Craig, D.D.	New Hampshire	823 Union St., Manchester, N. H.
1941	Albert C. Lambert	New Jersey	P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.
1942	Henry Towle	Maine	13 Free St., So. Portland 7, Me.
1943	C. LeRoy Stoudt	Pennsylvania	2540 Fairview Ave., Mt. Penn; Reading Pa.
1944	Urien W. Mackey	Michigan	417 Ardmore St., S.E., Grand Rapids 7, Mich.
1945	*H. Harding Hale	Massachusetts	
1946	Neil D. Cranmer	New York	309 Robinson Bldg., Elmira, N. Y.
1947	Charles H. E. Moran	Massachusetts	P. O. Box 902, Holyoke, Mass.
1948	*Perle L. Fouch	Michigan	
1949	John H. Runkle	Pennsylvania	814 N. 2nd St., Harrisburg, Pa.
1950	Cleon E. Heald	New Hampshire	38 Howard St., Keene, N. H.
1951	Roy J. Bennett	Iowa	924 Loomis Ave., Des Moines 15, Iowa
1952	Frederick K. Davis	Ore. & Wash.	1193 Pearl St., Eugene, Oregon
1953	U. S. Grant, 3rd	Maryland	1135 21st, N.W., Washington 6, D. C.
1954	Maj.-Gen., U.S.A., Ret.		123 Heights Road, Ridgewood, N. J.
1955	Frederic Gilbert Bauer	Massachusetts	
	Colonel, A.U.S., Ret.		

## Sons of Veterans

1881	†*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania
1882	†*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania
1883	†*Edwin Earp	Massachusetts
1884	†*Edwin Earp	Massachusetts
1884	†*Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania
1885	†*Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania
1886	†*Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania

## The Post System

1889-90	†George W. Marks	New York
1890	†George T. Brown	New York

Brooklyn, N. Y.

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**Honor Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief**

1883	*A. P. Davis	Pennsylvania
1899	*R. M. J. Reed	Pennsylvania
1939	*Horace H. Hammer	Pennsylvania
1953	*Albert Woolson	Minnesota

**PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDER**

E. Howard Gilkey      Ohio

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\* Deceased

† Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief.



## COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENTS

<i>No.</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>State</i>
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

<i>No.</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>State</i>
51st	1932	Sept. 19-22	Springfield	Illinois
52nd	1933	Sept. 19-21	St. Paul	Minnesota
53rd	1934	Aug. 14-16	Rochester	New York
54th	1935	Sept. 9-12	Grand Rapids	Michigan
55th	1936	Sept. 22-24	Washington	D. C.
56th	1937	Sept. 6-9	Madison	Wisconsin
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
74th	1955	Aug. 21-25	Cincinnati	Ohio
75th	1956	Sept. 9-13	Harrisburg	Pennsylvania

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