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**EIGHTY-FOURTH
ANNUAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT**

**Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War**



RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

AUGUST 15-19, 1965

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JOSEPH S. RIPPEY
1964-1965



PRE-ENCAMPMENT ACTIVITIES

Council of Administration Meeting, August 15, 1965

The Council of Administration meeting was held at 1:30 P. M. on Sunday, August 15, 1965 in the John Marshall Hotel, Richmond, Virginia.

Those members present were: Commander-in-Chief, Joseph S. Rippey; Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, W. Earl Corbin; Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, George A. Strait; Council of Administration members James L. High and Robert A. Lawrence; Past National Secretary-Treasurer, Albert C. Lambert; National Counselor, U. S. Grant, 3rd, and National Secretary-Treasurer, Chester S. Shriver.

The following matters were considered by the Council and noted:

(1) The Audit Committee appointed includes Brothers James L. High and W. Earl Corbin.

(2) The Budget Committee appointed is composed of Council Member, James L. High, Chairman, and Brothers Albert C. Lambert and Chester S. Shriver.

(3) The Statistical Report of the National Secretary-Treasurer was presented to the Council with explanation of items by the National Secretary-Treasurer, Chester S. Shriver.

(4) A request for financial contribution to the Civil War Landmarks at Wilmington, Delaware was discussed and referred to the Budget Committee for consideration.

(5) The matter of future Encampments joint with the Sons of Confederate Veterans was discussed and the matter was deferred until later for discussion in the sessions.

(6) The matter of book Publications by Mr. Pennington in California was discussed and the Council voted not to endorse the promotion as a body but requested all those who wish may purchase Mr. Pennington's Civil War books.

(7) General Grant consented to write a personal letter on behalf of the Order to thank Commander-in-Chief, John A. May, Sons of the Confederate Veterans, for the cordial hospitality accorded Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey, while Brother Rippey attended the recent National Convention of the Sons of Confederate Veterans at Little Rock, Arkansas.

(8) Council member James L. High reported that he will present a full report of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony during the sessions.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:30 P. M.

(Signed) Joseph S. Rippey
Commander-in-Chief

(Signed) Chester S. Shriver
National Secretary-Treasurer

**"ONE NATION UNDER GOD"
JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Auxiliary
to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

MARSHALL ROOM

John Marshall Hotel, Richmond, Virginia

Sunday, August 15, 1965 — 3:00 P. M.

- Musical Prelude Frank M. Heacock, P.D.C.
- Processional—"Battle Hymn of the Republic"
- Lighting of Candles Joseph S. Rippey, Commander-in-Chief
- Invocation John C. Yocum, National Chaplain
- Trio Martha Wilson, Dorothy Kern, Lester A. Kern
- Memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic:
U. S. Grant 3rd, P.C.-in-C.
- Tributes to the Memory of:
Past Commander-in-Chief Earl F. Riggs
Chester S. Shriver, P.C.-in-C.
- Past National President Mary E. Stapleton
Edith M. Paulding, P.N.P.
- Duet Martha Wilson, Dorothy Kern
- Tributes to the Memory of:
Past Commanders-in-Chief Harold E. Arnold, P.C.-in-C.
- Past National Presidents Dorothy L. Hilyard, P.N.P.
- Deceased Officers and Members—Sons
Ernest G. Wells, P.D.C.
- Deceased Officers and Members—Auxiliary
Anna I. Stoudt, P.N.P.
- Roll Call and Placing of Floral Tributes
Department Commanders and Department Presidents
- Solo—"Beyond the Sunset" John Junge
- Benediction Eileen Coombs National Chaplain
- Extinguishing of Candles Emma Wheeler, National President
- Recessional—"Tenting Tonight"

Allied Orders of the
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

' ' C A M P F I R E ' '

VIRGINIA ROOM

John Marshall Hotel, Richmond, Virginia

Sunday, August 15, 1965 — 7:30 P. M.

Concert United States Continental Army Command Band
 Fort Monroe, Virginia
 Chief Warrant Officer Dale F. Johannsen, Director

C. Leroy Stoudt, P. C.-in-C., presiding

Sounding "To the Colors" **The Band**
 Advance of Colors Lt. Col. Howard Dissinger
 "Star Spangled Banner" **The Band**
 "Pledge of Allegiance" **Assembly**
 Invocation Reverend Richard O. Partington
 Welcome from, Commonwealth of Virginia

The Hon. James J. Geary
 Executive Director, Virginia Civil War Commission

Welcome from the City of Richmond The Hon. Merrill M. Crowe
 Mayor of the City

Selection **The Band**
 Greetings:

Joseph S. Rippey Commander-in-Chief
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 Mrs. Emma Wheeler National President
 Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 Mrs. Alma M. Blixt National President
 Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
 Mrs. Florence M. Bruce National President
 Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the G.A.R.
 Mrs. Irene Lawhead National President
 Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Selection **The Band**
 Greetings:

Honorable Samuel J. T. Moore Department Commander
 The Army of Northern Virginia Sons of Confederate Veterans
 Colonel Walter E. Hopper, Jr. Commander-in-Chief
 Military Order of the Loyal Legion
 Mrs. Sara Binder Moore National President
 Dames of the Loyal Legion
 Mrs. Quentin Gregory President General
 United Daughters of the Confederacy

Songs of the Civil War

Address Frank M. Heacock, Sr., P.D.C.
 Penna. Dept., Sons of Union Veterans

Selections "Dixie"—"Battle Hymn of the Republic" **The Band**
 Benediction Reverend Richard O. Partington
 Retirement of Colors Lt. Col. Howard Dissinger
 Taps Bugler, **The Band**

JOINT MEETING — SONS AND AUXILIARY

Monday, August 16, 1965 — 10:00 A. M.

The joint opening of the Sons and Auxiliary was held in the Marshall Room of the John Marshall Hotel, Richmond, Virginia. Commendation must be given to the National Chief of Staff of the Auxiliary, Miss Viola L. Bremme for a beautiful opening ceremony which included the presentation of the National Officers of the Sons and Auxiliary. Department Commanders and Department Presidents formed a floral aisle as each were announced by Chiefs of Staff Bremme and Stoudt.

Martha Wilson and Dorothy Kerns of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, sang tribute songs arranged by Sister Wilson, to Commander-in-Chief Rippey and National President Wheeler, and flowers were presented to National President Wheeler.

Both Commander-in-Chief Rippey and National President Wheeler extended their welcome to all delegates and expressed their wishes for a fine encampment and praised the organizations for their continued devotion for each organization.

(The Sons then retired to their meeting rooms in order that they could begin their sessions)

P R O C E E D I N G S

EIGHTY-FOURTH ANNUAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Headquarters: John Marshall Hotel, Richmond, Virginia

Sessions: Patrick Henry Room

MONDAY SESSION

August 16, 1965 — 11:00 A. M.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: The Officers and Members of the Eighty-Fourth Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans will please come to order.

I wish to appoint the following floor officers who will serve during this Encampment:

Guide: Department Commander James K. Cheney, Massachusetts

Color Bearer: Past Department Commander Charles A. Brady, Jr., Illinois

Guard: Past Department Commander Louis G. Story, California

The Encampment opened in Ritualistic Form with prayer by the National Chaplain, John C. Yocum, Past Department Commander, Pennsylvania.

Roll Call of the National Officers by the National Secretary showed all present except, Member of Council of Administration, Albert W. Lambert, New Jersey.

COMMITTEES

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: I will appoint the following Committees for this Encampment:

Credentials

John Junge, Jr., Delegate, New Jersey, Chairman
 Frank Woerner, Past Department Commander, California
 DeVene Williamson, Past Department Commander, California
 Clarence E. Young, Past Department Commander, Rhode Island
 Chester S. Shriver, National Secretary-Treasurer, Pennsylvania

Resolutions

U. S. Grant, 3rd, Past Commander-in-Chief, Maryland, Chairman
 Allen F. Spink, Past Department Commander, Connecticut
 Willard B. Stephan, Past Department Commander, New York
 Howard L. Dissinger, Past Department Commander, Pennsylvania
 Harold Drown, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts
 Fred C. McGowan, Past Department Commander, Missouri
 (National Member at Large)

Officers' Reports

Albert B. DeHaven, Past Commander-in-Chief, Maine, Chairman
 Albert C. Lambert, Past Commander-in-Chief, New Jersey
 Clarence E. Riddell, Department Commander, Pennsylvania
 Roderick Van Trump, Sr., Delegate, Illinois
 Harry B. Beasley, Delegate, Indiana
 L. Alvin Kern, Delegate, Pennsylvania

Constitutions and Regulations

William N. Coffin, Past Commander-in-Chief, Ohio, Chairman
 Fred E. Howe, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York
 Joseph S. Rippey, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York
 Chester S. Shriver, National Secretary-Treasurer, Pennsylvania

Ritual and Ceremonies

Harold E. Arnold, Past Commander-in-Chief, Rhode Island,
 Chairman
 Fred Pfeister, Past Department Commander, Ohio
 Henry J. Patten, Past Department Commander, Maine
 Alton Sharp, Past Department Commander, New Jersey
 Charles A. Bradshaw, Past Department Commander, New York
 Elton P. Koch, Past Department Commander, Pennsylvania

Restoration of Rank

Urion W. Mackey, Past Commander-in-Chief, Michigan, Chairman
 Eugene R. McCoy, Past Department Commander, California
 Russell W. Scott, Past Department Commander, Connecticut
 George Keller, Delegate, Iowa
 Herman Black, Delegate, Wisconsin
 Bertram Isaacs, Past Department Commander, New York

Fraternal Relations

Fred E. Howe, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York, Chairman
 and all Past Commanders-in-Chief

Publicity and Press

C. LeRoy Stoudt, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania
 John C. Yocum, Past Department Commander, Pennsylvania
 Ivan E. Frantz, Delegate, Pennsylvania

Encampment City—1967

C. LeRoy Stoudt, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania,
 Chairman
 Albert C. Lambert, Past Commander-in-Chief, New Jersey
 Chester S. Shriver, National Secretary-Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: May we at this time have a Report from the Credentials Committee.

Credentials Committee Chairman John Junge: We have the following breakdown of registered delegates as follows:

Commander-in-Chief	1
Past Commanders-in-Chief	10
Department Commanders	4
Past Department Commanders	39
Delegates	45
Registered, Not Present	12

for a total of 111.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Thank you Brother Junge.

At this time I would like to submit the report of the Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Corbin was asked to assume the chair as the Commander-in-Chief read the following:

REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Rochester, New York
August 16, 1965

To the Commendery-in-Chief, Officers and Members
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
In session for the 84th Annual Encampment

Officers and Brothers:

I have the honor to submit herewith the report of the Commander-in-Chief of the activities of my office for the year 1964-1965 and the state of the Order.

At the close of the National Encampment in August of 1964 it was my high honor to be elected to serve you again in the highest office within our organization, a privilege which I have cherished, and thereupon the administrative organization of elected and appointed officers was completed and the several committees formed, those so chosen immediately entering upon their duties.

During this second year the business of my office has increased more than two-fold. This may be attributed in part to my wider personal acquaintance with our members, but in larger measure to the enthusiastic promotion of our patriotic and fraternal activities by not only the hardcore dedicated members but also by our newer members who have the outlook of a newer generation. During my travels in the Departments there has been uniformly evident a growing interest among our younger men in phases of our organization which call for action, and this is a most healthy sign, for it is to the younger men that we must look to carry on the functions for which we were incorporated and to provide the leadership in years to come.

It has been one of my objectives to encourage the use of the talents of our young men and to give them initially some position of responsibility from which natural progress will bring them in time to opportunities for leadership and at the same time maintain our older wise and faithful members in a coveted status of authority and of esteemed mentors.

We have the need of determining a wise and feasible policy in the matter of instructional offerings in the history of the period of the Civil War and the years following of the pre-eminence of the Grand Army of the Republic. Much has been done in this respect by our G.A.R. Centennial and Grand Army History Committee and its enthusiastic chairman whose writings have been seen in the Banner and whose mailings have been read by many. The highest credit must be given to Chairman Ernest G. Wells of this committee for the time he has unselfishly given and the splendid historical presentations. It has been and is urged that such material can be well made a part of our Camp meetings at the time allotted to the Patriotic Instructor or at the time for matters for the good of the Order. We learn much for the future by examining the experiences of the past, and the course of our national emergence as a great power was immensely influenced by the events and the civilian and military men and women of the period in which we as an Order are fundamentally interested.

Of much importance to us has been the steady increase in the times and quantity and the quality of publicity we have received in our various undertakings on the local, department and national levels. All of the mediums of public communication have been used. As a whole the newspapers have been generous, some of our members have participated in radio interviews in which our activities

were made known, and some of our sponsored events have had television coverage. This is good, and we can hope for much more in the times to come.

Advancing our membership has commanded a great deal of our attention during the administrative year as it has increasingly in previous years. An item foremost on my agenda on my visitations has been making known successful methods of building up our membership. This depends principally upon individual efforts. Some men are endowed with special abilities along this line, and the key is the work of the individual. With the fine publicity our Order has enjoyed and the expansion of the national population making more and more descendants of Union Veterans eligible, we are presented with a challenge and a golden opportunity to expand our membership immeasurably.

Along with my requests to the Camps for membership campaigns, the subject of general attendance at Camp meetings had my attention. While in many instances the attendance records of our members have been perfect or nearly so, I asked each member who had attended irregularly or infrequently to write me of the reasons. The consensus of the reports received indicates that it is the desire of our members that (1) the meetings and the pattern of them throughout be interesting, (2) friendliness be the spirit prevailing, (3) the ritual and ceremonials be strictly adhered to, (4) the meetings except in special instances be limited to one hour, (5) there be some easily supplied entertainment following the meeting, such as a brief talk by a member or an outside speaker, a home movie or a slide presentation, or a bingo game or other game, or a demonstration, (6) there be light refreshments after the entertainment, (7) the Auxiliary and other Allied Orders participate in the events after the meeting whenever possible, and (8) the meetings be held not less frequently than once a month. Full attendance at our Camp meetings is highly desirable for the best expenditure of our efforts and is definitely attainable. The foregoing has been promulgated to our members through the medium of the Banner.

Among my many memorable visits and conferences and attendances at scheduled events, certain of them deserve special mention.

The Central Regional Conference, held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, embracing representation from the Departments in that area, was especially productive of new and progressive ideas. Old friendships were renewed, and in the broadness of its considerations it was not unlike a miniature national encampment. The pattern followed here could well be adopted in other areas with beneficial results.

In my home city of Rochester I was again given the honor of addressing the citizenry in our newest high school at the annual ceremony of the Transfer of Flags, a traditional ceremony sponsored jointly by my own Camp and the Board of Education of the City, in which the highest ranking boy in the graduating class of each school transfers the flag of his school to the highest ranking boy in the succeeding class, while the highest ranking girls of each school correspondingly look on. It was my privilege to give the charge and address to the Standard Bearers, with the auditorium filled to capacity. Our Order and its name were in the forefront of the program.

One of the most outstanding events in the nation of recent date and the official observance of the centennial of the concluding of the peace at Appomattox was the ceremonies at Reading, Pennsylvania, on April 3rd, the magnitude of which, with its hours long parade and bands and distinguished persons in attendance, was unparalleled in our Country. Our organization is justly proud of our Chairman, Past Commander-in-Chief C. Leroy Stoudt and his effi-

cient committee, and of the fact that components of our Organization were the sponsors. Among other distinguished guests we were honored by the presence of Col. John A. May, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Our Lincoln Tomb ceremonies this year, sponsored by our Order at Springfield, Illinois, were the largest and most elaborate since the beginning of the series. The events at the Tomb and at the hotel thereafter were largely attended. All credit is due to our capable committee for its fine preparations. The whole was most impressive, and is one of the finest events sponsored by our Order.

Preceding the annual Department Encampment of the Department of Pennsylvania were the G.A.R. Remembrance ceremonies at Ziegler's Grove in the Gettysburg National Military Park. This began with a parade to the monument in which our Commander-in-Chief and other invited guests rode in convertible cars, followed by addresses by myself and others. The thoroughness of the arrangements and the manner in which the event was conducted throughout is to the highest credit to our Order.

The New England Regional Conference at the Weirs Beach, Louisiana, New Hampshire, in July, was in many respects a counterpart of the Central Regional Conference and equally as impressive and productive. The program included a contest between units of our military reserve. Much of interest came of the discussions, and the setting at this summer resort added to the enjoyment of the occasion.

Our Veterans Uniformed Reserve continues to be the showcase of our Order. It is operated on a strictly military basis and is growing rapidly in the several military districts under the overall leadership of our capable and devoted chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs. It is attractive especially to the younger men, and must be encouraged as a necessary adjunct to our Camps and Departments.

A most pleasing duty was my signing of the charter for a new Camp in the Department of Michigan, attesting once again to the enthusiasm and harmony that prevails in the Department.

I felt it necessary to expend much effort to lay the groundwork for new Camps in all of the Departments, and must say that while the organization of a new Camp requires considerable time and patience on the part of those in the area, the nucleus for new Camps is in existence in all of the Departments and it is hoped will come to fruition in the not too distant future. Our efforts must be continued in this line. To account for differences in outlook and ideas, the initial membership of a Camp should consist of men in roughly the same age group which it is my feeling will produce enthusiastic progress after organization.

I have during the year conferred the privilege of wearing the National Ribbon with the badge currently in use and given the title of National Aide to all of our members who have brought into our Order five or more new members, whose names have been brought to my attention.

It is with sadness that we note the death last Spring of our Past Commander-in-Chief Earl Riggs of California. One of our most dedicated members, and a friend to all. He will be missed, but his memory will be with us always.

No finer editor of our official publication, The Banner, could we hope to have than our own Past Commander-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert. His knowledge of our Order I would venture to say is second to none. His years of splendid service deserve nothing but the finest praise.

A man who is the foundation of our organizational structure is

our dedicated Past Commander-in-Chief in the present office of National Secretary-Treasurer Chester S. Shriver. His assistance in all things when called upon, his thoroughness and promptness, deserve the highest commendation.

I say without hesitation once again that the most beneficial experiences of the Commander-in-Chief for the motivation of our members and the functioning and progress of our Order is his meetings personally with our members. Our Departments and groups look forward to this. Time spent in such meetings, however, large or small, is well used. I was everywhere received with cordiality. I trust that everywhere I have added a measure to the advancement of our Order.

Our financial condition and potential is very good, notwithstanding that we had budgeted larger expenses for the year containing the closing events of the National Civil War Centennial observance, our fine condition being attributable to the expert handling of our National Secretary-Treasurer and the careful consideration of our officers and members, and with such attention in the future it can remain so, with the proviso with respect to the general funds that our membership and consequently per capita tax be maintained or that our membership be increased.

I am pleased to report that again the year has passed smoothly and that there have been no insoluble circumstances. I have observed and can consequently say that the morale is very high. Our Order contains the finest personnel, and I think that we have the greatest asset in the devotion and intelligence of our members.

My sincere thanks and appreciation are given to the officers of my staff and to the chairmen and members of my committees for their splendid and dedicated service and their contributions to the success of our endeavors.

To Mrs. Emma Wheeler, National President of our Auxiliary, and the members of her Order goes my special gratitude for their generous and excellent teamwork throughout the year. It has been a pleasure working with them.

To the National Presidents of our Allied Orders: Mrs. Alma Blixt, of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Mrs. Irene Lawhead, of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Mrs. Florence Bruce, of the Woman's Relief Corps, my deepest appreciation for the many courtesies extended to me.

And to each of our members and my many friends, my sincere appreciation for their encouragement and tireless efforts for the advancement of our beloved Order, for their kindnesses and honors accorded to my office. I shall cherish always the friendships I have made.

I present the following recommendation:

That it be recommended to the Departments that a professional membership solicitor be engaged in a selected locality to build up the membership of our Order in the locality, this to be on a trial basis to determine the feasibility and success of such procedure for our Order in general, the initial trial to be sponsored by the Department Organization under the supervision of the appropriate officer or committee, and if successful and feasible for our Order in general in the opinion of the Department Commander that he recommend it as a whole and to the Camps for increase in membership or organization of new Camps or both.

In closing this report let me say that I am proud to be a part

of the finest, most respected and progressive patriotic and fraternal organization in America today.

Respectfully submitted in
Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Joseph S. Rippey
Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Rippey received the enthusiastic applause of the Encampment upon the completion of the reading of this Report.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Corbin: You have heard the reading of the report of our Commander-in-Chief. What do you wish to do with this report?

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: I move that this report and all other reports forthcoming be submitted without debate to the Committee on Officers' Reports. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Fred Howe, and carried; after which it was referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Thank you. We will now have the report of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Corbin read:

REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Akron, Ohio
August 14, 1965

To Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey
Officers and Members of the 84th Annual National Encampment
Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War

I was highly honored last year at Providence, Rhode Island, to be elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief to serve you, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I want to thank you for this honor.

Among my visits this last year some of them deserve special mention.

The Central Regional Conference on October 10, 11, at the Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Conference Theme: The Challenge of Patriotism. This was a very interesting meeting. Much of a constructive nature came out of it. Our Commander-in-Chief was present.

On February 10th I attended a Lincoln Banquet at Alliance, Ohio. I represented our Commander-in-Chief Brother Rippey and took greetings for him:.

On April 3, 1965, I was in Reading, Pennsylvania, at the 100th Anniversary of the close of the Civil War.

The Centennial Parade was wonderful. There were five Divisions, and it lasted three hours. Following the parade we went to the Hotel Abraham Lincoln for the Banquet. There were about 540 in attendance.

I had the pleasure of meeting Col. John A. May, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and our Commander-in-Chief Brother Rippey was at the centennial observance in Reading, Pennsylvania, and Maj. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, III. Thanks to Past Commander-in-Chief C. LeRoy Stoudt for this wonderful parade and banquet.

On April 15, 1965, in Springfield, Illinois, I attended the 100th

Anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's Death. The Memorial Service was very impressive. The program at the Tomb was wonderful. Following these services we returned to the Leland Hotel for luncheon. Past Commander-in-Chief William Coffin and our Commander-in-Chief, Joseph S. Rippey, were in Springfield for the services and luncheon.

There were many meetings in Ohio that I attended, representing the National Organization.

In closing this report let me say that I am proud to be part of this fine organization.

Respectfully submitted in
Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
W. Earl Corbin
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: We will have the report at this time of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief George A. Strait presented the following:

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

1431 Smithfield Avenue
Lincoln, Rhode Island
August 16, 1965

To Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey
Officers and Members of the 84th Annual National Encampment
Sons of the Union Veterans of Civil War

I was greatly honored last year at the National Encampment to be elected to the Office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I felt it an honor and a privilege to serve the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as a National Officer this year.

My activities during the past year are as follows:

1. October 21 attended Reception of Woman's Relief Corps of Rhode Island.
2. October 31 attended Reception to National President Emma Wheeler in New Hampshire.
3. November 11 attended the dedication of new Flag Poles at the Rhode Island Veterans Home at Bristol. They were donated to the home by the National Auxiliary to the Sons.
4. December 14 installed Willie Grout Camp No. 25 at Worcester, Mass.
5. January 6 visited Camp No. 6 and Auxiliary installation.
6. May 23 attended 10th anniversary of the Rhode Island Veterans Home Auxiliary.
7. June 8 attended presentation of a sword at the Coast Guard Academy at New London, Connecticut, given by New England Regional Sons and Auxiliaries.

As Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I was to care for member-

ship throughout our organization. With that in mind I sent a letter to every member of committee coast to coast asking them to cooperate with me. Many Departments replied and each had a gain which made me happy, especially a gain in Rhode Island.

I was very happy to have the honor installing the Department of Rhode Island Sons at close of Encampment. I received a 50-year membership badge that night. I would like to mention a letter from Past Commander-in-Chief Shriver that I received January 9, 1965, telling me of prospects for a new Camp in Tulsa that could be organized. The letter was from Department President of Ladies of G.A.R. in Tulsa, Oklahoma, she having talked same over while at Encampment in Providence. I immediately contacted Past Commander-in-Chief Harold Arnold. He graciously compiled all papers necessary to forming a new Camp. I sent them on to the Department President, Mrs. Beomer, and received an answer in July, and I will turn them over to the new Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief to complete the same.

Memorial Day, May 30, I gave my all in memory of my beloved father marching in Providence and Pawtucket.

He who whispers down a well
About the goods he has to sell
(Membership)
Doesn't get as many members
As he who climbs a tree and
shouts that he remembers.

Respectfully submitted in
Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

George Strait
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: We have had excellent work done by our Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief on the new Camp in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is to be commended for it.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: We will have the report of the National Chaplain.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

Lansdowne, Penna.
August 16, 1965

To the Officers and Members of the
84th Annual National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Mr. Joseph S. Rippey, Commander-in-Chief:

It was with a thankful heart that I received the appointment to this office just one year ago at our Encampment in Providence, Rhode Island. I am indeed grateful for the honor conferred not upon me as an individual, but rather to the Department that I am so very proud to represent.

During the winter months of this past year I have had the great privilege of representing and extending the greetings of our National Organization. In the early part of March of this year while vacationing in our 50th State, Hawaii, it was my pleasure to place a floral tribute on the water of Pearl Harbor as well as the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific located in Punchbowl Crater at Honolulu.

It has been my pleasure to travel in the eastern part of our vast country attending many social functions and renewing old friendships as well as forming new ones. It was indeed a very great honor to install the officers of the Maryland Department and I'm sure that we will see a forward movement in that Department this year.

Needless for me to say that the passing of Past Commander-in-Chief Earl F. Riggs of California, as well as Past Department Commander Harold P. Shephardson of Massachusetts, was a very great shock to all. They will indeed be missed, not only in their respective Departments, but also in the National Organization. I make mention of only these two Brothers for they were indeed most outstanding and yet we do have many more in other Departments who also will be greatly missed. To each and all of these wonderful Brothers in all Departments, I bid you a tender "farewell".

May I at this time take the opportunity of thanking each and all, who took part in the Memorial Service yesterday. Each and everyone of you did just fine and I am indeed most grateful to you, one and all. A job such as this just proves to me that we do still have members that care and wish to do their part.

To Sister Eileen Coombs of the Auxiliary, you have been a most wonderful co-worker and I can not thank you enough for your wonderful cooperation during the year. To you, Commander-in-Chief Rippey, thank you for the honor you conferred upon my Department and I trust that I have done the job that you asked me to do in a fitting and proper manner.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

John C. Yocum
National Chaplain

(Referred to the Committee Officers' Reports)

At this point Brother Stoudt spoke for all of the Pennsylvania Department—"We are indeed happy to have had the privilege of being your host for this Encampment in this fine city. At this time on behalf of the committee we would like to present these flowers to you, the Commander-in-Chief." Brother Riddell presented the flowers to Mr. Rippey.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: This is a wonderful gesture. I thought only the ladies received the flowers.

Recessed at 12 noon.
Reconvened at 1:15 P. M.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: We will have the report of the National Secretary-Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

P. O. Box 24
Gettysburg, Penna.
August 13, 1965

To Joseph S. Rippey, Commander-in-Chief
84th Annual National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Officers and Delegates Assembled

Greetings:

1. It is with deep humility and pride that I submit to you, this formal report of activity and progress that has been credited to this administration under the leadership of Commander-in-Chief, Joseph

S. Rippey, his Staff of Officers and all brothers of our organization.

2. The books, records and Financial standing have been audited by Clay W. Garret, Certified Public Accountant, Hanover, Pennsylvania, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1965, copies of which have been approved by the Council of Administration of this Encampment and will be forwarded to the Congress of the United States to conform to our Act of Congressional Charter. A complete statistical report of the Audit is attached to this report and a copy to each officer and delegate present for this encampment.

3. The analysis of our membership standing and the income from per-capita continue to decrease which must be taken into consideration when this report is read to this encampment. Conservation of our resources are of great necessity. The replenishment of supplies continue to be costly in view of the fact that stock last from 5 to 10 years under normal requisition of items necessary for our Order to continue. The understanding of the Officers and the Committees in their future appropriations and expenditures are important and I urge each of you to take survey of our statistical report to serve as a guide in the continuance of the greatest service we can serve our Nation with the resources available.

4. Our main source of reserve continues to be the Permanent Fund which consist of increases from the accumulated dividends, Life Membership fees and the donations to the Honor Roll Fund. The following is the breakdown for the income and expense for the Permanent Fund for the fiscal year—June 30, 1964 to June 30, 1965:

Permanent Fund Income		Permanent Fund Expense	
Dividends	\$1,595.00	Interest on Life Memberships	
Donations—Honor Roll ...	60.00		\$80.00

5. The following have made contributions to the Permanent Honor Roll in memory of a Civil War descendant recorded in the National Headquarters:

Joseph S. Rippey (2)	\$20.00
Wilbur Hardinger	10.00
Ethelyn Gray	10.00
Inex E. Robinson	10.00
F. Ward Mayr	10.00

6. No Life Memberships were recorded for the fiscal year June 30, 1964 to June 30, 1965.

7. Investments for the Permanent Fund continued with the purchase of 100 shares of Wellington Fund on January 9, 1965 at a cost of \$16.40 and brings the total of investments to 1,700 shares with a market value of \$25,364.00 as of June 30, 1965.

8. Many outstanding events pertaining to the close of the Civil War Centennial have been observed in all parts of our country with Brothers from our Camps, Departments, National Organization and the Sons of Veterans participating and for which these have been a credit to our organization. The observances at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C. on February 12th, the observance of Appomattox Day Anniversary at Reading, Pennsylvania on April 3rd and the observance of the anniversary of Lincoln's Death with appropriate services at Lincoln's Tomb in Springfield, Illinois on April 15th, stand out as the greatest commemorations our Order has observed for many years.

9. Activities and official visitations in representing your Commander-in-Chief and the National Organization were many. During the past year we again note a decrease in our ranks. Yet we have dedicated Brothers who continue to serve in their Camps, Departments and our National Organization with a devotion of duty and continue to maintain our high standards for which our descendants fought, and died . . . and others who returned to their homes just 100 years ago with the determination . . . "That this Nation, under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that Government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

10. Reports and correspondence arrive daily at your National Headquarters and number into the hundreds annually. All proper reports are forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief and Council of Administration. Minutes of all meetings of the Council of Administration are recorded. A copy of the 1964 National Encampment Proceedings and C.P.A. Audit Report have been forwarded to the Congress of the United States. A supply of forms, badges, etc. are maintained at your National Headquarters. For any assistance regarding our Organization, direct your request to this headquarters.

11. To you Commander-in-Chief Rippey, may I convey my sincere appreciation for serving on your administration. Your cooperation was sincere and you have had a most successful term in office. Your staff of officers was also a credit to your success.

To all Brothers in our Organization, my deepest thanks for your cooperation and support.

May we all strive to maintain our standards . . . to actively and promote the objects and interest . . . always and everywhere . . . so help you God.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

Chester S. Shriver
National Secretary-Treasurer

National Treasurer's Financial Statement

June 30, 1964 to June 30, 1965

	General Fund	Nat'l Patr. Instructor's G.A.R. Fund	Permanent Fund
Cash Balance June 30, 1964	\$ 4,465.68	\$2,337.91	\$ 805.60
RECEIPTS			
Per Capita Tax	\$ 3,878.50		
Registration Fee (1964)	228.00		
Supplies Sold	753.70		
Banner Subscriptions	1,339.00		
Gift from Auxiliary	500.00		
National Patriotic Instructor, 1963-1964		\$ 482.50	
National Patriotic Instructor, 1964-1965		438.00	
Dividends			\$1,595.00
Donations: Honor Roll Fund			60.00
Donations: Others	50.00		
Donations: Massachusetts Department	500.00		
Camp Charter Fee	25.00		
	\$ 7,274.29	\$ 920.50	\$1,655.00
Total	\$11,739.97	\$3,258.41	\$2,460.60
DISBURSEMENTS			
Supplies Purchased for Resale	\$ 1,465.43		
The Banner	1,800.00		
Commander-in-Chief Exp. (1963-1964)	500.00		
Commander-in-Chief Exp. (1964-1965)	1,000.00		
National Secretary-Treasurer— Salary (1963-1964)	50.00		
National Secretary-Treasurer— Salary (1964-1965)	1,200.00		
Encampment Expense (1964)	654.58		
Contribution—Massachusetts Dept.	50.00		
Rent—National Headquarters (1964— (7 Quarters Cred.) 1965)	700.00		
Proceedings for 1964	619.00		
Shipping Expense, Supplies	28.07		
Printing, Stationery and Postage	504.25		
C.P.A. Audit	150.00		
Stenographer	200.00		
Lock Box	3.00		
Bank Service Charge	1.00		
Gettysburg Remembrance Day Wreath		\$ 7.50	
U. S. Grant Association	500.00	300.00	
Lincoln Tomb Expense		452.04	
Cathedral of the Pines Wreath		35.70	
G.A.R. History Committee		100.00	
Purchase of Investments			\$1,640.00
Life Membership Interest Paid			80.00
	\$ 9,425.33	\$ 895.24	\$1,720.00
Cash Balance June 30, 1965	2,314.64	2,363.17	740.60
Total	\$11,739.97	\$3,258.41	\$2,460.60

Permanent Fund

Cash Balance June 30, 1965	\$ 740.6
Investments at Cost (1700 Shares of Wellington Fund, Inc.)	23,788.4
	<u>\$24,529.0</u>
(Market Value of Stock, June 30, 1965—\$25,364.00)	

Comparative Balance Sheet

CASH	June 30, 1964	June 30, 1965
General Fund	\$ 4,465.68	\$ 2,314.64
Permanent Fund	805.60	740.60
Patriotic Instructor (G.A.R. Fund)	2,337.91	2,363.17
INVESTMENTS		
Permanent Fund	22,148.49	23,788.49
INVENTORY AT COST	2,183.82	3,058.75
	<u>\$31,941.50</u>	<u>\$32,565.65</u>

Stocks and Supplies Account

Sales of Supplies		\$753.79
Cost of Sales:		
Inventory June 30, 1964	\$2,183.82	
Add: Purchases at Cost	1,465.43	
Total	\$3,649.25	
Less: Inventory June 30, 1965	3,058.70	
Cost of Sales		590.50
Profit from Supplies		<u>\$163.29</u>

Recapitulation—Secretary's Report

	Camps	Members
In Good Standing June 30, 1964	259	3,954
GAIN	1	140
	260	4,094
LOSS	9	321
In Good Standing June 30, 1965	251	3,773

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT 1964-1965

Departments	Good Standing June 30, 1964		Gain		Loss		Good Standing June 30, 1965		Associates Included	Delegate Representation
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members		
California and Pacific	13	188	0	15	1	30	12	173	0	4
Colorado and Wyoming	1	12	0	1	0	0	1	13	0	1
Connecticut	12	156	0	3	0	7	12	152	0	4
Illinois	9	120	0	24	0	12	9	132	9	4
Indiana	5	75	0	0	0	13	5	62	0	2
Iowa	6	60	0	0	0	1	6	59	0	2
Kansas	5	35	0	0	0	0	5	35	0	2
Maine	14	218	0	4	0	14	14	208	8	5
Maryland	4	60	0	2	0	1	4	61	0	2
Massachusetts	45	707	0	10	0	49	45	668	0	14
Michigan	8	113	1	21	0	4	9	130	3	4
Minnesota	2	22	0	0	0	4	2	18	0	1
New Hampshire	7	107	0	0	0	6	7	101	4	3
New Jersey	12	200	0	6	1	12	11	194	11	5
New York	30	475	0	25	4	57	26	443	14	10
Ohio	16	235	0	1	1	30	15	206	3	5
Oregon and Washington	3	47	0	0	0	1	3	46	1	2
Pennsylvania	40	747	0	21	2	63	38	705	13	15
Rhode Island	10	149	0	4	0	1	10	152	0	4
Vermont	9	146	0	0	0	13	9	133	0	4
Wisconsin	5	59	0	3	0	3	5	59	4	2
Camp 21, South Carolina	1	14	0	0	0	0	1	14	0	1
Members at Large	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	1
	259	3,954	1	140	9	321	251	3,773	70	97

Camps Gained: Sandusky, Michigan.

Camps Lost: California and Pacific—Pasadena; New Jersey—Hoboken; New York—Fredonia, Syracuse, Fulton and Richmond; Ohio—Martinsburg; Pennsylvania—Minersville and Sheffield.

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Connecticut	12	156	0	3	0	7	12	152	0	4
Illinois	9	120	0	24	0	12	9	132	9	4
Indiana	5	75	0	0	0	13	5	62	0	2
Iowa	6	60	0	0	0	1	6	59	0	2
Kansas	5	35	0	0	0	0	5	35	0	2
Maine	14	218	0	4	0	14	14	208	8	5
Maryland	4	60	0	2	0	1	4	61	0	2
Massachusetts	45	707	0	10	0	49	45	668	0	14
Michigan	8	113	1	21	0	4	9	130	3	4
Minnesota	2	22	0	0	0	4	2	18	0	1
New Hampshire	7	107	0	0	0	6	7	101	4	3
New Jersey	12	200	0	6	1	12	11	194	11	5
New York	30	475	0	25	4	57	26	443	14	10
Ohio	16	235	0	1	1	30	15	206	3	5
Oregon and Washington ...	3	47	0	0	0	1	3	46	1	2
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Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Thank you for that very fine and thorough report. It is just as good as last year's in content and detail. It is excellently prepared and in wonderful shape.

(It is referred to the Committee on Officers' Report.)
May we have the report of the National Historian?

REPORT OF NATIONAL HISTORIAN

388 Woodland Street
Apt. B-2
Hartford, Connecticut 06112
August 12, 1965

To: Joseph S. Rippey, Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and
Members of the 84th Annual Encampment

Commander-in-Chief and Brothers:

It has been my pleasure, again this year, to serve as your National Historian. I was privileged to attend the Massachusetts Encampment in April as well as my own in May. In June I had the pleasure of attending three Encampments with Brother Kenneth Wheeler and his wife, Sister Emma Wheeler, National President of our Auxiliary. In the Department of Vermont, I was asked to give the Tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic at the Memorial Services of the Allied Orders. In the Department of New York, I attended an afternoon session and the banquet. In the Department of Wisconsin I attended the banquet of the Allied Orders and part of the Sunday morning session. In your absence I extended greetings from the Commandry-in-Chief. May I again say "Thank You" to each Department for all the courtesies shown to me and to the Office of the National Historian.

One year ago, the 83rd National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the 78th National Encampment of our Auxiliary and the 77th Annual Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic met at the Hotel Sheraton-Biltmore in Providence, Rhode Island. The registration showed 114 Sons, 208 Auxiliary and 102 Ladies of the G.A.R. plus guests and the non-registered members of each organization.

On Sunday morning, each one present attended the church of their choice. In the afternoon each group had general registration. All social functions and business meetings were held in the Hotel.

Joint Memorial Services of the Sons and Auxiliary were held Sunday afternoon in the Ballroom, conducted by National Chaplains William Phillips and Kathleen Runkle. Each Department Commander and Department President placed floral tributes. Special tribute to the memory of Past Commander-in-Chief Frederick G. Bauer was paid by Albert C. Lambert, Past Commander-in-Chief. To Past National Presidents of our Auxiliary by Ellinore Konrad, Past National President. To Sons of Veterans, Officers and Members by Albert B. DeHaven, Past Commander-in-Chief, and to Auxiliary Officers and Members by Anne O. Clayton, Past National President.

Also, on Sunday afternoon, Floral Tributes were placed at the Civil War Monument, across the street from the Hotel by Commander-in-Chief Rippey and National Presidents Anita Selby and Molly Mercer. The Military Escort was furnished by the S.V.R. and S.V.R.W.A.C.

On Sunday evening, The Camp Fire of the Grand Army of the Republic Revived by their Descendants was held in the Ballroom before an overflow crowd. A stirring Band Concert by the Lancers

Drum Corps opened the program. Col. Clarence E. Young, S.V.R., commanded the posting and retiring of the colors. U. S. Dist. Atty. Raymond J. Pettine gave the address.

A joint opening ceremony of the Encampments by the Sons and Auxiliary was held Monday morning conducted by C. Leroy Stoudt, Chief of Staff for the Sons and Emma Wheeler, Chief of Staff for the Auxiliary after which the Sons retired to their own business sessions which lasted through Thursday.

There were no business sessions on Wednesday. The Members of all three Organizations enjoyed a trip arranged by the local Encampment Committee to the Quonset Point Naval Station and the Sea-Bee Base at Davisville. Busses left the hotel at 11:30 A. M. and on arriving at the Naval Station they were met by a group of Naval Officers who conducted them on a tour of inspection of the aircraft carrier Lake Champlain. This was a truly thrilling and memorable experience. The busses then proceeded to Rocky Point where all enjoyed a delightful shore dinner, arriving back at the hotel at 8 P. M.

During our Encampment we were very pleased and honored by the visit of Mrs. Jessie H. Johnston, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps who made a special trip to Providence to extend the Greetings of her Organization. She was accompanied by Mrs. Laura T. Smith, a Past National President of the Woman's Relief Corps.

The Grant Trophy awarded annually to the Department having the greatest increase in membership was presented this year to the Illinois Department.

The Office of National Geneologist was discontinued by action of the Encampment, with this work to be referred to the various Departments in the future.

The G.A.R. History Committee will also be known as the G.A.R. Centennial Committee in the future to plan for the observance of the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic on April 6, 1966.

On February 12th, The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States conducted a ceremony at the Lincoln Monument in Washington, D. C., observing the 156th Birthday of Abraham Lincoln. A buffet luncheon was served in the Diplomatic Reception Suite of the Department of State following the ceremony. Our Order was represented by several members including Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd; Arthur Glennum; Robert J. McCarthy; Doran Vest, and John Palsgrove. Our Commandery-in-Chief Colors were carried by a color guard from the Harrisburg, Pa. Camp. Wreaths were placed by our National Organization and by Lincoln-Cushing Camp of Washington, D. C. Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States, celebrated the anniversary of Lincoln's birth with a luncheon for 111 guests at the White House. The entire group was then transported to the Lincoln Memorial in Army busses provided by Fort Myer. Past-Commanders-in-Chief Grant and Heald were guests. A very interesting and detailed flyer written by Past Commander-in-Chief Heald signed Cleon E. Heald, Executive Director, New Hampshire Civil War Centennial Commission was enclosed with the copy of the July-September 1965 issue of the Banner, a copy of which is on file.

On April 3rd, the 100th Anniversary of Appomattox Day was most fittingly celebrated at Reading, Penna. More than 4,300 persons marched or rode in a parade led by Major General Ulysses S. Grant 3rd, who was attired in civilian clothes. With him was the gray-uniformed Colonel John A. May, of Aiken, S. C., Commander-in-Chief of Sons of Confederate Veterans—a gesture in keeping with

the theme "North and South Reunited" and "One Nation Under God".

The parade of many and varied colorful floats, proud marching military units and rousing competitive bands and drum corps was designated as the official observance of the close of the Civil War Centennial. Past Commander-in-Chief C. Leroy Stoudt and his committee performed an outstanding service both to the City of Reading and to our Order. Our reserve units commanded by Colonel D. Essinger came from as far west as Wisconsin and as far north as New Hampshire. Berdans Sharpshooters, sent by the New Hampshire State Centennial Commission, stopped from time to time along the route to fire volleys from their muzzle-loading muskets.

Over 550 persons enjoyed the Appomattox Banquet of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R. Pennsylvania Department. The entertainment and program were outstanding. Guests at the head table included: Honorable Eugene L. Shirk, Mayor of Reading; Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey; Auxiliary National President Emma Wheeler; National President Ladies of the G.A.R. Alma Blixt; National President of the Woman's Relief Corps Florence M. Bruce; Past Commander-in-Chief Grant; Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Confederate Veterans John A. May, and Mrs. Sara Binder Moore, National President Dames of the Loyal Legion. Also Department Presidents of all of the Allied Orders of Pennsylvania. Past Department Commander Frank Heacock Sr. delivered Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and Rev. Charles E. Sutton the invocation. General Grant and Colonel May both gave addresses.

On April 15, 1965, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War sponsored exercises to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln, assisted by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, at the tomb of Abraham Lincoln in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois. There were most 200 representatives of patriotic societies and veteran organizations in attendance. Sixty-eight wreaths were presented, the largest number offered since this ceremony started in 1957.

In addition to the usual military ceremonies, there were several musical selections by the Western Illinois University Concert Band and the Springfield Musical Bands. The principal address was given by the Honorable Ray I. Klingbiel, Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court, whose address was entitled "Lincoln and the Law".

Among other speakers were Joseph S. Rippey, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Retired Naval Commander William C. Duval, representing the Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, and Past Department Commander Charles A. Brady, Jr. Past Department Commander George L. Cashman, Master of Ceremonies, read a telegram from Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States, in which the President paid tribute to Mr. Lincoln, expressed his regrets at his inability to be present and proffered his best wishes.

The military escort consisted of members of the Civil War uniformed 104th Illinois Volunteers Infantry (Reactivated) under the direction of Brother Roland D. Persenica; and a color guard of General George A. Custer Camp No. 1, Chicago, commanded by Illinois Department Commander John Brooks Davis. Commander-in-Chief Rippey presented the wreath for our Organization.

The Honorable Nelson O. Howarth, Mayor of Springfield, extended a cordial welcome to 119 guests assembled at Hotel Leand for the Customary luncheon following the services at the tomb. John Y. Simons, Associate Professor of History at Southern Illinois University and Executive Director of the Ulysses S. Grant Associa-

tion addressed the group on the subject of "Lincoln and Grant".

The affair this year was in charge of the same two men who handled arrangements last year, Past Department Commander George L. Cashman, Curator of the Tomb, and Thomas L. W. Johnson, Department Commander of Wisconsin.

On May 30, Memorial Day, the Cathedral of the Pines program was held again this year at Rindge, New Hampshire. National President Emma Wheeler presented a wreath from the National Auxiliary and a gift of \$1,000 for the Memorial Bell Tower Fund. Past Commander-in-Chief Cleon E. Heald presented the wreath from our National Organization.

On April 20, 1965 Past Commander-in-Chief Earl Riggs was on a fishing trip with Brother Alva MacDonald. Their car was struck by a truck and Brother Earl lived only a short while. Brother MacDonald was unhurt. Brother Riggs was a Member of A. Podrasnik Camp of Ontario, California. He rarely missed a meeting and was proud of his honors. He served as Department Commander in 1948 and as Commander-in-Chief in 1958. In addition to his wife Past National President Beatrice Riggs, he is survived by four children of a previous marriage and ten grandchildren.

Again, from the Banner we gain much information about the various activities in each Department, and I am confident that the Department Historians must be recording such valuable information for their Departments. We also gain information of the S.V.R. and their growing interests within our Organization.

I recommend that the allotment of \$25.00 for the Office of the National Historian be granted for the next year.

Thank you Brother Rippey, for my appointment to this office. May I extend my best wishes for a prosperous and successful Encampment. Respectfully submitted in F. C. & R.

Allen F. Spink
National Historian

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Thank you very much Brother Spink. It is as good as last year's report. May we have the report of the National Counselor?

Major General U. S. Grant 3rd: I have no written report. When you elect an outstanding lawyer as Commander-in-Chief, he does not need a Counselor.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Thank you, but it is good to know that I still have your strong shoulders to lean on if necessary.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: We will have the report of the Chief-of-Staff.

Chief of Staff Leroy Stoudt: There is no report as such at this time. It will be included in my report as chairman of the Encampment Committee.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: May we have the report of the National Graves Registration Officer.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

Mansfield, Ohio

As National Registrar of Graves of the Sons of Union Veterans it has been indeed a pleasure and a stimulating experience in tak-

ing part in assisting those who have inquired as to the location of graves of their ancestors, the meetings with county commissioners, patriotic organizations and those who have assumed the responsibility of marking the graves of those who fought so gallantly to preserve our future.

In my travels to the places that were brought to my attention, it was very dismaying to learn that many were forgotten and left in sad deterioration; although, those in the localities which I visited were most cooperative in replacing and brightening the markers.

I received from only two state organizations, namely Rhode Island and California, their registrations of graves. Each proved most valuable as there were requests for locations that were found in their registrations.

I wrote and received from Washington applications for markers and assisted in filling out the forms for the type requested by persons interested in having their gallant ancestors' final resting places properly hallowed.

I have had the pleasure of attending several memorial services and I was delighted to see that graves were properly marked with flags by Patriotic Organizations, Scouts, Auxiliaries, etc. as they should be and those within my reach were complimented for their intense interest.

Thanking you, my Commander, for the honor of serving you to the best of my ability as National Graves Registrar. I respectfully submit my report.

Sincerely

E. J. Houston

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Very nicely done, Brother Houston. Thank you very much.

(It is referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports)

REPORT OF PERSONAL AIDE HOWE

Past Commander-in-Chief Fred Howe: I have no written report. I blame that on your Commander-in-Chief. He has performed his duties so capably that it was hardly necessary for me to be informed about what was going on. I have not even had the chance to carry his briefcase on some of his trips.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Thank you, Brother Howe. You have executed your duties very nicely.

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports)

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA REPRESENTATIVE

(D. C. Representative Glennum submitted a most outstanding report of his activity in the representation of his office at many observances in the District of Columbia area as well as visitations to many Departments for events and celebrations. His interest and efforts are always toward our Order and he ably represented our National Organization at the Lincoln Memorial observance on February 12th 1965 as well as other events. There was no official matters delegated to Mr. Glennum for action during this administration.)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: That detailed report indicates the dedication of Brother Glennum to our organization. He certainly spent a lot of time on it. Thank you, Brother Glennum, for that fine report.

(It will be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports)

EDITOR OF THE BANNER—ALBERT LAMBERT

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Do you have anything to report?

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: I have nothing to report at this time. (He made his report to the Council of Administration.)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: The Banner is a wonderful undertaking and a great testimony to the work that you have done, Al. May we now have a report from our National Patriotic Instructor?

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Henry S. Bowen, Jr.

To the officers and members of the 84th Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

To serve the Commandery-in-Chief as National Patriotic Instructor this past year has been a pleasure and although my busy schedule has prevented me from taking a more active part, I have made several visits to Patriotic activities both locally and nationally.

I attended the Lincoln Banquet in Harrisburg, Appomattox Day in Reading, Pa. and represented the Commander-in-Chief on several occasions in the New England area.

My Patriotic activities have been confined mostly locally. I have found that some fraternal organizations do not use the Pledge of Allegiance in their opening ritual and have induced at least one to include this in their ceremonies. I will continue working on this particular project for the next year as I feel that I have made progress with other groups.

Regarding Department reports to the National Patriotic Instructor I would like to quote from the report of the G.A.R. National Patriotic Instructor's report at their National Encampment in Washington in 1915, quote "The second hindrance was caused by the neglect of the Department Patriotic Instructors in regard to their reports. Very few of these have reached me and consequently I have not been able to forward a statistical report".

This seems to have been the trend throughout the life of the G.A.R. and with a very few exceptions, the same conditions have existed in our organization.

This year I sent letters to all Departments and received answers from only seven departments. I feel sure that every active department has carried out the usual Patriotic activities but neglects to make their report to national.

I received fine reports from the Illinois and New York Departments and both show a great deal of activity in this field. Reports from Rhode Island, Vermont, Iowa and New Jersey, although short, indicate that they are doing their job in this field.

Pennsylvania I know has been very active in their Patriotic work, perhaps more so than any other department, but I failed to receive a report from them.

Minnesota was handicapped by the sudden death of a very dedicated Patriotic Instructor, Dewey Meade, but I did receive an answer from the Department Commander.

Donations to the G.A.R. Memorial Fund, although not breaking any records, have been encouraging, thanks to the help of Al Lambert and the plugs of Commander-in-Chief Rippey, who took the opportunity to mention the fund in his visits throughout the departments.

It has been a pleasure and honor to serve as National Patriotic

Instructor this year and I regret that I have not had the time to take a more active part.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry S. Bowen, Jr.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: That was a wonderful report this early in the Encampment. We will call on you again later in the sessions.

(Ten minute recess—)

Patriotic Instructor Bowen: Apparently this was a great rivalry between the Illinois and Pennsylvania Departments. After hearing my report the Illinois Department rallied to go over the Pennsylvania Department. If Pennsylvania wants to be first they better get busy.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: At this time we will suspend the regular order of business. We will hear from General Grant who must then leave the meeting temporarily.

General Grant: I wanted to ask the Committee on Resolutions to meet with me immediately after adjournment after this business meeting in this corner of the room. (Spink, Drown, Dissinger, Stephen, McGowan, at 4 o'clock.)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Is there any unfinished business? If not, we will have committee reports.

MEMBERSHIP

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Strait: I would like to talk with the next Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief because I have some new things for him.

COMMITTEE ON AMERICANISM AND EDUCATION

No report. (Rev. Richard Partington.)

REPORT OF THE G.A.R. HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

106 Chestnut St.
New Bedford, Mass.
August 9, 1965

To the Officers and Members of the Eighty-fourth Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Allow me at this time to thank you for the appointment of serving the Organization as Chairman of the Grand Army Highway. It has been an interesting task and I feel a worthy one.

Up to date, I have not heard from any of my co-workers in regards to their individual states or sections. I feel that "no news is good news".

Personally I have traveled from the Bear Mountains in New York State to the tip of Cape Cod in Provincetown, Massachusetts and I have found the "Markers" in good condition and distributed approximately twenty to thirty miles apart throughout the states of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and eastern New York. There were places in Massachusetts and Connecticut, due to road construction, there were none, but no doubt will be replaced when work is completed.

I will not be able to attend the Encampment, so in closing, please accept my best wishes for a constructive and harmonious Encampment, and best of luck to the new slate of officers.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Millard F. Brown, P.D.C.
Chairman of the Grand Army
Highway Committee

(Read by National Secretary-Treasurer Shriver)

National Chief of Staff Stoudt: Are you willing to receive the report of the site committee for 1967?

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: I will be glad to.

National Chief of Staff Stoudt: We have had offers (tentative) from Portland, Maine; and California; also from an Akron hotel, which we will not consider. Illinois has renewed their invitation for Chicago. The Pick-Congress is the hotel we are considering. Your committee recommends we accept the invitation from Illinois to meet in Chicago in 1967.

Motion made, seconded and carried that the recommendation be accepted.

Past Commander-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert moved that if there is no objection the reports of all committees be accepted as read. Seconded by Col. O. G. MacPherson, and carried.

REPORT OF LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

Read by James L. High, member.

TO: Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

1. For a complete account of the April 15, 1965 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony conducted at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois, attention is invited to the July-September issue of **The Banner**.

2. In recognition of the fact that the 1965 ceremony marked the centennial commemoration of Mr. Lincoln's death, your Committee attempted to obtain the services of President Lyndon B. Johnson as the principal speaker for the rites conducted at the Tomb's site. In this, however, we were unsuccessful. Your Committee then approached Senator Thruston Ballard Morton of Kentucky but again without success. Having received letters of regret from the Governors of the "Lincoln States" of Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky, your Committee was successful in obtaining Judge Ray I. Klingbiel, Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court and a native Illinoisan, who gave a masterful address and tribute to Lincoln at the exercises. At the luncheon following the ceremony we were most fortunate to have had Dr. John Y. Simon, Executive Director of the Ulysses S. Grant Association, as our speaker. Dr. Simon spoke on the relationship of Lincoln and Grant during the War years.

3. Commander-in-Chief Rippey included Lincoln's "Farewell to Springfield" as a portion of his remarks delivered at the Tomb. William C. Duval, Past Commander-in-Chief of the MOLLUS and an originator of the ceremony, also spoke and recited a prayer that is becoming a tradition at the ceremony. Due to the unexpected absence of Congressman Paul Findley of Illinois, Charles A. Brady, PDC of the Department of Illinois, rendered a stirring recitation of

"O Captain, My Captain". Heads of other organizations comprising the Grand Army family who were present were Mrs. Emma Wheeler, National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, and Mrs. Alma Blixt, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

4. For the first time in the history of our ceremony, music was included as a part of the Tomb exercises. Appropriate selections were played by the Springfield Municipal Band and by the Concert Band of Western Illinois University at Macomb. The music added immeasurably to the dignity of the occasion.

5. Befitting the centennial commemoration, a record number of wreaths, 68 in all, were offered at the Tomb. A total of 204 invitations were mailed to officials of national organizations and state and local affiliates, particularly in Illinois. The luncheon at the Leland Hotel also attracted a record turnout of 119 persons. Considering the fact that the ceremony fell on a weekday and just prior to the observance of Easter, your Committee considers the response from patriotic and veterans organizations to be most heartening.

6. At the 1964 National Encampment, a total of \$750.00 was budgeted for the ceremony. Your Committee, mindful of its charge, spent from appropriated funds the net sum of \$452.04 in sponsoring all aspects of the ceremony. Of this amount, \$301.38 was spent for the brochure type program that featured a four color picture of the Tomb on its cover. Had it not been for the materials and workmanship that went into the printing of the program, the total expense would have compared favorably with that of other years. These programs were distributed at the luncheon and were well received. The picture was made from a slide taken by Co-Chairman George L. Cashman.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1966—April 15, 1966 will mark the 10th consecutive commemorative ceremony and the 101st Anniversary of the death of our Sixteenth President. To insure that the dignity of the occasion be respected and maintained and in recognition of the increase in fixed costs incurred in sponsoring the ceremony, it is recommended that an appropriation of \$350.00 be made to defray the necessary expenses of the ceremony. In voting the approval of this money it is understood that the co-chairmen, appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, shall be fully responsible for the planning and execution of the commemorative program.

Respectfully submitted,

George L. Cashman, Co-Chairman

Thomas L. W. Johnson, Co-Chairman

Accepted as read.

Recessed until tomorrow morning at 9:30.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

August 17, 1965—9:30 A. M.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: I will call on Charles A. Brady, Jr. to give a report for the Committee on Legislation.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

To the Officers and Members
of the 84th National Encampment,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

During the past twelve months, I have compiled a great deal of information concerning legislative matters, and must apologize for the length of the report I bring today. I hope, though, that you will find much of interest among the data to be presented.

The 89th Congress has been passing legislation at a rapid rate, spurred on by persistent pressure from the President, so that the nation's advance down the road toward the welfare state has been both obvious and alarming. Major bills passed have included the hotly debated "Medicare" bill, the Anti-Poverty "Appalachia" bill and the Federal-Foot-in-the-Door "School Aid" bill, all now signed into law by the President. Still awaiting his signature is the Administration's housing bill which sets up a rent subsidy plan for those with low income. In the process of consideration by Congress as I began drafting this report were bills for aid to colleges, repeal of right-to-work laws, creation of a cabinet-level department of housing and urban development, and extension of the War-on-Poverty program to the tune of approximately \$1,500,000,000 for 1965-66.

There are, of course, many other bills in various stages of consideration, but there would be no point in my reporting on them all. One that has had our attention, though, is Senate Bill No. 500 (which has similar counterparts in the House—H.R. No. 2580 and H.R. No. 8662). This is the bill which would change the National origins quota system established by the McCarran-Walter Act, and you are aware that our Encampment last year went on record as opposed to any change in our present Immigration Laws. This matter will be coming up for Congressional action very shortly. Equally as important is the Consular Treaty Bill (No. D-88-2) which would allow the Soviet Union to establish offices (called "Consulates") in cities throughout the U.S.A. In exchange for our doing the same in Soviet cities. Considering the freedom we accord foreigners on our soil, it is feared by many knowledgeable persons (including F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover) that this will merely extend further the Communist spy ring and gain us nothing in return.

Having given you this brief description of the National Legislative situation, I should now like to report on my stewardship as your Legislative Chairman. As in the preceding year, I again sent letters to each of the 100 members of the United States Senate, pointing out our concern with the direction in which the nation seems to be drifting, and drawing their attention to the resolutions adopted by our 83rd Annual Encampment. Nearly every Senator replied, and, as you have probably experienced yourself, their letters were courteous and all expressed an interest in our views, though most appeared to have been prepared from form letters used for such purposes. A few, though, did send thoughtful and meaningful replies—such as Senator Birch Bayh of Indiana, who wrote "I am convinced that most Americans do wish to exercise inde-

pendent judgment on national issues and support themselves by dint of their own labor. There is nothing 'old fashioned' about these ideas. They are essential to the preservation of democracy in our society." Another Senator, Harrison A. Williams, Jr. of New Jersey, heartily agreed with our desire for restoration of religious influences in all phases of American life, reduction of foreign aid, and the protection of all our citizens' rights rather than advancing the rights of some at the expense of others. It was interesting to note, though, that he did not agree with us on the issue of liberalization of the present immigration laws. He expressed his beliefs in this way: "To afford the foreign born the advantages of the American way of life is something of which we need not be wary for any reason." It would seem he is oblivious to the already high rate of unemployment in our country, the population explosion predicted by statistical experts, and the continuing difficulty we seem to be having in assimilating—and maintaining harmony amongst—certain ethnic groups which have long been in our country.

I believe that the letters sent to these senators have given them a favorable opinion of our organization and that continued contact would be advisable. I think it should be done on the state level, though, with each Department Legislative Chairman advising the senators from his state of the resolutions passed at our National Encampments, and I have urged this in a letter sent to each of the Department Commanders. Along with these letters, I sent copies of a booklet entitled "Under the Dome", which describes the operations of Congress, and also a pamphlet entitled "Letter-writing Guide, 89th Congress" which gave suggestions on how to write effective letters to Congressmen and listed the standing committees of both the House and the Senate. These materials were obtained through the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

Noting from the Banner that Bro. Pennington of California was heading a drive to secure issuance of a postage stamp next April to commemorate the founding of the G.A.R., I included in my letters to the Department Commanders a request that they have their legislative chairmen write to the Postmaster-General and their state's Senators and Representatives regarding such a stamp. I also wrote a letter myself to Postmaster General Grouniski about this matter. My letters to the Department Commanders likewise urged that letters be sent to Congress opposing all bills seeking to change our Immigration laws, and I hope they have acted promptly on this.

In seeking to have a joint resolution passed by Congress designating November 19 as "Dedication Day" in observance of the Anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, as had been accomplished by some previous National Legislative Chairmen, I again wrote to Senator Kenneth Keating of New York, the one who had handled this for us in the past. Apparently he was too concerned with the impending election and his political campaign, for I received no reply from him and he took no action to secure such a resolution for us. As you are aware, he was not returned to the Senate and therefore we must look to some other Senator if we are to succeed in obtaining the resolution this year. It has been suggested by my committee member, Bro. Heacock of Pennsylvania, that we approach Senator Hugh Scott of his state, and since the Gettysburg battlefield is located in his state, this would seem to be an excellent suggestion.

Now to report on what the states have been doing. Last year I had sought information on legislative action taken by only those states in which we have active departments. I thought it might be enlightening if the report could be expanded to cover all fifty states this year, as the final year of the Civil War Centennial might have produced some interesting legislation. My inquiries were relative to

certain subjects of greatest interest to us—Civil War monuments or memorials, aid to Civil War widows, matters relating to the Civil War Centennial, Legislation affecting the veterans of more recent wars, and the areas of patriotism and American History. Here is what I was able to learn:

Alaska—Chapter 54, Session Laws of Alaska 1965, raised the amount of home and business loans authorized for veterans of World War II and the Korean Conflict from \$15,000 to \$22,500.

Arizona—Approved by the Governor of Arizona on April 8 of this year was House Bill No. 116, amending the Arizona revised statutes to provide for naming by the State Fair Commission of an auditorium or coliseum, presently under construction, in honor and memory of all Arizona war veterans. This bill also stipulated that there is to be a display of flags, trophies and war mementoes in the auditorium.

Arkansas—Two Acts were passed by the Arkansas General Assembly of interest to us. House Bill No. 206 created the Arkansas Gettysburg Memorial Commission to arrange for the erection of a suitable monument on the Gettysburg Battlefield to honor the 3rd Arkansas Infantry of the Confederate states Army and all other personnel from Arkansas who participated in that battle. An appropriation of \$50,000 was contained in this bill. The second was House Bill No. 346, which instructed the Arkansas Civil War Centennial Commission to provide the libraries of the state's junior and senior high schools with such publications as the commission should choose, including specifically the book "Arkansas and the Civil War" prepared by the Arkansas History Commission, that will bring the facts of that war and Arkansas' part in it to the students of these schools. An appropriation of \$25,000 was voted for this purpose.

California—The Assistant Chief Clerk of the California Legislature provided information about assembly concurrent Resolution No. 43, which was reported out of the Committee on Government Organization on June 18, the final day of the session, without further action. This Resolution was to rename the state's Civil War Centennial Commission the "California 1860s Centennial Commission", to continue the predecessor Commission's duties and its cooperation with the National and various state Civil War Centennial Commissions, and to urge the new commission to extend recognition to persons and organizations, both within and without California, through the awarding of medals, certificates, etc., for notable achievements in furthering the objectives linked to the commemoration in California of the 1860s and related events.

Connecticut—Copies of three Legislative Acts were furnished by the State Library of the State of Connecticut. Special Act No. 292 directed the Comptroller to draw a check for \$2,000 in favor of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War to be used for holding of its National Convention in the City of Hartford, August 14 to 18, 1966. Special Act No. 346 authorized an appropriation of \$85,000 to the Veterans' Home and Hospital Commission for the purchase of additional land for the veterans plot at Spring Grove Cemetery in the town of Darien.

Florida—Florida's Senate Bill No. 120 was approved by its Governor on June 8 of this year. The Bill authorized the State of Florida to participate with the other southern states in erecting a memorial on the Gettysburg battlefield, commemorating the Soldiers and Sailors of the Confederate States of America, and appropriated a sum of \$3,000 for this purpose.

Florida's House Bill No. 1975, filed with the office of the Secretary of State on June 25, became a law without the Governor's approval. It amended Section 291.04 of the Florida statutes to provide for an increase in the pension for widows of Confederate veterans to \$1,800 per year.

Illinois—My own State of Illinois failed to answer my request for legislative information—but since the newspapers have reported that, up to the first part of this month, Governor Kerner had only signed about 1/10 of the nearly 1,000 bills passed by the Illinois Legislature this session, it is understandable why a report was not yet forthcoming. It will be of interest to you to know, though, that the Governor did draw up and sign, at the request of our organization's Department of Illinois, a proclamation setting forth 1966 as "Grand Army of the Republic Centennial Year" in Illinois. It is hoped that other Departments will be successful in obtaining similar proclamations in their states.

Also, you may be interested to know that the collection of all the known photographs of Lincoln which have been on display at the Illinois Pavilion of the New York World's Fair are to be permanently housed at the Illinois State Historical Library in Springfield, Illinois, after the Fair closes. In fact, practically everything in the pavilion except the building itself and the Walt Disney mechanical robot of Lincoln are to go back to Illinois. Included in what the State's Historical Library will get are the 20 display cases in which the 43 rare Lincoln letters have been encased, and a case atop a white marble stand that houses the Illinois-owned original of the Gettysburg Address, as well as a circular table banded in Illinois walnut and covered with Black Angus hide which has been in the pavilion's reading room. The Illinois State Park at New Salem will get a 14-foot bronze statue of young Lincoln riding a horse and reading a book, to be placed at the entrance to the reconstructed log cabin village, and also the antique furniture in the pavilion's log cabin. The pavilion's replica of the Gutzon Borglum bust of Lincoln will be mounted in the State of Illinois Building in Chicago; the original is at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, and the only other replica is in the National Capitol Rotunda in Washington, D. C. The famous robot of Lincoln will be returned to the Walt Disney Laboratories in California.

Indiana—The Indiana Legislative Advisory Commission reported that a bill of interest to us had been introduced during the State Legislature's 1965 session, but had passed the House only. That Bill was House Bill No. 1081, providing for the establishment of a 5-member Gettysburg Memorial Commission and authorizing that Commission to negotiate for and procure a suitable site and monument or memorial to serve as an Indiana State Memorial in the Gettysburg National Military Park at Gettysburg, Pa., on behalf of Indiana men who served during the Civil War. This bill was to include an appropriation of \$75,000.

Maine—The Clerk of the House in Maine sent me information about a number of that State's legislative actions of interest to us. P. & S. Law Chapter 160 provided for a change in name for the former Association of Historical Societies and Museums, described as a "charitable" corporation, to "The Maine League of Historical Societies and Museums". Probably we shall never know what prompted this action, nor of what significance it is, unless one of our Brothers from the Department of Maine can enlighten us. P. & S. Law Chapter 178, approved by the Governor on June 8, provided for an emergency appropriation of \$5,000 to the Maine Civil

War Centennial Commission for expenses and operation of the Commission.

Minnesota—The Clerk of the Minnesota House of Representatives furnished me with a complete copy of the Laws passed by that state during its 1965 session. From these 96 pages (each of which measured 17 x 23 inches and carried 8 solid columns of type to the page), I was able to cull out the following information: H.F. No. 1201 (Chapter 304) amends the 1963 laws (Chapter 665) so as to authorize the Adjutant General to release the State's Regimental Battle Flags, standards and guidons for the amount of time needed to have them restored, and then directs him to store these flags or have them displayed once repaired. (The original law had only provided for display of the restored flags; now those not desired for display may be stored instead). This amendment also provides for an appropriation of \$30,000 for the restoration work, over and above the \$15,000 authorized by the original law. S.F. No. 616 (Chapter 366) approved on May 7, appropriates \$1,000 toward expenses related to the erection and dedication of a monument memorializing the service of Minnesota National Guard troops on the Mexican border in 1916 and 1917. The monument is to be located near the City of Weslaco, Texas, in the sector formerly known as Llano Grande. H.F. No. 892 (Chapter 556) designated Trunk Highway Routes 390, 394 and 395 as "Blue Star Memorial Highway" and authorized the erection of Blue Star Memorial markers in roadside rest areas on these routes. H.F. No. 713 (Chapter 779) officially entitled "The Minnesota Historic Sites Act of 1965", sets forth the qualifications for designation of a specific monument, building or area as an historic site, and lists a large number of such sites being so designated.

New Jersey—Introduced April 12 of this year in the New Jersey General Assembly was Assembly Bill No. 669, providing for creation of a New Jersey Historical Commission, in the Division of the State Library Archives and History, of the State Department of Education. According to the wording of the bill, this action was inspired by the public pride in the history of New Jersey generated by temporary Historical Commissions, especially the Civil War Centennial Commission and the Tercentenary Commission. An appropriation of \$25,000 was included in the bill to cover expenses of the commission for the period ending June 30, 1966. As of the first of this month, the bill had been passed by both Houses of the General Assembly, and was awaiting the signature of Governor Hughes.

Montana—House Bill No. 6 further amended Section 84-4907.1 of the Revised Codes of Montana, which already provided for exemption of payments received under the state's Korean Bonus Law of 1957 and Veterans' Bonus Law of 1947 from its income tax, so as to include also payments received under the state's World War I Bonus Law. House Bill No. 95 further amended Section 77-909 of the Revised Codes of Montana so as to extend the time allotted for a person beginning training at the University of Montana under the War Orphans Provisions from age 21 to age 23, or up to a maximum age of 31 if the person should be serving with the armed forces at the time the earlier age limit is attained.

New Mexico—Copies of three "Memorials" passed by the New Mexico Senate and House of Representatives were furnished by the State's Legislative Council. Senate Joint Memorial No. 1, directed to the President of the United States, asked for reconsideration of the order to close the Veterans Administration Hospital at Fort Bayard. Senate Joint Memorial No. 10 urged the people of New

Mexico to observe Veterans Day. House Memorial No. 20 was issued to honor the memory of General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, and specified that a copy be framed for display in a public area of the new Legislative-Executive Building of the Capitol.

North Dakota—Senate Bill No. 167 changed the property tax exemption for homesteads of disabled veterans from a straight \$10,000 valuation upon fixtures, buildings and improvements within any city or village, to a \$10,000 valuation exemption for paraplegic disabled veterans and \$4,000 in either real or personal property for other disabled veterans.

Oregon—Senate Bill No. 408 added to ORS Chapter 366 provisions for the State Highway Commission to make matching fund grants to counties for reimbursement of funds used to pay expenses incurred in the maintenance and operation of museum buildings—but not to exceed \$5,000 for any one year. It stipulates, however, that only museums open to the public and free of charge, with displays of museum objects and a regular attendant on duty will be eligible, and these must maintain their buildings and exhibits to meet the standards set by the Oregon Historical Society.

Rhode Island—The Rhode Island General Assembly passed Bill No. S 36, which extended to January 28, 1966, the date for submission of a written report by a special Legislative Commission, created to study the feasibility of compiling an official history of the State of Rhode Island.

South Carolina—Though there was no legislation for South Carolina to report which would have been of interest to us, the Clerk of the South Carolina House of Representatives forwarded my letter to the Chairman of the South Carolina Confederate War Centennial Commission, who is also the Chairman of the House Committee of Historical Research, believing he might have some item of interest to report to us. This gentlemen happened to be Colonel John Amasa May, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and he did indeed have something to tell us of. He wrote in part: "My commission has been quite active during the year. We erected a monument at Averagesboro, North Carolina, to the South Carolinians who were killed in that battle, and we sponsored the re-enactment of three battles—namely, the Battle of Rivers Bridge, the Battle of Aiken, and the Battle of Dingle's Mill. On August 25 we will participate in the dedication of a monument to the Confederate servicemen, to be erected at Gettysburg, and on September 29 South Carolina will join with Virginia in the dedication of a monument to Richard Kirkland at Fredericksburg, Va. The cost of this monument was \$30,000, of which my commission contributed \$15,000. There is also set up a special committee to prepare biographical sketches of those who have served in the South Carolina House of Representatives since its beginning. I have the honor to be chairman of that committee and we are working on that now. I am also working with a group of North Carolinians who are interested in the erection of a suitable memorial to Andrew Jackson to be erected on the North Carolina-South Carolina state line near the spot where the seventh President was born."

South Dakota—According to information received from the South Dakota State Legislative Research Council, an appropriation of \$100,000 has been authorized for the battleship South Dakota Memorial Commission to be used for the construction of a museum as a memorial to the Battleship South Dakota. The museum would

be located in Sioux Falls and would contain a replica of the battleship. The council reports, though, that the Legislature neglected to create the commission which was to administer the project, as well as neglecting to authorize such commission to approve vouchers, so the appropriation is meaningless until the 1966 Legislature convenes.

Virginia—The State of Virginia reported that no session had been held during the past twelve months, while the following states reported that no legislation of interest to our organization had been passed by their legislative bodies: Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, Texas, Vermont, West Virginia and Wyoming. Other states not mentioned in this report failed to send any reply whatsoever, but I believe those covered in the report will give you a good insight into the nature of the legislative activities being undertaken in various parts of our country in the mid-1960s. Trusting you will find this report informative, I am

Respectfully yours,

Charles A. Brady, Jr.
Chairman, Legislative Committee

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Thank you, Brother Brady, for a very excellent report. You can tell, gentlemen, the necessary research that must go into such a report. If there is no objection about the report, it will be accepted as read.

General Grant: I would like to have unanimous consent to con-sult with the Chairman of the Legislative Committee in the matter of Resolutions. (Granted)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: May we have a report from the Committee on Constitution and Regulations, of which the chair-man is Brother William N. Coffin?

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS

Richmond, Va., August 17, 1965

To the Commander-in-Chief and
Members of the 84th National Encampment,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

The personnel of this "Standing Committee" is the same as it existed after the close of the 1963 Encampment (Miami Beach) and appointed to serve as the convention committee for the 1965 Encampment at Providence, Rhode Island, and again extended to serve this encampment.

(1). At last year's encampment the National Secretary reported to the committee that the first two constitutional amendments which had been proposed at the 1963 encampment had failed of ratification by the Departments as required by the constitution, and asked the instructions of the committee. The committee reported that it had no alternative but to recommend that these proposed amendemnts be withdrawn from further consideration and the matter thus ended. It did suggest, however, that perhaps the basic questions there involved might be referred back to the Standing Committee on C & R for re-study and "clarification" as indicated and intended by the 1961 Encampment, but added a further note pointing out that a "clarifying" memorandum, prepared by the

Standing Committee on C. & R., was attached to the report of the 1963 Encampment Committee on C. & R., but had not been specifically considered by it.

It then felt that this "clarification" was sufficient; that no constitutional amendment was necessary, and that this ended the matter, since the record shows (page 54, 83rd Encamp. Proc.) that after much discussion the committee report then presented was accepted.

Now, however, this present committee has been requested to "re-study" this matter of "clarification." It has done so. It adheres to the conclusions reached in that memorandum of two years ago, and restated last year, as indicated above. This conclusion is stated briefly and clearly as the last full paragraph under the sub-heading—"Article III—'Eligibility to Membership'," appearing on page 72 of the Proceedings of the 82nd (1963) Encampment. With the action last year and this restatement, your committee considered the requested "clarification" has been provided, it considers the matter thus ended, and so recommends.

(2). The Committee believes it appropriate to point out at this time that the present terms of all its members will have expired at the close of this encampment; and suggests that the Council of Administration, at its post-encampment meeting, take action to reconstitute the membership in accordance with the resolution adopted in 1962,—page 81, Proc. 81st Encampment.

Respectfully submitted,

William N. Coffin, Chairman
 Fred E. Howe
 Joseph S. Rippey
 Chester S. Shriver
 Arthur L. Ballou
 (Absent at this meeting.)
 COMMITTEE

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Thank you very kindly, Brother Coffin, for the fine and concise report. If there is no objection the report is accepted as read.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Colonel MacPherson, may we have the report of the Committee on Military Affairs read at this time?

REPORT OF NATIONAL MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

August 10, 1965
 Gettysburg, Pa. 17325

To the Officers and Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in the 84th Annual Encampment assembled in the City of Richmond, Virginia.

Greetings:

1. The National Military Affairs Committee continued by the Commandery-in-Chief at the 83rd Annual Encampment in the City of Providence, Rhode Island, herewith submit the following detailed report of the Reserve as of August 1, 1965.

2. The Committee held only one meeting this year, in Richmond, Virginia, Sunday, August 15, 1965. This on account of the time and expense of the various members. The response to the Reserve movement this year in the various Departments has not been so encouraging. Some Department Commanders are of the

opinion the Reserve units in their Department are ignoring them. They do not realize we are working for the good of the Order and not personal glory. I have explained to several of them that the Commander-in-Chief is the same to the Reserve as the President is to the regular services and the Department Commander ranks same as the Governor of the state to the National Guard in time of peace.

3. The Committee feels the Reserve is ignored very often at social functions of the Order. They are of the opinion at least one blue uniformed member of the Reserve should be recognized at such affairs in the future.

4. The three new Districts created last year by the new regulations are as follows together with the Commander of each:

Fourth District embracing the states of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Major E. A. von Frankenberg of West Bend, Wisconsin. 53095.

Fifth District embracing the states of Colorado, Kansas and Wyoming. No District Commander due to the failure of Department officials to reply to correspondence.

Sixth District embracing the states of California, Washington, and Oregon. Major Claude R. Butcher of Lake Oswego, Oregon. 97034.

The State of Illinois was transferred to the Fourth Military District on account of the geographical location. The Department Commander of Illinois was so notified.

5. The new Commander of the Third Military District, Lt. Col. E. Alan Nutt of Hilliard, Ohio, seems to be the right man at last to command this District. He has discarded the deadwood. He is starting almost from scratch, and enlisting members of the Order only. There has been a lot of friction in Ohio between the U.A.C. and the Reserve, caused by the former. Relations with the N.S.A.A. in this state are more or less friendly.

6. The numerical strength of the Department as of 1 August 1965 follows:

Department Headquarters	Officers and Men	8
First District	" " "	231
Second District	" " "	302
Third District	" " "	16
Fourth District	" " "	105
Fifth District	Not organized account Department officers failing to reply to correspondence	
Sixth District	Officers and Men	37
		699

The above includes three units of WAC/SVR who are functioning very nicely and are to be commended. Also shows the loss of ten men over last report.

7. The Centennial is over, however, various units of the Reserve are still participating in some last minute ceremonies. The most cordial relations exist with Col. John A. May, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and various Camps of that organization.

8. The financial report of the Department is included in the report of the Adjutant General, Lt. Col. L. A. Kern, and is made

a part of this report. The Committee requests the Commandery-in-Chief to again include the sum of \$100.00 in the budget for the Department. It will be remembered the Committee last year gave its appropriation of \$100.00 to the General U. S. Grant Association.

9. I, as Chairman of the National Military Affairs Committee, wish to convey my sincere thanks to all members for their splendid cooperation. As the Commander of the National Military Department my thanks and appreciation to the District Commanders and the members of my personal staff for their loyal support. To the Deputy Commander, Colonel Young; the Adjutant General, Lt. Col. Kern; and my Recorders, Lt. Col. Bates and SFC Frantz, my special thanks for their very efficient service.

10. The Committee extends its sincere thanks and appreciation to the Commander-in-Chief Brother Rippey for his understanding of our problems and his many favors. To all Brothers, Thank You.

Fraternally,

O. G. MacPherson
Colonel, S.V.R.
Chairman N.M.A.C.

C. E. Young, Colonel S.V.R.
D. F. Clancy, Colonel S.V.R.
H. L. Dissinger, Colonel S.V.R.
H. E. Arnold, Lt. Colonel S.V.R.
T. A. Chadwick, Lt. Colonel S.V.R.
W. F. Bruckel, Lt. Colonel S.V.R.
F. D. Bates, Lt. Colonel S.V.R. (Appointed by Nat'l. President)
E. A. von Frankenberg, Major S.V.R.
J. Y. Ledwith, Captain S.V.R.

**FINANCIAL REPORT
NATIONAL MILITARY DEPARTMENT
SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE**

1 Aug. 64 - 31 July 65

Balance, 1 August 1964	\$277.16
Receipts:	
1964 National Encampment Donation	\$54.00
Commissions	69.00
Sale of Insignia	46.66
Total Receipts	169.66
	446.82
Expenses:	
Printing (Envelopes, Letterheads)	128.52
Postage	56.18
Telephone	8.50
Insignia Purchases	81.63
Office Supplies	1.83
Total Expenses	276.66
BALANCE, 31 JULY 1965	\$170.16

L. A. KERN
Lt Col, SVR
The Adjutant General

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. It is recommended that the National Military Affairs Committee be continued.
2. The Committee shall consist of the Chairman, three of the six District Commanders, plus one Member-at-Large, with the proviso that any or all members may be removed for cause by the Commander-in-Chief.
3. That the Commander-in-Chief include the appropriation for the Military Department in the budget, not to exceed the sum of \$100.00, to be drawn as required. All monies to be accounted for in the annual report to the Commandery-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Thank you, Colonel, for the very fine report. If there is no objection to it, it will be accepted as read, including the recommendations. Brother Shriver, did you have some comment on the report just given?

National Secretary-Treasurer Shriver: I have one question. In your committee you state three members plus one member-at-large. With your permission could we omit the member-at-large?

Colonel MacPherson: It pertains to my recorder, who is the President of the Auxiliary.

Brother Shriver: I am sure that we can correct this—just a few words will be changed in the recommendations.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Brother Stoudt, will you make a brief report on the current encampment?

National Chief of Staff Stoudt: I hope you are having a pleasant time and if you are not it is no fault of the committee.

COMMITTEE ON RESTORATION OF RANK

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Brother Mackey, do you have a report?

Past Commander-in-Chief Mackey: No name has been submitted to the committee on Restoration of Rank, therefore, we have completed our work.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: We will call for the report of the Auditing Committee of the Council of Administration from Brother James High who is Chairman.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

August 15, 1965

We have received the audit report of the independent certified public accountant who examined the books of the National Secretary-Treasurer, S.V.V.C.W. for the year ending June 30, 1965, and have approved it.

Respectively submitted

Auditing Committee
James L. High
W. Earl Corbin

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: A motion is in order that we accept it.

So moved by Past Department Commander Horbelt, seconded by delegate Bowling, and carried.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Is there anyone who has any new business to bring up at this time? If not, I think we will take a short recess. I want you to know that our musician at this session is Mrs. Elmore J. Houston of Ohio.

Past Department Commander Bradshaw: I am very pleased to be here on this particular occasion, and we have a little something we would like to do at this time. I would like to have the New York delegates assemble down here in the center of the hall, if you will. Brother Furman, come to the rostrum please.

Department Commander Furman of New York: Thank you, Brother Bradshaw. Commander-in-Chief, on behalf of the New York Department I would like to present you with a little gift which I hope you will carry with you. I think it is a pocket organizer and we know you like to be organized at all times.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Thank you very much, all Brothers of my Department. I will enjoy this. It is quite unexpected. I was unable to be at the Department breakfast this morning because I had two committee appointments. Let's try again for a social convocation of all members of the Sons and Auxiliary of the Department.

P. D. C. Bradshaw: This is a wallet we are giving Commander-in-Chief Rippey. We went to quite a bit of trouble to raise the amount of money necessary to buy this particular gift. I would like for him to look at it.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: It is an exquisite gift, and I most appreciate the kindly thoughts of the members of my Department in making this presentation on this occasion. Thank you again most sincerely.

Guide James Cheney: I have the distinct pleasure and honor to introduce to you Mr. John A. May, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: We have the unusual honor to receive today my counterpart of the south, Colonel John A. May, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. This is a special occasion—I do not think we have had this honor in the past. He will not make a lengthy speech at this time, intending to address us later at our banquet. I would like to thank you, Colonel May, for all you have done. We will make you a delegate, with this badge as a little souvenir. And here is a souvenir program of our encampment.

Colonel May: Commander Rippey, General Grant, Gentlemen of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I was introduced a few minutes ago—last night in another place, I was introduced as Commander of the G.A.R. This is your 84th convention, and I just concluded the 70th convention of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. I think this year it is significant that the Commanders of both could meet. This is the first time in history as far as we know that the commander of the Sons of Union Veterans visited the Sons of Confederate Veterans. He did attend two of our programs and we were very happy indeed to have him. I thank Colonel and Mrs. Stout and all of you for the gifts. I am sorry it took 84 years and 70 years for us that we finally got together. Now we are together

and I hope that we shall stay together. Thank you very much.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Thank you very much for the kind words, Colonel May. He has brought his personal aide with him, Mr. Toole. Perhaps we shall be able to meet him later. We would be greatly honored to have him at our banquet tonight. Colonel, would you like to stay with us until we finish this session? Are there any announcements before we recess?

Past Department Commander Woerner asked if Colonel May would autograph a program, and then presented him with the token gift, the pin.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: We will recess until one o'clock this afternoon.

(Recessed at 11:30 A. M.)

Reconvened at 1:00 P. M.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: General Grant, do you have an announcement to make at this time?

General Grant: I will read the resolutions before the committee. There is no business meeting tomorrow to settle this.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: This report is a preliminary report of the resolutions committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

(General Grant read resolutions on the subjects shown below. Final drafts are set forth in full in the minutes of the Thursday morning session.)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Gentlemen, what is your pleasure in regard to this report and the proposed resolutions?

(It was moved by Department Commander Cheney, seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert, and carried, that the proposed resolutions be considered separately. The following action was thereupon taken tentatively)

1. Sons of Union Veterans opposes any modifications of the Connally Reservation. (Approved)
2. Quantanamo Naval Base and Panama Canal. (Approved)
3. Right to work law. (Approved)
4. Non-Federal aid to education. (Approved)
5. Monroe Doctrine—Committee suggests postponement.
6. Jurisdiction of Supreme Court—Committee suggests postponement.
7. Stoppage Communist Propaganda by Post Office. (Approved)
8. Foreign Aid termination—Committee suggests postponement.
9. Communications—Committee suggests deferment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert said he wanted to know why these things could not be resolved now at this session.

General Grant: This is my draft—I was presenting the views of the Committee.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: The Convention would like to take them up now, General.

General Grant: No. 5, Monroe Doctrine. This is a diplomatic matter.

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: We could not demand control of any foreign citizens—we recognize that. It is happening here in this country and in our Consulates. We, the Sons, can stand on our own two feet and say we do not like it.

General Grant: The imposing of penalties in this country has been done on this.

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: We can call attention to these abuses and have something done about it. Let us go on record and say so.

Rev. Partington: The only objections I can see—these countries are beyond our jurisdiction.

Delegate Van Trump: I would suggest the addition of the Department of State.

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: I move that this part of that resolution applying to us be adopted; what happens outside the country be deleted.

(Seconded by Chief of Staff Stoudt, and carried)

(Item 6—Jurisdiction of the U. S. Supreme Court)

General Grant: The wording can be changed to read "and limitations of the Federal Courts."

(Past Department Commander O. G. MacPherson moved adoption, seconded by Past Department Commander Horbelt, carried)

(Item 8—Foreign Aid)

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: Since that was written action has been taken by our Representative to the UN—Goldberg announced that our country has abandoned that standard. They will be allowed to vote without paying their back dues. I suggest we drop this matter.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Does the committee withdraw it?

Rev. Partington: I think we should do a lot more thinking before we pass this resolution. This picture is a lot more broad than we are going at it this afternoon.

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: We are not authorized to be setting up foreign aid policy. We are getting into a field with which we are not familiar enough. I move we leave the word 'practicable' in it and pass it. (Seconded by Department Commander Cheney, and the following standing vote was taken:

59 in favor 5 opposed Carried

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

(As read by Past Commander-in-Chief DeHaven) Chairman

Report of the Commander-in-Chief

The report of Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey is very interesting inasmuch as it shows an analysis of the Departments and Camps with their activities. The commander's professional business

experience permitted him to diagnose and advise upon the wants and needs of the departments and camps. We were fortunate to have his services, giving up lots of his professional time to administer the affairs of our Order. This has not been easy for him, and at times he had planned to be at some occasion of a department or camp and had his own business arise to prevent him from carrying out his visitation. His report is most enlightening and educational. His administration was outstanding.

Recommendation: That it be recommended to the Departments that a professional membership solicitor be engaged in a selected locality to build up the membership of our Order in that locality, this to be on a trial basis to determine the feasibility and success of such procedure for our Order in general, the initial trial to be sponsored by the department organization under the supervision of the appropriate officer or committee, and if successful and feasible for our Order in general in the opinion of the department commander that he recommend it as a whole and to the camps for increase in membership or organization of new camps or both.

We recommend this to the departments for consideration.

Report of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

This report shows a lot of activity and we would say the work was well done.

No recommendations.

Report of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

The report shows that he had been very active in promoting new camps and members.

No recommendations.

Report of the National Secretary-Treasurer

The fine report of Secretary-Treasurer Shriver shows that we were indeed fortunate to have such an efficient officer to take over the duties of this office in the manner that the office was accustomed to by our previous Secretary-Treasurer.

No recommendations.

Report of National Patriotic Instructor

Brother Bowen has proved an efficient worker, both in Patriotic activities and for the G.A.R. Memorial Fund.

No recommendations.

Report of National Chaplain

Brother Yocum has been active in his office and helped to carry out the beautiful Memorial Service of this Encampment.

No recommendations.

Report of National Historian

Again Brother Allen Spink gave a most complete record of our organization during the last year. Many thanks to him for his fine work. The sum of twenty-five dollars was recommended to carry on his work. We concur and refer it to the Budget Committee.

Report of National Graves Registration Officer

Brother Houston has been active in promoting grave registrations and feels there could be more work along this line.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: If there is no objection the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports as presented it will be approved. Thank you Brother DeHaven. What is your pleasure, gentlemen?

(On motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was approved)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: At this time I would like my officers to step before the Altar. (He presented gifts to all of the officers and the stenographer. He thanked each and everyone for their help.)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: The Cup donated by General Grant is to be given to the Department showing the largest increase in enrollment. Chet, will you announce the statistics?

National Secretary-Treasurer Shriver: The No. 3 runner-up department was the Department of Illinois. No. 2 was the Department of Rhode Island. The No. 1 Department was Michigan with 81%.

General Grant presented the cup to Past Commander-in-Chief Urien Mackey, representing the Department of Michigan.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Are there any other of the Encampment appointed committees who have reports to be given at this time.

National Chief of Staff Stoudt: On the length of Brother Glennum's detailed report. Perhaps he has been given a bum steer. The only report that would be expected would be if something should develop applying to our Federal Charter. Until such time as that takes place I cannot see why a report is expected of him. I do not think we should expect it of any officer. It costs a lot of money to put a report of this length into the Proceedings.

Rev. Partington: I understand that at some previous National Encampment it was decided that the reports should not be longer than two pages, except the Commander-in-Chief's. We should not ignore regulations established at previous Encampments.

General Grant: The policy of two page reports is a policy to be followed. If one of the officers has more, he can get permission from the Secretary-Treasurer or the Commander-in-Chief to have the additional subjects covered. I think that is a practical way to handle it.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Will the representatives of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States assemble in the center of the room? General Grant will speak for them.

The following members of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States were introduced:

Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd, Past Commander-in-Chief, MOLLUS, Charles A. Brady, Jr., Roderick Van Trump, William N. Coffin, James L. High, Howard L. Dissinger and Chester S. Shriver.

General Grant: We are happy to be here and we are grateful for the hospitality and kindness shown us. We are honored to present our formal greetings.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: I will ask Brother Partington to respond.

Rev. Partington: (Related story) We are indeed thankful that we have such a fine organization as yours. We ask that you carry our felicitations back to your group.

General Grant: We are all very proud and glad to have served with you, Commander Rippey, when you were and are Commander-in-Chief of this Order. My main concern with the Sons of Union Veterans is the fact that we have no permanent place for museum items, records, etc. I was wondering if it would be worth while to take it up with the Loyal Legion and War Library and possibly have a little Sons of Veterans exhibit there. It would be worth asking. I venture to make this suggestion.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: We are very proud to have seven members of our group in the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

(At this point television cameramen came into the meeting room and took pictures for broadcast.)

(The greetings committee from the New York Department of the Auxiliary was escorted into the room. Mrs. Carrie Lent was the spokesman.) National President Emma Wheeler of New Hampshire and Past National President Anita Selby of Ohio were presented. The Commander-in-Chief called on Mrs. Wheeler for a brief statement.)

National President Emma Wheeler: I convey our greetings to my Commander-in-Chief and to all of your nice fellows—best wishes of the National Auxiliary to you. It is wonderful to see so many of the boys here today. Joe likes to receive checks, so Joe, here is a check from the National Auxiliary—this is yours from your girls.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Thank you very much, Emma. I was going to ask if I could keep this check. I am going to make you an honorary delegate to the Sons of Union Veterans Encampment with this badge. And now the National President of the Auxiliary last year with whom I had many pleasant meetings—Mrs. Anita Selby.

Past National President Anita Selby: I am very happy to be here, and bring you greetings of the Buckeye State and wish for you a very successful convention.

Past National President Edith Paulding: I bring our personal greetings from the New York Department. We know he must have fulfilled our hopes and expectations or you would not have kept him for two years. Brother Joe, the New York Department is thrilled to have had you serve the Sons. Best wishes for the future and appreciation for the way you have always treated our Auxiliary.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: I will ask General Grant to give a response.

General Grant: I am honored, indeed, to be the one selected by our Commander-in-Chief to give our greetings in return to you ladies who have so graciously come in here. You don't know how much we look forward to having you with us. You bring glamour, and the check presented to Joe. With full hearts we thank you for the visit and your continued kindness and help which keeps the Sons a good organization. We owe so much to the Auxiliary. I would like to ask if you would let me "call you sweethearts"?

(Everyone sang "Let Me Call You Sweetheart")

(The ladies thereupon departed, with full escort)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: We will send our delegation for greetings to the ladies under the chairmanship of Past Commander-in-Chief Fred Howe.

(National Secretary-Treasurer Shriver at this point introduced the stenographer)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Further new business may be brought up at our session on Thursday morning. There will be no business session tomorrow, Wednesday, this day being for special events as scheduled in the program. We will recess until Thursday morning, August 19th, at 9:00 o'clock.

(Our greetings were at this time presented to the Auxiliary at their meeting room, with all delegates present forming the committee, and with Past Commander-in-Chief Fred Howe acting as chairman; and to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic at their meeting room, with the Commander-in-Chief and all Past Commanders-in-Chief forming the committee, and with the senior Past Commander-in-Chief present William N. Coffin acting as chairman)

THURSDAY SESSION

August 19, 1965—9 A. M.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: At the joint banquet the Auxiliary gave us a check for \$500.00 for our general fund. I turn it over to our National Secretary-Treasurer now officially.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey recognized Brother Hiram Nickels, a member of York, Pennsylvania Camp 33.

National Chief of Staff Stoudt was authorized \$15.00 for purchase of a wreath to be presented at the Dedication of the United Daughters of the Confederacy Monument at Gettysburg National Military Park on August 25th.

FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Presented for consideration the following submitted by the Department of Massachusetts:

RESOLUTION No. 1

"We, the members of the Massachusetts Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in 83rd Department Encampment, here assembled, do reaffirm our profound dedication to the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and the great truths they maintained and preserved.

One of them, being the inseparable communion of the Emblem of our Country—Old Glory—and the Word of God—the Bible.

We can never agree that the Section of the Flag Code, which rightly proscribes advertising matter on the Flag, does also proscribe the very vital Union of the Star Spangled Banner and Holy Writ, one, in other words, has nothing to do with the other.

We therefore request that the action taken in the National Encampment at Miami Beach, Florida, which removed the Flag and substituted various colored cloths, be rescinded, restoring to us the Flag of our Country—the Union of the Red, White and Blue—with which the Grand Army of the Republic adorned our Altars.

Attest:—

Alfred B. Bowen, Jr.
Commander

Ernest G. Wells

William W. Haskell
Dept. Secretary

William C. Rule

Charles E. Young"

Your Committee believes that there is some misunderstanding by the Massachusetts Department in interpreting the action taken in Miami. There is nothing to prohibit use of the Flag at the Altar, only that not even the Bible should be placed on top of the flag, and that our Order should be meticulous in observing the letter of the policy established by law for protection of the dignity and sanctity of the Flag. The Bible may be placed on the Altar next to but not on the Flag. A Flag may be stood near to the Altar—many alternative arrangements are possible.

(The following prepared by the Committee:)

RESOLUTION No. 2

Whereas, Hearings are being held by the House and Senate Sub-Committees on Immigration to greatly liberalize the McCarran-Walter Act; and

Whereas, these proposed bills would give increased discretionary power to appointed officials of the Executive Branch of the Government to determine the annual quota of any quota area; and

Whereas, the bills would pool unused quotas to be reassigned, and

Whereas, an increase of the number of immigrants to 250,000 is acknowledged with non-quota immigrants including refugees adding more than 100,000 additional, and

Whereas, we now have a serious unemployment problem of young people, older people, negroes, American Indians seeking jobs, with automation eliminating 2,000,000 jobs a year, the United States Department of Commerce claiming that about 5,000,000 are unemployed and 8,000,000 on relief; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at our 1965 National Encampment in Richmond, earnestly opposes such legislation and would welcome the support of other patriotic organizations and individuals to work for the retention of the McCarran-Walter Act without any changes or weakening amendments. We urge all our members to write their Congressmen and Senators protesting any change in the McCarran-Walter Act.

RESOLUTION No. 3

Whereas, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in National Encampment assembled, views with concern and deep regret the large amount of legislation of an obviously socialistic tendency or in the opinion of many inconsistent with the intent of our National Constitution:

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

That the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

1. Oppose any modification or weakening of the Connally Reservation, reserving the right of the United States to decide what

matters are essentially domestic in character and within the jurisdiction of the United States and therefore not subject to the jurisdiction of the United Nations World Court.

2. Also oppose any yielding of the United States sovereignty and control of the Panama Canal or Guantanamo Naval Base.

3. And further oppose any limitation of the States' jurisdiction over "right to work" laws and similar matters of largely local interest reserved to the States by the Constitution.

4. And finally oppose the Federal Government's contributions to the cost of education and similar financial aid to the States which inevitably extend Federal control over matters heretofore responsibilities of the States.

5. We earnestly urge effective enforcement of the Monroe Doctrine and appropriate protection of the United States flag and property abroad;

6. We urge the Congress to define more precisely the jurisdiction and limitations of Federal Courts.

7. We further urge the stoppage of free distribution of Communist propaganda by the Post Office Department, and the establishment of appropriate penalties for malicious injuries to public property and deliberate violations of the flag code at home.

8. We further urge that foreign aid be terminated as soon as practicable and accounts be audited and settled.

9. Finally, we urge our members to communicate personally these recommendations to their Senators and Representatives in Congress, and ask their active assistance in making them effective at every possible opportunity.

RESOLUTION No. 4

RESOLVED that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War request the Postmaster General to issue a special stamp in 1966 to commemorate the Centennial of the Founding of the Grand Army of the Republic.

RESOLUTION No. 5

RESOLVED that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War support the President in his announced policy in regard to support to Vietnam's resistance to Communism.

RESOLUTION No. 6

RESOLVED that the usual resolutions of thanks to those who have extended courtesies to us at this Encampment are hereby adopted and that the National Secretary-Treasurer is requested and authorized to prepare them in appropriate form.

GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM THE AUXILIARY

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: We will suspend the regular order of business to receive the delegation from the Ladies of the G.A.R., National President Mrs. Alma Blixt.

Mrs. Blixt: Commander-in-Chief, I am very happy to have the opportunity of coming here to bring greetings from my organization, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. We hope that you have had a successful session and that it will come to a very successful conclusion. I have a little gift for you. I wish for each and everyone a very happy journey home.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Thank you very much, Mrs. Blixt. This is quite unexpected. I would like to make you an honorary delegate to our own encampment with this badge as a souvenir. Brother DeHaven, will you respond to the ladies?

Past Commander-in-Chief Albert DeHaven: National President, Past National Presidents, one of the most pleasant events during our convention is when our ladies come in here and bring greetings. You have brought greetings here which I know are welcome and sincere. Each and every one of us appreciates it. I personally know of a lot of the fine work of the Ladies of the G.A.R. I speak for every one of us when I say we appreciate all you are doing and the things you accomplish. When you go back to your meeting, please express to your sisters that we appreciate your greetings to us and wish everyone of them Godspeed.

(The representatives were escorted from the room.)

Department Commander Furman: I move that an invitation be extended to the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and all members to attend our convention in Grand Rapids. Seconded by Past Department Commander Horbelt.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: I recommend all these suggestions be referred to the incoming Commander-in-Chief and Council of Administration.

(The motion and the second were withdrawn.)

(The Commander-in-Chief referred this to the incoming administration.)

Past Department Commander Bradshaw moved that the death of Brother Baker in Ovid, N. Y., Camp Commander, be noted in the minutes. Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Howe, and carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND CEREMONIALS

Past Commander-in-Chief Arnold: Your committee has no additional changes or recommendations to make in our Ritual other than the previous resolutions passed at our 82nd Annual National Encampment held in Miami Beach, Florida in 1963. These changes are printed on page 70 of our National Proceedings for the 82nd Encampment and pertain to changes in the wording of our Ritual and Ceremony for the arrangement of the Altar.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: What is your pleasure as to the report of this committee.

Delegate Van Trump: I move that this report be accepted. Seconded by Delegate Faust. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

(All resolutions in final form as hereinbefore presented by the committee on resolutions were adopted)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: May we have the report of the Budget Committee of the Council of Administration?

(Past Department Commander High of Illinois made the report for the committee)

(Moved to be accepted by National Chaplain Yocum, and seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Harold Arnold, and carried)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: I will at this time discharge all

committees appointed for the year except the Committee on Credentials. Many thanks for the excellent work that has been done by these people to produce the results as shown by the final reports.

(A rising vote of thanks was given to the Pennsylvania Department for the fine Encampment)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: We will now hear from any Delegate on any subject for the good of the Order.

(There followed discussions on many items, including the subject of the preservation of valuable relics and mementos held by Camps and Departments, their public display, and a central repository such as the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D. C. or an adequate museum.)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: May we now have the final report of the National Patriotic Instructor.

National Patriotic Instructor Bowen: Brothers, this represents the final report of donations recorded for the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund and my pleasure to announce that the total of \$923.00 have been received during the past year to date. I submit my report of Department, Camps, and individual contributors.

**GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC MEMORIAL FUND 1964-1965
DONATIONS TO NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS**

CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC	
Harrison Walker	\$ 3.00
Roy Pennington	5.00
Nina Wagner	2.00
Total	10.00

COLORADO	0.00
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CONNECTICUT	
C. Newton Brown	1.00
Allan Spink	1.00
Robert Daniels	1.00
Leon Crocker	1.00
Harry Grinnell	1.00
G. A. Gear	1.00
Connecticut Dept.	10.00
Upham Camp 7	10.00
Nathalie Linnell	5.00
James Ledwith	1.00
Total	32.00

ILLINOIS	
James B. Downing	5.00
DeWitt Eberharth	2.00
George T. Pfeiffer	5.00
James L. High	65.00
Illinois Dept.	25.00
John Brooks Davis	5.00
Charles Brady Jr.	15.00
Richard J. VanTrump ..	15.00
Roderick VanTrump Sr. ..	15.00
Roderick VanTrump Jr. ..	15.00
C. A. Bradshaw	1.00
Total	168.00

INDIANA	
Charles L. Todd	2.00

IOWA	
Lyle McFall	10.00
Jacob Kirchner	20.00
Total	30.00

KANSAS	0.00
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MAINE	
Maurice Warner	1.00
Albert DeHaven	2.00
Maine Dept.	10.00

Sumner Field	1.00
Total	14.00

MARYLAND-DELAWARE	
William Irvin	1.00
U. S. Grant 3rd	25.00
Arthur Glennon	1.00
Total	27.00

MASSACHUSETTS	
Edward Loke	3.00
Dana Lincoln	1.00
Camp 116, Hanson	2.00
Gil Harrington	1.00
Minnie Madeiros	5.00
Clarence Young	1.00
Harold Drown	2.00
William Rule	1.00
Lewis Adams	1.00
Herbert Bogue	2.00
George Foster	5.00
Camp 6, Beverly	50.00
Mildred Hall	3.00
Auxiliary 25, Penny Sale ..	42.00
Alice Chamberlain	2.25
Auxiliary 25	7.00
William Haskell	1.00
Addison Quinn	1.00
Allan Howland	1.00
Camp 81, Chelsea	5.00
John Day	1.00
Camp 15, Springfield	2.00
Personal	25.00
Massachusetts Dept.	50.00
Ursula Shepardson	5.00
Maude Warren	5.00
Dorothy Newell	2.00
Charles Hooper	1.00
Clarence Young	1.00
Memory of Benjamin Franklin Drown	2.00
Leslie Covey, Jr.	1.00

Total	233.25
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MICHIGAN	
Nellie Smith	1.00
Blair Camp 7	5.00
Total	6.00

MINNESOTA

Camp 8, Minneapolis	5.00
George Bailey	1.00
Total	6.00

MISSOURI

Ethelyn Gray	1.00
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NEW HAMPSHIRE

Cleon Heald	5.00
Ethelyn Tucker	1.00
Kenneth Wheeler	1.75
New Hampshire Dept.	5.00
Bob Lawrence	5.00
Total	17.75

NEW YORK

Florence Mantel	5.00
Margaret Schroeder	1.00
Allied Orders of N. Y.	5.00
Mayme Dwyer	1.00
Charles Leib	2.00
Howard Bunker	1.00
Ray Barber	1.00
Joseph Rippey	25.00
John Stark	5.00
Fred Howe	5.00
Neil Kramer	2.00
David Longstreet	20.00
John H. Berry	1.00
Norman Furman	1.00
Truman Vincent	1.00
Fred Isaacs	1.00
Total	77.00

NEW JERSEY

Fred Dayton, Camp 5	5.00
Albert C. Lambert	5.00
F. Ward Mayr	5.00
Louis A. Moushey	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Al Lambert	5.00
New Jersey Dept.	10.00
Andrew Richardson	2.00
Camp 12, Bloomfield	5.00
Total	51.00

OHIO

Romayne B. Tussey	5.00
Earl B. Swisher	5.00
Fred Pfiester Jr.	5.00
McLaughlin Camp 12	5.00

Paul Selby	5.00
William Coffin, Grant Camp, Ohio Dept.	10.00
Total	35.00

OREGON-WASHINGTON

Fred W. Davis	10.00
Eugene Camp 17	5.00
Total	15.00

PENNSYLVANIA

Howard Dissenger	5.00
Mary Liddick	2.00
Memory of John Runkel..	5.00
Gen. Meade Camp 16	1.00
Camp 54	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. Kermit Wilson..	1.00
C. E. Epright	3.00
O.G. Macpherson	10.00
R. L. Beckwith	25.00
Pennsylvania Dept.	15.00
Camp 182	2.00
Robert E. Swayne	5.00
John Erskine	5.00
Chester S. Shriver	30.00
Jack Yocum	5.00
Leroy Stoudt	5.00
Mrs. John Runkle	5.00
Memory of John Runkle..	1.00
Ivan Frantz	1.00
Ed Kramer	1.00
Wilbur Deitz	1.00
Total	124.00

RHODE ISLAND

Mr. & Mrs. Dexter Coombs	2.00
Leo E. Burrows	1.00
Perley Wallace	2.00
Harold Arnold	5.00
George Strait	2.00
Fred Arnold	1.00
Wallace Macomber	1.00
William Perry	1.00
Joseph Randell	1.00
Earl M. Hintz Sr.	1.00
Earl M. Hintz Jr.	1.00
Harry Barber	6.00
Earl Carlson	1.00
Henry Downing	1.00
Rhode Island Dept.	10.00
Camp 6, Westerley	5.00
Total	41.00

VERMONT

Walter Berry	1.00
Vermont Dept.	5.00
Ned Durkee	1.00
Arthur Ballou	1.00
Roy Ring	1.00
Ernest Eddy	2.00
Thomas Chadwick	5.00

Total 16.00

WISCONSIN

Wisconsin Dept.	1.00
Milwaukee Camp 1	1.00
Total	2.00

CAMPS AT LARGE

Fred Wolf Sr., Florida	5.00
Richard Bauer, Virginia	10.00

Total 15.00

TOTALS BY DEPARTMENTS

California-Pacific	\$ 10.00
Colorado-Wyoming	0.00
Connecticut	32.00
Illinois	168.00
Indiana	2.00
Iowa	30.00
Kansas	0.00
Maine	14.00
Maryland-Delaware	27.00
Massachusetts	233.25
Michigan	6.00
Minnesota	6.00
Missouri	1.00
New Hampshire	17.75
New York	77.00
New Jersey	51.00
Ohio	35.00
Oregon-Washington	15.00
Pennsylvania	124.00
Rhode Island	41.00
Vermont	16.00
Wisconsin	2.00
Members at Large	15.00
	<u>\$923.00</u>

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Thank you Brother Bowen for that outstanding report and you have done credit to the office for which you have been elected one year ago.
 (The applause of the encampment followed)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: May we now have the report of the Budget Committee for 1965-1966:

Council of Administration member James L. High submitted the following report:

PROPOSED BUDGET—1965-1966

RECEIPTS:

Per Capita Tax—3700 members at \$1.00	\$3,700.00
Registration Fee—115 members at \$2.00	230.00
Sale of Supplies	800.00
BANNER Subscriptions	1,200.00
Auxiliary Gift	500.00
Total Receipts	\$6,430.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

The BANNER	\$1,800.00
Commander-in-Chief Expense	1,000.00
Nat'l. Secretary-Treasurer Expense & Salary	1,200.00
Supplies	500.00
Encampment Expense	350.00
Shipping Expense (Supplies)	75.00
Rental of National Headquarters	100.00
Printing, Stationary and Postage	200.00
Proceedings (1965)	700.00
C.P.A. Audit	150.00
Miscellaneous (Including P. C. in C. Badge)	150.00
Testimonial for C. in C. Joseph S. Rippey	100.00
Total Disbursements	\$6,325.00
Credit Balance	105.00

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appropriations from the Nat'l Patr. Instr.	
G.A.R. Memorial Fund:	
For National Historians Expense	\$ 25.00
For Committee on Grave Marking	25.00
For Expense of G.A.R. Highway Committee ...	25.00
For Lincoln Tomb Expense	350.00
For Wreaths at Cathedral of the Pines and Gettysburg	40.00
For G.A.R. Camp Fire Expense at National ...	200.00
For The American Coalition	25.00
For the Lincoln Memorial Exercises	30.00
For NMD, SVR	100.00
Total Expense	\$ 820.00

W. Earl Corbin, Chairman
James L. High

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Are there any questions regarding this report?

Past Department Commander John Yocum: I move you that this report be accepted as read; Seconded by P.C. in C. Harold Arnold.
(Motion Carried)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: May we now have a final report on the committee on Credentials:

FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Chairman John Junge: There are 117 registered delegates, of whom 14 are absent.

Moved by Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin that the voting strength of the meeting be 103. Seconded by Delegate Glennum, and carried.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Nominations are in order for the office of Commander-in-Chief.

(The National Secretary-Treasurer proceeded to call the roll of the Departments.)

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin of the Department of Ohio: I come before you, Brothers, this morning, representing the Department of Ohio, to present for your consideration for the high office of Commander-in-Chief, W. Earl Corbin. I think that in the past 50 years we have had three from Ohio as Commander-in-Chief. The last one was in 1933. In this century we have had four. This year we have a Brother who has served the Ohio Department as its Department Commander for two terms beginning in 1954 and ending in 1956. He has served the Commandery-in-Chief for two years, the first year being as a Member of the Council of Administration. Just now he is our Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. He is earnest and sincere and has filled every office to the best of his capacity. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to present his name to you as a candidate for the office of Commander-in-Chief.

National Counsellor Grant: I would like to endorse the nomination of Brother Corbin for Commander-in-Chief.

(Department Commander Cheney of Massachusetts seconded the nomination)

(The roll call was completed)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: There being no other nominations, a motion is in order that the National Secretary-Treasurer cast one unanimous ballot for Brother Earl Corbin for Commander-in-Chief.

(So moved by Past Commander-in-Chief DeHaven, seconded by Past Department Commander Isaacs, and carried)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Brother Corbin, do you accept the office?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Corbin: I do.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Nominations are in order for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(The National Secretary-Treasurer proceeded with the call of the roll of Departments)

Past Department Commander McCoy: May I approach the podium?

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Yes, sir.

Past Department Commander McCoy: Commander-in-Chief Rippey, General Grant: as a member of the delegation from California I have been asked to place in nomination one of our very distinguished members. This is my first appearance before you, so I will give a little introduction of myself. Our candidate for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief is Frank Woerner. He is well known here to the members of this organization. He is a man of outstanding ability. He has devoted time, energy, and mileage to the San Diego Camp. He first joined in 1917. He is now the most senior Department Commander in our Camp. He is serving his 9th year as Department Secretary. He has recruited over 100 members in our organization. I think he is fitted for the high office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. On behalf of the Department of California I submit to you the name of Frank Woerner for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. He will not set back and "let George do it". He will do a good job.

National Secretary-Treasurer Shriver: The roll has been called.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: There being no other nominations, a motion is in order that the National Secretary-Treasurer cast one unanimous ballot for Frank Woerner for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(It was moved by Past Commander Cheney, seconded by Past Department Commander Horbelt, and carried)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Brother Woerner, do you accept?

Past Department Commander Woerner: Yes, I do.

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Nominations are now in order for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Shriver: It is with a great deal of pleasure that I have been extended the honor to place in nomination for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief one of the finest dedicated brothers of this organization. This man cannot boast one-half century in this organization, but he has devoted a great deal to his Camp. He became well acquainted in our community as a dedicated Civil War scholar. He will soon request retirement, which means that he will be able to devote time to this office. He has served faithfully as Department Commander, and has worked on the preservation of museum items for the Grand Army. His service speaks for itself. It is with a great deal of pleasure that I place the name of John Stark as nominee for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(The roll call of the Departments was completed)

(There being no other nomination for the office, it was moved by Delegate Young, seconded by Delegate Glennum, and carried, that the National Secretary-Treasurer cast one unanimous ballot for John Stark for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. The office was accepted by the nominee)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Nominations for one member of the Council of Administration are now in order. We have presently one to be elected for a term of two years.

Department Commander James Cheney: It gives me a great deal of pleasure today to nominate a man from my own Department, a member for over 50 years. I put in nomination the name of Harold Drown for member of the Council of Administration.

(The roll call of the Departments was completed)

(No other nominations being made, it was moved by Delegate Young, seconded by Delegate Black, and carried, that the National Secretary-Treasurer cast one unanimous ballot for Harold Drown for the office of member of the Council of Administration. The office was accepted by the nominee.)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Nominations are in order for the office of National Secretary-Treasurer.

National Chief of Staff Stoudt: The Department of Pennsylvania presents a brother who has served you for a year and a half as National Secretary-Treasurer. He has served you well. I am pleased to offer you the name of Chester Shriver.

(The roll call of the Departments was completed)

(There being no other nominations, it was moved by Delegate Black, seconded by Department Commander Cheney, and carried, that the National Secretary-Treasurer cast one unanimous ballot for Chester Shriver for the office of National Secretary-Treasurer)

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Brother Shriver, do you accept the office?

National Secretary-Treasurer Shriver: I accept, with pleasure.

(Closing announcements were made at this time)

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Commander-in-Chief-Elect, Brother Corbin, have you chosen your installing officer, your guide and chaplain?

Commander-in-Chief-Elect Corbin: Brother Coffin is my installing officer; Brother Cheney, the guide; and Rev. Partington, chaplain.

(The installation of officers followed in ritualistic form)

The Commander-in-Chief asked the National Secretary-Treasurer to read the following appointments:

National Pat'l. Instr.—Kenneth Wheeler, Vermont

National Counselor—Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd, Maryland

National Chief of Staff—C. LeRoy Soudt, Pennsylvania

National Historian—Allen F. Spink, Connecticut

National Chaplain—John C. Yocum, Pennsylvania

National Graves Registration Officer—Paul G. Selby, Ohio

National Personal Aide—Paul E. Grate, Ohio

National D. C. Representative—Arthur R. Glennum, Maryland

(The guide introduced the Commander-in-Chief-Elect, and escorted him to the platform)

The National Secretary-Treasurer, on behalf of the Council of Administration, presented to Past Commander-in-Chief Rippey a "Life Member" pin in token of his second year as Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Corbin: I am sure it will take some work on my part and of my officers to do better than Joe and his predecessor Chester. I hope to do the best I can for all of you. I know that all the brothers here assembled will assist me. You will be called upon several times for several duties. Please be prepared to help me and I will do the best I can.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Woerner: I am at a loss for words. If all goes well we will try and have two more Camps this year.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Stark: I am truly appreciative of the honor that has been given to me, to you Brothers assembled and to my own Pennsylvania Department. I will do all I can in this capacity.

National Patriotic Instructor Wheeler: I wish to thank you for the opportunity to serve in this office, but from the report of my predecessor I am afraid I have a big job on my hands. I will try to do my very best to better the excellent report that was turned in today. I will do the best I can and will probably have my hand out.

National Chief of Staff Stoudt: Thank you all for coming to Richmond and joining with us in this fine Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: I move you, that the minutes of this Encampment when transcribed by the stenographer and approved by the Past Commander-in-Chief Rippey and the National Secretary-Treasurer be the official proceedings of the Encampment.

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

The Encampment was thereupon closed in Ritualistic form.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

August 19, 1965

The Council of Administration meeting, following the close of the 84th annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was held at 2:00 p. m., Thursday, August 19, 1965 in the Headquarters Suite of the John Marshall Hotel, Richmond, Virginia.

Those present included:

Commander-in-Chief, W. Earl Corbin
 Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, Frank Woerner
 Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, John H. Stark
 Council Member, Harold Drown
 Council Member, Joseph S. Rippey
 National Secretary-Treasurer, Chester S. Shriver
 Past National Secretary-Treasurer, Albert C. Lambert
 Past Department Commander, Charles A. Brady, Jr.

Commander-in-Chief elect, W. Earl Corbin presided.

The following matters were presented:

(1) Past Commander-in-Chief and Past National Secretary-Treasurer, Albert C. Lambert, submitted his resignation as Editor of the BANNER. The request for this action was accepted with regrets but praise was given by every Brother present, for the excellent work and effort that Brother Lambert did for the BANNER the years that he edited and published it. His recommendation was that Past Department Commander of Illinois, Charles A. Brady, Jr., be chosen as the new Editor to begin his duties as of January 1, 1966. A motion was made by Brother Shriver, seconded by Brother Woerner, to accept with deep regrets, the resignation of Brother Lambert and included the praise for his untiring efforts and interest in making available an excellent publication during the many years he served as Editor of the BANNER. Motion carried.

(2) Action was taken to name a successor to Brother Lambert's resignation. A motion by Brother Rippey, seconded by Brother Stark, that PDC Charles A. Brady, Jr., be named as the new Editor with his duties to begin January 1, 1966. Motion carried.

(3) With Brother Brady accepting the action, Council then moved to continue the BANNER for another year at a cost of \$1800.00 which has been provided for in the 1965-1966 Budget. Motion carried.

(4) Commander-in-Chief Corbin asked for the Council's continued support of his administration as just elected.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 P. M.

(Signed) W. Earl Corbin
 Commander-in-Chief

(Signed) Chester S. Shriver
 National Secretary-Treasurer

EIGHTY-FOURTH ENCAMPMENT ROLL

Richmond, Virginia

August 15-19, 1965

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

NATIONAL OFFICERS

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 (Registered, not Present)

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- Past Com.—Urien W. Mackey
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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	
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. Ireland	Maryland	
1926	*Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts	
1927	*Walter C. Mabie	Pennsylvania	
1928	*Delevan Bates Bowley	Calif. & Pacific	
1929	*Theodore C. Cazeau	New York	

<i>Elected</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Address</i>
1930	*Allan S. Holbrook	Illinois	
1931	*Frank C. Huston	Indiana	
1932	*Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania	
1933	*Park F. Yengling	Ohio	
1934	*Frank L. Kirchgassner	Massachusetts	
1935	*Richard F. Locke	Illinois	
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	
1941	Albert C. Lambert	New Jersey	P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.
1942	*Henry Towle	Maine	
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	568 Robinson St., Elmira, N. Y.
1947	*Charles H. E. Moran	Massachusetts	
1948	*Perle L. Fouch	Michigan	
1949	*John H. Runkle	Pennsylvania	
1950	Cleon E. Heald	New Hampshire	21 High St., Keene, N. H.
1951	Roy J. Bennett	Iowa	924 Loomis Ave., Des Moines 15, Iowa
1952	Frederick K. Davis	Ore. & Wash.	416 Fair Oaks Drive, Eugene, Oregon
1953	U. S. Grant, 3rd	Maryland	1135 21st St., N.W.
1954	Maj.-Gen., U.S.A., Ret.		Washington 6, D. C.
1955	*Frederic Gilbert Bauer	Massachusetts	123 Heights Road, Ridgewood, N. J.
1956	Fred E. Howe	New York	1345 Michigan Ave., Niagara Falls, N. Y.
1957	Albert B. DeHaven	Maine	35 Berwick St., Sanford, Me.
1958	*Earl F. Riggs	California & Pacific	403 N. Fern Ave., Ontario, California
1959	Harold E. Arnold	Rhode Island	P. O. Box 41, Coventry, R. I.
1960	Thomas A. Chadwick	Vermont	R.F.D. No. 1, Box 81, Chester, Vt.
1961	*Charles L. Messer	New York	
1962	Chester S. Shriver	Pennsylvania	P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa.
1963	Joseph S. Rippey	New York	165 Linden Street, Rochester, New York
1964	Joseph S. Rippey	New York	

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	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1890	†George T. Brown	New York	

Honor Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief

1883	*A. P. Davis	Pennsylvania
1899	*R. M. J. Reed	Pennsylvania
1939	*Horace H. Hammer	Pennsylvania
1953	*Albert Woolson	Minnesota

PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDER

E. Howard Gilkey Ohio

* Deceased

† Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief.

NATIONAL 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	Ningara Falls	New York
28th	1909	Aug. 24-26	Washington	D. C.
29th	1910	Sept. 20-22	Atlantic City	New Jersey
30th	1911	Aug. 22-25	Rochester	New York
31st	1912	Aug. 27-29	St. Louis	Missouri
32nd	1913	Sept. 16-18	Chattanooga	Tennessee
33rd	1914	Sept. 1-3	Detroit	Michigan
34th	1915	Sept. 28-30	Washington	D. C.
35th	1916	Aug. 30-31	Kansas City	Missouri
36th	1917	Aug. 22-23	Boston	Massachusetts
37th	1918	Aug. 20-21	Niagara Falls	New York
38th	1919	Sept. 9-11	Columbus	Ohio
39th	1920	Sept. 22-24	Indianapolis	Indiana
40th	1921	Sept. 27-29	Indianapolis	Indiana
41st	1922	Sept. 26-28	Des Moines	Iowa
42nd	1923	Sept. 4-6	Milwaukee	Wisconsin
43rd	1924	Aug. 12-14	Boston	Massachusetts
44th	1925	Sept. 1-3	Grand Rapids	Michigan
45th	1926	Sept. 21-23	Des Moines	Iowa
46th	1927	Sept. 13-15	Grand Rapids	Michigan
47th	1928	Sept. 18-20	Denver	Colorado
48th	1929	Sept. 10-12	Portland	Maine
49th	1930	Aug. 26-28	Cincinnati	Ohio
50th	1931	Sept. 14-17	Des Moines	Iowa
51st	1932	Sept. 19-22	Springfield	Illinois
52nd	1933	Sept. 19-21	St. Paul	Minnesota

<i>No.</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>State</i>
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	Indiannapolis	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	Indiannapolis	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
76th	1957	Aug. 18-22	Detroit	Michigan
76th	1957	Aug. 18-22	Detroit	Michigan
77th	1958	Aug. 17-21	Boston	Massachusetts
78th	1959	Aug. 16-20	Long Beach	California
79th	1960	Aug. 21-25	Springfield	Illinois
80th	1961	Aug. 20-24	Indianapolis	Indiana
81st	1962	Aug. 19-23	Washington	D. C.
82nd	1963	Aug. 18-22	Miami Beach	Florida
83rd	1964	Aug. 16-20	Providence	Rhode Island
84th	1965	Aug. 15-19	Richmond	Virginia

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."

<i>Department</i>	<i>Seniority Rank</i>	<i>Date Instituted</i>	<i>June 30, 1965 Membership</i>	<i>Delegates</i>
California and Pacific	19	July 1, 1886	173	4
Colorado and Wyoming	23	March 22, 1929	13	1
Connecticut	5	May 15, 1883	152	4
Illinois	10	July, 1883	132	4
Indiana	18	June 12, 1885	62	2
Iowa	6	June 2, 1883	59	2
Kansas	9	June, 1883	35	2
Maine	4	April 10, 1883	208	5
Maryland	20	June 15, 1887	61	2
Massachusetts	2	July 17, 1882	668	14
Michigan			130	4
Minnesota	17	January 1, 1885	18	1
New Hampshire	1	August, 1883	101	3
New Jersey	8	June 14, 1883	194	5
New York	13	Nov. 6, 1883	443	10
Ohio	3	August 1, 1882	206	5
Oregon and Washington	22	June 8, 1923	46	2
Pennsylvania	1	July 4, 1882	705	15
Rhode Island	14	Feb. 14, 1884	152	4
Vermont	12	October, 1883	133	4
Wisconsin	21	September, 1887	59	2
Camp 21, Beaufort, S. C.			14	1
Nat'l Members at Large			9	1
			3,773	97



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