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GRAND BANQUET

Tuesday, August 12, 1975

7:00 P.M. — Ballroom

- The National Anthem
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation Martha Dawson, National Chaplain
Aux. to S.U.V.C.W.
- Dinner
- Welcome by Chief of Staff of the Auxiliary Ann E. Willeke
- Master of Ceremonies Chester S. Shriver
P.C. in C., S.U.V.C.W.
- Remarks John H. Stark
C. in C., S.U.V.C.W.
Jessie G. Wells
N.P., Aux. to S.U.V.C.W.
- Introduction of National Officers, Sons and Auxiliary
- Introduction of Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents
- Tribute to P.C. in C. Albert C. Lambert
C. LeRoy Stoudt
P.C. in C., S.U.V.C.W.
- Presentation of Guests
- Announcements
- Benediction William C. Rule
National Chaplain, S.U.V.C.W.
- Grand March
- Reception by National Officers
- Dancing

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

A Meeting of the Council of Administration of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held on Sunday, August 10, 1975 in the Headquarters Suite of the Americana Hotel, Rochester, New York.

Commander-in-Chief John H. Stark called the meeting to Order at 1:30 p.m. with the following present:

Commander-in-Chief	John H. Stark
Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief	Robert J. Wolz
Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief	Robert A. Lawrence
Council Member	Allen B. Howland
Council Member	Joseph S. Rippey
National Secretary-Treasurer	Chester S. Shriver
Representing the National Counselor ...	Fred H. Combs, Jr.

1. The minutes of the Council of Administration meeting of August 21, 1974 held at Bretton Woods, New Hampshire were read by the National Secretary-Treasurer. Acceptance was made on a motion by Brother Wolz, seconded by Brother Howland and approved as read.

2. A printed resume of the Financial and Membership reports for the year ending June 30, 1975 was read by the National Secretary-Treasurer and copies distributed to members of the Council. Copies of the CPA Report were also reviewed.

3. The report of the Organization's publication — THE BANNER was submitted by Brother Fred H. Combs, Jr., Editor. A refund check in the amount of \$301.13 was turned over to the Order representing the surplus after expenditures for the four (4) publications during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975. Brother Shriver extended commendation to Brother Combs for the fine publications provided, which have added prestige to our Order as well as direct communication to the membership, and moved to accept the report. Seconded by Brother Howland and carried.

4. National Secretary Shriver and BANNER Editor Combs reported that loss of contact with the Department of Minnesota had been experienced the last year and several mailings of Per-Capita Tax Reports, Membership Reports and copies of the BANNER have been returned by the Post Office marked — deceased. A motion was made by Brother Lawrence, seconded by Brother Wolz that the Department be dropped from the Roster due to the lack of submitting proper reports. Carried.

5. A letter from the City of Port Angeles, Washington dated February 5, 1975 requesting our Order to grant certain changes in the Quit Claim Deed of August 31, 1970 which were approved by the Council of Administration for the provision of granting permission to the City of Port Angeles, Washington to provide care for the burial plots of Section 1 of the Ocean View Cemetery in which wives and members of the immediate families of the Grand Army of the Republic are buried, and other blood lineal descendants of any member of the Grand Army of

the Republic, and that no charge shall be made for the burial spaces, was read by Brother Shriver.

Following discussion on certain legal procedures which could become involved, Brother Rippey moved we table the request for the adjusted Deed until further study could be made. Seconded by Brother Shriver. Carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Chester S. Shriver
National Secretary-Treasurer

John H. Stark
Commander-in-Chief

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HEADQUARTERS: Americana Hotel
Rochester, New York

Sessions: Genesee Room Monday — August 11, 1975

The Officers and Delegates of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War assembled in the Stuart Room Section of the Grand Ballroom for their traditional Joint Opening at 9:30 a.m. under the direction of Miss Ann Willeke and C. Leroy Stoudt, National Chiefs of Staff of the Auxiliary and Sons, respectively. A very colorful setting was provided by the Department Commanders and Department Presidents which included the formation of an arch of crossed flags which provided a "guard of Honor" under which the National Officers of the Sons and Auxiliary were introduced and presented to the delegates assembled. The setting provided the true feeling of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty — the principles for which the Orders are dedicated.

Following the greetings extended by Commander-in-Chief John H. Stark and Auxiliary National President Jessie G. Wells, the Sons retired from the Ballroom to open their sessions as follows:

MONDAY SESSIONS

August 11, 1975

Commander-in-Chief Stark: The Officers and Delegates of the Ninety-fourth Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans please come to Order.

At this time I would ask the National Secretary to announce the floor officers who will serve for this Encampment:

Guide Edwin Kramer, P.D.C., Pennsylvania

Inside Guard Harry Furman, P.D.C., New York

Color Bearer James Y. Ledwith, P.D.C., Connecticut

Will the National Secretary please call the Roll of the National Officers?

(All responded present except Brothers Albert C. Lambert, Arthur Glenum and Burton Kannenberg.)

Commander-in-Chief Stark: At this time I would ask the National Secretary to read the Encampment Committees to serve this Encampment.

ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEES CREDENTIALS

Harry E. Gibbons, Chairman	P.D.C., New York
William W. Vanderhoof, Jr.	P.D.C., New Jersey
Kenneth Wheeler	P.D.C., New Hampshire
Eugene Russell	D.C., Massachusetts
Warren Boulester	D.C., Rhode Island
Robert McMahon	P.D.C., New York

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Norman R. Furman	P.C. in C., New York
George L. Cashman	P.C. in C., Illinois
Eugene Russell	D.C., Massachusetts
Richard O. Partington	P.D.C., Pennsylvania
Richard Wyman	D.C., New Hampshire

RESOLUTIONS

Cleon E. Heald	P.C. in C., New Hampshire
Kenneth Ekstrand	D.C., New Jersey
William L. Simpson	D.C., Pennsylvania
Edward E. Biering	P.D.C., Wisconsin
Richard Greenwalt	P.D.C., Ohio

CONSTITUTION & REGULATIONS

Joseph S. Rippey	P.C. in C., New York
John C. Yocum	P.C. in C., Pennsylvania
Norman R. Furman	P.C. in C., New York
Albert C. Lambert	P.C. in C., New Jersey
Chester S. Shriver	P.C. in C., Pennsylvania

RITUAL & CEREMONY

William W. Haskell	P.C. in C., Massachusetts
Charles P. Lowe	P.D.C., Iowa
Ned L. Durkee	P.D.C., Vermont
Curry M. Shockley	D.C., Maryland
Gordon R. Bury, II	Del., Ohio

At this time, The Delegation from the Department of New York, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was presented to the National Encampment with Brother Joseph S. Rippey, Past Commander-in-Chief and Sons' Encampment General Chairman.

Past Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Commander-in-Chief Stark and the Officers and Delegates assembled, we in New York wish to extend our welcome as you meet here in Rochester for your Annual National Encampment. We here in New York have worked most diligently for two years to provide you a fine Encampment, and we will try to assist you with any problems you might have. Brother John, we wish to present to you and this Encampment this basket of flowers as a token from our Committee and trust you have a fine Encampment.

(Commander-in-Chief Stark responded with his personal thanks for the work the committee encountered.)

Commander-in-Chief Stark: May we have a report of the Committee on Credentials?

Chairman Harry E. Gibbons: Brother Commander-in-Chief, we have not had an opportunity to list each Delegate at this time; however, we have registered a total of 91 delegates.

Commander-in-Chief Stark: Thank you Brother Gibbons. At this time I would ask the Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief to assume the command of this Encampment so I may submit my report as Commander-in-Chief:

REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

To the 94th Encampment
National Organization Sons of
Union Veterans of the Civil War

Officers and Brothers:

I have the honor to submit herewith the report of the Commander-in-Chief, consisting of my activities and service for the past year 1974-1975. On August 21, 1974, at Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, you entrusted to me the honor and responsibilities of the highest office our Organization can endow, that of Commander-in-Chief. I am grateful for the confidence placed in me. I was well aware of the areas, in which we were deficient and I hope that in the past 12 months I have fulfilled, to an acceptable degree, what was expected of me and that I have justified your confidence.

During any administration of your Commander-in-Chief, the greatest experience and education encountered is meeting our membership personally. Whether it is the observance of their ritualistic initiation of new members, or assisting with their problems, we find Brothers of all professions meeting to promote our Organization. In nearly every camp or department, there is a key man who can inspire others to keep their morale high. I have met many young men who should be encouraged to take a part in camp, department and national organization affairs, thus providing us with a continuity of young blood for responsible positions. I find these young men more than willing to undertake a specific assignment when given the opportunity. The departments have responded to my constant requests for vacancies to be occupied by younger men, this will be their training ground and they will be ready for future leadership in our Organization. In most Department installations that I have presided over, there were young men in these groups, taking the oath of office and proud that they could have the privilege to carry on in the footsteps of their forefathers.

I have travelled by plane 7,600 miles and by car 14,000 miles, a combined total of 21,600 miles. I have attained almost a total completion of my assigned duties. I have met many old friends and made many new ones, making the time and effort spent in travelling these thousands of miles rewarding and enjoyable, a worthy endeavor in the interest of the welfare of our Organization. I regret there was one Department, which did not receive an official visit, I was committed to the Illinois and Wisconsin Departments, all three were on the same dates and I could not get a National Officer to represent me at Indianapolis. I hope that all is well in Indiana, for I have not heard from them during the entire year.

My appreciation and thanks to Brother Lawrence for representing me at Maine and Vermont, also to Brother Riddell for representing me at Maryland and Brother Haskell, who represented me at the funeral of

the late P.C. in C. Harold Arnold. I shall miss Duke very much. We had been close friends for 20 years and had served together on the National Military Affairs Committee and the National Military Department, since its inception.

The Remembrance Day Program held on November 16, 1974, in the Visitors Center Auditorium on the Gettysburg Battlefield, with the placing of wreaths at the Woolson Memorial in Ziegler's Grove, the reports of the volleys, followed by taps, as it neared sunset made one proud of his heritage and to know that he was keeping alive his oath to sustain their memory. The afternoon's program was preceded by a parade of more than 400 participants in Civil War uniforms, the Union Blue and the Confederate Gray. This was the largest parade in the history of the Remembrance Day Programs. The banquet held in the evening was very well attended. At that time, I presented our scholarship award in the amount of \$250. The recipient was Mr. Grant C. Forsythe, a senior history student at Gettysburg College. That evening I was also tendered a reception sponsored by my home Camp #112 of Gettysburg. My thanks and gratitude for their continued support over the years.

On February 12, 1975, it was an honor to represent our Organization at the Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D. C. I placed the wreath of our Order, escorted by Major Elton P. Koch, my personal aide and C.O. of the Pennsylvania Brigade, S.V.R. Four members of Camp #112, Gettysburg, and also members of the 11th Pennsylvania Voluntary Infantry S.V.R. served as the official color guard of the S.U.V.C.W., carrying the National Flag and the Commander-in-Chief's Flag. President Ford spoke and placed the Presidential wreath. This was sponsored by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, followed by a luncheon at the Army and Navy Club.

In Springfield, Illinois, on April 15, 1975, it was an honor and a privilege to represent our Organization at the Annual Lincoln Tomb ceremonies. This event is held in beautiful Oakridge Cemetery, on the anniversary of Mr. Lincoln's death. It is very impressive and brings high prestige to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We have been the sponsors for the past 19 years, assisted by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. May I impress future Commanders-in-Chief with this important thought, if you are well, make our ceremony at Lincoln's Tomb a must, it is only a short plane flight from any area you may reside in. I flew in between April conventions in New England. We all know that if the Commander-in-Chief does not attend, it certainly does not enhance our status as being the sponsors of these ceremonies. It will always be a treasured memory for me, that I had the privilege of giving the address at Lincoln's Tomb and closing with his Farewell to Springfield, followed by placing the wreath in the inner Tomb. My deepest appreciation and thanks to past Commander-in-Chief George L. Cashman, curator of the Tomb, and P.D.C. Thomas L. W. Johnson, who presided at the Tomb ceremonies, for all the many courtesies they extended to me during my stay at Springfield.

On April 27, 1975, I represented our Organization and placed the wreath of our Order at the Tomb of General Ulysses S. Grant in New York City during very impressive services conducted by the Sons and Auxiliary of the Department of New York. They are to be commended for this meaningful service, and it is my sincere hope that this annual tribute to General Grant is continued yearly. I thank the Committee

for the invitation and the courtesies that were extended to me at the luncheon.

Presentation of a check at the Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, New Hampshire, on May 30, in memory of the G.A.R., was another memorable experience carried out in behalf of the Organization, which I considered an honor and a privilege.

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVES

The National Military Affairs Committee was under the chairmanship of the late LTC. Harold E. Arnold, S.V.R. I appointed Colonel C. LeRoy Stoudt, S.V.R., Ret., to be chairman of the National Military Affairs Committee, in order to complete the unexpired portion of said term of office, effective June 23, 1975, and to expire at the close of August 14, 1976. P.D.C. Wallace J. Macomber of Rhode Island informed me at the New England Regional meeting held in July at New Hampshire that Mrs. Arnold will turn over all records as soon as she has the time to go through his effects. If this will be available in time for the Convention, Brother Macomber will bring records along to me for proper disposal.

I would like to commend the Sons of Veterans Reserves, for the four new Camps that they have secured in acquiring new Members for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Your efforts are deeply appreciated and thank you to all concerned.

Commendation for the support and assistance of the officers and enlisted men of the S.V.R., for their help in many ceremonies and programs during the past year. They have awarded me the highest honors ever given a Commander-in-Chief. I was the guest of honor of the New Jersey Battalion, S.V.R., at Fort Mott, New Jersey, on September 14 and 15, 1974. I was presented with a stand of flags, with an appropriate name plate attached, by Major Thomas O'Dea, Commanding.

May I extend to LTC. Butcher, Commander 6th M.D. and to Cpt. Wesley R. Ross, CO, of the Oregon Blues Brigade, my compliments on your endless interest in the Reserves and the Department of Oregon and Washington. It is an honored privilege to be a member of the Oregon Blues Brigade and I thank both of you, Commanding Officers, for granting me that honor.

VISITATIONS

September 6, 1974, with the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic Home, in Swissvale, Pennsylvania, was an enjoyable day. I presented to the Home a Civil War picture, dated 1863, from my collection; September 13, 1974, Bradbury Camp anniversary, Media, Pennsylvania; September 28, Testimonial Dinner for Commander Ekstrand, Princeton, New Jersey, presented to their museum in Trenton, New Jersey, a picture, dated 1866, Sherman's March to the Sea; October 11, Auxiliary No. 1 Anniversary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, presented Camp No. 200 with a picture for their museum; October 26, Camp No. 100 Dinner and February 8, a Lincoln Dinner, both at Princeton, New Jersey; on February 15th, Sons of Veterans Club, Lincoln Dinner at Philadelphia and on February 22, Hellertown, Pennsylvania, Lincoln Dinner and a reception for Department President Sue Muzzelo, of the Auxiliary. Our thanks to all departments and others for your invitations; we enjoyed being with you at all these affairs.

I left by plane on March 11, for Portland, Oregon and on March 12, I had a 6½ hour tour of Oregon and Washington, accompanied by Department Commander Allison and his wife, also P.D.C. C.S. Merydith. That evening I was a guest at a banquet, where I initiated eight new Members and the preceding evening, I held a 2½ hour meeting of the Sons, where I answered all problems and questions put to me by the membership. A large thank you to a great Department.

On March 13, I had a pleasant flight to Des Moines, Iowa, via Denver, Colorado, accompanied by Sister Jessie Wells, National President of the Auxiliary and was entertained by Department Commander Lowe and his wife at dinner that evening. March 14 was taken on a tour of the Capitol, the city and countryside. That evening we were guests at a delightful St. Patrick's Day dinner. The speaker that evening was Mr. Anthony Mihalovich, public relations officer, for Bankers Trust in Des Moines. He gave a most stirring address, the patriotism of the man was evident; he received a standing ovation. I then asked him, would he consider joining our Organization. He was highly pleased. I signed the application and he gave me a check for a year's dues. A special thank you for Past Department President Ethel Jones for all courtesies and insisting on getting up at 5 a.m. to take us to the airport.

On March 15, I flew into Kansas City, Missouri, to institute a new Camp, initiate the candidates and hold an election. I was met by Mr. Glen L. Whitaker, attorney-at-law and now the present Commander of the Camp and the Rev. Alvin Baker, Patriotic Instructor at the present time. We had lunch and rode slightly over an hour to Shawnee, Kansas, where their meetings are now held. There were 26 men in the new Camp, which is called Curtis-Warner Camp No. 64, Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas. Past Commander-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert furnished the initial basis for this Camp, by a transfer of 14 Members-at-Large, who belonged to Dayton Camp No. 5, Trenton, New Jersey. Thank you, Brother Lambert, for your splendid cooperation in this matter. I believe it is possible their membership has increased to a higher figure; it is a most active Camp. I left 25 chance books with Rev. Baker and he sent money for same in a few weeks to Brother Riddell. They have participated in Memorial Services and have plans for programs in two Civil War observances in their area this fall. I am proud of them and will always consider them as my Camp.

For three weeks in April and one in May, we enjoyed the hospitality of New England attending their respective Encampments in Cranston, Rhode Island; Auburn, Massachusetts; Concord, New Hampshire and Hartford, Connecticut. You can not want for anything, for they have already done it for you. I received gifts from Commandant Alfano, Veterans Home, Rhode Island, a beautiful ceramic beer stein over a foot tall, made by the Veterans; Governor Michael S. Dukakis of Massachusetts, a certificate of recognition on the occasion of my being Commander-in-Chief. Through the courtesy of Past Commander-in-Chief Cleon Heald, gifts from the Governor of New Hampshire bearing the State Seal and the honor of sitting in his chair, and many other gifts. I deeply appreciate being honored with Membership in the above-named New England states. My wife and I thank all of you for the many courtesies extended to us, it will be long remembered.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

May 23 to 27, participated in services in the Gettysburg area at three cemeteries, Camp No. 112 Post Services, reviewed the Annual Memorial Day Parade and took the Commander's part in the ritual at the National Cemetery in Gettysburg. On May 30, I spoke at three services in Milford, New Hampshire, in the morning and the Cathedral of the Pine services that afternoon.

We left for Springfield, Illinois, a second visit for me, on June 1 to attend the Illinois Department Convention. We arrived a few days ahead of time, as we were the guests of Past National President Marie Robinson, of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, for two days at their National Headquarters in Springfield. A most enjoyable visit, I enjoyed their museum, I should, I had it all to myself. A thank you from both of us, Marie, for an enjoyable stay. We are also indebted to a perfect host, George Cashman, for a delightful dinner and a visit to your home. It will be remembered, George. Thank you.

We had to leave the Illinois Encampment on the 6th of June in the afternoon in order to reach Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for their opening on June 7. Commander J. Edward Coltrin, was most understanding of the situation and said it has happened in previous years. Our thanks to Brother Coltrin and to the Department of Illinois, for all courtesies extended to us. We enjoyed our stay in Springfield. We arrived in Milwaukee at 9 p.m., Tom and Ellinore Johnson greeted us with lots of helpers to take care of our luggage. We must not have been tired, for we were all in the lounge till midnight. The next day, a morning session, a luncheon, afternoon session, I presided over the installation and congratulated Brother Kannenberg, on his past seven years' service as Department Commander. A well attended banquet that evening, an excellent speaker and delightful entertainment. Tom and Ellinore were hosts at Sunday morning breakfast, after which we said our good-byes. We arrived at Grand Rapids, Michigan about 4 p.m. on Sunday. The suite they had for us was so large, we had individual bathrooms. The Pantlind has been entirely renovated. The sessions were beneficial, I initiated a New Member, installation ceremonies, a banquet that evening attended by all five Organizations. We are grateful for their hospitality. Mrs. Urion Mackey asked for the privilege of escorting me into the Auxiliary, it brought back many pleasant memories. We then spent more than two days on the road, reaching Avon-by-the-Sea, New Jersey, on June 12. We had been in the mountains, then by the plains; it was a delightful change to be at the seashore. A well-planned Convention, beneficial and most enjoyable. Erma and I wish to thank the New Jersey Department, for all the many courtesies you have extended to us in the past year, we have many pleasant memories to keep. Sister Wells left us in New Jersey and we met again in Syracuse, New York; it was good to see old friends from many New York Camps, at the Campfire. I was honored to present to a close friend, Burt Isaacs, a 50-year Membership Badge. Thank you, New York, for your many courtesies. We arrived at the Department Encampment in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, it was good to get there and to be once again with all those who have supported me faithfully over these many years. I appreciated their confidence in me and I sincerely hope that I have accomplished enough to satisfy this confidence. It was a worthy Convention, attended by the five Organizations. Erma and I thank all of you for your many

courtesies. My last Encampment was in Ohio, in the capitol city of Columbus. We enjoyed it very much, seeing old friends and meeting new ones. They are fortunate in having Bob Austin as their Secretary-Treasurer these many years. It was a most delightful Encampment and an entertaining dinner. We thank you for your welcome and courtesies. Erma and I are looking forward to being with you again in Columbus in 1976. On July 19 and 20 we spent a most enjoyable weekend at the New England Regional summer meeting held at the Weirs in New Hampshire. Attended their sessions and dinner and installed their new Officers. I am now a member with full voting powers and appreciate deeply this honor. To every one else, thank you for the memories and all courtesies.

THE BANNER

I wish to commend highly Past Commander-in-Chief Fred H. Combs, Jr. We are fortunate in having such an excellent Editor. I know that all who read THE BANNER, are in accord with me in this statement. Thank you, Fred, for the prompt replies you sent to me, in response to my many requests.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

This Committee under the Chairmanship of P.D.C. Thomas L. W. Johnson, is highly commended for the excellent reports they have submitted during this past year. It is indeed appreciated by this Office.

ALLIED ORDERS

The late National President of the Auxiliary, Sister Catherine McCoy, had to resign her Office in January, 1975, due to illness. Her Office was assumed by P.N.P. Jessie Wells for a second consecutive term. After all plane flights were concluded, my wife, Erma, joined us for the Conventions and other ceremonies which we travelled to by car. Erma's share of the driving was 7,000 miles. I certainly appreciated the help. She took such good care of me, I didn't have a sniffle all year. We had a wonderful time touring the country and Sister Wells should be highly commended for doing such a wonderful job in six months or so that normally takes a year. I have met with National President Sister Mary Noonan of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic in Rhode Island, Pennsylvania and the Midwest and we had many pleasant times. I have met with Winifred Brown, National President of the Daughters Union Veterans of the Civil War, Michigan and in Pennsylvania, a delightful and congenial President. I have not met Sister Ila G. Biller, National President of the Women's Relief Corp., who lives in the state of Washington. To all the National Presidents of the Allied Orders, a successful and constructive Convention.

OFFICERS OF THE COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF

I have already expressed my thanks to several for representing me during the year, but I would be remiss if I did not give a special "thank you" to just a few. National Patriotic Instructor Brother Clarence Riddell, who has worked very hard, and I am sure that his report will be highly satisfactory. National Chaplain, Brother Rule, put in a lot of hard work, preparing that lovely memorial service, so many appreciated yesterday. Past Commander-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert, National Coun-

selor, we know that this is the first National Convention that you have missed in the past 40 years; we certainly will miss your usual guidance, but we are pleased to know that you are on the way back to a complete recovery, before you attend your 42nd National Convention. Thank you, Al, for your much-needed counseling. Past Commander-in-Chief LeRoy Stoudt, I wish to thank you and the Pennsylvania Department for the endorsement to this highest Office, and I sincerely hope that my services have sustained that confidence. My gratitude, Roy, as my Chief of Staff. Chester Shriver, a Brother Member of Camp No. 112, Gettysburg. Chester has nominated me for every Office that I have held in the Sons, and I am still pleased to have him sitting at my side at this Encampment, for I still need assistance. Thank you, Chet, also for the frequent vacancies you always seem to have at the Shriver Motel. To my personal aide, Major Elton P. Koch, and he has been a wonderful assistant — he has the knack of doing it an hour before you make the request. Thank you, Elton, you're going to be busy in the near future; and also for your services at Fort Mott, New Jersey and the stays at the Koch Motor Court. A final thank you for several over night stays at Ken and Emma Wheeler's Homestead, in New Hampshire.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That we continue the allotments for the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois, for the Gettysburg Remembrance Day Observance, the Lincoln Birthday observance in Washington, D. C. and the Memorial Day Observance at Rindge, New Hampshire, for the coming year.

2. We have had an increase of 74 Members-at-Large, due to one advertisement in the Civil War Times. Monies received from said New Members, more than paid the advertising costs. I strongly advise that we pursue this same course in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted in
F. C. & L.,
John H. Stark
Commander-in-Chief

Upon the conclusion of the Report, the Officers and Delegates rose and applauded the Commander-in-Chief on his most complete report.

Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Wolz: You have heard the report of our Commander-in-Chief. What is your pleasure?

Past Commander-in-Chief Howland: Brothers, I move you we accept this report as read by the Commander-in-Chief and all future Officers Reports without debate and turn them over to the Committee on Officers' Reports. Motion seconded by Brother William C. Rule. Motion carried.

Commander-in-Chief Stark: We will now continue with the reading of Reports. Will the Officers submit their reports as called.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

To Commander-in-Chief John Stark
Officers and Delegates here assembled
Brothers all
Greetings:

Another year has passed since last we met, it seems like only yesterday that you elected me your Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I

was then and still am highly honored that you, Brothers, consider me qualified for this great trust and confidence.

I had hopes to achieve more, but alas had to settle for what could be done. It has been a year of great joy and sadness to me . . . joyful in the birth of my new son — a great-grandson of a Union Veteran and saddened by the loss of my old friend and advisor, William Coffin, who served twice on my staff, as well as offering sound advice throughout the years I've grown up in our Order.

The position of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief is one of great honor. Other than its place in formal functions in our ritual and organization, it provides a high place to watch and study the inner workings of the Order I love.

In recent times, I and my predecessors have sought funds for the 100th Anniversary Fund. This is a low-keyed appeal, as we do not wish to take any funds from the National Patriotic Instructor's work and the goal he must reach. I personally have made no written appeals . . . my hand is always out though. Brother Fred Combs placed the only printed appeal in the January BANNER. I have concluded that many brothers do not understand why the Anniversary Fund was created, what it is going to be used for and in some cases that it is a separate fund from the Grand Army Memorial Fund. Some Departments, notably New Jersey, have several contributors . . . many Departments none. Perhaps in the near future after definite plans are made for our 100th Birthday Encampment, we will have more grass roots contributions. The financial report will be given later in the week.

My recommendations to hopefully strengthen our order are these:

Recommendation #1: That Life Membership fees be increased effective 1 January, 1976, to the following: \$150, up to age 50; \$100, up to age 70; and \$50, over age 70.

That this amount be paid over a three-year period, if desired by the applicant. Minimum payments of \$10 to the National Secretary or National Assistant Secretary. That these members be treated as National Members, in that no per capita tax would be collected on them, but instead the National Organization would pay \$4 to their Camp and \$2 to their Department. BANNERS would be mailed to them by the National Organization from Headquarters. This would mean more money to the Camp and the Department, as no per capita would be charged by National. National Headquarters would benefit from the money paid by each Life Member, if put into certificates of deposit, paying perhaps 7.5% interest. (Currently National pays 6% interest on the \$100 Life Fee.)

Recommendation #2: While no action can be taken this year, I believe many Brothers, especially Department Commanders, should consider a Constitutional Amendment to broaden our membership base. As many of you know, I recommended lowering the age to 14 for membership and my Department held a special mid-year meeting, so that we could pass the resolution and get it printed in THE BANNER, as per regulations for an Amendment. I believe we should allow collateral descendants (blood nephews) to hold full membership. We have opened many new avenues to our associate members with percentage restrictions, now we must consider opening a new avenue to our full membership, also.

Recommendation #3: Several years ago, Brother Frank Heacock, then our Commander-in-Chief, had the foresight to set up a committee for the reconstruction of our Order. Eventually I chaired that committee and I am sorry to note our findings have been buried in the files. I would suggest that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a Chairman or Co-Chairman, with our Life Members serving as committee members, to seek ways to strengthen our Order; the Chairman to be supplied with stationery and \$20 for postage. The purposes of the committee are very broad, to find our strengths and enlarge them and bridge our weak points, so that we not only can celebrate our 100th birthday, but will have the numerical and financial strength to look toward our sesquicentennial birthday. My logic in asking that our Life Members be named to this committee is simply . . . they have committed their money to the future of our Order . . . they should have more concern as to its future well being.

Finally, I would ask each Brother to try a little harder for membership. Occasionally, I have answered an inquiry. I have personally seen Camps grow and even witnessed the birth of a new Camp. It can be done. We have six years to build toward our 100th birthday . . . Why not set a goal for 1981 — 5,000 members, it could be done and even more. We can build a strong order — one that the Grand Army would be proud to have as their sole male heirs. We do them no service to fall each year a little more along the wayside; it is our duty to carry on . . . it is my duty and it is yours.

Fraternally yours,

Robert J. Wolz

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

To the Members of this Encampment:

As the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief I wish to make the following report —

I have enjoyed my year in this office and have brought the greetings for our Commander-in-Chief anytime he wasn't able to be present.

I represented the Commander-in-Chief at the Maine and Vermont Encampments, also attended all the Northeast States' Encampments and have attended all the Northeast Regional meetings.

It has been a pleasure to have held this office and I wish for my successor the same cooperation I have enjoyed.

To you, Commander-in-Chief John, congratulations on a fine year and I wish for you many more years of activity and good health.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

Robert Lawrence

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COUNSELOR

(In the absence of Brother Albert C. Lambert, the National Secretary-Treasurer submitted the following report)

To John H. Stark, Commander-in-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

I deeply regret that for the first time in forty years I am unable to be present at a National Encampment. I was pleased and honored last

year to receive the appointment from you and to have had the pleasure of consulting with you on many occasions throughout the past year.

Generally speaking, our entire membership is cooperative and has a good working knowledge of our Rules and Regulations; therefore, most questions were promptly and satisfactorily disposed of.

A request for approval of By-laws from the Connecticut Department had to be delayed pending a few changes required to make them agree with our National C & R.

A volume of correspondence was received from various members of the Fort Chickamauga Camp of Cookson, Oklahoma, indicating differences of opinion regarding policies of operating this Camp. However, no specific charges were made that would require action on the part of our National Organization.

The city of Port Angeles, Washington, has requested of us permission to expand the eligibility for burial there. This matter was satisfactorily adjusted several years ago by our Council of Administration. Therefore, I recommend that the entire matter of The Ocean View Cemetery in Port Angeles be referred to our present Council of Administration for disposal.

It has been a great pleasure, Commander-in-Chief, to have served you during the past year. I know of no one more loyal or dedicated and I wish to compliment you on your sincerity and devotion to our Organization.

My appreciation is extended for courtesies received during the past year.

Sincerely in F. C. & L.,
Albert C. Lambert, P. C. in C.
National Counselor

Commander-in-Chief Stark: Since the National Secretary-Treasurer's report is lengthy, I will ask Brother Shriver to submit his report immediately after we return from our lunch break. We will continue with the report of the National Chief of Staff.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Brothers, I will not burden you with a written report as the duties of my Office are to assist the Commander-in-Chief and work with the Auxiliary in public relations work. This has been done. It has been my pleasure to serve in this Administration.

Commander-in-Chief Stark: Thank you Brother Leroy. We know you are always available to serve our Order.

We will now continue with the National Patriotic Instructor's formal report.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

National Encampment

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Greetings:

When Commander-in-Chief John Stark asked me to be his Patriotic Instructor, I was both fearful and doubtful of being able to handle such an important job.

I hope he will be happy with the results which have been brought about by the assistance of the Brothers and Sisters from the various

States. Without their help, this office would be a task instead of a pleasure.

The letter in The Banner brought a great deal of response and I thank each and every one sincerely. Thanks, Fred, for your cooperation.

The letter which I sent to Camps and individual members also brought in a great number of donations and chance books.

I must mention that the new Camp in Missouri has made an excellent start in turning in a total of 25 chance books sold. My personal good wishes to this Camp for many years of success.

Some word must be mentioned of the contribution made to my fund by the members of Anna M. Ross Auxiliary #1 of Pennsylvania. My sister-in-law, Thressa Moeckel, started a project on her own to raise money by making doll banks and tissue holders. In a short time this picked up so much that she had to have some help in crocheting them. Sister Marguerite Baldwin began helping to do the work and Dorothy Cole and my wife, Caroline, became two sales girls. The total turned in on these sales are the direct result of these Sisters.

I have not received any reports from Camps or Departments, but I am sure we can be certain our Brothers are doing their patriotic duties.

Again, my sincere thanks to each and every member for your splendid cooperation this year. To you, John, my Commander-in-Chief, thanks for giving me this opportunity to serve my Organization.

Yours in F. C. & L.,
Clarence J. Riddell
National Patriotic Instructor

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

To The Officers and Members of the 94th National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Greetings:

One year ago at the National Encampment held in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, our Commander-in-Chief, John H. Stark, appointed me to the Office of National Chaplain. I can't begin to express my feelings as to the pride and honor I placed on this appointment, for which I thank him very much, because it was an endeavor I had looked forward to, Department-wise, for some time, only to be launched into the National body as Chaplain and a short while later as Department Chaplain in the Massachusetts Department.

The first sad duty I had to perform upon my return from Bretton Woods was to conduct the funeral services for a brother in a local camp in western Massachusetts. I attended all funeral services of the Allied Orders in Massachusetts, that I was informed about on time. As Commander of the local Post, American Legion, in Holyoke, Massachusetts, I attended the funeral services of a District Commander. My adjutant informed them of my office in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The minister immediately asked me to share the pulpit with him. I wore the badges of both organizations on the robes furnished me. The results were two members taken into our organization and the possibility of the minister becoming an associate member.

I attended every affair of the Allied Orders I was invited to, where the dates did not conflict. I represented the Commander-in-Chief when no other senior National Officer was present and represented the Na-

tional Organization when my seniority entitled me to. I also attended every Department Encampment in the New England area and attended every meeting of the New England Regional Association Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I attended the Remembrance Day Program held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, also the 44th Annual Dedication Day Banquet held there at the same time. I was also chairman of the Dedication Day Dinner held in Massachusetts the week previous.

At this time I wish to thank the National Chaplain of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Martha Dawson, for the help and cooperation I received from her during the year preparing the Memorial Service.

In conclusion, once again, permit me to thank everyone who helped make my year the success I believe and hope it was. I would be remiss in my duty if I omitted to pay tribute to a fine body of men. We knew that they were good at the time we elected them, but it takes someone in need of assistance to find out just how dedicated these men are to our organization and to a fellow officer in need of help, and I pay humble tribute to our past Commanders-in-Chief whose cooperation I received above and beyond the call of duty and friendship.

I did not realize the magnitude of the offer one of them made to me at the Regional meeting in New Hampshire until I attended the Remembrance Day Program in Gettysburg and in thanking him I recited a line from Helen Steiner Rice, which at that time, I meant most sincerely and I conclude this report with its recitation in the same vein:

I've never seen God but I know how I feel
 It's people like them who make Him "So Real"
 God is no stranger He's friendly and gay
 and He doesn't ask us to weep when we pray
 It seems that I pass Him so often each day
 in the faces of people I meet on the way
 He's winter and autumn and summer and spring
 in short, God is every real, wonderful thing.
 I wish I might meet Him much more than I do
 I would if there were more people like you.

May God Bless you all always and in all ways.

Respectfully and sincerely submitted,
 William C. Rule
 National Chaplain

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIAN

To The Commander-in-Chief
 Brother John H. Stark
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 and the Officers and Members Assembled at This
 94th National Encampment

Last year in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, you appointed me National Historian. I was highly honored to accept this office for you, Brother Stark.

I must report my activities were very limited due to a slipped disc in my back that took me out of the running from January to July.

I did receive one very fine report from my home Department, New York. Brother Cecil Bear, as Department Historian, submitted a lengthy report of his fine activities.

It has been a pleasure to work with Brother Stark, and I thank him and the members for a year I will certainly remember.

Respectfully submitted in
Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Charles A. Doane, P. D. C.

Commander-in-Chief Stark: Brothers, it is now 11:45 and we will recess until 1:30 p.m. (The National Chaplain closed the Bible)

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1:30 p.m.

Commander-in-Chief Stark: We are now back in session. We will continue with the reading of reports. Will Brother Shriver submit the report of the National Secretary-Treasurer?

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

August 1, 1975

To Brother John H. Stark, Commander-in-Chief
94th Annual National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Officers and Delegates Assembled

Greetings:

It is with very deep pride, that I submit to you, this formal report of the activity and progress of our Order for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975. A year of which our Order can be justly proud. One that has seen a reversible transition in our membership, when we have experienced a gain overall. A year during which we have held the line on general operational expense, despite rising economic conditions and have increased our reserve contingencies. Perhaps you can best visualize these facts with a breakdown of the various areas as follows:

ADMINISTRATION

All records at your National Headquarters have been audited by Clay W. Garrett, C.P.A., in Hanover, Pennsylvania, as required by our Congressional Charter. The Certified Audit has been reviewed by the Council of Administration and, subject to the approval of this Encampment, will be forwarded to the Congress of the United States. A summarization of the Financial Report, as well as the Membership Report, will be distributed to every Delegate attending this Encampment. A large volume of correspondence continues to reach the National Headquarters relative to supply requisitions, membership inquiries and other requests relative to our Order. Recognition must be given to the Department Secretaries for their assistance and cooperation in filing per capita and membership reports.

FINANCES

We have not only balanced the budget for the past year, but increased the General Fund through per capita tax by a small amount. But the sting of rising costs of postage and printing continues to surge upward and must be considered by the Budget Committee and this Encampment. Contributions to the National Patriotic Instructor this past year have been outstanding and credit for an excellent effort must be accorded him. The receipts for Life Memberships last year totalled \$950 and contributions to the Honor Roll totalled \$201. Our main source of income to our Permanent Fund stems from the 2,225 shares of Wellington Fund, of which a total of \$1,668.75 of accumulated dividends,

were received. Since the GAR Memorial Fund, Permanent Fund and 100th Anniversary Fund were accumulating in the general checking account, one year ago by action of the Council of Administration at the close of the 93rd Annual National Encampment in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, authorization was granted to transfer certain amounts from the General Checking to Special Savings accounts to earn guaranteed interest. The following were transferred on September 1, 1974:

G.A.R. Memorial Fund	\$3,000
Permanent Fund	\$2,000
100th Anniversary Fund	\$ 500

SUPPLIES

Establishing a source of manufacturer for our medals continues to be slow. One year ago, memberships coming into our Order caused an acute shortage for several months. Meanwhile, the cost of Membership Badges alone rose from \$3.25 to \$5.50 each, the War Medal increased to \$6.00 and the 50-Year Membership Badge rose to \$6.50 each. Increased Life Memberships caused a depletion of the Life Member bar. In the transition of the dies several years ago, the Life Member die was lost by the previous manufacturer, hence a new supplier has been provided. Printed forms cost more, as does postage. An overall total of \$1,904.54 was realized from sales. A large supply of most items is currently in stock.

RECOMMENDATIONS

In the interest of experiencing first-hand situations confronting our Organization and the trust that our Membership should take action to resolve weaknesses, plus striving for the maintenance of the highest standards, may I offer the following recommendations:

RECOMMENDATION #1:

Due to the fact many of the Camps do not meet in regular and formal meetings and with many records stored, becoming lost or misplaced, and the fact that many of the Camp Officers have served for years and are elderly, that a photo copy of each Camp Charter must be forwarded to National Headquarters. Said photo copy to be forwarded through the Department Headquarters and to be completed by June 30, 1976.

RECOMMENDATION #2:

That each Department, forward to National Headquarters a photo copy of the Department Charter, said to be completed by June 30, 1976. The purpose to update the records of the National Headquarters.

RECOMMENDATION #3:

Due to the vast span of age by which a member may purchase a Life Membership and the alignment of cost of said memberships, the cost be increased to the amounts as follows:

Age 70 and over	\$100
Between age 60 and 70	\$125
Under age 60	\$150

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The following Brothers have purchased Life Memberships in our Order during the past fiscal year:

George N. Lovatt	\$ 50	William C. Rule	\$ 75
Emmett G. Riley	\$ 75	Lawrence J. Cavanaugh	\$ 50
Ralph Shadel, Jr.	\$100	Allen B. Howland	\$ 75
Alfred Durocher, Sr.	\$ 50	Gilman E. Harrington	\$ 75
Cecil M. Baer	\$ 50	Miles E. Harrington	\$ 75
William H. Shannon	\$ 50	Herbert F. Howe	\$ 50
Kenneth Ekstrand	\$ 75	Charles Q. Creager	\$100
Total			\$950

HONOR ROLL CONTRIBUTIONS

During the past year, the following have submitted contributions to our Order in Memory or tribute to those who have earned recognition:

New York Department in Memory of PDC Leslie Moore	\$ 15
Glen L. Whitaker in honor of PVT. Jonathan Shinn	\$ 10
Alvin B. Coates in Honor of Maxwell Felkner Coates	\$ 10
Harold J. Webber in Honor of Henry Beck	\$ 10
Willard C. Bodge in Honor of Charles M. Bodge	\$ 50
Harvey Witmer in Honor of John Beck	\$ 10
Ruhl Camp #33, York, Pa., in tribute to Elwood Shultz	\$ 25
William D. Kilborn in Honor of Major Lawson S. Kilborn	\$ 10
William L. Newell in Honor of B. F. Newell	\$ 10
Pfeiffer Camp #60, Pa., in Honor of CPT. John L. Pfeiffer	\$ 10
Pfeiffer Camp #60, Pa., in Honor of CPT. Thaddeus Pfeiffer	\$ 10
Pfeiffer Camp #60, Pa., in Honor of John T. Pfeiffer	\$ 10
Charles D. Brown in Honor of PVT. Wm. T. Brown, Sr.	\$ 11
Harold J. Webber in Honor of PVT. John H. F. Beck	\$ 10

Total Contributions

\$201

The above-listed, who have purchased Life Memberships or contributed to the Honor Roll, have been recorded in the National Headquarters Archives and printed in THE BANNER.

MEMBERSHIPS

For the first time in many years, we have experienced a reversible stride through the formation of new Camps, plus an overall Membership at Large to offset the memberships which were dropped, caused by death or disbanding of Camps. A total of 375 new memberships were recorded that included five (5) new Camps, with a total of 102 members. Four of these Camps were formed through the interest and efforts of the Sons of Veterans Reserve activities. In addition to the SVR programs, the national advertising promotion resulted in 56 gained by initiation as National Members at Large. Brother Fred H. Combs, Jr., Assistant National Secretary in charge of Membership at Large, deserves commendation for a job well done. Many other membership inquiries were forwarded to Department Secretaries, when the inquirer came from the respective Department. A few inquiries resulted from our listing in the World Almanac. During the past year, our membership rose from 2,459 to 2,551, an increase of 92 members.

SUMMARIZATION

This report marks the twelfth year as your National Secretary-Treasurer, and in response to a statement made five years ago, this term will conclude my service in this Office in the belief that new blood, new ideas and new efforts are necessary for any Order to continue. It has been 12 years of a great time-consuming experience when one really learns to know the membership, ever grateful for the understanding and cooperation of all Brothers, regardless of the capacity or responsibility. Time has come for your considerations for filling this position with a Brother of great stature and one who has demonstrated high standards of responsibility. Like that of Commander-in-Chief, the eyes of help and assistance in the guardianship of our Records and Resources will rest on this elected officer.

And now Commander-in-Chief: May I commend you for the great year you have had as our Commander-in-Chief. You have earned the highest respect for being a Full-Time Leader. You have travelled the country, represented our Order, promoted our Ideals and always been helpful to others. Your testimonial can best be inscribed as

"Well done, thy good and Faithful Servant."

As a Camp Brother, may I just say it was one of the proudest years of my membership to have served under your leadership.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Chester S. Shriver
National Secretary-Treasurer

STATEMENT—CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1975

	Total	General Fund	G.A.R. Memorial Fund	Perma- nent Fund	100th Anniv. Fund
<i>Cash Balance—</i>					
June 30, 1974 ..	\$10,407.17	\$ 4,685.63	\$3,279.24	\$2,442.30	\$ -0-
<i>Transfer of Funds—</i>					
7/1/74		(505.00)			505.00
RECEIPTS					
Per Capita Tax					
(Sch.1)	5,587.55	5,587.55			
Registration Fees ..	198.00	198.00			
Supplies Sold	1,904.54	1,904.54			
Gift from Auxiliary .	500.00	500.00			
National Patriotic					
Instructor 1973-74 .	395.00		395.00		
National Patriotic					
Instructor 1974-75 .	1,339.50		1,339.50		
Interest—					
Wellington Fund .	1,668.75			1,668.75	
Donations—					
Honor Roll Fund .	221.00			221.00	
Life Memberships ..	1,025.00			1,025.00	
Miscellaneous	363.00	363.00			
Anniversary	179.00				179.00
Refund					
(The Banner) ..	204.94	204.94			
Gift — Arthur Glenum	200.00	200.00			
Interest—					
Passbook					
Sav. Accts.	232.68		126.92	84.61	21.15
Total Receipts .	\$14,018.96	\$ 8,958.03	\$1,861.42	\$2,999.36	\$ 200.15
Total	\$24,426.13	\$13,138.66	\$5,140.66	\$5,441.66	\$ 705.15

DISBURSEMENTS

Surety &					
Position Bonds ...	110.00	110.00			
Supplies Purchased					
for Resale	3,240.84	3,240.84			
The Banner	2,700.00	2,700.00			
Commander-in-Chief					
Expense 1974-75 .	1,000.00	1,000.00			
Nat'l Sec.-Treas.					
Salary & Exp.					
1974-75	1,000.00	1,000.00			
Encampment					
Exp. 1974	257.98	57.98	200.00		
Proceedings 1974 ...	664.50	664.50			

Miscellaneous	258.00	258.00			
Printing, Postage					
Stationery	530.69	530.69			
C.P.A. Audit	325.00	325.00			
Stenographer	200.00	200.00			
Testimonial for Commander-in- Chief	198.42	198.42			
Lock Box	4.00	4.00			
Scholarship Fund ..	271.50		271.50		
Remembrance Day Expense	69.60		69.60		
Lincoln Tomb Expense—Ill.	346.69		346.69		
Cathedral of the Pine Wreath	25.00		25.00		
National Mil. Dept. SVR	100.00		100.00		
Lincoln Memorial Expense .	17.95		17.95		
Life Membership Int. Paid	198.00			198.00	
Printing Programs ..	76.00		76.00		
Appeal for Funds-Printing ...	57.49		57.49		
<i>Total</i>					
Disbursements ..	\$11,651.66	\$10,289.43	\$1,164.23	\$ 198.00	\$ -0-
Transfer of Funds to Passbook Savings Accts.	5,732.68	-0-	3,126.92	2,084.61	521.15
Cash Balance— June 30, 1975 ...	7,041.79	2,849.23	849.51	3,159.05	184.00
<i>Total</i>	<u>\$24,426.13</u>	<u>\$13,133.66</u>	<u>\$5,140.66</u>	<u>\$5,441.66</u>	<u>\$ 705.15</u>

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 30, 1975 AND 1974

	June 30, 1975	June 30, 1974	Increase (Decrease)
ASSETS			
<i>General Fund</i>			
Cash			
Inventory-Supplies (at cost)	\$ 2,849.23	\$ 4,885.63	\$(1,836.40)
	4,143.32	2,807.02	1,336.30
Total General Fund	\$ 6,992.55	\$ 7,492.65	\$ (500.10)
<i>G.A.R. Memorial Fund</i>			
Cash	849.51	3,279.24	\$(2,429.73)
Cash in Bank—Savings Account	3,126.92	-0-	3,126.92
Total G.A.R. Memorial Fund	\$ 3,976.43	\$ 3,279.24	\$ 697.19

Permanent Fund

Cash in Bank—Savings Account	\$ 2,084.61	\$ -0-	\$ 2,084.61
Cash	3,159.05	2,442.30	716.75
Investments (at cost) (Sch. 2)	31,275.84	31,275.84	-0-
Common Stocks			
Market Value			
June 30, 1974—\$21,693.75			
June 30, 1975—\$21,159.75			

	\$36,519.50	\$33,718.14	\$ 2,801.36
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100th Anniversary Fund

Cash in Bank—Savings Account	\$ 521.15	\$ -0-	\$ 521.15
Cash	184.00	-0-	184.00

Total 100th Anniversary Fund	\$ 705.15	\$ -0-	\$ 705.15
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Total	\$48,193.63	\$44,490.03	\$ 3,703.60
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Funds

General Fund Surplus	\$ 6,992.55	\$ 7,492.65	\$ (500.10)
G.A.R. Memorial Fund	3,976.43	3,279.24	697.19

Permanent Fund

Unrestricted Surplus	29,498.14	28,671.14	827.00
Interest—Savings Account	84.61	-0-	84.61
Honor Roll	3,666.00	3,445.00	221.00
Interest—Wellington Fund	3,270.75	1,602.00	1,668.75
100th Anniversary Fund	705.15	-0-	705.15

Total	\$48,193.63	\$44,490.03	\$ 3,703.60
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STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

July 1, 1974 - June 30, 1975

Report of the Membership Standing 1974-1975

DEPARTMENTS	<i>Good Standing</i> June 30, 1974		GAIN		LOSS		<i>Good Standing</i> June 30, 1975		Associates Included	Delegate Representation
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members		
Calif. & Pac.	12	115	0	9	1	17	11	107	0	5
Colorado & Wyo.	1	17	0	5	0	4	1	18	2	2
Connecticut	7	59	0	0	1	11	6	48	3	3
Illinois	9	177	0	15	0	17	9	175	18	8
Indiana	4	60	1	18	0	11	5	67	10	4
Iowa	6	47	0	0	0	0	6	47	0	3
Maine	8	92	0	13	0	13	8	92	7	5
Maryland	4	64	0	6	0	5	4	65	6	4
Massachusetts	28	293	0	4	0	9	28	288	0	13
Michigan	5	62	0	1	0	5	5	58	0	3
Minnesota	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	1
New Hampshire	7	79	0	12	0	2	7	89	4	5
New Jersey	7	224	0	40	0	39	7	225	20	10
New York	16	232	2	50	2	53	16	229	5	10
Ohio	8	169	1	51	0	35	9	185	11	8
Oregon & Wash.	2	76	0	13	0	16	2	73	18	4
Pennsylvania	29	442	0	38	0	36	29	444	13	19
Rhode Island	6	117	0	1	0	7	6	111	0	5
Vermont	6	50	0	0	2	0	4	50	0	3
Wisconsin	3	44	0	6	0	0	3	50	2	3
Chickamauga										
Camp No. 1			1	18	0	0	1	18	2	2
R. M. Smith					0	0	1	28	0	2
Camp No. 21	1	9	0	0	0	3	1	6	0	1
Curtis-Warner										
Camp No. 64			1	28	0	0	1	28	0	2
Membership at										
Large	1	27	0	47	0	0	1	74	0	4
Totals	171	2459	6	375	6	283	171	2551	121	127
Total National Membership Increase — 92 Members										

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT — Continued from Preceding Page

CAMPS GAINED: LTC Henry Lawton Camp No. 171—Fort Wayne, Indiana—18 Members (Organized)
 Smith Camp No. 193, Halsey Valley, New York—8 Members (Re-instated)
 Wilderness Camp No. 99, Candor, New York—17 Members (Organized)
 Given Camp No. 50, Wooster, Ohio—21 Members (Organized)
 Chickamauga Camp No. 1, Cookson, Oklahoma (At Large)—18 Members (Organized)
 Curtis-Warner Camp No. 64, Kansas City, Kansas—Mo. (At Large)—28 Members (Organized)
Total — 110 Members

CAMPS LOST: Pasadena Camp No. 16, California—3 Members (Disbanded)
 Penfield Camp No. 16, Connecticut—10 Members (Disbanded)
 McClellan Camp No. 74, New York—3 Members (Disbanded)
 Grant Camp No. 20, New York—10 Members (Dropped)
 Butterfield Camp No. 91, Vermont—0 Members (Disbanded)
 Taylor Camp No. 11, Vermont—0 Members (Disbanded)
Total — 26 Members

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Article I—Name—no change.

Article II—Purposes and Objects—no change.

Article III—Eligibility to Membership.

References:

Proceedings 1963, page 74.

Proceedings 1964, page 53.

Proceedings 1972, page 51.

Banner October 1973.

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Article IV—Religion and Politics—no change.

Article V—Organization.

Sections 1 to 3—no change.

Article VI—Formation and Disbandment.

Sections 1 to 5—no change.

Article VII—Membership

Section 1—no change.

Section 2—no change.

Section 3

References:

Proceedings 1963, page 75.

Proceedings 1969, page 35-36.

Banner October 1970—prior amendment proclaimed.

Proceedings 1972, page 51

Banner October 1973

Full present text:

Departments and Camps may establish Associates, provided that the number of Associate Members in any Camp shall not exceed one-third of the total membership of the Camp at the time of election. At no time during a meeting of a Camp, a Department, or the National Organization can business be transacted if the number of Associate Members in attendance exceeds forty-nine per cent of the total attendance then present at said meeting. Said Associates must be ineligible for full membership due to lack of lineal descent from a Union Veteran of the Civil War.

Section 4—Honorary Members—a new section.

References:

Proceedings 1963, page 75.

Proceedings 1964, page 53-54.

Banner October-December 1964.

Full text:

The Commandery-in-Chief, upon recommendation from a Camp, Department, or the National Council of Administration, may grant honorary membership to persons of acknowledged eminence who are especially distinguished for conspicuous and consistent loyalty to the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and who have been active and eminent in maintaining the supremacy of the same and are known not to be eligible for membership in our Order.

Article VIII—Permanent Fund.

Sections 1 to 6—no change.

Article IX—Amendments—no change.

July 9, 1975

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR REGULATIONS

Status of the Regulations as contained in the printed edition of 1956 with amendments to the date hereof.

Chapter I

Article I—Charters.

Sections 1 to 7 relative to Camps—no change.

Article II—Membership.

Sections 1 to 6—no change.

Article III—Meetings.

Sections 1 to 6—no change.

Article IV—Officers.

Sections 1 to 3—no change.

Section 4

Reference:

Proceedings 1957, page 58.

Full present text:

Any vacancy which may occur in an elective office of a Camp shall be filled temporarily by the officer next in rank. Such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Camp Council.

Section 5—no change.

Article V—Installation.

Sections 1 to 2—no change.

Article VI—Duties of Officers.

Sections 1 to 8—no change.

Article VII—Finances.

Section 1

Reference:

Proceedings 1971, page 46.

Full present text:

Each Camp shall regulate its dues, fees for revenues, provided the minimum admission fee for members shall not be less than ten (\$10.00) dollars; no part of the admission fee to be credited for any other purpose, and the minimum yearly dues shall not be less than five (\$5.00) dollars. The Camp shall have power to provide By-Laws imposing fines for neglect of duty of all officers, special committees or members.

Sections 2 and 3—no change.

Article VIII—Associates—no change.

Article IX—By-Laws—no change.

Chapter II—Departments

Article I—no change.

Article II—no change.

Article III—no change.

Article IV

Section 1—Officers.

References:

Proceedings 1972, pages 51-52.

Proceedings 1973, page 53.

Note: the 1972 National Encampment approved a requirement that to be eligible for election to the office of Department Commander a member must first have served as a Camp Commander. This requirement was eliminated by the 1973 National Encampment.

Section 2—Delegates, and Officers election.

Reference:

Proceedings 1958, page 57.

Full present text:

The Department Commander, Senior Vice Department Commander, Junior Vice Department Commander, Department Council, Department Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer), Delegates and Alternates to the National Encampment shall be elected at the annual encampment by a roll-call of Camps in numerical order, unless the Department By-Laws provide for the Australian system of balloting, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for a choice, except in the case of Department Council, delegates and alternates, wherein a plurality vote shall elect. If there be but one nominee for an office the Department may elect by viva voce vote.

Provided, that no member shall be eligible to election to the Office of Department Commander who is not present and entitled to vote at the Department Encampment.

Section 3

Reference:

Proceedings 1957, page 57.

Full present text:

On assuming office, the Department Commander shall appoint all other Department Officers; and may appoint an Assistant Secretary and/or Secretary-Treasurer, whichever is in keeping with the office within the individual Departments.

Section 4

Reference:

Proceedings 1958, page 57.

Full present text:

The term of all elective and appointive officers shall be for one year, provided, however, that Departments shall elect their Secretary and Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer) and fix their term and location of office.

Section 5—no change.

Section 6

Reference:

Proceedings 1957, page 56-57.

Full present text:

Any vacancy which may occur in an elective office of the Department shall be filled by a majority vote of the Department Council for the period until the next regular meeting of the Department, when an election is held. In the event the term of office is normally for a period longer than one (1) year, the person elected by the Department Encampment shall serve the unexpired term.

Section 7—no change.

Article V—Duties of Officers.

Sections 1 to 10—no change.

Article VI—Finances.

Sections 1 to 2—no change.

Article VII—Committees—no change.

Article VIII—By-Laws—no change.

Chapter III—National Organization.

Article I—Charter—no change.

Article II—Membership.

Section 1

Reference:

Proceedings 1969, page 37.

Third paragraph changed. Full present text of that:

Of one delegate from each Department, whatever its membership, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members, or major fraction thereof in good standing, based upon the report next preceding the National Encampment.

Sixth paragraph changed. Full present text of that:

A Department Secretary or Treasurer holding office for ten consecutive years may have bestowed on him the rank of Past Department Commander with its voting privileges at the National Encampment.

No other paragraphs in this Section changed.

Sections 2 and 3—no change.

Section 4—a new section given this number.

Reference:

Proceedings 1957, page 57.

Full text:

To obtain restoration of rank of Past Department Commander and/or Past Commander-in-Chief, the member shall make request in writing to the Camp of which he is a member. If acted upon favorably by the Camp, in regular session, said request shall be forwarded to the Department Commander, setting forth the cause or causes of loss of rank and reason or reasons for request of restoration, and shall be signed by the Camp Commander, approved by the Camp Secretary (Secretary-Treasurer) with the seal of the Camp attached.

The Department Commander shall present same to the Department Encampment under the order of new business, where, if acted upon favorably shall, by the Department Secretary (Department Secretary-Treasurer) be forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief, and shall be signed by the Department Commander, approved by the Department Secretary (Department Secretary-Treasurer) with the seal of the Department attached.

The National Secretary (National Secretary-Treasurer) shall notify the Brother(s) as to the decision of the National Encampment.

Section 5—renumbered from Section 4 in Proceedings 1957, page 57.

Reference:

Proceedings 1971, page 46.

Full present text:

Life Memberships are hereby established, the proceeds of which shall be deposited in the Permanent Fund of the Order. The annual interest thereon shall be paid by the National Treasurer to the member's Camp, during his natural life, in lieu of his dues. The cost thereof shall be \$100.00 to and including the age of 59 years; \$75.00 from the age of 60 years to and including the age of 69 years; and \$50.00 from the age of 70 years; of which cost not less than one-third shall accompany the application and the remainder shall be paid at the convenience of the member within one year from the time of the application.

Article III—Meetings—

Sections 1 to 3—no change.

Article IV—Officers.

Sections 1 to 6—no change except that the following sentence is added at the end of Section 2:

Reference:

Proceedings 1972, page 51-52.

Full text:

To be eligible for election to the office of Commander-in-Chief a member must first have served as a Department Commander.

Article V—Duties of Officers.

Sections 1 to 3—no change.

Section 4

Reference:

Proceedings 1957, page 56.

Full present text:

The National Treasurer shall receive, hold and account for all moneys paid to him, and pay out the same, upon the order of the National Secretary, approved by the Commander-in-Chief. He shall receive compensation each year in the sum fixed at the Annual National Encampment. He shall prepare the annual report required by Sec. of Public Law 605, 83rd Congress, 2nd Session, and shall see that it be approved by the Commander-in-Chief and dispatched at the proper time.

Sections 5 to 10—no change.

Section 11—a new section in place of former Section 11 which is renumbered Section 12.

Reference:

Proceedings 1957, page 56.

Full text:

The Washington Representative shall have a residence in the District of Columbia or its suburbs; he shall accept on behalf of the Order service of legal papers or summons and promptly transmit their import to the Commander-in-Chief, or other appropriate officer for action; he shall represent our Order on appropriate occasions and at memorial ceremonies and patriotic functions at the Capital; he shall keep himself informed about legislation pending before Congress, which is pertinent to the purposes or activities of our Order, and he shall state the views of our Order at hearings thereon; he shall promptly inform the Commander-in-Chief of any such legislation on which our Order should take action and has not already done so, and shall be ex-officio a member of the Committee on Legislation (Article VII, Sec. 3).

Section 12—the former Section 11 renumbered 12—no change.

Article VI—Finances.

Sections 1 to 5—no change.

Article VII—Committees.

Sections 1 to 3—no change.

Note: the last sentence in Section 3 which reads "The Washington Representative of the Order shall be a member ex-officio of the Legislative Committee" in view of the new Article V, Section 11, is repetitious.

Note: Proceedings 1961, page 55, contains recommendations, which were adopted by the Encampment, for the naming of a Military Affairs Committee as an annual committee, and other directions. This was not submitted or voted upon as an amendment to the Regulations. For text see said proceedings.

Note: Proceedings 1961, page 60, contains a recommendation which was adopted by the Encampment, that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee to arrange for the observance at the Lincoln Tomb in 1962, etc. This was not submitted or voted upon as an amendment to the Regulation, and was limited by its words to the one year. However subsequent Commanders-in-Chief have annually appointed such a committee. For text see said proceedings.

Note: Proceedings 1962, page 81, contains a recommendation which was adopted by the Encampment, that a Standing Committee on Constitution and Regulations be appointed for three-year terms for members with continuity of membership by terms of two members expiring each year, the retiring Commander-in-Chief to serve for one year, the total membership to be five. This was not submitted or voted upon as an amendment to the Regulations.

Chapter IV—Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Reference:

Proceedings 1973, pages 53-54.

Banner October 1973.

Note: This is a new Chapter, in complete substitution for all the provisions of the Chapter IV contained in the printed edition of the Regulations of 1956.

Full text:

Section 1. The Sons of Veterans Reserve shall constitute the authorized military feature of the Order. It shall include all military bodies of the Order with the exception that Camps may maintain an independent military organization as a Camp guard or unit for parade and service under the auspices of the Camp with which such unit is associated.

Section 2. Effective 1 January 1975, to be eligible for membership in the Sons of Veterans Reserve a person shall be a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, or the Women's Relief Corps.

Section 3. The Sons of Veterans Reserve as it now exists or may hereafter be organized shall be governed solely, except as herein stated, by the rules and regulations adopted or subsequently modified or amended by the National Military Affairs Committee upon approval by the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Such rules and regulations shall not be inconsistent with National or State Laws or the Constitution, Regulations or general welfare of the Order.

Section 4. The combined units of the Reserve shall be known as the National Military Department, Sons of Veterans Reserve. The National Military Department shall be divided into Districts geographically for administrative and command purposes. There shall be no military rank in the Reserve higher than a Brigadier General.

Section 5. The uniform and regulations shall conform as nearly as practicable to the less advanced U. S. Army regulations, prefer-

ably nearer to those of the Union Army during the period of the Civil War.

Chapter V—General Regulations.

Article I—Orders.

Reference:

Proceedings 1967, pages 23-24 and 32-33.

Banner October 1973.

Present entire paragraph constituting this Article I to remain but to be designated Section I.

Full text of added paragraphs:

Section 2

- (A) The Commander-in-Chief shall promulgate his General Orders and communicate with the membership in a publication to be known as The Banner.
- (B) These Orders shall be printed and distributed at least four times yearly, and sufficient quantities be provided to supply one copy to every member of our Order.
- (C) A sufficient quantity is to be sent to each Department Secretary according to the membership of the Department.
- (D) The Secretary of each Camp shall be required to send to the Department Secretary — together with the quarterly report required in Sec. 4, Art. VI, Chapter I (p. 15), of these Regulations to be sent in on the first day of January in each year — a list of the names and addresses (including zip code numbers) of all members there carried on the rolls of the Camp, on whom per capita tax is being paid.
- (E) Each Department Secretary is required to mail one copy of each issue of The Banner to each member within his Department within 10 days of the receipt of same.
- (F) The Council of Administration shall elect the Editor of The Banner and determine the amount to be appropriated in each yearly budget to defray the cost.

Note: Specific approval of above recommended amendments to this Chapter V, Article I, is not found in the printed proceedings, except in so far as approval may be concluded from lack of objection.

Article II—Bonds.

Sections 1 to 5—no change.

Article III—Badges and Decorations.

Sections 1 and 2—no change.

Section 3

Reference:

Proceedings 1971, page 46.

Full present text:

Brothers entitled thereto, may wear the Bronze War Medal, attached to the Department Ribbon. Brothers who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America faithfully and honorably in War, shall alone be entitled to wear this particular decoration. Entitlement to wear the same may be determined by the Brother's Camp at a regular meeting thereof.

Section 4—no change.

Section 5

Reference:

Proceedings 1962, page 77.

Full present text:

Members with Fifty (50) years continuous membership (never having ben dropped) may wear the Fifty Years Membership Badge. This shall be the regulation badge of the Order, suspended from a plain bar (on which may be inscribed the name of the member) in lieu of the regulation membership bar. The ribbon shall be that of the National Organization, in center of which shall be a bar inscribed "Fifty Year Membership." There shall be badges similar in style for Seventy (70) years and Seventy-five (75) years continuous membership (the member never having been dropped), which may be worn by members having such years of membership, the numerals 70 or 75 being substituted for the numeral 50.

Section 6

Reference:

Proceedings 1974, pages 47 and 48.

The last sentence of the first paragraph now reads as follows (full text of that sentence):

Associates shall wear a plain blue ribbon attached to the regulation badge.

In all other respects the first paragraph remains as in the 1966 printed edition.

Section 7—no change.

Section 8—new section.

Reference:

Proceedings 1957, page 57.

Full text:

All badges issued by the Commandery-in-Chief shall be equipped with a safety clasp.

Article IV—Membership Card.

Sections 1 to 3—no change.

Article V—Seals—no change.

Article VI—Discipline.

Sections 1 to 9—no change.

Article VII—Rules of Order—no change.

Article VIII—Flag—no change.

Article IX—Ritual—no change.

Article X—Order of Business—no change.

Article XI—Repealing Clause and Amendments.

Sections 1 and 2—no change.

Joseph S. Rippey, Chairman

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John C. Yocum

Norman R. Furman

Albert C. Lambert

The reading of this Report constitutes the final work of this Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: There is evidence that this Committee has done a fine job and involved much time. However, where do we now stand?

Past Commander-in-Chief Rippey: It is now up to the National Organization perhaps to provide some means of publishing in some form in the future. New printing costs money. If the Encampment votes to have this done, then the Encampment or the Council of Administration must find means of financing the printing.

Commander-in-Chief Stark: We will now have the reading of communications and reference to the proper Committees.

Commander-in-Chief Stark: At this time I will ask the National Secretary to read the Communications including the Resolutions so they may be turned over to the respective committees.

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
RESOLUTION NO. 1

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of every American to understand and maintain the American way of life, and to pass it on so that it may be enjoyed by succeeding generations:

AND WHEREAS, The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are pledged to teach patriotism, the duties and privileges of citizenship and true history to our country, and love and respect for our Flag:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE SUPPORT:

1. Maintenance of the George Washington Foreign Policy of friendship with all nations, trade with all nations, entangling alliances with none.

2. That of all the despicable creatures in the world we believe the most evil, the most foul is the man or woman who sells illegal drugs to anyone, worst of all to young people. They destroy the minds and bodies of human beings, render them helpless and incapable of a useful life and break the hearts and lives of their parents and loved ones. We urge more effective spending and a more effective educational program to wipe out this horrible national disease and the people who are responsible for it and condone it.

3. WHEREAS, the amount of interest paid to Camps by the National Organization on Life Memberships is \$6 yearly, which is not sufficient and does not equal the income from investments, it is obvious that this fund is completely under-funded. We recommend that this entire matter be referred to the Council of Administration for equitable adjustment.

4. WHEREAS, we the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War feel deep concern over the decline of our National economy by continued increases in public debt; by our loss of prestige abroad and by the constant step-by-step erosion of Soviet Communism, Resolve

1. That we favor all appropriations that are needed for the National defense and our country's defense.

2. That we favor the reduction of expenses of government with a view to balancing the annual budget and gradually liquidating the National debt.

3. That we strongly urge elimination of Foreign Aid to all but proven friendly nations, and the strict curtailment of local projects of doubtful value.

4. That we strongly urge our Congress not to liberate Moscow from their present heavy-duty of spending more than one million, two hundred thousand dollars a day to support the communist regime of dictator Fidel Castro in Cuba through a secret commitment of

the American Government to aid the economic support of the communist regime of Castro. These loans would never be repaid or at least only be paid a minimal part as a symbolic payment.

ADOPTED June 14, 1975

New Jersey Department

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Kenneth Ekstrand, Department Commander

Albert C. Lambert, Secretary-Treasurer

(Concurrence)

**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

RESOLUTION NO. 2

THE PANAMA CANAL

As a result of the panicky decision of a previous administration, the government of Panama believed that we were ready to replace the 1903 treaty with a less positive and still murky new agreement to share with Panama in the canal's defense, as well as turn over American property to Panama.

We paid the highest price ever negotiated for the jungle and swamps where the French had failed to build a canal. It was over run with malaria, other diseases, snakes and all sorts of tropical vegetation hazards.

The United States paid Panama \$10 million, as the price of compensation, plus \$250,000 annually, the latter representing the annual fee formerly paid to Columbia by the Panama Railroad.

A good deal of United States oil and coal supplies must pass through the Panama Canal. This would be endangered by giving up sovereignty to possible interference in the passage of our ships through the canal.

Our Naval Power might be limited by a giveaway of the land in the Canal Zone since it would make it easier for a saboteur to enter or damage or destroy the locks, thus impeding entry of United States Naval vessels.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War believe the United States must continue to carry out its leadership in the world by insuring that world shipping shall have unimpeded access through the Isthmus of Panama through a route that the American people built with their resources, genius, tenacity and courage.

ADOPTED June 14, 1975

New Jersey Department

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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(Concurrence)

RESOLUTION NO. 3

94th Annual Encampment of the Sons
of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Rochester, New York, August 12, 1975.

FOREIGN AID

WHEREAS, The United States government and its citizens are recognized as history's most generous people,

AND WHEREAS, We have contributed generously in money and substance to foreign nations and their citizens who may be in need,

AND WHEREAS: Foreign aid policy has contributed to our present economic and financial difficulties,

NOW BE IT RESOLVED: That this convention assembled recommend that the United States government consider and implement exchange of goods in lieu of our present and past policy of financial gifts and loans,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: As Russia is recognized as the world's second largest producer of oil, which is in serious shortage in this country, that we barter or exchange wheat and other commodities for oil,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this concept of exchange of goods be adopted in our relations with other countries where ever practical.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all government officials and committees involved in foreign aid.

John C. Yocum, P.C. in C.

Frank M. Heacock, P.C. in C.

Joseph S. Rippey, P.C. in C.

(Concurrence)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE NEW YORK DEPARTMENT
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

RESOLUTION NO. 4

RECOMMENDATION #1: That the contribution cards for the G.A.R. Memorial Fund have a space provided for the name and number of the camp or auxillary on the contribution card.

RECOMMENDATION #2: That the National Organization restore the Patriotic Instructor and also the Chaplain forms as used to be issued by National about five years ago.

A motion was also made at our convention that the National body please return to having the installing officers reports printed so that they can be bought by either Camps or Departments.

Yours in F., C. & L.,

Lawrence Isaacs

Department Secretary

(Refer to the Council of Administration)

RESOLUTION NO. 5

WHEREAS, continued pressure of legal and illegal immigration into the United States, continues to erode our living standards and there is no plausible estimate of the number of illegal aliens in the United States and no official records are kept of the number of immigrants from the United States and

WHEREAS, there are serious proposals to give "amnesty" to substantial numbers of such immigrants and there are at this time, no criminal penalties against knowing employment of illegal aliens and it appears many temporary entrants to the United States simply remain and become permanent illegal immigrants

WHEREAS, there are various ways in which the process of issuing of Social Security Cards need to be made more secure to prevent assistance to illegal aliens.

RESOLVED, As unalterably opposed to the concept of "amnesty" to illegal immigrants and in favor of legislation imposing sanctions, employers of illegal aliens such as House Resolution 982 and House Resolution 257, which should be sufficient.

WHEREAS, legislation should be passed which will permit more careful scrutiny of applicants for temporary visas and

RESOLVED, That we go on record in favor of the provisions of House Resolution 3737 that requires specific alien and citizenship information be provided prior to the issuance of a social security card, that tamperproof social security cards be so marked and that cards issued to aliens that are not permitted to work be so marked also, and cards be presented by prospective employees to employers before obtaining employment, and that criminal penalties be provided for employers who violate its provisions.

Arthur R. Glenum, P.D.C.

District of Columbia Representative
(Concurrence)

RESOLUTION NO. 6

WHEREAS, the Marriott Corporation is attempting to have several hundred acres of the MANASSAS NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK area re-zoned from agricultural to commercial so that a "Great Theme" park might be built.

AND WHEREAS, the National Battlefield park at Manassas, Virginia, which commemorates two of the great battles of the American Civil War, is being threatened by increasing developmental pressures for re-zoning.

AND WHEREAS, such a development poses a dangerous threat to the historic and environmental integrity of the Manassas National Battlefield Park and such encroachment would certainly result in rampant commercialism

AND WHEREAS, the Manassas National Battlefield Park is dedicated to the memory of the gallant men, of both sides, who fought here, such commercialism would besmirch these memories.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 94th National Encampment, at Rochester, New York, August 10 thru 14, 1975, protest the proposed re-zoning of the area for the benefit of commercialism.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, Manassas, Virginia, in the County of Prince William.

George L. Cashman
Past Commander-in-Chief

(Concurrence)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

At the 95th Annual Department Encampment held June 22 to 25, at Lancaster, Pa., the following actions were taken.

1. That it be the sentiments of the Pennsylvania Department in Encampment assembled, that legislation be enacted, so that the matter be left within the By-Laws of the Pennsylvania Department as to how the Commanding Officer of the Pennsylvania Brigade, S.V.R. shall be selected.

2. The motion that was presented at an earlier time this session, expressing the sentiments of the Pennsylvania Department, pertaining to the selection of the Commanding Officer of the Pennsylvania Brigade, S.V.R., be placed in the form of a letter directed to the National Secretary-Treasurer and copies to the Commander-in-Chief and all members of the National Military Affairs Committee.

3. The Department Commander be instructed, if this matter is not brought on the floor of the National Encampment, to pursue it with the backing of the members of the Pennsylvania Department present.

William L. Simpson
Department Commander

Attest:

Ivan E. Frantz
Dept. Sec'y.-Treas.

(Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations)

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

National Organization, S.U.V.C.W.

Attention: Committee to Review, Revise and Update
the Constitution and Regulations

At the 95th Annual Department Encampment held June 22 to 25, at Lancaster, Pa., the following action was taken.

That it be the sentiments of the Pennsylvania Department, that ARTICLE IV, Section 2 of Chapter II (Regulations) include in the paragraph where it says that no member shall be eligible for selection unless he is present and entitled to vote, said paragraph shall include the words "shall be a Past Camp Commander."

Also, since there is no provision written in the Regulations of the Constitution and Regulations for a candidate for the office of Commander-in-Chief, that it shall have the same requirements of being present, have voice and vote, and be a Past Department Commander of his respective Department. The foregoing to be added.

William L. Simpson
Department Commander

Attest:

Ivan E. Frantz
Dept. Sec'y.-Treas.

(Concurrence by a Motion)

**COMMUNICATION FROM PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

National Organization, S.U.V.C.W.

c/o Mr. Chester S. Shriver,
Natl. Sec'y.-Treas.

P.O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325

At the 95th Annual Department Encampment held June 22nd to 25th at Lancaster, Pa. The Pennsylvania Department endorses Past Department Commander Clarence J. Riddell as the next candidate for the Office of Commander-in-Chief from Pennsylvania.

William L. Simpson,
Department Commander

Attest:

Ivan E. Frantz,
Dept. Sec'y.-Treas.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

At the 95th Annual Department Encampment held June 22 to 25, at Lancaster, Pa., the following action was taken.

That we oppose the timing of the date of the Sixth National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans Reserve this year, and suggest to the National Military Department, that in the future this annual affair should be scheduled at a time when it does not conflict with any Annual Department Encampment.

For the dates June 20 to 22, 1975, the Maine Department had their Encampment scheduled. For the dates June 22 to 25, 1975, the New York and Pennsylvania Departments had their Encampments scheduled.

William L. Simpson
Department Commander

Attest:

Ivan E. Frantz
Dept. Sec'y.-Treas.

The Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve assured all Brothers that an Order was issued under date of January 1, 1975, that no SVR National Encampment may be held other than during the months of July, August and September and not to be scheduled during the dates of the Annual SUVCW National Encampment.

Several letters were read by National Secretary Shriver, from Brothers who could not be present and offered their best wishes for a harmonious Encampment. These were from Past Department Commander Thomas L. W. Johnson, Wisconsin; Past Commander-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert, New Jersey; Past Commander-in-Chief Thomas A. Chadwick, Vermont; and Past Department Commander Burton E. Kanenberg, Wisconsin.

Commander-in-Chief Stark: Brothers, we have reached the hour for closing today's business as we must clear this room for a dinner this evening. Brother Rule — will you close the Bible?

Session recessed until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday.

TUESDAY SESSION

August 12, 1975

9:00 a.m.

Commander-in-Chief Stark: We are now back in session and will continue with the reports.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA REPRESENTATIVE

(Submitted by National Secretary Shriner)

Brother Glenum did not submit a formal written report for this Encampment. However, he did phone my home several weeks ago and informed me he could not attend the sessions but did forward a Resolution for action at this Encampment and he attached a personal check in the amount of \$200.00 for use as this Encampment deems fitting. I personally feel that we can be justly proud to have a Brother who resides in our Nation's Capitol to fill the post of our National Representative and who is dedicated in his obligations.

Past Department Commander William C. Rule: Brothers, I feel that our Order should be proud to have a Brother such as Brother Glenum in our Organization and I feel we at this Encampment should send Brother Arthur a letter of thanks for his support and generous gift of \$200.00. Seconded by Brother John C. Yocum. Motion carried.

Commander-in-Chief Stark: At this time, I would recognize the Sons Department Encampment Committee from New York for a few words of greetings.

Past Department Commander Harold Bellby: It is a privilege for me to address you on behalf of the Sons Committee here in New York. We have tried to make your visit here memorable. The Hotel is cooperating with you, and we have planned a fine bus tour for you on Thursday. If we can help you in any way, just ask.

Past Commander-in-Chief Fred Combs, Jr.: Commander-in-Chief Stark has asked that I respond to you and the Committee. We realize that there is much work and planning. We know that the fruits of your labors will be bountiful.

Commander-in-Chief Stark: At this time, Brother Cleon E. Heald requests a few moments to extend an invitation.

Past Commander-in-Chief Cleon E. Heald: (Invitation to all members of the Sons to attend the 100th Anniversary of the New Hampshire Veterans Association at The Weirs, New Hampshire August 22-23, 1975. The Association was founded by Civil War Veterans as a Headquarters for Allied Orders of the G.A.R. in New Hampshire. It is now the annual meeting place of the New England Regional Association. They have planned a weekend of activities in which the Sons of Union Veterans and Sons of Veterans Reserve will participate).

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Since we have a few minutes for general discussion, as Chairman of the National Encampment Site Committee, I would remind you that we have no invitation for 1977. There seems to be a lack of ambition on the part of some of our members, and we should give thought to perhaps some other approach. It has been suggested to me that perhaps a position of a Convention Planner might be the answer who would only function when he have no official commitment and one who would assume duties as the coordinator for advance planning of an Encampment.

(Many questions were asked pro and con whether this would be functional which included the matter of cost, necessities required and what the exact duties would entail. Also, whether the Sons would have such a Brother who would obligate his time and interest.)

A motion was made by Brother Chester Shriver, Seconded by Brother Frank M. Heacock, Sr., to go along with this plan and authorize the National Encampment Site Committee to establish such a program, if and when the time would come when no invitations were on file for a National Encampment. Motion carried.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Now that you have a future guideline to plan an Encampment where we do not have a local (Department) Committee to work with, we must keep in mind that overall cost of financing such Encampments would mean lack of extra dollars to use for extras. Perhaps we should consider increasing our individual contribution from \$200.00 to \$300.00 which means an extra \$300.00 to work with, assuming the Auxiliary and Ladies of the GAR would go along with the idea.

Past Commander-in-Chief Heald: Why not authorize Brother Leroy to approach the Auxiliary and Ladies with this alternative of both the proposed Convention Planner and increase in appropriation so he may return with a report during this Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Stark: You Brothers have heard this recommendation, and I feel that the Brothers here favor such consideration. I therefore ask you, Brother Leroy, to contact the other Ladies' Groups and report back later in this Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Stark: We will now go into the reading of the Reports of Committees. Will the Chairman of the Genealogy Committee submit his report?

REPORT OF THE GENEALOGY COMMITTEE

We believe the present Application Forms are sufficient for two or three generations of descent from a veteran; however, it is apparent that as we go further (and many applicants are now fifth and sixth generations), we will find it most helpful to have a more complete record.

If a chart of the ancestry of all members were kept, it would be comparatively easy to confirm a new application, even though the applicant was unable to complete his record, if his ancestry could be tied to a former or present member.

All records are now kept at Camp level and National has no way of helping a man prove his eligibility.

We believe the supplementary worksheet as submitted by the Illinois Department or some modification should be tried on a voluntary basis in an effort to obtain records of all present as well as future members.

We recommend that the Budget Committee make an appropriation to start this project and a Genealogy Officer be appointed to handle details and arrange for filing such records.

COMMITTEE:

William W. Haskell
Edwin K. Kramer
James Y. Ledwith

Past Commander-in-Chief Heacock: Commander-in-Chief, I move you that where there are no objections, the recommendations be approved

by the sound of the gavel. Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Yocum. Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF LEGISLATION FOR 1974-1975

July 30, 1975

Greetings:

Your committee, appointed to study legislation of interest to our Order, begs leave to submit the following report to you and thru you to the officers and delegates attending the 94th Annual Encampment. Your chairman would like to express his personal appreciation to Brother Fred H. Combs, Jr., for his gracious cooperation in printing our interim reports in THE BANNER each quarter.

REVISION OF U. S. FLAG CODE — Last year we reported on efforts to revise Public Law 77-829 as amended, popularly known as "The Flag Code". In the present 94th Congress, proposals again have been introduced to revise that statute. But, unlike some of the earlier measures that would have set up a commission to study the usage, customs and laws relating to the flag, the current proposals are much more specific in calling for change.

Senate Jt. Resolution 49 and House Jt. Resolution 321, respectively, are identical in content. Both are designed to update the Flag Code with specific revisions, but also provide for the appointment of a National Flag Commission by the President. Among the recommended revisions of interest to a patriotic order are the following:

1. Liberalizes provision for display of flag 24 hours a day, so that when a "patriotic effect" is desired, the flag may be displayed at all times, "if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness".

2. Permits flag to be flown in inclement weather, if it is made of all-weather material.

3. Revises and updates list of holidays and special dates when the flag should be displayed.

4. Drops reference to displaying flag from radiator cap of an automobile and substitutes the right fender, as the appropriate location for a flag staff.

5. Authorizes flag to be flown daily from main entrance of every public institution without regard to weather conditions.

6. Specifies how the flag should be displayed when positioned on a wall by stating that the Union should be uppermost and to the observer's left. This represents common usage, but is not clearly stated in the present Code.

7. Simplifies regulations for display of flag in a church or auditorium and eliminates the distinction between the chancel, as opposed to other areas in a church.

8. Expands upon regulations for flying the flag at half-staff upon the death of a President, ex-President and certain other designated officials. This provision incorporates into the Code the substance of Proclamation 3044, issued by President Eisenhower, in 1954, concerning the display of the flag at half-staff.

9. Adds to the existing provision which allows the flag to be displayed with its Union down as a signal of "dire distress" the phrase, "in instances of extreme danger to life or property".

10. Adds to the prohibition against using the flag as a drapery, the words "wearing apparel" and "bedding".

11. Permits a flag patch to be worn on the uniforms of "military personnel, firemen, policemen and members of patriotic organizations".

while continuing the prohibition against using the flag as a part of a costume or athletic uniform. In addition, on the theory that the flag "represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing", provision is made for a replica of the flag in the form of a lapel pin, to be worn on the left lapel near the heart.

12. Updates the regulations concerning the use of the hand salute when the flag is passing in a parade or review, during the rendition of the National Anthem and during a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

There is no federal agency or authority which is authorized to issue "official" rulings legally binding on civilians or civilian groups. The general test by which all such questions might fairly be resolved, however, is perhaps best suggested by the opening clause of Section 4 of the Code which reads, "that no disrespect should be shown to the flag of the United States of America".

DESECRATION OF THE FLAG UNDER STATE LAWS — The United States Supreme Court on June 9, 1975, dismissed a challenge to an Iowa law punishing an individual for burning the United States flag in public during a political demonstration. In a brief order, the justices declined to hear an appeal brought by a former University of Iowa student, who was convicted under the state's desecration statute, of burning the flag on February 11, 1971, during an anti-war demonstration on the Iowa campus. Patricia M. Farrell was fined \$50, plus court costs and appealed. The Iowa Supreme Court twice affirmed her conviction.

STATUS OF MONDAY HOLIDAY LEGISLATION — While there is optimism for the return of Veterans Day to November 11 nationally, there appears to be no similar groundswell of sentiment to return Memorial Day to May 30. Several bills affecting Memorial Day have been introduced in Congress, among which are S. 429 and H. R. 119, 235, 1728 and 1972, but they are not given much chance of passage. In Illinois, the one major industrial state that observes Memorial Day on its traditional date, repeated attempts were made in the spring session of the General Assembly to bring the Prairie State into line with federal law, but all failed. Veterans groups in Illinois have been very active in the fight to retain the May 30 date there. But, unless there is a decided change in sentiment nationally, it will be difficult for Illinois to continue its individuality in this regard.

To the enthusiasts of three-day weekends, Memorial Day represents the key federal holiday affected, because it has been an actual holiday for most Americans for many years and serves to introduce the summer season. Organizations interested in tradition and patriotic sentiment must unite their forces and demand consideration of the May 30 date by Congress, if the efforts of commercial, travel and resort interests are to be counter-balanced.

THE FUTURE OF THE CANAL ZONE — As reported in the spring issue of THE BANNER, there is mounting concern over the outcome of negotiations with Panama over the future control of the Canal Zone. Critics of efforts designed to give the Panamanians a greater voice and eventual control over the Canal Zone are determined that United States sovereignty will not be bargained or abrogated away. On June 26, 1975, the House of Representatives, by a margin of 246 to 164, adopted an amendment offered by Representative Gene Snyder of Kentucky, to an appropriations bill that would flatly prohibit any use

of State Department funds "for the purposes of negotiating the surrender or relinquishment of any United States rights in the Panama Canal Zone". This amendment was supported by a majority of those voting on both sides of the aisle. However, whether or not its language will have a binding effect remains in doubt. The Snyder amendment must be acted upon by the Senate and could be eliminated before final passage. In addition, the Administration may be able to find other funds to continue the negotiations.

In the Senate itself, a strongly bipartisan group of 37 Senators was listed on June 1 as being co-sponsors of Senate Resolution 97, which urges retention of undiluted United States sovereignty over the Canal Zone. While not a majority of the Senate's membership, it does represent more than the one-third needed to block passage of a new treaty governing the future status of the Canal Zone.

STATUS OF SELECTED ITEMS OF LEGISLATION — On July 4, 1975, President Ford signed Public Law 94-53, a measure that authorizes the flag to be flown around the clock from the grounds of the National Memorial Arch at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

On July 22, 1975, the House of Representatives passed and sent to the President, Senate Jt. Resolution 23, to restore the full rights of citizenship to Confederate General Robert E. Lee.

After the Civil War, President Johnson offered "full amnesty and pardon" to Confederate soldiers who would swear allegiance to the United States Constitution. In the case of General Lee and other leaders of the Confederacy, they first had to apply for pardons so that their cases could be considered individually. But Lee was never granted a pardon presumably because his oath failed to reach the President. Later with the passage of the 14th Amendment, full citizenship could only be restored by a two-thirds vote of Congress. In the case of General Lee, this has now been achieved.

On June 13, 1975, the President signed Public Law 94-33, a measure which sets aside the 21 days between Flag Day on June 14 and Independence Day on July 4 and proclaims the period to be known as "Honor America".

On May 9, 1975, the President approved Public Law 94-21, which sets aside the week beginning May 12, 1975, as "Historic Preservation Week".

OTHER ITEMS OF LEGISLATION WORTHY OF NOTE — Maryland's two senators have jointly introduced S. 91 to authorize an expansion of the Antietam National Battlefield. It has been referred to the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee. Three Joint Resolutions passed the Senate this spring and are under study by appropriate committees in the House. Senate Joint Resolution 15 to designate May 13 as "American Business Day" passed the Senate on March 20, as did Senate Joint Resolution 36, a measure to make Alexander Solzhenitsyn an honorary citizen of the United States. On May 8, the Senate passed Senate Joint Resolution 44, that would designate September 28, 1975, as "National Indian Day".

In the House of Representatives, several bills and resolutions affecting patriotic themes have been introduced. House Joint Resolution 294 would designate "America the Beautiful", as the "Bicentennial Hymn for 1976"; House Joint Resolution 450 would designate the week beginning with the third Monday of February of each year as "National Patriotism Week"; the birthday of Susan B. Anthony would be rec-

ognized as a local public holiday under terms of H. R. 527, 717 and 1451; under H. R. 1814, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday would be set aside as a legal holiday. To date, there has been no committee action on these House measures. Likewise, no action has been taken on House Resolution 67, a measure that would re-establish the House Committee on Internal Security, as a standing committee of that body.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1975-1976 — In recognition of some of the issues discussed in the report, the following recommendations are offered on behalf of your Committee on Legislation:

Recommendation #1: That Congress give full and active consideration to the proposals designed to revise and update the Flag Code, as a most appropriate way to observe our Nation's Bicentennial.

Recommendation #2: That the House of Representatives give prompt consideration and approval to S. 331 to return Veterans Day to November 11 and recognize it as a federal holiday.

Recommendation #3: That Congress give favorable consideration to proposals before it to return the observance of Memorial Day to May 30 and to recognize that date as a federal holiday.

Recommendation #4: That the Senate turn back all efforts to dilute or otherwise lessen United States sovereignty and jurisdiction over the Canal Zone.

It is with pleasure that your chairman acknowledges with thanks the support and encouragement given him by his colleagues on the committee: Fred H. Combs, Jr., William L. Simpson, Arthur L. Glenum and Richard Greenwalt. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve our Commander-in-Chief in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,
FOR THE COMMITTEE
 Thomas L. W. Johnson, Chairman

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Lawrence submitted an oral report regarding membership status in the New England Region. The full report of membership standings is submitted by the National Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AMERICANISM AND EDUCATION

Past Department Commander Kenneth Wheeler, N. H.: Brothers, we do not have a written report to submit. However, your Committee feels that there is work to be done by everyone and each should become involved. We cite especially the problems in schools where we find a decline in patriotism and respect for our Country. Therefore, it should be our job to contact these schools to restore the image of Americanism in our educational systems.

Commander-in-Chief Stark: This is very true. It creates a sad state of affairs. I have been informed that schools are eliminating much history of the early years of our country.

Shall we continue with the report of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committee?

REPORT OF THE LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY COMMITTEE

Greetings:

Your committee, appointed to conduct the annual deathday ceremony on April 15, at the tomb of Abraham Lincoln, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois, begs leave to submit the following report.

The 19th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony sponsored by our order with the active assistance of The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States recorded the presentation of 67 commemorative wreaths and the presence of 94 luncheon guests who gathered at the State House Inn following the rites at the tomb.

We were honored to have Commander-in-Chief John H. Stark with us for the occasion. He most ably represented our Order at the exercises and his presence was thoroughly appreciated by everyone in attendance. It marked the first visit by an incumbent Commander-in-Chief since 1971. Brother Stark was joined by Commander-in-Chief Charles Allen Brady, Jr., of the Loyal Legion, who represented that Order.

Under the command of Captain Robert M. Graham, a co-chairman of the ceremony, the 114th Regt., Ill. Vol. Inf. (Reactivated) and official honor guard for the ceremony, provided escorts for the wreath bearers. The regiment was assisted by other uniformed units also present for the rites.

The Honorable Harlington Wood, Jr., judge of the Federal District Court at Springfield, addressed the guests assembled for the luncheon on the legacy left to us by Abraham Lincoln.

Again this year, the Men's Chorus from Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, directed by Professor Daniel Reuning, provided several inspiring musical selections at the exercises.

Departments and/or Auxiliaries from our Order that took part in the ceremony were Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin. In addition, two camps and one local auxiliary from the Illinois Department presented wreaths.

Through careful budgeting and planning, your committee spent the sum of \$346.69 in the official conduct of the ceremony.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1976 — Your committee is grateful for the generous support provided each year in response to its request for operating funds. We believe this ceremony to be one of the outstanding events sponsored by our National Organization.

In keeping with this belief and in recognition of the continued bite of inflation, we again recommend that our appropriation be increased to \$400 for 1976. This will help to insure that the quality of the ceremony will continue undiluted and will help your committee cope with the anticipated rise in its expenses. As an example of this projected increase, we cite the proposed increase in first class postal rates scheduled to take effect later this year.

If this recommendation cannot be granted due to competing demands for limited funds, a fact of life we can all recognize, we would then recommend the continuation of the \$350 appropriation with the provision that an additional \$50 be set aside as a "contingency reserve" which the committee would be authorized to draw upon in the event that its official expenses exceed its basic appropriation. In recognition of this request, your committee pledges its cooperation to "hold the line" to the extent possible.

For a complete account of the 1975 ceremony, your attention is invited to the summer 1975 issue of *The Banner*.

Respectfully submitted,
 George L. Cashman, Co-Chairman
 Thomas L. W. Johnson, Co-Chairman
 Robert M. Graham, Co-Chairman
 Wayne C. Temple, Co-Chairman

Past Commander-in-Chief George L. Cashman: I would like to speak on this report since I am a member. I have seen this Program grow and in doing so, there are increased financial costs that the Committee must incur if we are to maintain its standards. We have more Organizations participating. The cost of printing has increased and your Committee feels strongly about the increased appropriation as requested.

Past Commander-in-Chief Heacock: I move you the report of this Committee be accepted in seriatim. Seconded by Past Department Commander Koch. Motion carried.

Past Commander-in-Chief Howland: Since this recommendation requires an increased appropriation, I move you that it be referred to the Budget Committee to see if they can work it into the Budget for next year. Seconded by Past Department Commander Rule. Motion carried.

RE: RETURN OF MEMORIAL DAY TO MAY 30TH

Past Commander-in-Chief Heacock, Chairman: I need not tell you Brothers, that we have been sitting too long doing nothing. If you recall the stand we took at the time the Grange promoted their Memorial at Gettysburg. We — We — We are the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We have got to move. Let's do something. We are not taking care of Memorial Day as it should be observed. It's ridiculous to have 2 Memorial Days. We must start from here to work. One way is to contact your Congressman and Senators individually. Let's get off our seats and do something.

Commander-in-Chief Stark: Thank you, Brother Frank. May we have a report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations?

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

Past Commander-in-Chief Heacock, Chairman: Your Committee wishes to report that very good fraternal relations have been accorded to and from the Sister Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. We pledge to continue this fraternal love.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt, Chairman: With the passing of Brother Harold E. Arnold in June, your Commander-in-Chief appointed me to assume the Chairmanship until this Encampment. During these short months, nothing has been referred to this Committee for action or consideration. I am sure the Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve will submit a formal report.

Commander-in-Chief Stark: Will the Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve render his report?

Past Commander-in-Chief Heacock: Brother Stoudt, Do you have knowledge of the matters from the Department of Pennsylvania regarding the S.V.R. Regulations before we hear this report?

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I have been assured that these matters have been included in the report of the Commanding Officer.

REPORT OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER NATIONAL MILITARY DEPARTMENT SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE

Brother John H. Stark, Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Delegates Assembled.
Greetings:

In memory of the grandest Army that ever marched, the Grand Army of the Republic and in grateful appreciation to our beloved Order

— THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, may I present this formal report of your uniformed rank of the National Military Department — SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE.

Due to the continued interest following the Centennial years of the American Civil War of 1861-1865 and the eve of our Nation's Bi-Centennial, you — the Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, are seeing a transition in the interest in the dual membership in the Sons of Union Veterans and the Sons of Veterans Reserve. **Pride, Patriotism and Faith** are returning to Americans. This is true in today's rank and file of the Officers and enlisted men of the S.V.R., as they are obligated and dedicated in five (5) principles as follows:

TO observe and participate in Memorial Day, as a most sacred day.
 TO assist our parent Order at special events, such as participation at the annual ceremonies at the Lincoln Memorial, the G.A.R. Remembrance Day services at Gettysburg, the National SUV Encampment Campfire Program and many Department Encampments.

TO promote membership and activity in our Parent Order, by which we are created.

TO retain a military regimentation of respect, training and discipline through a chain of command.

TO promote the required dual membership of the SUVCW and SVR.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975, there were a total of 694 members in the Sons of Veterans Reserve representing 29 Camps in 14 Departments. During the past year, prior to January 1, 1975, several Unit applications were rejected due to the non-SUV membership. Annual dues will not be accepted by the Adjutant General's Headquarters from non-affiliated SUV/SVR Members. Records on file in the SVR Headquarters indicate that in 1924 the Adjutant General's Report of the Pennsylvania Brigade, SVR, encountered that certain men in the ranks at that time were not members of the Order and Unit Commanders were instructed to remove them from the Ranks of the SVR. The above requirements have motivated the formation of several new SUV Camps; especially in Wooster, Ohio; Candor, New York; Cookson, Oklahoma; Fort Wayne, Indiana and, in part, Curtis-Warner Camp #64, in Kansas City, Kansas-Missouri.

Recognition must be given to these Camps totaling over 75 Brothers, who were inspired to become dual SUV/SVR members.

In accordance with the Constitution and Regulations of our Parent Order, THE SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE Regulations and the operating procedures, the national staff of the SVR is carefully selected and assigned on the basis of SUV service, past military training experience, profession and respect for the chain of command. Included are the professions of minister, attorney, surgeon, architect, retired military personnel, business management, bankers and four (4) Past Commanders-in-Chief and seven (7) Past Department Commanders. The crossroads of professionalism, plus dedication to duty and respect, provide the programs of activities for the Sons of Veterans Reserve, as noted in paragraph 2 of this report. Since the Department of Pennsylvania is the only Department with by-laws governing the selection of the Commander of the Pennsylvania Brigade, Second Military District, this exception is the only exception to the SVR Operating Pro

cedures. Here again, respect for commands, administration and leadership must be complied with.

Further noted, in addition to the dual SUV/SVR obligation, is the personal investment of time and money in equipment since no manufacturer will make uniforms unless in a large quantity order. As per the SVR Regulations, two uniforms are standard. The full dress (class A) uniform of the McClelland style with the SVR accessories and a field uniform as prescribed in the SUV Constitution and Regulations. Other investments in muskets, sabres, musical instruments, artillery pieces or cavalry, plus camping equipment, creates a PERSONAL INVESTMENT. Most SVR units meet in drill sessions in G.A.R. homes, where available.

The 6th SVR National Encampment was held this year at the Army Revenna Arsenal, Ohio, June 20-23, 1975. After much delay in 1974 for the exact date and location and a promise by the U. S. Army to fully support the financial burden, the date conflicted with Department Encampments. On January 1, 1975, the headquarters of the Commanding Officer established guidelines for all future SVR Encampments, whereas, they must be held during the months of July, August or September and must not conflict with any dates of the Annual SUV National Encampments. With many city invitations for the 7th SVR National Encampment in 1976, the officers and unit commanders voted for Lancaster, Ohio, in either early August or Labor Day weekend, providing support can be arranged for by Mayor Rutherford.

Commander-in-Chief, you have witnessed your SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE in action during the past year. You know many of them personally. It was an honor and privilege to assist you in the highest standards of your Uniformed Department.

Best wishes for a most successful Encampment from the SVR membership and may I add my personal congratulations for the honor and privilege of serving you and I trust you will return to active duty to assist in future programs.

Respectfully and militarily submitted,
in F., C. & L.,
C. S. Shriver
Brigadier General
Commanding

Past Department Commander Koch: I move you that this report be promptly referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations for consideration. Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Frank M. Heacock, Sr. of Pennsylvania. Question on the motion was how matters pertaining to the Pennsylvania Department Regulations regarding the insertion of Regulation referring to the selection of the Pennsylvania Brigade Commander could be inserted in the Constitution and Regulations of our Order. Under a second Question on the motion, the vote was unanimous to refer the report to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations for consideration.

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE FINANCIAL REPORT

The following is the financial report of the National Military Department for the period August 1, 1974 through July 31, 1975.

RECEIPTS: \$100.00—National Organization, SUVCV
374.50—Dues

	78.00—Commission Fees on 26 Commissions	
	<u>\$552.50</u>	
EXPENDITURES:	\$487.28—Printing	
	47.96—Postage	
	<u>\$535.24</u>	
RECEIPTS:	\$552.50	LAST YEAR'S BALANCE \$ 77.68
EXPENDITURES:	535.24	THIS YEAR'S BALANCE 17.26
	<u>\$ 17.26</u>	
		BALANCE ON HAND \$ 94.94
		Charles A. Doane
		CPT SVR
		The Adjutant General

Commander-in-Chief Stark: Could we now have a report on the G.A.R. Remembrance Day Committee?

REPORT OF THE G.A.R. REMEMBRANCE DAY COMMITTEE

To the 94th Annual Encampment
Commander-in-Chief Stark and Brothers:

The committee submits this report for the 18th Annual G.A.R. Remembrance Day Program held at Gettysburg last November 16. We enlisted the help of several members of the Gettysburg Camp and the National Military Department in securing a minister and speaker for the program.

The parade, which precedes the program, was one of the largest ever in the history of this annual observance. Only two of the five national officers were able to be present; namely, Commander-in-Chief Stark and National President Mary Noonan, of the Ladies of the G.A.R. Past National Presidents filled in for the other three organizations.

Dr. Robert L. Bloom, Ph.D., Professor of History at Gettysburg College, was the speaker, and the late Harold E. Arnold, Past Commander-in-Chief, was the Master of Ceremonies.

As with past Remembrance Day Programs, we feel that the effort put forth was a credit to the National Organization and the others taking part.

Expenses for the program were:

Printed programs (250)	\$ 76.00
Postage, phone calls, misc.	16.65
National organization wreath	25.00
Music, donations to 11th Pa. Vol. Inf. Lancaster Fencibles	35.00
	<u>Total \$152.65</u>

The committee recommends the continuance of the program and that the sum of \$150 be allocated in the budget. Also, it is felt that a more active participation could be gotten from the members of the Gettysburg Camp, by having a few of the in-town members supply themselves and their automobiles for the conveyance of the National and Department Officers.

Presently, one member of this committee lives 30 miles from Gettysburg; the other member lives 55 miles away. Because of the work required for the evening Past Commanders and Past Presidents Assoc-

clation Dinner, committee member George W. Long requests that he not be named on the 1975 (November) committee.

Fraternally yours,

Ivan E. Frantz

George W. Long

Co-Chairmen

Remembrance Day Committee

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank M. Heacock, Sr.: I move you that the recommendation as presented in this report be accepted. Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief John C. Yocum. Motion carried.

At this point the National Organization voted approval for the Sons of Veterans Reserve to use the National Ribbon on the Distinguished Service Award gold medals. This action on a motion by Brother Rule, seconded by Brother Howland, Carried.

Commander-in-Chief Stark: Brothers. We have now reached time for the lunch break. We will now recess until 1:30 p.m. sharp.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSIONS

Commander-in-Chief Stark: Brothers, As we begin our afternoon sessions, we will have several Greetings Committees visit with us as well as our own visitations to the Auxiliary and Ladies of the G.A.R.

At this time, we will welcome two (2) Past National Presidents of our Auxiliary.

Sister Beatrice Riggs and Sister Margaret Schroeder, Past National Presidents reported that they are officially advising the Sons that they feel they should support the National Encampment Site Committee and feel they could raise the proposed \$300.00 as their share of financing a National Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Heacock: In response to the wish of our Commander-in-Chief to respond to you, Sisters, be advised we have always been appreciative of your cooperation. Thanks for coming over to bring this good news.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Now that we have a report from the Auxiliary, we now only await the answer from the Ladies of the G.A.R. Perhaps it is hard to have any of our Orders raise the extra \$100.00 in one year's time, but with two years of planning, this could be worked out I am sure. We will now wait for an answer from the Ladies of the G.A.R.

Commander-in-Chief Stark: Since we have not heard a report from the Credential Committee today, may we have an updated report at this time?

Past Department Commander Gibbons: The following breakdown is noted for the Delegates registered:

Commander-in-Chief	1
Past Commanders-in-Chief	10
Department Commanders	14
Past Department Commanders	36
Delegates	13
Registered, Not Present	16
Members at Large	2

Total 92

At this point in the session, two motions were entertained on the floor:

A motion was made by Brother William C. Rule, seconded by Brother John C. Yocum, to have the National Secretary-Treasurer forward a registered letter to Mrs. Grace Arnold, wife of Past Commander-in-Chief Harold Arnold, who passed away in June 1975. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brother John C. Yocum, Past Commander-in-Chief, seconded by many Brothers, to authorize the National Secretary-Treasurer to send a registered letter to Past Commander-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert, who was not in attendance because of illness. Brother Lambert has attended every Encampment for the past forty years and those in attendance at Rochester wanted him to know that he was missed by all and wished a speedy recovery.

Commander-in-Chief Stark: Thank you Brothers for these two meaningful motions. May we now have the report of the Committee on Resolutions? Brother Heald, will you submit your report?

Past Commander-in-Chief Heald: Brothers, your Committee has met and considered the many Resolutions presented to it and we submit to you this report:

Resolution No. 1—From the Department of New Jersey. We concur. **Past Commander-in-Chief Heacock:** I move you, Commander-in-Chief, where there is no objection to the report of the Committee, their report be accepted with the rap of the gavel. Seconded by PDC Macomber. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2—From the Department of New Jersey. We concur.

Resolution No. 3—From Past Commanders-in-Chief Heacock, Yocum and Rippey. We concur.

Resolution No. 4—From the Department of New York.

Referred to the Council of Administration.

Resolution No. 5—From Bro. Arthur R. Glenum. We concur.

Resolution No. 6—From Past Commander-in-Chief Cashman. We concur.

Your Committee has also received a communication from the Department of Pennsylvania regarding the change in ARTICLE IV, Section 2 of Chapter II (Regulations) which shall include the Words "Shall be a Past Camp Commander". Perhaps this should be referred to the Committee on C. & R.

Commander-in-Chief Stark: Brothers. What is your wish regarding this requested change?

After much discussions pro and con, a motion was made by Brother Heacock and seconded by Brother Yocum, to accept the change as requested from the Department of Pennsylvania. Motion carried.

Commander-in-Chief Stark: Brothers, we will now receive greetings from the National Organization of the Woman's Relief Corps.

(Sister Mary Lehman, Past Department President of New York, extended the Greetings for her National President. Brother William Haskell, P.C. in C., responded.) She was then escorted from the session.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Brothers, since we are stalling for a few minutes waiting for the Greetings Committee from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, I would like to throw something out on the floor for your feelings. Now that we are planning to reprint the Constitution and Regulations, what method are we going to pursue?

Past Department Commander Kramer: I have assisted my wife in the recent printing of the new C. & R. for the Auxiliary. Where we had them done in Harrisburg, the quote given us at this printer was far lower than any others. I would be glad to go to them for the same information for the Sons, if you wish.

National Secretary-Treasurer Shriver: Since it is not too far to Harrisburg, I will make arrangements with Brother Kramer, and we can secure prices for the printing, if this Encampment will authorize the updated printing.

(At this point the Greetings Committee of the Ladies of the G.A.R. were escorted into the Session. Those present were as follows:
Mary Noonan, National President, Mabel Taylor, P.N.P., Gladys Newton, P.N.P., Winona Kahl, P.N.P., Mary Leech, P.N.P., Alice Harwood, P.N.P., Erma Landis, P.N.P., Edna McCready, P.N.P., Margaret Orr, P.N.P., Della Richards, P.N.P.)

National President Mary Noonan: To say that I am overwhelmed is to say the least, but when I walked into this room, I realized that I was escorted into a great assemblage of Brothers. I am proud to tell you we pledge our support. Our Association with your Commander-in-Chief this past year has been most pleasant, and we wish him a very

successful Encampment. I also wish to thank the Brothers from the Department of New York for this fine convention.

(Past Commander-in-Chief Cashman responded).

The Delegation was escorted from the Session.

Commander-in-Chief Stark: We will now receive the Greetings Committee from the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(At this point National President Jessie Wells was introduced with all Auxiliary Sisters from the Department of Pennsylvania.)

Past National President Anna Stoudt: It is my pleasure to speak for our National President, Sister Jessie, and my Sisters from Pennsylvania to bring you the greetings of your Auxiliary. It was my pleasure one year ago to serve in this capacity and today it is likewise. It is a pleasant time. You brothers know we always stand ready to help you in your endeavors, and to you, Brother John, we wish you good health and trust you will enjoy your retirement.

(Past Commander-in-Chief Howland responded.)

Commander-in-Chief Stark: Brothers. It is now time for us to recess so that our Greetings Committee may visit with the Auxiliary and Ladies of the G.A.R. We will now recess until 9:00 a.m. promptly tomorrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 1975

The business session opened at 9:05 a.m. with Commander-in-Chief Stark presiding.

Commander-in-Chief Stark: We will now be in session and call on the Committee on Officers' Reports to render their report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

To the 94th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Rochester, New York, August, 1975.

The following is the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports:

Commander-in-Chief

The report of the Commander-in-Chief was the most outstanding we have had in several years. He has travelled many thousands of miles in carrying out the business of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and is to be highly commended. He has made two (2) recommendations:

1. That we continue the allowances for the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois, for the Gettysburg Remembrance Day Observance, Lincoln Birthday Observance in Washington, D. C. and the Memorial Day Observance at Rindge, New Hampshire, for the coming year.

Your Committee Concur.

2. We have had an increase of 74 Members at Large due to one advertisement in the Civil War Times. Money received from said members more than paid for the advertising costs. I strongly advise that we pursue this same course in the coming year.

Your Committee Concur.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's report shows a great interest in the welfare of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and concern for its future. He has made a recommendation concerning increase of Life Membership fees, but as his plan for this is quite complicated and the National Secretary-Treasurer has made a similar recommendation, with exactly the same amounts, your committee decided to accept the wording of the Secretary-Treasurer. Recommendation #2 concerns a change in our Constitution, so no action can be taken this year. Recommendation #3 concerns action to be taken by the incoming Commander-in-Chief, and is referred to the Council of Administration.

The Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Report Contains No Recommendations National Secretary-Treasurer

The National Secretary-Treasurer gave his usual excellent report, which was very clear and concise and shows a thorough knowledge of our Organization. He has made three (3) recommendations:

1. That due to the fact many of the Camps do not meet in regular and formal meetings, and with many records stored, becoming lost or misplaced and the fact that many of the Camp Officers have served for many years and are elderly, a photo copy of each Camp Charter must be forwarded to National Headquarters. Said photo copy to be forwarded through the Department Headquarters and to be completed by June 30, 1976.

Your Committee Concurs.

2. That each Department forward to National Headquarters a photo copy of the Department Charter, same to be completed by June 30, 1976. Purpose — to update the records of the National Headquarters. (A second copy is to be retained in the Department Headquarters)

Your Committee Concurs.

3. That due to the vast span of age by which a member may purchase a Life Membership and the alignment of cost of said membership, the cost be increased to the amounts as follows:

Age 70 and over	\$100
Between age 60 and 70	\$125
Under age 60	\$150

Your Committee Concurs**National Counselor**

(The report of the National Counselor had no recommendations. He was sorely missed by all present, as this is the first National Encampment he has not attended in forty years.)

National Patriotic Instructor

The formal report of the Patriotic Instructor was short and to the point and his forthcoming FINANCIAL REPORT will show that he has far exceeded the goal set for him by the National Council of Administration. Our sincere thanks to him for an excellent job well done. He made NO recommendations.

National Chaplain

The National Chaplain is commended for the fine job he has done all through the year and especially in conducting one of the most impressive Memorial Services we have seen in many years. He made NO recommendations.

The NATIONAL HISTORIAN, the NATIONAL GRAVES REGISTRAR, the WASHINGTON, D. C. REPRESENTATIVE, the PERSONAL AIDE to the Commander-in-Chief and the COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE NATIONAL MILITARY DEPARTMENT also gave very fine reports. None of these officers made any recommendations.

The District of Columbia Representative included with his report a check in the amount of \$200, to be used by the National Organization, as they see fit. Thank you, Brother Glenum.

In general, all of the National Officers gave very fine reports, with but ONE EXCEPTION. All reports SHOULD be typed and ready to submit at the first business session of the National Encampment.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,
Norman R. Furman, P.C. in C., Chairman.
New York

George L. Cashman, P.C. in C., Illinois
Eugene Russell, D.C., Massachusetts
Richard D. Partington, P.D.C., Pennsylvania
Richard Wyman, D.C., New Hampshire

Past Commander-in-Chief Heacock: I move you we accept the Report of the Committee on Officers' Reports which you have just received.

(Seconded by Past Department Commander William Rule. Motion carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Stark: At this time may we have a report of the Budget Committee?

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION
Report of the Budget Committee
Year of 1975-1976

RECEIPTS:

Per-capita tax from 2,551 members at \$2.20 per year	\$5,612.20
Registration fee from 92 members at \$2 each	184.00
Sales of Supplies	1,600.00
Auxiliary Gift	500.00
Refund from Fred H. Combs, Jr., Editor of THE BANNER	301.13
Gift from Arthur Glenum	200.00
Income from permanent fund income	1,600.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$9,997.33

DISBURSEMENTS:

Commander-in-Chief's Expense	\$1,000.00
Secretary-Treasurer's Expense	1,000.00
Purchase of Supplies	2,237.33
Printing, Stationery and Postage	550.00
Proceedings — 1975	730.00
Encampment Expenses	60.00
THE BANNER	2,800.00
Past Commander-in-Chief's Testimonial	220.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	800.00
Printing of Constitution & Regulations	600.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$9,997.33

APPROPRIATIONS FROM G.A.R. FUND

Lincoln Memorial Expense	\$ 50.00
Lincoln Tomb Expense	400.00
G.A.R. Remembrance Day Expense	150.00
Memorial for Cathedral of the Pines	25.00
National Military Department, SVR	100.00
Student Scholarship	250.00
G.A.R. Campfire Program Expenses	200.00

TOTAL

\$1,175.00

Submitted by:

Joseph S. Rippey

Robert Lawrence

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I move you we accept this report.
 (Seconded by Past Department Commander Long. Motion carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Stark: Thank you, Brothers. May we now have
 a report of the Audit Committee?

Past Department Commander Robert J. Wolz: Brothers, your Audit
 Committee has examined the books, reports and CPA Audit of the Na-
 tional Secretary-Treasurer for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975 and
 have accepted them as correct.

Past Commander-in-Chief Heacock: I move you accept the report as
 presented.

(Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Yocum. Motion carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Stark: I believe we have only one outstanding Committee to report. Is the Committee on Constitution and Regulations prepared for their final report?

Past Commander-in-Chief Rippey: There is only one matter referred to your Committee and comes from the Department of Pennsylvania.

Re: Change in Regulation: Chapter II, Article IV, Section 2.

The first deals with the matter of a Brother who must serve as a Camp Commander before he is eligible to be elected Department Commander. We feel that this has merit. However, there are Departments which are small in numbers and there could be a situation where this would not apply. We therefore feel that the Department could control this rather than have it required in the C. & R. of our Order. However our Committee would comply with your wishes.

(A motion was made by Past Commander-in-Chief Heacock, seconded by Brother William Rule, that the change as presented be accepted. Motion carried.)

The following announcements were made at this time by Commander-in-Chief Stark:

The General U. S. Grant III Membership Trophy Cup for the largest percentage increase in membership for the year 1974-1975 was awarded to the Department of Wisconsin with an increase of 13.6%.

The Harold E. Arnold Membership Plaque for the largest numerical increase of members during the year 1974-1975 was awarded to the Department of Ohio with an increase of sixteen members.

Commander-in-Chief Stark: There being no further business to come before this Encampment as far as Officers' and Committee Reports are concerned, may we have a report of the Credential Committee before we go into the nomination of officers.

The Credential Committee reported as follows:

Commander-in-Chief	1
Past Commanders in Chief	11
Department Commanders	14
Past Department Commanders	37
Delegates	15
Registered — not present	18
Total	96

A motion was made by Brother Heacock, Seconded by Brother Loeb to go into the nomination and election of officers. Motion carried.

The National Secretary-Treasurer called the roll with nominations as follows:

Commander-in-Chief Clarence J. Riddell from Department of Pennsylvania

(By Past Commander-in-Chief C. LeRoy Stoudt.)

"Pennsylvania finds itself in an embarrassing position. Last year we placed a Brother into nomination and you Brothers elected him your Commander-in-Chief. Now, one year later, we again have a man who has raised more money than any one else for the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund and has been a loyal member for 49 years. We therefore are proud to place into nomination the name of Brother Clarence J. Riddell".

Seconded by Brother Poehler of Pa. and the Departments of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Ohio, Vermont and Wisconsin.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Robert J. Wolz from Ohio
by Brother Rick Bury, II from the Department of Ohio.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Robert Lawrence from New
Hampshire by Brother Richard Wyman from the Department of
New Hampshire.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Harold Beilby from New York
by Brother Joseph S. Rippey, Department of New York.
Seconded by Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Vermont.

Council of Administration: (2 Years) .. William C. Rule, Past De-
partment Commander from Massachusetts by Brother William W.
Haskell, Department of Massachusetts.

Seconded by Departments of New Jersey, Vermont.

National Secretary-Treasurer: (5 Years) .. Department Commander
Kenneth Ekstrand from the Department of New Jersey:

Commander in Chief Stark and Brothers:

I would like to take this opportunity to place in nomination for
the office of National Secretary-Treasurer the name of one whom
we in New Jersey feel is extremely qualified and experienced to admin-
ister the duties of this office.

Actually, I am substituting for Past Commander-in-Chief Albert C.
Lambert who would have liked very much to be here to make this
nomination. Unfortunately, illness prevented his attendance here in
Rochester.

During our 93 years of existence we have had relatively few of our
members fill this most important office, all of whom have served us
well. Our candidate will be no exception.

It gives me great pleasure to place in nomination the name of Past
Commander-in-Chief Fred H. Combs Jr. of New Jersey for the office
of National Secretary-Treasurer.

Seconded by Brother Chester S. Shriver and the Departments of
Ohio, Pennsylvania, Vermont and Wisconsin.

Commander-in-Chief Stark: Brothers, you have now only one con-
test and that is in the nominations for the Office of Sr. Vice Com-
mander-in-Chief.

At this time, I will appoint Brothers William Haskell, George W.
Long and Richard Wyman to act as tellers. The National Secretary-
Treasurer will please call the roll for the purpose of election for the
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The Results:

Robert J. Wolz received 40 votes

Robert A. Lawrence received 21 votes

A motion was made by Past Commander-in-Chief Rippey, seconded
by Past Department Commander Koch, that where there is no opposi-
tion, the National Secretary-Treasurer be instructed to cast the 61
present registered delegate votes for those nominees. Motion carried.

Following the Ritualistic Installation of Officers, Commander-in-Chief-
Elect Clarence J. Riddell appointed the following installing Officers:

- Installing Officer Richard O. Partington, PDC, Penna.
- Chaplain George W. Long, PDC, Penna.
- Guide Edwin Kramer, PDC, Penna.

The following Brothers were appointed to their respective Offices
by Commander-in-Chief-Elect Riddell:

- National Counselor Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Pennsylvania
- National Chief of Staff John C. Yocum, Pennsylvania

National Patriotic Instructor	Frank L. Clark, New Jersey
National Chaplain	Richard E. Wyman, New Hampshire
National Historian	J. B. Johnson, Iowa
National Graves Registration Officer	William W. Vanderhoof, Jr., New Jersey
District of Columbia Representative	Arthur L. Glenum, Maryland
National GAR Highway Officer	Wallace Macomber, Rhode Island
Personal Aide	Thomas Monahan, Pennsylvania

The Officers who were elected and appointed were duly obligated at the Altar and escorted to their respective stations. Commander-in-Chief-Elect Riddell was escorted to his Command, and a round of applause greeted him by the Brothers present.

Commander-in-Chief-Elect Riddell: I wish to thank you, Brothers, for your electing me to this high Office. I will be calling on you for help and I need your support. I am aware of the high calibre of the work needed and I will strive to maintain our high standards.

(The other Officers responded with their thanks and asked for the support of the Brothers present.)

The Commander-in-Chief's Badge was pinned on Commander-in-Chief-Elect Riddell by outgoing Commander-in-Chief Stark.

Past Commander-in-Chief Shriver pinned the Past Commander-in-Chief's Jewel on Brother John H. Stark and also presented him with a personal gift of the Past Commander-in-Chief gold lapel button.

Past Department Commander Koch: I move you that the minutes of this Encampment after being transcribed by the National Secretary-Treasurer and approved by the outgoing Commander-in-Chief, become the official records of this Encampment. Seconded by several. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt, seconded by Past Department Commander Long, that the 94th Annual National Encampment adjourn. Motion carried.

The Encampment was closed in due Order and Ritualistic form.

Chester S. Shriver

National Secretary-Treasurer

1975 ENCAMPMENT ROLL

(NP — Registered, Not Present)

CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC

Donald Cheney, Dele. (NP) Howard T. Paine, Dele.
Ken Gruley, Dele. (NP) Wayne Tyle, Dele. (NP)

CONNECTICUT

James Y. Ledwith, P.D.C. Edgar A. Prince, Sr., P.D.C.

ILLINOIS

George L. Cashman, P.C. in C.

IOWA

Howard H. Cleveland, D.C. Charles P. Lowe, P.D.C.
J. B. Johnson, D.C.

MAINE

Edmund N. Butler, D.C.

MARYLAND

William Davis, P.D.C. (NP) Curry M. Shockley, D.C.
Franklin Lucas, P.D.C. (NP)

MASSACHUSETTS

Alfred J. Durocher, P.D.C. Allen B. Howland, P.C. in C.
William W. Haskell, P.C. in C. William C. Rule, P.D.C.
Charles W. Hooper, Sr., P.D.C. Eugene E. Russell, D.C.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Cleon E. Heald, P.C. in C. Kenneth T. Wheeler, P.D.C.
Robert Lawrence, P.D.C. Richard E. Wyman, D.C.

NEW JERSEY

Frank L. Clark, P.D.C. Albert C. Lambert, P.C. in C. (NP)
Fred H. Combs, Jr., P.C. in C. Albert W. Lambert, P.D.C. (NP)
Percy C. Davenport, Dele. John H. Nelson, Dele.
Kenneth P. Ekstrand, D.C. William Vanderhoof, P.D.C.
John Junge, Sr., P.D.C.

NEW YORK

Cecil M. Baer, Dele. Raymond Hightree, P.D.C.
Edson W. Baker, D.C. Irwin Humphrey, Dele.
Harold T. Beilby, P.D.C. Bertram Isaacs, P.D.C.
Roland Brown, Dele. John G. Kernan, P.D.C.
Charles Doane, P.D.C. Robert H. McMahon, P.D.C.
Judson N. French, P.D.C. Joseph S. Rippey, P.C. in C.
Harry Furman, P.D.C. Grover Scott, Dele.
Norman R. Furman, P.C. in C. Earl Terry, P.D.C.
Harry E. Gibbons, P.D.C. Robert Wagoner, P.D.C.
Harold Goodman, Dele. Richard J. Webber, Dele.
Alfred Hahn, Dele. (NP) Harold John Webber, Dele.
Chester E. Hudson, P.D.C. James G. Vrooman, Dele.

OHIO

Robert Austin, P.D.C.
 Gordon R. Bury, II, Dele.
 Richard Greenwalt, P.D.C.

Robert C. Wolz, P.D.C. (NP)
 Robert J. Wolz, P.D.C.

PENNSYLVANIA

Albert Blum, Dele. (NP)
 Theodore R. Dissinger, Sr., Dele.
 (NP)
 Goodling H. Dugan, Dele.
 Ivan E. Frantz, Sr., P.D.C.
 Karl J. Frantz, Dele.
 Frank M. Heacock, Sr., P.C. in C.
 William C. Jones, P.D.C.
 Wm. N. Kearney, P.D.C. (NP)
 Elton P. Koch, P.D.C.
 Edwin K. Kramer, P.D.C.
 Ivan M. Landis, Dele.

George W. Long, P.D.C.
 Jonathan T. Mayhew, Dele.
 Thomas A. Monahan, Jr., P.D.C.
 Rev. Richard O. Partington, P.D.C.
 Herman Poehler, Sr., Dele.
 Clarence J. Riddell, P.D.C.
 Chester S. Shriver, P.C. in C.
 William L. Simpson, D.C.
 John H. Stark, C. in C.
 C. LeRoy Stoudt, P.C. in C.
 Robert U. Werkheiser, P.D.C.
 John C. Yocum, P.C. in C.

RHODE ISLAND

Warren B. Boulester, D.C.
 Dexter Coombs, P.D.C.
 Frank Luth, P.D.C. (NP)

Wallace Macomber, P.D.C.
 George A. Strait, P.D.C. (NP)

VERMONT

Ned L. Durkee, P.D.C.

WISCONSIN

Edward E. Biering, P.D.C.
 Thomas L. W. Johnson, P.D.C.
 (NP)

Herman Black, P.D.C. (NP)

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

August 13, 1975

The Council of Administration meeting of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held at the close of the 94th Annual National Encampment in the Headquarters Suite of the Americana Hotel in Rochester, New York. The meeting was called to order at 2:10 P.M. with the following present:

Commander-in-Chief	Clarence J. Riddell
Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief	Robert J. Wolz
Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief	Howard Beilby
Council of Administration Member	John H. Stark
Council of Administration Member	Joseph S. Rippey
Council of Administration Member	William C. Rule
National Secretary-Treasurer	Fred H. Combs, Jr.
Past Commander-in-Chief	Chester S. Shriver
Past Commander-in-Chief	Allen B. Howland

1. The minutes of the previous meeting of August 10, 1975 were approved as read by the National Secretary-Treasurer Brother Shriver. This action on a motion by Brother Beilby, seconded by Brother Wolz. Motion carried.

2. The Editorship of the BANNER for the coming year was discussed. On a motion by Brother Rippey, Seconded by Brother Shriver, Brother Fred H. Combs, Jr. was elected to have printed the October 1975 and January, April and July 1976 issues. With the task so comprehensive, Bro. Combs requested that the Council find someone to take over this responsibility beyond July 1976. Motion carried.

3. On a motion by Brother Shriver, seconded by Brother Rippey, the BANNER appropriation was established at \$2800.00. Motion carried.

4. Exploration of the possibility of direct mailing was discussed for the BANNER, perhaps at a cost of 2½ cents. This would get it to the membership sooner, than via some Departments. To aid with this possibility, a motion was made by Brother Howland, seconded by Brother Stark, that the National Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to secure an updated Roster of all Camps in each Department. This motion carried.

5. The increase in the cost of Life Memberships, as approved at the 94th Annual National Encampment, was to become effective 1 January 1976.

6. Interest on Life Memberships for 1976 was established at \$6.00 per member as the result of a motion by Brother Shriver, seconded by Brother Rippey. Motion carried.

7. The matter of the request for an updated Quit Claim Deed from the City of Port Angeles, Washington, was tabled on a motion by Brother Rule, seconded by Brother Rippey. Motion carried.

8. Regarding the printing of the updated Constitution and Regulations:

- Investigation of prices was suggested
- Must be approved by the Council of Administration
- Brother Rippey to assist in editing
- Seek how many copies from \$600.00 appropriation

A motion by Brother Shriver, Seconded by Brother Wolz, to proceed with the items above-noted. Motion carried.

9. Brother Robert J. Wolz requested permission to use the 1898 Degree Ritual at the 1976 National Encampment in Columbus, Ohio. This would include the Flag on the Bible and to be used only for formal traditional ceremonial use in the induction of membership candidates.

A motion by Brother Shriver, Seconded by Brother Stark that dispensation be granted to the Department of Ohio to use this procedure. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Clarence J. Riddell
Commander-in-Chief
Chester S. Shriver
National Secretary-Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL
PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR
1974-1975

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC				
Camp	Personal		Chances	
John H. Logan	Harold Gates	\$ 3.00	Harold Gates	\$2.00
#2	Ethel Gates, D/P	5.00		
	Harold Gates, D/C	5.00		
	Howard Paine	5.00		
	Elmer Dayton	2.00		
	Vernon Finity	5.00		
	W. W. Mason	2.00		
	Phil Sheradon	5.00		
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	\$10.00			\$2.00
		\$32.00		
COLORADO & WYOMING				
Camp	Personal		Chances	
	Will Vorpapel	\$ 5.00	Camp #5	\$4.00
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		\$ 5.00		\$4.00
CONNECTICUT				
Department	Personal		Chances	
	Rev. Russell			
	Milnes	\$ 5.00		
	Edgar Punie	1.00		
	James Ledwith	10.00		
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	\$10.00			
		\$16.00		
ILLINOIS				
Department	Personal		Chances	
	Geo. Cashman,		Geo. Cashman	\$ 5.00
	P.C. in C.	\$10.00	Gerald Coltrin	2.00
	Howard & Odessa		Cyril Gumbinger	5.00
	Shepard	5.00		
	James Blackman	10.00		
	Geo. Cashman,			
	P.C. in C.	5.00		

		Chas. Bournstine	3.00		
	\$ 4.00		\$33.00		\$12.00
INDIANA					
Department	\$ 5.00	Personal		Chances	
		Donald Kelley	\$ 2.00	Donald Kelley	\$ 2.00
		Wayne Klusman	2.00		
Sub Total	\$ 5.00	Felix Weldon	5.00		
Camp					
General W. P.					
Benton #28	\$10.00				
	\$15.00		\$ 9.00		\$ 2.00
IOWA					
Camp		Personal		Chances	
		Jacob Kirchner	\$ 5.00	Jacob Kirchner	\$ 2.00
		J. B. Johnson	5.00		
			\$10.00		\$ 2.00
KANSAS					
Camp		Personal		Chances	
		Charles Moran	\$ 5.00		
			\$ 5.00		
MAINE					
Camp		Personal		Chances	
Camp #46	\$ 5.00	Lyndon Plummer	\$ 2.00	Camp #51	\$ 2.00
Daniel Chaplin	5.00	R. Leon		Camp #46	2.00
		Williams	5.00	Rexford Oliver	2.00
		Eileen Coombs,		John Warner	4.00
		PNP	2.50	John Warner, Jr.	1.00
				John Osborne	3.00
				Elthea Osborne	2.00
	\$10.00		\$ 9.50		\$16.00
MARYLAND					
Department		Personal		Chances	
	\$25.00	William Irvin	\$ 2.00	Miscellaneous	\$26.00
Camp		Agnes Davis,		Ada Groves	1.00
		PNP	5.00	R. J. McCarthy	1.00
		William Davis	3.00	A. R. Glenum	1.00
		Fred Davis	2.00	D. D. Vest	1.00
		William Irvin	1.00	12 books	12.00
		Eva Henson, PDP	2.00		
		Mary Lucas, PDP	1.00		
		Ada Groves, PDP	1.00		
		Edmund Koenig	5.00		
		Marion Townsend	5.00		
		Frank M.			
		Heacock, PDC	2.00		
		Thomas Hollowak	1.00		
		Charles Anderson	2.00		
	\$25.00		\$32.00		\$42.00

William John	2.00
Cleon Heald,	
P.C. in C.	5.00
Alfred Clark,	
PDC	5.00
Philip Grant	1.00
Rev. Roger Pecke	
Cleveland	5.00
Ken Wheeler	2.00

\$ 5.00	\$52.00	\$ 6.00
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NEW JERSEY
Department

Department	Personal	Chances	
	William Vanderhoof	Miscellaneous	\$ 6.00
Camp Dayton #5	Albert Lambert,	L. Varick	2.00
J. H. Love #12	P.C. in C.	Leroy Davenport	2.00
General James Garfield	Richard Hines	Ken Ekstrand	2.00
	Joseph Donahue	Wm. Vanderhoof	2.00
	Percy Davenport	Camp #4	16.00
	Fred Combs,		
	P.C. in C.		
	Ken Ekstrand		
	Robert Sharp		
	William Vanderhoof		
	Carl Couch		
	Stanley Kopack		
	Robert Sherman		
	Gerald Kanable		
	Daniel George		
	Walter Williams		
	Russell Harman		
	Harry Hinger		
	Robert Cordell		
	Albert W. Lambert, PDC		
	Fred Combs,		
	P.C. in C.		
	Albert Howerter		
	Ella Reeger,		
	PDP		
	John Junge		

\$50.00	\$129.00	\$30.00
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NEW YORK

Camp	Personal	Chances	
Abraham Lincoln	Joseph Rippey,		
Camp #6	P.C. in C.		\$ 25.00
	Dixie Prittie		10.00
	Joseph Rippey,		
	P.C. in C.		5.00
	Harold Webber		2.00
	James McGuire		1.00

Amon Oakley	5.00
Jesse L. Mix	5.00
Edward Cohen	5.00
Harold Lowe	1.00
Frederic Emmerich	5.00
Earl Terry, PDC	2.00
Richard Webber	5.00
Albert Morey	1.00
Howard Bunker	2.00
Chester Hudson	3.00
Cecil Baer	3.00
Memory of Solomon Baer	3.00
Memory of Pauline Baer	3.00
Memory of Rita Baer	3.00
Mr. & Mrs. H. Beilby	5.00
Norman Furman, P.C. in C.	5.00
Earl Terry, PDC	2.00
Harry Furman, PDC	2.00

\$ 5.00

\$103.00

OHIO

Camp

Personal

Richard Greenwalt	\$ 5.00
Robert Norton	2.00
I. M. Faith	5.00
Martin Dudek	2.00
Fred Pfister, PDC	2.00
Frank L. Hoopes	1.00
Kenneth Swift	5.00
Dan Parmelee	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. H. L. Myers	5.00
Robert Wolz	20.00
Thomas Hoffman	5.00
Robert Austin	4.00

\$61.00

Chances

Ken Swift	\$ 2.00
Ralph Shadel	2.00
Thomas Hoffman	2.00
Ken Swift	5.00
Ken Swift	2.00
Camp #43	2.00
W. Gordon Ryan	2.00

\$17.00

OREGON & WASHINGTON

Camp

Camp #17

\$25.00

Personal

Arthur Heil	\$ 1.00
W. L. Hicks	2.00
C. S. Merydith	20.00

\$25.00

Chances

\$23.00

PENNSYLVANIA

Department	Personal	Chances
\$ 50.00	Erma Landis, PNP, LGAR \$	Ida Seip \$ 1.00
Camp Meade #16 5.00	Ivan Landis 10.00	John Stark, C. in C. 2.00
Camp #50 Philadelphia #200 20.00	C. LeRoy Stoudt, P.C. in C. 5.00	Camp #9 Ells 10.00 Camp #50 10.00
Bradbury #149 5.00	John Stark, C. in C. 25.00	George Long 1.00 Helen Cheyne, PDP 5.00
Captain O. A. Luckenbach 25.00	Erma Stark 5.00 William Jones 1.00 Ralph Peiper 10.00 B. F. Capwell 5.00 1974 Convention Committee 100.00 Ralph Peiper 10.00 Marion Callaghan 5.00 C. LeRoy Stoudt, P.C. in C. 5.00 Henry Stewart 1.00 William Newell 1.00 Walter Pearce 5.00 Arthur Heil 1.00 Harold Goodwin 5.00 Edwin Brinker 5.00 Stover Detwiler 5.00 Maurice Kelly 10.00 James Gibbs 10.00 William Clauser 5.00 Richard Yeager 2.00 Michael Pietrowicz 5.00 Bertha Beech 1.00 Darrell Novosee 5.00 Rev. Richard Partington 25.00 J. Harris Yocum 5.00 Perry Fuller 2.00 Ruth Griffith 2.00 Charles Kent 5.00 Thressa Moeckel 20.00 Clarence Riddell 10.00 Caroline Riddell 5.00 Frank M. Heacock, P.C. in C. 5.00 Ray Steward 10.00 Robert VanDerVoort 5.00 Edgar Fink 5.00 Mike Cavanaugh 2.00 Craig Hope 1.00 Audrey Long 5.00 Mary Bender 1.00	Meade Camp #16 12.00 Ted Dissinger 1.00 Mary Jane Bannan 10.00 Anna M. Ross Auxiliary 3.00 Wm. Simpson, DC 2.00 Thos. Monahan, PDC 5.00 Edward Kramer, PDC 10.00

Ivan Frantz	8.00
George Long,	
PDC	5.00
Doris Boehmier	4.00
Helen Cheyne,	
PDP	5.00
William Kearney,	
PDC	2.00
Herman Poehler	5.00
Anna Stoudt,	
PNP	3.00
William Simpson,	
DC	5.00
John Yocum,	
P.C. in C.	15.00
Kathleen Runkle	
in Memory of	
John Runkle,	
P.C. in C.	5.00
Thomas	
Monahan, PDC	5.00
Claire Monahan,	
PDP	2.00
Claire Monahan	
in Memory of	
Frank Atkinson	5.00
Madge Fullerton,	
PDP	5.00
William Jones,	
PDC	1.00
Ed Kramer,	
PDC	2.00

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RHODE ISLAND

Department

<p>Camp</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$ 5.00</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$ 5.00</p>	<p>Personal</p> <p>Harold Arnold,</p> <p> P.C. in C. \$ 5.00</p> <p>Warren Boulester 10.00</p> <p>Dexter Coombs,</p> <p> PDC 2.50</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$17.50</p>	<p>Chances</p> <p>Warren Boulester \$2.00</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$2.00</p>
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VERMONT

Department

<p>Camp</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$2.00</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$2.00</p>	<p>Personal</p> <p>Thomas</p> <p> Chadwick \$ 1.00</p> <p> Leo Doyle 2.00</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$ 3.00</p>	<p>Chances</p> <p>Thomas \$2.00</p> <p> Chadwick 2.00</p> <p>Ned Durkee</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$4.00</p>
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WISCONSIN

Camp

<p>Personal</p> <p>Edward Biering \$10.00</p>	<p>Chances</p> <p>Edward Biering \$2.00</p>
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Thomas Johnson,	
PDC	25.00
Ellinore K.	
Johnson	5.00
Herman Black	5.00
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BEAUFORT, N. C.

Camp	Personal	Chances
	Glenn Williams	\$5.00
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		\$5.00

MISCELLANEOUS STATES

ARIZONA

Paul Herschel	\$10.00
F. J. Festner	2.00
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	\$12.00

FLORIDA

C. Stanley	
Benson	\$ 5.00

GEORGIA

Col. Allen Julian	\$10.00
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KENTUCKY

Robert Fleming	\$10.00
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NORTH CAROLINA

Kenneth Leonard	\$ 1.00
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TEXAS

Bill Moore	\$ 2.00
Thomas	
Bresnehen	3.00
Howard Smith	5.00
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	\$10.00

VIRGINIA

Joseph Coulter	\$ 5.00
Charles Clark	15.00
Arthur Gottwald	10.00
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WASHINGTON

Alvin B. Coates	\$ 5.00
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Summary:

Departments	\$ 180.25
Miscellaneous States	83.00
Camps	193.00
Personal	1,120.00
Chances	341.50
Watch	138.00
Dolls	284.00

Cookies	45.00
Alarms	35.00
Candles	41.00
Pictures	6.10
Miscellaneous	8.15
	\$2,475.00
From Five Friends	25.00
	\$2,500.00

(Upon the conclusion of the reading of this report by National Patriotic Instructor Riddell, the Officers and Delegates rose and extended a round of applause for the excellent report.)

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENTS

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	Faterson	New Jersey
9th	1890	Aug. 20-29	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. 20-23	Peoria	Illinois
26th	1907	Aug. 20-21	Dayton	Ohio
27th	1908	Aug. 25-27	Niagara Falls	New York
28th	1909	Aug. 24-26	Washington	D. C.
29th	1910	Sept. 20-22	Atlantic City	New Jersey
30th	1911	Aug. 22-25	Rochester	New York
31st	1912	Aug. 27-29	St. Louis	Missouri
32nd	1913	Sept. 16-18	Chattanooga	Tennessee
33rd	1914	Sept. 1-3	Detroit	Michigan
34th	1915	Sept. 28-30	Washington	D. C.
35th	1916	Aug. 30-31	Kansas City	Missouri
36th	1917	Aug. 22-23	Boston	Massachusetts
37th	1918	Aug. 20-21	Niagara Falls	New York
38th	1919	Sept. 9-11	Columbus	Ohio
39th	1920	Sept. 22-24	Indianapolis	Indiana
40th	1921	Sept. 27-29	Indianapolis	Indiana
41st	1922	Sept. 26-28	Des Moines	Iowa
42nd	1923	Sept. 4-6	Milwaukee	Wisconsin
43rd	1924	Aug. 12-14	Boston	Massachusetts
44th	1925	Sept. 1-3	Grand Rapids	Michigan
45th	1926	Sept. 21-23	Des Moines	Iowa
46th	1927	Sept. 13-15	Grand Rapids	Michigan
47th	1928	Sept. 18-20	Denver	Colorado
48th	1929	Sept. 10-12	Portland	Maine
49th	1930	Aug. 26-28	Cincinnati	Ohio
50th	1931	Sept. 14-17	Des Moines	Iowa
51st	1932	Sept. 19-22	Springfield	Illinois
52nd	1933	Sept. 19-21	St. Paul	Minnesota
53rd	1934	Aug. 14-16	Rochester	New York
54th	1935	Sept. 9-12	Grand Rapids	Michigan
55th	1936	Sept. 22-24	Washington	D. C.
56th	1937	Sept. 6-9	Madison	Wisconsin
57th	1938	Sept. 5-8	Des Moines	Iowa
58th	1939	Aug. 29-31	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
59th	1940	Sept. 10-12	Springfield	Illinois
60th	1941	Sept. 15-18	Columbus	Ohio
61st	1942	Sept. 15-17	Indianapolis	Indiana
62nd	1943	Sept. 20-23	Milwaukee	Wisconsin
63rd	1944	Sept. 12-14	Des Moines	Iowa
64th	1945	Oct. 1-4	Columbus	Ohio
65th	1946	Aug. 25-29	Indianapolis	Indiana
66th	1947	Aug. 10-14	Cleveland	Ohio
67th	1948	Sept. 26-30	Grand Rapids	Michigan
68th	1949	Aug. 28-31	Indianapolis	Indiana
69th	1950	Aug. 20-24	Boston	Massachusetts
70th	1951	Aug. 19-23	Columbus	Ohio
71st	1952	Aug. 24-28	Atlantic City	New Jersey
72nd	1953	Aug. 23-27	Buffalo	New York
73rd	1954	Aug. 8-13	Duluth	Minnesota
74th	1955	Aug. 21-25	Cincinnati	Ohio
75th	1956	Sept. 9-13	Harrisburg	Pennsylvania
76th	1957	Aug. 18-22	Detroit	Michigan
77th	1958	Aug. 17-21	Boston	Massachusetts
78th	1959	Aug. 16-20	Long Beach	California

70th	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
85th	1966	Aug. 14-18	Grand Rapids	Michigan
86th	1967	Aug. 6-10	Chicago	Illinois
87th	1968	Aug. 18-22	Wilmington	Delaware
88th	1969	Aug. 17-21	St. Louis	Missouri
89th	1970	Aug. 23-27	Miami Beach	Florida
90th	1971	Aug. 15-19	Boston	Massachusetts
91st	1972	Aug. 13-17	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania
92nd	1973	Aug. 6-9	Palm Springs	California
93rd	1974	Aug. 18-22	Bretton Woods	New Hampshire
94th	1975	Aug. 10-14	Rochester	New York

PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF

Elected

1881	Harry T. Rowley
1882	Harry T. Rowley
1883	Frank P. Merrill
1884	Harry W. Arnold
1885	Walter S. Payne
1886	Walter S. Payne
1887	George B. Abbott
1888	George B. Abbott
1889	Charles F. Griffin
1890	Leland J. Webb
1891	Bartow S. Weeks
1892	Marvin E. Hall
1893	Joseph B. Maccabe
1894	William E. Bundy
1895	William H. Russell
1896	James Lewis Rake
1897	Charles E. Darling
1898	Frank L. Shepard
1899	A. W. Jones
1900	Edgar W. Alexander
1901	Edward R. Campbell
1902	Frank Martin
1903	Arthur B. Spink
1904	William C. Dustin
1905	Harley V. Speelman
1906	Edwin M. Arles
1907	Ralph Sheldon
1908	Edgar Allan, Jr.
1909	George W. Pollitt
1910	Fred E. Bolton
1911	Newton J. McGuire
1912	Ralph M. Grant
1913	John E. Sautter
1914	Charles F. Sherman
1915	A. E. B. Stephens
1916	William T. Church
1917	Fred T. J. Johnson
1918	Francis Callahan
1919	Harry D. Sisson
1920	Pelham A. Barrows
1921	Clifford Ireland
1922	Frank Shelhouse
1923	Samuel S. Horn
1924	Wm. M. Coffin
1925	Edwin C. Ireland
1926	Ernest W. Homan
1927	Walter C. Mable

Elected

1928	Delevan Bates Bowley	G.&P.
1929	Theodore C. Cazacu	N. Y.
1930	Allan S. Holbrook	Illinois
1931	Frank C. Huston	Indiana
1932	Titus M. Ruch	Penna.
1933	Park F. Yengling	Ohio
1934	Frank L. Kirchgassner	Mass.
1935	Richard F. Locke	Illinois
1936	Wm. Allan Dyer	N. Y.
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1938	Wm. L. Anderson	Mass.
1939	Ralph R. Barrett	Calif.
1940	J. Kirkwood Craig	Minn.
1941	Albert C. Lambert	N. J.
1942	Henry Towle	Maine
1943	C. Leroy Stoudt	Penna.
1944	Urion W. Mackey	Michigan
1945	H. Harding Halo	Mass.
1946	Nell D. Cranmer	N. Y.
1947	Charles H. E. Moran	Mass.
1948	Perle L. Fouch	Michigan
1949	John H. Runkle	Penna.
1950	Cleon E. Heald	N. H.
1951	Roy J. Bennett	Iowa
1952	Frederick K. Davis	Ore. & W.
1953	Maj Gen U S Grant 3rd	Md.
1954	Maj Gen U S Grant 3rd	Md.
1955	Frederic G. Bauer	Mass.
1956	Fred E. Howe	N. Y.
1957	Albert B. DeHaven	Maine
1958	Earl F. Riggs	Calif.
1959	Harold E. Arnold	Rhode Is.
1960	Thos. A. Chadwick	Vermont
1961	Charles L. Messer	N. Y.
1962	Chester S. Shriver	Penna.
1963	Joseph S. Rippey	N. Y.
1964	Joseph S. Rippey	N. Y.
1965	W. Earl Corbin	Ohio
1966	Frank Woerner	Calif.
1967	William W. Haskell	Mass.
1968	Frank M. Heacock, Sr.	Penna.
1969	Fred H. Combs, Jr.	N. J.
1970	George L. Cashman	Illinois
1971	Norman R. Furman	N. Y.
1972	John C. Yocum	Penna.
1973	Allen B. Howland	Mass.
1974	John H. Stark	Penna.

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