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NATIONAL OFFICERS 1975-1976

Commander-in-Chief	Clarence J. Riddell
Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief	Robert J. Wolz
Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief	Harold T. Bellby
Council of Administration	Joseph S. Rippey
Council of Administration	William C. Rule
Council of Administration	John H. Stark
National Secretary-Treasurer	Fred H. Combs, Jr.
National Counselor	Frank M. Heacock, Sr.
National Chief of Staff	John C. Yocum
National Patriotic Instructor	Frank L. Clark
National Chaplain	Richard E. Wyman
National Historian	J. B. Johnson
National Graves Registration Officer	William W. Vanderhoof, Jr.
National G. A. R. Highway Officer	Wallace Macomber
District of Columbia Representative	Arthur L. Glenum
Personal Aide	Thomas Monahan

ENCAMPMENT ACTIVITIES

August 15, 1976

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 15, 1976 in the Headquarters Suite of the Neil House Motor Hotel, Columbus, Ohio.

Commander-in-Chief Clarence J. Riddell called the meeting to order at 1:50 p.m. with the following present:

Commander-in-Chief	Clarence J. Riddell
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief	Robert J. Wolz
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief	Harold T. 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.
National Counselor	Frank M. Heacock, Sr.
Past National Secretary-Treasurer	Chester S. Shriver

1. The minutes of the Council of Administration meeting of August 13, 1975 held at Rochester, New York were read by National Secretary-Treasurer Fred H. Combs, Jr. A motion for acceptance was made by Brother William C. Rule, seconded by Brother Harold T. Beilby and unanimously adopted.

2. A printed resume of the financial and membership reports for the year ending June 30, 1976 was read by National Secretary-Treasurer Combs and copies were distributed to the members of the Council. Copies of the C.P.A. Report were also received.

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 \$148.03 was turned over to the Organization as the surplus amount after expenditures for the four publications during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976. A motion was made by Brother Rippey, seconded by Brother Beilby, commending Brother Combs for his work as Editor of The BANNER. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. On a motion by Brother Rippey, seconded by Brother Beilby, The BANNER appropriation for 1976-1977 was established at \$2,800.00. Motion carried.

5. On a motion by Brother Rippey, seconded by Brother Beilby, the subscription rate for The BANNER for 1976-1977 was retained at \$2.00.

6. On a motion by Brother Rippey, seconded by Brother Beilby, Albert W. Lambert was appointed Editor of The BANNER with his appointment to become effective following the publication of the October 1976 issue of The BANNER.

7. On a motion by Brother Rippey, seconded by Brother Beilby, the following voucher system governing the issuance of annual interest checks for Life Memberships was adopted as follows:

a. Prior to the payment of the life membership interest, a voucher be sent from National Headquarters to the appropriate officer of the Camp.

b. Request that the voucher be properly verified by affixing the appropriate signature (Camp Secretary or Secretary-Treasurer) and returned to the National Secretary-Treasurer.

c. Request that if the member has died a note to that effect containing the date of death be written on the voucher before its return to the National Secretary-Treasurer.

d. A check for payment of the interest on the life membership be sent only upon return of the completed voucher to the National Secretary-Treasurer.

e. By use of a rubber stamp, indicate on the check that the check will become void after ninety days.

8. Commander-in-Chief Riddell appointed the following committees:

Audit Committee Robert J. Wolz, Sr. Vice C. in C.

Harold T. Beilby, Jr. Vice C. in C.

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

William C. Rule, P.D.C., Council of Administration

Fred H. Combs, Jr., National Secretary-Treasurer

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Fred H. Combs, Jr.

National Secretary-Treasurer

Clarence J. Riddell

Comander-in-Chief

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

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

The Neil House Motor Hotel

Columbus, Ohio

Sunday, August 15, 1976 — 3:00 p.m.

Musical Prelude	Emma Wheeler, P.N.P.
Processional	"Onward Christian Soldiers"
Lighting The Candles	Clarence J. Riddell Commander-in-Chief Caroline E. Riddell National President
Invocation	Gertrude Deckenback National Chaplain
Solo — "He"	Richard E. Wyman National Chaplain

MEMORIAL TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

John H. Stark, P.C. in C.

TRIBUTES TO THE MEMORY OF

Past National President	Edith B. Nille Anita Selby, P.N.P.
Past National President	Ida Rokes Klein Margaret D. Schroeder, P.N.P.
Past Commander-in-Chief	Albert C. Lambert Fred H. Combs, Jr. P.C. in C.
Presentation of Altar Bible and Engraved Gavel and Block to the Na- tional Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Given in memory of	P.C. in C. Albert C. Lambert
Donor of Bible	John C. Yocum, P.C. in C.
Donor of Gavel and Block	Fred H. Combs, Jr., P.C. in C.
Presented by	C. LeRoy Stoudt, P.C. in C.
Accepted by	Clarence J. Riddell Commander-in-Chief

TRIBUTES TO THE MEMORY OF

Past National Presidents	Dorothy L. Hilyard, P.N.P.
Past Commanders-in-Chief	Chester S. Shriver, P.C. in C.
Solo — "Rainbow at Sunset"	Richard E. Wyman National Chaplain

TRIBUTES TO THE MEMORY OF

Deceased Officers and Members of the Auxiliary	Hazel L. Moushey, P.N.P.
Deceased Officers and Members of the Sons	John C. Yocum, P.C. in C.
Necrology and Placing of Flowers	Department Presidents Department Commanders
Duet "Faith of Our Fathers"	Emma Wheeler, P.N.P. Richard E. Wyman National Chaplain
Benediction	Richard E. Wyman National Chaplain
Extinguishing of Candles	Clarence J. Riddell Commander-in-Chief Caroline E. Riddell National President

CAMPFIRE PROGRAM

(Grand Army of the Republic Tradition)

Sunday, August 15, 1976 — 7:00 P.M. The Neil House
Presidential Ballroom East

Concert	122nd Army Band Mr. Terry Layman, Band Master
Advance of Colors	Brig. Gen. Shriver Commanding
National Anthem	Assembly
Pledge of Allegiance	Assembly — led by National Patriotic Instructor Frank L. Clark
Invocation	National Chaplain Richard E. Wyman
Welcome by Master of Ceremonies	Robert J. Wolz Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief
Welcome from the City of Columbus	Mrs. Margaret Orr Past National President, Ladies of the G.A.R.
Response to Greetings	Mr. Richard Greenwalt Chairman 1976 National Encampment
Address	Donald L. Woodland State Senator, 16th District of Ohio
Greetings —	
Clarence J. Riddell	Commander-in-Chief, S.U.V.C.W.
Caroline E. Riddell	National President Auxiliary to S.U.V.C.W.
Edra Gene Tighe	National President Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
Benediction	National Chaplain, Richard E. Wyman
Retiring of Colors	S.U.V.C.W. Color Guard
Taps	Bugler, Karl Frantz
Adjournment	

At the conclusion of the formal portion of the Campfire Program, the Sons of Union Veterans Fife and Drum Corps of Mount Vernon, Ohio entertained. The Corps was under the direction of Life Member of the S.U.V.C.W., Warfield W. Dorsey, of Banning Camp #207 of the Ohio Department. This proved to be a unique and enjoyable closing to a most inspiring program.

The Color Bearers wore Civil War uniforms, and the ladies who accompanied them were dressed in appropriate costumes of that period.

GRAND BANQUET
Presidential Ballroom East
The Neil House, Columbus, Ohio
Tuesday, August 17, 1976
6:00 P.M.

Welcome by Chief of Staff, Aux. to S.U.V.C.W.	Claire M. Monahan
Master of Ceremonies	John C. Yocum Chief of Staff S.U.V.C.W., P.C. in C.
The National Anthem	
Pledge of Allegiance	
Invocation	Gertrude Deckenback National Chaplain, Aux. to S.U.V.C.W.
Dinner	
Remarks	Clarence J. Riddell C. in C., S.U.V.C.W. Caroline E. Riddell N.P., Aux. to S.U.V.C.W.
Introduction of National Officers, Sons and Auxilliary	
Introduction of Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents	
Presentation of Guests	
Announcements	
Benediction	Richard E. Wyman National Chaplain, S.U.V.C.W.
Grand March	
Reception by National Officers	
Dancing	

ENCAMPMENT SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

ANNUAL DINNER

Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents
Monday, August 16, 1976

Past National President Agnes Davis of Delaware presided at the annual dinner of the Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents which was held on Monday evening, August 16, 1976. A commemorative plate was presented to each Past National President and Past Commander-in-Chief by Sister Davis.

Following the dinner, the two respective groups adjourned to separate rooms for discussions.

COURTESY HOUR

Monday, August 16, 1976

9:00 p.m. — Ballroom

National Chiefs of Staff Claire Monahan and John C. Yocum welcomed the guests present at the Courtesy Hour honoring National President of the Auxiliary Caroline E. Riddell and Commander-in-Chief of the Sons Clarence J. Riddell, both from Pennsylvania. The honored guests sat under an arch of flowers and were greeted by their officers, who were then seated in a semi-circle in front of them.

Past National President Hazel Moushey sang "Hello, Clarence; Hello, Caroline" in her own inimitable manner, and delegates marched in to present gifts as well as congratulations as the roll was called by States.

Entertainment was provided by a most unusual Harmonica Band, which played a variety of musical numbers on numerous harmonicas, and the particular feature of each harmonica was explained. P.N.P. Hazel Moushey sang and danced to several familiar numbers. She was dressed in her beautiful "Hello, Dolly" outfit which she first wore at the 1969 Encampment held in St. Louis, Missouri.

ENTERTAINMENT

Wednesday, August 18, 1976

An evening of entertainment was provided by the Ohio Department which was most enjoyable. The Committee is to be commended for arranging such a grand finale to the Encampment.

BUS TRIP

Thursday, August 19, 1976

The Encampment Committee arranged for a bus trip to the Ohio Historical Center which encompasses a Museum and an early American Village. This proved to be a most enjoyable and interesting trip for those who remained in Columbus on Thursday.

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Ninety-fifth Annual National Encampment

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

HEADQUARTERS: The Neil House
Columbus, Ohio

Sessions: Governor's Ballroom North
Monday, August 16, 1976

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 Presidential Ballroom West of the Neil House for their traditional Joint Opening at 9:30 a.m. under the direction of Mrs. Claire Monahan and John C. Yocum, National Chiefs of Staff of the Auxiliary and Sons, respectively.

For the first time in the history of our Organizations, the presiding officers were husband and wife. Commander-in-Chief Clarence J. Riddell escorted National President Caroline E. Riddell down an aisle which was formed by National Aides of the Auxiliary dressed in long white gowns and holding small American Flags which were later placed on an altar in front of the presiding officers' table. The table also contained an open floral Bible and lamps in the shape of praying hands. The National President's theme for the year was "Pray for Peace".

The Past National Presidents and Past Commanders-in-Chief were then received, and Past Department Commander John Junge of New Jersey sang "Let There Be Peace", accompanied by Past National President Anne O. Clayton at the piano. Chief of Staff Claire Monahan asked a blessing encompassing the theme for the year and presented the gavel to the National President. Commander-in-Chief Riddell pinned a corsage of yellow roses on National President Riddell, and the Sons then retired to their meeting room.

MONDAY SESSIONS

August 16, 1976

The ninety-fifth annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was called to order in ritualistic form at 10:25 a.m. Commander-in-Chief Clarence J. Riddell presided and asked National Secretary-Treasurer Fred H. Combs, Jr. to announce the following floor officers who were appointed to serve the Encampment:

Guide	James Ledwith, P.D.C., Connecticut
Inside Guards	Thomas Hoffman, P.D.C., Ohio
	Argus Ogborn, P.D.C., Indiana
Color Bearer	Edwin Kramer, P.D.C., Pennsylvania

At the request of Commander-in-Chief Riddell, the National Secretary-Treasurer read the following Encampment Committees which were appointed to serve this Encampment:

ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEES CREDENTIALS

Harry E. Gibbons, Chairman	P.D.C., New York
Miles Harrington	D.C., Massachusetts
George W. Long	P.D.C., Pennsylvania
Charles W. Hooper	P.D.C., Massachusetts
Edward Biering	P.D.C., Wisconsin

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Chester S. Shriver, Chairman	P.C. in C., Pennsylvania
Joseph S. Rippey	P.C. in C., New York
Charles A. Brady, Jr.	P.D.C., Illinois
Grover R. Huff	D.C., Wisconsin
Frank W. Bellinger	P.C.C., New York

RESOLUTIONS

William W. Haskell, Chairman	P.C. in C., Massachusetts
Richard Greenwalt	P.D.C., Ohio
Kenneth T. Wheeler	P.D.C., New Hampshire
Richard C. Schlenker	Del., Maryland
Frank L. Campbell	Del., Pennsylvania

CONSTITUTION & REGULATIONS

Joseph S. Rippey, Chairman	P.C. in C., New York
Norman R. Furman	P.C. in C., New York
Fred H. Combs, Jr.	P.C. in C., New Jersey
John C. Yocum	P.C. in C., Pennsylvania
Chester S. Shriver	P.C. in C., Pennsylvania

RITUAL & CEREMONY

C. LeRoy Stoudt	P.C. in C., Pennsylvania
George L. Cashman	P.C. in C., Illinois
Gordon R. Bury, II	D.C., Ohio
Fenwick Warner	D.C., California & Pacific
William P. Perry	P.D.C., Rhode Island

The roll call of Officers by the National Secretary was answered by all except Brothers William W. Vanderhoof, Jr., National Graves Registration Officer, and Arthur L. Glenum, District of Columbia Representative.

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

Chairman Harry E. Gibbons: Brother Commander-in-Chief, our preliminary count at this time is a total of 105 registered Delegates.

The Roll Call of Members, as noted in the Ritual and Ceremony, was suspended upon a motion made by P.C. in C. Frank M. Heacock, Sr. of Pennsylvania, seconded by P.D.C. Frank L. Clark of New Jersey, and carried.

Commander-in-Chief Riddell: At this time I would ask the Senior 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 Officers and Members of the
95th Annual Encampment Sons of
Union Veterans of the Civil War

Greetings:

It is an honor and privilege to submit to you this report of my activities for the year 1975-76.

August 13, in the City of Rochester, New York, you elected me to the highest office in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War — to be your Commander-in-Chief. I am grateful for the confidence you placed in me, and I sincerely trust I have fulfilled my duties to your satisfaction.

September 7 — My first official duty was to attend the viewing for Past Commander-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert who passed away on September 3. Our ranks of Past Commanders-in-Chief and our entire Order will greatly miss such a leader. Our sympathy is extended to the New Jersey Department and Brother Lambert's family on the loss of such a loyal and devoted Brother.

September 22 — Attended the reception for the Pennsylvania Department Commander and President, Bill and Mary Jane Simpson in Reading.

September 27 — Attended the Anniversary Luncheon of Camp #149 Media.

September 28 — Accompanied the National President to Syracuse, New York, to deliver a plaque to Past National President Ida Rokes Klein for her 50 years as Past National President. She was delighted to see us. Sorry to say Sister Klein passed away on March 25.

October 11 — Attended the 86th Anniversary Dinner of Anna M. Ross, Auxiliary #1, Philadelphia.

November 8 — Was greatly honored by a reception to the National President and myself, given by Anna M. Ross Auxiliary #1 and Philadelphia Camp #200. It was a night we will long remember. Our thanks to all who came to help make this such a happy occasion.

November 22 — Remembrance Day at Gettysburg. A parade of more than 500 participants in the uniforms of the Union Blue and the Confederate Gray was a sight the National President and I will never forget as we stood at attention while the line of march passed us in review. The placing of the wreaths at the Woolson Monument was quite an honor. In the evening, at the dinner, I had the extreme privilege of presenting our scholarship to Carl E. Alexis of Bethesda, Maryland, a senior in history at Gettysburg College.

February 12 — I represented our Organization at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C. I was escorted by Major Elton P. Koch of the Pennsylvania Brigade, Sons of Veterans Reserves, when presenting the wreath from the Sons. President Ford was present and made a fine speech after which he placed the Presidential wreath. A luncheon was then held at the Army and Navy Club. This entire event was sponsored by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. Incidentally, the Sons and Auxiliary were the second ones to present their wreaths.

April 15 — Springfield, Illinois, at the ceremony commemorating the 111th anniversary of President Lincoln's death. These exercises were conducted by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War assisted by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. Past Commander-in-Chief George Cashman was chairman and Past Department Commander Thomas

L. W. Johnson co-chairman. Brother Johnson presided at the Tomb. I had the privilege of reading "Lincoln's Farewell to Springfield" after which there was the placing of the wreaths. This was then followed by a luncheon.

April 25 — Attended the services at General Grant's Tomb in New York. Brother Cecil Baer was in charge. After the exercises at the tomb, which were very impressive, we had a dinner at Stouffer's Restaurant.

May 31 — Was very privileged to attend the Memorial Day exercises in Gettysburg and to review the parade before proceeding to the cemetery where a most impressive service was held. Flags were on all the graves, and school children strew flowers on them all. I had the pleasure of placing a wreath in the name of the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Sorry I could not attend the Cathedral of the Pines at this time, but would like to thank National Chaplain Richard E. Wyman for representing me and presenting our check.

VISITATIONS

February 13 — Started a five-week trip to the West Coast. Our first called meeting was at Fresno, California with Department Commander Kenneth Greely and a large number of the Sons attending. Due to a notice in the newspaper that we would be making our visit to this section, a member of Auxiliary #200 who had moved to Fresno about 30 years ago joined the Auxillary so she could be present when we made our visit. It pays to advertise.

February 27 — A called meeting in Portland, Oregon. This was a fine meeting and as well attended as some of the regular Encampments. The banquet in the evening had over 70 men and women present, and I had the pleasure of initiating six new members into the Oregon Camp. Department Commander Lawrence Allison and his wife Eva took the National President, her Personal Aide and me on a tour of Oregon-Washington. Our many thanks to them.

After leaving Oregon we ran into a real snowstorm going over the mountains and were snow-bound in Cheyenne, Wyoming for 2½ days.

March 7 — In Colorado Springs, my next called meeting, the temperature was in the 70's. It was a small group but most interested. After the meeting I was taken on a tour of the Air Force Academy and some of the city. It was just beautiful.

March 12 — DesMoines, Iowa was the next called meeting. After we arrived, there was a bad sleet storm and some of the members could not make the trip; however, we did have a nice group and the meeting was really interesting. Sister Ethel Jones said to be sure to say she drove through it twice in one day to make our visit a pleasant one.

We then started for home and were fortunate in missing a tornado in South Bend, Indiana only because several members asked us to meet them for breakfast. If we had left as early as originally planned we would have arrived in South Bend in the midst of the storm.

March 27 — Attended a luncheon at the Maryland-Delaware Department and made my official visit. It was a good affair and well attended.

April 2 — Massachusetts Encampment. This was a very well attended Encampment, and the degree team initiated six new members. They were expecting a few more to join shortly. Hope they can continue such a gain.

April 9 — Rhode Island Encampment. While this is a small Department they are still doing a good job of keeping the Organization before the public in civic work and at the Veterans Home.

April 30 — Attended the New Hampshire Encampment.

May 2 — Was able to be at the Connecticut Encampment.

May 5 — Had a called meeting in Maine which was very well attended. We had a splendid meeting. Department Commander Butler and Department President Sister Hamm took us on a tour which was very much enjoyed.

May 9 — Attended the Vermont Encampment.

May 16 — Had a called meeting in Alliance, Ohio which was very interesting. Stopped in Columbus on May 17 to discuss some of the plans for the Encampment with Sister Margaret Orr.

June 5 — Attended the Wisconsin Encampment which proved to be very interesting and enjoyable.

June 10 — Attended the Illinois Encampment where there was also a fairly good attendance.

June 13 — Michigan Encampment, while small was a very active group.

June 18 — New Jersey Encampment. A very active and well attended Encampment. This was a difficult Encampment for most of its members due to its being the first one without the help of Brother Lambert — the gap was felt by all. They are a strong and well organized group and I am sure will continue to grow.

June 27 — New York Encampment. A very good turnout and much activity.

June 28 — Pennsylvania Encampment — the end of our tour. Of course, this is "Home Base", and we were happy to make this our last visit.

To all Camps I say thank you so much for all the courtesies shown me. I wish I could thank each Brother individually, but time would not permit. Everyone was so pleasant and courteous, and the friendly feeling throughout our travels made it all worthwhile. Thanks sincerely.

BANNER

At this time I would like to thank Past Commander-in-Chief Fred H. Combs, Jr. for his excellent work as the Editor. Keep up the good work, Fred.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Past Department Commander Thomas L. W. Johnson, chairman of the Legislative Committee, has to be highly commended on the excellent work he has done in the past year.

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVES

May I pay a very special tribute to Colonel C. R. Butcher of the Oregon Reserves. I had the honor of being made an honorary member of the Oregon Blues by Captain Wesley R. Ross. To all members of the Sons of Veterans Reserves go my best wishes.

ALLIED ORDERS

To Joan Bennett, National President of the Relief Corps — Edra Gene Tighe, National President of the Ladies of the G.A.R. — Ellen Beckman, National President of the Daughters of the Union Veterans, and

Caroline Riddell, National President of the Auxiliary, my sincere thanks for your cooperation throughout the year. It was nice to meet with all of you on many happy occasions.

My best to each one of you for a most harmonious and constructive Encampment.

I would like to take this time to say thanks to Caroline for all the happy moments we shared during this year. It was wonderful having you by my side on our trips covering over 26,000 miles by car for our respective Organizations and the wonderful people connected with them.

RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION #1:

Due to the increase in traveling costs, food and lodging, I feel the Commander-in-Chief's expenses should be increased to \$1200 or \$1400, with the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2:

That we continue our program and give \$250 to the scholarship fund.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3:

That we continue our program at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C. on February 12.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4:

That we continue our program at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Illinois on April 15.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,
Clarence J. Riddell
Commander-in-Chief

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

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

Past Department Commander William Rule: Brothers, I move you we accept this Report as read by our Commander-in-Chief and all future Officers' Reports without debate and turn them over to the Committee on Officers' Reports. The motion was seconded by Past Department Commander Wallace Macomber of Rhode Island and passed.

At this time, the following Delegation from the Ohio Encampment Committee was presented to the National Encampment: Gordon R. Bury, II, Department Commander, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Esther Greer, Department President, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and Frances Capuaro, President, Circle #9, Columbus, Ohio, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Brother Bury presented a basket of flowers and expressed the hope that the Encampment would be enjoyable for all.

Commander-in-Chief Riddell: Thank you for the lovely flowers. Please present them to my station.

The above-named Sisters extended their best wishes and commented that this was the first time that either of them had visited a Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National Encampment and that they were pleased to have the opportunity.

Past Commander-in-Chief C. LeRoy Stoudt: As Chairman of the Encampment Site Committee, I am proud of you for having us here. It becomes more difficult each year to secure a place for the Encamp-

ment; therefore, we are sincerely grateful to you folks from Ohio for inviting us to come to Columbus.

Commander-in-Chief Riddell: We will now continue with the reading of reports. Will the officers please submit their reports as called.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

To Commander-in-Chief Clarence Riddell
Officers and Brothers of this 95th National Encampment,
Greetings:

One year has passed since last we met and you honored me by re-election to the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. This year has been far too short for me.

The office of vice president of any organization has limited activities, but it does allow for continuity of programs and projects if properly used. It also allows for the study of the organization and a platform to offer suggestions for the good of the Order. I would like to make five recommendations:

Recommendation #1: That we broaden our membership. In 1972, I authored an amendment to lower the age of eligibility to 14, and it has helped in some areas. This year I author a proposed amendment that will broaden our membership base. In 1951 the Massachusetts Department asked that blood nephews be given full membership and they were ruled out of order. In 1954 our Federal Charter stated that members of the corporation (SUVCW) shall be blood relatives of Union Veterans. In 1969, 1971, and 1972, I suggested these changes to allow collateral descendants full membership. I am proud that Ohio now submits this change in proper form.

Recommendation #2: Scholarship, Education and Awards. The scholarship program is good, but is in fact a grant in aid. We live in inflationary times, and this should be increased by \$50.00 this year. The Americanism and Education Committee badly needs to be revitalized. Education is one of our major purposes, yet we do little in this field. This committee should be developing programs for use in our schools. Many patriotic societies have an awards program — either a certificate and/or a medal for scholarship or an ROTC cadet. We need the public recognition such a program can provide. The Council of Administration should develop such a program.

Recommendation #3: Photocopies of Department and Camp Charters. The basic idea of this regulation passed last year is sound, but impractical. The order was established to provide future historical information, but here in Ohio it costs about \$20.00 to make such photocopies and some camps are refusing on grounds of the condition of their charters and do not want to remove them from the frames. Therefore, I would recommend that we have an offset printed form containing Department name, Camp name, Charter members, National Commander and Secretary, Department Commander and Secretary, and the date of issue. This form, at most, would cost 15¢, plus postage.

Recommendation No. 4: Accelerate growth. We are rapidly approaching our 100th Anniversary and need many more members. Years ago we had a standing National Organization committee for the purpose of promoting our Order. They had great success taking in 1,000 members a year and felt they failed. We must commit some money toward advertising and do it now. Fred Combs has proved the value of advertising by the large number of National Members at Large, but our efforts have

been small compared with what we should be doing. New promotional material for use by our membership needs to be developed to bring credit to our Order.

Recommendation #5: Life Memberships. This is one of my favorite projects. I was proud to recommend changes in the fees and payment system in 1972, and we took in more life members than in the previous fifteen years. Brother Chester Shriver and I recognized last year that we had a problem of inflation and Brother Shriver's fee structure was adopted. I would recommend that the fee structure be changed to the following: \$150.00 to age 55; \$100.00 for ages 56 through 65; and \$75.00 over age 65. This fee is a fair price and one that I believe the member would feel that he would live to see his camp receive the amount he paid. I would further recommend that this amount be paid over a three-year period with one-third down and a minimum of one-third per year — the life membership to go into effect after the full amount is paid.

The Council of Administration assigned the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief the task of collecting funds to celebrate our 100th Anniversary. This is low keyed, and I ask that you contribute first to the National Patriotic Instructor's G.A.R. Fund and then make a donation to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief for the 100th Anniversary Fund.

It has been my sincere privilege to work with you, Brother Commander-in-Chief, and I thank you and the members for the honors given to me.

Sincerely yours in F. C. & L.

Robert J. Wolz

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

FINANCIAL REPORTS OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ROBERT J. WOLZ

The following represents the financial report of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Wolz for 1975-1976:

Several years ago the Council of Administration established this fund for the 100th birthday celebration of the Order and established a goal of \$200.00 per year. I am happy to say this goal was reached; I am sorry to say that only half of our Departments made donations.

Illinois Department		William C. Rule, C. of A.	1.00
George L. Cashman,		Al Durocher	5.00
P.C. in C.	\$ 5.00	McClellan Camp #60	1.00
G. Edward Coltrin,		New Hampshire	
Life Member	2.00	Richard Wyman,	
Iowa Department		Natl. Chaplain	\$ 5.00
J. B. Johnson	\$ 10.00	Cleon Heald, P.C. in C.	10.00
Maryland Department		New Jersey	
Department of Maryland	\$ 10.00	Department of New Jersey	\$ 5.00
William Davis	1.00	Fred H. Combs, Jr.,	
Arthur Glenum	10.00	P.C. in C.	10.00
Massachusetts Department		Percy Davenport, P.D.C.	5.00
Eugene Russell, P.D.C.	\$2.00	William Vanderhoof, P.D.C.	5.00
Allen B. Howland,		Frank L. Clark,	
P.C. in C.	2.00	Natl. Patr. Inst.	5.00

New York Department		Caroline Riddell,	
Norman Furman, P.C. in C.	\$ 10.00	N.P., Aux.	5.00
Harold Beilby,		Department of Penna.	15.00
Jr. V.C. in C.	2.00	William Simpson, P.D.C.	2.00
Joseph Rippey, P.C. in C.	10.00	John C. Yocum, P.C. in C.	10.00
George Kroepke,		Thomas Monahan,	
Life Member	5.00	Pers. Aide	2.00
		Frank Heacock, P.C. in C.	2.00
		John H. Stark, P.C. in C.	5.00
Ohio			
Thomas Hoffman, P.D.C.	\$ 5.00		
Richard Greenwalt, P.D.C.	5.00	Vermont	
Robert C. Wolz, P.D.C.	5.00	Thomas Chadwick,	
Wilbur Haueter, SVDC	10.00	P.C. in C.	\$ 2.50
Robert J. Wolz,			
Sr. V.C. in C.	5.00	Wisconsin	
		Thomas L. W. Johnson,	
		P.D.C.	\$ 5.00
Pennsylvania		Total	\$209.50
Clarence Riddell, C. in C.	\$ 10.00		
The Financial Report of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Wolz for 1974-1975 which was inadvertently omitted from the Proceedings of the 94th National Encampment is as follows:			
California		New York	
Howard Paine	\$ 2.00	Joseph Rippey	\$ 5.00
		Ed Baker	1.00
Connecticut		Harold Goodman	2.00
Edgar Prince	\$ 1.00	Harold Beilby	1.00
		Earl Terry	1.00
Illinois		Harry Gibbons	1.00
George L. Cashman	\$10.00	John Kerman	1.00
		Harry Furman	2.00
Iowa			
J. B. Johnson	\$ 1.00	Ohio	
Howard Cleveland	1.00	Philip Triem Camp #43	\$ 5.00
		Given Camp #51	5.00
Maine		Robert C. Wolz	10.00
Edmund Butler	\$ 2.00	Richard Greenwalt	2.00
		Richard Bury	1.00
Maryland		Special Project	50.00
Dept. of Maryland	\$ 10.00	Robert J. Wolz	5.00
Curry Shockley	1.00		
		Pennsylvania	
Massachusetts		Dept. of Pennsylvania	\$ 10.00
Eugene Russell	\$ 1.00	Ivan Frantz	2.00
		Capt. Luckenbach Camp	5.00
New Hampshire		Thomas Monahan	2.00
Cleon Heald	\$ 10.00	William Simpson	2.00
Robert Lawrence	2.00	Clarence Riddell	5.00
		Robert Werkheiser	2.00
New Jersey		Jonathan Mayhew	1.00
Albert C. Lambert	\$ 5.00	G. Dugan	2.00
Garfield Camp #4	10.00	Herman Poehner	1.00
Love Camp #12	5.00		
Percy Davenport	5.00		
Dept. of New Jersey	5.00	Rhode Island	
William Vanderhoof	1.00	Warren Boulester	\$ 1.00

Vermont		Total	\$203.00
Ned Durkee	\$ 1.00		

My sincere thanks are extended to all who contributed during either year or both years.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,
Robert J. Wolz
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

To Commander-in-Chief Clarence J. Riddell
and Assembled Members of the Sons
of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Greetings:

First, I want to express my sincere thanks to the members of our Order who elected me Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief at last year's Encampment held in Rochester, New York. Also, my deepest thanks to all Brothers who recruited new members this past year.

I wrote every Junior Vice Department Commander approximately January 1, 1976 urging all of them to obtain as many new members as possible. Again in May I wrote to each Junior Vice Department Commander and enclosed a self-addressed, stamped envelope so they could send me a report on their membership activities for the year. I received a response from half of them.

Some Departments showed an increase in membership, some a loss; although they had obtained new members, unfortunately they had lost more. Some had remained at the same level. I am happy to report that my own Camp initiated two new members. Also, the New York Department obtained fourteen new members, and the Pennsylvania Department showed a net gain of sixteen members.

All the reports I received showed an active desire on the part of all members to obtain more members. I feel that all have done their best.

I am sorry that I can't report any new Camps, although the Secretary-Treasurer in his report may have some to report. We are working on one in the New York Department at the present time.

I had the pleasure of initiating five new members in Smith Camp #193 at Halsey Valley, New York in April. This Camp was reactivated about two years ago.

Membership is the backbone of any organization, as we all know, and in order to obtain new members advertising is a must. Often in the past when I have recruited a new member and asked him why he had not joined before, the answer was that he had not been asked or he did not know that such an organization existed.

The Sons of Veterans Reserve is an excellent showpiece of our Order and is one way we can advertise what our Order stands for.

A few years ago my own Camp ran an "ad" in the local newspaper asking all persons who were lineal male descendants of Civil War Veterans to attend our meeting at the City Hall Annex where we were then meeting so that they might learn something that might interest them. The result was that we obtained seventeen new members that night. This shows that advertising can help.

In this Bicentennial Year and as our Centennial Year of our own Order approaches, more and more people are getting interested in the

past; therefore, this should be a good time for recruiting new members for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and also our Reserves.

In conclusion, may I say that we had the pleasure of having Commander-in-Chief Riddell at the New York Department Campfire and at our opening session, but he had to leave as he had three Department Encampments that week.

During the rest of our Encampment, I had the pleasure of representing our National body, especially at our Chief of Staff's Banquet.

Once more, may I thank each and every one of our Junior Vice Department Commanders for doing an excellent job of trying to obtain new members.

Recommendation #1: That we have a committee appointed by the Commander-in-Chief to actively advertise our Order in the news media, including television, whenever and wherever we can.

Recommendation #2: That, if possible, all Department Encampments be scheduled so there will not be too many on the same dates.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

Harold T. Beilby

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

To: Clarence J. Riddell
 Commander-in-Chief
 95th Annual Encampment
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Greetings:

To Commander-in-Chief Clarence J. Riddell I wish to express my sincere and heartfelt thanks for the appointment as National Chaplain. The office is an appointment that I hoped to hold because of the challenge it offers and the personal creativity which can be put to use in that office.

Because of my position as a primary grade teacher in the Keene, New Hampshire system I have been unable to travel extensively outside of the New England area. I have carried the greetings of the Commander-in-Chief and the National Organization to all New England meetings I have attended. It was a genuine honor especially to represent the Commander-in-Chief at the Annual Memorial Observance held at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire. This event was held on May 31, 1976, and I shall long remember the joy of representing our contribution in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

During my term of office I have sent sympathy cards and notes of condolence to relatives of deceased members whose deaths were reported to me. These have been dispatched to the states of New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts, and New Jersey.

As National Chaplain I chaired the New England Regional Association committee that drafted the resolutions on the death of Past Commander-in-Chief, Harold E. Arnold.

I suggest that serious consideration be given to the matter of increasing the funds allotted for the Memorial Service. Prices of postage, printing, programs, and flowers have risen rapidly, and the sum of \$25.00 contributed by our organization and the Auxiliary no longer covers the cost involved. I feel that the Memorial Service is an integral and meaningful part of the Encampment and deserves adequate funding.

I wish to extend my sincere and heartfelt thanks to Sister Gertrude Deckenback, National Chaplain of the Auxiliary, whose able assistance made possible the Memorial Service presented yesterday.

To all members of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, who gave assistance or information that aided me in preparing the Memorial Service I offer my genuine thanks. I enjoyed prompt replies and no refusals in meeting my requirements. Such co-operation makes one's job much easier and most satisfying.

Brothers, as we go about our daily tasks let us humbly remember the all important guidance of God and to become more aware of the part He plays in the beauty that surrounds us:

"When silver raindrops fall to earth,
Bulbs and seedlings come to birth —
Blessing every path and turf,
Lily reaches through the sod,
Grows up tall to smile and nod —
Lifts her chalice up to God.
There are none more queenly dressed
In the east or in the west,
Than the lily God has blessed."

May God's blessings fall upon each one of you as you serve our beloved organization.

Respectfully and sincerely submitted,
Richard E. Wyman, National Chaplain

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COUNSELOR

To the Officers and Members of the
95th National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Greetings:

Herewith submitted is my report as National Counselor.

Shortly after returning from the 1975 National Encampment, the Commander-in-Chief requested information from me as to the numerical make-up of the several National Committees and upon the information available, though some of it contradictory, concluded that each committee should consist of five (5) members except for the Fraternal Relations and Legislation Committees as determined in Chapter III, Article VII.

Unfortunately, this ruling became quite a controversial matter, and upon further investigation into the existing Constitution and Regulations and the report as submitted at the 1975 National Encampment by the Committee on Constitution, it was discovered that matters thought to have been adopted as amendments to the Constitution and Regulations had never been adopted, and I can only presume the Committee on Constitution will be in the position to have these matters submitted for proper disposition thereof.

As the result of this and what appear to be other minor errors, I immediately wrote to the Commander-in-Chief and the National Secretary-Treasurer, suggesting the printing of new Constitutions as authorized, be withheld, pending the outcome of the above.

Early in July, I received a letter from the Department Commander of Ohio asking for an opinion in a matter that had been referred to the Department Counselor who declined to rule due to a conflict of interest. I replied, quoting Chapter III, Article V, Section 8 (page 32, 1956 edi-

tion, Constitution and Regulations) — "The National Counselor shall act as the legal adviser of the Commander-in-Chief and the National Organization" and suggested that he (Department Commander) direct the matter to the Commander-in-Chief.

Later in July, I received a similar letter from the Department Counselor of Ohio and I replied to him exactly as I did to the Department Commander.

On August 3rd, I received a request from the Commander-in-Chief for a ruling on the Ohio matter which had been directed to him and replied, advising that due to the timing of the matter, same was out of order, forwarding copies to all parties involved.

Although this has been a year somewhat of a controversial nature, it has been most experiencing and educational.

I would recommend when the new Constitution and Regulations are printed that prior approval be secured to include therein, the full and complete text of The Act of Incorporation (P. L. 83-605).

To you Commander-in-Chief, my sincere thanks for the privilege to have served on your staff, and I trust your Encampment will be harmonious and constructive.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank M. Heacock, Sr., P. C. in C.
National Counselor

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

To: Clarence J. Riddell, Commander-in-Chief
95th Annual National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Dear Commander-in-Chief and Brothers:

It is my great privilege and pleasure to submit to you this annual report on the fiscal transactions and the administrative activity of the office of National Secretary-Treasurer as well as the annual membership report. It is my hope that you will find the information contained herein informative and enlightening and indicative of progress of our Organization, or lack of progress as the case may be, during the past year. Although the year ended on the bleak note of a net loss in membership of 83, it has been a year during which general operational expense has been kept under control, despite still rising costs and far from ideal economic conditions, and our financial reserves have increased.

1. ADMINISTRATION — The financial books, records, assets, etc. have been audited by James Harttraft, C.P.A., of Hamilton Township, New Jersey for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976 as required by our Congressional Charter. His certified audit has been reviewed by the Council of Administration and, subject to the approval of this Encampment, a copy will be sent to the Congress of the United States. A summarization of the financial report, as well as the annual membership report, will be distributed to every delegate attending this Encampment.

Quarterly per capita and membership report blanks have been furnished each Quarter to each Department and each Camp-at-Large. I wish to commend Department and Camp-at-Large Secretaries or Secretary-Treasurers as the case may be for their willing and helpful assistance and cooperation in completing and returning these reports promptly, and I urge each one of them to continue to keep in mind the importance of doing so in the future. Efficient transaction of the business of the National Organization is greatly dependent on prompt, thorough and accurate reporting from the respective Departments.

The volume of correspondence sent to National Headquarters continues to be very extensive and appears to be increasing rapidly. Such correspondence relates to supply requisitions, membership inquiries, requests regarding search of military records of Civil War veterans, and numerous matters of a miscellaneous nature. Correspondence, as nearly as possible, has been answered daily or as rapidly as conditions existing at the time will permit.

Proceedings of the 94th Annual National Encampment held in Rochester, New York, August 10-14, 1975 were prepared by Past National Secretary-Treasurer Chester S. Shriver, and edited and published; actions of the Council of Administration and minutes of its meetings were reported in the Proceedings; the investments of the Permanent Fund were transferred in January 1976 from the broker in Gettysburg, Pa. previously engaged by Brother Shriver to the Lawrenceville, New Jersey office of Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc.; an inventory of supplies has been set up and is being perpetually maintained for the purpose of having complete and accurate records of supply and demand matters close at hand at all times; requisitions for supplies are filled as expeditiously as possible; copies of The BANNER were mailed to Department Secretaries, members-at-large and subscribers within a few days after the first day of the months of October, January, April and July.

At this point, I should like to commend those Secretary-Treasurers who mail the BANNERS to the members in their Departments within a short time after they are received from National Headquarters, and express the hope that in next year's report I can commend all Department Secretaries on doing so.

2. **MEMBERSHIP** — The net loss of 83 members this year is regrettable, but it should not discourage us. Our total membership has decreased from 2,551 members to 2,468. While five Departments, one Camp-at-Large and the national membership-at-large showed gains in membership, the opposite was true in thirteen Departments and one Camp-at-Large largely because of deaths and the necessity for dropping members. Actually, a total of 262 new members were recorded, but the total loss of 345 heavily exceeded the gain. Sons of Veterans Reserve activities and national advertising promotion were responsible for the acquisition of many new members. The fact that there is much genuine interest in our Organization throughout the Country is clear and evident. Many inquiries about membership are received at National Headquarters with regularity, and many of those who inquire are referred to Department Secretaries for follow-up. I feel confident that if members of all Camps and Departments put their shoulders to the wheel and push hard on membership with diligence, imagination and initiative, we can quickly offset the net loss that has occurred this year. It is important that we not be discouraged by this loss but instead be encouraged by the wide-spread interest in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War that exists. It is equally important that a concerted effort be made to seek new members out to increase our ranks and to revitalize our Organization as a tribute and memorial to those gallant stalwarts who wore the Union Blue in 1861-1865 and fought to preserve our precious Country as one entity.

3. **FINANCES** — The costs of postage, printing, supplies and services continue to rise, thus creating more of a financial burden on our Or-

ganization. This problem, in addition to the loss of per capita tax income brought about by decrease in membership, must be considered fully by the Budget Committee and this Encampment. Contributions to the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund during the past year have again been very commendable and outstanding. As in the case of past National Patriotic Instructors, much credit is due Patriotic Instructor Frank L. Clark for the diligence and excellence of effort with which he has striven for attainment of his goal and fulfillment of his responsibility. During 1975-76 the receipts from Life Memberships totalled \$2,215.00 and contributions to the Honor Roll Fund amounted to \$577.00. \$1,624.25 was realized in dividends from 2,225 shares of Wellington Fund. Continued placement of certain amounts from the G.A.R. Memorial Fund, Permanent Fund and 100th Anniversary Fund in special savings accounts where guaranteed interest can be earned on the amounts instead of having them accumulate in the general checking account has proved to be a beneficial financial asset. At the time of the transition of duties from Past National Secretary-Treasurer Chester S. Shriver to the current National Secretary-Treasurer in January 1976, the following amounts were placed in special savings accounts:

G.A.R. Memorial Fund	\$4,093.42
Permanent Fund	\$7,629.22
100th Anniversary Fund	\$ 841.00

During the past fiscal year \$448.11 accrued from deposits in savings accounts.

4. **SUPPLIES** — The establishment of a manufacturing source for our medals has been accomplished as a result of the diligent effort of Past National Secretary-Treasurer Shriver before he relinquished the position. It is difficult, however, to keep up with supply demands, especially the membership badges and some of the other badges, because of the number of new members that are added to the membership rolls each year.

The length of time required for receipt of badges and medals from our suppliers because of other obligations the suppliers have makes it essential that all requisitions by Departments, Camps and individuals be submitted to National Headquarters well in advance of anticipated needs. During the past year heavy demands on suppliers for Bicentennial paraphernalia caused some delays in meeting our needs. An overall total of \$1,386.20 was realized from sales during the past fiscal year. Every attempt will be made to keep sufficient quantities of the respective items on hand to make possible the filling of requisitions in as timely a manner as possible.

5. **PHOTO COPIES OF DEPARTMENT AND CAMP CHARTERS** — Action taken at the 94th Annual National Encampment held in Rochester, New York August 10-14, 1975 required each Camp to forward by June 30, 1976 two (2) photo copies of its Camp Charter to the Department Secretary — one (1) copy to be forwarded to National Headquarters as a permanent record and one (1) copy to be retained at the Department Headquarters. It was further required that each Department forward by June 30, 1976 to National Headquarters one (1) photo copy of the Department Charter for filing as a permanent record.

The reason for this action was indeed a sound one. It was to provide for the permanent filing and safe-keeping of the Charter copies in the Department and National Headquarters so that the copies will

be available to provide essential information in the future in case Camp property is misplaced, destroyed by fire, or some other cause, or filed or stored in places that subsequently become generally unknown.

To date, copies of 10* of a total of 19 Department Charters, 58 of a total of 169 Camp Charters* and 2 of a total of 3 National Camps-at-Large have been forwarded to National Headquarters. The cooperation of those Departments and Camps that have complied is greatly appreciated. The cooperation of those Camps and Departments which have not as yet complied is urgent and essential. Since in my judgment the purpose underlying last year's action remains sound and is in the best general interest of our Organization, I include recommendations pertinent thereto in a subsequent portion of this report.

6. **RECOMMENDATIONS** — In the interest of the good and general welfare of our Organization, I offer the following recommendations:

Recommendation #1: That each Camp that has not already done so forward no later than December 31, 1976 two (2) photo copies of the Camp Charter to the Department Secretary who will retain one (1) photo copy for the Department files and forward without delay the second photo copy to the National Secretary-Treasurer for the National Organization's files.

Recommendation #2: That each Department that has not already done so retain the original copy of the Department Charter in the Department files and forward no later than December 31, 1976 one (1) photo copy of the Department Charter to the National Secretary-Treasurer for the National Organization's files.

Recommendation #3: That as in the past two years authorization be granted for purchase of an "Ad" in an early issue of the Civil War Times for the purpose of continuing the advertising of our Organization and its purposes and encouraging eligible persons to apply for membership.

7. **LIFE MEMBERSHIPS:** The following Brothers have purchased Life Memberships in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War during the 1975-1976 fiscal year:

John H. Stark	\$ 75.00	Anthony Emmerich	\$100.00
Robert J. Wolz	100.00	Frederic Emmerich	75.00
James Herlinger	100.00	Oscar Zinn	50.00
Fred W. Herlinger	100.00	George Kroepke	50.00
Harry S. Stutzman	75.00	Charles H. Small	75.00
George F. Roberts, Sr.	50.00	Ben H. Lebo	100.00
Galen Ritchie	100.00	Thomas L. W. Johnson	75.00
Robert McKay	100.00	Frank C. Bellinger	100.00
Jack Quinby	100.00	Thomas C. Etter, Jr.	100.00
Paul Furst	100.00	David C. Laing	100.00
John Will	100.00	Lemuel Holmes	100.00
Vincent Edmunds	100.00	David Holmes	100.00
Thomas Kloss	100.00	Jerry L. Wolford	100.00
Total			\$2,325.00

*In one Department, the Charter information for most of the Camps and for the Department was supplied in the form of photo-copied sheets of information taken from the Charters in lieu of photo copies of the Charters themselves.

Note: Life memberships were purchased, also, by Thomas W. Graham (\$150.00) on July 1, 1976 and by Lester M. Clark (\$125.00) on August 9, 1976, too late, of course, to be recorded officially as a part of the business of the 1975-76 fiscal year.

8. HONOR ROLL CONTRIBUTIONS: Also, during the 1975-76 fiscal year, the following have made memorial contributions to the Permanent Fund by entering names on the Permanent Honor Roll:

Faith B. Gibbs, in memory of P.C. in C. Harold E. Arnold	\$ 10.00
Felix N. Weldon, Jr. and Felix N. Weldon, Sr.	
In memory of William Weldon	10.00
Past Commander-in-Chief George L. Cashman	
In memory of his wife, Dorothy Cashman	200.00
Norman Combs and Fred H. Combs, Jr.	
In memory of P.D.C. Fred H. Combs, Sr.	\$ 50.00
Myron A. Cleaver in memory of Mahlon F. Cleaver	10.00
James R. Buck in memory of Lt. George W. Buck	25.00
J. Everett Finders in memory of John Finders	25.00
U. S. Grant Camp No. 100, Ohio	
In memory of Past Commander-in-Chief William M. Coffin	10.00
Charles F. Kane, M/Sgt., USA, Ret.	
In memory of Sgt. Thomas A. Kane	10.00
P.D.P. Leona Butler in memory of Pvt. George Cochran	10.00
Appomattox Camp No. 2, Delaware	
In memory of Howard C. Barlow	15.00
Appomattox Auxiliary No. 2, Delaware	
In memory of Howard C. Barlow	12.00
Blondell T. Fenton in memory of Clement T. Fenton	25.00
Merrille M. Miller in memory of Pvt. David Somerville	15.00
John B. Tipton in memory of John N. Tipton	10.00
Massachusetts Department, SUVCW	
In memory of Robert L. Wood	10.00
Dr. L. J. Snow in memory of 1st Sgt. Joseph Lorenzo Snow	100.00
New Hampshire Past Department Commanders Association	
In memory of Percy M. Thurston	10.00
Frank L. Campbell in memory of William F. Campbell	10.00
Department of New Jersey	
In memory of Past Commander-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert	10.00
Laura Combs in memory of P.D.C. Fred H. Combs, Sr.	10.00
John Leitzmann in memory of Sgt. Charles Leitzmann	10.00
John Herman Penn in memory of Lawrence Heinauer	10.00
Alden Skinner Camp No. 45, Connecticut	
In memory of Past Commander-in-Chief Harold E. Arnold	25.00
Total Contributions	\$577.00

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

Note: The contribution from the New Hampshire Past Department Commanders Association in memory of Percy M. Thurston was inadvertently omitted from the July 1976 issue of The BANNER and will be listed in the October 1976 issue.

9. 100TH ANNIVERSARY FUND — This Fund was established by the National Organization at the 90th Annual National Encampment for

the purpose of providing a depository for donations and contributions received annually by the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief for subsequent use for an appropriate observance or appropriate recognition of the 100th anniversary of the National Organization in 1981 (such observance and/or recognition to be determined at a later date).

The balance in the fund as of June 30, 1976 was \$856.00 which represents a gain of \$150.85 for the past fiscal year. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Robert J. Wolz has been in charge of receipt of contributions for the 1974-75 and 1975-76 fiscal years. His report to the 94th Annual National Encampment of donors to the Fund was omitted from the Proceedings published after last year's Encampment. The report will be included along with this year's report of donors for the past fiscal year in the published Proceedings of this 95th Encampment.

10. **CONCLUSION** — Finally, as we approach another year of activity, let us dedicate ourselves to the objective of proving ourselves worthy of the heritage bequeathed to us by the group of brave men of the Grand Army of the Republic who placed all they possessed in peril and dedicated themselves to the preservation of the principle of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" for all persons in a united Nation. Let us endeavor, as did they, to create greater public consciousness of patriotism and loyalty to our Country and our Flag, and let us strive to increase our ranks so that we may be able to fulfill our mission with the highest degree of effectiveness.

To past National Secretary-Treasurer Chester S. Shriver, I express sincere appreciation for all the willing and helpful assistance and cooperation given to me before and subsequent to my assumption of duties as National Secretary-Treasurer, and I wish to commend him for the thorough and dedicated service he rendered in this office for so many years. The value of his capable and effective service to our Organization is indeed evident in the quality of the books and records he passed along.

To you, Commander-in-Chief Riddell, I extend congratulations for a job well done, and I commend you for your loyalty and devotion to duty. I sincerely thank you and your staff of officers for your courtesies and cooperation. You have had a good year — may the pleasant memories of it linger in your mind for a long time to come.

In conclusion, I should like to say that it has been an honor and a pleasure to work in cooperation with all the officers and members of our Organization in this capacity this year, and this report is

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

Fred H. Combs, Jr.

National Secretary-Treasurer

STATEMENT—CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1976

	Total	General Fund	G.A.R. Memorial Fund	Perma- nent Fund	100th Anniv. Fund
<i>Cash Balance—</i>					
June 30, 1975 . . .	\$ 7,041.79	\$ 2,849.23	\$ 849.51	\$3,150.05	\$ 184.00
<i>Transfer of Funds,</i>					
Jan. 1976					
From Passbook					
Savings Accts. . .	\$ 5,732.68		\$3,126.92	\$2,084.61	\$ 521.15

RECEIPTS

Per Capita Tax					
(Sch. 1)	\$ 5,471.55	\$ 5,471.55	\$	\$	\$
Registration Fees	201.50	201.50			
Supplies Sold	1,386.20	1,386.20			
Gift from Auxiliary . . .	500.00	500.00			
National Patriotic					
Instructor 1974-75 . . .	1,219.75		1,219.75		
National Patriotic					
Instructor 1975-76 . . .	1,451.75		1,451.75		
Dividends,					
Wellington Fund	1,624.25	1,624.25			
Donations,					
Honor Roll Fund	577.00			577.00	
Life Memberships	2,215.00			2,215.00	
Miscellaneous	126.00	126.00			
100th Anniversary					
Fund	117.00				117.00
Refund					
(The Banner)	301.13	301.13			
Gift—Arthur Glenum . . .	200.00	200.00			
Interest,					
Passbook					
Sav. Accts.	448.11		181.45	232.81	33.85
<i>Total Receipts</i>	<u>\$15,839.24</u>	<u>\$ 9,810.63</u>	<u>\$2,852.95</u>	<u>\$3,024.81</u>	<u>\$ 150.85</u>
<i>Total</i>	<u>\$28,613.71</u>	<u>\$12,659.86</u>	<u>\$6,829.38</u>	<u>\$8,268.47</u>	<u>\$ 858.00</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Supplies Purchased					
for Resale	\$ 2,042.27	\$ 2,042.27	\$	\$	\$
The Banner	2,800.00	2,800.00			
Commander-in-Chief					
Expense 1975-76	1,000.00	1,000.00			
Nat'l Sec.-Treas.					

Salary & Exp.					
1975-76	1,000.00	1,000.00			
Encampment					
Exp. 1975	260.00	60.00	200.00		
Proceedings 1975 ...	1,016.40	1,016.40			
Miscellaneous	297.05	297.05			
Printing, Postage & Stationery	332.05	332.05			
C.P.A. Audit	391.00	391.00			
Stenographer	200.00	200.00			
Testimonial for Commander-in-Chief	156.32	156.32			
Scholarship Fund ...	250.00		250.00		
Remembrance Day Expense	23.00		23.00		
Lincoln Tomb Exp.—Ill.	378.42		378.42		
Cathedral of the Pine Wreath	25.00		25.00		
National Mil. Dept. SVR	100.00		100.00		
Lincoln Memorial Expense	35.00		35.00		
Life Membership Interest Paid ...	285.00			285.00	
Life Membership Printing Costs ...	161.69			161.69	
Printing Programs ..	98.85		98.85		
Appeal for Funds, Printing	61.43		61.43		
<i>Total</i>					
<i>Disbursements</i> ..	<u>\$10,913.48</u>	<u>\$ 9,295.09</u>	<u>\$1,171.70</u>	<u>\$ 446.69</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>
Transfer of Funds to Passbook Savings Accts. Jan. 1976 ..	<u>\$12,563.64</u>		<u>\$4,093.42</u>	<u>\$7,629.22</u>	<u>\$ 841.00</u>
<i>Cash Balance,</i>					
June 30, 1976 ...	<u>\$ 5,136.59</u>	<u>\$ 3,364.77</u>	<u>\$1,564.26</u>	<u>\$ 192.56</u>	<u>\$ 15.00</u>
<i>Total</i>	<u><u>\$28,613.71</u></u>	<u><u>\$12,659.86</u></u>	<u><u>\$6,829.38</u></u>	<u><u>\$8,268.47</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 856.00</u></u>

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

	June 30, 1976	June 30, 1975	Increase (Decrease)
ASSETS			
General Fund			
Cash	\$ 3,364.77	\$ 2,849.23	\$ 515.54

Inventory—Supplies (at cost)	4,799.39	4,143.32	658.07
Total General Fund	\$ 8,164.16	\$ 6,992.55	\$ 1,171.61
<i>G.A.R. Memorial Fund</i>			
Cash	\$ 1,564.26	\$ 849.51	\$ 714.75
Cash in Bank — Savings Account	4,093.42	3,126.92	968.50
Total G.A.R. Memorial Fund	\$ 5,657.68	\$ 3,976.43	\$ 1,681.25
<i>Permanent Fund</i>			
Cash in Bank — Savings Account	\$ 7,629.22	\$ 2,084.61	\$ 5,544.61
Cash	192.56	3,159.05	(2,966.49)
Investments (at cost) (Sch. 2)	31,275.84	31,275.84	-0-
Common Stocks			
Market Value			
June 30, 1975—\$21,159.75			
June 30, 1976—\$22,472.50			
Total Permanent Fund	\$39,097.62	\$36,519.50	\$ 2,578.12
<i>100th Anniversary Fund</i>			
Cash in Bank — Savings Account	\$ 841.00	\$ 521.15	\$ 319.85
Cash	15.00	184.00	(169.00)
Total 100th Anniversary Fund	\$ 856.00	\$ 705.15	\$ 150.85
Total	\$53,775.46	\$48,193.63	\$ 5,581.83
<i>Funds</i>			
General Fund Surplus	\$ 8,164.16	\$ 6,992.55	\$ 1,171.61
G.A.R. Memorial Fund	5,657.68	3,976.43	1,681.25
Permanent Fund			
Unrestricted Surplus	31,266.45	29,498.14	1,768.31
Interest — Savings Account	317.42	84.61	232.81
Honor Roll	4,243.00	3,866.00	577.00
Dividends, Wellington Fund	3,270.75	3,270.75	-0-
100th Anniversary Fund	856.00	705.15	150.85
Total	\$53,775.46	\$48,193.63	\$ 5,581.83

STATISTICAL REPORT
OF THE
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976

Report of the Membership Standing 1975-1976

DEPARTMENTS	<i>Good Standing</i> <i>June 30, 1975</i>		<i>GAIN</i>		<i>LOSS</i>		<i>Good Standing</i> <i>June 30, 1976</i>		<i>Associates</i> <i>Included</i>	<i>Delegate</i> <i>Representation</i>
	<i>Camps</i>	<i>Members</i>	<i>Camps</i>	<i>Members</i>	<i>Camps</i>	<i>Members</i>	<i>Camps</i>	<i>Members</i>		
Calif. & Pac.	11	107	0	4	0	13	11	98	0	5
Colorado & Wyo.	1	18	0	0	0	1	1	17	2	2
Connecticut	6	48	0	2	0	3	6	47	3	3
Illinois	10	175	0	25	0	48	10	152	13	7
Indiana	5	67	0	8	0	12	5	63	10	4
Iowa	6	47	0	0	0	0	6	47	0	3
Maine	8	92	0	11	0	3	8	100	7	5
Maryland	4	65	0	7	0	7	4	65	6	4
Massachusetts	28	288	0	20	0	24	28	284	10	12
Michigan	5	58	0	6	0	3	5	61	0	3
Minnesota	1	4	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0
New Hampshire	7	89	0	0	0	3	7	86	6	4
New Jersey	7	225	0	13	0	5	7	233	35	10
New York	16	229	0	18	0	20	16	227	25	10
Ohio	9	185	0	6	0	56	9	135	9	6
Oregon & Wash.	2	73	0	14	0	27	2	60	17	3
Pennsylvania	29	444	0	39	0	33	29	450	15	19
Rhode Island	6	111	0	0	0	36	6	75	3	4
Vermont	4	50	0	0	2	21	2	29	0	2
Wisconsin	3	50	0	19	0	3	3	66	2	4
Chickamauga Camp No. 1	1	18	0	4	0	3	1	19	0	2
R. M. Smith										

Camp No. 21	1	6	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	1
Curtis Warner Camp No. 64	1	28	0	3	0	9	1	22	0	2
Membership at Large	1	74	0	63	0	11	1	126	7	6
<u>Totals</u>	<u>172</u>	<u>2,551</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>262</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>345</u>	<u>169</u>	<u>2,468</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>121</u>

TOTAL NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP DECREASE—83 Members

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT—Continued from Preceding Page

Departments Showing Membership Increase

Maine	8	Pennsylvania	6	Membership at Large	52
Michigan	3	Wisconsin	16		
New Jersey	8	Chickamauga	1	Total 94	

Departments Showing Membership Decrease

Calif. & Pac.	9	Massachusetts	4	Oregon & Washington	13
Colorado & Wyo.	1	Minnesota	4	Rhode Island	36
Connecticut	1	New Hampshire	3	Vermont	21
Illinois	23	New York	2	Curtis-Warner	6
Indiana	4	Ohio	50	Total 177	

Departments Lost	1
Department of Minnesota Dropped at 1975 National Encampment	
Camps Lost Between July 1, 1975 and June 30, 1978	2
Chester Camp No. 20, Vermont	5 members—Dropped 6/25/76
Morrisville Camp No. 50, Vermont	5 members—Dropped 6/25/76

Commander-in-Chief Riddell: Brothers, as it is now 11:55 a.m., I will declare a recess until 1:30 p.m. Will the National Chaplain please close the Bible.

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1:35 p.m.

(The National Chaplain opened the Bible)

Commander-in-Chief Riddell: The afternoon session will now begin with the Special Report of William C. Rule, Member of the Council of Administration. Brother Rule, are you ready with this report?

Brother Rule read his Report as follows:

95th National Encampment Columbus, Ohio, August 15-19, 1976.
Greetings:

One year ago at the 94th National Encampment you elected me as a member of the National Council of Administration. No higher position except the Chair Officers is as important as Council of Administration because so much important business is left from our Encampments for us to decide that has a direct bearing on the life of our Organization.

At this time I would like to thank all the members who served with me on the Council; you couldn't ask for a better group than the learned men who are and have served on this Council.

My duties have been very light and my service has been limited — consisting of representing the Commander-in-Chief and the National Organization wherever possible. I installed the Department Officers of the Vermont and New Hampshire Departments and attended all the New England Regional meetings. I had the proud privilege of representing the Commander-in-Chief and the National Organization at the 100th Anniversary of the New Hampshire Veterans Association at the Grand Army of the Republic Compound at Weirs Beach, New Hampshire. I was chosen by the Governor of New Hampshire to present an American Flag that had flown over the National Capitol to this association on this momentous occasion.

To all the Officers and Brothers in our Organization, my sincere thanks for your assistance, cooperation and many courtesies extended to me throughout the year.

I am proud to once again have had the privilege of serving you and our Organization. Thank you one and all and may God bless you always and in all ways.

Sincerely yours in friendship,
William C. Rule
Council of Administration

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF

To: Clarence J. Riddell, Commander-in-Chief
95th Annual National Encampment,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

My Dear Commander-in-Chief and Brothers:

Another year has turned the corner of time and once again each of your officers, both elected and appointed, must account for our activities during the past year. For some officers it has indeed been a busy but happy year and they will have many pleasant years to sit back and reminisce as they think of the many old friendships that they have renewed as well as the many new friends that they have acquired.

My year as your National Chief of Staff has been most enjoyable and pleasant as I have had nothing to do up to and until this Encampment. Since my arrival here in Columbus my work started, and by the time of our departure, I trust that each and all will agree that my efforts have not been in vain.

During the past year I have tried to work in perfect harmony with the National Chief of Staff of our Auxiliary, Sister Claire Monahan, in making preparations for this Encampment's joint opening and other social activities. I trust that her hard work and efforts have proven worthwhile and pleasant to all.

Commander-in-Chief Riddell, I want to thank you for appointing me as your National Chief of Staff. I have enjoyed being a member of your official family. May your Encampment be a prosperous, harmonious and a happy one.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,
John C. Yocum
National Chief of Staff

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIAN

It has been a pleasure to serve as National Historian.

A young man at Oxford, Iowa, Patrick Loan, started to bring up a history of his forefathers, and he discovered his great grandfather was a Civil War veteran but could not locate where he was buried. He did find that his great grandmother was buried in a one-acre family plot in the center of a farm field near Hills, Iowa. When he went down there, he discovered the tombstone — his great grandfather's name on one side and his great grandmother's name on the other side. The condition of the cemetery was terrible. It was covered with weeds and underbrush and a farmer was using it as a hog pasture. He went to the County Supervisors and they refused to do anything about it. Someone advised him to contact the Department of Iowa, Sons of Union Veterans, which he did. Our Secretary, Jacob Kirchner, presented the problem to our Encampment at Des Moines. After discussion, I volunteered to see what could be done. I went down to inspect the cemetery with Mr. Loan. There were so many weeds and underbrush it was hard to get around, but we did find several monuments. Most of them were broken or lying on the ground. After discussing what would have to be done, we decided to arrange to meet with the Board of Supervisors of Johnson County to see about cleaning up and straightening up the monuments. In March of this year we met with them, and they agreed to do what we asked them to do. In April, I heard about an old cemetery near Bristow, Iowa, that had all but been forgotten. A group of veterans, headed by Karen Thorson, Auxiliary President of the Legion at Bristow, got busy as a Bicentennial project. They went in and cleaned out the underbrush and weeds and straightened up the monuments and head markers. The County was going to erect a new fence. I stopped by Bristow on my way to Osage to attend a funeral to see what had been done, but it was raining at the time and the lane down to the cemetery was about a quarter of a mile from the highway. I received a letter from Karen on June 8th which read as follows:

"Out at Woodland Cemetery all we really did was clean it up; that was a job in itself. It hadn't been cleaned for over 20 years. It

looked real nice Memorial Day. This was the first year for many years that services were held out there. Flags were put on graves of the veterans. We still have work to do. The County has to fix the road yet; they have gotten fence but it has to be put up yet."

/s/ Karen Thorson

On March 15th several from Iowa attended the 20th consecutive Memorial Service at Lincoln's Tomb. It was well attended.

I have been very active in Bicentennial parades, having taken part in six with one more yet to go.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. Johnson

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

(Read by National Secretary Combs)

Mr. Clarence Riddell, Commander-in-Chief, and
Delegates to the 95th National Encampment

Greetings:

I regret my inability to be with you at this Encampment. This in view of the fact that I have been, and still am, engaged in cleaning up and refurbishing the French-Richards Cemetery.

This work has been accomplished by Michael Rely of the Sons of the American Revolution and a member of this Organization, with the assistance of the members of Boy Scouts of America Troop #14 of Elizabeth, New Jersey. To date, 260 hours have been devoted to this project. Headstones were turned over and broken. New granite markers have been ordered for three Revolutionary veterans' graves, as well as three Civil War Veterans' graves.

Eighteen new granite markers were set on June 15th, replacing a like number in St. Mary's Cemetery, Elizabeth, New Jersey. All were Civil War Veterans.

All letters received to date have been answered and requested action taken. Attached hereto are reports covering two projects that I mentioned in my report of last year which have been completed.

I would like to point out that the Encampment of 50 years ago initiated our Program of Graves Registration Work by this Organization.

In 1946, when discharged from World War II, I became interested in this endeavor and became County Supervisor of Veterans' Interments, as per a Civil Service Examination in 1954, and have been President of the State Association of Supervisors since 1956; hence, I am interested and qualified. I have served as your National Graves Registration Officer for five terms and will be happy to serve again, if so designated.

RECOMMENDATION: That each Department advise the National Graves Registration Officer of the name and address of their designated officer and in that way and manner, we can cooperate more closely.

Respectfully submitted,

William W. Vanderhoof

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA REPRESENTATIVE

Washington, D. C.

To Commander-in-Chief Clarence J. Riddell,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and

Officers and Members present at our 95th Encampment:

I am very much grieved to think I could not make this meeting but, as my condition is bursitus and being 90 years young, it does not work out so well on a bus. The last two years it seems as though August is my nemesis.

I miss the fellowship and the brotherhood that went on through those years, and I do miss them greatly. If we could turn back the Universe and give us yesterday, it would be great.

My report is as follows: Congress or the Senate has not done anything for us in the last twenty years. The Park Commission pays no attention to complaints or our Resolutions, and our places of interest are being destroyed by vandalism. Not one of the Resolutions sent to the Park Commission in reference to Fort Stevens or the markers of forts around the parks has produced any results.

The State of Virginia marks all battlegrounds and keeps those in good order. Our Archives and Library of Congress have been ransacked, and nothing has been done to prevent these conditions, as they have been going on for over ten years.

I have enclosed several items that I am sure you will be interested in. I only regret that I cannot congratulate you in person for the many years of service you have rendered.

Yours most sincerely,

Arthur R. Glenum

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL G.A.R. HIGHWAY OFFICER

To Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Members
of the 95th National Encampment of the Sons
of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

One year ago at Rochester, New York, I was appointed to serve on your staff as G.A.R. Memorial Highway Officer. I was honored to serve you for the year.

I put a notice in The BANNER asking the different States to contact me but only heard from the State of Illinois. I checked on the Massachusetts and Connecticut lines and saw the markers on the side of the road.

I visited all New England Encampments, except Maine and New Hampshire.

I was honored to be your guide and Sister Caroline's guide while you were in Rhode Island; I hope you enjoyed your stay with us.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

Wallace J. Macomber

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PERSONAL AIDE

To Commander-in-Chief Clarence J. Riddell,
Officers and Delegates of the
95th National Encampment,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Greetings:

It has been an honor and privilege to serve with you on the National Staff as your Personal Aide. I have tried to travel with you this year as much as possible.

I attended your Reception and the reception of our own Department Commander William Simpson; also dinners in Gettysburg, Hellertown, Lancaster and Reading. I attended one banquet in Philadelphia but, due to illness, was unable to attend their Lincoln Banquet. I was asked and did represent you at the G.A.R. Home in Swissville, Pennsylvania and attended a luncheon in Maryland-Delaware. Following the Lincoln Memorial Ceremonies in Washington, D. C., I attended the fellowship luncheon with the Loyal Legion. I also attended the Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies and Luncheon in Springfield, Illinois and the annual birthday services at Grant's Tomb in New York and the dinner following the services. On Sunday, May 30th, I attended Memorial Services with my own Camp 200 at Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock's Tomb and also attended Memorial Day Services on Monday, May 31st at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

I was honored to bring the greetings of the Commander-in-Chief to the Maryland-Delaware Convention and attended a called meeting in Mansfield, Ohio.

I wish to extend my sincere good wishes for a most harmonious and successful Encampment, and I am sure you and Caroline will look back many times on this year with many fond memories.

Yours in F. C. & L.,
Thomas A. Monahan, Jr.
National Personal Aide

Commander-in-Chief Riddell: I will now ask the National Secretary to read the communications, including the Resolutions, so they may be turned over to the respective committees.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

WHEREAS, Albert C. Lambert's primary interest and activity beyond that of his home, family and church was the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, in the affairs of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War his first strong conviction was loyalty to his Camp; and

WHEREAS, his greatest pride was his membership in our Organization;

and

WHEREAS, Brother Lambert was a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War from his eighteenth year until his death on September 3, 1975, at the age of seventy; and

WHEREAS, he held every high office in his own Camp, the New Jersey Department, and the National Organization; and

WHEREAS, he filled each office with dignity, competence and efficiency;

and

WHEREAS, our Organization has suffered a great loss of devoted and dedicated leadership and service; and

WHEREAS, he has left his mark of integrity upon his home, family, church, community, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the world;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the National Organization honor him posthumously for his intense loyalty, dedication and accomplishment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National Organization hereby express its sincere appreciation for all Past Commander-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert's endeavors and contributions to the good and welfare of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution honoring him be placed with pride in the Proceedings of this Encampment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Brother Lambert's widow, Past National President of the Auxilliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Edna S. Lambert.

Dated this eighteenth day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six at the Ninety-fifth Annual National Encampment in the City of Columbus, Ohio.

Fred H. Combs, Jr., P. C. in C. (N. J.)

Frank L. Clark, P. D. C. (N. J.)

John Junge, P. D. C. (N. J.)

(Referred to Committee on Resolutions)

OHIO DEPARTMENT SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

RESOLUTION NO. 2

WHEREAS, the Department of Ohio recognizes that a fine line divides Associates from full membership in many areas; and

WHEREAS, many Civil War societies, including our own Auxilliary, the Ladies of the G.A.R., The Military Order of the Loyal Legion, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Order of Stars and Bars, and the United Daughters of the Confederacy, include in their full memberships collateral as well as lineal descendants;

Now, therefore, we the Department of Ohio,

RESOLVE that the National Constitution be amended to read: Article III — Eligibility to Membership:

"All male blood descendants, whether lineal or collateral, not less than fourteen years of age", etc.

Gordon R. Bury, II

Department Commander 1976-77

Thomas E. Hoffman

Department Commander 1975-76

(Referred to Committee on Constitution
& Regulations)

RESOLUTION NO. 3

WHEREAS, the uniformed members of our Organization, established as Sons of Veterans Reserves as provided for in the current Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, said Military Department was established for the purpose of promoting membership in the parent Order, observance in cer-

tain patriotic events, including Memorial Day, Flag Day, Veterans Day and the Grand Army of the Republic Remembrance Day; and

WHEREAS, special efforts are made to administer, promote and execute active programs of activity in the historic preservation of the Grand Army of the Republic and the memory of those who paid with the supreme sacrifices during the Civil War of 1861-1865; and

WHEREAS, the original intent of our Order since 1881 was to recognize and restrict membership in the Sons of Veterans Reserve to the required membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for the purpose of uniformity and training as near practicable to that of the Civil War of 1861-1865 as provided in Chapter IV, Section 5, of the current Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 2 of Chapter IV — Sons of Veterans Reserve, be changed to read as follows:

"Effective 1 January 1977, to be eligible for membership in the Sons of Veterans Reserve, a Brother must be in good standing in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Members of the Auxillary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War may affiliate with subordinate units and be identified as members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve Nurse Corps with uniform, dress and duty to that of the period of the Civil War. Members of the SVR Nurse Corps would not pay dues, administer forms or have rank structure."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution as submitted by the undersigned, be presented for adoption at the 95th Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, August 15-18, 1976 at Columbus, Ohio.

Chester S. Shriver, Past Commander-in-Chief
John H. Stark, Past Commander-in-Chief
Frank M. Heacock Sr., Past Commander-in-Chief
(Referred to Committee on Constitution
& Regulations)

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

RESOLUTION NO. 4

WHEREAS, Memorial Day was established by General John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic; and

WHEREAS, as Commander-in-Chief, he issued General Orders No. 11, dated May 5th, 1868, for the establishment and observance of Memorial Day, May 30th; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day was so observed for more than one hundred (100) years; and

WHEREAS, the present Congressional established Memorial Day (last Monday in May) is unsuitable as it is not the day "designated for the purpose of strewing flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who have died in defense of their country"; and

WHEREAS, we believe Memorial Day should be returned to May 30th as a real American traditional observance;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Pennsylvania Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in annual Encampment assembled (the 96th), make known our beliefs and convictions in this matter and urge the introduction of the necessary bill for this legis-

lative change and call upon the United States Senators from Pennsylvania and the United States Representatives from Pennsylvania, to wholeheartedly support it; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the National Organization for presentation and consideration at the forthcoming National Encampment, urging the establishment of a Special Committee for the implementation of the above and to be empowered to work in behalf of our Organization for the purpose expressed and to remain in effect as a committee until Memorial Day is returned to May 30th.

Frank M. Heacock, Sr., P. C. in C.	T. A. Monahan
C. L. Stoudt, P. C. in C.	Elton P. Koch
John C. Yocum, P. C. in C.	George W. Long
John H. Stark, P. C. in C.	Edwin K. Kramer
Richard O. Partington	Ivan E. Frantz

(Referred to Committee on Resolutions)

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
RESOLUTION NO. 5

WHEREAS, the 94th Annual National Encampment approved a recommendation to amend Chapter II, Article IV, Section 2 of the Regulations so as to restrict eligibility for the office of Department Commander to those members who have served as a Camp Commander; and

WHEREAS, this represents an artificial restriction that can work a distinct hardship on the smaller Departments with few Camps and low turnover; and

WHEREAS, Departments of any size may wish to promote a member who possesses exceptional qualifications for the office of Department Commander but who is ineligible for the honor solely because he has not served as a Camp Commander;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Wisconsin respectfully requests and urges that the 95th National Encampment reconsider the question and delete the qualification that requires a member to have served as a Camp Commander in order to be eligible for election to the office of Department Commander.

Grover R. Huff, Department Commander
Edward E. Biering, Department Secretary-Treasurer
(Referred to Committee on Constitution & Regulations)

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

RESOLUTION NO. 6

WHEREAS, Memorial Day was established by General John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic; and

WHEREAS, he issued General Orders No. 11, dated May 5, 1868 for the observance of Memorial Day to be May 30th; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day was so observed for more than one hundred years; and

WHEREAS, the present Congressional established Memorial Day (last Monday in May) is unsuitable; and

WHEREAS, we believe that it should be returned to May 30, as a real American traditional observance;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the New Jersey Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in annual Encampment assembled make known our beliefs and convictions and urge representatives of the people to introduce the necessary bill to make this change, and whole-heartedly support it.

David F. Clark, Sr. Vice Commander
 Walter H. Williams, Jr. Vice Commander
 Robert L. Gerke, Patriotic Instructor
 Approved and Adopted June 19, 1976
 New Jersey Department
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 Daniel P. George, Department Commander
 Richard D. Hines, Department Secretary-Treasurer
 (Referred to Committee on Resolutions)

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT
 SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

RESOLUTION NO. 7

WHEREAS, we realize that detente with the Soviet Union is of the utmost importance, we also realize that the Soviet Union has never, in any instance, lived up to an agreement, either oral or written, we must assume they have no intention of doing so in the future;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE SUPPORT:

1. The strengthening of our armed forces, both of land and sea, so that they may be second to none, thereby acting as a deterrent to war.
2. Objection to the resumption of political and trade ties with the government of Cuba, who is our avowed enemy and is actively engaged in sending mercenary armies to fight in foreign wars of Communist aggression.
3. Objection to the revelation of our secret agents of the C.I.A. to the world press, thereby making their job hazardous and the effect of that body almost nonexistent.

WHEREAS, we also realize that busing of school children to attain racial desegregation has not worked and has taken away the rights of the majority of the people to control the education of their children;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE SUPPORT:

1. The right of each community to govern its own schools, the right of each parent in that community to have a say in his child's education.
2. The establishment of good schools in the communities that have none. We believe that no citizen of this country should be deprived of the best possible education.
3. A halt to the lowering of our standards of education, and the building of more trade schools, so that those who do not meet academic requirements may have a chance for a meaningful occupation through trade schools.
4. The re-establishment of discipline in our schools by giving the right of disciplinary action to proper school authorities.

WHEREAS, we have in the past taken a firm stand against a change in the 1903 treaty with the Government of Panama, concerning the Panama Canal, we realize that the changing times and the lessening of importance of the Canal to world commerce and the importance of

keeping a good relationship with the governments of South and Central America has made the 1903 treaty obsolete;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE SUPPORT:

1. The negotiating of a new Panama Canal Treaty on a fair partnership basis with the Government of Panama.

2. The United States Government must maintain the right to regulate the traffic of ships through the Canal.

3. The United States must be allowed to maintain the required personnel to operate, maintain and defend the Canal.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, in this Bicentennial Year, that we urge all Americans to stop this continual self-persecution of themselves and their Country, and let them adhere to the principles on which this Country was founded.

Adopted June 19, 1976

Department of New Jersey

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Daniel P. George, Commander

(Referred to Committee on Resolutions)

**IOWA DEPARTMENT
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

RESOLUTION NO. 8

WHEREAS, the City of Waterloo, Iowa, presently proposes to build a Veterans' Center Building for the use of all veterans of all wars and their respective allied organizations; and

WHEREAS, there presently exists in the City of Waterloo, Iowa, a beautiful Grand Army of the Republic of the Civil War building which has a beautiful site overlooking the Cedar River; and

WHEREAS, said building presently houses many relics and items pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic of the Civil War, and which is believed to be the only Memorial Building presently existing in the United States which was built and dedicated to the memory of the Armed Forces of the Civil War;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War respectfully petition that the present Memorial Hall constructed by and built for the Grand Army of the Republic of the Civil War be declared a National Shrine to the memory of the Soldiers of the North in the conflict known as the Civil War.

Adopted by the Department of Iowa

Sons of Union Veterans

of the Civil War

Richard A. McCoy, Commander

(Referred to Committee on Resolutions)

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA REPRESENTATIVE
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

RESOLUTION NO. 9

WHEREAS, continued pressure of legal and illegal immigration into the United States, continuing to erode our living standards; and

WHEREAS, 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 emigrants 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 known employment of illegal aliens and it appears many temporary entrants to the United States simply remain and become permanent illegal immigrants; and

WHEREAS, there are various ways in which the process of issuing of Social Security Cards needs to be made more secure to prevent issuance to illegal aliens;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we go on record as being unalterably opposed to the concept of "amnesty" to illegal immigrants and in favor of Legislation imposing sanctions on 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;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we are 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, that cards issued to aliens who are not permitted to work be so marked also, that cards be presented by prospective employees to employers before obtaining employment, and that criminal penalties be provided for employers who violate its provisions.

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 WHEREAS, the Battle of Fort Stevens was the only battle of the Civil War that was fought within the District of Columbia and the only battle at which a President was present; and

WHEREAS, part of the Fort is preserved in the memory of President Lincoln and the soldiers who defended the Capital, forty-two of whom lost their lives in that battle; and

WHEREAS, the rest of the Fort is fastly deteriorating because of its use by children as an unofficial playground;

BE IT RESOLVED that the National Capital Regional Park Service be requested to protect the area around the Fort in general as it was when restored twenty-five years ago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this area also be given the same care that would be given to any great monument to preserve the dignity and respect; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable enclosure be erected that will encourage respect from visitors who come to observe the Fort that defended the Capital against General Early's attack; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National Capital Regional Park Service be requested to place markers or signs designating that the Fort is under their protection and that these markers or signs be protected from theft or vandalism such as was the fate of markers and signs placed there in the past.

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 WHEREAS, the National Archives and the Library of Congress have both been vandalized and had records stolen from them, some of which pertained to the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, pages have been torn from some books and documents;
 and

WHEREAS, most of these crimes have never been solved and the criminals apprehended;

BE IT RESOLVED that closer security be maintained at these and other public buildings which house the records and historical data of our great Country and that positive action be taken to preserve the historical records and artifacts of the United States and its citizens.

Arthur R. Glenum, P. D. C.
District of Columbia Representative
(Referred to Committee on Resolutions)

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

Proposed changes to the Regulations:

Chapter III — Page 33 — Article VII — Committees:

Strike out existing Sections 1, 2 and 3.

New Section 1 — The Regular Committees of the National Organization shall be Standing Committee on Constitution & Regulations, Legislative, Military Affairs, Membership, Americanization & Education, Membership, Lincoln Tomb Observance, and Remembrance Day.

New Section 2 — Special Committees may be created by action of a National Encampment and shall be for the period of time designated in the creation thereof. Their duties and responsibilities shall be simultaneously defined.

New Section 3 — The National Committees shall consist of five (5) members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, except the Membership Committee which shall consist of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief as Chairman and a member from each Department and Camp-at-Large. All shall be in good standing in their respective Camps.

New Section 4 — (Insert herein, old Section 3 as appears on Pages 33 & 34).

Chapter II — Page 29 — Article IV — Officers:

Immediately following the comma (,) in the second (2nd) line, insert:

"all National Committees", causing the entire section to read:
On assuming office, the Commander-in-Chief shall appoint all other officers, all National Committees and may appoint such aides as he may deem necessary, for such services as he may designate.

Adopted by the Pennsylvania Department
Ivan E. Frantz, Sr., Department Secretary
(Referred to Committee on Constitution & Regulations)

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

Fred H. Combs, Jr.
National Secretary
P. O. Box 6193
Lawrenceville, N. J. 08648

This is to notify you and the National Organization that the New Hampshire Department, at its 94th Annual Encampment, voted to endorse the candidacy of Bro. Kenneth T. Wheeler, of Camp 38, for the office of Commander-in-Chief for the term 1976-1977.

Attest: Alfred J. Clark
Department Secretary

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

The 95th National Encampment
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
Columbus, Ohio

The DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, is extremely proud to present its endorsed candidate for the office of NATIONAL COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF of our esteemed Order, Mr. Charles Allen Brady, Jr.

While Brother Brady is well known to most of those attending the Encampment, allow us to review some of his history of dedicated service to our Order. Bro. Brady is a Past Camp Commander of General George A. Custer Camp No. 1, Department of Illinois. He served as Commander of the Department of Illinois in 1960-61 and has served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Department since 1957 with the exception of only two years, one of those being while he was Department Commander. In our National Organization he has served two terms as Senior Vice National Commander-in-Chief and one term as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Bro. Brady's ancestry provides him eligibility for numerous hereditary and patriotic societies, yet it has been his practice to take membership in only a very few and then offer active participation and dedicated service to each. In addition to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Bro. Brady is a member of the Illinois Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States where he has served three years as Commander. He is a Past National Commander-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion, having completed a two-year term in 1975. He is one of the founders of the Black Hawk Society, a new Society for the descendants of veterans of the Black Hawk War 1831-1832. He serves as Secretary-Treasurer General of the National Organization.

The members of the 94th Annual Encampment, in voting an endorsement for our Brother, Charles Allen Brady, Jr., believe our National Organization will be well served by electing him National Commander-in-Chief for the 1976-1977 term. We are certain you will agree with his qualifications and hope you will honor him by electing him to the Office.

William H. Baxter, Sr.
Department Commander

Attest:

G. Edward Coltrin, P.D.C.
Secretary Pro-Tem.

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

To: Commandery-in-Chief

At the recent New York Department Convention held June 27-30 at Glens Falls, N. Y. the following motion was passed unanimously by all present.

The New York Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, do hereby endorse Past Department Commander Harold Beilby for the office of National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Brother Bellby is now serving in the post of National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Lawrence Isaacs
Department Secretary-Treasurer

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

Seldom does Ohio have the opportunity to have a National Officer. In our past 94 years we have been honored to have eight Commanders-in-Chief. Within the next few years we will have another such candidate for that high office, Brother Robert J. Wolz.

Brother Wolz has served all Camp Offices, many District Offices, including District #1 Commander. Uniquely he served two terms in each of the higher Department Offices as Department Junior Vice 1964-66, as Department Senior Vice 1966-68 and Department Commander 1968-69 and 1972-73, as well as Department Historian and Council Member.

He served the Central Regional Association of Sons and Auxiliary as Vice Commander, Regional Commander (1971-72) and program chairman in 1973.

He has served our National Order in many ways: Reconstruction of the Order Chairman 1968-69, National Chaplain 1969-70, National Patriotic Instructor 1970-71, National GAR Highway Officer 1971-72, National Junior Vice Commander 1972-73 and 1973-74, and National Senior Vice Commander 1974-75 and 1975-76.

He is a Life Member and holds membership in both the Salem, Ohio and Wooster, Ohio SUV Camps.

We, the Ohio Department, therefore, endorse Brother Robert J. Wolz as the next Commander-in-Chief from the Department of Ohio.

Respectfully submitted for action by the Department Encampment by:

Gordon R. Bury, II
Given Camp #51
Commander

Robert Davis
Philip Triem Camp #43
Commander

Adopted at the Annual Encampment, Department of Ohio, held at Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio, June 26, 1976.

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

Fred H. Combs, Jr.
National Secretary-Treasurer
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
P. O. Box 6193
Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648

A motion was made, seconded and passed with no negative votes during the Sunday Morning Session of the Ohio Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held at Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio June 26 and 27. This motion gave Ohio Department endorsement to Past Department Commander (1967-68), Past Regional Commander (1972-73) and Past National Patriotic Instructor (1973-74) Richard Greenwalt for any National Office for which the National Organization might find him worthy.

Richard Greenwalt
Ohio Department Secy.-Treas.

COMMUNICATION FROM CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. 20515

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 Attn: Chester S. Shriver, Natl' Sec.-Treas.
 P. O. Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325

As a leader in a nationally respected organization, you may be interested in the enclosed copy of legislation I recently introduced in the United States House of Representatives. (H. R. 13215)

This legislation would authorize the Secretary of Defense to inter the remains of an Unknown American Revolutionary War Serviceman near the Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery. As you know, there are presently entombed near the Amphitheater the remains of three Unknown Americans representing those who served in World War I, World War II, and the Korean Conflict. Additionally, Congress has authorized the entombment of an Unknown American from the Vietnam Era.

In this 200th Anniversary of our nation's birth, no unknown representative of the American Continental Army, Navy or Marine Corps is interred at Arlington, yet without the sacrifice of those who served the American cause 200 years ago, there would be no Bicentennial Year. This seems to me to be most appropriate legislation for this Bicentennial Year.

I hope that I can count on the support of you and your members in seeing this proposal come to fruition by whatever expressions of interest you and they can direct to the Committee and to their own Representatives.

Richard T. Schulze
 Member of Congress

Commander-in-Chief Riddell: Thank you, Brother Combs, for reading the Resolutions and Communications. We will now continue with the Report of the National Military Affairs Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Norman R. Furman: Thank you, Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The following Regulation was APPROVED by the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at Palm Springs, California, August 5-9, 1973. (Page 53, Ninety-second Annual National Encampment Proceedings.)

CHAPTER IV
SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE

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 Auxillary 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 Woman'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 SVR 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, preferably nearer to those of the Union Army during the period of the Civil War.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1: I recommend the addition of the following, to clarify this Regulation:

SECTION 6. The NATIONAL MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE shall be composed of seven (7) members in good standing in the Sons of Veterans Reserve, the Chairman to be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, and the additional six (6) members to be appointed by the Chairman, National Military Affairs Committee, with recommendations by the Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(This was a recommendation of Colonel O. G. McPherson when he was Chairman of the National Military Affairs Committee. It was APPROVED by the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and was made a part of the SVR Regulations. However, it was NOT made a part of SUVCW Regulations, which explains the present problem.)

Your National Military Affairs Committee has completely revised the Regulations of the Sons of Veterans Reserve to conform to SUVCW Regulations. They will be reviewed annually, and amended if necessary, to keep them up to date.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2: Due to the rise in Postal Rates, I recommend the amount given to the National Military Department to partly cover operating costs be increased to One Hundred Fifty (\$150.00) Dollars.

A further report on the operation of the National Military Department will be rendered by the Commanding Officer, National Military Department, Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Norman R. Furman, Chairman
National Military Affairs Committee

After comments by Past Commander-in-Chief LeRoy Stoudt as to the correctness of the Report of the National Military Affairs Committee to a certain degree, the substance of the Committee's Recommendation No. 1, and the varied interpretations that have been made regarding numbers of members on Committees; and after a review of the past by the Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee, Brother Furman withdrew Recommendation No. 1 of his Report.

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank M. Heacock, Sr.: I move you that the report of the Military Affairs Committee, as presented, less the portion that has been withdrawn, be accepted; and that the matter referring to the Committee's increased request for expenditures (\$150.00 instead of \$100.00) be referred to the Budget Committee of the Council of Administration for consideration.

The motion was seconded by many and passed.

Past Commander-in-Chief Heacock: Commander-in-Chief, I would like to ask through you to the Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs: Is there anything additional in your report about removal of an officer?

Past Commander-in-Chief Furman: No, there isn't.

Past Commander-in-Chief Heacock: Is there nothing about a court martial or the removal from office of an officer for conduct unbecoming an officer?

Past Commander-in-Chief C. LeRoy Stoudt then rose on a point of order about discussing in this Encampment a matter about an officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, since the matter was, in his judgment, one for the SVR to handle and should be handled by that body. Brother Stoudt was sustained by the Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Riddell: May we have the Report of the Commanding Officer of the National Military Department, SVR, at this time?

Brig. Gen. Chester S. Shriver then read the following formal report and also the financial report of Adjutant General Charles H. Lillenthal, 1 Lt., SVR.

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

Brother Clarence J. Riddell, Commander-in-Chief
Brother Norman R. Furman, Chairman, NMAC
Officers and Delegates Assembled
95th Annual National Encampment

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

It is my honor and pleasure to submit this formal report as your Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve of the National Military Department of our Order to this, the 95th annual Encampment of our Order and the year of the 200th Anniversary of our Nation.

Within the scope of this report, you will note a review of the past year's service of the Sons of Veterans Reserve that has credited our organization with attracting membership and to provide activity for our Brothers who choose to wear the uniform in the representation of the only male Organization recognized by the Grand Army of the Republic. This report also notes the general programs of events during the past fiscal year and proposes the future guidelines for its continued successes in a capacity where they can best (sic) our parent Organization. To provide this information to you, may I note the following categories:

HISTORY

The foundation of the Sons of Veterans Reserve is based in the Pennsylvania Brigade where enlistments and leadership were first recognized and from which many Departments of the Sons of Union

Veterans of the Civil War were represented with SVR Units attached. Formed in 1881, we must never forget that during the years prior to 1960, this Brigade — known today as The First Brigade, provided assistance to the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. Their training in the field and participation in ceremonies on Memorial Day provided the bulwark of the National Military Department of today. Times change, and your uniformed representation, through the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans' understanding and approval, has accepted it with your maintaining of our historic image.

PURPOSE

To assist our Parent Order; encourage memberships individually and dual Camp/Unit affiliation; observe Memorial Day, Flag Day, Veterans Day, Remembrance Day; as well as assisting Departments at area programs.

PROGRAMS AND PARTICIPATION

During the past fiscal year ending 30 June 1976, the Sons of Veterans Reserve was issued a Charter of Affiliation and Bicentennial Flag upon being approved as a Bicentennial Organization from their Headquarters in Washington, D. C. The 6th SVR National Encampment was held in Ravenna, Ohio with over 800 registered participants. The New England Regional observed a special Civil War observance program in August 1975, with the SVR as Host. Other outstanding observances were the 19th annual GAR Remembrance Day Parade and Services in Gettysburg on November 16, 1975 with 400 uniformed participants, observances of Memorial Day over the United States where the Sons of Union Veterans and Sons of Veterans Reserve were located. Although a few days beyond the close of the fiscal year, mention must be made of the observance of the 113th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg in connection with the 200th Anniversary of the United States of America at the Gettysburg Battlefield where 1850 registered uniformed "troops" participated in the "Battle of Pickett's Charge" and "Farnsworth's Charge". The SVR was selected as the Host for the two-year planning and execution Army. Here an estimated 40,000 witnessed the weekend events plus millions seeing the action live on CBS-TV News coverage. The result was appreciated when individuals have approached Officers and Unit Commanders requesting SUV/SVR membership.

STRUCTURE OF OPERATIONS

Governed by the National Military Affairs Committee of our Parent Order, in uniformity and training as near as practicable to that of the Civil War 1861-1865. Commander-in-Chief Riddell expressed his confidence and approval in Gettysburg on the occasions of the GAR Remembrance Day activities and Memorial Day 1976, that he was pleased with the programs of the SVR Operations. Col. Furman and the National Military Affairs Committee aided in seeking updated provisions to be added or changed in the SVR Standard Operations Procedures. As in the past years of the SVR, the past year provided a high standard of credit to our Order. Unit problems and individual problems are few and have been acted upon this past year and are experienced each year concerning lack of communication, following chain of commands or disrespect for the Orders that govern.

LEADERSHIP

Members of the National Staff, District Staffs and Brigade Staffs devote much effort and time in the assignments they are appointed or elected to serve. These men are of varied professions but the Commanding Officer is confident that each man is of the highest degree of being dedicated to his ancestry that qualifies him for membership. These men have no desires for personal gains but rather to assist and help others. The enlisted men are trained to respect their heritage and they seek planned activity to retain their interest. The Adjutant General's Report, which accompanies this Report, shows 532 SVR members in good standing. 27 Officers are in Assigned Command or Staff Appointments which leaves a ratio of one officer to eleven enlisted men. Each man serving on the National Staff deserves the highest of credit for his untiring concern to serve a certain assignment.

REGULATIONS

Governed by the National Military Affairs Committee under the approval of the Commander-in-Chief and/or the National Organization, SUVCW, to establish guidelines for the qualifications, formation and operation of the Military — in respect for chain of command, discipline, and service to the Parent Order.

FUTURE

That only a Son of a Union Veteran may be a member of the Sons of Veterans Reserve

Service to our Parent Order from which authorized

To work together — we strengthen our membership

To choose independency we weaken our links

To retain our image on the highest standards

To observe Memorial Day as the most sacred day to honor our Nation's Dead

To train and discipline lineal descendants that portrayal of a phase of Civil War History is an honor to those Grand Army Veterans who served them.

In closing this formal report, I am sure some of you here assembled may say it was a lengthy report. But remember that these men who choose to sacrifice their time in their respective Camp areas have accepted the proud duty and obligation of serving our membership in the Military Department. To you, Commander-in-Chief, may I convey their thanks and appreciation for having served under your leadership. Also, my personal congratulations for having a most successful year. To your successor — we pledge our support.

Chestes S. Shriver
 Brigadier General, SVR
 The Commanding Officer

**HEADQUARTERS
 NATIONAL MILITARY DEPARTMENT
 SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE
 OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL**

Financial Report, read by P. C. in C. Chester S. Shriver:

Balance, 22 November 1975	\$284.75
Receipts: 1976 National Encampment Donation	100.00
Dues and Commission Fees	413.50

Total Receipts	\$778.25
Expenses:	
Printing (Envelopes, Letterheads, Xerox Copies)	\$249.39
Ribbons and Streamers	43.53
Engraving	20.08
Postage	52.64
Certificates	41.70
Office Supplies	4.80
Bank Charge	3.00
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Total Expenses	405.14
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Balance 1 July 1976	\$373.11

Charles H. Lilienthal
 1LT, SVR
 The Adjutant General

Both reports were well-received.

Past Commander-in-Chief Heacock: Commander-in-Chief, may I ask the Commanding General: What is the difference between a sponsoring group and a host group?

Brig. Gen. Shriver: A sponsor is an Organization, such as the Lion's Club, an American Legion Post, a Travel Agency, etc. who provide for the financial support for any event, no matter how large or how small. A host is usually a local unit which does the planning and execution of the event. The sponsor always provides the liability insurance for that event, normally this covers a three-day period.

Past Commander-in-Chief Heacock: I move that the Commanding General's Report be adopted with commendation and made a part of the Proceedings of this Encampment.

The motion was seconded by many and approved.

The Commander-in-Chief declared a recess until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 17th.

The Bible was closed by the National Chaplain, Richard E. Wyman-

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

August 17, 1976

9:10 a.m.

National Chaplain Wyman opened the Bible.

Commander-in-Chief Riddell: We will begin this morning's Session with the reading of the Reports of the various Committees. Brother Rippey, are you ready with the report of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations?

Past Commander-in-Chief Rippey: I wish at this time to thank all of you for your contributions. Regarding the Constitution, no changes were submitted; regarding the Regulations, there are several:

1. With reference to the Resolution presented by three of our Past Commanders-in-Chief, Brothers Shriver, Stark and Heacock, that a Sons of Veterans Reserve member must be a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and that females may affiliate as nurses attached to a unit as that unit's responsibility. Your Committee approves this Resolution.

(Committee Report concurred with)

Past Commander-in-Chief Heacock: I move you that where there are no objections the report of the Committee be concurred with. Seconded by many and carried.

2. The Resolution of the Wisconsin Department requesting deletion of the qualification that requires a member to have served as a Camp Commander in order to be eligible for election to the office of Department Commander is not approved by your Committee.

(Committee Report concurred with)

3. No action was taken by your Committee on the Resolution of the Ohio Department regarding eligibility to membership, since this Resolution was not published forty days in advance in The BANNER. It should be printed in the October 1976 issue of The BANNER and brought up in 1977 by the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

(Committee Report concurred with)

4. Your Committee has approved the request from the Pennsylvania Department for a change in the Constitution and Regulations as they pertain to Standing Committees.

(Committee Report concurred with)

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I question that all Committees have five members. I refer to the National Encampment Site Committee where three have served for sixteen years and only one, the chairman, does all the work since he is directly responsible for the Hotel and the Host Committees. In most cases the chairman does the work.

Past Commander-in-Chief Rippey: The Committee on Constitution and Regulations concurs with the request that the Department Commanders consider the matter of Department Encampment coordination so two or more will not be held on the same dates.

(Committee Report concurred with)

Following a discussion regarding instances where our Constitution and Regulations do not agree with our Congressional Charter, several delegates asked if we would have a Constitutional Convention in 1977, and Past Commander-in-Chief Rippey explained that the Constitution

and Regulations MUST conform to the Congressional Charter and if any Department wishes to submit an Amendment for consideration at the National Encampment the Department may call a meeting of the Department Council to draw up and submit Amendments, or handle any other business.

Past Commander-in-Chief Heacock: There has been no disposition of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations and this Report as a whole. I was going to make a motion that their report be accepted; however, in view of the fact that there is still hanging fire the provision for the Encampment Site Coordinator which should be included under Chapter III, Article IV, Section 1, on page 29 of the 1956 edition of the Constitution and Regulations, I would move you that this matter be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations that they may submit a supplementary report at their convenience to this Encampment. I make that as a motion. Seconded by National Patriotic Instructor Frank Clark. Motion carried.

Past Commander-in-Chief Heacock: I move also that the incoming Committee on Constitution and Regulations be authorized to prepare in its entirety a coordinated, properly written revision of the Constitution and Regulations with all the little step-children hanging fire so that it will coordinate with the Act of Congress, that it be submitted at next year's Encampment, and that the Committee be authorized to have this, when it is completed, prepared in mimeographed form so that each member of the Encampment shall have a copy of it for their consideration, the expense of which shall be borne by this National Organization. I make that as a motion. Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Allen Howland. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

(In the absence of the Chairman of this Committee, the Report was read by National Secretary Combs.)

TO: Clarence J. Riddell, Commander-in-Chief

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 95th Annual Encampment. Your chairman would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the unstinting and continued cooperation he has received from Brother Fred H. Combs, Jr., in printing the interim reports each quarter in The Banner.

REVISION OF U. S. FLAG CODE — As our Nation celebrates its Bicentennial, we can report that the 94th Congress recently enacted a new Flag Code thru a series of far-reaching amendments to existing law. Senate Jt. Resolution 49 passed the Senate on May 10, 1976, on a voice vote, and passed the House of Representatives with amendments on June 21 on a roll-call vote of 352 to 0. The following day, June 22, the Senate agreed with the provisions in the revised bill and sent the measure to President Ford for signature.

The specific provisions of Senate Jt. Resolution 49 were enumerated in detail in our Annual Report for 1974-75 as found on pages 50-53 of the Proceedings of the 1975 National Encampment and will not be repeated here. For the most part, the amendments to Senate Jt. Resolution 49 sought by the House were technical in nature and simply clarified ambiguous language in the measure. The one amendment of sub-

stance deleted from the Resolution a provision that would have created a National Flag Commission that would have been empowered to make further revisions in the Flag Code. In a letter to your chairman, Rep. Don Edwards of California, chairman of the subcommittee that considered the legislation, said, "I believe it is Congress' obligation to make the changes when needed, and organizations such as yours will keep us advised as these modifications become necessary." In debate on the House floor, Rep. Edwards observed that he saw no need to enlarge the federal establishment with another agency when the Congress itself was better able to do the work required.

In brief, the newly revised Flag Code modernizes existing law by recognizing acceptable changes in flag etiquette, clarifies previously ambiguous passages, deletes obsolete provisions, and permits the Congress to retain its authority over future revisions.

It is important to remember that the Flag Code serves as a guide for all of us and should be so considered when we display our flag. Regardless of the law on the subject, there can be no substitute for the virtues of respect and common sense.

STATUS OF MONDAY HOLIDAY LEGISLATION — As reported in the January 1976 issue of *The Banner*, the Congress passed and President Ford signed Public Law 94-97 which returns the federal observance of Veterans Day to November 11 beginning in 1978. In that column we reported on the debate which accompanied passage of the measure in the House of Representatives. The floor manager of the bill, Rep. Patricia Schroeder of Colorado, pointedly said that her subcommittee was in no mood to recommend further changes in the Monday Holiday Act and admitted that Congress simply felt obliged to follow the lead of some 46 States which had previously returned Veterans Day to its original date within their jurisdictions. Rep. David Henderson of North Carolina, chairman of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee of which Rep. Schroeder's subcommittee is a part, echoed her remarks and cited Memorial Day as a holiday that should be observed on a Monday as the law now provides.

To date your chairman can detect no evidence that Congress is willing to consider the return of Memorial Day to May 30 despite the number of bills and resolutions that have been introduced to accomplish that objective. The House bills are buried in Rep. Schroeder's subcommittee and the lone Senate bill resides in the Judiciary Committee of the Upper Chamber. For the record, there have been eleven bills and four joint resolutions introduced in the House and one bill in the Senate. For your reference, the numbers on the House bills are H. R. 119, 235, 1728, 1972, 2248, 2606, 3331, 4533, 4793, 7749, and 11104. The House Jt. Resolutions are H. J. R. 262, 330, 825, and 852; the Senate bill is S. 429.

At the State level, your chairman is aware of activity on the part of some States to seek the return of Memorial Day to May 30 within their borders. In the States of Delaware, New Jersey, and Wisconsin, legislation to accomplish this end passed one of the houses of each State's legislature but was not reported or failed of passage in the other house.

In States that do observe May 30 as Memorial Day, Illinois and New Hampshire for example, efforts to bring their laws into conformity with the federal Monday Holiday Act have been half-hearted at best this year. Perhaps this is because according to the calendar, Memorial Day was uniformly observed this year on Monday, May 31 (May 30th hav-

ing fallen on a Sunday) and in 1977 the Nation will again unite this time on May 30, as Memorial Day. Regardless of the quirks in the calendar, however, proponents of the May 30 date must not relax their efforts or assume that the issue is dormant.

DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL DATES OF OBSERVANCE — On April 13, 1976, President Ford signed Public Law 94-263 which designates that date as "Thomas Jefferson Day" in honor of our 3rd President's birth and his part in framing the Declaration of Independence.

On April 19, 1976, President Ford signed Public Law 94-270 which designates "National Family Week" to include Thanksgiving Day.

Other bills would recognize Flag Day, June 14, and Constitution Day, September 17, as legal public holidays and give special recognition to the birthdays of Susan B. Anthony and Martin Luther King, Jr. These measures have not been acted upon in either house of Congress.

OTHER ITEMS OF LEGISLATION OF INTEREST — On July 4, 1976, President Ford signed into law the provisions of H. R. 5621 which provide for the transfer of Valley Forge State Park to the federal government to be known as Valley Forge National Historic Site and for the modest enlargement of that site. The success of that measure this year can be traced to the Bicentennial and crowned the long-term efforts of Sen. Hugh Scott and Rep. Richard T. Schulze, both of Pennsylvania. In the Senate, an effort by Sen. James McClure of Idaho to add an 869 acre area known as the Chesterbrook section to the park site was defeated on the basis that its cost was excessive — estimated at \$24 million — and that adding that costly amendment to the legislation could endanger the success of the original measure. With the passage of the bill, the National Park Service assumed responsibility for the day-to-day management and interpretation of the existing park.

Rep. Schulze has also introduced H. R. 12962 which would provide for the burial of an unknown soldier from the Revolutionary War at Arlington National Cemetery. That bill has been referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs and reportedly has received the preliminary endorsement of at least 208 House members. In another action related to the celebration of the Bicentennial, Sen. William Scott of Virginia has introduced S. 431 that would establish the boyhood home of George Washington located at Ferry Farm near Fredericksburg, Virginia, as a National Historic Site.

The memory of our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln, has also been the subject of legislation in the 94th Congress. By terms of Public Law 94-208 approved by the President on February 4, 1976, the United States will present a statue of the Emancipator to Israel with funds donated by Leon and Ruth Gildesgame of Mount Kisco, New York. Senate Bill 64 would add the names of the States of Alaska and Hawaii to the Lincoln National Memorial. This measure passed the Senate on April 5, 1976, and is presently in the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee.

Of particular interest to our Order is S.91 that would authorize the expansion of the Antietam National Battlefield Site from about 1,100 acres to a total of 3,260 acres. The enlargement would include not only the actual battlefield site but also an environmental protection zone as a means of preserving the largely rural scenery around the battlefield and along lower Antietam Creek. Introduced by Maryland's Senators, Charles Mathias and J. Glenn Beall, S.91 has been referred to the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee. The measure is similar

to bills introduced in the previous two Congresses but takes into consideration the rights of owners of residential and agricultural properties in the area. As Sen. Mathias observed when the bill was introduced in January of 1975, "It is becoming increasingly clear that the survival of the Antietam Battlefield in the face of encroaching development can no longer be entrusted purely to chance or private action." He also reminded his colleagues that a number of points of interest associated with the battle are presently outside the bounds of the federally controlled site.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1976-77 — In recognition of some of the issues discussed but unresolved in this Report, the following recommendations are made on behalf of the Committee on Legislation:

Recommendation #1: That our Order petition Congress to 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 #2: That our National Organization urge its Departments to work within the States in which they are located to seek legislation to obtain State recognition of May 30 as Memorial Day and to observe it as a legal public holiday.

Recommendation #3: That Congress be urged to give full and favorable consideration to the enlargement and enhancement of the Antietam National Battlefield Site according to the provisions of S.91.

It is a pleasure for your chairman to acknowledge the support and encouragement given him by his colleagues on the committee: C. Leroy Stoudt, Cleon E. Heald, Richard Greenwalt, and the Rev. Alvin Lee Baker. He also wishes to acknowledge with grateful thanks the cooperation furnished by Brother Frank M. Heacock. It has been an honor and a personal privilege to serve our Commander-in-Chief in this capacity.

FOR THE COMMITTEE

Thomas L. W. Johnson, Chairman

Past Commander-in-Chief Heacock: I move you that the Report of the National Legislative Committee be received and that the recommendations be taken up seriatim.

Motion seconded by Brother Rule and passed unanimously.

Motion by Past Commander-in-Chief Heacock, seconded by Past Department Commander Rule, that where there be no objections, the Recommendations be accepted by the sound of the gavel. Motion carried.

There were no objections to Recommendations No. 1, No. 2, or No. 3.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

Past Department Commander Harold T. Beilby, Chairman, stated that he had no report to read at this Encampment.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AMERICANISM AND EDUCATION

To the Officers and Members of the
Ninety-Fifth Annual Encampment of the
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

As chairman of the Committee on Americanism and Education, I submit the following report. First, let me tell you I wrote to all the members of the committee to get their report on what they had been

doing to promote Americanism and Education in their area. As members of the committee I feel they should have a chance to voice their views. As I start this report, the only one I have heard from is Past Department Commander Thomas A. Monahan of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Thank you, Tom.

In the State of New Hampshire, the first act of our newly elected governor, Meldrim Thomson, was to put Memorial Day back to May 30th as it should be. Our Governor is always preaching Americanism, and goes into the schools regularly to tell the students about our heritage and discuss the Constitution of New Hampshire with them. He has been to many of the schools in New Hampshire. Our Governor has been to three out of four of our Department Encampments held since he was elected four years ago. This shows you that he does have an interest in our kind of people.

As a member of the school budget committee for the last two years, I have had a chance to work for better education in our schools. This is a good training ground for knowing what the schools are doing to promote Americanism and to get an insight into the kinds of courses being offered in our schools. There is much work to be done in this area as our schools are not turning out well-rounded students. There are too many courses being offered that have nothing to do with basic education, such as English, math and science. They teach, I prefer to call it "indoctrinate", too many courses on the social aspect of life which is better done in our churches and homes. Too many of these courses have no text books so it is nothing but a "bull" session on unamerican ways of life.

The administrators of our schools, in my opinion, accept too many of these government sponsored programs which in most instances add nothing to education. It is simply another way of getting control of our schools. A good example of this is the busing situation in the Boston area of Massachusetts. It is so bad that most of the teacher's time is spent on other things than teaching. This has been going on for two years. Finally the courts have taken over the running of the schools. This means government control. So many times I have heard educators say, "Oh, the government will never take over control of our schools." When the government puts money into anything, they are going to keep their fingers in the pie.

There is very little Civil War history taught at the high school level. In this area Civil War history is taught in the fifth grade. How much of it that is taught depends a great deal upon the teacher teaching it. The ones, such as my wife, that have a great interest in the Civil War teach a thorough course; and those that don't, skim over it. This also applies to Americanism. The flag salute is given in most schools in this area. However, other than that, the teachers that are real Americans, the ones that feel America is great, do a good job of teaching Americanism while the others stress everything that is wrong with America.

John W. Spaulding Camp #38 tries to have programs that stress the Civil War and Americanism. We have programs on flag etiquette. There are a great many people that do not know how to display the flag. I have seen flags displayed wrong in veteran's halls. One man insists he is right so the flag is still displayed wrong. Our last meeting we had a man give us a talk on the men from Milford and the part they played in the Civil War, also the responsibility of the town in taking care of dependents.

We have attended several Bicentennial parades and you see very few people stand and salute the flag as it is carried by. I have talked on this at gatherings I have attended.

The following is a report on what is being done in the area of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania as reported by Thomas A. Monahan, Past Department Commander.

"Philadelphia Camp #200 has been very active in restoring the burial site of General Winfield S. Hancock. About a year ago it was discovered that the tomb of this Civil War General was being vandalized and Camp #200 set out to have it restored. Since General Hancock was the first Commander-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion, we contacted them and they kindly donated. Our Memorial Day services were held this year at General Hancock's resting place with a large turnout. The final dedication is being planned for sometime in October.

"Pennsylvania is still striving to have Memorial Day returned to May 30th. We have urged all members to contact their Senators and Congressmen.

"Pennsylvania is also responsible for the Remembrance Day in Gettysburg and we feel the committee should be complimented on the large attendance it is creating for this occasion. Every year it becomes a bigger and better affair than the year before. At this dinner in recent years our Scholarship has been given to a student of Gettysburg College (Pennsylvania) by the Commander-in-Chief.

"Pennsylvania was very busy and entertained many, many visitors at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, where everyone goes to touch the Liberty Bell. This year the bell rang out on the 4th of July with President Ford and Queen Elizabeth of England each visiting the Bell.

"Our Pennsylvania schools are teaching patriotism and salute the flag and sing the Star Spangled Banner each day. This year especially, each school — elementary, junior high and high — had a Bicentennial month where they prepared all year special assemblies and fairs."

To my commander-in-chief, I wish for you a most successful and harmonious convention.

Kenneth T. Wheeler, Sr., Chairman
Committee on Americanism and Education

Past Commander-in-Chief Heacock: Brothers, I move you that we accept this excellent report and express our thanks and commendation to Brother Wheeler. Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Allen B. Howland. Motion carried.

Commander-in-Chief Riddell: 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 Caroline E. Riddell was introduced with all Auxiliary Sisters from the Department of Pennsylvania)

Past National President Irene K. Murphy: Brother Clarence, your Auxiliary is very proud of you. We know you are having a great Encampment. I did have a half-hour speech prepared but I will just wish you the best of everything.

National President Caroline E. Riddell: I hope that you are having a great Convention, as we are. I hope, too, that your goals are reached.

Department President (Pennsylvania) Rosanna Shaffer: I am sure that you have had many good times that you will remember for a long time to come.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt responded, after which expressions of best wishes were also made by several other Sisters in the delegation.

Commander-in-Chief Riddell: May we have the Report of the Committee on the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony at this time?

Past Commander-in-Chief George L. Cashman: Brother Riddell, I have been asked by Co-Chairman Thomas L. W. Johnson to read this Report since he was unable to attend this Convention.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

TO: Clarence J. Riddell, Commander-in-Chief

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

1. The 20th 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 72 commemorative wreaths and the presence of 110 luncheon guests who gathered at the State House Inn following the rites at the tomb.

2. We were honored to have Commander-in-Chief Clarence J. Riddell with us for the occasion. He represented our Order with dignity, and his presence symbolized the importance our Order attaches to the memory of our 16th President. Bro. Riddell was joined by Col. Joseph B. Daugherty, commander-in-chief of the Loyal Legion, who represented that worthy Order.

3. This year's ceremony was unique in that all sitting National Presidents of the organizations allied with the Grand Army of the Republic were present. They were as follows: Caroline E. Riddell, national president of the Auxillary to SUVCW; Ellen J. Beckman, national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans, 1861-65; Edra Gene Tighe, national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; and Joan Bennett, national president of the Woman's Relief Corps. Also present was Ann McCluney, national president of the Dames of the Loyal Legion.

4. Under the able command of Capt. 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.

5. Dr. Edwin C. Bearss, research historian with the National Park Service, addressed the guests assembled for the luncheon on the subject Lincoln's neighbors in Springfield.

6. Departments (SONS and/or AUXILIARY) that took part in the ceremony were Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin. In addition, Camps from Peoria and Springfield, Illinois, and Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, and the Auxillary from Peoria, Illinois also took part.

7. By means of advance planning and careful budgeting, your committee spent the sum of \$378.42 in the official conduct of the ceremony.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1977 — Your committee is grateful for the generous and continuing support provided each year in response to its request for operating funds. We modestly believe that this ceremony is one of the high points on the calendar of the National Organization each year.

In keeping with this belief and to help insure that the quality of the ceremony will remain consistently high, we recommend that the appropriation of \$400.00 granted for 1976 be continued at that level for 1977. We anticipate some rise in expenses as for example, the charter fee for the use of a bus to and from the tomb. But thru careful and prudent management, we will endeavor to keep within the limits of our basic allocation.

9. For a complete account of the 1976 ceremony, your attention is invited to the Summer 1976 issue of *The Banner*.

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 Heacock: Brothers, I move you that the report of the Lincoln Tomb Committee be received, made a portion of the Proceedings, and the budget portion thereof be referred to the Committee on the Budget. Motion was seconded by Past Department Commander Wallace Macomber. Motion carried.

Past Commander-in-Chief Shriver: I should like to commend the Lincoln Tomb Committee on the fine job they are doing in Springfield in April, but I should like to take this opportunity to stress the equal importance of the Remembrance Day Program in Gettysburg.

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

Comdr.-in-Chief Riddell

Officers and members; 95th Encampment:

Your Committee for the 1975 G.A.R. Remembrance Day Program submits the following report. Along with Co-Chairman G. Henry Roth, we did receive aid from several members of the Gettysburg Camp, the National Military Department and the National Park Service. A most successful Nineteenth Annual G.A.R. Remembrance Day Program was held following the parade. For the past several years the first part of the program was held indoors, and the latter part held outdoors at the Woolson Monument adjacent to the National Park Visitors Center.

We were most fortunate in having the Commander-in-Chief present along with the four National Presidents. Also, the Pennsylvania Department Commander and four Department Presidents in attendance along with many other past and present out-of-state National and Department Officers. Brig. Gen. Wilfred A. Morgan, Ret. USAR of Altoona, Pa. was the speaker of the day.

Our sincere thanks go to all who again helped to make this program a success.

Expenditures were:

National Organization Wreath	\$ 15.00
Times & News Publishing Co., 250 printed programs ...	98.85
Telephone calls and postage	8.00

\$121.85

However, the list of expenses given to me by National Secretary-Treasurer Combs did list one other item of \$13.00 for the Gettysburg College representative and the College Student who received the Scholarship Award at the annual November dinner. This expense is not directly related costwise to the afternoon G.A.R. Remembrance Day Program or

the committee. However, since the two affairs are held on the same day, if the \$13.00 item is included, the total expenditures would come to \$134.85.

As most of you men know, this program is held in the Gettysburg National Military Park Visitors Center and at the Woolson Monument nearby. Over the years with changes of personnel on the Park Service Staff, some of the rules have changed along with the conditions for holding this program. With the gathering together of parade participants and other people in attendance, we are now somewhat cramped for space. Also, the Park Service now definitely frowns upon the carrying of unloaded firearms, as carried by the uniformed personnel. We are granted the use of the auditorium for the program, between the showing of a film by the Park Service.

Having been an appointed member of six of the last seven committees, and having worked on all seven programs. I would like to offer some suggestions. The front of the printed program states, "Sponsored by the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Gettysburg Camp No. 112, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, for the Nation, etc."

The Gettysburg Camp now has over thirty (30) members who live in the town and/or within a few miles radius. Through some means, eight to ten of these members should be brought together and given the facts and a full picture of this program and activities associated with it. Authority should be delegated and then have the team of members handle this annual program. Secondly, two or three of the Camp members should be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, with the understanding that other Camp members will function on the committee. Thirdly, the appointments should be made at the National Encampment before it closes. This way, the committee can get started immediately. Waiting for the appointments to be announced in the October issue of The BANNER, is six or more weeks lost after the National Encampment.

It has been my sorry experience to learn of my appointment to the Remembrance Day Committee from the October issue of The BANNER, during the last few years. In fact, following the National Encampment the Commander-in-Chief should write follow-up letters to the appointed committee members.

The Remembrance Day Program in November is a "must attend" affair by many of our members and the Allied Organizations. I'm sure that the Gettysburg Camp can come through and handle the details for these annual programs. With a "team concept" in operation, I see success.

Recommendation: That the Council of Administration allocate an amount not less than \$175.00 for the 1976 G.A.R. Remembrance Day Committee.

Ivan E. Frantz, Sr.
G. Henry Roth

Past Department Commander Elton Koch: I move that this splendid Report be accepted and the financial portion thereof turned over to the Budget Committee with a recommendation to increase our allocation \$50.00, making a total of \$200.00. The motion was seconded by Brother Rule and carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

Past Department Commander Edwin K. Kramer: Nothing has been referred to this Committee, so we have no Report for this Encampment.

REPORT OF THE ENCAMPMENT SITE COMMITTEE

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: The 1977 Encampment will be held in the Hotel Savory, Des Moines, Iowa, during the week of August 14th. Beyond that, we have no definite commitments. There is a tentative invitation for the 1978 Encampment, but nothing definite as yet. I will keep you informed as progress is made, but we may have to use a Convention Planner. If any Department returns home — Sons or Ladies — and can interest the Department in hosting a National Encampment, please submit in writing to me at your earliest possible convenience a statement of your interest.

Past Commander-in-Chief Heacock: I move that this Report be accepted. Seconded by many. Motion carried.

A motion was then made by Brother Heacock, seconded by Brother Rule, and carried, that a telegram be sent to the Woman's Relief Corps in Convention assembled at Cedar City, Iowa expressing our best wishes for the success of their Encampment.

(The telegram was sent by National Secretary-Treasurer Combs during the noon recess.)

Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Wolz: The Audit Committee of the Council of Administration has checked the report of the Certified Public Accountant and the Statistical Reports of the National Secretary-Treasurer and has accepted them as being true and correct. On a motion by Brother Heacock, seconded by many, the report of the Audit Committee was accepted.

Commander-in-Chief Riddell: I will declare a recess at this time and ask all Brothers to return promptly at 1:30 p.m.

The Bible was closed by the National Chaplain at 11:55 a.m.
1:30 p.m.

The Bible was opened by National Chaplain Wyman.

Commander-in-Chief Riddell: Brothers, we have scheduled for this afternoon's agenda several Greetings Committees' visitations, as well as our own visitations to the Auxiliary and Ladies of the G.A.R.

At this point in the session, the Greetings Committee from the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States was presented. Cmdr. William Duval, P. C. in C., extended greetings to Commander-in-Chief Riddell and extended best wishes to him.

Commander-in-Chief Riddell: May we have an updated report from the Credential Committee at this time?

Chairman Harry E. Gibbons: Commander-in-Chief, we have a total of 119 registered, with a voting strength of 92 at this time.

Commander-in-Chief Riddell: May we hear from the Ritual and Ceremony Committee at this time?

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: There has been nothing turned over to this Committee; therefore, we have nothing to report, and have completed our task.

At this point in the session, Brother Stoudt presented fifty-year membership badges to P. C. in C. William W. Haskell, P. C. in C. Allen Howland, and Past Department Commander William C. Rule, all of Massachusetts; and Brother Charles Bournstein of the Department of Illinois, who is a direct son of a Union Veteran, was recognized for his sixty-six years as a member of the Sons.

Commander-in-Chief Riddell: Is there any new business to come before the Encampment at this time?

Brother Heacock presented the matter of the Hancock Tomb restoration for discussion and made a motion that, from the G.A.R. Memorial Fund, a contingent appropriation be made available to the Hancock Committee for their work or for their continued maintenance thereof in the sum of \$500.00. The motion was seconded by Brother Herman Poehler and carried.

Commander-in-Chief Riddell: Since it is now time for us to pay our annual visit to our Auxiliary, I will declare a recess until 3:00 p.m. (The session re-convened at 3:00 p.m.)

Commander-in-Chief Riddell: At this time we have the pleasure of receiving the Greetings Committee from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

(The committee consisted of Edra Gene Tighe, National President; Harriet Eaton, Winona Kahl, Marion Leach, Edna McCreedy, Alice Harwood, Della Richard, and Mary Noonan. Each expressed good wishes; all except National President Tighe are Past National Presidents.)

National President Tighe: This is a moment I have looked forward to for a long time. I bring you greetings and wish you much success. I have one request — remember the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will always be indebted for the kindnesses you have shown us this year.

Past Department Commander Elton Koch: Commander-in-Chief Riddell has asked me to respond to your delegation in his behalf and I am most happy to do so. We are glad that you have come to visit us and we know that you have always worked with us. It is a pleasure to have you meet annually with us at our National Encampment.

(The delegation then retired.)

Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Robert J. Wolz: Commander-in-Chief, I have the pleasure to present to you and the members here assembled, Mr. Eugene C. McGuire, Past President General of the Society of Sons of the American Revolution.

Past President General McGuire: I am most happy to be here to bring the greetings of the Society of Sons of the American Revolution. In this Bicentennial year there is an effort towards united efforts. Our Country has not always been united, and it is Organizations like yours that are needed. I am a lineal descendant of a Union Veteran and can recall the men of the G.A.R., as they were the people to know. Organizations such as yours need membership and this is the bulwark of our Orders' needs today.

National Secretary-Treasurer Fred H. Combs, Jr.: Brother McGuire, we are deeply indebted to you for taking of your time to be here. We know you are proud of your heritage and you have expressed your interest in our Order. Your membership would be most welcomed.

National Secretary-Treasurer Combs: During the noon recess I checked the mail and we have received a communication from Brother Arthur Glenum in which he has enclosed a check for \$100.00 as a contribution to our Organization.

At this point, Department Commander Grover Huff of Wisconsin spoke regarding a hospital for friendless veterans and veterans' survivors and also about activities the Department of Wisconsin has conducted in their behalf.

Past Department Commander Cecil M. Baer: Commander-in-Chief Riddell, I would like to make a motion that we send a letter of congratulations from this Encampment to the delegation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, now holding their National Encampment in New York. I will be glad to hand-deliver the letter upon my return home to New York.

Motion seconded by Past Department Commander Frank L. Clark of New Jersey and carried.

Past Department Commander Baer: I would like to bring before the Brothers at this time the question of re-application for membership of Bert Sack, who was rejected by his New York Department Camp and by the New York Department. Mr. Sack has recently made application for membership at Reading, Pennsylvania and on his application shows that he was never rejected. We in New York believe he was rejected.

Past Commander-in-Chief Heacock: I move that this matter pertaining to Brother Sack be referred to the Council of Administration for proper disposition thereof. Seconded by Brother Frank Clark. Motion carried.

Commander-in-Chief Riddell: We will now have Brother Shriver read the Report of the Committee on Officers' Reports.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

Your Committee on Officers' Reports has read the Reports submitted at this Encampment for their past year of activity and have considered them most seriously.

We wish to commend each for his untiring efforts given to our Order. Each has accepted his responsibility and given of his time to perform the responsibilities required. Our Organization can be proud of each of these men as they served as a team.

Commander-in-Chief Riddell is to be commended for his year of Administration. His report shows that he made official visits from Maine to California and has represented our Order most honorably. Listed in his Report are four recommendations:

1. Referred to Budget Committee
2. Referred to Budget Committee

3. Our Commander-in-Chief has recommended that we continue to participate in the observance at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C. on February 12 as has been done for some years now. The Committee does not concur with this recommendation for the following reasons. Each year our Organization receives an invitation from the Loyal Legion to participate in this Service but each year it arrives closer and closer to the date of the event. This past year we were not allowed to carry rifles because the President of the United States was expected to be in attendance. This is understandable, but last year our Color Guard which escorted our Commander-in-Chief was not allowed to carry our American Flag and our Organization's Banner.

During the ensuing discussion, several members of our Organization were opposed to continuing participation in the Service at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington because the members of our Organization have in past years been given very little or no recognition and are not extended comparable courtesies by the members of the Loyal Legion which we extend to Legion members at the Springfield Totab Ceremony. Many members felt that this traditional observance of the birth date of

Abraham Lincoln should be continued as an expression of tribute to our martyred President and that personal feelings should be cast aside in deference to this long-standing tribute to him.

Past Commander-in-Chief Fred H. Combs, Jr.: I feel, as the Committee does, that we should discontinue participation in this event since our members are not extended the same courtesies in Washington that we extend to the Loyal Legion in Springfield. Therefore, I move that we go along with what has been recommended by the Committee on Officers' Reports, that participation in the Lincoln Memorial Ceremony on February 12th in Washington, D. C. at the Lincoln Memorial be discontinued as of this Encampment.

The motion was seconded by several. Motion defeated.

Past Commander-in-Chief Shriver: Regarding Recommendation No. 4 of the Commander-in-Chief, your Committee concurs.

Past Commander-in-Chief Heacock: I move you that where there be no objections, the Committee be sustained by a sound of the gavel. Motion seconded by several and carried.

Brother Shriver continued: The Report of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief contains a wide scope of thinking and presents his interest in the future of our Order. He has listed five recommendations:

1. No definite action — referred to Committee on Constitution and Regulations for consideration
2. Referred to Budget Committee
3. Non-concurrence
4. Concurred in principle
5. Do not concur

The Report of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief displays his sincere interest in our Order. He, too, worked hard through letters to the Departments regarding membership and is to be commended on his efforts. His report contains one recommendation which was referred to the Council of Administration.

The Report of our National Secretary-Treasurer shows the outstanding work done by Brother Combs. His report contains a complete condition of our finances, records, membership, and administrative duties. Our Order must appreciate his work, as it is the most important office of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Brother Combs made three recommendations:

1. Concurrence
2. Concurrence
3. Concurrence

The National Counselor submitted a fine report that displayed his knowledge of our Order and his valuable assistance to the Commander-in-Chief during the past year. His Report contained one recommendation:

1. Concurrence

The Reports of the National Chaplain and National Chief of Staff contained no recommendations. Each Brother assumed his office and devoted sincere efforts in their performance of duties.

The National Graves Registration Officer submitted a concise report of the Office. His report listed one recommendation:

1. Concurrence

The National G.A.R. Highway Officer and Personal Aide submitted Reports on their respective Offices and each showed his interest in serving this administration. There were no recommendations.

The National Patriotic Instructor is to be highly praised for his most outstanding financial report as well as his tireless efforts in representing our Order. We should be grateful to have a Brother of this caliber serving as Patriotic Instructor.

Commander-in-Chief, this completes our Committee's Report.

Chester S. Shriver, P. C. in C., Pa.
Joseph S. Rippey, P. C. in C., N. Y.
Charles A. Brady, P. D. C., Illinois
Grover R. Huff, D. C., Wisconsin
Frank C. Bellinger, Del., N. Y.

National Secretary Combs: We have received a communication from one of our members, Ralph Shadel, Jr., who is also a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. I will read his letter at this time.

To the Officers and Members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, assembled in their National Encampment:

Greetings:

As a member of Confederate Veterans, it is my honor and privilege to extend to you on behalf of James Longstreet Camp #1289, Sons of Confederate Veterans, in Atlanta, Georgia, our best wishes for a fruitful and successful Encampment. Our own National Encampment is also meeting at this time in Memphis, Tennessee.

Since there are persons who are members in both our Organizations, attests to the fact that we enjoy peaceful harmony, and we hope this remains true for all time.

Again, may I reiterate our wishes for a successful meeting and extend to your New Commander-in-Chief, who is to be nominated, elected and sworn in at this great event, our hope for a year filled with blessings and good will.

On behalf of our Commander, Willis J. Nolen, Jr., and our members of Longstreet Camp #1289, I am Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,
Ralph Shadel, Jr.

Commander-in-Chief Riddell: Thank you, Brother Combs, and thank you, too, Brother Shadel, for the good wishes in behalf of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Since the hour is getting late, I will call a recess at this time and ask all Brothers to return promptly at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow. Will the National Chaplain please close the Bible.

(The Bible was closed by the National Chaplain)

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

August 18, 1976

9:20 a.m.

(The Bible was opened by National Chaplain Wyman)

Commander-in-Chief Riddell: The final session of this Encampment has now begun and I will ask for the Report of the Committee on Resolutions.

Past Commander-in-Chief Allen B. Howland: Brothers, your Committee has met and considered the many Resolutions presented to it and our Chairman, Brother Haskell, has asked me to submit our report to you.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

The Resolutions from the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Departments indicate a large undertaking, but we believe it can be done and therefore we approve the following:

1. That a Committee of five be appointed by the incoming Commander-in-Chief — one for five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years, and one for one year. Each succeeding Commander-in-Chief will appoint one member annually for a term of five years and/or until the matter has been accomplished. All future matters of coordination and implementation are herewith referred to the Council of Administration for the proper disposition thereof.

2. The Resolution from the Iowa Department in regards to the Memorial Building in Waterloo, Iowa, which has been supported by several letters from various Organizations in Waterloo, we approve and suggest that the National Secretary send a letter to the Iowa Department endorsing the project.

3. The Resolutions from Arthur Glenum, our District of Columbia Representative, are a duplicate of the Resolutions that he submitted last year. We recommend that we continue what we voted last year.

We submit the following actions for your consideration:

Resolution regarding Past Commander-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert of New Jersey. We concur.

Past Commander-in-Chief Heacock: Commander-in-Chief, I would move you as the recommendations are read, where there be no objections, they shall be approved by a sound of the gavel. Motion seconded by Brother Rule and carried.

Resolutions from the Departments of Pennsylvania and New Jersey re: Memorial Day. We concur.

Resolution from the Department of New Jersey (General). We concur.

Resolution from Waterloo, Iowa. We concur.

Resolution from Arthur Glenum. We concur in spirit; most acted on in 1975.

Communication from Richard T. Schulze, Member of Congress (General). We concur.

Resolution Committee's statement of belief:

TO ALL IN WHOSE PRESENCE SHALL COME THIS RESOLUTION by the SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR in Encampment assembled at Columbus, Ohio on August 17, 1976:

Thinking the duty of the Resolutions Committee to be one of composing as well as disposing, and that this Encampment should make a clear, concise statement of belief, we do hereby submit the following for your approval:

1. That the United States of America shall maintain superior military strength worldwide;
2. That the United States shall retain complete sovereignty over the Panama Canal Zone;
3. That the Rights and Privileges of the law-abiding citizenry must not be abridged in the dispensation of justice;
4. That taxation must be fairly applied;
5. That all citizens are entitled to a basic, unadorned and disciplined education which will ensure the literacy of our population;
6. That May 30 is the only true and meaningful Memorial Day;
7. That the "Star Spangled Banner" must not be replaced as the National Anthem of the United States of America;
8. That the membership of this Organization shall do their utmost, by all means, to support the principles set forth herein.

FOR THE COMMITTEE

William W. Haskell

Approved.

Past Commander-in-Chief Heacock: I move that the following Resolution become a part of the Proceedings of this Encampment:

WHEREAS, we have been royally entertained while in Columbus, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Encampment Committee and the management and employees of The Neil House Motor Hotel have made extensive plans to meet our needs and accommodations; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio representatives of the three Allied Orders have done everything within their power to make this Encampment a successful and enjoyable one;

BE IT RESOLVED that the sincere appreciation of this entire body be expressed to the Hotel Management for the courtesies they've extended to us and to the Convention as a whole and to the Department of Ohio representatives of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic for all of their efforts in our behalf in the City of Columbus.

Motion seconded by several. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

To the Officers and Members of the
95th Annual National Encampment,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Clarence J. Riddell, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers:

One year ago, in Rochester, N. Y., I assumed the duties of the office of National Patriotic Instructor of our Organization. I must admit I had great misgivings about taking on this responsibility but at the urging of several of our members I accepted. The activities of the

year and the results of my efforts have been a revelation to me and while I would not want to assume such a responsibility again it has been an education for me to have had this experience.

On Saturday, November 8, 1975 it was my pleasure, along with many members of my Department, to journey to King of Prussia, Pa. to attend the joint testimonial dinner for Commander-in-Chief Clarence Riddell and National President Caroline Riddell. Saturday, November 22nd I attended the Remembrance Day Observances at the Woolson Statue on the Gettysburg Battlefield. This was not my first time for this observance but each time I attend I find it equally inspiring. It is very definitely one of the musts for our Order and hopefully it will be continued for many years to come.

February 1976 the annual Lincoln Dinner, sponsored by the New Jersey Department of the Sons was held. It was my pleasure to attend and the well-planned program was most enjoyable. Saturday, April 3rd several of the Jersey people attended the annual Appomattox Banquet held in Reading, Pa. Congratulations to the Allied Orders of Reading, Pa. for their continued efforts in this direction. In May 1976 Memorial Day activities were carried out as usual. This has always been a very important time for my camp and it was my pleasure, along with members of my Camp and Auxiliary of Trenton to decorate over 1400 Veterans graves in Riverview Cemetery in Trenton, N. J. On Memorial Day the members of the Camp conducted services at the Soldiers Plot of the cemetery, placed a wreath and fired the salute to our departed Veterans. I am sorry I was not able to attend all functions to which I had been invited but problems within my family prevented this.

In each issue of the Banner, with the exception of the first issue following our last National Encampment, I sent a message to our membership regarding their obligations as a Patriotic Organization. At the same time I stressed the importance of financial support to the National Organization for all patriotic work planned on a National level. This patriotic work brings much recognition to our Order and we, as members, should feel a deep sense of responsibility to see that this work is continued. It can only be done, however, if the members will cooperate by making contributions to help cover the cost of such patriotic work.

In January 1976 I contacted all Department Secretaries requesting from them a listing of the camps in their Department and the names and addresses of the Camp Secretaries. I explained that I desired to have a personal communication with each Camp in the interest of the National Organization. I commend the various Departments for their response to my request. All Departments responded, some later than others, but at least a response was received. When I finished with the listings I turned them over to the National Secretary for his files. Letters and chance books were sent to each Camp; some responded, some did not. I am fully aware of the fact that money is not always available due to the rapid rise in the cost of living but surely somewhere along the line, over a period of a year, some of the members and Camps can express their pride in their Order by some effort to contribute to the funds necessary to keep our Organization in the forefront. I am not unhappy about the results of my financial report, but I feel it could have been better had I gotten the full cooperation of all the Departments.

I received just one report on patriotic work and this was from the state of New York. It was most gratifying to hear of their part in various patriotic functions and their interest in our order and ideals.

I cannot close my report before expressing my sincere thanks to many who helped me during the past year. To Commander-in-Chief Riddell for his help during the year and for the many mentions made of my fund during his travels over the country. To National Secretary-Treasurer Fred H. Combs Jr., for his many words of encouragement and support and also for the space allowed me in the Banner for my messages. To the Past Commanders in Chief, National Officers and several of the members for their words of encouragement and contributions and to my own Department of New Jersey, my Camp #5 of Trenton and Auxiliary #5 and the membership of the Department of the Auxiliary for their splendid support. Last but not least to my family for all their help during the year. When I read my financial report you will understand why I feel most grateful to all who helped but most especially to Jersey.

To Commander-in-Chief Riddell my sincere thanks for your confidence in placing me in this office this year. May you have a most enjoyable and constructive Encampment. To the incoming administration I pledge my continued support.

Yours in F. C. and L.
Frank L. Clark
National Patriotic Instructor

Note: The financial report of Brother Clark, as it appears in these Proceedings, reflects an amount \$100.00 higher than reported at the National Encampment. While he was in Columbus, Brother Clark had received at home a check made payable to him in the amount of \$100.00 from Brother Dr. Levi J. Snow of the California Department and it was felt that this amount should be credited to Brother Clark's report and made a part of the Proceedings of this Encampment.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

1975-1976

CALIFORNIA

Camp	Personal	Chances	14.00
Camp #20	7.00	J. B. Lemelle 5.00	
		H. T. Paine 5.00	
		W. D. Robertson 5.00	
		F. J. Festner 2.00	
		C. C. Prather 2.00	
		Leonard Case 7.00	
		Dr. L. J. Snow 100.00	
		Total	\$147.00

COLORADO-WYOMING

Camp	Personal	Chances	4.00
		Total	\$4.00

CONNECTICUT

Camp	Personal	Chances	5.00
		Clinton Rader 5.00	
		W. H. Stratton Sr. 2.00	
		Total	\$12.00

ILLINOIS					
Camp		Personal		Chances	3.00
		J. L. Trigg	3.00		
		C. Bournstine	5.00		
		Merrille & Irene Miller	10.00		
		C. C. Gumbinger	30.00		
		G. L. Cashman, PCC	12.00		
		C. A. Brady, Jr. PDC	10.00	Total	\$73.00
INDIANA					
Department		Personal		Chances	9.00
Indiana Dept.		Argus Ogborn	10.00		
SUVCW	5.00	W. C. Klusman, PDC	2.00	Total	\$26.00
Camp					
IOWA					
Department		Personal		Chances	11.00
Iowa Dept.		Mr. & Mrs. H. Cleveland	5.00		
SUVCW	10.00	J. B. Johnson, Nat'l Historian	15.00		
Camp		Jacob Kirchner	10.00		
J. W. Tuttle	10.00	E. R. Classen, Iowa Dept. at Large	5.00	Total	\$71.00
Camp #77	5.00				
Camp #33					
MAINE					
Camp		Personal		Chances	12.00
T. W. Hyde,		Edmond Butler, DC	5.00		
Camp #46	5.00	Lyndon Plummers	5.00		
		Charles Brewster	2.00		
		R. F. Calderwood	2.00		
		R. Leon Williams	5.00		
		Frank A. Downs, PDC	5.00	Total	\$41.00
DELAWARE & MARYLAND					
Department		Personal		Chances	8.00
Maryland Dept.		Frank M. Heacock, PCC	5.00		
SUVCW	25.00	William L. Irvin	1.00		
Camp		Richard Johnson, Sr.	2.00		
		W. A. Davis, Jr. PDC	2.00		
		Edmund Koenig	5.00		
		Ellen Beckman, Nat'l Pres. Daughters UVCW	10.00		
		Charles Brown	10.00		
		Charles C. Clark	10.00		

Agnes Davis, PNP 2.00
 Frederick A.
 Davis 1.00
 M. C. T.
 Townsend 4.00

Total **\$85.00**

MASSACHUSETTS

Department Personal Chances **53.00**

Massachusetts
 Dept. SUVCW 50.00 James R. Lawton 10.00
 Camp Alvin C. Mitchell 2.00
 Camp #5 5.00 Chester Swift 5.00
 Charles F. Moran 5.00
 Ernest G. Wells 5.00
 Ursula
 Shepardson,
 PNP 5.00
 Alfred J. Durocher,
 Sr. 2.00
 E. E. Russell 5.00
 E. Russell, PDC 2.00
 W. Haskell, PCC 2.00
 Lewis Adams 5.00
 Henry Bowen, Jr. 10.00
 C. S. Benson 5.00
 Alton F. Lyon 10.00
 J. B. Davis, PDC 5.00
 D. E. Lincoln, Sr. 1.00
 William C. Rule 2.00
 Maj. Gen. A. W.
 Greely 12.00
 C. W. Hooper,
 PDC 2.00

Total **\$203.00**

MICHIGAN

Department Personal Chances **9.00**

Michigan Dept.
 SUVCW 5.00 Carl A. Smith 10.00
 Camp M. L. Davey 5.00
 Austin Blair, H. R. Savage 5.00
 Camp #7 10.00 Alden Bridges 5.00
 Milo Newer, Jr. 2.00
 C. A. Smith, PDC 10.00

Total **\$61.00**

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Department Personal Chances **12.00**

New Hampshire
 Dept. SUVCW 5.00 Russel Riley 2.00
 Camp Rev. R. Milnes 5.00
 Granite State C. E. Heald, PCC 5.00
 Camp #5 2.00 K. Wheeler, PDC 2.00
 W. W. Brown Alfred J. Clark 5.00
 Camp #1 2.00 George Tarlson 5.00
 Richard Wyman 2.00

Total **\$47.00**

NEW JERSEY

Department Personal Chances **142.00**

New Jersey
 Dept. SUVCW 25.00 E. S. Lambert,
 PNP 25.00

New Jersey		Walter H.	
Dept. Aux.		Williams, PDC	5.00
SUVCW	25.00	I. B. Hopper	5.00
Camp		Edward Kater	5.00
Love Camp #12	10.00	Kenneth Leonard	1.00
Abraham Lincoln		C. Cunningham	15.00
Camp #100	10.00	Lyle Ehmke	5.00
James A. Garfield		K. Eckstrand,	
Camp #4	25.00	PDC	25.00
Ferd V. Dayton		Irene & A. W.	
Camp #5	25.00	Lambert, PDC	10.60
4th N. J. Vol. Sons		E. C. Yess II	5.00
of Veterans		Fred Combs, Jr.,	
Reserve	5.00	PCC	30.00
		Anne O. Clayton,	
		PNP	10.00
		J. J. Junge, PDC	10.00
		Daniel George,	
		DC	5.00
		Percy Davenport	10.00
		Francis Pugh, Jr.	10.00
		H. E. Hochradel	10.00
		Hilda Junge, PDP	10.00
		G. & M. Schroder,	
		PNP	5.00
		M. Bonnell, PDP	5.00
		H. Satterthwaite,	
		PDP	9.00
		Frank L. Clark,	
		PDC	15.00
		D. F. Clark,	
		Sr. Vice DC	5.00
		Linda J. Clark	5.00
		Edward L. Vay	25.00
		Richard Hines,	
		PDC	5.00
		H. M. Williams,	
		PDC	5.00
		Col. G. Kanable	5.00
		F. J. T. Aitken	2.00
		R. L. Sherman	5.00
		T. Smith	5.00
		J. M. Hamer	5.00
		C. Vanz McKnight	2.00
		B. T. Fenton	5.00
		Russell Moushey	5.00
		Fred Wolf	1.00
		E. Reeger, PDP	5.00
		T. Bresnehen	2.00
		M. L. Moushey	5.00
		D. Klunck, PDP	5.00
		A. Howerter	1.00
		R. R. Cordell	5.00
		John Phifer	5.00

	G. Murphy, PDP	5.00		
	J. Kandrac, PDP	5.05		
	J. & Wm. Vanderhoof, PDC	5.00		
	J. L. Clark, PDP	10.00		
	D. K. Clark	5.00		
	F. Jansson, PNP	5.00		
	J. E. Finders	15.00		
	In Memory of Lou Moushey	5.00		
	In Memory of Albert C. Lambert, PCC	25.00		
	Ferd V. Dayton Aux. #5	125.00		
	N. J. Dept. Convention Misc.	3.50	Total	\$814.15
NEW YORK				
Department	Personal		Chances	25.00
New York Dept.	G. C. Scott	10.00		
SUVCW — 1975	Dr. A. C. Emmel	10.00		
New York Dept.	Elmer Wolf	5.00		
SUVCW — 1976	J. S. Rippey, PCC	25.00		
Camp	Harry Furman	2.00		
Abraham Lincoln	H. T. Bellby	5.00		
Camp #6	E. R. Morey	1.00		
H. J. Madill	Cecil M. Baer, Jr.	3.00		
Camp #141	J. D. Hillery	5.00		
Chaplain Cook	Jared Gibbons	1.00		
Camp #223	Robert Faling	1.00		
	N. R. Furman, PCC	6.00		
	V. Scheuckler	1.00		
	Rudy Yukon	1.00		
	Mr. & Mrs. C. Murphy	1.00		
	R. McMahan	2.00		
	F. Emmerich	10.00		
	E. Cohen	2.00		
	R. A. Dye	10.00		
	A. A. Morey	1.00		
	C. E. Hudson	3.00		
	E. Snyder, PNP	2.00		
	Harland Gill	1.00		
	R. Schweitzer	1.00		
	J. Makowski	1.00		
	F. C. Bellinger	1.00		
	V. Zuba	1.00		
	H. & E. Gibbons	5.00		
	In Memory of S. Seide	3.00		
	In Memory of Pauline R. Baer	3.00		
	In Memory of Rita M. Baer	3.00		

In Memory of Dept.
Members of
Tilden Post 96
GAR &
Camp #26 3.00 Total \$218.00

OHIO

Camp		Personal		Chances	15.75
U. S. Grant		M. A. Dudek	1.00		
Camp #100	10.00	R. E. Haecker	5.00		
		R. Greenwalt, PDC	5.00		
		R. K. Norton	2.00		
		T. Hoffman, PDC	5.00		
		R. C. Wolz	10.00		
		W. C. Duval, PCC			
		Loyal Legion	10.00		
		J. L. Haecker	5.00		
		H. L. Myers	5.00		
		F. L. Hoopes	1.00		
		J. Decker	2.00		
		R. J. Wolz, Sr., PDC	25.00		
		T. Brown, Sr. Vice Comm.	5.00	Total	\$106.75

OREGON & WASHINGTON

Camp		Personal		Chances	5.00
		C. R. Butcher	5.00	Total	\$10.00

PENNSYLVANIA

Department		Personal		Chances	64.00
Pennsylvania Dept.		M. Cavanaugh, Jr.	2.00		
SUVCW	35.00	James W. Gibbs	5.00		
Camp		William Kelly	5.00		
Bradbury		R. Van Der Voort	10.00		
Camp #149	7.00	E. A. Neville	2.00		
Capt. Luckenbach		Mrs. R. Griffith	3.00		
Camp #182	25.00	F. S. Henne	2.00		
Colonel Ellsworth		C. Leroy Stoudt, PCC	5.00		
Camp #87	2.00	Stover Detwiler	7.50		
Scranton		W. C. Jones	2.00		
Camp #8	3.00	C. Riddell, Comm. in Chief	25.00		
Philadelphia		J. D. Erskine	5.00		
Camp #200	10.00	T. A. Monahan, Jr.	5.00		
Gen. Kilpatrick		G. Long	2.00		
Camp #233	7.00	W. Simpson, PDC	5.00		
Carlisle		E. P. Koch, PDC	2.00		
Camp #50	10.00	Ralph Pelper	10.00		
Reading		J. H. Stark, PCC	5.00		
Camp #16	5.00	C. Lawrence	5.00		
		B. Gen. W. A. Morgan, Ret.	10.00		
		F. W. Herlinger	5.00		
		Mr. & Mrs. P. Fuller	5.00		

		Benjamin Capwell	5.00		
		George F. Calhoon	10.00		
		J. C. Yocum,			
		PCC	25.00		
		Edwin Brinker	5.00		
		R. Partington	15.00		
		C. Riddell, NP	10.00		
		Ivan Frantz	10.00		
		E. K. Kramer,			
		PDC	5.00		
		Anna Stoudt, PNP	5.00		
		R. Weakheiser,			
		PDC	5.00		
		J. Mayhew	5.00		
		F. Campbell	5.00		
		In Memory of			
		J. Runkle, PCC	5.00	Total	\$405.50
RHODE ISLAND					
Department		Personal		Chances	3.00
Rhode Island		Dexter Coombs,			
Dept. SUVCW	5.00	PDC	2.00		
Camp		William Perry,			
		PDC	1.00		
		W. Macomber,			
		PDC	1.00	Total	\$12.00
VERMONT					
Department		Personal		Chances	8.00
Vermont Dept.		Ned L. Durkee	2.00		
SUVCW	5.00	T. A. Chadwick,			
Camp		P. C. in C.	5.00	Total	\$20.00
WISCONSIN					
Department		Personal		Chances	3.00
Wisconsin Dept.		T. L. W. Johnson,			
SUVCW	10.00	PDC	25.00		
Camp		H. Black, PDC	5.00		
		E. K. Johnson,			
		PNP	5.00		
		G. Huff Dept.			
		Comm.	10.00	Total	\$58.00
TENNESSEE					
Camp		Personal			
		Howard Smiley —			
		National Member			
		at Large	5.00		
NEVADA					
Camp		Personal		Chances	3.00
NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO					
Camp		Miscellaneous		Chances	258.05
		New Jersey			
		Get Together	5.25		

Edna's 24 Ours Club	5.00	Total	\$288.30
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EXPENSES

Printing of chance books and return envelopes	69.00
Gentlemen:	

Before I give you the so-called bottom line figures, I would like the record to show that all my work this year as National Patriotic Instructor was dedicated to the memory of Albert C. Lambert, your Past Commander-in-Chief and my Father-in-Law.

RECAPITULATION

Department Donations	\$ 255.00
Camp Donations	214.00
Personal Donations	1,416.15
Chance Books	666.80
Other Donations	138.75
Sub Total	\$2,690.70
Expenses	69.00

Total to be turned over to the Nat'l Organization \$2,621.70

Past Commander-in-Chief Heacock: I rise to make a motion that this outstanding report be received, made a portion of the Proceedings, and a rising vote of thanks be given to Brother Clark and to his compatriots in the Department of New Jersey for their fine outstanding support and back-up, as they always do for their Brothers of New Jersey.

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

Past Commander-in-Chief Rippey: Your Committee on Constitution and Regulations presents the following proposed amendments to the Regulations for your consideration:

CHAPTER III

Article VII

Committees

Section 1. The regular committees of the National Organization shall be a Standing Committee on Constitution and Regulations, Legislation, Military Affairs, Membership, Americanization and Education, Lincoln Tomb Observance, Remembrance Day, Fraternal Relations, and Encampment Site.

Section 2. Special committees may be created by action of a National Encampment and shall be for the period of time designated in the creation thereof. Their duties and responsibilities shall be simultaneously defined.

Section 3. The regular national committees shall consist of five members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, except the Membership Committee which shall consist of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief as chairman and the junior vice commanders of all Departments and Camps-at-Large, and except the Encampment Site Committee which shall consist of three members. All shall be in good standing in their respective Departments and Camps.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Legislation to watch matters of proposed legislation affecting the welfare of the Order or the Constitution or welfare of the United States of America.

proposed either in the Congress of the United States or elsewhere; to oppose such as are inimical to the same and to make a written report to the Commander-in-Chief at the session following its appointment.

CHAPTER III

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 3. On assuming office, the Commander-in-Chief shall appoint all other officers and national committees, and may appoint such aides as he may deem necessary, for such services as he may designate.

CHAPTER IV

Section 2

Sons of Veterans Reserve

Effective 1 January 1977, to be eligible for membership in the Sons of Veterans Reserve, a brother shall be a member in good standing in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Members of the ladies organizations of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic may affiliate with subordinate units, and be identified as members of the SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE NURSE CORPS, with uniform, dress and duty conforming to that of the period of the Civil War. Members of the SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE NURSE CORPS shall not pay dues, file forms or have rank structure.

The revised amendments were approved as read.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Am I correct in saying that all changes made since 1956 are to be updated by the 1977 Encampment ready for printing?

A discussion followed during which it was emphasized that a motion had been made and passed providing for the updating of the Constitution and Regulations prior to the 1977 Encampment, at which time mimeographed copies would be distributed to all delegates in attendance.

Commander-in-Chief Riddell: Brother Rippey, will you please present the report of the Budget Committee for the 1976-1977 year?

Report of the Budget Committee

Year of 1976-1977

RECEIPTS:

Per-capita tax from 2,468 members at \$2.20 per year ..	\$ 5,429.60
Registration Fee from 120 members at \$2.00 each	240.00
Sales of supplies	1,400.00
Auxiliary gift	500.00
Refund from Fred H. Combs, Jr., Editor of the Banner	148.03
Income from Permanent Fund	1,600.00
Income from interest on Savings Accounts	700.00
From Reserve Funds (prior year)	160.00
Gift from Arthur Glenum	100.00
TOTAL	\$10,277.63

DISBURSEMENTS:

Commander-in-Chief's Expenses	\$ 1,200.00
Secretary-Treasurer's Expenses	1,000.00
Purchase of Supplies	2,300.00
Printing, Stationery and Postage & Telephone	700.00
Proceedings — 1976	1,050.00
Encampment Expense	60.00
The Banner	2,300.00
Past Commander-in-Chief's Testimonial	220.00
Miscellaneous Expense	315.67
Special Multi-Peril Policy — Natl. Hdqtrs.	201.95
Certified Public Accountant Fee	430.00
TOTAL	\$10,277.53

APPROPRIATIONS FROM G.A.R. FUND

Lincoln Memorial Expense	\$ 50.00
Lincoln Tomb Expense	400.00
G.A.R. Remembrance Day Expense	200.00
Memorial for the Cathedral of the Pines	25.00
National Military Department, SVR	150.00
Student Scholarship	250.00
G.A.R. Campfire Program Expense	300.00
Restoration of Gen. Hancock's Tomb	500.00
Promotion — Restoration of Memorial Day	500.00
TOTAL	\$2,375.00

Submitted by:

Joseph S. Rippey, P. C. in C.
 Fred H. Combs, Jr., P. C. in C.
 William C. Rule, P. D. C., Mass.

On a motion by Past Commander-in-Chief Rippey, seconded by Past Department Commander Rule, the Budget was adopted as presented. A discussion followed.

Past Commander-in-Chief Howland: It seems to me that it's about time we raised the Commander-in-Chief's expenses a little bit. It seems to me that \$1,200 is not enough, but it's better than \$1,000. I would like to move that we add an amendment to that budget that we agreed to and that the Commander-in-Chief's travel expenses be \$1,200.

The motion was seconded by several and carried.

At this time the announcement of the winner of the U. S. Grant, III Membership Trophy was made to the Wisconsin Department. Their percentage increase in membership this past year was 32%.

The Harold E. Arnold Membership Plaque to be presented to the Department for the highest total membership increase for the year was awarded to the Wisconsin Department for their increase of 16 members.

Commander-in-Chief Riddell: Brothers, we are nearing the completion of our business but before going into the nomination and election of Officers, has any Brother anything to offer for the Good of the Order at this time?

Hearing none, I will ask the Chairman of the Credential Committee to render his final report at this time.

Chairman Harry E. Gibbons: Commander-in-Chief, the following breakdown is noted for the Delegates registered at this time:

Commander-in-Chief	1
Past Commanders-in-Chief	11
Department Commanders	9
Past Department Commanders	41
Delegates	30
Registered, Not Present	27
Members-at-Large	0

Total 119

(Voting strength — 92)

Past Commander-in-Chief Heacock: Commander, I move you that the report of the Credential Committee on the voting strength of this Encampment be the final report of this Encampment and that this committee, as well as all other committees who have completed their duties, be discharged simultaneously with a vote of thanks.

Motion seconded by Past Department Commander Rule. Motion carried.

Past Commander-in-Chief Heacock: Brothers, I move you that the minutes of this Encampment when prepared by the National Secretary and approved by the outgoing Commander-in-Chief become the official records of this Encampment.

Seconded by Past Department Commander Elton Koch. Motion carried.

Past Commander-in-Chief Combs: I should like to announce at this time that after the October 1976 issue of The BANNER, the new Editor will be Brother Albert W. Lambert.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I move that we give a rising vote of thanks to Brother Combs in appreciation of the four years of dedicated service he has given to us in publishing the fine issue of The BANNER that he has.

Motion seconded by Brother Rule. Motion carried.

Past Commander-in-Chief Shriver: There being no further business to come before this Encampment, I move that we go into the nomination and election of Officers.

Motion seconded by several and carried.

Past Commander-in-Chief George Cashman: I should like to announce at this time that, for personal reasons, Brother Charles A. Brady, Jr. desires to have his name removed as a Candidate for Commander-in-Chief at this Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Riddell: We will now go into the nomination and election of Officers. Will the National Secretary call the roll?

(The following Brothers were nominated)

Commander-in-Chief Kenneth T. Wheeler of New Hampshire by William Haskell, P.C. in C., Massachusetts

Seconded by New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Harold T. Bellby of New York

by Joseph S. Rippey, P. C. in C., New York

Seconded by Pennsylvania

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard Greenwalt of Ohio
by Robert J. Wolz, Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Ohio
Seconded by Wisconsin, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Vermont

Council of Administration (1 member for 2 years). Joseph S. Rippey
of New York by Norman Furman, P. C. in C., New York

Seconded by Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Iowa, New Hampshire

Past Commander-in-Chief Heacock: I move that the National Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the above-nominated Officers.

Motion seconded by P. C. in C. Yocum. Motion carried.

The National Secretary cast the ballot and the Commander-in-Chief declared all duly elected.

Commander-in-Chief Elect Wheeler chose the following Installing Officers:

Installing Officer Allen B. Howland, P. C. in C., Mass.

Guide John H. Stark, P. C. in C., Pennsylvania

Chaplain Richard E. Wyman, P.D.C., New Hampshire

The following Brothers were appointed to their respective Offices by

Commander-in-Chief Elect Wheeler:

National Counselor William W. Haskell, Mass.

National Chief of Staff John C. Yocum, Penna.

National Patriotic Instructor Charles A. Brady, Jr., Ill.

National Chaplain Richard E. Wyman, N. H.

National Historian Edmund Butler, Maine

National Graves Registration Officer William W. Vanderhoof, Jr.,
N. J.

National G.A.R. Highway Officer Wallace Macomber,
Rhode Island

National District of Columbia Representative Arthur R. Glenum,
Maryland

Personal Aide Wallace Hooper, Mass.

The Officers elected and appointed were duly obligated at the Altar and escorted to their stations. Present for this ceremony was the wife of the incoming Commander-in-Chief and the wife of the outgoing Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Elect Kenneth T. Wheeler was escorted to the Commander's Station with applause by all present.

The Past Commander-in-Chief's Jewel was presented to Past Commander-in-Chief Riddell by National Secretary-Treasurer Fred H. Combs, Jr. through his wife, Caroline E. Riddell, who pinned it on his coat.

The Past Commander-in-Chief's lapel button was presented to Brother Riddell by National Secretary-Treasurer Combs.

Commander-in-Chief Wheeler called upon each of his Officers who responded with their pledge of support during the coming year.

A motion was made by Brother Stouidt, seconded by Brother Yocum that this Encampment be adjourned. Motion carried.

The Encampment was thereupon closed in ritualistic form.

Fred H. Combs, Jr.

National Secretary-Treasurer

1975 ENCAMPMENT ROLL

(NP — Registered, Not Present)

CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC

Fenwick Warner, D. C.

CONNECTICUT

James Y. Ledwith, P.D.C.

ILLINOIS

Charles H. Bournstine, P.D.C.	Robert M. Graham, D.C.
Charles A. Brady, Jr., P.D.C.	Cyril C. Gumbinger, Dele.
George L. Cashman, P.C. in C.	Harry J. Lessig, Dele.
G. Edward Coltrin, P.D.C. (NP)	

INDIANA

Harry B. Beasley, Dele.	Elmer R. Meek, Dele.
Larry L. Hough, Dele.	Argus E. Ogborn, P.D.C.
Wayne C. Klusman, P.D.C.	Marion J. Tompkins, Dele.

IOWA

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

MAINE

Edmond Butler, P.D.C. (Registered as a Delegate)

MARYLAND

Eldridge Daniels, P.D.C.	George H. Miller, Jr., P.D.C.
William A. Davis, P.D.C. (NP)	John E. Palsgrove, Sr., P.D.C.
Arthur R. Glenum, P.D.C. (NP)	Richard C. Schlenker, Dele.
Howard D. Jester, Sr., Dele.	Curry M. Shockley, P.D.C.
Richard H. Johnson, Sr., P.D.C.	Marion C. T. Townsend, D.C.
B. Franklin Lucas, P.D.C.	Robert E. Townsend, P.D.C.

MASSACHUSETTS

Miles Harrington, 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, P.D.C.	Eugene E. Russell, P.D.C.

MICHIGAN

Carl A. Smith, P.D.C.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

NEW JERSEY

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

NEW YORK

Cecil M. Baer, Dele.	Harold J. Goodman, Dele.
Harold T. Beilby, P.D.C.	Alfred Hahn, Dele. (NP)
Frank C. Bellinger, Dele.	Chester E. Hudson, P.D.C. (NP)
Raymond Foulkrod, D.C.	Robert H. McMahon, P.D.C. (NP)
Harry Furman, P.D.C. (NP)	Albert A. Morey, Dele. (NP)
Norman R. Furman, P.C. in C.	Joseph S. Rippey, P.C. in C.
Harry E. Gibbons, P.D.C.	

OHIO

Forest Altland, Dele.	Thomas E. Hoffman, P.D.C.
Jonathan Bowen, Dele.	James R. Perkins, Dele.
Rev. Norman Bowen, Dele.	Fred Pfeister, P.D.C. (NP)
Gordon R. Bury, II, D.C.	Emmett Riley, Dele. (NP)
Charles Corfman, Dele.	Ralph E. Shadel, P.D.C.
William C. Duval, Dele.	Jerry West, Dele.
Robert F. Gillespie, Dele.	Robert C. Wolz, P.D.C.
Thomas Graham, Dele.	Robert J. Wolz, P.D.C.
Richard C. Greenwalt, P.D.C.	William C. Wolz, Dele. (NP)
Wilbur Haueter, Dele.	C. B. Wood, P.D.C. (NP)
Frank Hilliard, Dele.	

PENNSYLVANIA

Frank L. Campbell, Dele.	Jonathan T. Mayhew, Dele.
Michael A. Cavanaugh, Jr. Dele. (NP)	Thomas A. Monahan, Jr., P.D.C.
Theodore R. Dissinger, Sr., D.C.	Rev. Richard O. Partington, P.D.C.
Ivan E. Frantz, Sr., P.D.C.	Ralph Peiper, Dele.
Karl J. Frantz, Dele.	Herman Poehler, Dele.
Frank M. Heacock, Jr., Dele. (NP)	Clarence J. Riddell, C. in C.
Frank M. Heacock, Sr., P.C. in C.	Chester S. Shriver, P.C. in C.
William C. Jones, P.D.C. (NP)	William L. Simpson, P.D.C.
William N. Kearney, P.D.C., (NP)	John H. Stark, P.C. in C.
Elton P. Koch, P.D.C.	C. LeRoy Stoudt, P.C. in C.
Edwin K. Kramer, P.D.C.	Robert U. Werkheiser, P.D.C.
George W. Long, P.D.C.	John C. Yocum, P.C. in C.

RHODE ISLAND

Dexter Coombs, P.D.C. (NP)	Wallace J. Macomber, P.D.C.
Ronald DeSantis, D.C. (NP)	William Perry, P.D.C.
Frank W. Luth, P.D.C. (NP)	Joseph Plante, Dele. (NP)

VERMONT

Ned L. Durkee, P.D.C. (NP)

WISCONSIN

Edward E. Biering, P.D.C.	Grover R. Huff, D.C.
Herman Black, P.D.C. (NP)	Thomas L. W. Johnson, P.D.C. (NP)

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

August 18, 1976

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following persons present:

Commander-in-Chief	Kenneth T. Wheeler
Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief	Harold T. Beilby
Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief	Richard Greenwalt
Council of Administration Member	Clarence J. Riddell
Council of Administration Member	William C. Rule
Council of Administration Member	Joseph S. Rippey
National Secretary-Treasurer	Fred H. Combs, Jr.
Past National Secretary-Treasurer	Chester S. Shriver
Past Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief	Robert J. Wolz
Past Commander-in-Chief	John H. Stark
Past Commander-in-Chief	Frank M. Heacock, Sr.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting of August 15, 1976 were approved following the addition of the name of Past National Secretary-Treasurer Chester S. Shriver to the list of those present and the name of Fred H. Combs, Jr., National Secretary-Treasurer, to the list of those appointed to the Budget Committee by Commander-in-Chief Riddell. This action was taken on a motion by Brother Rippey and seconded by Brother Beilby.

2. On a motion by Brother Rippey, seconded by Brother Rule, it was determined that the Department Treasurer's Receipt Book, the Ledger (Form E), the Cash Book (Form F), and the Descriptive Book (Form A) will no longer be available from the National Organization and will be removed from the Requisition for Supplies (Form 1). The motion was carried unanimously.

3. On a motion by Brother Rippey, seconded by Brother Beilby, the screw-type Bronze Lapel Recognition Buttons will be offered to the membership at a cost of seventy-five cents each. Motion carried unanimously.

4. It was moved by Brother Rippey and seconded by Brother Riddell that the dividends earned on the Wellington Fund and the interest earned on the special savings accounts be placed in the General Fund for 1976-1977. The motion was carried unanimously.

5. On a motion by Brother Rippey, seconded by Brother Rule, the National Secretary-Treasurer was authorized to renew for three years the Position and Surety Bonds for the Positions of Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary-Treasurer prior to the expiration of the present bonds on August 1, 1977. Motion carried unanimously.

6. On a motion by Brother Rippey, seconded by several, the matter of the acceptance into membership of Bert Sack, formerly a member of the Oliver Tilden Camp of New York, by the Reading, Pennsylvania, Camp which was brought to the attention of the Encampment by Brother Cecil Baer of the Department of New York was tabled for further investigation.

7. Brother Joseph Rippey moved and several seconded the motion that we retain the same amount of \$6.00 per member as the payment to Camps of Life Members in January 1977. Motion carried unanimously.

8. The motion was made by Brother Wolz and seconded by Brother Rule that the Memorial Day Restoration Committee, chaired by Past Commander-in-Chief Frank M. Heacock, Sr., be authorized to spend a sum of up to \$500.00, to be drawn from the National G.A.R. Fund in the fiscal year 1976-1977 on vouchers to be submitted to the National Secretary-Treasurer for printing and mailing of letters and for carrying out the function of the Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

9. On a motion by Brother Rippey, seconded by Brother Wolz, the registration fee for the 96th Annual National Encampment to be held in Des Moines, Iowa in 1977 was set at \$4.00. Motion carried unanimously.

10. On a motion by Brother Wolz, seconded by Brother Rule, the goal of the National Patriotic Instructor for 1976-1977 was set at \$1,500. Motion passed unanimously.

11. The National Secretary-Treasurer was given authority to adjust the prices listed on the Price List of Supplies, as needed, to allow for any increases in the cost of postage and supply items.

12. The matter of the status of Camp-at-Large No. 21, Beaufort, South Carolina, was discussed. Commander-in-Chief Kenneth T. Wheeler offered to visit the Beaufort Camp during his term of office in order to encourage the Camp to meet its obligation of payment of per capita tax on its members to the National Organization.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m .

Fred H. Combs, Jr., Natl. Secy.-Treas.
Kenneth T. Wheeler, Commander-in-Chief

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	1885	Sept. 1-2	Buffalo	New York
6th	1886	Aug. 17-19	Des Moines	Iowa
6th	1887	Aug. 15-17	Wheeling	West Virginia
7th	1888	Sept. 10-13	Paterson	New Jersey
8th	1889	Aug. 26-29	St. Joseph	Missouri
9th	1890	Aug. 24-29	Minneapolis	Minnesota
10th	1891	Aug. 8-12	Helena	Montana
11th	1892	Aug. 15-18	Cincinnati	Ohio
12th	1893	Aug. 20-23	Davenport	Iowa
13th	1893	Sept. 16-18	Knoxville	Tennessee
14th	1895	Sept. 8-10	Louisville	Kentucky
15th	1896	Sept. 9-11	Indianapolis	Indiana
16th	1897	Sept. 12-14	Omaha	Nebraska
17th	1898	Sept. 7-9	Detroit	Michigan
18th	1899	Sept. 11-13	Syracuse	New York
19th	1900	Sept. 17-18	Providence	Rhode Island
20th	1901	Oct. 7-9	Washington	D. C.
21st	1902	Sept. 15-17	Atlantic City	New Jersey
22nd	1903	Aug. 17-19	Boston	Massachusetts
23rd	1904	Sept. 18-20	Gettysburg	Pennsylvania
24th	1905	Aug. 20-23	Peoria	Illinois
25th	1906	Aug. 20-21	Dayton	Ohio
26th	1907	Aug. 25-27	Niagara Falls	New York
27th	1908	Aug. 24-26	Washington	D. C.
28th	1909	Sept. 20-22	Atlantic City	New Jersey
29th	1910	Aug. 22-25	Rochester	New York
30th	1911	Aug. 27-29	St. Louis	Missouri
31st	1912	Sept. 16-18	Chattanooga	Tennessee
32nd	1913	Sept. 1-3	Detroit	Michigan
33rd	1914	Sept. 28-30	Washington	D. C.
34th	1915	Aug. 30-31	Kansas City	Missouri
35th	1916	Aug. 22-23	Boston	Massachusetts
36th	1917	Aug. 20-21	Niagara Falls	New York
37th	1918	Sept. 9-11	Columbus	Ohio
38th	1919	Sept. 22-24	Indianapolis	Indiana
39th	1920	Sept. 27-29	Indianapolis	Indiana
40th	1921	Sept. 26-28	Des Moines	Iowa
41st	1922	Sept. 4-6	Milwaukee	Wisconsin
42nd	1923	Aug. 12-14	Boston	Massachusetts
43rd	1924	Sept. 1-3	Grand Rapids	Michigan
44th	1925	Sept. 21-23	Des Moines	Iowa
45th	1926	Sept. 13-15	Grand Rapids	Michigan
46th	1927	Sept. 18-20	Denver	Colorado
47th	1928	Sept. 16-12	Portland	Maine
48th	1929	Aug. 26-28	Cincinnati	Ohio
49th	1930	Sept. 14-17	Des Moines	Iowa
50th	1931	Sept. 19-22	Springfield	Illinois
51st	1932	Sept. 19-21	St. Paul	Minnesota
52nd	1933	Aug. 14-16	Rochester	New York
53rd	1934	Sept. 9-12	Grand Rapids	Michigan
54th	1935	Sept. 22-24	Washington	D. C.
55th	1936	Sept. 6-9	Madison	Wisconsin
56th	1937	Sept. 5-8	Des Moines	Iowa
57th	1938	Aug. 29-31	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
58th	1939	Sept. 10-12	Springfield	Illinois
59th	1940	Sept. 15-18	Columbus	Ohio
60th	1941	Sept. 15-17	Indianapolis	Indiana
61st	1942	Sept. 20-23	Milwaukee	Wisconsin
62nd	1943	Sept. 12-14	Des Moines	Iowa
63rd	1944	Oct. 1-4	Columbus	Ohio
64th	1945	Aug. 25-29	Indianapolis	Indiana
65th	1946	Aug. 10-14	Cleveland	Ohio
66th	1947	Sept. 26-30	Grand Rapids	Michigan
67th	1948	Aug. 28-31	Indianapolis	Indiana
68th	1949	Aug. 20-24	Boston	Massachusetts
69th	1950	Aug. 19-23	Columbus	Ohio
70th	1951	Aug. 24-28	Atlantic City	New Jersey
71st	1952	Aug. 23-27	Buffalo	New York
72nd	1953	Aug. 8-13	Duluth	Minnesota
73rd	1954	Aug. 21-25	Cincinnati	Ohio
74th	1955	Sept. 9-13	Harrisburg	Pennsylvania
75th	1956	Aug. 18-22	Detroit	Michigan
76th	1957	Aug. 17-21	Boston	Massachusetts
77th	1958	Aug. 16-20	Long Beach	California
78th	1959			

79th	1960	Aug. 21-25	Springfield	Illinois
80th	1961	Aug. 20-24	Indianapolis	Indiana
81st	1962	Aug. 10-23	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. 5-9	Palm Springs	California
93rd	1974	Aug. 18-22	Bretton Woods	New Hampshire
94th	1975	Aug. 10-14	Rochester	New York
95th	1976	Aug. 15-19	Columbus	Ohio

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. Splink
1904	William C. Dustin
1905	Harley V. Speelman
1906	Edwin M. Amies
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 Oallahan
1919	Harry D. Sison
1920	Pelham A. Barrows
1921	Clifford Ireland
1922	Frank Shelhouse
1923	Samuel S. Horn
1924	Wm. M. Coffin
1925	Edwin C. Irelan
1926	Ernest W. Homan
1927	Walter C. Mable
1928	Delevan Bates Bowley

Elected

1929	Theodore C. Cazeau
1930	Allan S. Holbrook
1931	Frank C. Huston
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