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NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 1978-1979

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| Commander-in-Chief | Richard L. Greenwalt |
| Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief | Edwin K. Kramer |
| Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief | Richard E. Wyman |
| Council of Administration | Harold T. Beilby |
| Council of Administration | William L. Simpson |
| Council of Administration | Joseph S. Rippey |
| National Secretary-Treasurer | Chester S. Shriver |
| National Counselor | Frank M. Heacock, Sr. |
| National Chief of Staff | Norman R. Furman |
| National Patriotic Instructor | George W. Long |
| National Chaplain | Harry E. Gibbons |
| National Historian | Charles W. Hooper, Sr. |
| National Graves Registration Officer | William W. Vanderhoof, Jr. |
| National G.A.R. Highway Officer | Grover R. Huff |
| District of Columbia Representative | Arthur R. Glenum |
| Personal Aide | Wilbur Haueter |

ENCAMPMENT ACTIVITIES

Sunday, August 12, 1979

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

A Council of Administration meeting of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held on Sunday, August 12, 1979 in the Headquarters Suite, Sheraton-Hartford Hotel, Hartford, Conn.

Commander-in-Chief Richard L. Greenwalt called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following Brothers present:

Commander-in-Chief Richard L. Greenwalt
Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Edwin K. Kramer
Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard Wyman
Council of Administration Member Harold T. Beilby
Council of Administration Member William Simpson
Council of Administration Member Joseph S. Rippey
National Secretary-Treasurer Chester S. Shriver
National Counselor Frank M. Heacock, Sr.
Coordinator of Membership-at-Large Fred H. Combs, Jr.

The minutes of the previous meeting of Wednesday, August 16, 1978 in Grand Rapids, Michigan were approved as read by National Secretary-Treasurer Shriver.

Commander-in-Chief Greenwalt appointed the following special Committees to serve the forthcoming National Encampment:

Audit Committee: Edwin K. Kramer, P.D.C., Pa. Chairman; William Simpson, P.D.C., Pa.

Budget Committee: Joseph S. Rippey, P.C.-in-C., N. Y., Chairman; Richard Wyman, P.D.C., N.H.; Chester S. Shriver, P.C.-in-C., Pa.; Fred H. Combs, Jr., P.C.-in-C, N.J.

The following matters were then presented, discussed and acted upon:

1. The Financial Report, as prepared by the C.P.A. from the Annual Audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979, was presented to those present. Copies of two forms were distributed, and receipts, disbursements and balances were explained by National Secretary-Treasurer Shriver.

2. Copies of the National Organization's Membership Standing for the fiscal year July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979 were distributed and reviewed by National Secretary Shriver.

3. The Report of the Editor of The BANNER was read by National Secretary Shriver in the absence of Bro. Albert W. Lambert. The report showed the results of untiring efforts and dedication on behalf of Bro. Lambert in his three years' serving as The BANNER Editor. As a part of his report, a financial standing was submitted. Of deep regret was his request of resignation no later than the October 1979 issue based on full time commitment to his family and employment.

A motion was made by Council of Administration Member Joseph S. Rippey, seconded by Council of Administration Member William Simpson, to accept the fine report of Bro. Lambert. Motion carried.

4. A motion was then entertained by National Secretary-Treasurer Shriver, seconded by Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Wyman, for the Council of Administration to send a letter of thanks to Bro. Albert W. Lambert and his family for a combined family effort in the editing and distribution of The BANNER for the years 1976-1979. Motion carried.

5. Several recommendations were read from Bro. Lambert's report with reference to a successor in the Department of Wisconsin area. Council of Administration Member Simpson also presented a proposal from the Department of Pennsylvania area.

Following some discussion on the huge task of editing, mailing, administration and correspondence required to maintain the present high standard of The BANNER, and the fact that this matter would be brought up on the floor of the 98th Annual National Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, August 13-15, 1979, for review, a motion was made by Council of Administration member Joseph S. Rippey, seconded by several, to postpone any further consideration of a replacement until the Council of Administration meeting following the close of the National Encampment. Motion carried.

6. The report of the Coordinator of the National Membership-at-Large, Bro. Fred H. Combs, Jr., was presented by Brother Combs. His completeness and thoroughness of dedicated duty with the only reward as the personal satisfaction of knowing a job is done well for our Membership-at-Large. His financial report was presented and a check in the amount of \$354.65, representing the uncommitted balance, was turned over to the National Organization, SUVCW. A motion was made by National Secretary Shriver, seconded by Council Member Simpson, that a vote of thanks be accorded Bro. Combs for an excellent job well done. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Richard L. Greenwalt
Commander-in-Chief

Chester S. Shriver
National Secretary-Treasurer

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

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

The Sheraton-Hartford Hotel
Hartford, Connecticut

Sunday, August 12, 1979 — 3:00 p.m.

- Musical Prelude Emma Wheeler, P.N.P.
- Processional
- Lighting the Candles Richard L. Greenwalt, Commander-in-Chief
Florence H. Forbey, National President
- Invocation Harry E. Gibbons, National Chaplain
- Solo—"He" Richard E. Wyman

MEMORIAL TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

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

TRIBUTES TO THE MEMORY OF

- Past National President Ethelyn Tucker Emma Wheeler, P.N.P.
- Past Commanders-in-Chief Chester S. Shriver, P.C.-in-C.
- Deceased Officers and Members of the Auxiliary
Ethel Jones, National Chaplain
- Deceased Officers and Members of the Sons .. Norman R. Furman, P.C.-in-C.
- Necrology and Placing of Flowers Department Presidents
Department Commanders
- Hymn—"Faith of Our Fathers"
- Benediction Ethel Jones, National Chaplain
- Extinguishing of Candles Richard L. Greenwalt, Commander-in-Chief
Florence H. Forbey, National President
- Recessional and Postlude—"Battle Hymn of the Republic"
Emma Wheeler, P.N.P.

CAMPFIRE PROGRAM
Sheraton-Hartford Hotel
Grand Ballroom
Sunday, August 12, 1979
7:00 P.M.

Concert East Hampton 3rd Connecticut Regiment
 Fife, Drum and Bugle Corps
 Drum Major—Morris Lanzi

8:00 P.M.

"Call to the Colors" Vera Ferson, Pianist
 Advancing of the Colors Brig. Gen. Chester S. Shriver, S.V.R., Commanding
 Invocation Ada J. Anderson, Chaplain Pro-Tem
 Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
 National Anthem Vera Ferson, Pianist
 Pledge of Allegiance Led by George W. Long, Natl. Patriotic Instructor
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 Welcome to Connecticut Frank W. Squier
 Master of Ceremonies William Rule, P.D.C. of Massachusetts
 Welcome to the City of Hartford Barbara Kennelly, Secretary of State
 Response to Greetings Ann Willeke, P.D.P. of Connecticut
 Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 Presentation of Flag to Boy Scouts
 George W. Long, Natl. Patriotic Instructor
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

"Connecticut" Vera Ferson, Pianist

GREETINGS

Richard L. Greenwalt Commander-in-Chief
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 Mrs. Florence H. Forbey National President
 Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 Mrs. Eleanor Krohn National President
 Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
 Marie Doran, representing Jane L. Riley, National President, Daughters of
 Union Veterans of the Civil War
 Lorraine I. Wentworth, representing Mrs. Darley Foster, National President,
 Woman's Relief Corps

"Battle Hymn of the Republic" Vera Ferson, Pianist

"The Bicentennial Flag Team" American Legion and Auxiliary
 Natalie Yasensky, Director

"God Bless America" Assembly

Piano Selection Vera Ferson, Pianist

Benediction Ethel Jones, National Chaplain
 Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Retiring of the Colors Brig. Gen. Chester S. Shriver

"Taps" Vera Ferson, Pianist

GRAND BANQUET

Ballroom

Sheraton-Hartford Hotel, Hartford, Connecticut

Tuesday, August 14, 1979

6:00 P.M.

Presentation of National Officers

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation Ethel Jones, National Chaplain
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Dinner

Introductions by Master of Ceremonies
Norman R. Furman, National Chief of Staff
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Remarks Richard L. Greenwalt, Commander-in-Chief
Florence H. Forbey, National President

Introduction of National Officers Sons and Auxiliary

Introduction of Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents

Benediction Harry Gibbons, National Chaplain
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

GRAND MARCH

RECEPTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

DANCING

ENCAMPMENT ACTIVITIES

Monday, August 13, 1979

Annual Dinner

Past National President Jessie G. Wells of Massachusetts presided at the annual dinner of the Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents. A gift was presented to each member in attendance. Commander-in-Chief Richard L. Greenwalt and National President Florence H. Forbey were guests at the dinner. Following the dinner, the two respective groups adjourned to separate rooms for their meetings.

Exemplification of Ritual

Several Sons and Auxiliary members were initiated at the Exemplification of the Ritual on Monday evening, August 13, 1979. A degree team from New Hampshire performed the work for the Auxiliary while the Sons' degree team was composed mostly of members from Massachusetts. Richard Schlenker, P.D.C., Maryland, also participated.

Courtesy Hour

National Chiefs of Staff Betty Baker of New York and Norman Furman of New York were in charge of the Courtesy Hour honoring National President of the Auxiliary Florence H. Forbey of Illinois and Commander-in-Chief Richard L. Greenwalt of Ohio. They were greeted by delegates as the role of Departments was called. Later they were joined by their officers, and gifts and congratulations were exchanged.

ENTERTAINMENT

Wednesday, August 15, 1979

Following the conclusion of the business sessions of the Sons and Auxiliary, many Departments held their luncheons and dinners. Entertainment was provided in the Grand Ballroom later in the evening.

BUS TRIP

Thursday, August 16, 1979

Members of the Connecticut Department planned a bus trip for those who remained in Hartford on Thursday, which was a tour of Downtown Hartford and a visit to the office of Barbara Kennelly, Secretary of State, who personally greeted the delegates.

PROCEEDINGS

Ninety-eighth Annual National Encampment

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR HEADQUARTERS

Sheraton-Hartford Hotel, Hartford, Connecticut
Sessions: Center Ballroom

Monday, August 13, 1979

The Officers and Delegates of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its Auxiliary assembled in the West Ballroom of the Sheraton-Hartford Hotel for their traditional Joint Opening at 9:00 a.m. under the direction of P.D.P. Betty Baker, Chief of Staff for the Auxiliary, and P.C.-in-C. Norman R. Furman, Chief of Staff for the Sons.

National President Florence H. Forbey and Commander-in-Chief Richard L. Greenwalt were escorted to seats of honor. The National Aides formed an arch with small American flags and the national officers marched in and sat in front of the speaker's table. All Past National Presidents and Past Commanders-in-Chief who were in attendance were then introduced and sat on either side of the room. Norman Furman sang "I Believe" to National President Florence Forbey and "Little Man You've Had a Busy Day" to Commander-in-Chief Richard Greenwalt. Auxiliary Chief of Staff Betty Baker turned the gavel over to the National President and the Sons retired to the Center Ballroom for their business sessions.

MONDAY SESSIONS

August 13, 1979

The ninety-eighth annual Encampment of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was called to order in ritualistic form at 10:15 a.m. by Commander-in-Chief Richard L. Greenwalt.

The roll call of officers showed all present except National G.A.R. Highway Officer Grover R. Huff and National District of Columbia Representative Arthur R. Glenum.

National Secretary-Treasurer Chester S. Shriver read the following Encampment appointments:

Floor Officers:

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| Guide | Miles Harrington, P.D.C., Massachusetts |
| Color Bearer | James Y. Ledwith, P.D.C., Connecticut |
| Guard | Elton P. Koch, P.D.C., Pennsylvania |
| Pianist | Frank M. Heacock, Sr., P.C.-in-C., Pennsylvania |

ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEES

Credentials

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| Frank Campbell, Chairman | Del., Pa. |
| Forrest Altland | P.D.C., Ohio |
| William Hosmer | Del., Pa. |
| Donald Roberts | P.D.C., N.Y. |
| William W. Vanderhoof, Jr. | P.D.C., N.J. |

Officers' Reports

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| William W. Haskell, Chairman | P.C.-in-C., Mass. |
| Russell Milnes | D.C., N.H. |
| John J. Junge | P.D.C., N.J. |
| Wayne E. Pyle | D.C., Cal. & Pac. |
| Wallace Macomber | P.D.C., R.I. |

Resolutions

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| Joseph S. Rippey, Chairman | P.C.-in-C., N.Y. |
| Richard O. Parington | P.D.C., Pa. |
| Richard Schlenker | D.C., Md. |
| Harold Goodman | D.C., N.Y. |
| Charles W. Hooper, Jr. | D.C., Mass. |

Constitution & Regulations

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| Joseph S. Rippey, Chairman | P.C.-in-C., N.Y. |
| Allen B. Howland | P.C.-in-C., Mass. |
| Chester S. Shriver | P.C.-in-C., Pa. |
| John H. Stark | P.C.-in-C., Pa. |
| C. Leroy Stoudt | P.C.-in-C., Pa. |

Restoration of Rank

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| Harold T. Beilby, Chairman | P.C.-in-C., N.Y. |
| Thomas Graham | D.C., Ohio |
| Edmond Butler | D.C., Maine |
| Ned Durkee | P.D.C., Vt. |
| Wallace Macomber | P.D.C., R.I. |

To respond to the Auxiliary when they visit us, your Commander-in-Chief has appointed P.C.-in-C. Joseph S. Rippey of New York. To respond to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic when they visit us, Brother Kenneth T. Wheeler, P.C.-in-C., New Hampshire. Past Commander-in-Chief Fred H. Combs, Jr., of New Jersey will respond to all other visitors.

When we go to the Auxiliary, P.C.-in-C. Norman R. Furman of New York will respond. When the Ladies of the G.A.R. are visited, P.C.-in-C. Chester S. Shriver of Pennsylvania will respond.

The Credentials Committee reported a total of 91 members registered.

Commander-in-Chief Greenwalt turned the gavel over to Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Edwin K. Kramer while he read his report.

REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

To the Officers and Members of the
98th Annual Encampment, Sons of Union
Veterans of the Civil War,

Greetings:

On August 16, 1978, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, you bestowed upon me the greatest honor within your power by electing me to the office of Commander-in-Chief. I promised that I would serve the office to the best of my ability. I trust that my year's service has merited the confidence you placed in me. Following is a report of my activities as your Commander-in-Chief.

August 16: Attended a dinner hosted by the Massachusetts Department and Auxiliary. This was a wonderful way to get my year started. I was also surprised with the open house hosted by the Ohio Department and Auxiliary still in attendance with some help from friends from Pennsylvania.

September 11: Helped initiate a new member for McClellan Camp No. 91.

September 20: Attended a dinner in Akron, Ohio to commemorate the signing of the Constitution sponsored by Lafayette Chaper, Sons of American Revolution. The honored guest and speaker was the President-General, National Society Sons of the American Revolution, Dr. Calvin E. Chunn.

September 23: Attended a testimonial dinner for Pennsylvania Department President of the Ladies of the Grand Army, Vera Fennell, in Monroeville, Pa. Unfortunately, the meeting concerning Davis-Star Camp scheduled for the afternoon was not held.

September 24: Attended potluck dinner and meeting of District No. 2 in Mansfield, Ohio. In attendance were Past National President of the Auxiliary Anita Selby and her husband, Paul, the last actual son in the Ohio Department.

October 7 and 8: Attended the Central Regional Conference in Waterloo, Iowa. Congratulations to Central Regional Commander Robert Graham and his officers for a well-run and informative conference. It was good to have J. B. Johnson in attendance and adding to the discussions.

October 14: Attended Testimonial for Pennsylvania Department Auxiliary President Florence Monahan in Philadelphia. It is rewarding to see young people assuming roles of leadership.

October 15: Participated in the instituting of Anna M. Ross Camp No. 1 in Philadelphia and had the privilege of installing the officers. Best wishes for success go to these dedicated Brothers.

October 21: Was honored with my Testimonial in Alliance. Many thanks to all who worked so diligently to make this such a memorable occasion.

November 11: Attended reception for National Auxiliary President Florence Forbey at the Bismark Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. A fine time was enjoyed by all in attendance.

November 18: Held meeting with the National leaders of all of the Orders of the G.A.R. Family to see if we once again could present a united front on behalf of the Boys in Blue. Participated in the S.V.R. Luncheon, parade, ceremonies in the Cyclorama Building Auditorium, the annual banquet when I presented on behalf of the National Organization our scholarship to Frederick Thorne of Waterford, Connecticut, and the Blue and Gray Ball climaxing a memorable Remembrance Day Observance in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

November 19: Attended luncheon and observance, including the annual wreath-laying in the Gettysburg National Cemetery sponsored by the Lincoln Day Fellowship.

December 10: Attended Christmas party at the home of the National Senior Vice President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic in Bridgeport, Ohio.

January 28: Attended ceremony honoring the birthday of President William McKinley at his monument in cemetery in Canton, Ohio.

February 3: Attended meeting of Philip Triem Camp in Salem, Ohio. It was good to see such a high percentage of their membership in attendance and to see the enthusiasm they exhibited.

February 10: Attended the 112th annual Philadelphia Lincoln Day Dinner. The speaker of the evening made a person extremely proud to be a member of the G.A.R. Family.

February 12: Presented the floral tribute in behalf of the National Organization during the 170th anniversary of the birthday of President Abraham Lincoln in Washington, D. C. It is good to see that the Military Order of the Stars and Bars is taking part as one of the sponsors of this commemoration.

March 10: Attended Lincoln Day Dinner and Testimonial for New Jersey Department Commander James Elliott and Department President of the Auxiliary Florence Jansson in Princeton, New Jersey.

March 16-18: Attended Oregon and Washington Department Encampment in Eugene, Oregon. This is one of our smaller Departments being held together by a small group of dedicated members. Hopefully, new members will see fit to join to help carry this Department forward. Many thanks to Department Secretary-Treasurer Bowers and Brother Allison for the many courtesies they extended to me during my visit.

April 1: Attended the Third Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve meeting in Salem, Ohio. In attendance were Brigadier General Chester S. Shriver, Indiana Department Commander Larry Hough, Ohio Department Commander Forrest Altland and representatives of the various units that make up the Third Military District. Also, in attendance as guests, were a gentleman and his son from Michigan. They expressed strong interest in the reserve program and the objects of the parent Organization. Hopefully, they will see fit to join our ranks and increase the membership of the Michigan Department.

April 7-8: Attended the Department of Rhode Island Encampment in Providence. This is a small department dedicated to the carrying on of our Order's mission. I had the honor of installing the Department officers and was glad to observe that they have some young blood which they are electing and appointing into office. Special thanks to Department Commander Burney and Secretary-Treasurer Luth for the many courtesies which they extended. Past National President of the Auxiliary Eileen Coombs and her husband, Dexter, were in attendance and I enjoyed a nice visit with them in their home before my return flight to Ohio.

April 13-14: Attended the annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois, where I presented a wreath on behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief. I was privileged to make remarks to the assemblage, paying honor to this great American Patriot. I was a guest at the luncheon after the ceremonies at the Tomb. The commemoration is always well-planned and carried out and is well worth the time of any members who can attend.

April 20-22: Attended the Massachusetts Department Encampment held in Springfield, Massachusetts. This Department is to be commended for its outstanding Encampment. I was pleased to attend the installation of Department Commander Charles Hooper, Jr. and his sister, Department President of the Auxiliary Mary Wiley. This is possibly the first time that a brother and sister

have held these high offices in any Department at the same time.

April 29: Attended the annual observance at Grant's Tomb in New York City. This was a fine patriotic observance with members of the S.V.R. and the New York Cadets taking part.

May 5-6: Attended Connecticut Department Encampment in Hartford. It was rewarding to observe enthusiasm from those in attendance and to have the opportunity to see the hotel where the National Encampment is to be held.

May 20: Attended District No. 2 meeting in Mansfield, Ohio.

May 28: Was honored by being chosen Honorary Parade Marshal for the Memorial Day parade in Alliance, Ohio.

May 30: Participated in the annual Memorial Day observance held jointly by Philip Triem Camp and the 19th Ohio Sons of Veterans Reserves in Salem, Ohio. Congratulations for your devotion to your obligation.

June 2-3: Attended the Wisconsin Department Encampment held at Milwaukee. The program following the banquet was of particular note. The music, with authentic Civil War instruments, added much to the Encampment, as did the remarks of the speaker of the evening.

June 9-10: Attended the Indiana Department Encampment at Indianapolis. Much determination was exhibited by those in attendance.

June 14-16: Attended the New Jersey Department Encampment held at Avon-by-the-Sea. This was a relaxed Encampment, held amid peaceful surroundings.

June 17-20: Attended the Pennsylvania Department Encampment held at Harrisburg. As usual, this Department held a live-wire Encampment with several topics being raised that had most of the members participating in the discussion prior to decision voting. It was an honor to install my National Counselor, Past Commander-in-Chief Frank M. Heacock, Sr. as Department Commander.

June 22-24: Attended the Ohio Department Encampment held at Alliance. I was accorded the honors which this office merits and served as Department Secretary-Treasurer. The campus atmosphere and the cost involved helped to make this an enjoyable Encampment.

June 24-26: Attended the New York Department Encampment held at Olean. This Encampment is one of much activity. I had the pleasure of installing into the office of Department Commander, the Brother who nominated me for this high office, Harold Goodman.

June 29-30: Attended the Illinois Department Encampment held at Decatur. This city was the birthplace of the Grand Army of the Republic and furnished a nice setting for National Auxiliary President Florence Forbey's and my final Department Encampment.

July 20-22: Attended the New England Regional meeting held at Weirs Beach, New Hampshire. The beautiful scenery, the relaxed schedule, the friendliness, and the solidarity shown by the New England Departments made this truly a worthwhile experience. I was honored by being asked to install the male officers.

August 5: Narrated the Reenactment of the Battle of Dry Run in Wellsburg, W. Va. There is a good chance that we will add two members from this battle.

August 9: Was taken on a VIP tour of the IBM plant in Owego, New York, by Past Department Commander Donald Roberts. This was followed by a trip to Halsey Valley, New York, for a tour of a Sons of Veterans building built in 1894—quite a trip back in time.

Sister Florence and I attended many of the Department Encampments to-

gether, and I appreciate the fact that she brought my greetings where I found it impossible to attend.

Many thanks to Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard E. Wyman for representing me on several occasions in the New England Departments.

Each of the Departments that I visited showed much courtesy to the office which I held and to me, personally, for which I will always be grateful. It was nice to renew friendships and establish new friendships throughout my year's travels.

Many thanks to one and all who did so much to make this such a memorable year.

Areas of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War which I feel merit special comment are:

Sons of Veterans Reserves

The Sons of Veterans Reserve program is a vital arm of the Order and continues to display the uniform on several occasions in a manner befitting the heritage of the G.A.R. It is to be hoped that, through the diligent efforts of the staff and membership, the supervision of the National Military Affairs Committee, and the backing and encouragement of the parent Organization, the S.V.R. program will long continue its important work.

Memorial Day Restoration Committee

This Committee has seen some States reverting back to the May 30 date established by General Logan. However, many factions favor instead the long weekend. Various veterans groups back our stand on this issue, and it is possible through the efforts of many that sometime in the future this goal may be accomplished, as was the return of Veterans Day to November 11.

Legislative Committee

This Committee, under the devoted leadership of Thomas L. W. Johnson, has done another fine job of keeping the membership informed as to the status of legislation of a patriotic nature.

The BANNER

The BANNER has continued to be a quality publication and quite a credit to our Organization. Unfortunately the Editor, Albert W. Lambert, has found it necessary, due to the pressures of his job, to resign. His service as Editor is greatly appreciated and he will be a hard man to replace.

Allied Orders

I have had a wonderful year of association with Florence Forbey, National President of the Auxiliary; Eleanor Krohn, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Jane Riley, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and Darley Foster, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps. Each of these ladies represented her Organization in a highly creditable manner, and several times during the year I had opportunities to confer with them regarding mutual goals and problems. I feel that headway has been made this year in regards to the reunion of the G.A.R. Family.

Membership

This is the life blood of any organization. It has been encouraging to sign new Camp Charters and to hear that there are some more Camps that will probably be taken in during the incoming administration. Members have seen fit to join our ranks. Our 100th Anniversary Year, 1981, should give us impulse to see a significant gain in membership.

Recommendations

1. That we continue with the allotments for the Lincoln Birthday Observance in Washington, D.C., the Gettysburg Remembrance Day Observance, the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois, and the Memorial Day Observance at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire.
2. That we continue the scholarship in the amount of \$300.00 to be presented to a worthy student at Remembrance Day.
3. That the allotment for the Commander-in-Chief be at least \$1,500.00 and, in the light of rising prices, be increased if the budget will allow.
4. That the incoming administration continue to pursue all avenues regarding the reunification of all of the Orders of the Grand Army Family.
5. That the incoming administration continue to pursue the possibility of a joint Encampment with the Sons of the Confederacy or, if this is not feasible, the possibility of a closer tie-up with them in connection with patriotic programs.
6. That the incoming Commander-in-Chief be given at the time of his installation, or have mailed to him within a short period of time, the names and addresses of his Department Commanders and Department Secretaries.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity
and Loyalty,

Richard L. Greenwalt
Commander-in-Chief

P.D.C. William Rule: I move that this fine report be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports and all subsequent reports of the Officers of the Encampment follow the same procedure without debate. Seconded by P.C.-in-C. Frank M. Heacock, Sr. and carried.

Brother Shriver reminded those present that the tape recoder being used to record these sessions was a gift from Brother Grover Huff of Wisconsin and asked those desiring to speak to come up to the microphone to do so. He also informed the assembly that a telephone call had been made to Brother Albert W. Lambert since the Council met yesterday and that Brother Lambert had agreed to continue as Editor of The BANNER for one more year.

Brother Frank Heacock questioned the Report of the Credentials Committee because some registered members are not present at this Encampment. Brother Charles Hooper asked for a report of the number of Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Department Commanders, Department Commanders, etc.

The Joint Encampment Committee was escorted into the room and presented a floral tribute. The group included: Department Commander George Schmidt, Chairlady Elsie Squier, P.N.P. Mabel Taylor of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Auxiliary Department President Catherine Stocking, Acting Secretary Ann Willeke, and Department Patriotic Instructor James Y. Ledwith. P.C.-in-C. Fred H. Combs, Jr. responded to the group. Brother Harry E. Gibbons, National Chaplain, thanked them for the fine cooperation he had received in putting on the Memorial Service yesterday. Sister Ann Willeke an-

nounced that there would be a bus tour of downtown Hartford on Thursday. The group was escorted from the room.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt announced that P.C.-in-C. Harold Beilby was in charge of selling tickets for Tuesday evening's banquet. He then called for the Report of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

To Commander-in-Chief Richard L. Greenwalt
and assembled Officers and Members of the
98th National Encampment

Greetings:

My sincere thanks and gratitude to the members of the Order who elected me to this high office last year in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

I attended several banquets in the Pennsylvania Department and was pleased to greet our Commander-in-Chief at these affairs. One of these was the Annual Dedication Day Banquet at Gettysburg which I hope will continue for many years. P.C.-in-C. John H. Runkle started these dinners, which have grown to be a highlight for the Commandery-in-Chief with its scholarship award.

It was a pleasure to welcome Commander Greenwalt to the Pennsylvania Department Encampment in Harrisburg, of which I served as Chairman.

The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief is responsible for collecting contributions to the 100th Anniversary Fund. This event will be here in two years, and my thanks go to the Departments, Camps, Brothers and Sisters who contributed to this important Fund. Appeals for the Fund appeared in The BANNER and the General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief. Thank you, Brothers Al and Dick. It would be fine if we could show a substantial gain in membership for this Centennial.

Commander-in-Chief Greenwalt, I hope that my service has been satisfactory. Many thanks for the courtesies extended to me. It has been an honor to have served as your Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., & L.,
Edwin K. Kramer
Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: Brother Wyman, are you ready with the Report of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief?

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

To Commander-in-Chief Richard L. Greenwalt
and Assembled Members of the Sons of Union
Veterans of the Civil War

Greetings:

I wish to express my sincere and heartfelt appreciation to the members of our beloved Organization who elected me as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the 97th Annual Encampment held in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

I was honored to represent the Commander-in-Chief and the National Organization at numerous activities, encampments, and receptions in the New England area. I was again honored to represent the Commander-in-Chief at the Memorial Day Services at the Cathedral in the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire where, because of thunder showers, the services were held indoors in the Chapel. Again, it was a most impressive ceremony, and I sincerely pray

that our donations given in memory of the dear Boys in Blue will assist in maintaining that sacred site for future generations who will feel the presence of God in that natural chapel amid rolling hills guarded by sentinel pines.

I encouraged the securing of new members wherever I went and instituted a new member's contest for the period of October 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979. A 9 x 12 inch service award was presented to all Brothers who secured new members and notified me of the gain. A red star certificate was issued for one new member; a white star certificate was presented for two new members; a blue star certificate was awarded for three new members; and a gold star certificate was awarded for four or more new members secured. I requested that the list of new members be signed by the Camp Secretary. Awards were sent after June 30, 1979.

I received requests for certificates from the States of New Hampshire, Maine, Nebraska, Ohio, Colorado, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts. I issued twenty certificates for a total of sixty-eight new members. Some members secured only one new member, while others secured as many as fifteen new members. I know many more new members were secured and, because I was not notified, no certificates were issued.

With my report, I am enclosing a list of winners of certificates, a gold star sample certificate, and a sample copy of the letter of congratulations I enclosed with each certificate.

To all members who secured new members for the contest, I offer my sincere thanks for your interest, cooperation, and effort. To National Secretary-Treasurer Chester S. Shriver, I offer my sincere thanks and appreciation for his aid in preparing gold seals for the contest certificates with the emblem of the National Organization. These made the certificates more official and attractive.

Certificates were awarded to the following members:

Wallace Hooper — 1 member
 Kenneth T. Wheeler — 3 members
 Robert L. McCandless — 6 members
 Roy Kappel — 6 members
 Charles E. Sharrock, Sr. — 4 members
 William J. Elswick — 3 members
 Daniel Stubbins — 3 members
 Dr. Robert G. Carroon — 3 members
 Charles E. Sharrock, Jr. — 3 members
 Verrill B. Gilmore — 3 members
 Wilfred Rafuse — 3 members
 Larry L. Witmer — 1 member
 William W. Haskell — 1 member
 James G. D. Marley — 15 members
 Eugene E. Russell — 6 members
 Maurice White — 3 members
 David C. Bernner — 1 member
 James P. Towers — 1 member
 Joseph K. Kelleher — 1 member
 Albert A. Morley — 1 member

Grand Total — 68 new members

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Richard E. Wyman

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

C-in-C. Greenwalt: We are now ready to proceed to the Report of the National Secretary-Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

To: Richard L. Greenwalt, Commander-in-Chief,
98th Annual National Encampment,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Officers and Delegates Assembled.

My Brothers, Greetings:

It is my great pleasure and privilege to submit to you this annual report of the transactions and administration of your Organization for the fiscal year 1978-1979, which is required of me as the National Secretary-Treasurer with Headquarters at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. It is my fervent prayer that you find the information contained herein not only challenging, but also enlightening and indicative of the progress of our Organization during the past fiscal year. Generally, the year ended with our membership holding its own, as you will note in the evaluation of the membership report that is a part of this report. The bright note is that we have gained three new Camps. The sad note is that several more have been dropped and/or disbanded. Financially, we continue to balance our annual budget, but we must accept the human fact of the ever-increasing inflation. If we are to operate our Organization on the same basis as a business, then we must prepare for any future increase of expense, which simply means we must *appropriate wisely*.

This has been a year during which general operational expense has been kept in line, despite the ever-increasing cost of postage, printing, supplies and services rendered. The printing of our annual Proceedings is tremendously high—but they are required by our Congressional Charter. Forms used for re-sale and general Headquarters use are expensive. Postage for sending supplies is terrific. The present mark-up over the cost of most supplies does not cover the entire cost of postage; therefore, a general increase must be adjusted by January 1, 1980. Our publication—The BANNER—continues to be of the highest standard of any publication of any organization. Every commendation available goes to the Editor of The BANNER for his time and efficient journalism, despite his personal obligations—we should all “hail” his efforts.

Despite all things being as they are today—1979—we must be realistic and face the fact that soon, *in the not-too-distant future*, despite careful budgeting of our funds, an increase in the amount of application fees and/or membership dues and/or amount charged per member for Per Capita Tax, may have to be considered very seriously.

We meet once a year to conduct our business, chart our course, appropriate funds, establish programs, enjoy fellowships, give reverence to those who have served, rededicate our obligations . . . and then return to our homes thinking someone else is going to do the work until next year.

Administration

The financial books, records, assets, etc., have been examined and audited by Mr. Clay W. Garrett, Certified Public Accountant, Hanover, Pennsylvania, for the fiscal year July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979. This is required by our Congressional Charter. His certified audit has been reviewed by the Council of Administration at this Encampment and, subject to the approval of this Encampment, a copy must be forwarded to the Congress of the United States, thus meeting another Congressional requirement. Records on file show that

this requirement was complied with for the 97th Annual National Encampment in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in August, 1978.

A summarization of the Financial Report and Membership Report will be distributed to each delegate in attendance at this Encampment.

Quarterly per capita tax and membership report blanks were furnished at the close of each quarter to every Department Secretary and Secretaries of the Camps-at-Large. I wish to commend those Department and Camp-at-Large Secretaries who have complied by reporting their per capita tax and membership promptly on or before the deadline as required by our Constitution and Regulations; *however*, there are entirely too many who are lax in their duties. Unfortunately, we have experienced seven new Department Secretaries as the result of replacement, resignation, health or death. When a situation exists such as this, it requires many letters and, in some cases, phone calls to explain the importance of proper reporting. And finally, a few Departments just find it hard to remember when reports are due. The result means that your Headquarters is active in administration duties many hours each week of the year.

The volume of correspondence sent to National Headquarters continues to be enormous from people in every State in the United States and many foreign countries. Many are checking on genealogical records, while many request applications for membership. When such inquiries are received from within Department areas, these are mailed to the Department Secretary for contact in bringing them into membership of the nearest Camp. Many others have been forwarded to Bro. Fred H. Combs, Jr., Coordinator of the National Membership-at-Large, who has done an outstanding job in his assignment. We are fortunate to have a terrific, dedicated Brother in Fred, who has taken the burden of keeping our Membership-at-Large informed. His reports are always prompt. His increase in membership the last few years speaks for his interest.

Proceedings of the 97th Annual National Encampment held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, August 13-17, 1978 were prepared, edited and published in Trenton, New Jersey by a firm familiar with our Organization. These Proceedings were mailed to each registered delegate at the 97th Encampment, each Department Secretary and National Officer, and a supply held at National Headquarters. An inventory of supplies is maintained and supplies replenished as the need arises. What formerly took four to six weeks to fill an order of medals, now requires up to five months. Requisition Forms are distributed to the membership.

I commend the National Patriotic Instructor and the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief for forwarding their contributions as received. The conscientious manner in which each has endeavored to fulfill his obligations is appreciated.

Finances

As already stated, the cost of postage, printing, supplies and services continue to rise. The 97th Annual National Encampment held August 13-17, 1978 adopted a proposed budget in the amount of \$11,680.85 for revenue and \$11,680.85 for expenditures. The revenue of the General Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979 totalled \$10,633.43 or \$1,047.42 less than the adopted budget. Expenditures for the same period totalled \$11,050.16 or \$630.69 less than the adopted budget. Dropping of memberships has contributed to this greatly, as well as late reporting of per capita tax.

The utilization of income from the Wellington Fund Investments, surplus

from The BANNER appropriation and Membership-at-Large operation, and income from the savings accounts have resulted in increased operating cash in all funds from \$2,576.18 on June 30, 1978 to \$5,029.65 on June 30, 1979. This, you will note in the Financial Report which will be given to you following this Report.

The inventory of supplies totalled \$6,190.14 on June 30, 1979. The Permanent Fund on June 30, 1979 totalled \$43,569.31, comprising operating cash of \$2,519.51; savings account of \$9,773.96; and investments at a cost of \$31,275.84. The Honor Roll Fund totalled \$5,234.00, an increase of \$240.00, resulting from contributions the past fiscal year. The total analysis of all Funds as of June 30, 1979 is \$60,240.72.

The depository for the general checking accounts and savings funds is the Gettysburg National Bank, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Fire insurance is carried on the contents of the National Headquarters in the sum of \$5,000.00 and surety bonds of \$1,000.00 are carried on the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and \$10,000.00 on the Office of the National Secretary-Treasurer.

Life Memberships

The following Brothers have purchased Life Memberships in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War during the fiscal year 1978-1979:

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| Gordon Risher | No. 101 | \$ 150.00 |
| Randolph H. Hammer | No. 102 | 100.00 |
| Harry L. Thompson | No. 103 | 100.00 |
| M/Sgt. Charles F. Kane | No. 104 | 150.00 |
| Lester Robert Dunham | No. 105 | 125.00 |
| Kevin Joseph Cadigan | No. 106 | 150.00 |
| Justin Lee Dingman | No. 107 | 150.00 |
| James Gerald Dennis Marley | No. 108 | 100.00 |
| Gerald W. Gorman, Jr. | No. 109 | 150.00 |
| Neal J. Hinton | No. 110 | 150.00 |
| Jerome Lyon Spurr, LTC USA Ret | No. 111 | 100.00 |

Total \$1,425.00

Each of these Brothers has been issued a special Life Membership Identification Card and the Life Member bar for his badge. They have also been noted in the past issues of The BANNER. The above-listed amount does not include a \$50.00 part payment from Bro. James R. Sutton, deposited September 27, 1978.

Honor Roll Contributions

Also, during the 1978-1979 fiscal year, the following have made memorial contributions to the Permanent Fund by entering names on the Permanent Honor Roll:

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| Thomas E. O'Brien, in memory of Pvt. John Cooney | \$ 25.00 |
| Karl H. Schlicht, in memory of Michael Schlicht | 10.00 |
| Richard K. Beggs, in memory of Pvt. James Beggs | 10.00 |
| Gerald Farley, in memory of Philip Farley | 10.00 |
| John D. Erskine, in memory of William C. Jones, P.D.C. | 10.00 |
| John D. Erskine, in memory of William F. Kearney, P.D.C. | 10.00 |
| Col. Donald A. Seibert, USA, Ret., in memory of Albert Miller | 25.00 |

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| John R. Stamm, D.D., in memory of John H. Stamm | 20.00 |
| Clifton M. Foreman, in memory of Dextor M. Camp | 20.00 |
| Thomas J. Bresnahan, Jr., in memory of Sgt. Henry J. Mifflin | 10.00 |
| Col. Homan E. Leech, USA, Ret., in memory of Pvt. Benjamin H. Homan | 25.00 |
| Scott R. Markin, in memory of Pvt. Charles D. Markin | 10.00 |
| James C. Brown, in memory of Pvt. Adam Brown | 15.00 |
| P.D.C.s Assoc. of New Hampshire, in memory of Clarence H. Parker, P.D.C. | 10.00 |
| David W. Armstrong, in memory of Sgt. David M. Scott | 20.00 |
| LTC Joseph R. Donahue, USA, in memory of Pvt. Philip Kennedy | 10.00 |

Total—\$240.00

The above-listed persons, who have purchased Life Memberships and/or contributed to the Permanent Honor Roll Fund, have been recorded in the National Headquarters Archives. Those persons noted in the Honor Roll have likewise been printed in The BANNER.

Photo Copies of Department and Camp Charters

It has now been four years since you Brothers approved the recommendation of your National Secretary-Treasurer to make available xerox copies of every Department and Camp Charter for the purpose of record at National Headquarters, as well as copies of Camp Charters at Department Headquarters. Through the combined reminders of former National Secretary-Treasurer Bro. Fred Combs and myself, this project has been 99% completed. Thanks to those Department Officers and Camp Officers who complied with this action. The project did bring about a few surprising facts. A few Charters have been misplaced, some have been destroyed, and a few are in the hands of members who will not release them for duplication. However, your National Headquarters does have a permanent record for any future reference, if the need arises.

IRS Form 990 Required

May I once again remind the Camp and Department Secretaries that the Internal Revenue Service in Washington, D. C. requires that, in ADDITION TO THE EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN) WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN ACCUSTOMED TO RECORDING ON YOUR IRS FORM 990 WHEN YOU HAVE PREPARED IT FOR FILING, YOU MUST ALSO SHOW IN PART 1, ITEM 18(b), OUR NATIONAL GROUP EXEMPTION NUMBER, WHICH IS (GEN) 0429.

Keep in mind that each Department Secretary, and each Camp Secretary should have filed a Form 990 in accordance with the instructions found thereon WITHIN 45 DAYS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTING PERIOD OR FISCAL YEAR OF THE CAMP OR DEPARTMENT. Full compliance with this requirement and the applicable instructions is essential and urgent in order to conform to the original tax exemption ruling of the IRS dated June 11, 1941 and to avoid any penalties.

Failure to comply with this requirement may result in checking by the IRS and/or the infliction of penalties upon the negligent Camp or Department.

Again, your National Headquarters reminds you to check with the IRS Office in the AREA IN WHICH YOUR DEPARTMENT OR CAMP IS LOCATED. This is where your Report must be filed. A reminder of this request appeared in the July 1979 issue of The BANNER.

Membership

Our membership speaks for itself, as you will note on the Membership Standing Report distributed to you. We annually recruit new blood. We lose many—some by loss of contact with their Camp, some lose interest, deaths contribute greatly. But many ask your Commander-in-Chief or the National Officers. "Why should I join? What do you have to offer?" What is on the mind of a prospective applicant? What does he want in our Order?

Basically, I believe the member we are looking for falls into but a few categories:

He values his lineal ancestry and wants to carry on the family heritage.

He is proud of our Nation's heritage.

He is looking for some means of identifying the period of the American Civil War.

He is looking toward our showpiece—the S.V.R.—for planned activity.

He sees our Order as the only male Organization carrying on for the G.A.R.

Whether we advertise or ask—WE MUST SELL OUR ORDER. At the rate we are presently going, within a few years our National Membership-at-Large will outnumber any of our Departments.

Evaluation

In view of the foregoing operations of our Organization, and to continue our Order on a high standard, may I submit the following Recommendations:

Recommendation #1

That the proposed budget for the General Fund for the fiscal year 1979-1980 include the income from the dividends of the 2,225 shares of Wellington Fund, which represents part of the Permanent Fund of our Order.

Recommendation #2

That the interest earned from the three (3) special savings accounts—named the 100th Anniversary Fund, the G.A.R. Fund and the Permanent Fund—be used in the General Fund and included in the proposed budget for the fiscal year 1979-1980.

Recommendation #3

That the National Secretary-Treasurer be granted the authority to transfer parts of the General Fund—in the name of the 100th Anniversary Fund, the G.A.R. Fund and the Permanent Fund—into the Special Savings Funds heretofore established.

Recommendation #4

Since the National Headquarters supply of the booklets, Constitution and Regulations, presently in stock, is estimated to be exhausted by 1981, the 100th Anniversary Year of our Order, that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a three-member Committee, to investigate the ways and means (including the funding) of having our Constitution and Regulations printed for restocking, and that said Committee shall report their findings at the 99th Annual National Encampment in 1980.

Recommendation #5

With the present supply of the booklets, Ritual and Ceremony for our Order, nearing exhaustion within the next three to five years, it is hereby

recommended that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a three-member Committee to review the present Ritual and investigate ways, means and financial funding to have the Rituals printed, and the report of this Committee be made at the 99th Annual National Encampment in 1980.

Recommendation #6

As proven since the inception of an annual amount to be used for paid advertising for membership, and with the response from throughout our Nation and abroad that has resulted in increasing memberships in our Order, it is hereby recommended that we consider an additional sum to be used for the above purpose; said funding to be used from the surplus that has been submitted each year from the Coordinator of the National Membership-at-Large.

Recommendation #7

That the incoming Commander-in-Chief, Chief of Staff and National Secretary-Treasurer, jointly, follow through with letters and, if possible, personal contact with the National Headquarters of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Woman's Relief Corps to stress the sincerity of the invitation extended to each of them at the 1978 National Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, for the purpose of all five National Organizations convening at the same time and location in the near-future years.

Recommendation #8

Any Department and/or Camp-at-Large not reporting their per capita tax and membership by July 31st—one month following the close of the fiscal year (June 30th annually)—shall not be permitted to register and seat delegates of the respective Department and/or Camp-at-Large at the Annual National Encampment.

Recommendation #9

That this Encampment *consider* and, if *approved*, that the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, extend an invitation to the National Organization, Sons of Confederate Veterans, to arrange for a joint National Encampment/Convention of the two Organizations of the North and the South, and, further, to suggest that said location could be in the great State of Virginia by the year 1981 or as soon as feasible thereafter.

Recommendation #10

That our Organization extend an official invitation to the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the President General of the United Daughters of the Confederacy to attend our annual National Encampment Dinner for the purpose of fraternal relations in the unification of the North and the South.

Before bringing this report to a final conclusion, may I report to you, Brothers, a great honor that I would like to share with you.

The weekend of July 6-8, 1979, I experienced one of the finest visits ever made since I was obligated into membership thirty-three years ago. It was the annual Convention of the Virginia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans at the Sheraton Inn, Fredericksburg, Virginia. By special invitation from the Lt. Commander-in-Chief, Colonel Joseph H. Mitchell of Alexandria, to your Commander-in-Chief Greenwalt, Brother Frank M. Heacock, Sr. and myself, I found myself welcomed in the highest esteem that any man can experience. As requested, I was in the S.V.R. uniform. One hundred and forty-four members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans accepted the Greetings

on behalf of our Commander-in-Chief and the entire Sons of Union Veterans. It was an honor to meet Robert B. Wilson, Jr., of Little Rock, Arkansas, who is serving his third year as their Commander-in-Chief.

The fellowship was of the genuine "southern style." Their banquet on the evening of Saturday, July 7th, was attended by two hundred people; however, they have no Auxiliary, and the Ladies of the S.C.V. members only participate in the evening dinner. The program was similar to our annual banquet in nature. They are very patriotic and, above all, seriously expressed their concerns and wishes to some day soon join in a combined Encampment/Convention of our two Orders. To this I responded that their request would be presented to this Encampment. A recommendation regarding this is a part of this report.

In Conclusion

My Brothers, may I just simply remind you that we must continue to evaluate our needs for continued service to our Organization we hold so dear. Our work is established—that includes you and me. Our heritage, bequeathed to us, is more important today than ever. Let's make our forefathers—the *Grand Army of the Republic*—feel we are worthy of this privilege. Be proud of your membership. Tell others. Serve with pride and effectiveness. May God grant us strength to carry on.

To you—my Commander-in-Chief—I wish to commend you for the manner in which you conducted your duties as our leader. Your staff performed with honest convictions and, together, you have served a great year in your administration.

To all Brothers, present at this Encampment and back home—my thanks for your cooperation with me in serving as your National Secretary-Treasurer. Your understanding and assistance are greatly appreciated.

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

Copies of the Financial Statement and Membership Standing Reports were distributed among those present. Brother Shriver explained that there were a few "typos" on the reports and that he would go over them at this afternoon's session.

Commander-in-Chief Greenwalt announced an open house in his suite after the Courtesy Hour tonight (August 13, 1979).

The question of why no Congressional Charter is displayed in the meeting room was discussed.

National Secy-Treas. Shriver: A Congressional Charter does not hang in the room because none was ever given to us by the Federal Government. We do have a copy of the Charter (Public Law 605, Chapter 774, August 20, 1954—H. R. 8034), as approved, printed in the Proceedings of 1956.

Past Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey: I don't know that we ever did receive a piece of paper which evidences the Charter. It is, of course, recorded in the Congressional Record and all other official records of the Congress and what you received in your booklet prepared by the Committee on Constitution and Regulations at the 96th National Encampment was a photocopy of the official Charter as it appears in the published books of Congress and that, I think, is all we ever will see.

Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver: I am going to request that the Editor of The BANNER print this excerpt in one of the future issues of The BANNER.

A motion was made by Clark Mellor, P.D.C., Massachusetts, seconded by Thomas Graham, D.C., Ohio, that we adjourn until 1 p.m. this afternoon. Motion carried.

National Chaplain Harry E. Gibbons closed the Bible at 11:50 a.m.

1:15 p.m.

(The National Chaplain opened the Bible)

C.-in-C. Greenwalt turned the meeting over to Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver for his Financial and Membership Reports, although quite a few of the delegates had not yet returned to the meeting room.

Past Commander-in-Chief C. Leroy Stoudt: This is the most important report of our Organization. Wouldn't we do better to go ahead with a couple of other reports and come back to this after all of our Brothers are here to have the benefit of it?

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: Anyone who disagrees, please raise their hands. (There was no disagreement). We'll go on to some of the other reports and hold this one report in abeyance for the time being to be brought up at a later time *this afternoon* during the business session. We will proceed now with the Report of the National Chief of Staff.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF

To: Commander-in-Chief Greenwalt, and Officers and Members of the National Encampment, at Hartford, Connecticut.

I considered it a great honor when the Commander-in-Chief appointed me to the office of National Chief of Staff of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. To me—this is a very important office, as I consider it the duty of the Chief of Staff to see to it that the other National Officers perform their duties properly, and to help them whenever he can.

Also, I believe it is the duty of the Chief of Staff to keep in constant touch with the Chief of Staff of the Auxiliary to the Sons, and advise and assist her whenever possible. This I have done, and helped her to make long range plans for the Joint Opening of the Encampment, and for the Chief of Staff's Banquet, including printing of place cards for all National Officers. I have also been in touch with the daughter of the Commander-in-Chief, who will act as his hostess during the Encampment.

My duties will continue for the duration of the Encampment, and I will do all in my power to advise and assist all other National Officers in the performance of THEIR duties, if asked.

Thank you, Commander-in-Chief, for the appointment, and for believing me worthy and capable of fulfilling the duties of the office of National Chief of Staff of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Sincerely in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Norman R. Furman
Nat'l Chief of Staff

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: The next report will be a partial report of our National Patriotic Instructor.

National Patriotic Instructor George W. Long: Commander, with your approval, I will wait until Wednesday morning and give my report *all at one time*.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: Commander-in-Chief, how can his report be turned over to the Committee on Officers Reports if he doesn't read it?

N.P.I. Long: At this point, I have no recommendation, so I will bring part of my report tomorrow and read the financial part on Wednesday morning.

P.C.-in-C. Rippey: The Budget Committee will need to have some idea of what his total is when they meet.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: Brother Joe Rippey has brought up another point and that is that the Budget Committee will need to have a little advance notice. Why don't you contact Brother Joe on that, Brother Long. We will now hear from the National Chaplain, Harry E. Gibbons.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

Commander-in-Chief Richard L. Greenwalt,
National Officers, Delegates and Members
to the 98th Annual Encampment, Sons of
Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Last year when our Commander-in-Chief, Richard L. Greenwalt, asked me to serve as National Chaplain, I was completely surprised but highly honored to be considered for this high office, but accepted the office of such responsibility. I have tried to do the work to the best of my ability. I have been called upon on many occasions during the past year—Allied Orders functions, meetings and Memorial Services, and programs of other Veterans Organizations—starting early in October in Waterloo, N. Y. and then the Commander-in-Chief's Reception in Alliance, Ohio, Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, dinners and receptions honoring Department Commanders and Presidents of our Auxiliary, General U. S. Grant Memorial Service in New York City, and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic one-day convention in Buffalo, representing our National Organization as Chaplain.

Memorial Day weekend was really confusing as New York State observed the true May 30 Memorial Day but the City closed schools and observed Monday the 28th. I served on four different Veterans Programs and Services as Chaplain on the 30th of May, both day services and evening services in the Lewiston, New York church; also, Civil War Services where each Civil War Veteran's name was read and a bell was tolled for each one.

I have protested this confusion in New York and the City of Buffalo each year, as our flags for the Civil War graves and the Legion with all other war veterans' graves were threatened not to have a flag placed on the Veterans' plots. Erie County finally put through the cost and paid for the flags a week before Memorial Day. In 1980 the State and County will observe May 30th as the legal Memorial Day, the sacred day set in General Logan's Order No. 11 in 1868.

As you all know, Brother Frank M. Heacock, Sr. is Chairman of the Restoration Committee for restoring Memorial Day to May 30th. The Bills have been held back, and, as in New York State, the politicians hassle over the Bills and nothing is done on this important matter which should be passed to end the confusion States, Counties and Cities are going through. This Committee needs funds mostly, and much support in getting the politicians to put through the Memorial Day Restoration Bill. This is a sacred inheritance valued by our Organization—a day of grateful remembering which is now extended to include the Armed Forces of all wars and their sacrifices for our Nation.

I have not received any reports from Department Chaplains, so I cannot comment on this. I would like to especially thank Bro. Richard Schlenker, Department Commander of Maryland and Past National Chaplain, for being most helpful in planning and preparing the Memorial Program. Back in May when I found out I was responsible for the complete Joint Memorial Service, his advice was really outstanding. I had written to Ethel Jones, National Chaplain of the Auxillary, who told me to go ahead and plan the complete program. I am very thankful to P.C.-in-C. Norman Furman for the help he gave me and to Bro. Frank Squier and his lovely wife for all they did as Chairmen of this Encampment—they did an outstanding job. I thank all the National Officers, past and present for the tributes, and the Department Officers of the Auxillary and Sons for their cooperation.

Last, but not least, Bro. Richard E. Wyman, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, for your beautiful solo, and P.N.P. Emma Wheeler for the music that we could not possibly do without, thank you both.

Recommendation No. 1: That funds for the Joint Memorial Service be increased in the budget, as prices of flowers, printing, etc. have risen more each year, as have all supplies and materials in everything that our Organization needs and must provide.

Thank you, Bro. Dick, for my appointment, and I hope I have fulfilled your expectations and that you will have a harmonious Encampment and all your hopes will be achieved. "All things are possible to him who believes."—Mark 9:23.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity,
Charity and Loyalty,
Harry E. Gibbons, National Chaplain

P.C.-in-C. John Yocum announced that the Past Commanders-in-Chief Dinner would be held tonight and the Pennsylvania Department Breakfast would be held Wednesday morning. C.-in-C. Greenwalt announced that those desiring to attend Tuesday evening's Banquet should get tickets from P.C.-in-C. Harold T. Beilby.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: We are now ready for the Report of the National Historian.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIAN

To Commander-in-Chief Richard L. Greenwalt, Officers and Delegates, and Members of the 98th Annual Encampment Assembled in Hartford, Connecticut,

Greetings:

It was an honor and a privilege to have been appointed to the office of National Historian by Commander-in-Chief Richard L. Greenwalt last August at Grand Rapids, Michigan, and it has been a pleasure to have served you and the National Organization in that capacity. This office, in my mind, is a real challenge, hopefully, to record all items of historical interest. I did not receive as many reports as wished, but have a good number, thanks to those who reported. I wish to mention a true fact—that is, the continuity from one administration to another, which is outstanding and an asset to be proud of. All is well done and recorded, as records show. The National Encampment in session, all officers and members of committees should be commended for their just decisions on material and financial matters, governing and planning all issues and functions for the good of the Order.

Another item of real note, this is to commend P.D.C. Albert W. Lambert

for his fine work as Editor of The BANNER. This publication, as we know it, is one of the best, being informative, educational, factual and interesting. All those people contributing items and matters—their selection of same must be mentioned. I state this truly, if one were to read The BANNER cover to cover and absorb all therein, one would have good knowledge of historical matters, for a lot of things I am to mention in my Report have already appeared in The BANNER.

Brother Harry E. Gibbons, last year's National Historian, mentioned the loss of the G.A.R. Hall in Buffalo, N. Y. I am sorry to mention this year the loss of the G.A.R. building in Dorchester, a part of Boston, Mass. Appeal after appeal was made for someone or parties to take over the building which needed a lot of repair, and because no one was concerned, it had to go. Other halls have met the same fate. One wonders when all will be gone, and I urge some action be taken on a national and state level to preserve other halls.

The article in the October 1978 BANNER tells of a good deal of work done on the only G.A.R. Church in Lansdowne, Maryland. Interest in this building has resulted in its being listed on "The National Register of Historic Places." The Legislative Committee reports the granting of permission to display hand-written copies of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address at Gettysburg National Park beginning the summer of 1979.

On September 29, 1879, Anna M. Ross Post No. 94, G.A.R., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania instituted Anna M. Ross Camp No. 1. The 100th anniversary of this event is being observed by the Philadelphia members. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was instituted in 1881.

Memorial Services were begun in 1865 at Petersburg, Virginia by families of Confederate Veterans. The wife of John A. Logan saw this and told her husband, then Commander-in-Chief of the G.A.R., and he issued Order No. 11 which led to the present National observance of Memorial Day.

At Park Square, Boston, Mass., on February 10th, the 170th birthday anniversary was observed at the Lincoln Emancipation Monument. This monument was presented to the City of Boston on February 12th, 1879—100 years ago. The Ladies Aid Society was established on the same date.

One other monument like this is in Washington, D. C. We were fortunate to host and have our Commander-in-Chief Richard L. Greenwalt and National President Florence Forbey visit our entire Department of Massachusetts Encampment on April 20th, 21st and 22nd, 1979. I am very pleased to state that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has shown a net gain in membership the last two years.

It has been a pleasure to have been with you on several occasions throughout the year and to represent you on other occasions when you were absent. May you have a wonderful Encampment.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., & L.,
Charles W. Hooper, Sr.
National Historian

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: The next report will be that of the National Graves Registrar.

National Graves Registrar William W. Vanderhoof, Jr. stated that his report had been left at home in Plainfield, N. J., and he gave a brief summary of his year's work. Brother Vanderhoof is to be commended for his faithfulness and efficiency in performing the duties of his office.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: The next report we should have should be read by one of our Officers who is not present. Brother Secretary, will you read the report of the G.A.R. Highway Officer.

REPORT OF THE G.A.R. HIGHWAY OFFICER

Richard Greenwalt, Commander-in-Chief
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 Report on G.A.R. Highway—Route No. 6

Information on this highway was very difficult to obtain—with most State Highway Departments not bothering to reply to letters of inquiry even sent with stamped, self-addressed envelopes. Therefore, some information is of an unofficial nature.

The report will be by States—from east to west.

- A. Massachusetts 118 Miles
 No Official Report—Markers - Unknown
- B. Rhode Island 25 Miles
 No Official Report—Unofficial - Road Repair
- C. Connecticut 117 Miles
 No Official Report—Unofficial - Under Construction
- D. New York 78 Miles
 No Official Report—No Report on Markers
- E. Pennsylvania 409 Miles
 No Official Report—Unofficial - In Good Condition
- F. Ohio 46 Miles
 No Official Report—No Report on Markers
- G. Indiana 150 Miles
 Good Driving Condition—Markers - Irregular Distance
- H. Illinois 181 Miles
 Good Driving Condition—Markers - Irregular
- I. Iowa 318 Miles
 Good Driving Condition—Markers - Approx. 6 Miles Apart
- J. Nebraska 373 Miles
 No Official Report—Unofficial - Good Condition
- K. Colorado 474 Miles
 No Official Report—No Report on Markers
- L. Utah 374 Miles
 No Official Report—No Report on Markers
- M. Nevada 307 Miles
 Good Driving Condition—Markers - Unevenly Spaced
- N. California 33 Miles
 Good Driving Condition—Not Marked

NOTE: The route is supposed to end at Long Beach, California, on the Pacific Ocean, but terminates at Bishop, California, only 33 miles across the State. Therefore, the highway can no longer be termed transcontinental.

TOTAL MILEAGE—3,203 miles in fourteen states.

The lack of highway markers is summed up by one word—"Souvenirs." They are very attractive and are popular as such.

Respectfully submitted,
 Grover R. Huff
 National G.A.R. Highway Officer

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: The next report will be the Report of our District of Columbia Representative.

Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver: Brother Commander-in-Chief, this is the type of report I enjoy giving. Most of you know Brother Arthur Glenum, a very dedicated Brother, who lives in the Washington, D. C. area. He remembers each one of us each year, although he cannot be with us physically. I received a short letter, hand-written by Brother Arthur, just last week. I am not going to read it—I will enter this as an oral report in the Proceedings. He still continues his interest; he hears from no one except when he receives The BANNER; no one has contacted him regarding his dues, so he sent me his dues in the amount of \$6.00. However, he has sent his customary love token to our Organization—his annual check, as long as he lives, for \$100.00.

The reading of this Report was followed by a loud round of applause by those in attendance.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: The next Report is that of my Personal Aide.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PERSONAL AIDE

To: Commander-in-Chief Richard L. Greenwalt,
Officers and Members of the 98th Annual Encampment

Greetings:

It was an honor and a privilege to have been appointed to the office of National Personal Aide to the Commander-in-Chief. I did not have time to travel with the Commander-in-Chief, but did stand in for him at different times in Ohio. I attended the Michigan Department Encampment on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief. I attended the Commander-in-Chief's reception and dance at Alliance, Ohio, and the G.A.R. Remembrance Day Parade and Banquet at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, which I have attended annually for the past few years.

The S.V.R. in Ohio has been the biggest helper to get new members into the Sons of Union Veterans. If each member could bring in one new member each year, it would not take too long for our Order to become a large Organization, but Camp meetings must be interesting to hold the interest of members. Discussions on the Civil War must be held to help keep the memory of the G.A.R. alive.

Thank you.

Yours in F., C., & L.,
Wilbur E. Haueter
National Personal Aide

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: The Council of Administration Report will be given by Past Commander-in-Chief Joseph Rippey.

P.C.-in-C. Rippey: Commander-in-Chief and members of the Organization, as you probably know, the Council of Administration has two official meetings per year—one before the official opening of the Encampment and the second one after the close of the Encampment. At the meeting this year, the usual

matters were discussed and no action taken except one matter which I bring to your attention and that was about the publication of The BANNER next year, and that has already been disposed of for you about two hours ago by the present Editor's willingness to continue for another year. Now what develops at this Encampment, including adoption or consideration of the budget and other miscellaneous matters, of course, are brought up before the Council and they are then reported in The BANNER. You will see them there. This report is made because it is felt that the entire Encampment should know what goes on in the Council of Administration meetings. The purpose of the Council, as you know, is to take care of routine matters other than administrative matters which might come up during the year when the Encampment is not in session and following the policy set by the National Organization.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: Brother Fred, may we have your report on Membership-at-Large?

MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts (August 1, 1978 through July 31, 1979)

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Uncommitted Amount August 1, 1978 | | \$ 256.85 |
| Dues | | 2,325.00 |
| Application Fees | | 1,090.00 |
| Supply Orders from Members-At-Large | | 280.23 |
| Miscellaneous | | |
| Interest on Life Memberships | \$ 27.00 | |
| One Life Membership Fee | 150.00 | |
| One Partial Life Membership Fee | 50.00 | |
| Miscellaneous Receipts | 78.75 | |

Miscellaneous Total 305.75

Total Receipts \$4,257.83

Expenditures (August 1, 1978 through July 31, 1979)

| | | |
|---|--|-----------|
| Per Capita Tax Paid to National Secretary-Treasurer | | \$ 512.05 |
| Application Fees Paid to National Secretary-Treasurer | | 1,090.00 |
| Postage | | 537.50 |
| Supplies Purchased for Resale | | 106.50 |
| Printing, Stationery, and Office Supplies | | 513.42 |
| Civil War Times "Ad" | | 220.00 |
| Miscellaneous | | |

Uncommitted Amount for 1977-78
(Transferred to Natl. Secy.-Treas.) \$256.85

Life Membership Payment
(Transferred to Natl. Secy.-Treas.) 150.00

Partial Life Membership Payment
(Transferred to Natl. Secy.-Treas.) 50.00

Miscellaneous Expenditures 91.21

Miscellaneous Total 548.06

Total Expenditures \$3,527.53

| | |
|--|------------|
| <i>Anticipated Expenditures (Prior to December 31, 1979)</i> | |
| Per Capita Tax (9-30-79) | \$155.65 |
| "Ad" in Civil War Times | 220.00 |
| Total Anticipated Expenditures | \$375.65 |
| Total Receipts | \$4,257.83 |
| Total Expenditures, including Anticipated Expenditures | 3,903.18 |
| (Total Expenditures \$3,527.53, plus | |
| Anticipated Expenditures \$375.65) | |
| August 1, 1979 Uncommitted Amount | \$ 354.65 |
| August 12, 1979 Transferred to Natl. Secy.-Treas. | 354.65 |

Respectfully submitted in F., C., & L.,
 Fred H. Combs, Jr.
 Coordinator
 Membership-at-Large

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE REPORT

It is gratifying to submit to you this general report regarding the national membership-at-large program as of July 31, 1979.

GROWTH IN MEMBERSHIP

The total number of members-at-large has increased from 27 members in September 1974 to 283 members as of the end of the quarter concluding June 30, 1979. Actually, the number of members as of this date—August 13, 1979—is 291.

The membership-at-large is composed of men from all walks of life covering a wide range of ages and occupations. They are men who are proud of their hereditary background and proud of the service of their ancestors in the Civil War. As is true in our Organization generally, a significant number have ancestors who fought on both the Union and Confederate sides.

ANNUAL "AD" IN CIVIL WAR TIMES

The annual "ad" which appears in the Civil War Times has indeed proved to be a good advertising medium, an effective means of promoting the growth of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and a sound way of bringing our Organization to the attention of a large segment of the population throughout our Nation.

I strongly recommend approval for the placement of the usual "ad" in the Civil War Times again this fiscal year.

There have been many instances of members-at-large being responsible for the submission of applications for membership by relatives, friends and acquaintances.

VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE PROGRAM TO OUR ORGANIZATION GENERALLY

Much could be said about what the National Membership-at-Large Program has meant to our Organization. However, in the interest of time, I will mention only some of the more significant benefits.

1. New Members for Departments

Not only has the membership-at-large grown but interested persons who responded to the "ad" in the Civil War Times have also been added, after referral by the Coordinator of Membership-at-Large to numerous Department Secretaries, by transfer and direct membership to the rolls of several Departments including, but not necessarily limited to, the Departments of California-Pacific, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

There may be other Departments unknown to me that have benefited in a similar manner because numerous referrals are made to Department Secretaries each year as a result of inquiries made subsequent to the appearance of the "ad" in the Civil War Times and frequently during the year. Several, but not all, Department Secretaries, or persons designated by them, inform me about their action or referrals and the results thereof.

2. Institution of New Camp

During the past year a new Camp has been instituted in the Department of Pennsylvania in the Lebanon area as a result of the interest and dedication of purpose of one national member-at-large from that area and much hard work and willing cooperation by the Pennsylvania Department Commander, Secretary-Treasurer, and others.

3. Possible New Camps in Future

Four very active members-at-large in the Virginia Beach, Virginia area, assisted by P.D.C. of New Hampshire John B. Davis, now living in Virginia Beach, are endeavoring to obtain the necessary 15 members in order to start a Camp in that area.

There is the possibility, if not probability, of the eventual institution of a new Camp or the reactivation of an existing Camp in the Department of California-Pacific because of the active interest of a number of members-at-large. The National Secretary-Treasurer is personally working with Donald Van Winkle,, a key member-at-large in California, to help bring this about.

I have been informed that a very dedicated and interested relatively young national member-at-large in Baltimore, Department of Maryland, is actively interested in attempting to reactivate the Baltimore Camp.

Also, I venture to say that we have not heard the last of interest among national members-at-large in forming new Camps in States where Departments do not exist and in areas where Camps-at-Large have not been formed.

LIFE MEMBERS

Six national members-at-large have purchased life memberships in our Organization.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO NATIONAL FUNDS

Many members-at-large have made contributions to the Honor Roll Fund in memory of ancestors who fought in the Union Army during the Civil War. The number of such contributors continues to increase at a very commendable rate each year.

Numerous members-at-large send contributions annually to the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund.

MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE PROGRAM AN ASSET

Thus, the growth in the number of national members-at-large; the new members gained by Departments as a result of referrals; the institution of one new Camp to date and the interest in establishing or reactivating others; the interest in the Life Membership Program; and the volume of contributions to the funds of our National Organization all combined provide tangible evidence that the "shot in the arm" given to the national membership-at-large program by the Council of Administration in 1974 was indeed fortunate foresightedness.

REGULAR CONTACT WITH MEMBERS-AT-LARGE MAINTAINED

Regular contact with the members-at-large is maintained. Correspondence received from them (and this is no small amount) is answered promptly. Each issue of The BANNER is sent to each member shortly after their receipt from the Editor by the Coordinator. Usually all of the copies have been mailed well within twenty-four hours after their receipt.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., & L.,
 Fred H. Combs, Jr.
 Coordinator
 Membership-at-Large

At the conclusion of his report, P.C.in-C. Combs turned over a check for \$354.65 to the Secretary-Treasurer.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: Now, Brother Chel, we are ready for the statistical part of your report.

Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver: I made a comment just before we recessed for lunch that it would give you an opportunity to look over the Financial Report. As has been stated in the past years, the element of time is so short from the time that your Department Secretaries are requested to have reports in—preparation of figures to be turned over to the Certified Public Accountant, returned back to my headquarters, and I have exactly two days to have such a mimeographed report in front of you—that it does not allow time to go back and correct any errors. I have seen very few reports in the past twenty-five years that somewhere along the line there is not a mistake in typing, etc. (Brother Shriver then advised the delegation of the few corrections which needed to be made and proceeded with the following Report).

**STATISTICAL REPORT
OF THE
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

July 1, 1978 — June 30, 1979

Report of the Financial Standing 1978 - 1979

STATEMENT — CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1979

| | <i>Total</i> | <i>General Fund</i> | <i>G.A.R. Memorial Fund</i> | <i>Permanent Fund</i> | <i>100th Anniv. Fund</i> |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Cash Balance, June 30, 1978 | \$ 2,576.18 | \$ 3,190.54 | \$ 1,043.13 | \$ 370.99 | \$ 57.78 |
| Transfer of Funds, From Passbook Savings Accounts | \$ 1,374.42 | \$ - 0 - | \$ 505.83 | \$ 757.03 | \$ 111.56 |
| RECEIPTS | | | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Per Capita Tax (Sch. 1) | \$ 5,428.75 | \$ 5,428.75 | | | |
| Registration Fees | 392.00 | 392.00 | | | |
| Supplies Sold | 1,575.85 | 1,575.85 | | | |
| Gift from Auxiliary | 500.00 | 500.00 | | | |
| National Patriotic Instructor 1977-78 | | | | | |
| 1978-79 | 3,176.90 | | 3,176.90 | | |
| Dividends, Wellington Fund | 2,002.50 | 2,002.50 | | | |
| Donations, Honor Roll Fund | 240.00 | | | 240.00 | |
| Life Memberships | 1,475.00 | | | 1,475.00 | |
| Miscellaneous | 19.48 | 19.48 | | | |
| 100th Anniversary Fund | 165.00 | | | | 165.00 |
| Gift - Arthur Glenum | 100.00 | 100.00 | | | |
| Interest, Passbook Savings Accounts | 1,374.42 | - 0 - | 505.83 | 757.03 | 111.56 |
| Net Income from Memberships at Large | 614.85 | 614.85 | | | |
| Total Receipts | <u>\$17,064.75</u> | <u>\$10,633.43</u> | <u>\$3,682.73</u> | <u>\$2,472.03</u> | <u>\$276.56</u> |
| TOTAL | <u>\$21,015.35</u> | <u>\$13,823.97</u> | <u>\$3,145.43</u> | <u>\$3,600.05</u> | <u>\$445.90</u> |

DISBURSEMENTS

| | | | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|----------|
| Supplies Purchased for Resale | \$ 3,186.24 | \$ 3,186.24 | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| The Banner | 3,200.00 | 3,200.00 | | | |
| Commander-in-Chief Expense 1978-79 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | | | |
| Nat'l Secretary-Treasurer Expense 1978-79 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | | | |
| Encampment Exp. 1978 | 459.25 | 84.25 | 375.00 | | |
| Proceedings 1978 | 1,797.56 | 1,797.56 | | | |
| Miscellaneous | 105.37 | 105.37 | | | |
| Printing, Postage & Stationery | 655.46 | 655.46 | | | |
| C.P.A. Audit | 475.00 | 475.00 | | | |
| Stenographer | 200.00 | 200.00 | | | |
| Museum Development Fund | 50.00 | | 50.00 | | |
| Fire & Extended Coverage Ins. | 25.00 | 25.00 | | | |
| Scholarship Fund | 300.00 | | 300.00 | | |
| Testimonial for Com- mander-in-Chief | 231.67 | 231.67 | | | |
| Remembrance Day Expense | 169.00 | | 169.00 | | |
| Lincoln Tomb Exp.- Illinois | 399.75 | | 399.75 | | |
| Cathedral of the Pine Memorial | 20.00 | | 20.00 | | |
| National Mil. Dept. SVR | 150.00 | | 150.00 | | |
| Lincoln Memorial Expense | 20.80 | | 20.80 | | |
| Life Membership Interest Paid | 486.00 | | | 486.00 | |
| Life Membership Printing Costs | 40.00 | | | 40.00 | |
| Appeal for Funds, Printing | 80.81 | | 80.81 | | |
| Restoration of Memorial Day | 227.00 | | 227.00 | | |
| Total | | | | | |
| Disbursements | \$14,978.91 | \$12,660.55 | \$1,792.36 | \$ 526.00 | \$ - 0 - |
| Transfer of Funds to Passbook Savings Accounts | 1,006.79 | - 0 - | 370.53 | 554.54 | 81.72 |
| Cash Balance, June 30, 1979 | 5,029.65 | 1,163.42 | 982.54 | 2,519.51 | 364.18 |
| TOTAL | \$21,015.35 | \$13,823.97 | \$3,145.43 | \$3,600.05 | \$445.90 |

| | June 30, 1979 | June 30, 1978 | Increase (Decrease) |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| <i>ASSETS</i> | | | |
| <i>General Fund</i> | | | |
| Cash | \$ 1,163.42 | \$ 3,190.54 | \$ (2,027.12) |
| Inventory—Supplies (at cost) | 6,190.14 | 4,579.75 | 1,610.39 |
| Cash in Bank—Savings Account | 0- | 0- | 0- |
| Total General Fund | \$ 7,353.56 | \$ 7,770.29 | \$ (416.73) |
| <i>G.A.R. Memorial Fund</i> | | | |
| Cash | \$ 982.54 | \$ (1,043.13) | \$ 2,025.67 |
| Cash in Bank—Savings Account | 6,530.72 | 666.02 | (135.30) |
| Total G.A.R. Memorial Fund | \$ 7,513.26 | \$ 5,622.89 | \$ 1,890.37 |
| <i>Permanent Fund</i> | | | |
| Cash in Bank—Savings Account | \$ 9,733.96 | \$ 9,976.45 | \$ (202.49) |
| Cash | 2,519.51 | 370.99 | 2,148.52 |
| Investments (at cost) (Sch. 2) | | | |
| Common Stocks | 31,275.84 | 31,275.84 | 0- |
| Market Value | | | |
| June 30, 1978 - \$19,735.75 | | | |
| June 30, 1979 - \$20,714.75 | | | |
| Total Permanent Fund | \$43,569.31 | \$41,623.28 | \$ 1,946.03 |
| <i>100th Anniversary Fund</i> | | | |
| Cash in Bank—Savings Account | \$ 1,440.41 | \$ 1,470.25 | \$ (29.84) |
| Cash | 364.18 | 57.78 | 306.40 |
| Total 100th Anniversary Fund | \$ 1,804.59 | \$ 1,528.03 | \$ 276.56 |
| Total | \$60,240.72 | \$56,544.49 | \$ 3,696.23 |
| <i>Funds</i> | | | |
| General Fund Surplus | \$ 7,353.56 | \$ 7,770.29 | \$ (416.73) |
| G.A.R. Memorial Fund | 7,513.26 | 5,622.89 | 1,890.37 |
| Permanent Fund | | | |
| Unrestricted Surplus | 33,155.86 | 32,206.86 | 949.00 |
| Interest—Savings Acct. | 1,908.70 | 1,151.67 | 757.03 |
| Honor Roll | 5,234.00 | 4,994.00 | 240.00 |
| Dividends, Wellington Fund | 3,270.75 | 3,270.75 | 0- |
| 100th Anniversary Fund | 1,804.59 | 1,528.03 | 276.56 |
| Total | \$60,240.72 | \$56,544.49 | \$ 3,696.23 |
| <i>Permanent Fund Investments</i> | | | |
| <i>Description</i> | <i>Cost Value</i> | <i>Market Value</i> | |
| Wellington Fund, Inc. | | | |
| 2225 Shares @ \$9.31 Common— | | | |
| Par Value \$1.00 | \$31,275.84 | \$20,714.75 | |

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REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP STANDING 1978-1979

| Departments | Good Standing June 30, 1978 | | GAIN | | LOSS | | Good Standing June 30, 1979 | | Asso. Incl. | Dele. Repr. |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|----------|------------|----------|------------|--------------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Camps | Members | Camps | Members | Camps | Members | Camps | Members | | |
| Calif. & Pac. | 11 | 95 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 13 | 11 | 88 | 0 | 5 |
| Colorado & Wyo. | 1 | 16 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 31 | 0 | 2 |
| Connecticut | 6 | 46 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 48 | 2 | 3 |
| Illinois | 10 | 125 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 125 | 7 | 6 |
| Indiana | 6 | 75 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 40 | 4 | 37 | 10 | 2 |
| Iowa | 7 | 77 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 77 | 0 | 4 |
| Maine | 6 | 85 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 82 | 0 | 4 |
| Maryland | 3 | 64 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 3 | 57 | 1 | 3 |
| Massachusetts | 24 | 305 | 0 | 30 | 2 | 15 | 22 | 320 | 0 | 14 |
| Michigan | 4 | 51 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 55 | 0 | 3 |
| New Hampshire | 7 | 87 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 9 | 7 | 83 | 1 | 4 |
| New Jersey | 7 | 230 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 44 | 6 | 188 | 28 | 9 |
| New York | 16 | 229 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 7 | 16 | 240 | 12 | 11 |
| Ohio | 9 | 138 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 12 | 9 | 138 | 14 | 6 |
| Oregon & Wash. | 2 | 56 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 29 | 1 | 27 | 6 | 2 |
| Pennsylvania | 27 | 452 | 2 | 66 | 1 | 89 | 29 | 429 | 17 | 22 |
| Rhode Island | 5 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 38 | 0 | 3 |
| Vermont | 2 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 27 | 0 | 2 |
| Wisconsin | 3 | 75 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 82 | 0 | 4 |
| Chickamauga Camp No. 1 | 1 | 35 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 55 | 3 | 1 |
| Chicamauga Camp No. 21 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 18 | 0 | 1 |
| R. M. Smith Camp No. 21 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 1 |
| Curtis Warner Camp No. 64 .. | 1 | 48 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 1 | 28 | 0 | 1 |
| Membership at Large | 1 | 196 | 0 | 115 | 0 | 28 | 1 | 283 | 3 | 1 |
| TOTALS: | 160 | 2,560 | 3 | 328 | 8 | 326 | 155 | 2562 | 104 | 114 |

TOTAL NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP INCREASE — 2 Members

DEPARTMENTS SHOWING MEMBERSHIP INCREASE:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Colorado and Wyoming | 15 |
| Connecticut | 2 |
| Massachusetts | 15 |
| Michigan | 4 |
| New York | 11 |
| Wisconsin | 7 |
| Fort Chickamauga Camp No. 1 | 20 |
| Membership at Large | 87 |
| Total | 161 |

DEPARTMENTS REPORTING MEMBERSHIP DECREASE:

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| California and Pacific | 7 |
| Indiana | 38 |
| Maine | 3 |
| Maryland | 7 |
| New Hampshire | 4 |
| New Jersey | 42 |
| Oregon & Washington | 29 |
| Pennsylvania | 23 |
| Rhode Island | 2 |
| Vermont | 2 |
| Curtis-Warner Camp No. 64 | 20 |
| Total | 177 |

NO DEPARTMENTS GAINED OR LOST DURING FISCAL YEAR 1978-1979

Camps Gained during Fiscal Year 1978-1979:

- Anna M. Ross Camp No. 1—Philadelphia, Penna.—19 Members Organized 10-15-78
- Seven Shay's Camp No. 7—Lebanon, Penna.—15 Members Organized 11-12-78
- Fort Chickamauga Camp No. 21—Lincoln, Nebr.—18 Members Organized 6-15-79

Camps Lost during Fiscal Year 1978-1979:

- D. Porter Camp No. 114—Indiana
- H. Lanton Camp No. 132—Indiana
- H. M. Warren Camp No. 34—Wakefield, Mass. (Consolidated with Camp 104 3-31-79)
- Drummond Camp No. 311—Fall River, Mass.
- McArthur Camp No. 47—Elizabeth, N. J., 14 Members Disbanded 9-30-78
- Department of Oregon and Washington—1 Camp (Name, Location unknown) Dropped 3-31-79
- Philadelphia Camp No. 200, Penna.—Members—(Charter lifted by action of 97th Annual National Encampment as per Proceedings)
- A. K. Lilton Camp No. 11, Pawtucket, R. I.—5 Members Disbanded 3-31-79

Brother Shriver went over the figures on the reports individually as he read his report and explained those which needed explanations. Several questions were raised by members. P.C.-in-C. Leroy Stoudt of Pennsylvania questioned when the travel allowance of the Commander-in-Chief was increased to \$1500. P.D.C. Ivan E. Frantz, Sr. of Pennsylvania questioned some of the Wellington Fund figures. P.C.-in-C. Frank Heacock, Sr. of Pennsylvania and P.D.C. William Rule of Massachusetts asked questions pertaining to the Wellington Fund. Their questions were answered by Brother Shriver. On the membership part of the report, it was explained that each Department has one delegate to the National Encampment, plus one delegate for every twenty-five members or major fractional part thereof and that Camps-at-Large have just one delegate. Brother Shriver reported that several new Camps are in the offing—one in Austin, Texas, one in Virginia and one in Michigan.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: The next order of business will be communications.

Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver: Commander-in-Chief, the following constitute the Resolutions as submitted for this Encampment:

Resolution #1 from the Department of Massachusetts:

Resolution adopted at the 97th Annual Encampment, Massachusetts Department, SUVCW, April 21st, 1979 at Springfield, Mass.

WHEREAS: Our official National Publication, "The BANNER," has two important services: (1) to record significant events that have already taken place and (2) to inform the membership of upcoming programs, and

WHEREAS: This second function should be of particular interest to newer members of our organization and encourage them to fuller participation in our Department and National Affairs, and

WHEREAS: Regardless of the publication dates of "The BANNER," its actual appearance is too often not far enough in advance of important coming events to afford sufficient notice for alerting interest and facilitating planning,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the distribution dates from National Headquarters of each quarterly issue of "The BANNER" should be not later than January 15, April 15, July 15, and September 15 of each year.

Resolutions Committee
Eugene E. Russell, Chairman
Allen B. Howland
Clark W. Mellor

Attest:

William R. Cohen, Department Commander

William W. Haskell, Department Secretary

Resolution #2 from the Department of Pennsylvania:

WHEREAS, an effort appears in the making for a Joint Encampment of the Allied Organizations with the Sons of Confederate Veterans; and

WHEREAS, such an encampment on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (1981) appeals to the members of the 99th Annual Department Encampment of the Pennsylvania Department, S.U.V.C.W.; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pennsylvania Department, S.U.V.C.W. that in lieu of meeting in Pennsylvania, we would not be adverse to a Joint Encampment in a Southern State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if a later date be more suitable, such as 1982, 1983, or 1984, that a later date be selected.

Committee on Resolutions
Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Chrm.
Robert U. Werkheiser
Jonathan T. Mayhew

Attest:

Ivan E. Frantz, Sr.
Department Secretary

Resolution #3 from the Department of New Jersey:

WHEREAS, we realize that the late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a great American who has done much to advance the cause of freedom, justice and equality in our Nation; and

WHEREAS, there have been, throughout the course of our history a multitude of such loyal and dedicated Americans whose works have been no less noble, whose endeavors have been no less ambitious, but whose deeds have gone unrecognized;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we oppose the proposed Bill S25 by Senator Harrison Williams and all other like bills that would set aside, as a legal Federal Public Holiday, the birthday of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as any such action would place him in a position above all others, George Washington being the only other person in our Country's history to be so honored.

Adopted by Camp #5 May 10, 1979
Edward Kater, Commander
Adopted by the Department of New Jersey
June 16, 1979
James F. Elliott, Commander

Resolution #4 from the Department of Ohio:

BE IT HERE RESOLVED that in order to preserve the history of the Sons of Union Veterans and its Allied Orders, that a committee of three Past Department Commanders be appointed by the incoming Department Commander to serve as needed as a records and property committee. That the Committee investigate record depositories so that safe storage of preceding Department Records not necessary for the current functions of the Department may be found, and report to the Department their findings and recommendations so that historical preservation of our Order may be had for the forthcoming generations of our past and its noble future.

Resolutions Committee:
Gordon R. Bury, II, Chairman
Thomas E. Hoffman

Resolution #5 from the Department of Ohio:

That the Department Secretary forward to the National Secretary a copy of

the Ohio Department Resolution to establish a Department Committee for Historical Records Preservation and that the Ohio Department recommends to the National Order of the Sons of Union Veterans that the National Order consider such for the Good of the Order on a National level.

Resolutions Committee:

Gordon R. Bury, II, Chairman

Thomas E. Hoffman

Resolution #6 from the Department of Pennsylvania

NEVER FORSAKE AMERICA'S MISSING IN ACTION

WHEREAS, a lengthening six and one half years ago, we witnessed the triumphant return of 566 military and 25 civilian Prisoners of War; and

WHEREAS, information from the enemy concerning those still Missing in Action has been cruelly withheld, save for the token number of remains furnished the Woodcock Mission in Hanoi; and

WHEREAS, there must be new initiatives to obtain information regarding the status of our *bona fide* MIAs; and

WHEREAS, such information must be made public; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in National Encampment assembled this 16th day of August, 1979, that the Congress approve and cause the President to appoint "A Presidential Task Force on MIAs," and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that maximum U.S. economic and diplomatic pressure be sustained, for as long as it takes, to the end that those nations and movement which are hindering the search for the MIAs desist from this cruel practice and assist in the search effort as called for in the Paris Accords of 1973; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Administration and the Congress speak out forcefully and publicly on this issue of our Prisoners of War and Missing in Action; that no most favored nation status be granted either the Soviet Union or Red China; that no further trade agreements be negotiated with either nation; and, that no material or monetary aid even be considered for the Socialist Republic of Vietnam or any other like-minded countries until such time as an accurate accounting and/or return of our POWs and Missing in Action has been made; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that attempts to barter for MIA information be denounced as the lowest and most despicable form of international blackmail.

Resolution #7 from the Department of Pennsylvania:

OPPOSITION TO COMMUNIST CUBA

WHEREAS, many newspapers, TV stations, and other media, as well as personalities in government, have sent up "trial balloons" stating that, in their opinion, it is now time to "normalize" relations with Communist Cuba; and

WHEREAS, Communist Cuba's dictator, Fidel Castro, has, notwithstanding, kept thousands of Cuban citizens imprisoned for daring to oppose his totalitarian regime; and

WHEREAS, the Cuban Communist regime has continued the repressive policy of no free elections, systematic withdrawal of all domestic freedoms, systematic

spying on all citizens, and coercion of all Cubans into the communist system; i.e., a total denial of human rights; and

WHEREAS, Communist Cuba has continued unabated in its implacable hatred of the United States of America and has continued to send out communist agents to other countries in this hemisphere and continues to train and inspire agents for sabotage and insurrection in various countries; and

WHEREAS, upward of 40,000 Cuban troops served at the pleasure of their Soviet communist masters in subduing Angola and have undertaken further aggression on the "Horn" of Africa, and in Zaire; and

WHEREAS, Communist Cuba has continued in cynical fashion in attempting to subvert the American Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and turn these loyal Americans against mainland America; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America has admitted hundreds of thousands of anti-communist refugees from Cuban shores; and

WHEREAS, in clear violation of the so-called "Kennedy-Khrushchev Agreement" of 1962, the Soviet Union has furnished (and Cuba has accepted) nuclear-capable MIG 23 offensive aircraft; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in National Encampment assembled, this 16th day of August, 1979, that we call upon the President and the Congress to continue the present policy of no trade with Communist Cuba, and the policy of no diplomatic recognition of that communist state for as long as it remains the policy of the Cuban Communist regime to retain the many harsh injustices now extant in that unfortunate land and have their armed forces serve under the strategic direction of the Soviet Union; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the United States government, under no circumstances, grant concessions affecting complete and undiluted U.S. control and use of Guantanamo Bay as a U.S. Naval Base of supreme strategic, as well as political, importance.

Resolution #8 from the Department of Pennsylvania:

PENSION FOR WORLD WAR I VETERANS

WHEREAS, the needs of the World War I veteran have been sadly neglected in contrast to veterans of other wars; and

WHEREAS, the meager benefits provided for this rapidly diminishing segment of the veteran population of this Nation whose average age is now over 83; and

WHEREAS, the fixed income of the average World War I veteran is substantially less than that of other wartime veterans; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in National Encampment assembled, this 16th day of August, 1979, that we vigorously support enactment of legislation to provide a special pension for eligible World War I veterans and their widows without regard to income.

Resolution #9 from the Department of Pennsylvania:

SOVIET COMMUNISM AND AMERICAN SECURITY

WHEREAS, iron discipline, denial of human freedom, and conspiratorial actions to achieve universal triumph of communism have characterized this oppressive political doctrine since the coming to power of the Bolsheviks in Russia in 1917; and

WHEREAS, in the intervening 62 years, the Soviet Union and the Chinese Communist regimes have subjugated 198,893,000 people in 27 countries,

totalling 2,204,834 square miles and — witness Angola, Afghanistan and Ethiopia — *have shown no loss of aggressive appetite; and*

WHEREAS, not since President John F. Kennedy's inaugural address of 1961 ("... we will support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and success of liberty . . ."), has any American President taken an unequivocal stand for freedom and against communism; and

WHEREAS, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has never, *and will never*, desist in our firm, unswerving and informed position *for freedom* which, inevitably, places us in the forefront of American organizations unapologetically opposed to any brand of communism anywhere in the world; and

WHEREAS, nothing in the foregoing should be interpreted as displaying any form of enmity towards the long suffering peoples held as impotent pawns under oppressive communist regimes; and

WHEREAS, the United States, in the bitter aftermath of Vietnam, can have no policy, save retreat and isolation, if we are unable or unwilling to maintain overseas defense troop levels sufficient to deter the Soviet Union from political and psychological exploitation of the expanding Soviet military threat (witness Southern Africa); and

WHEREAS, there is a precipitate decline in that portion of our expanding gross national product (now 4.9%) that is committed to national defense and our survival as a sovereign nation, in contrast to the steady increase in comparable Soviet expenditures (estimated 13-19%); and

WHEREAS, the consequences of this expanding Soviet military capacity will directly serve the expansion and triumph of communism the world over; and

WHEREAS, the USSR has cynically violated countless treaties, agreements, promises and pacts since the Bolsheviks seized power in Russia in 1917; and

WHEREAS, the Soviet Union has not even paid the United States for long-standing World War II debts; and

WHEREAS, the Soviets would not be seeking trade with the United States if it would not benefit them, and said trade is desired in sophisticated machine tools, chemical processing equipment, electronics equipment, and the like, which quality and caliber of technology is not available to them elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, it is the unchanging goal of long-range Soviet policy to destroy our institutions, our form of government, our economic fiber, and our liberties; and

WHEREAS, the communists have historically used trade as a weapon of political as well as economic warfare; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in National Encampment assembled, this 16th day of August, 1979, that as the core of our national security program, the S.U.V. reasserts and reconfirms *its long standing position for freedom* — and against communism — and *presses home* this informed and deeply moral view to the President and to the United States Congress; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Congress and the Executive Branch reassert our basic political and military posture of clear primacy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we expand, to a target figure of 8%, that portion of our *gross* national product committed to our military posture; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we recognize and successfully counter

the increased military capability of the Soviet Union and the Soviet Union's accompanying efforts to project communist political muscle on a much wider scale throughout the world; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon the President and the Congress to stop the export from our country to the Soviet Union of sophisticated machine tools, chemical processing equipment, electronics equipment, and agricultural products, or information, including plans and techniques, for manufacturing same, all of which, if permitted to continue, will be against the security interests of the United States of America, in that the export of said items will strengthen the war-making abilities of the Soviet Union which could be used against us or our allies in the future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any non-strategic exports to the USSR from the United States shall be cash, except in cases of widespread famine, and must be carried in U.S. ships and not upon the credit of the United States or other offsetting arrangements.

Resolution #10 from the Department of Pennsylvania:

REGAIN AND SUSTAIN A TOTAL AMERICAN DEFENSE POSTURE WHICH IS CLEARLY NUMBER 1

WHEREAS, it is the Constitutional duty of citizens of our beloved Country "to provide for the common defense," and

WHEREAS, the most crucial "social service" America can provide for her citizens is to keep them alive and free; and

WHEREAS, domestic problems with their increasing demands on the tax dollar have driven down the national defense portion of the budget from a recent high of nearly 10 per cent of the gross national product to 4.9 per cent for the Fiscal Year 1980; and

WHEREAS, the Soviet Union has, behind the facade of two Strategic Arms Agreements, continued to modernize and expand her strategic and tactical land, sea and air forces with a heavy concomitant investment in military research and development to include successful MIRV testing, civil defense and overseas employment of satellite forces; i.e., Cuba in Angola, Zair, Ethiopia and South Yeman; and

WHEREAS, no ally or combination of allies has the will and capacity, without large scale U.S. support, significantly to enhance the freedom and safety of the United States and the rest of the Free World; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in National Encampment assembled, this 16th day of August, 1979, that:

(a) the Congress "raise and support" an active and reserve army structure adequate to meet fully the many commitments world-wide it faces;

(b) we support modernization and procurement of manned penetrating bombers (to include reconsideration of the President's decision on the B-1 Bomber), fighters and manned interceptors as irreplaceable elements of our nation's total air/space offensive/defensive team;

(c) the Congress "provides and maintains" a combat-ready Marine Corps with sufficient funds to maintain a strength of at least four divisions and four airwings (one division and one wing as reserves);

(d) the Congress "provides and maintains" the U.S. Navy, in the face of unprecedented Soviet maritime build-up, to again become the world's most modern, powerful and versatile naval power, specifically to include a com-

prehensive TRIDENT submarine and surface ship building program well beyond the limits of the FY 1980 Defense budget;

(c) the National Guard and Reserves of all the services be fully funded, manned and supported in line with their sharply enhanced importance under the "total force program";

(f) we reaffirm our support of a U.S.-built, enlarged and modern Merchant Marine as a vital element of our Nation's maritime policy to include needed subsidies;

(g) we support strong, meaningful, and separate military departments (Army, Navy, and Air Force) under their service secretaries;

(h) we advocate continued development of nuclear weapons to include integrated strategic targeting, operational missile flights from ICBM silos, where necessary, flights and the necessary testing of such weapons to sustain and preserve our role as the strategic guardian of the Free World;

(i) we support a policy of central control and coordination of research and development by the Secretary of Defense that eliminates unnecessary duplication, but assures the benefits of constructive competition and experimentation of weapons appropriate to the missions of the military services. We continue to support the Congressionally-established basic roles and missions of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines;

(j) we support adequate U.S. forces under NATO and oppose any unilateral withdrawal of U.S. or allied combat troops from Europe;

(k) we support every feasible public and private measure to restore and enhance the discipline, morale, esprit de corps and professionalism of the armed forces;

(l) we oppose any further reductions or constraints upon our strategic offensive forces which are not fully compensated by unarguably verifiable Soviet reductions;

(m) we support a vigorous and professional ROTC and Junior ROTC program;

(n) we note the erratic impact and attainment of "All Volunteer Forces" during a period of no hostilities and economic uncertainty, noting that this concept has yet to meet the tests of time and hostile fire; *specifically*, we express our concerns over the quantity and quality of combat arms recruits for the Army and Marine Corps, the high desertion rate of the Navy, as well as the "depression" faced by the reserve components;

(o) the United States regains a viable and effective standby Selective Service System, specifically to include restoration of authorization of the President to induct duly registered and classified civilians into the armed forces so that in time of national need, non-volunteer forces may be raised quickly and effectively, with equity;

(p) we favor conscription of up to 200,000 young male Americans into the army's falsied individual ready reserve starting as soon as practicable; and

(q) we continue to support the Joint Chiefs of Staff system to assure the flow of undiluted professional military advice to principal elected policy-setters in the Executive Branch and the Congress, and while so doing, be alert to oppose any "reorganization" of the Department of Defense which would have the practical effect of down-grading or silencing the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Resolution #11 from the Department of Pennsylvania:

STRATEGIC (SALT) NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE USSR

WHEREAS, as background for the impending SALT II Treaty, a review of events since 1972 (SALT I) shows:

With respect to the *Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty of May, 1972*:

(a) neither side is permitted to deploy a nationwide ABM defense or a base for such a defense;

(b) each side is permitted to deploy a limited defense of one area. In each defense area, out to 150 km radius, each side is permitted up to 100 ABM launchers and interceptors and a limited radar base for these interceptors;

(c) neither side is permitted to give ABM capability to non-ABM systems;

(d) verification will be by national means. The parties have agreed not to interfere with these means; and

(e) the treaty will be of unlimited duration. Withdrawal is permitted for supreme interest; and with respect to the *Interim Offensive Agreement of May, 1972*:

(1) each side is permitted to keep any fixed land-based ICBM launchers currently operational or under construction. No new fixed land-based ICBM launchers may be built;

(2) the Soviets may complete the 313 modern, large ballistic missile launchers; e.g., for SS-9 class missiles, currently operational and under construction. No new ones may be built;

(3) neither side may convert to modern, large ballistic missile launchers or any other ICBM launchers;

(4) each side may keep any SLBM launchers operational or under construction; also, newer SLBM launchers may be built as replacements for older SLBM launchers or for older heavy ICBM launchers;

(5) verification will be by national means. The parties have agreed not to interfere with these means;

(6) the duration of the Agreement is five years. Withdrawal is permitted for supreme interests. The parties have agreed in the ABM Treaty to continue active negotiations for limitations on strategic arms; and

WHEREAS, the impending SALT II Treaty will include as principal features:

STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE WEAPONS

| | USSR | USA |
|---|------|------|
| Strategic Nuclear Launch Vehicles (a) | 2400 | 2400 |
| MIRVs (b) | 1320 | 1320 |
| ICBMs, SLBMs and Heavy Bombers with ALCMs | | |
| MIRVs | 1200 | 1200 |
| ICBMs and SLBMs | | |
| MIRVs | 820 | 820 |

ICMs (c)

(a) This means launchers for ICBMs and SLBMs plus heavy bombers.

(b) Multiple independently-targetable reentry vehicles.

(c) This number includes a special grant to the Soviets of 326 Modern Large Ballistic Missile (MLBMs)—SS-9 and SS-18. The U.S. has no MLBMs; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial to note that since 1972 (SALT I), the Soviets have:

— deployed four (4) new ICBMs, SS-16, SS-17, SS-18, and SS-19;

— built and deployed over 160 supersonic, inter-continental "BACKFIRE"

bombers;

- employed the mobile SS-20 in Eastern Europe targetted on America's allies in NATO;
- deployed the DELTA I and DELTA II missile-launching submarines. A DELTA III has undergone sea trials;
- improved the targeting, accuracy payload, and "MIRVing" of their ICBM force;
- developed and tested a satellite killer; and
- exceeded the U.S. effort in research, development, test and evaluation, weapons procurement and other defensive investments every year since 1969. During 1978, their effort was 75% larger than ours; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in National Encampment assembled, this 16th day of August, 1979, THAT

(a) continued U.S. adherence to the May 1972 Strategic Arms Limitation Agreement and U.S. agreement to the SALT II Treaty occur *only* if the most thorough going verification techniques reveal that the Soviets are complying;

(b) no effort or expense be spared to verify Soviet compliance with the agreement in force and any other agreements;

(c) the American public be fully and frankly kept informed of the dynamic and shifting U.S.-Soviet balance so that if the U.S., by living up to agreements, is faced with being the "second strongest" nation in the world, domestic public opinion will support U.S. withdrawal from these Agreements and massive re-arming;

(d) the U.S. fully fund and deploy the TRIDENT submarine and restore and fund the B-1 Bomber and permit test firing of our land-based ICBMs;

(e) no effort or expense be spared in the critically important research and development of offensive and defensive strategic weapons technology;

(f) SALT II negotiations with the Soviet Union, aimed at changing the nature of the May 1972 "Interim Agreement on Offensive Weapons" and the November 1974 accords into a permanent treaty (as with ABMs), accept the philosophy that the U.S. *not* agree to *any* formulation that would freeze the United States at a lower number of offensive launchers than the USSR; and

(g) the Senate return the SALT II Treaty to the President without its consent unless all the verifiable safeguards and balances, noted in the foregoing, are fully observed.

Resolution #12 from the Department of Pennsylvania:

NO WOMEN IN COMBAT JOBS

WHEREAS, the present and projected strength of women in the Armed Forces is as follows:

| | Total Strength | 1979 Women (Actual) | 1983 Women (Projected) |
|-----------|----------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| ARMY | 772,000 | 56,841 | 80,000 |
| NAVY | 530,000 | 25,292 | 40,000 |
| AIR FORCE | 570,000 | 47,094 | 72,000 |
| USMC | 192,000 | 5,085 | 7,000 |
| TOTALS | 2,100,000 | 134,312 | 231,000 |
| | | including officers | including officers; and |

WHEREAS, the following additional factors apply:

- (1) the number of women in the armed forces has tripled since 1972, from less than 2% of the total force to about 7%;

(2) in 1972, 90% of the women in the armed forces were in "women type" jobs. Today this percentage has shrunk to 60%.

(3) on December 20, 1977, the Secretary of the Army approved the assignment of women to "hazardous assignments near combat areas" to include approval of some "non-combat" positions in the 82nd Airborne Division. (Women are still *not* assigned to battalions or lower units in infantry, armor, cannon, field artillery, combat engineers, Special Forces, low altitude air defense artillery, or attack helicopter units.);

(4) women comprise 24% of the ROTC force at 286 colleges while 34,000 women are in Junior ROTC programs;

(5) three all male bastions fell in October 1975 when Representative Sam Stratton's (N.Y.) amendment permitting women in West Point, Annapolis, and the Air Force Academy passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 303-96. (The Senate went along by voice vote and President Ford signed this historic change into law.) The Academies have adjusted gamely to this unbelievable thrust on their vitals. At West Point, for but one example, the drop-out rate during the tough "plebe" indoctrination period shows 16% for women, 10% for men, not a wide difference. Men take bayonet training and box; women take "rape prevention" training; but

(6) abroad, no other country, except New Zealand, has brought so many women into their armed forces. The Soviet Union has only 10,000 women in forces totalling over 4.6 million; Israel about 8,000 out of 278,000. *In short, we are the only nation going this route; and*

WHEREAS,

(1) the presence of thousands of women in our armed forces, and the prospect of many more thousands in the future, is a "quiet revolution" with profound implications for our national security;

(2) the Congress has, predictably, done the easy thing — women to West Point, down with the barriers, etc. — without changing the basic law. A "woman in combat" law has been stalled since 1974 in the House Armed Services Committee;

(3) the most profoundly political — not narrowly military — action representative government can do is to call upon its young citizens to fight, and possibly die, in defense of the nation or the nation's foreign policy objectives;

(4) as structured today, should our armed forces be called upon to fight, American women will be killed, wounded, and captured in numbers that have no precedent in the history of the modern world;

(5) the "turned on" young women in today's armed forces are proficient and admirable by every peacetime measurement. Many would fight bravely and effectively *near* the air, sea or ground battle zone; a truly heroic few could and would fight well in close combat with the enemy; *but*

(6) the Congress should be called upon to face up to the "no win" position they have placed the armed forces in; (i.e., equal rights now, never mind the probable security and human cost) and codify, under the United States Code, the role the people's representatives desire American women to play in future combat; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in National Encampment assembled, this 16th day of August, 1979, that the position of the S.U.V.C.W. on this question before Congress and the Executive Branch will be: *No women will be assigned to ground, sea, or air jobs that call for closing with and destroying the enemy.*

Resolution #13 from the Department of Pennsylvania:

OPPOSE RESTORATION OF CITIZENSHIP FOR DRAFT EVADERS

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced in the Congress of the United States, authorizing the restoration of citizenship to persons who renounced or otherwise lost American nationality because of opposition to American military action in Indochina; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of persons who have voluntarily or involuntarily served in the Armed Forces of the United States since its inception, have performed their duties honestly and faithfully, under the many trying conditions; and

WHEREAS, there were established provisions in the Selective Service System laws allowing anyone to object and be heard for personal reasons against bearing arms, i.e., principle, hardship, and/or conscientious objections, beliefs and practices; and

WHEREAS, it is clearly defined that failure to comply with these orders to report to an induction office or the Selective Service is punishable as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, those individuals who renounced or otherwise lost their U.S. citizenship, because of their opposition to the Vietnam War, must take the responsibility for their own actions in this matter; and

WHEREAS, any legislation exempting persons from the provisions of Section 212(a) (22) of the Immigration and Nationality Act because of opposition or disapproval of U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War is patently unfair and a slap in the face to our comrades who served and died in Vietnam; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in National Encampment assembled, this 16th day of August, 1979, that we oppose the passage of any legislation to restore citizenship to those individuals who, of their own volition, renounced or otherwise lost their American nationality because of opposition to U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War.

Resolution #14 from the Department of Pennsylvania:

UNSWERVING SUPPORT FOR THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON TAIWAN

WHEREAS, on Friday, December 15, 1978, President Jimmy Carter callously turned his back on the Republic of China despite an earlier 94-0 "Sense of the Senate Resolution" which called for Congressional consultation prior to taking such a self-maiming step; and

WHEREAS, President Carter's betrayal of a loyal and effective military and political ally — taken to enhance relations with the totalitarian "People's Republic of China" (communist) — envisions termination of the U.S.-ROC Mutual Defense Treaty early in 1980; and

WHEREAS, such a termination would cause the U.S. to lose not only the honor that accompanies living up to our pledged word, but practically, also assures access to Taiwan, an unsinkable aircraft carrier of supreme strategic importance to the Free World; and

WHEREAS, policies to use Communist China as a counterweight to the Soviet Union — the unspoken rationale for deserting the Republic of China — can and should be undertaken on their own merits without further adversely affecting U.S. relations with the Republic of China; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in

National Encampment assembled, this 16th day of August, 1979, that we impress upon the Congress and the Executive Branch of government that:

(a) the Republic of China (Taiwan) be furnished modern weapons to secure the island fortress against communist mainland;

(b) every possible step be taken to keep alive the 50-plus cultural, economic, and social links between the two countries;

(c) high ranking U.S. diplomatic and military officials — to include CINCPAC — routinely visit the Republic of China;

(d) military students from the Republic of China be welcomed into the U.S. Military School System;

(e) high caliber and dedicated U.S. personnel be assigned to the "U.S. Institute on Taiwan."

Resolution #15 from the Department off Pennsylvania:

UNWAVERING U. S. SUPPORT FOR THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

WHEREAS, the Republic of Korea is politically and militarily vital to the United States and the defense and stability of Northeast Asia; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous treaties in force with the Republic of Korea for aviation, consuls, defense, economic and technical cooperation, education, finance, fisheries, maritime matters, trade and commerce; and

WHEREAS a Mutual Defense Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Korea was signed at Washington, D.C., on October 1, 1953, and entered into force on November 17, 1954, said treaty being in force for the defense of Korea; and

WHEREAS, North Korea has never renounced the use of military force as a legitimate means to obtain its goal of bringing the entire Korean peninsula under communist rule; and, in support of this goal, maintains an extremely large, modern military force capable of assuming offensive operations on short notice, the size of these forces recently discovered to be far larger than heretofore assumed; and

WHEREAS, North Korea has nearby allies, the Soviet Union and Communist China, capable of supporting her from just across the border, while non-communist support for the Republic of Korea would have to come from offshore; and

WHEREAS, the presence of U.S. ground forces in the Republic of Korea serves uniquely as the real deterrent to precipitate aggression by North Korea, which is inimical to U.S. interests for peace on the peninsula and overall stability in Northeast Asia, particularly in regard to Japan; and

WHEREAS, the United States maintains the better part of a combat-ready division in Korea, with training facilities and areas far superior to any available elsewhere, at a cost less than would be required in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, it is in the most vital interests of the United States as the leading nation in the world, that the President and the Congress sustain and fulfill the treaties and agreements made by our nation; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in National Encampment assembled, this 16th day of August, 1979, that we urge the United States government to officially assure the government of the Republic of Korea that we shall continue to maintain the same high quality of cooperation required in the Mutual Defense Treaty of 1954; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the United States continues to provide the military aid and assistance to the Republic of Korea appropriate to safeguard her freedom, sustain her development and promote the cause of stability and peaceful development in the Far East; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Administration's schedule to withdraw the Second Infantry Division and associated ground combat elements from the Republic of Korea be halted and reversed by the Congress.

Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver: Gentlemen, my Brothers, I hope you realize the work and efforts put in by ANY Department in submitting these Resolutions. Because down through the year, unless WE take a stand on certain positions in our Nation today, how do the other veterans' organizations, the Congress, the Governors, the Senators, the Representatives, know where we stand and what we stand for? I do not want to place any particular laurels on any one Department, but down through the years New Jersey used to submit similar resolutions, and I think that any Department and certainly the Department of Pennsylvania is to be commended on these very interesting and timely resolutions.

I have the following communications:

Communication from the Department of Pennsylvania:

Mr. Chester S. Shriver, National Secretary-Treas.

P.O. Box 24

Gettysburg, PA 17325

and 98th National Encampment, August 12-15, 1979

The 99th Annual Department Encampment of the Pennsylvania Department, S.U.V.C.W., held June 17-20, 1979, endorsed the candidacy of P.D.C. Elton P. Koch for the office of Commander-in-Chief for the term 1979-1980.

Respectfully submitted,

Ivan E. Frantz, Sr.

Department Secretary-Treasurer

Communication from the Department of New Hampshire:

Chester S. Shriver, National Secy.-Treas.

P.O. Box 24

Gettysburg, PA 17325

Dear National Secretary Shriver:

At the recently concluded 97th Encampment of the New Hampshire Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it was voted that the New Hampshire Department go on record as endorsing the candidacy of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard E. Wyman for the Office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief for the term 1979-1980 and also for the Office of Commander-in-Chief for the term 1980-1981.

Yours in F., C., & L.,

Rev. Russell H. Milnes

Department Commander

Attest:

Alfred J. Clark

Dept. Secy-Treas.

**Communication from the United States Department of the Interior,
National Park Service:**

Mr. Chester Shriver, Commander-in-Chief (sic)

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

P.O. Box 24

Gettysburg, PA 17325

Dear Mr. Shriver:

Our files indicate that in the past you and your organization have expressed an interest in the General Grant National Memorial. We are writing to you

at this time because we are contacting potentially interested individuals and organizations concerning the mosaic tile benches at the Memorial.

As you will learn from the enclosed materials, mosaic tile benches were installed around the perimeter of the Grant Memorial in the early 1970s.

A number of individuals and organizations have gone on record as supporters or detractors of the mosaic bench project and others have expressed the opinion that the benches may have artistic significance but are inappropriate in their present environment.

We are presently considering various options involving the benches including maintenance "in perpetuity" or removal either by relocation or demolition with restoration of the site.

We would, therefore, like to hear from you and the other members of your organization in regard to this matter.

Any comments you and your organization might care to make should be addressed to:

Mr. Duane R. Pearson,, Superintendent
National Park Service
Manhattan Sites
26 Wall Street
New York, New York 10005

If you or other members of your organization would like to discuss this matter with me, I can be reached at (212) 264-4456.

Please allow me to thank you in advance for your response to this request.

Sincerely yours,
Duane R. Pearson
Superintendent

Brother Shriver continued: This is a communication that I think should be referred to the delegation from the Department of New York.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: Commander-in-Chief, I am sure with the annual services that are conducted at the Grant Tomb, that the gentleman involved or his office certainly is aware of names and addresses of persons from the Department of New York. Somewhere along the line he had to, to learn of our National Organization. The work that the New York Department does is commendable, and I honestly feel that if they want an answer from our National Organization that that Department should get an answer from our National Organization.

P.C.-in-C. Norman R. Furman: I agree with Frank. I think they are looking for the opinion of the National Organization.

Sr. Vice Commander George Place of Massachusetts: I agree with the gentlemen.

National Chaplain Gibbons: I am only speaking for myself. Some of the others from New York City know more about it than I do, but this letter that is addressed to the National — that is a National Parks affair, and I don't think it should come under our National Organization at this time because it is only a letter from the National Parks Division. We should not take any action at this time.

Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver: He directs it to "any members" of our Organization. I might add this. Since this letter was received, I have been in contact with a number of Brothers from the New York Department. They seem to feel and concur with the feelings throughout the Country, that the Federal Government is trying to get as many Organizations who care to, to maintain some of our monuments. I know this is true at Gettysburg. I am not opposed

to this letter or request but I just feel that it is something that should be perhaps acknowledged from your National Headquarters, saying that we have referred this information to the members at this Encampment.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: I move this communication be deferred to new business. The motion was seconded by several and passed.

Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver: Brothers, we have the usual letters of congratulations from some of our Brothers who cannot be with us this year, including a Mail-o-gram received this morning from Thomas L. W. Johnson, P.D.C., Wisconsin, and a telephone call from Brother J. B. Johnson of Iowa who is confined to his home, asking to be registered and remembered to all. Letters have also been received from Brother Arthur Glenum (which has already been mentioned.), Brother Edward Biering, and Commander-in-Chief Robert Wilson, Sons of Confederate Veterans, asking me personally to convey his best wishes to our Commander-in-Chief. Brother Fred Combs turned over to me a letter he received from a National Member-at-Large:

Mr. Fred H. Combs, Jr.
P.O. Box 6193
Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648
Dear Mr. Combs:

In the May-June issue of the "Geneological Helper" a publication for geneologists, it mentioned an order by the Veterans Administration prohibiting any public access to Civil War pension records held by the National Archives. Quoting from my own experience I was able to establish the place and date of death of two of my great uncles and my wife also was able to establish the place and date of death of her great grandfather who died in service. In my opinion, and I think yours, any descendant of ancestors who fought in the Civil War should be able to get such records for family history wherever such records are desired.

As an organization dedicated to Union Veterans this order should investigate and be brought before the next National Encampment and some resolution be made to get this order rescinded. I think also that this should be mentioned in the next issue of The BANNER and brought to the attention of the members.

Sincerely,
Lyman S. Hainline
Member-at-Large — S.U.V.C.W.
410 East Summit Street
Macomb, Illinois 61455

Brother Shriver continued: Commander-in-Chief, this constitutes the reading of the resolutions and communications.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: I would move you, Commander-in-Chief, that the Hainline communication be referred to the Committee on Resolutions for their action.

The motion was seconded by several and carried.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: Now I believe we have a little unfinished business.

P.D.C. Clark Mellor: Commander-in-Chief, to you and through you to P.C.-in-C. Leroy Stoult, page 17 in the 1978 Proceedings, under Recommendation #4, "That, due to the large increase in the last few years in traveling expenses, such as plane fare, auto fuel, meals and lodging, that the allotment for the Commander-in-Chief be increased to at least \$1,500.00, starting with the incoming administration." And on page 84 in the Report of the Committee

on Officers' Reports, "We concur if funds are available." Does that answer your question?

P.C.-in-C. Stouidt: Yes, Chet Shriver answered it.

P.D.C. Mellor: I wanted it in the records.

P.C.-in-C. Stouidt: The thing that shocked me was that two years before the Budget Committee couldn't find \$200 to increase it, and now they increase it \$500.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: Getting into something that was brought up this morning, does the Credentials Committee have an up-dated report?

P.D.C. Donald Roberts: Commander-in-Chief, we do have the voting strength separated from the total registered, but we do not have a count yet.

P.D.C. Wilbur Haucter: Route 6 is the G.A.R. Highway, isn't that correct? The G.A.R. Highway Officer reported 43 miles in Ohio, but I know it goes clear across the State of Ohio.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: I think sometimes these things are not reported, and Brother Huff probably had to go on a previous report or something. He definitely reported 43 miles.

P.D.C. Edwina Kramer: If you will note on the dividends under Wellington Fund on the first page of the Report of Financial Standing 1978-79, dividends of \$2,002.50 were placed in the General Fund and apparently this is common practice. As to the question that you had, Ivan (Frantz), back on the next page under "Funds", it says dividends — Wellington Fund, and you'll see that they were the same on June 30, 1979 as June 30, 1978, with no increase or decrease, so apparently those funds had previously been put in as part of the Permanent Fund. These are two different items. You're trying to compare a one-year statement against the Permanent Fund, and you can't do that. Each year the interest is car-marked as to where it is to go, the General Fund or the Permanent Fund, and apparently last year it was decided to put it in the General Fund because that's where it appears. As part of the Auditing Committee, we don't have to go over that, of course.

Paul Wuecler, Delegate from New Hampshire: I'd like to be included in the committee to review the analysis of the funds here. I do have law-accounting background, and I would be interested in the details on it myself.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: It's good to know that we have some people here who are willing to volunteer for some extra work. Thank you, Brother Paul.

Does any other Brother in the room have anything else he wants to bring up under unfinished business at this time?

P.C.-in-C. Stouidt: Last year I called to your attention the fact that the Constitution provides that the membership-at-large application fees should be placed in the Permanent Fund. We have not been doing that and so I'm wondering what your recommendations are.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: Brother Combs, will you take the mike?

P.C.-in-C. Fred H. Combs, Jr.: Gentlemen, this question came up last year, and in the interest of providing Roy with information, may I say this. This program was organized five years ago. At that time, and for quite a while, I was counselled by Past Commander-in-Chief Albert Lambert, whose brain-storm this program was. At that time, the dues were established at \$8.00 and the application fee at \$8.00. A membership badge was given for the first few years to each member-at-large automatically at no additional cost to him beyond the \$8.00 application fee and \$8.00 dues he paid. This procedure of giving the badges automatically had to be terminated after the first few years because of the prohibitive cost of supplying and mailing it and other costs of the program, such as printing of and mailing promotional and membership

materials, miscellaneous expenses, postage and the cost of the Per Capita Tax. Badges are now made available to those who wish to purchase them at the established price. In addition, since the beginning of the program, it was necessary to pay the National Secretary-Treasurer \$1,246.30 for supplies for resale and to provide \$1,286.85 to replenish the National Organization's inventory of some supply items which were available only in minimum lots of 100 each and for payment of which sufficient funds had not been allocated in the National Organization's budget.

Thus, the over-all cost of operation of the program, quite high at the beginning but now leveled off, when added to the above-stated necessary expenditures, prohibited the payment of application fees to the Permanent Fund. The Council of Administration was informed last year that in my judgment the turning point had been reached. This turned out to be true. In 1978-79 \$1,090.00 representing all the application fees received was paid to the National Organization, in addition to the quarterly payments of Per Capita Tax.

P.C.-in-C. Stoudt: Fred, I didn't question how the money was spent or anything of that kind. I was merely pointing out that we are not in accord with our Constitution if the application fees are not turned over to the Permanent Fund.

P.C.-in-C Combs: All of those received in 1978-79 were submitted for that purpose. The National Secretary-Treasurer will have to speak on the matter from this point on because I don't deal with the accounts once I submit the money to him.

P.C.-in-C Stoudt: I question whether we can get along without using these application fees in the General Fund instead of turning them over to the Permanent Fund. In which case, we should do something about it.

P.C.-in-C. Combs: In my judgment, that is no longer necessary.

P.C.-in-C. Stoudt: But in the National Secretary-Treasurer's Report I didn't see any money reported as receipts for application fees from the Membership-at-Large.

Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver: The auditor included the application fees with the Per Capita Tax income. The auditor says it's a practice of accounting.

P.C.-in-C. Combs: Well, in any event, Bro. Roy, your point about what they should be designated for in accordance with our Constitution is thoroughly understood as far as I'm concerned.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: Brother Don, do you have a report to give us?

P.D.C. Donald Roberts: Commander-in-Chief, as a member of your Credentials Committee, I am stating that we have a total of 96 registered and 26 registered but not present, for a total of 70 in attendance at this time.

The Commander-in-Chief recognized Brother Frank Heacock.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: Commander-in-Chief, last year at the Encampment we had a rather emotional scene regarding the disposition of a Camp in Pennsylvania. In the course of what followed, there were some things that should have been included at that time pertaining particularly to the transfer of those members who desired to seek a transfer to other camps or other departments within the Organization. There has been quite a "rhubarb" as to how things have or have not been handled. The Department Secretary of the Department of Pennsylvania has done everything within his power to legally and properly dispose of the necessary transfers and have them properly in turn disposed of, but somewhere along the line, through the time element, time has been running short and unless all of those transfers according to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations are disposed of within one year from the date of their issu-

ance, they are automatically void and the members thereof are automatically tossed out. I would like to be fair with the other fellow's opinion and, therefore, Commander-in-Chief, I would like to move that the length of time involved regarding the issuance and the disposition of a transfer of a period of one year be extended for ninety days. The National Organization has the right to make this extension.

The motion was seconded by George Place of Massachusetts. On the question, some discussion arose as to what date should be used in determining the ninety-day extension. P.C.-in-C. Rippey read the following part of a letter which he had written on October 9, 1978 regarding this matter: "The status and rights of the members of the Philadelphia Camp #200 whose charter the then Commander-in-Chief at the last National Encampment declared to be revoked are encompassed by the following quoted provisions of the Constitution and Regulations: 'Article VII, Section 2. A member in good standing upon written application to his Camp shall be entitled to receive a Transfer Card or an Honorable Discharge, and, if his Camp be disbanded or suspended, shall be entitled to receive a Transfer Card from the Commander of the Department.' Under Regulations, Article II, Section 5, 'A member holding a Camp or Department Transfer cannot be admitted to any Camp or Encampment during its sessions unless given permission by vote of said Camp or Encampment. He is a member of the Order for purposes of discipline only, and shall be considered honorably discharged if the card is not deposited with and accepted by some Camp within a year. A Brother thus discharged can be admitted to membership again only in the same manner as an applicant for original membership.' Section 6. 'Departments may provide for Membership-at-Large. Applications for such membership shall be directed to the Department Commander or Secretary who shall accept or reject same. Records of such memberships shall be kept by the Department Secretary substantially as required of Camp Secretaries and Treasurers. Transfers or Honorable Discharges shall be issued to Members-at-Large upon application to the Department Secretary. Membership fees shall apply to Members-at-Large in the same manner as regular members.'"

Now, the date of declaring the Camp Charter revoked, it is my feeling, has no bearing on the subject. If a transfer card is granted, the one-year provision starts to run at the time the transfer card is granted, and the man has one year in which to affiliate himself with a Camp. Therefore, if I understand Frank's point correctly, I think that it is in order right now for transfer cards, if the Department decides to grant them, to be granted, and then the man has one year after that time in which to join a Camp.

Transfer cards in some instances have been granted, at least, and the date put on them was the date when the then Commander-in-Chief last year declared the Camp Charter to be revoked, which, in my opinion, is incorrect. The date of the transfer should have been the actual date and not back-dated, otherwise it cuts down the period of limitation that the man has and that is not correct. So, if the exact date of transfer is used, then we don't need any extension or any discussion of extension at all because he still has got time. The one year period applies between the date of the transfer card issue and the time when he becomes affiliated with the Camp.

P.C.-in-C. Clarence Riddell: Brother Commander-in-Chief, I understand Brother Heacock was supposed to send the card out first to everyone, and they were to fill them in and send them to the Department Secretary and then he would issue the transfer. Am I not right? There's about seven or eight who have not received anything, and one of them is the son of Brother Herman

Poehler sitting over here. He never received anything. There can't be all that mail lost at one time, if they had been sent out.

P.C.-C.-Rippey: If there is still any doubt, it seems to me that the problem can be solved this way. If it's regarded that the transfer was incorrectly dated and that is the way, in my opinion, it is, a corrected transfer card can be issued with the right date on it and the question of whether any application is lost in the mail is academic too because the same answer could be given.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: With the approval of the seconder, I withdraw my motion, but I want it clearly understood on this floor that one of those pieces of mail was addressed with the proper postage and dropped in the mailbox in the city of Wilmington, Delaware, and mailed to all 36 individuals.

You know, this Camp #1 that's come into the scene was the original Camp of the Order. Now, the boys in Pittsburgh don't always agree with that. Camp #1 was founded in 1879 by the Grand Army of the Republic as a Cadet Corps which became Anna M. Ross Camp #1. We Pennsylvania Easterners feel that that is the #1 Camp, but the Westerners, which is Western Pennsylvania, feel that Davis Star Camp is #1 because Major M. P. Davis came up with a ritual and badge and a C & R and Heavens knows what, to institute under the name of Sons of Veterans. Be that as it may. This Davis Star Camp now is floundering. It is about to go by the wayside, and last year a motion was made to grant the Department Commander the necessary immunity to call a meeting of the Camp, which does not have sufficient members for a quorum and is the reason why the immunity was requested, to call a meeting to attempt to reorganize the Camp. My predecessor endeavored to do just that. Things are now in the middle, but I feel that that motion that was made was for *that* Department Commander, and I ask at this time that that similar immunity be granted to *this* Department Commander to conduct the meeting that is scheduled next Friday night a week to attempt to reorganize and put back on its forefeet Davis Star Camp in Pittsburgh.

A motion was made by P.D.C. Cecil Baer of New York and seconded by George Place, Delegate from Massachusetts, that *this* Department Commander from Pennsylvania be granted the same immunity as his predecessor in connection with this Davis Star Camp special meeting on Friday, August 25, 1979. (Last year's action was on page 88 in the 1978 Proceedings.)

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: Last year, we explained that with only four members and the doubt that all four would be there, there would not be a quorum. Therefore, we wanted the Department Commander to have the authority to go and conduct the Camp meeting with the two members or so that are there, the authority to muster in or obligate the others that we knew would be interested in being there — one definitely as a dual member and there's a possibility of three or four transfers — and this is the reason why we are asking for the authority to conduct that meeting to get these fellows in the Camp so they can go on and be on the level from there on out.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: The National Organization is giving immunity for this one specific instance. Is there any other discussion?

The motion was carried.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: We will now recess this Encampment until 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.

National Chaplain Gibbons closed the Bible at 4:01 p.m.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

August 14, 1979

9:05 a.m.

National Chaplain Harry E. Gibbons attended the Altar and opened the Bible.

Commander-in-Chief Greenwalt expressed his appreciation to the Degree Team for their fine work Monday evening in the Exemplification of the Ritual. He then called for the Report of the National Patriotic Instructor, which had been postponed from yesterday.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

To: Commander-in-Chief Richard L. Greenwalt
and Officers and Members Assembled at
Hartford, Connecticut, August 14, 1979

Greetings:

Last year you appointed me the National Patriotic Instructor. I accepted it, but when I left the Convention I didn't know how much money I was expected to raise. Chester Shriver sent me a letter telling me just what I had to do.

I didn't make any promises that I couldn't fulfill. My predecessor still doesn't have his obligations fulfilled. I know, because I have some letters from some members who sent for decals and didn't get them. He cashed their checks, but didn't send them their decals.

I did attend many affairs during the year throughout the Organization and also at home, where I had charge of Memorial Day. I attended three Department Conventions — Maryland, Ohio and Pennsylvania. In Ohio I came to the aid of the Commander at the start of the Convention when they were to raise the Flag and no Flag was to be found. Since I always had a Flag in my car, I gave them a Flag to use.

Because there are only a few of us in my Camp and none of them were able to help much, the women of the Auxiliary came to my aid and helped me all they could. My wife was a big help by selling a lot of my wares at work. To her and the Auxiliary, many thanks.

I hope that everyone by now has either made his donation to me or is ready to do so. I still am open for business; also, I still have chance books and chances on a watch. The reason for the double chances is that I was given the watch and was told to chance it off by itself.

I can tell you now, it was a long year.

Yours in F., C., and L.,

George W. Long

National Patriotic Instructor

Brother Long then referred to the several letters that he had received during the year and offered to read them if the members wanted him to. It was decided not to read the letters at this time but to make them available if any Brother wanted to read them.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: We should now have the Report of my Counselor, but he is out of the room on Encampment Site Committee business.

A motion was made by Thomas Graham, Department Commander of Ohio, and seconded by Cecil Baer, P.D.C. of New York, to go on with the next order of business. Motion carried.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: We will continue with the Report of the Legislative Committee, which will be read by Brother Shriver.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

To: Richard L. Greenwalt, 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 through you to the officers and delegates in attendance at the 98th Annual Encampment. Your chairman wishes to acknowledge the excellent cooperation received from Bro. Albert W. Lambert in printing the Quarterly Reports in each issue of *The Banner*. By this means we have been able to reach directly all Brothers and friends of our Order.

Status of Memorial Day — Three bills have been introduced in the Congress to return the federal observance of Memorial Day to May 30. In the Senate, S.517, introduced by Sen. Jennings Randolph of West Virginia and others, has bipartisan and geographically balanced support and has been endorsed by the national commanders of three major veterans organizations, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Disabled American Veterans. House bills introduced on the subject are H.R. 3595, by Rep. Gus Yatron of Pa., and H.R. 3746, by Rep. Norman Lent of N.Y. The Senate bill has been referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and the House bills to the Post Office and Civil Service Committee.

In New York State which observes Memorial Day on May 30 according to State law, the Legislature passed a measure designed to give school districts the option of commemorating Memorial Day either on the federally designated fourth Monday in May or on May 30 so as to allow schools to coordinate their schedules with those of necessary services such as public transportation. Opponents of this measure see it as a first step in an effort to bring the Empire State into agreement with the federal observance.

Proposals for Federal Holidays — New federal holidays would be created if any of the following measures were to become law: Susan B. Anthony's birthday, H.R. 1344; Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, S. 25, H.R. 15, 115 or 1536; Flag Day, H.R. 1472; Inauguration Day, H.R. 1529; and the Bicentennial of the signing of the Constitution, S. 129, S. Jt. Res. 26 and H. Jt. Res. 230 would authorize and request the President to proclaim July 4 as Independence Day each year. According to the sponsors of these measures, Sen. Jesse Helms and Rep. Ike Andrews, both of North Carolina, while July 4 is a federal holiday, it has not been proclaimed on a continuing basis as Independence Day to mark the birth of our country.

In Pennsylvania, former Gov. Milton Shapp signed an order before leaving office that had the effect of abolishing Abraham Lincoln's birthday as a State holiday and substituting the birthdate of Martin Luther King, Jr., January 15, as a State holiday on grounds that Dr. King's memory was deserving of recognition and the Keystone State could not afford to add to its list of holidays.

Proposals for Memorials, National Monuments and Historic Sites — H. Jt. Res. 210 would authorize construction of a memorial to Franklin D. Roosevelt in Washington, D.C. H. Con. Res. 80 would authorize the placement of a bust or statue of Martin Luther King, Jr. in the Capitol. The *USS Nautilus* would be designated as a National Monument under terms of H.R. 4052. Fort Totten, North Dakota would be named as a National Historic Site according to provisions of S. 993. As one of the last acts of the 95th Congress, Public Law 95-484, approved October 19, 1978, established Fort Scott, Kansas as a

National Historic Site. Public Law 96-15, signed May 26, 1979, authorized the striking of a gold medal in honor of the actor and patriot, the late John Wayne.

Other Items of a Patriotic or Historic Nature — A week set aside as "National Patriotism Week" would be proclaimed by H. Jt. Res. 134 and 157. John Philip Sousa's composition, "The Stars and Stripes Forever," would be declared to be the "National March" under the terms of H. Jt. Res. 117 and 270. Public Law 96-11, approved May 18, 1979, proclaimed that day as "National Museum Day." The week of May 6-12, 1979 was proclaimed as "Historic Preservation Week" under Public Law 96-13, signed after the fact by President Carter on May 24.

Policy on Consideration of Commemorative Legislation — During debate last summer on a number of commemorative resolutions, Rep. William Lehman of Florida, the then Chairman of the Subcommittee on Population and Census, was asked to state the ground rules under which legislation to honor or recognize various events or persons will be considered and recommended for action by the full House. Rep. Lehman explained that a proposal must have a minimum of 218 cosponsors willing to sign a "discharge petition" to bring a measure to the floor for debate and a vote during one of three months of the year, February, June or October. He then proceeded to outline the types of proposals that will not receive this consideration.

"(a) Any proposal, concerning a commercial enterprise, specific product, or fraternal, political or sectarian organization;

(b) any proposal concerning a particular State or any political subdivision thereof, city, town, county, school, or institution of higher learning;

(c) any proposal concerning a living person; and

(d) any proposal providing for recurring annual commemorations."

If a proposal has "national appeal and significance" and is sponsored by a majority of the Members of the House, it will receive consideration according to Rep. Lehman. Examples of the type of legislation that have passed the House under these rules are "National Grandparents Day," "National Guard Day," and "National Port Week." Proposals dealing with major holidays like Memorial Day, for example, would not be subject to these rules. In commenting on the time spent by the House in considering many of these commemorative resolutions, Rep. David Obey of Wisconsin was highly critical of the practice and said, "I think it's silly to occupy the time of 435 people on that stuff. Every little group wants its own special recognition, and when you use up time on them, you don't have time for anything else."

In debate, Rep. Lehman acknowledged that the rules of procedure may need to be strengthened and suggested that hearings be held to consider revision of the manner in which commemorative resolutions are handled by the House. He observed, however, that there is also constant pressure to relax the rules under which these measures are considered.

Designation of National Floral Emblem — Four measures have been introduced that would give the nation an official floral emblem. H. R. 2623 would give the honor to the daisy, H. Jt. Res. 234 would name the rose, and two measures, S. Jt. Res. 42, and H. Jt. Res. 309, would designate the marigold for this honor. For many years the late Sen. Everett McKinley Dirksen championed the cause of the marigold. His son-in-law, Sen. Howard Baker of Tennessee, has now taken up the cudgels in its behalf.

Comment on Major Legislative Issues Currently Before the Congress — In the fall the Senate is expected to take up the SALT II Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty between our nation and the Soviet Union. The debate is expected to be long and bitter with many amendments proposed. Supporters of SALT II argue that it is the best that could be obtained and that it will not hamper our ability to provide for our defense. Opponents of the treaty believe that it does not cover key weapons like the Russian Backfire bomber and does not provide for adequate safeguards for verification of treaty provisions by each side. Those opposed to the treaty argue that by the mid 1980's, the Soviets will have such a clear superiority in weapons that the United States will be in no position to negotiate for better terms.

Recently the House passed legislation implementing the treaty with Panama to turn over the Canal to that country in the year 2000. That measure is now being considered by the Senate. Opponents of the Canal Treaty believe the costs of transfer were not fully disclosed by the Administration during the debate on the treaty itself last year. They believe the measure under discussion should shift some of those costs to Panama, but treaty supporters argue that this would put our country in a bad light, making it appear that we were renegeing on what had been agreed to in the treaty. The terms of the treaty notwithstanding, opponents of the implementing legislation believe it turns over to Panama major operating responsibilities for the Canal too rapidly. House and Senate versions of the legislation will go to a Conference Committee for final settlement.

A proposed constitutional amendment that would have abolished the Electoral College in favor of the direct election of the President and Vice President failed to muster the required two-thirds majority in the Senate on July 10 and the measure was lost. Sponsored by Sen. Birch Bayh of Indiana, the proposal garnered 51 votes but fell 15 short of the 66 votes required while 48 Senators voted against the measure. The margin of defeat was said to have surprised some long-time supporters of direct popular election but was a relief to others who preferred the present indirect system. With two controversial Amendments currently before the States for ratification, the Equal Rights Amendment and the Amendment to provide full congressional representation for the District of Columbia, the State legislature and the general population have been spared yet another debate over constitutional change.

Finally, the resolution of the issue of adequate energy sources to ensure the continuing development of our economy may well determine our future as an industrialized power of the first rank. Honest men may differ as to the means of encouraging the discovery and use of resources, some favoring the role of the Government as the prime motivator and others more willing to rely on market factors and the fostering of private initiatives and risk-taking, to bring about the desired result. But all are in agreement that this issue must be faced at this juncture in our history. What the Congress does or does not do in this area in the coming months should be of vital concern to all of us.

To be sure, in this final section we have only touched on some issues of great and lasting significance to our country. It is hoped that our membership will seek to become familiar with the details of these and other questions of public policy so that those men and women elected to represent us can truly reflect the people's will.

Recommendations for 1979-80 — In the belief that some of the issues discussed in this Report are especially worthy of our attention, the following recommendations are made on behalf of the Committee on Legislation:

Recommendation #1: That our Order continue to encourage the Congress to enact a measure that would return the observance of Memorial Day to May 30 at the federal level and that we encourage the States to take similar action within their jurisdictions.

Recommendation #2: That our Order encourage the Senate to examine most carefully the SALT II treaty so as to ensure that the United States will always be capable of defending its liberties and of negotiating international agreements from a basis of recognized strength.

Recommendation #3: That our Order encourage the States to observe the birth of Abraham Lincoln by declaring February 12 to be an annual holiday or by authorizing appropriate exercises to commemorate his life and ideals in the schools.

It is a pleasure for your chairman to recognize his colleagues on the Committee: Cleon E. Heald, P.C.-in-C.; Clarence J. Riddell, P.C.-in-C.; John Junge, P.D.C.; and Charles Lowe, P.D.C. It has been a distinct honor and a rare privilege for each of us to be able to serve our Commander-in-Chief in this capacity during the past year.

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

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: I would move you, Sir, that the Report of the Legislative Committee be accepted, made a part of the journal of Proceedings, and the recommendations taken up seriatim, and on the question I request the floor.

The motion was seconded by P.D.C. William Rule of Massachusetts.

On the question, Brother Heacock stated that this was a very excellent report submitted by the Legislative Committee and that particular interest should be given to the way Bills affecting observance of holidays are handled by the House of Representatives and the Congress. He stated that he felt that the Resolutions Committee should be authorized to come in with a Resolution on this subject and that we must let our representatives in Washington know that we disapprove of the way they are running their business. Anything that the public wants, unless it is politically motivated, doesn't have a chance to get through. And if you think I'm kidding, you watch how some of these committees reconstruct the Bills after they have passed the House one way and passed the Senate in another. One Senator, and I've forgotten his name, said there was too much time being wasted on these devilish days. It was just like the members of the House and the Senate wasted their time during the Watergate hearings. You could see in the background on TV the Senators and the Congressmen running in and out, and one knew that they weren't paying attention to their business where they should have been. I feel very strongly that the men who go to Washington to represent us, regardless of their politics are not doing the things that we send them there to do. We must take action. We must let them know that we disapprove of how they are handling their reports. We must let them know that we disapprove of how one or two people can pigeon-hole Bills in committees and in sub-committees.

Let me read to you an editorial that appeared in a Reading, Pennsylvania, newspaper under the heading "Yatron Bill Far From Home":

"Congressman Gus Yatron, Democrat of Reading, is the main sponsor in the

House of Representatives of a Bill that would assign the observance of Memorial Day permanently to May 30th. Don't hold your breath, though, waiting for the Bill to pass. Yatron's Bill has been referred to the House Post Office Committee, which in turn assigned it to a Sub-committee on Census and Population. The Sub-committee has a rule, however, legislation dealing with holidays can only be considered in the months of June, October and February. The Sub-committee has another rule, too. It will not consider such a Bill, unless it is sponsored by a majority of the members of the House." (By the rules of this Sub-committee, this means that Yatron's Bill, as sponsored by him, will have no consideration at all because he is 217 names short on that score.) "Don't get the idea we think the Bill has much merit. May 30th, after all, was chosen as the first Decoration Day only because it fell on a Sunday. In those long gone days, holidays were commonly arranged so that they could not interfere with the five-and-a-half-day work week. So, if Yatron's Bill goes down the drain, not much will be lost. Yatron, we get the sneaky notion, may be aware of that, too."

I am sure when Memorial Day was created, the farmers as they are now have no idea what a five-and-a-half-day work week is — it's commonly known as a 7-day work week. However, this is the procedure we had to encounter because these committees are set up as little Lords, they are Gods with their own rights, and anything that the public wants, unless it is politically motivated, doesn't have a chance to get through.

I feel that this Report of the Legislative Committee, when adopted, should in a sense be turned over to the Resolutions Committee so they can come in with a Resolution in which we do not approve of the manner in which the House and the Senate operate their business; we do not believe that they should have the authority to return these Bills to conferences. If they can't iron out their differences, then the Bill should die where it originated and not be referred to Committees to distort it to their own political beliefs. Maybe you think I'm getting a little on the radical side, but I'm not. I'm just trying to speak as a plain, honest-to-God American and, I think those fellows down in Washington have a responsibility to operate as plain honest-to-God Americans and stop playing so much petty politics.

At the conclusion of his remarks, Brother Heacock was given a loud round of applause.

P.C.-in-C. Stoudt: Brother Commander-in-Chief, Brother Johnson, as you can understand, has again done an outstanding job as Chairman of that Committee. It hasn't been just this past year, but many years, and he has therefore put in many hours of work to keep us informed of our legislation, and I'm wondering what we can do to show our appreciation to Tom for all his efforts in our behalf. Do we still issue certificates?

Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver: Yes.

P.C.-in-C. Stoudt: Do we have any?

Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver: Yes, I have some.

P.C.-in-C. Stoudt: Has he received one, do you know?

Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver: Never.

P.C.-in-C. Stoudt: I wonder if that might be one way of saying "Thank you". Do you have any other thoughts? It's o.k. with me, but I do think we should do something to tell Tom that we do appreciate what he's been doing for us.

The Commander-in-Chief asked for the question on the motion and Brother George Place requested that the motion be repeated.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: The motion was that the Legislative Committee Report

be accepted, made a part of the journal of Proceedings, and the recommendations taken up seriatim.

The motion was passed.

Commander-in-Chief Greenwalt asked the National Secretary-Treasurer to read each recommendation in the Legislative Report.

A motion to concur with Recommendation #1 was made by P.C.-in-C. William Haskell and seconded by P.D.C. Charles Hooper, Sr., both of Massachusetts. On the question, Brother Heacock spoke.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: For those of you who are not familiar with the differences of observances with the State having one day and the Federal Government having another day, it is one mess. It has been my duty to be chairman of the Memorial Day Restoration Committee for the past three years. With the State of Delaware having enacted a law three years ago to change Memorial Day back to May 30th, they started to put legislation through at the last minute not to have Memorial Day that particular year, 'til they go back to the day that the Federal Government's having. Last year they passed a resolution authorizing the State offices, if they cared to, to observe the Monday before while the Federal offices in the State of Delaware were observing that day, but so they wouldn't have to observe the 30th, they could observe Monday. The schools were in session on the 30th. It meant we couldn't get school bands for our Memorial Day parades. It meant a lot of our people were working so they couldn't attend or participate in Memorial Day. So, for the first time in the City of Wilmington in 108 years there was an evening parade, much to the disgust of some of our own Allied Organizations in the City of Wilmington who would not even turn out or participate, but we had one of our finest parades in the last twenty years. We had one of the finest attendances at the Memorial Day Service that we've had in the last ten years by having the parade start at 7 o'clock with the services at the monument to start immediately following the parade. The motion should include working on the State, too, so that your State won't have one holiday and the Federal Government another.

Motion carried.

Recommendation #2 was read by Brother Shriver. It was moved by P.D.C. Rule and seconded by Sr. Vice Commander George Place, both of Massachusetts, that we concur with this recommendation. The motion was passed.

Recommendation #3 was read by Brother Shriver. P.D.C. Rule moved, seconded by P.D.C. Harold L. Scott of Connecticut, that we concur with this recommendation.

Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver: During the past six months I have had the occasion to contact the Governor's office in Harrisburg relative to a matter which is near and dear to our Organization, but the substance of which I wish to present to you is the manner and the lack of information about American history when you talk to someone in the front offices. Not only referring to someone in the Federal offices but on the State levels. I had an occasion to call the Governor's office for a special recognition of efforts and work of certain people in the observance of Appomattox Day. I told the girl in the office the purpose of my call and my wish. She said, "What is Appomattox Day?" She said it sounded like a good idea and she referred me to the next secretary. Then I had to repeat the purpose of my call to a young fellow, and I went on to explain the purpose of our Organization and he said, "Do you mean there are still some of those veterans still living?" The reason I bring this on the floor now is we are living in a changing world but the younger people coming

on are not familiar with the importance of our National Patriotic Holidays—Abraham Lincoln's Birthday, Memorial Day, July 4th, Veterans Day. When we go to the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C. on February 12th each year, we are not bucking the elements of the human being, we are bucking our Federal Government Agencies. The National Park Service says no more can we take our Commander-in-Chief's Flag into that service. The military Order of the Loyal Legion is faced with the same thing. It wasn't too many years ago that many of you were at Washington, D.C. on February 12th and I can recall when we had people come forth and volunteer to participate in the color detail, to carry our Commander-in-Chief's colors at the Lincoln Memorial and at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Illinois. But now, the National Park Service says, "No more banner, no more color guards. We will have the military represented and all of the other organizations connected with President Lincoln in his interest participate by placing a wreath." And they want some young fellow to carry the wreath so that some of our older people don't take up too much time walking up the steps. The entire concept is tough to face. What I'm saying is, Brothers, that unless we continue to encourage and inform and educate the younger people, our newspaper medium, and all the other mediums, how in the world are we going to continue to face and resolve and continue to be recognized. The point I want to make is—I feel and concur with Brother Frank and Brother Tom Johnson and all of you who are dedicated. We have to continue to sound off how important these holidays are and we should continue to endorse them and promote them to the fullest extent. Thank you.

The motion was carried.

P.C.-in-C. Stoudt: I would move you, Sir, that we do express our appreciation to Tom Johnson by awarding him one of our Certificates of Merit.

The motion was seconded by Brother George Place of Massachusetts and carried.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: I heartily concur with the motion, but I think that the Organization should have it suitably framed and that the incoming Commander-in-Chief be instructed to make a formal presentation to Tom when he goes to Springfield next April to attend the Lincoln Tomb ceremonies, where Tom is an active participant. I would suggest that this be included in the motion.

Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver: Would it be possible to consider presenting it at the Central Regional which meets in October? Brother Tom is always present.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: The reason I thought of Springfield is due to the fact that the Regional is our own Organization. At Springfield, we have participating organizations and the outside organizations can learn how we, as a National Organization, feel toward Tom.

The motion passed unanimously.

C.-in-C. Greenwait: Brother Frank, the reason I kept you up here is that we will now revert back to Officers Reports. May we have your Report as National Counselor?

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR

To the Commander-in-Chief and Members of the
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Greetings:

As National Counselor, there were no formal requests for decisions. There

was some informal correspondence received and answered but nothing that would necessitate consideration and/or action of this Encampment.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve in this capacity on your staff.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Frank M. Heacock, Sr., P.C.-in-C.
National Counselor

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: That concludes the Officers' Reports.

P.D.C. Elton Koch: Commander-in-Chief, may I make two announcements? Through the courtesy of the Encampment Committee, they have bells left over at \$1.00 each which they are willing to sell. The other announcement is about the bus tour on Thursday. The bus will leave at 9:15 a.m. and anybody interested in going on the trip, please get your tickets now from the representative who is outside of this room, so she can order as many buses as she needs.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: Brother Joseph Rippey, do you have a report as chairman of the Constitution Rules and Regulations Committee?

P.C.-in-C. Rippey: Commander-in-Chief and Members, my report and the report of the Committee is short. As a matter of fact, I'm wearing two hats right at the moment — one as chairman of the Standing Committee on Constitution and Regulations and one on the Convention-appointed Committee on the same subject. Nothing during the entire year has been, nor at this Encampment so far has been, referred to us. Therefore, at this moment this will be our final report unless during the remainder of the Encampment something is definitely referred to us. Thank you for the opportunity of serving.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: The next committee to report is Membership. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, do you have a report at this time?

Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard E. Wyman: Commander-in-Chief, all I can report on is the same as in my new membership contest—those who reported new members to me totaled 68 and 25 certificates were awarded to them.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: Our Secretary reports that he has received nothing from the Americanism and Education Committee. The Chairman is absent. Would my Personal Aide please check the mail to see if there's something in the mail on this. We will have the Report of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committee which our National Secretary-Treasurer will read at this time.

REPORT OF LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY COMMITTEE

To: Richard L. Greenwalt, Commander-in-Chief

Greetings. Your Committee, appointed to conduct the annual Deathday ceremony held this year on April 14 to avoid a conflict with Easter Sunday, begs leave to submit the following report.

1. The 23rd 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 70 commemorative wreaths and the presence of 96 luncheon guests who gathered at the State House Inn following the rites at the Tomb.

2. Among the dignitaries present, we were honored to have C.-in-C. Richard L. Greenwalt and Nat'l Pres. Florence H. Forbey with us. The Loyal Legion was represented by Past C.-in-C. Joseph B. Daugherty, and by Nat'l Pres. Florence S. Corson of the Dames organization.

3. Past C.-in-C. George L. Cashman was the featured speaker at the luncheon and spoke on the subject of "Lincoln and Christianity." Elements of the 114th Ill. Vol. Inf. Regt. under the overall command of Col. Robert M. Graham

served as the official honor guard and provided escorts for the wreathbearers.

4. Departments of our Order and its Auxiliary represented by wreaths were Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Ohio, and Wisconsin. In addition, Camps and local Auxiliaries from Illinois and Wisconsin took part.

5. For a complete account of the 1979 ceremony, your attention is invited to the July issue of *The Banner*.

6. Your Committee continues to be grateful to the National Organization for its generosity in providing financial support to make the ceremony a reality each year. In turn, we have tried to be prudent in the expenditure of those funds. By category, the major expenses include postage and mailing costs, chartered bus hire, rental of folding chairs, and the printing of the program. Despite the ravages of inflation, we have felt fortunate to hold these expenses relatively steady over the past few years. For example, for a number of years we have had an agreement with a printer whereby the programs have been printed for a flat price. This has worked to the advantage of all concerned since we have been guaranteed a quality program at a price that has remained constant. This year, however, the printer abruptly and without notice raised that price by an unconscionable 30%. To defray this additional cost, (\$60.00) we used a considerable portion of a very modest reserve built up from the sale of luncheon tickets over the past few years. For the 1980 ceremony the printed program will be scaled down and color printing eliminated.

We must anticipate the possibility of a raise in first class postage rates sometime after January 1, 1980, and we should be prepared for some increase in our other fixed expenses as well. Overhead expenses are practically non-existent due to the contribution of Ellinore K. Johnson in maintaining the address file and sending out the letters of invitation each year. The National Organization has borne no expense in connection with the Lincoln authorities and specialists who have been regularly invited to give the luncheon address each year. Likewise, the musical organizations that have been invited to participate in the rites have done so without charge.

A complete report of the expenses incurred in the conduct of the 1979 ceremony has been filed with the National Secretary-Treasurer and is available for inspection.

RECOMMENDATIONS—This ceremony has become a featured attraction on the calendar of our Order and that of the many veterans, patriotic and cultural heritage groups that annually choose to take part. From a modest beginning in 1957, a format has been developed in keeping with the best traditions of our Order and the memory of Abraham Lincoln. To maintain the progress that has been achieved, your Committee earnestly recommends that the sum of \$400.00, appropriated for the 1979 ceremony, be continued at that level for 1980. In return, we pledge to make the best possible use of those funds in the conduct of the ceremony.

Respectfully submitted,
George L. Cashman
Co-Chairman
Thomas L. W. Johnson
Co-chairman

To: Chester S. Shriver, National Secretary-Treasurer
From: Thomas L. W. Johnson, Co-chairman, Lincoln Tomb Ceremony
Committee

Re: Report of Expenses for the 1979 Ceremony

This constitutes a report of expenses incurred by the Committee in its

conduct of the 1979 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony held on April 14 at Springfield, Illinois. All available invoices are attached and all check numbers refer to my personal account at the First Wisconsin National Bank of Madison, Wisconsin.

| 1979 Date | Check No. | Payee and Particulars | Amount |
|---|--------------|---|-----------------|
| 2/19 | 1672 | Econo Print of Madison, Wis., for printing 200 letters of invitation & 200 press releases | \$ 11.44 |
| 2/20 | Cash | Mailing of 188 letters at 15c and one at 28c | 28.48 |
| 4/14 | 1690 | Marlin Roos, Lincoln, Ill., for official photographs | 10.00 |
| 5/1 | 1695 | United Rent-Alls Stores So., Inc., for rental of 200 folding chairs | 60.00 |
| 5/1 | 1696 | Springfield Mass Transit District for bus hire from hotel to cemetery and return | 53.25 |
| 5/4 | 1699 | Fifth St. Flower Shop, Springfield, Ill., for wreath for Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW | 21.00 |
| 6/12 | 1715 | Hamann the Printer, Springfield for 250 copies of official program | 260.00 |
| Jan- May | Cash | Miscellaneous official postage (\$12.06); Xerox copy service (52c); and cost of mimeograph paper (\$3.00) | 15.58 |
| | | | \$459.75 |
| Deduct: Expenses borne from luncheon proceeds | | | 60.00 |
| Net amount due from National Treasury | | | \$399.75 |

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: I would move you Sir, that this Report be accepted, put in the Proceedings, and the recommendation referred to the Budget Committee.

The motion was seconded by P.D.C. Forrest Altland of Ohio. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commander-in-Chief called for an interim report of the Credentials Committee and it was given by P.D.C. Altland.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: This gives us a breakdown as of now. The final report will, of course, be given immediately before the election of officers. We are ready now for the Grand Army of the Republic Remembrance Day Report.

Natl. Secy.-Treas. Shriver: Commander-in-Chief, on behalf of the Committee appointed, I'm pleased to submit this report to you.

REPORT OF THE 22nd ANNUAL GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC REMEMBRANCE DAY

To: Commander-in-Chief Richard L. Greenwalt
Officers and Delegates Assembled for the
98th Annual National Encampment

Greetings:

1. The National GAR Remembrance Day Committee, appointed by Commander-in-Chief Greenwalt in General Order No. 1, Series 1978-1979, submits this report of the activity of this most important day in our continued success to you and the Brothers at this Encampment.

2. Amidst a beautiful late fall weekend, the 22nd Annual Remembrance Day was observed on the Gettysburg Battlefield on Saturday, November 18,

1978. The Honor of Tributes to the Grand Army of the Republic glowed in the air of Gettysburg. Led by Commander-in-Chief Greenwalt, National Presidents Florence H. Forbey, Darley Foster, Jane L. Riley and Eleanor Krohn, the entire Grand Army Family was represented by the respective Organizations. Likewise, the five Pennsylvania Department Heads were present.

3. A special recognition must be conveyed to Sister Iva D. Ferris, immediate Past President General of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, who graciously shared her feelings of tribute to not only the Union Comrades, but those who served in the Army of the Confederacy, by expressing a fine tribute. She joined the five National and Department Organizations in placing memorial wreaths. Taps were sounded by Bro. Karl Frantz of York, Pa.

4. Serving as Master of Ceremonies was Past Commander-in-Chief Norman R. Furman. The opening and closing prayers were delivered by Dr. Robert A. MacAskill, former minister of the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church where former President Eisenhower worshipped.

5. The excellent Remembrance Day Tribute, titled "Too Tired to Cheer," was delivered by the Hon. John A. MacPhail, Judge of the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania. This proved to be one of the finest tributes ever presented.

6. The Wreath-laying Service was held at the Albert Woolson Monument in Ziegler's Grove on the Gettysburg Battlefield. The Program of Tributes was held in the National Park Service Auditorium with 200 present.

7. Prior to the program, the largest Remembrance Day Parade of Officers and Members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve and Union and Confederate Re-activated Armies, numbering over 800, were led by the Lancaster (SVR) Fencibles Fife and Drum Corps and the Commandery-in-Chief's Colors. Commander-in-Chief Greenwalt marched the entire route of the Parade with the Commanding General of the SVR and Staff. At the entrance to the National Park, the entire 800 participants formed into a huge Corps front and, to the tune of the *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, marched with pride and dignity to the Woolson Monument where several hundred were present for the Program.

8. A complete story of coverage appeared in the January 1979 issue of *The BANNER*, where Judge MacPhail's address was printed in full. Our thanks to Albert W. Lambert, Editor of *The BANNER*, for his excellent coverage for many years.

9. In the evening of the same day—the 48th Annual Dedication Day Dinner/Program was held in the Holiday Inn, Gettysburg, with 180 present. This fine program was planned by the Past Commanders and Past Presidents of South-Central Pennsylvania. Once again, all National and Department Heads were present, as was Mrs. Ferris of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. At this program, Commander-in-Chief Greenwalt presented the annual Scholarship Award to a student at Gettysburg College. The evening concluded with a Blue/Gray Military Ball in the Ballroom at the Holiday Inn, planned by the SVR.

10. In the preparation of this report, Brothers Joseph H. Riley, Arthur W. Warman and G. Henry Roth, members of Gettysburg Camp 112, request that, with the changing times and years since the 1st Remembrance Day was planned 22 years ago, a change be made to the effect that the Commander-in-Chief shall appoint a Coordinator rather than a Committee to plan this annual event. The Brothers of Gettysburg Camp 112 are lost as to whom to contact each year. The element of time to write letters and make phone calls, plus the years of age, is telling.

11. Your committee planning for the 22nd Remembrance Day supported

their efforts on a minimum expense, with cost only for printed programs, printing of invitations and orders, plus postage.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee appointed:
 Ivan E. Frantz, Sr., G. Henry Roth, Dr. Joseph Riley
 Chester S. Shriver
 Coordinator

A motion was made by P.C.-in-C. Heacock, seconded by P.D.C. Haueter, that this report be accepted, made a part of the Proceedings and the recommendation be referred to the Constitution and Regulations Committee for action.

P.C.-in-C. Rippey questioned whether or not that was the proper committee.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: Commander-in-Chief, may I speak to Brother Rippey through you, Sir? We have in our Constitution and Regulations a committee to be appointed. They recommend abolishing the committee and appointing a coordinator, which would necessitate a change in our Constitution and Regulations.

P.C.-in-C. Rippey: If that is the case, the Regulations would have to be changed. Our Committee can report on anything submitted.

The motion was passed.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt called for the report of the Chairman of the National Military Affairs Committee.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

To: Commander-in-Chief Greenwalt and Officers
 And Members of the National Encampment at
 Hartford, Connecticut.

At our National Encampment last year at Grand Rapids, Michigan, a certain individual, who shall remain nameless, presented to the Encampment a Resolution which, if approved, would have meant the end of the Sons of Veterans Reserve as it now exists.

Later, this same individual ASKED the Commander-in-Chief Elect to appoint him a member of the National Military Affairs Committee. THIS HE DID. As soon as I learned of this, I asked the Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve to publish an order to the SVR stating that there would be NO communication between members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve and members of the National Military Affairs Committee. I also stated that, for the ensuing year, the NMAC would remain INACTIVE and not publish any changes or directives. I firmly believe that, otherwise, there would have been a great deal of resentment from members of the SVR, because the aforementioned man was a member of the National Military Affairs Committee.

Throughout the year, I have received regular reports from The Commanding Officer, National Military Department, Sons of Veterans Reserve and, in spite of everything, I believe we have had a VERY GOOD YEAR, but you can judge this for yourself when you hear the Annual Report of the Commanding Officer.

The Sons of Veterans Reserve has also been instrumental in gaining more new members for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I have NO RECOMMENDATIONS.

Sincerely in F., C., and L.,
 Norman R. Furman
 Chairman, NMAC

A motion was made by P.C.-in-C. Stoudt that the report be adopted. It was seconded by P.D.C. Wallace Macomber of Rhode Island. Motion carried. Commander-in-Chief Greenwalt then called for the Report of the Commanding Officer of The Sons of Veterans Reserve.

REPORT OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER, SVR

To: Brother Richard L. Greenwalt, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War;
Brother Norman R. Furman, Chairman,
National Military Affairs Committee;
Officers and Delegates Assembled

Greetings:

Once again, it is my pleasure and certainly an honor, to submit this formal report of YOUR uniformed rank of our Organization—THE SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE. This report will cover the period July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979.

On behalf of the current membership of 514 Officers and enlisted men, whose standing is current in the Sons of Veterans Reserve Adjutant General's Staff, each member verified by his SUVCW Camp Secretary Certification, I am pleased to report another year of continued SUCCESS.

The degree of success is based on the attainment of the SVR Goals which have been spelled out in the previous years of this annual Report. Important as they are, they must once again be brought before the membership of this Encampment for the records.

The four principles to which each SVR member is obligated are as follows:

TO observe and participate in Memorial Day annually as a most sacred day.

TO assist our Parent Organization at special events, such as the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C., the G.A.R. Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, Penna., the annual G.A.R. Program at our National Encampments, plus other observances in local areas.

I am not criticizing the services at the Lincoln Tomb; I have been there; I have been touched; but several years ago the SVR units in the central part of our Departments—Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Missouri—attended the Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies in Springfield and were pushed aside. The men that were pushed aside were Past Department Commanders, two members of the National Staff of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and fifty-eight men in uniform. A local unit in Springfield had the honor and recognition of providing the honor guard, etc. The following year a postcard was sent to your National Headquarters, and I read that card, because it was a communication, from this podium and you, gentlemen and Brothers, approved an independent unit to fire the volley and have the honors for this particular unit annually, each year, and that is why in the Report of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committee they referred to the 114th Illinois Independent Volunteer Infantry. I just want this clarified. That is why it was not mentioned in this report that we are assisting as far as uniforms are concerned at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony—the Lincoln Memorial, yes, even though we're curtailed and cut out a little more each year—still there are people there, and you notice where Major Koch was present this year, as well as some of the others—Camp 33, the Fencibles were there as representatives, even though they were in the background—but we are not allowed to have a uniformed group again in the Lincoln Memorial. I am sorry that I have to bring this out so that you know

why we are not a part of the Loyal Legion program with which we work together at the Lincoln Memorial and the Lincoln Tomb—why we are not included with, equal with, the others.

(At this point, Brother Shriver continued with the reading of the Report of the Commanding Officer, SVR)

TO promote membership and an organized program of activity for our Parent Order.

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

Since my personal SVR Service of over 33 years, appreciative of advancement through the ranks by dedicated predecessors, it is my personal observation that every Brother of our Parent Organization should be proud of the standing, purposes and efforts of every member in the SVR today.

We are bound and fully respect the SVR Regulations, Standard Operating Procedures, and Declaration of Policies. Our Adjutant General's Headquarters maintains a supply of Forms for administrative purposes. A Roster of Officers and Unit Roster is printed annually. General and Special Orders are issued. Information Bulletins are issued. Individual Units, Brigade Headquarters and District Headquarters in turn submit membership strength and activity reports to the SVR National Headquarters. A financial report issued by LTC Charles H. Lilienthal, The Adjutant General, is a part of this report.

No Commander-in-Chief could fulfill his duties without a Staff of competent Officers who perform certain duties. Likewise, your Commanding General values those men who have been selected through the last fifteen years to serve assignments on the General's Staff. Each man is a professional in his responsibilities. I will not single out these men individually, but those Brothers present, plus those throughout our Organization, are aware of the untiring and dedicated effort and price these men pay who serve.

Briefly, may I summarize those important matters during the past fiscal year ending June 30, 1979:

1. A new approach was instituted whereas your Commanding Officer and Members of the National Staff called District SVR Officers and Unit Commanders into certain areas for weekend meetings to tie the required binds of the SUV/SVR programs and goals. Fifty-six Officers and Enlisted Men from New York, New Jersey, Maryland and Pennsylvania met in Gettysburg on March 24 for such a meeting. The following weekend, a like meeting was held at Salem, Ohio, where your Commander-in-Chief had the honor of seeing how important this type of meeting is. On May 19th, another meeting was held at West Bend, Wisconsin and a scheduled meeting for The Weirs (N. H.) did not materialize, due to an unavoidable occurrence. These meetings proved most important.

2. The annual SVR National Encampment was cancelled by a directive dated June 1, 1979. Originally scheduled for Fort Mott, N.J., the sponsor one year ago, sold their property during the winter of 1978-79 and, without a committed guarantee, it was cancelled for this year. Special efforts are to promote the G.A.R. Remembrance Day weekend with extra events to continue this annual event.

3. Many Civil War Pageants, Demonstrations and Re-enactments were staged in all parts of the SVR areas. Some were hosted by SVR Camps, SVR Units, while others were co-hosted between the SVR and one of the Five Civil War Re-activated Armies.

4. Through the combined interest of the SUV and SVR, we are proud of

the formation of Fort Chicamauga Camp No. 21 in Lincoln, Nebraska. CPT Robert McCandless, SVR, organized this Camp which was Chartered on June 15, 1979. We are proud of his efforts.

5. Based on the SVR Goals and Activity Program, another new Camp is near to reality. To be Headquartered in Midland, Michigan, and organized by a father/son team, the new Camp will be formed from a Command of 150 uniformed men of the Tenth Michigan Infantry, under the Command of General David Rowley. With thirteen members thus far, they will bring a new SUVCW Auxiliary at the same time. They have extended an invitation to host the 1980 SVR National Encampment.

In closing this report, I trust that you Brothers assembled can feel how appreciative those members of the SVR are for the time they take to perform and participate in activities, the personal investment in uniforms and equipment, the cost of travel and food to enable them to be present for events. Many years ago, the SVR Units owned their equipment, companies made uniforms and equipment, the U. S. Government gave the SVR certain items of equipment. . . . NOW, TODAY the entire concept is reversed. . . . Units do not have means to equip men. EACH BROTHER MUST BEAR HIS OWN EXPENSE . . . but, remember, these are the same men who carry on our Parent Order to promote Patriotism and Respect for God and Country.

To you Commander-in-Chief — the sincere congratulations from every member of YOUR SVR. We provided the Honors to you. We carried your Colors proudly. Thank you for your courtesies.

To the Brothers of this Encampment, thank you for your understanding and your cooperation with your Uniformed Department—the SVR. We pledge our 100% support to the incoming Commander-in-Chief for the year 1979-1980 and trust that the SVR may provide a show of the glory—the color—the showpiece of our Order, with the sounds of Fifes and Drums, men in the Ranks, and Flags carried high at our 100th Anniversary National Encampment.

Chester S. Shriver
Brigadier General, SVR
The Commanding Officer

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

Office of The Adjutant General

To: Commanding Officer
National Military Department
Sons of Veterans Reserve
Box 24, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325

Financial report for period 1 July 1978 thru 1 July 1979

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| Balance 1 July 1978 | \$184.44 |
| Receipts: | |
| 1978 National Encampment Donation | \$150.00 |
| Dues | 575.00 |
| Commissions | 42.00 |
| Total | \$951.44 |

Expenses:

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| Printing | \$297.25 |
| Postage | 167.79 |
| Certificates, Ribbons and Streamers | 119.48 |
| Office Supplies | 75.90 |
| Total | \$660.42 |
| Balance 1 July 1979 | \$291.02 |

Charles H. Lillienthal
LTC SVR
The Adjutant General

C-in-C. Greenwalt: It has been moved by P.D.C. Cecil Baer of New York, seconded by P.D.C. Wilbur Haueter of Ohio, to accept this report. We are now open for discussion. Before we call for the question, I would like to make one comment. I don't particularly care whether it goes in the record or not, but it may. With regard to the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony — I was there. I represented our Organization, very happily. There was one thing in print that I had nothing to do with. It stated in print that I authorized the 114th to be the official Color Guard there and the Escort, etc. I had nothing to do with that, and the gentlemen who are sitting out there from the SVR program know that I am SVR through and through. Those of you who are not part of the SVR, if you have been at the National Encampments, know that this is the first year since I put on the uniform that I did not help carry the Colors in at the Campfire Program. I want that understood, and also I would like to report that we had some SVR troops there, and I made it a point after the formal part of the program to go over, and I hope what I did was right and I expressed my personal thanks to them for being there. If I'm out of order, gentlemen, I'm sorry.

Natl. Secy.-Treas. Shriver: P.C.-in-C. John Runkle was so proud to have had the honor of carrying those Colors at many events during his years. Just before Brother John passed on, he asked if I would maintain the custody of the Commander-in-Chief's Colors with the understanding that they be used at Gettysburg, Memorial Day, and any other patriotic events that we support, including the Lincoln Memorial and the Lincoln Tomb and our National Encampment. Now we are not permitted to carry them at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. They do not want to bother with them because I sent them to the committee four years ago by UPS, but because they cost a couple of dollars transportation, the fact that they had to pick them up at UPS, and send them back to me was too much trouble. Now they don't even want the Commander-in-Chief's Colors at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield. So, gentlemen, we're narrowed down to just three events to display the Commander-in-Chief's Colors — our National Encampment, Memorial Day at Gettysburg and Remembrance Day. The point I want to make is that I feel that our Commander-in-Chief's Colors should be represented at any program that we financially and materially support.

(Brother Shriver's remarks were followed by a round of applause.)

Department Commander Harold Goodman of New York: It is my opinion that if this committee can accept funds from this National Order assembled here through you, Sir, as Commander-in-Chief, and not allow your Colors, I feel that we should withdraw those funds. If our Colors are not good enough to be there, I don't think our funds should be there.

The question was called for and the motion was passed.

Guard Elton Koch announced that the Greetings Committee from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War was waiting to be admitted. Marie Doran, Past Department President, of Illinois, was escorted into the room by P.C.-in-C. John C. Yocum.

P.D.P. Doran: Commander, the National President of the Daughters and myself have been good friends for very many years and neighbors. As you undoubtedly know, her Encampment is running concurrently with ours. Hers is in Oklahoma, so it is impossible for her to be here, or she surely would be. She gave me this little historical memorabilia for you and asked me to bring you and the delegates her greetings. She has enjoyed very much meeting and working with you throughout the year and she hopes you will have a very good and harmonious Encampment.

P.C.-in-C. Combs responded to Sister Doran, expressing pleasure that she had brought the greetings of her National President and regrets that Sister Jane Riley could not be here herself due to the fact that her own Encampment in Oklahoma was running concurrently with that of the Sons. He asked Sister Doran to relay the wishes of this Encampment to Sister Riley for a most successful and harmonious Encampment.

Natl. Secy.-Treas. Shriver: I have been asked by the Commander-in-Chief to refer you to the action that was taken at last year's National Encampment of the Sons in Grand Rapids — that we extend an invitation to the Daughters of Union Veterans and the National Woman's Relief Corps to join us in a joint Grand Army Family Encampment. A letter was sent to Sister Jane to this effect, and you can tell her that we are very sincere in our invitation.

C.in-C. Greenwalt: We have another Greetings Committee. Brother Guide, will you advance with the Good Brother.

D.C. Graham escorted P.D.C. Harold Scott of Connecticut to the Commander's station, representing the Connecticut Veterans of World War I.

P.D.C. Scott: It's a great honor and a privilege that I have to come before you to represent our Department Commander, Ernest B. Smith of West Haven, who cannot be with you because he is preparing to leave shortly for our National Encampment at Hot Springs, Arkansas. I have just heard at our last Encampment in New Haven in July that we are going to form the Sons of Veterans of World War I. I want to say to you, my Brothers, that I had the privilege to enlist upon the Battlefield at Gettysburg on July 13, 1917 in Company D, 7th U.S. Regular Army and served until 1919, being transferred from the infantry into an organization of remount, taking care of horses and mules. On Armistice Day I was on the water going overseas and we got word to return to the United States, which we did. Also, I can tell you today after listening to your reports of your officers on Memorial Day, I have been a member of the Bristol Memorial Day Association for fifty years, and I have only missed one meeting, and when you talk about the Flag of our Country and the way it's treated today, I'm ashamed that our young people don't have the respect for that Flag. I served under it, I had two grandfathers in the Civil War, and I'm proud that I can be a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Thank you, Brothers.

C.in-C. Greenwalt: I have a warm spot in my heart for what you are carrying. The gentleman who escorted you in, my Department Commander from Ohio, and myself, I think, if you get this Sons of Veterans of World War I started and you can get it to Ohio and if you can get it to Alliance, I guarantee you we will be two charter members. We're both entitled, and as I've heard in some of the Departments as I've gone around many times,

unfortunately, you gentlemen carrying what you're carrying are forgotten by too many people. It's been a while, but it hasn't been that long. I had the pleasure of riding to the Springfield Ceremonies with your National Commander, and we had a nice little chat. Now, to give the official response to your greetings, Past Commander-in-Chief Fred H. Combs, Jr.

P.C.-in-C. Combs: Brother Scott, we are more than pleased that you, as a Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War, here in session with us, have chosen to represent another fine organization, The Connecticut Veterans of World War I. We are proud to hear of some of your exploits as indicated by your brief remarks. They certainly indicate how proud you are of your Country and your Flag, and how grateful you are that you had the opportunity to serve your Country actively. This, I think, is very, very fine, and we certainly wish your Organization well as it sets about to establish an Organization similar to this. We hope that you will let that be known, and we thank you for taking your time to do this and to come to give these greetings. We wish your Organization the very best. Thank you very much.

Brother Scott then stated that, according to the records of the Connecticut Department, SUVCW, he is now the oldest member of the Organization. He was then escorted to a seat in the meeting room.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: Brothers, we are now ready to have the Report of the Fraternal Relations Committee, which will be given by Brother Eugene Russell of Massachusetts.

P.D.C. Russell: It was, perhaps, a curious coincidence that the Report of the Fraternal Relations Committee should immediately follow the recognition of the two organizations with whom our fraternal relations should be improved.

REPORT OF FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

To Commander-in-Chief Richard L. Greenwalt and Brothers of the 98th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Feeling that there could be considerable improvement in the scope of our National Fraternal Relations Committee reports, at the 96th Encampment in Des Moines the Fraternal Relations Committee recommended that guidelines be set up for the use of future Committees. The Council of Administration voted approval. Last year at Grand Rapids the problem was re-stated by the Committee Chairman, P.D.C. William C. Rule of Massachusetts, and P.D.C. Cecil M. Baer of New York submitted suggestions.

Your present Committee has addressed itself to the problem of improving Fraternal Relations not only among our own Allied Orders, but also with other Veterans' and patriotic organizations; and setting up guidelines for more comprehensive reporting of such activities. All our public utterances seem to be in hearty accord with the idea of greater cooperation, but practice often seems far removed from precept.

We have the usual scattered reports from a few Departments, but in the absence of an approved technique, nothing in the way of an accumulated summary. P.D.C. Orval King, a member of this Committee, presented a detailed and interesting outline of Fraternal Relation activities in Indiana, as did Committee member P.D.C. J. B. Johnson for the Iowa Department; and P.D.C. Elton P. Koch, reporting for Pennsylvania proposed "a detailed account of the purpose of our Organization for general distribution". In this connection, Massachusetts P.D.C. Ernest G. Wells' booklet, "G.A.R.", might merit consideration.

(At this point, Brother Russell made some complimentary comments

about Brother Wells' booklet and stated that it is sponsored by the Department of the Allied Orders of Massachusetts, which sells the books for \$1.00 each. He said that Brother Wells was seriously ill last winter with several attacks of pneumonia and a colon operation but is well on the way to recovery and is putting some weight back on his frail frame, but his arthritic condition prevents him from coming to these conventions.)

States reporting full participation of all five orders at Encampments include Pennsylvania, Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. Massachusetts is proud of its Department of the Allied Orders, meeting in the Boston State House and sponsoring a shrine and museum dedicated to the G.A.R. An annual "Friendly Relations Banquet" is attended by over 100 Allied members.

In the absence of any official guidelines for securing more information from other Departments, the undersigned members of the National Fraternal Relations Committee submit the enclosed questionnaire form to be used as a yearly Department report in providing data for future Committees to make a cumulative summary of Fraternal Relations activities. This suggested form is not presented as the last word, but is subject to rewording or inclusion of other points that might appear desirable to the National Secretary or the Council of Administration.

The Fraternal Relations Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That the sum of not over \$20.00 be appropriated for the printing of not over 300 copies of a Department Report for the use of the National Fraternal Relations Committee.
2. That the Commander-in-Chief in his Orders and an issue of The BANNER publicize the use of these forms by the Departments.
3. That the Commander-in-Chief in his annual Department visitations make a point of seeing that the appropriate Department official receives a copy of the report form.
4. That the Commander-in-Chief appoint a Committee to look into the matter of having prepared some material giving a detailed account of the purpose of our Organization — for general distribution to Veterans' and Patriotic Organizations, as well as our own Allied Orders.

Fraternally yours,
Eugene E. Russell, P.D.C., Mass., Chmn.
Elton P. Koch, P.D.C., Penna.

In absentia:
J. B. Johnson, P.D.C., Iowa
Orval L. King, P.D.C., Indiana

NATIONAL FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Department Report

(For the current year through the most recent Department Encampment)
In recognition of the frequently-expressed goal of fuller cooperation on the Department level with our G.A.R. Allied Orders:

In what joint activities with other G.A.R. Allied Orders has your Department participated, and if not with all five, which ones?

1. ENCAMPMENTS:
2. BANQUETS:
3. MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES:
4. LINCOLN DAY CEREMONIES:
5. REGIONAL GROUPS:
6. OTHER EVENTS:
7. On the Camp level, how many camps cooperated in programs with other Allied Units?
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Feeling that one of the best publicity-producing programs for our Order is through greater cooperation with Veterans' and Patriotic groups:

1. What other such organizations have been invited to Department affairs?
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2. At what other such organizations has the Department been represented?
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3. How many Camps belong to local Veterans' Councils?
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4. Any other joint activities with Veterans' and Patriotic groups?
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5. On the Camp level, how many Camps cooperated with these other groups?
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PLEASE USE REVERSE SIDE FOR GENERAL COMMENTS.

This report should be sent to the Chairman of the National Fraternal Relations Committee promptly after the conclusion of your Department Encampment so that there may be a cumulative report at the next National Encampment.

Department Date Signed

(Brother Russell continued) I have had some correspondence which I will turn over as a part of this Report because it might be of use to subsequent Fraternal Relations Committees. It seems to me that something like this is getting better fraternal relations down to the "grass roots" level. I might compare it with our efforts to reform our Government officials that we some-

times think that we pass these grand resolutions we're all in agreement with. We try to reform our elected officials. It seems that it has been my attitude throughout my life that the way to get a reform in the political system is to start at the voter level in your local ward and town committees perhaps, and in this Report that we are in, the idea is to get these questions down to the local level where we can interest the individual members in better relations among our different fraternal organizations.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: Thank you, Gene, for a very fine report.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: Commander-in-Chief, I would move you the Report be accepted, made a part of the Journal and Recommendation #1 be referred to the Budget Committee, Recommendations #2 and #3 be referred to the incoming Commander-in-Chief for what action he would care to take on them, and concurrence in #4.

P.D.C. Chester Hudson of New York seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Commander-in-Chief then called for the Report of the Encampment Site Committee.

REPORT OF THE ENCAMPMENT SITE COMMITTEE

To the Officers and Members of the
98th National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Greetings:

This Report of the Site Committee is being prepared prior to the Encampment. Consequently, the Chairman can only hope it meets with the approval of the other members of the Committee. Therefore, it may be a Committee report, it may be a majority report or it may be a minority report.

(At this point in his Report, Brother Heacock stated that Brother Albert W. Lambert was a member of this Committee but he resigned because he was unable to be at the Encampment and appointed P.C.-in-C. Fred Combs to serve in his place; and that both Brother Combs and Brother Haskell have seen this report.)

Some few months back when the other members of the Committee were advised of a proposed site, unfortunately, no rates were included and a question was raised by Brother Lambert. Unfortunately, the quoting of the rate or the non-quoting of the rate was an oversight and a later reply advised him accordingly. However, the question of the location, the weather conditions, the fact the Committee did not have a choice from which to make a selection, the physical location of the property in the city, and the lack of knowledge as to whether three or four or more persons could share a room, were questions raised. I must admit that the choice made and suggested was done so, not by the fact of my affiliation with the company concerned, but due to the rates. Complimentary rooms and meeting rooms were the sole factors. Here again, I must admit that I was not cognizant of the fact that the property was approximately one mile from the center of the city.

I immediately set out to locate a property in the city that would be closer to "down-town" to enable the people to "bag" meetings and go "storing" and was able to come up with something close to what I was quoted by property No. 1.

The question was raised as to why we should be looking for sites two or three years in advance when we cannot be guaranteed rates. No hotel today will quote anything more than a year away and a great many of them advise that at a year in advance, they may be subject to change prior to arrival.

Room rates all over the country are literally changing daily and at the

rate they are going upward, our attendance is going to go downward. Last Tuesday when I talked with the Sales Manager of this property, only eighty-five reservations were on hand and that included the complimentary suites for the National Officers. Here again, two-bedroom suites are on the way out only because we are not utilizing a sufficient number of rooms. Add to this, the questioning of whether three or four or five persons can share a room will lead the management to the fact that with approximately three hundred persons, hopefully, who will attend, a lot less than 150 rooms will be utilized. Consequently, I did not raise that question.

Add to the above the present gas crunch. We have no idea where it is going to end. We have no idea if it will continue to be handled in the present haphazard manner, but regardless of where it goes or how it is going to be handled, we must seek locations that will mean the least amount of transportation for the greater number of persons.

I eliminated a great deal that was intended to be reported here that may very well come out in discussion. But with conditions as they are, the committee has one of two tentative sites to suggest, but your Chairman feels that it may be wise to seek spots closer to home, even though we have been there time and time again. We place the entire matter to you for disposition.

Respectfully submitted,
 Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Chmn.
 William L. Haskell
 Fred H. Combs, Jr.

P.D.C. Rule: Commander-in-Chief, I make a motion that this report be accepted and the Committee, to avoid this chaos, become an elective committee for the term of three years and that this matter be referred to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

The motion was seconded by Brother George Place.

P.C.-in-C. Rippey: Gentlemen, if this is a motion to substitute a committee in place of the convention site planner that we have now, it will change the regulations and we don't need it referred to the committee because you can vote on it now and make that change if you like. It's in a motion form now. On this particular motion, I would suggest that we need a little more time for a bit of research. I would suggest, therefore, that it be tabled until our afternoon session.

Commander-in-Chief Greenwalt: This afternoon we will be delivering our Greetings to both the Ladies of the Grand Army and the Auxiliary. I am aware there is a banquet tonight, and our plans, if the business moves along as it should, are to allow a little extra time for that. Brother Frank will now give the Memorial Day Restoration Committee Report.

MEMORIAL DAY RESTORATION COMMITTEE

To the Officers and Members of the
 98th Annual National Encampment
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Brethren:

The Memorial Day Restoration Committee has accomplished less than it did a year ago.

Well over five hundred pieces of correspondence have been mailed, but after learning from P.C.-in-C. Stoudt, through a newspaper article, the procedure used by the House of Representatives to pry bills out of Committees or Sub-Committees, I have a great doubt if correspondence does any good.

We must have the support and cooperation of the National Veteran Organiza-

tions in the manner they exemplified when effort was brought forth to return Armistice Day back to November 11th. Until we accomplish this, I fear our efforts and those of our Allied Organizations will be in vain. We need more than lip service, we need action.

Fraternally yours,
For the Committee
Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Chairman

At the conclusion of the reading of his Report, Brother Heacock moved that it be adopted. The motion was seconded by P.D.C. Clark Mellor of Massachusetts and passed.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: Our plans as of now are to recess very shortly to reconvene this afternoon at 1 p.m. as scheduled. At 2 o'clock we will take the Greetings to the Ladies of the Grand Army as scheduled. The Past Commanders-in-Chief and any Brothers caring to accompany them are scheduled to carry our Greetings to the Auxiliary at 2:30. Then, immediately after that, since we are in good shape, we will be recessed until 9 a.m. Wednesday morning. This will give the Brothers on Committees a chance to do the work they have to do.

C.-of-C. Greenwalt: At this time we will ask the Chaplain to attend the Altar. The Bible was closed by National Chaplain Harry E. Gibbons at 11:48 a.m. and the Commander-in-Chief declared a recess until 1 p.m.

1:15 p.m.

Commander-in-Chief Greenwalt called the meeting to order and National Chaplain Gibbons opened the Bible.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: At this time we will refer back to the Encampment Site Committee Report. There was a motion that was tabled this morning.

P.C.-in-C. Stoudt: Do you have any place in mind or have you any arrangements made?

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: Commander-in-Chief, to answer Brother Stoudt, we have nothing in mind except the properties in Memphis, Tennessee. The gas crunch came and the problems came and we didn't have ample time to dig into arrangements that we thought might be within a good geographic location. We do have some thoughts in mind that I am sure can be arranged within the next fifteen to twenty-five days who have been after us.

P.C.-in-C. Stoudt: We're supposed to be leaders of the Allied families, so we've got to lead. So we have to decide what we want to do. Do you want to wait and see if Frank can line up something else and then let's give them the authority to go ahead, or do you want to take action on Memphis, or do you not? I know that some people feel that Memphis is too far, and certainly I don't know how this organization can hesitate to go South because that's where the Civil War history is and, after all, that's our "baby". So, I for one would certainly not be opposed to going South. I know some have said it is hot and humid down there, but it's been hot and humid in other places and we lived through it. Not many of us go outside the hotel anyway. If you feel it's too far, then let's try to get something closer — some place in Virginia or any place in the South — but I'm opposed to going back to the same places that we have been going to.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: When I delved first into Memphis, it was as a result of some brochures I had received a couple of years ago. The Rivermont was what I had in mind, but I was not aware that it was one mile out of town. I then went to a Sheraton in the heart of town. I wanted to go to Chattanooga

— we were there in 1913. This is near historical areas but the hotel changed hands and we ran into quite a problem. Those are the properties that we had brushed off. I do have two or three places closer by that I have temporarily a final decision, and I told them the final report wouldn't be made until this week. We have a beautiful offer in Louisiana and another in Salt Lake City.

P.C.-in-C. Stoudt: We have a gas crunch this year and we have about as many here as we had last year, so it doesn't seem to hurt too much. However, I think we have to take a stand on some place, and if it becomes necessary we can always cancel.

Sr. V. C. Place: We're the leader of the Allied Orders, and if we take a stand on something and then we're going to cancel later on, it isn't going to set a good example. We should be sure what we're going to do here now. Everybody should express their opinion right here — this is the place to do it — because we have to notify all of our Organizations. So, let's talk it over here and be sure right now what we're going to do.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: We're discussing the site for 1980. There's no motion on the floor yet. Does anyone have anything to say?

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: Commander-in-Chief, Brother Gibbons just raised the question — is it possible that I could make some telephone calls today and tomorrow. Unfortunately, I came by plane and didn't bring all of my materials with me. If you fellows feel you want to go some place else, don't hesitate to say so; if you want to go to Memphis or some other place, that's up to you fellows to decide.

P.C.-in-C. Stoudt: This is a prime example of why our future hotels have to be in the center of town where there are other places to eat. When you are forced to pay the prices of this hotel, our people can't afford it. Even though the rates may be a little higher, you pay much more than that on meals if you have to eat in the hotel, especially when you have several in your family.

The Guard announced that the Auxiliary Greetings Committee was waiting to be admitted. The delegation, consisting of P.D.P. Jane Graham, Sister Nancy Greenwalt Greene, and P.D.P. Marjorie Grate Smith, all from the Department of Ohio, was escorted to the podium.

P.D.P. Jane Graham: Commander-in-Chief and Brother Dick and Past Department Commander of our own Department, it is indeed my privilege to bring to you the Greetings of Sister Florence Forbey, National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and also the personal greetings of all the members of the National Organization of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We wish for you and your members here assembled a most harmonious, profitable and rememberable Encampment.

Sister Nancy Greenwalt Greene: Good afternoon, Gentlemen. One year ago yesterday, the 13th, I stood on the platform in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and had the honor of placing the Commander-in-Chief's badge on the chest of the fellow standing next to me. It's been a long year — 366 days instead of 365 — and I'm very proud to be able to represent as well our National President. She has asked Mother to bring the greetings, and she has wished for all of you a special day and she hopes you'll all come over and visit her as soon as we elect our new officers.

P.D.P. Marjorie Grate Smith: Commander-in-Chief, National Officers and Members assembled here, I too, am representing our National Auxiliary and it's a great pleasure to greet you, Dick. You have been a wonderful man and

we are very proud to have you as our Commander-in-Chief from the State of Ohio. In 1965-66 we also were proud when Earl Corbin from Akron was elected Commander-in-Chief and he, too, served his Camp and his Department and National very well. Dick, it is a credit to your Camp and your Department and to the National body that you have served us all so very well. We wish for you and all assembled here a harmonious and enjoyable Encampment and we're looking forward to your visit to the Auxiliary.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: Thank you very much Sisters. Each of you here has done much for our Order. Sister Jane was your Auxiliary Chief of Staff in Palm Springs, California. Nancy has done some floor work down through the years. Marjorie was Vice President of the National body. I might mention, Gentlemen, that Sister Marjorie is a bride as of last Thursday, and the gentleman standing here with the smile on his face, Roy Smith, is the happy bridegroom. That's what's called dedication to the Order — married on Thursday and came to the National Encampment a couple of days later. The gentleman who's supposed to deliver the response to these Ladies, Past Commander-in-Chief Joe Rippey, is out of the room now because of a meeting of one of his committees. Brother Frank, will you respond to these Ladies?

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: We are delighted that you would take time out of your busy Encampment week to come over and express your best wishes to *your* Commander-in-Chief and to *our* Commander-in-Chief, to your home town Brother, as it were, despite the fact that one of you is some miles removed. We appreciate the fact that you would take this time. You've known Richard far longer than we have, although some of us think we know him perhaps a little better than you do. After you knock down brains together, you learn what a fellow is made of, and he has served well. He has done his very best and that's all we can expect. Again, thanks to the Auxiliary from the Department of Ohio for coming in. When Dick said something about Marjorie Grate's name, I thought he was going to say that she is from a Grand Army family. Her late husband's great uncle, Comrade John Grate, was Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, so she's born, dedicated and integrated into the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. Again, thanks a million for coming.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: These people are the kind of people that make this job a lot easier. Within a very short time last year after I was elected Commander-in-Chief, they had a testimonial lined up. When Uncle Sam decided that my daughter's husband was going to have some time on shore in Bremerton, Washington, I knew I was losing my secretary, and Jane volunteered to take over that job for me. I would be remiss if I didn't recognize at this time our Department Commander, Tom Graham, and all he has done. I am appreciative for everything that everybody has done for me.

The delegation from the Auxiliary was then escorted out of the meeting room.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: We're ready to get back to business, Brothers. We're under Encampment site discussion.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: I had arranged for both 1981 and 1982 only on a tentative basis that in the event that prior to the year's Encampment which would be binding for the next year that if we could come up with something better we would not be bound by what we were suggesting here for 1981 and 1982. Last June at the Pennsylvania Encampment there was a discussion and correspondence back and forth between your chairman and an officer of the Confederate Veterans of a joint Encampment. As a result, the resolution from Pennsylvania was that they would not be adverse to going south in 1981. My

last correspondence was that the gentleman with whom I was corresponding felt that 1981 would be a little too soon to work on this because, as he said in his letter, there is some working to be done. I know what he means. I am sure that they have some good scuthern gentlemen in their organization who may feel a little dubious about us coming with them, as I experienced with some of our people about them joining with us. So, maybe it will take more than a couple of years to work it out. 1981, then, is going to revert back to a site in Pennsylvania. 1982 was to have been at Huntington, West Virginia, a beautiful downtown property right in the heart of town. A city which impressed me considerably because when I was there on my way home from Grand Rapids I found only three empty stores and one of those was being remodeled for its new tenant. We are not coming in now with any suggestions for 1980 or 1981 because of the gas crunch, but we do want you to express how you feel about next year.

P.D.P. Koch: Commander, talking about where to go in 1980, we have a crunch financially because the committee doesn't have the money, and we can't afford to send them to these different sites to look things over. I, personally, feel that we don't have enough knowledge of Memphis or Chattanooga. I, personally, would like to go to Richmond, Virginia. We were there in 1965 and we had an enjoyable time. I don't think we should get the Encampment Site Committee to name a city today or tomorrow. I think we should go back to the Committee and ask them to look at Richmond, Virginia, and come back to the newly-elected Commander-in-Chief and Council of Administration for their approval within two or three or four weeks and give the Auxiliary and Ladies of the Grand Army, Daughters, Woman's Relief Corps an invitation to go with us in 1980. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Greenwalt asked the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief to take over for him and then said that he'd met with all of the Presidents of the Allied Orders in Gettysburg last Remembrance Day and he felt that some progress had been made. He said, however, that the Daughters and Woman's Relief Corps function differently than we do — they are bound to go to a department or state that offers them an invitation. He said he was asked to let them know if any commitments were made for the future.

P.D.C. Rule: In looking over the Proceedings, I notice that in 1882 we had our first National Encampment in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Why wouldn't it be a good idea to have our 100th anniversary in Pittsburgh? It's just a suggestion. I know nothing about Pittsburgh. However, I offer that as a place for 1981.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: 1981 in Pittsburgh was considered, but in view of the high prices of some of the hotels out there and the fact that 90% of the working committee would be from the East, we felt rather than go to Pittsburgh for it, it would be more practical from the committee's standpoint to have it in eastern Pennsylvania. They want to keep it in Pennsylvania, but they did relinquish it if we were going to have a joint one with the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Now that that's out the window, we're back to Pennsylvania, and in all probability it will be in the eastern part.

P.C.-in-C. Stoudt: Where are you going to get a committee in Memphis?

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: That's a planner's deal.

Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver: Commander-in-Chief, my Brothers, I believe it is narrowed down between the East and the South. I think we have one Brother here who came in from West of the Mississippi River. Several years ago here who came in from West of the Mississippi River, followed by Brother Albert C. Lambert, followed by Brother Leroy Stoudt, followed by Brother Frank M. Heacock, Sr., and their committees, were invested with the

authority and the power to investigate all possibilities and report back to this Encampment annually. We're listed as an Organization in a catalogue of organizations meeting annually in the United States in August. Each year Brother Leroy or I have received no less than 150 or 200 invitations from hotels. Everybody wants us. At one time it required a local camp and/or department endorsement to entertain our annual Encampment. We need the help of the Auxiliary and the Ladies. Now we are in a changing world where sometimes we have to go out and seek. Therefore, since you have an Encampment Site Committee and because of an organized or disorganized state of confusion between where we can go and no one to investigate personally, I feel that we are duty bound to place our confidence in our Encampment Site Committee to continue their investigation very seriously in the next few weeks and report back then to the Commander-in-Chief and the Council of Administration and, of course, they have the authority, as we have approved to grant them, to make a decision and have the announcement in the October BANNER. So, therefore, I move you, Sir, that after the investigation and discussion of the ideas here that the authority be granted the Encampment Site Committee to continue their investigation in the next few weeks and render a decision and report to the Commander-in-Chief and the Council prior to the issuance of the October BANNER, hopefully, a place, date and location for our 1980 (99th Annual National Encampment).

The motion was seconded by Norman Furman and passed.

P.C.-in-C. Rippey: With regard to the motion to accept a committee to be elected for a period of three years which was tabled this morning, the updated Regulations read as follows: "It shall be the duty of the Encampment Site Committee to select the encampment site for the National Encampment and to arrange for sufficient room accommodations, cost concessions, complimentary room and necessities for a comfortable encampment and in the absence of a local encampment committee to make and carry out appropriate plans for the encampment, it may adopt rules for the proper accomplishment of the foregoing and may appoint an encampment planner." It would seem to me that this is broad enough to cover the subject matter of the motion which was made. The motion made is to elect a committee, whereas, this allows the committee to be either appointed or elected — one or the other — it does not state which. Therefore, the terms of the present regulation would seem to me to be broad enough to cover anything that you want. Now, I'll express another opinion, that the Commander-in-Chief, if he appoints a committee, knows pretty well the personnel who can handle the job. If we were to elect the committee for three years, it would serve no particular purpose, I think. Therefore, I'll express an opinion that we should leave things as they are.

Brother Rippey's statements were followed by a loud round of applause.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: The motion this morning was made by Brother Rule and seconded by Brother Place to table it until this afternoon, which we have done. My understanding is that we've taken care of the first part of this. Our legal authority has stated that, in his opinion, the second part of this has already been covered. Is there any more discussion?

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: Commander-in-Chief, I would move you that the matter which Brother Rippey referred to and that portion of the original motion be tabled indefinitely.

The motion was seconded by D. C. Thomas Graham and carried.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: This morning I said we had all the committee reports in, but we have one left. Brother Beilby, will you give the report of the Committee on Restoration of Rank?

P.C.-in-C. Harold T. Beilby: There's nothing that has come to any member of the Committee and Brother Durkee and Brother Macomber and Brother Butler and Brother Graham told me to tell you that we did our darndest to have some other kind of report but there's nothing to report.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: When we recessed for lunch today, there was a report in the mailbox downstairs. Secretary-Treasurer Shriver will read it at this time.

REPORT OF THE AMERICANISM AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Commander-in-Chief Greenwalt, Officers and Delegates:

Your committee and its chairman would like to thank you for this appointment and the cooperation extended to it.

Our report is filled with both hope for the future and a note of discouragement. Your chairman has had the opportunity to speak to a number of educators this past year. Many teachers at the elementary and secondary level report interest in the Revolutionary War and Civil War is above or at least equal to interest in current events. Several college professors report the Civil War and Reconstruction Period course to be one of the most popular elective courses within the history department.

The United States Bicentennial may have had some effect on the younger students' interest, but also the enduring "love" for both Washington and Lincoln must be counted.

The study of genealogy, one of the most popular hobbies in America today, has many youngsters and adults looking closely at the history of our country and what their ancestors did. It is sad that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War does not have either the person or the resources to collect, document and save the genealogical records of our current and past membership. An excellent chance to gain members is being lost.

Some of the public and especially among younger people have a general apathy toward Americanism and generally everything else. The fact that both parents are working to try to beat inflation leaves too many children to fend for themselves at too early an age. This breakdown of the family unit has caused many of our social problems today and these will likely continue. In some areas where we have large, strong camps or individuals the sponsoring of Sons of Veterans Reserve units or a Boy Scout troop could help correct some of these problems.

At least in the small towns here in eastern Ohio, I noted a large increase in the number of flags being flown on Memorial Day, the 4th of July and even Flag Day. Apathy and patriotic display side by side . . . just another paradox of our times. The restoration of Memorial Day and its proper observance should remain one of the cornerstones of our Americanism efforts.

To become more active in both the field of Americanism and education we should continue to investigate ways for our Order to issue an ROTC medal as suggested by last year's National Patriotic Instructor, Charles A. Brady, Jr. Also every effort should be made to continue the Star Spangled Salute certificates for "Flag Wavers" and to start a "Good Citizenship" Award Certificate program. Both would be inexpensive to produce in quantity and could be cheaply sold to our Departments and Camps, but would be impossible for most Camps to produce themselves. The initial expense to the National Organization could come from the GAR Memorial Fund, and I would so recommend it to the Budget Committee.

The Sons of Veterans Reserve as a showpiece and The BANNER as our voice continue to be our best means of teaching Americanism to the public. Of course, both are vital to our Order and should receive as much encourage-

ment and financial support as is possible. The larger both become, the better for all of us.

Again, on behalf of all of the committee, we thank you.

Yours in F., C., and L.,

Robert J. Wolz

Chairman

Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver: Brother Commander-in-Chief, I move that we accept this Report and refer it to the Budget Committee for consideration.

The motion was seconded by P.D.C. Haueter and passed.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: Now, Brothers, before we broke for lunch, we said that at 2 o'clock we were going to visit the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and at 2:30 we were going in a body to visit the Auxiliary. It is now a little past 2 p.m.

P.C.-in-C. Yocum: I happened to see the National President of the Auxiliary during the lunch break and told her we were coming in a body after lunch to visit the Auxiliary. She said they were running a little late and she would send someone over to let us know when their election of officers was over.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: The Past Commanders-in-Chief and any Brothers who would care to go are invited to visit the Ladies' meeting with me. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Edwin Kramer, will you please continue on under Good of the Order while we are visiting the Ladies? I will ask P.D.C. Clark Mellor to occupy your chair while you are doing so.

P.D.C. Kramer: Does anyone have anything to offer for the Good of the Order?

P.D.C. Edson Baker: Brothers, as I have sat here during this Encampment, I have noticed that some of the Brothers are not saluting the Commander-in-Chief when they want the floor. At my Camp in New York, we always salute the Commander and this bothers me. You should always salute the Commander and have him, with his recognition, give you the floor. Anybody else who wants the floor should get up and speak through the Commander to the one who has the floor, but still salute the Commander. We have a Ritual to go by and I think we should do it. Thank you.

P.D.C. Miles Harrington: I feel the same way as the last speaker and I go along with what he says 100%. When I was Department Commander of Massachusetts, I never recognized the boys that did not stand up and salute.

D.C. Harold Goodman: Some people say that our Sons of Veterans Reserve is the showpiece of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Rather than showpiece I kind of like the nomenclature, shall we say, as the living memorial to the veterans of the Civil War. This morning fourteen members of the SVR got together for an informal breakfast and we plan to do it each year at the Encampment. If any of you fellows want to join with us next year, I'm sure we can come up with an enlistment form and enlist you into our fine military organization.

P.D.C. Kramer: Does anyone else have anything for the Good of the Order?

P.D.C. Haueter: I would like to say a few words on what can be done in different Camps in the area. One of our fellows goes around to the schools in his Civil War uniform and tells the kids what the Civil War was about. I'm told that the books today have very little in them on the Civil War. This will help keep patriotism alive in the schools.

Since there was nothing further to come before the meeting at this time, it was recessed at 2:25 p.m. and National Chaplain Harry Gibbons closed the Bible.

WEDNESDAY SESSION

August 15, 1979

9:00 A.M.

Commander-in-Chief Greenwalt called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and National Chaplain Gibbons opened the Bible.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: Thank you, Brothers, for being on time. We have a lot to do and we're alerted to the fact that we will have a visit from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Members of the Credentials Committee, is there any change since your last Report?

P.D.C. Forest Alland: We have the following Report to submit:

| | Present | Registered, Not Present |
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| Commander-in-Chief | 1 | |
| Past Commanders-in-Chief | 15 | |
| Department Commanders | 7 | |
| Past Department Commanders | 31 | 20 |
| Delegates | 21 | 7 |
| Alternate | 1 | |
| Total | <u>76</u> | <u>27</u> |

We have 76 delegates entitled to vote and 27 registered, but not present, for a total of 103 registered.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Edwin Kramer, are you ready with the Financial Report of the 100th Anniversary Fund?

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
100th Anniversary Fund**

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| CONNECTICUT | |
| James Y. Ledwith, P.D.C. | \$ 5.00 |
| IOWA | |
| J. B. Johnson, P.D.C. | \$ 5.00 |
| MARYLAND | |
| Department Donation | \$ 5.00 |
| Dorris & Richard Schlenker, D.C. | 5.00 |
| W. A. Davis, P.D.C. | 1.00 |
| Franklin Lucas, P.D.C. | 1.00 |
| | <u>\$12.00</u> |
| MASSACHUSETTS | |
| Minnie E. Madeiros, P.N.P. | \$10.00 |
| Wm. W. Haskell, P.C.-in-C. | 1.00 |
| Eugene Russell, P.D.C. | 2.00 |
| William C. Rule, P.D.C. | 2.00 |
| | <u>\$15.00</u> |

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| NEW HAMPSHIRE | |
| Richard E. Wyman, Jr. V.C.-in-C. | \$ 5.00 |
| Kenneth Wheeler, P.C.-in-C. | 1.00 |
| | <u>\$ 6.00</u> |
| NEW JERSEY | |
| Department Donation | \$10.00 |
| Garfield Camp #4 | 10.00 |
| | <u>\$20.00</u> |
| NEW YORK | |
| Joseph S. Rippey, P.C.-in-C. | \$ 5.00 |
| Jerome Orton, Jr. V. Comm. | 10.00 |
| Harold Beilby, P.C.-in-C. | 2.00 |
| | <u>\$17.00</u> |
| OHIO | |
| Richard L. Greenwalt, C.-in-C. | \$10.00 |
| Department Donation | 25.00 |
| Robert J. Wolz, P.D.C. | 15.00 |
| Robert C. Wolz, P.D.C. | 5.00 |
| Wilbur E. Haueter, P.D.C. | 5.00 |
| | <u>\$60.00</u> |
| PENNSYLVANIA | |
| Department Donation | \$25.00 |
| Frank L. Campbell | 10.00 |
| Edwin Kramer, Sr. V.C.-in-C. | 10.00 |
| John C. Yokum, P.C.-in-C. | 2.00 |
| Chester S. Shriver, P.C.-in-C. | 5.00 |
| George W. Long, P.D.C. | 5.00 |
| William Simpson, P.D.C. | 2.00 |
| | <u>\$59.00</u> |
| WISCONSIN | |
| Thomas L. W. Johnson, P.D.C. | \$10.00 |

TOTAL \$209.00

Respectfully submitted in F., C., & L.,
Edwin K. Kramer
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Department Commander Thomas Graham of Ohio moved that the Report be accepted. The motion was seconded by P.D.C. Edson Baker of New York. Motion carried.

P.C.-in-C. Stoudt: Commander-in-Chief, on the matter of the Anniversary Fund, I just want you to know that the Proceedings of last year did not list Pennsylvania at all but we did give and we have cancelled checks to prove it.

(Note: Contributions from the Department of Pennsylvania to the 100th Anniversary Fund were inadvertently omitted from last year's Proceedings. Apologetically, they are as follows: Department Donation \$15.00; Past Commander-in-Chief John C. Yocum \$5.00; Past Commander-in-Chief Frank Heacock \$1.00; Past Department Commander Ralph Peiper \$2.00; Past Department Commander and Member of National Council William

Simpson \$2.00; for a total of \$25.00 from the Dept. of Pennsylvania and its members.)

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: Brother George Long, are you ready with your National Patriotic Instructor's Financial Report?

FINANCIAL REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

The following amounts were received either from donations from members, Camps or Departments, the sale of merchandise or chances. Special thanks to all who gave; also, to Ralph Peiper, Past Department Commander of Pennsylvania for the watch and his generous donation. My expenses for postage, printing and merchandise totaled \$105.20.

CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC

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| Col. Ernest E. Smith | \$ 5.00 | John A. Logan Camp #20 | \$ 5.00 |
| Robert Sikes | 5.00 | Gordon C. Anderson | 2.00 |
| Howard T. Paine | 5.00 | Robert L. Hughes | 5.00 |
| Joe F. Collins | 5.00 | Larry Sagouspe | 10.00 |
| | | Total | \$ 42.00 |

CONNECTICUT

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| Grace Lathem | \$ 2.00 | Mr. & Mrs. Edgar A. Prince | \$ 2.00 |
| Augustus G. Funk | 5.00 | James Y. Ledwith | 10.00 |
| Minnie Burkhardt | 1.00 | | |
| | | Total | 20.00 |

ILLINOIS

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| Joseph C. Lutz | \$ 5.00 | Jane L. Riley | \$ 3.00 |
| George C. Cashman | 10.00 | Cyril C. Gumbinger | 10.00 |
| Merrille Miller | 5.00 | | |
| | | Total | 33.00 |

INDIANA

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| Jack K. Houser | \$ 5.00 | Gen. William P. Benton | |
| David D. Porter Camp 116 | 5.00 | Camp 28 | 10.00 |
| Neil R. Kline | 10.00 | Orval L. King | 6.00 |
| Department of Indiana | 15.00 | | |
| | | Total | 51.00 |

IOWA

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| Mrs. Lula Brann | \$ 2.00 | J. B. Johnson | \$ 5.00 |
| | | Total | 7.00 |

MAINE

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| Harold A. Towle | \$ 1.00 | Clayton Brann | \$ 5.00 |
| Mrs. C. Flint | 3.00 | William C. Donahue | 5.00 |
| R. Leon Williams | 5.00 | | |
| | | Total | 19.00 |

MARYLAND

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| Charles C. Clark, Jr. | \$10.00 | Agnes D. Davis | 2.00 |
| Kenneth G. Petrie | 10.00 | William A. Davis | 2.00 |
| David W. Armstrong | 10.00 | Frederick A. Davis | 1.00 |
| Department of Maryland | 10.00 | Richard C. Schlenker | 5.00 |
| | | Total | 50.00 |

MASSACHUSETTS

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|-------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|
| William Haskell | \$ 1.00 | Robert J. O'Dokerty | \$ 5.00 |
| Clark Mellor | 1.00 | Miles Harrington, Sr. | 2.00 |
| Ralph C. Wilde | 5.00 | Allen B. Howland | 5.00 |
| Edward L. Noonan | 1.00 | Dept. of Massachusetts | 25.00 |
| George N. Lovatt | 5.00 | Robert L. Noyes | 2.00 |
| Philip G. Freeman | 5.00 | Minnie E. Madeiros | 10.00 |
| Ernest C. Ivans | 2.00 | Gen. Geo. B. McClellan | |
| Williard C. Bodge | 5.00 | Camp 60 | 2.00 |
| Stanley C. Benson | 5.00 | William C. Rule | 2.00 |
| Mortimer E. Shea | 3.00 | Eugene E. Russell | 5.00 |
| Russell P. Still | 3.00 | Charles H. Bond | 3.00 |
| Paul M. Healey | 2.00 | Charles Hooper, Sr. | 5.00 |
| | | Total | 104.00 |

MICHIGAN

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| John M. LaRue | \$ 5.00 | Clarence F. Rabach | \$ 5.00 |
| Leroy O. Voorheis | 3.00 | Homer R. Savage | 5.00 |
| Alden E. Bridges | 5.00 | Angus T. Waddell | 5.00 |
| | | Total | 28.00 |

MISSOURI

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| Rosella Vanac | \$ 2.00 | | |
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NEW HAMPSHIRE

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| Cleon E. Heald | \$ 5.00 | Blanche Shorek (WRC) | \$ 1.00 |
| Richard E. Wyman | 10.00 | Kaliapi H. Larke (WRC) | 1.00 |
| Howard M. Wheeler | 5.00 | Granite State Camp #5 | 2.00 |
| George W. Tarlson | 5.00 | Alfred J. Clark | 5.00 |
| Gordon E. Phillips | 2.00 | New Hampshire Department | 5.00 |
| Kenneth T. Wheeler | 5.00 | Past Dept. Commanders Asso. | 5.00 |
| Howard T. Paine | 5.00 | William L. John | 2.00 |
| Phillip B. Holmes | 10.00 | Robert Lawrence | 5.00 |
| | | Total | 73.00 |

NEW JERSEY

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| Ella G. Reeger | \$ 1.00 | Blondell T. Fenton | 5.00 |
| Harry Hinger | 5.00 | Edward C. Yess, II | 5.00 |
| M. Genevieve Orme | 2.00 | Margaret D. Schroeder | 1.00 |
| Fred H. Combs, Jr. | 25.00 | Edward G. Kater | 5.00 |
| Mrs. Laura Combs | 10.00 | Mearl L. Moushey | 5.00 |
| Charlotte M. Nagle | 5.00 | Ferd V. Dayton Camp #5 | 10.00 |
| M. Helen Loll | 5.00 | Department of New Jersey | 10.00 |
| Gerald E. Kanable | 5.00 | Gen. James A. Garfield | |
| William W. Vanderhoof | 5.00 | Camp #4 | 10.00 |
| Theodore Smith | 5.00 | Edna Lambert in memory | |
| William R. Reese | 3.00 | of Albert C. Lambert, | |
| Russell A. Moushey | 5.00 | P.C.-in-C. | 5.00 |
| Joseph Young | 2.00 | M. J. Peer | 2.00 |
| Albert W. Lambert | 10.00 | | |
| | | Total | 146.00 |

NEW YORK

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| Norman Forman | \$ 5.00 | Cecil M. Baer | \$ 3.00 |
| Donald L. Roberts | 11.00 | Cecil M. Baer in memory of | |
| William L. Stafford | 2.50 | his mother, Pauline R. Baer | 3.00 |
| Devene Williamson | 5.00 | Cecil M. Baer in memory of | |
| Eluned Williamson | 5.00 | his wife, Rita Baer | 3.00 |
| Charles J. Murphy | 1.00 | Cecil M. Baer in memory of | |
| Weldon E. Howitt | 5.00 | his grandfather, Solomon | |
| Joseph S. Rippey | 25.00 | Seide | 3.00 |
| Elmer J. Wolf | 10.00 | Cecil M. Baer in memory of | |
| Jack M. Hilyer | 5.00 | departed members of Oliver | |
| Abraham Lincoln Camp #6 | 5.00 | Tilden Post 96 G.A.R. & Oliver | |
| Harold T. Beilby | 3.00 | Tilden Camp 96 S.U.V. | 3.00 |
| Mrs. Harold Beilby | 3.00 | Department of New York | 25.00 |
| Jerome Orton | 10.00 | Norman Furman | 5.00 |
| Albert A. Morey | 2.00 | Mr. & Mrs. Harry Gibbons | 10.00 |
| Alfred Hann | 2.00 | Royce Roberts | 5.00 |
| Agnes Hahn | 2.00 | First N.Y. Battalion | |
| Mary E. Hudson | 2.00 | Empire Fifers | 5.00 |
| Chester E. Hudson | 2.00 | 75th Volunteer Infantry | 5.00 |
| Conchita Zdonick | 5.00 | Jack Cohen | 2.00 |
| | | Total | 182.50 |

OHIO

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| Richard L. Greenwalt | \$25.00 | Donald G. Cline | \$ 1.00 |
| Byron C. Allen | 5.00 | Department of Ohio | 25.00 |
| Forest Altland | 10.00 | District #1 Ohio Dept. | 10.00 |
| Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Graham | 5.00 | James Brown | 5.00 |
| S. Edwin Smith | 5.00 | Robert J. Wolz | 50.00 |
| Thomas E. Hoffman | 10.00 | | |
| | | Total | 151.00 |

OREGON AND WASHINGTON

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| John C. Braugher | \$ 5.00 | James M. Sherman | \$10.00 |
| | | Total | 15.00 |

RHODE ISLAND

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| Department of Rhode Island | \$ 5.00 | W. J. Macomber | \$ 1.00 |
| | | Total | 6.00 |

VERMONT

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| H. E. K. Hall Camp #28 | \$ 5.00 | Vesta Osborne | \$ 3.00 |
| Vermont Department | 5.00 | Thomas A. Chadwick | 5.00 |
| Ned L. Durkee | 5.00 | | |
| | | Total | 23.00 |

WISCONSIN

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| Gilbert C. Bandow | \$ 5.00 | Thomas L. W. Johnson | \$30.00 |
| Department of Wisconsin | 15.00 | Herman T. Black | 5.00 |
| Henry Harden Camp #2 | 5.00 | Louise Hernke | 5.00 |
| | | Total | 65.00 |

NATIONAL MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

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| Richard K. Beggs | \$ 5.00 | Thomas F. Bresnehen | \$ 5.00 |
| Joseph R. Donahue | 5.00 | Clifton M. Foreman | 7.00 |
| Martin L. Schultz | 5.00 | Norman O. Tiffany | 10.00 |
| Gordon Moran | 5.00 | Stephen B. Killian | 5.00 |
| Boyce Tope | 5.00 | Clyde R. Farquar | 5.00 |
| David F. Shafer | 5.00 | Robert C. Fleming | 5.00 |
| Harold J. Webber | 5.00 | Mrs. Kenneth Arnold | 2.00 |
| Joseph C. Payne | 5.00 | Laurence Nothdurft | 3.00 |
| Joseph S. Coulter | 5.00 | Stephen P. Astel | 5.00 |
| Wallace Douglas | 5.00 | Thomas A. Corcoran, Sr. | 5.00 |
| Harold K. Ewald, Jr. | 5.00 | Paul Allwein | 5.00 |
| John H. Hartford | 5.00 | Dr. Lawrence M. Jones | 5.00 |
| Larry A. Severns | 5.00 | Adrian W. Faulkner | 10.00 |
| Forrest M. John | 10.00 | Herbert D. Bennett | 10.00 |
| Edgar Meinhardt | 5.00 | Kenneth S. Athey | 10.00 |
| | | Total | 172.00 |

MEMORIAL CAMP 300

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| Edward J. Rife | \$ 5.00 | Total | 5.00 |
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PENNSYLVANIA

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| Harold H. Heberling | \$ 5.00 | Gen. George G. Meade | |
| Ruth Griffith | 5.00 | Camp 16 | \$10.00 |
| Charles A. Kent | 2.00 | Frank L. Campbell, Sr. | 10.00 |
| Perry G. Fuller | 5.00 | Clara Seitz | 5.00 |
| William H. Kelley | 5.00 | Mary Seitz | 5.00 |
| Francis A. McWilliams | 10.00 | Eva Erisman | 10.00 |
| W. A. Morgan, Brig. Gen. (Ret.) | 5.00 | Past Dept. Commanders | 10.00 |
| David W. Gauer | 5.00 | John H. Stark | 5.00 |
| Stover L. Detwiler | 10.00 | James Moss | 2.00 |
| Camp 50 Carlisle | 10.00 | Richard O. Partington | 15.00 |
| Mr. & Mrs. Kermit Wilson | 5.00 | William Hosmer | 10.00 |
| Samuel J. Hunsinger | 2.00 | Kathleen Runkle in memory of John H. Runkle | 5.00 |
| George F. Calhoon | 10.00 | Ivan E. Frantz, Jr. | 15.00 |
| James D. Turnbull | 2.00 | Mary Centini | 5.00 |
| Frank Heacock, Sr. | 5.00 | Chester Otstot | 6.00 |
| Anna Heacock | 1.00 | Arthur W. Warman | 6.00 |
| Margaret Baumierster | 10.00 | Mr. & Mrs. Ivan E. Frantz, Sr. | 25.00 |
| Ralph Peiper | 60.00 | Pennsylvania Department | 50.00 |
| Dorothy Kegerise | 2.00 | Mr. & Mrs. Robert U. Werkheiser | 10.00 |
| Mabel Y. Hedemark | 5.00 | Mrs. Audrey Long | 10.00 |
| Elton Koch's Grandson | 2.00 | Mr. & Mrs. Goodling | |
| Margaret Baumierster | 5.00 | H. Dugan | 10.00 |
| Keith K. Wilkes | 2.00 | Herman Poehler | 5.00 |
| Harry D. Gilbert, Jr. | 2.00 | John C. Yocum | 10.00 |
| Robert Van Der Voort | 5.00 | Chester S. Shriver | 5.00 |
| Gen. Judson Kilpatrick Camp 233 | 25.00 | William B. Simpson | 5.00 |
| C. Leroy Stoudt and Irene K. Murphy | 25.00 | Camp 19 Lancaster | 10.00 |

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| Capt. O. A. Luckenbach | | Auxiliary to Camp 19 | 10.00 |
| Camp 182 | 30.00 | Viola Bremme | 10.00 |
| C. Leroy Stoudt | 10.00 | Camp 149 | 5.00 |
| J. Harris Yocum | 10.00 | Edwin K. Kramer | 5.00 |
| Clarence J. Riddell | 10.00 | Frank Campbell | 5.00 |
| Caroline Riddell | 5.00 | Karl Frantz | 10.00 |
| Richard H. Fink | 5.00 | | |
| | | Total | \$604.00 |

GRAND TOTALS 1978-1979

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| California & Pacific | \$ 42.00 | Parking Meter Bank | \$ 41.00 |
| Connecticut | 20.00 | Watch | 219.00 |
| Illinois | 33.00 | Chance Books | 213.00 |
| Indiana | 51.00 | Pa. Dinner at Grand Rapids | 35.61 |
| Iowa | 7.00 | Past Presidents and Past | |
| Maine | 19.00 | Commanders of South | |
| Maryland | 50.00 | Central Pennsylvania | 3.00 |
| Massachusetts | 104.00 | Lamp and Pillow Chance Off | 55.00 |
| Memorial Camp 300 | 5.00 | Long Reunion | 14.00 |
| Michigan | 28.00 | Clara Seitz and Mary Centini | |
| Missouri | 2.00 | Christmas Sales | 8.00 |
| New Hampshire | 73.00 | Merchandise Sales | 550.00 |
| New Jersey | 146.00 | | |
| New York | 182.50 | Total | \$1,138.61 |
| Ohio | 151.00 | | |
| Oregon & Washington | 15.00 | | |
| Pennsylvania | 604.00 | | |
| Rhode Island | 6.00 | | |
| Vermont | 23.00 | | |
| Wisconsin | 65.00 | | |
| National Members-at-Large | 172.00 | | |
| Miscellaneous | 12.00 | | |
| Total | \$1,810.50 | | |

Of this amount, \$1,462.25 was sent to the National Secretary-Treasurer during the year, before coming to this Encampment. The balance is with this report. Add to the total \$105.20 expenses paid by me, for a grand total of \$3,054.31.

Again, let me thank each and every one who made it possible. Commander, I hope I have lived up to your expectation.

Respectfully submitted,
George W. Long
National Patriotic Instructor

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: I would move you, Sir, that the Report of the National Patriotic Instructor be accepted, made a part of the Journal of Proceedings, and we give the National Patriotic Instructor a rising vote of thanks for the outstanding work he has done.

The motion was seconded by P.D.C. Rule and passed. Brother Long also received a loud round of applause.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: Brother Kramer are you ready with the Report of the Audit Committee?

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

We have examined the audit of the accounts and records of the National Secretary-Treasurer, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as certified by Clay W. Garrett, Certified Public Accountant, of Hanover, Pa., and certify that it reflects a true record of said accounts.

Examined and approved August 14, 1979.

Edwin K. Kramer
William L. Simpson
Audit Committee of the Council of Administration

Sr. V.C.-in-C. Kramer: Commander-in-Chief, I move that the report be adopted.

Brother Kramer's motion was seconded by P.C.-in-C. John C. Yokum and carried.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: May we have the Report of the Constitution and Regulations Committee, Brother Rippey?

P.C.-in-C. Rippey: Brother Commander-in-Chief, we made a Report yesterday which was to be the final report unless something was submitted during the remainder of the Encampment. There was one other matter that came up yesterday morning which was submitted to us. If you recall, it was tabled until the afternoon session and then it was tabled indefinitely. Therefore, there has been nothing more submitted, and I assume then that our duties are completed for this Encampment.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: The next committee will be the Budget Committee.

P.C.-in-C. Rippey: Brother Commander-in-Chief, the Budget Committee, consisting of Messrs. Wyman, Combs, Shriver and myself, has met and arranged a budget which we think is very realistic for the coming fiscal year. I'll read over all of the items individually for you.

REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE BUDGET ADOPTED FOR 1979-1980

RECEIPTS:

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| Per-capita tax from 2562 members @ \$2.20 per year | \$ 5,636.40 |
| Registration fee from 103 members at \$4.00 each | 412.00 |
| Sale of Supplies | 2,300.00 |
| Auxiliary gift | 500.00 |
| Income from Permanent Fund | 1,600.00 |
| Income from interest on savings accounts | 1,100.00 |
| Net income from memberships at large | 354.65 |
| Gift from Arthur Glennum | 100.00 |
| Total | \$12,003.05 |

DISBURSEMENTS:

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| Commander-in-Chief's expenses | \$ 1,500.00 |
| National Secretary-Treasurer's expenses | 1,250.00 |
| Purchase of supplies | 2,203.05 |
| Printing, stationery, postage and telephone | 750.00 |
| Printing and mailing of proceedings — 1979 | 2,100.00 |
| Encampment expenses | 300.00 |
| The Banner | 3,200.00 |
| Past Commander-in-Chief's jewel | 200.00 |
| Certified public accountant | 500.00 |
| Total | \$12,003.05 |

APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GAR FUND

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| Lincoln Memorial | \$ 50.00 |
| Lincoln Tomb Ceremony | 400.00 |
| G.A.R. Remembrance Day | 200.00 |
| Memorial at Cathedral of the Pines | 25.00 |
| National Military Department, S.V.R. | 150.00 |
| Student Scholarship Award | 300.00 |
| G.A.R. Campfire program expense | 300.00 |
| Fraternal Relations | 20.00 |
| Restoration of New Hampshire veterans building | 50.00 |
| Printing of forms for contributions | 100.00 |
| Total | \$ 1,595.00 |

Budget Committee:
 Richard Wyman
 Fred H. Combs, Jr.
 Chester S. Shriver
 Joseph S. Rippey, Chairman

Brother Rippey continued: Brother Commander-in-Chief, to bring this on the floor, I move the adoption of this budget.

The motion was seconded by D.C. Thomas Graham and a brief discussion followed. The motion passed.

Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver: Commander-in-Chief, something is on my mind. I have not asked anyone, but I hope someone perhaps can clarify whether it's proper or legal to do so. Every year the expense for our Memorial Service at our National Encampment is increasing. Flowers cost more, bulletins cost more — our share this year was \$55.50 — we go half with our Auxiliary. I'm just wondering if it might be proper that our share might come from the G.A.R. Memorial Fund. We give tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic. Would it be possible legally to earmark this in our G.A.R. Fund? At the present rate of inflation, it's not going to decrease and, eventually, we could work our way up to \$75 or \$100 out of our General Fund — at present it comes out of our General Fund under Encampment Expense. I don't know, but I do feel that it's getting to the point that this should be considered.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: Commander-in-Chief, as far as the G.A.R. Fund, there is no hard and fast rule established, to my knowledge, how that Fund shall be expended. To me, it's a very flexible Fund and, as you say, there is a tribute given to the Grand Army of the Republic and it's following a tradition long established by them. I can see no reason why it couldn't be expended from the G.A.R. Fund rather than the General Fund.

Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver: It wasn't too many years ago that our share was only \$15-18 but to me that Memorial Service is just as important to us, as meaningful, as the Campfire.

P.C.-in-C. Rippey: In connection with the G.A.R. Fund, you may recall that last year we had a sum of \$50 designated for Fort Chickamauga, but as a result of a communication from them that our money would be but a drop in the bucket, we have eliminated it this year.

Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver: I'm not suggesting that it be included in this year's budget. I feel that the Budget Committee has done a fine job, but I do feel that it should be considered for next year and the future years. My question was, is it legal and proper to do so?

The motion to adopt the budget was then passed.

P.C.-in-C. Rippey: Brother Commander-in-Chief, this then constitutes the final Report of the Budget Committee, and I presume we are discharged.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: That is right. I thank you.

The Guard, Elton P. Koch, announced the arrival of the delegation from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and they were admitted to the room.

P.N.P. Mabel Taylor, spokesperson for the group, and National President Eleanor Krohn were escorted to the rostrum.

P.N.P. Mabel Taylor: Commander-in-Chief, Brothers all, we are very happy to come and visit with you and bring you our greetings. As you know, ever since I was National President in 1953-54, I felt so bad that year when we were not with the Sons and I made it a point that from then on we would always meet with the Sons and the Auxiliary. Ever since then our Ladies organization has met with the Sons of Union Veterans, where we belong. We are very happy to meet with you, and we know you are having a fine Encampment. We want to congratulate the retiring officers on a year well done and to wish the incoming officers a most successful year. Thank you.

National President Eleanor Krohn: Commander-in-Chief, Officers, Members and Friends, it is with relief that I am going out of office and, yet, in a second breath, I had such a wonderful year and we met so many times with Sister Florence Forbey and Brother Dick that it is with reluctance that we say good-bye. I know that we will meet again in the future. It is an honor to be with you today and we thank you.

P.C.-in-C. Kenneth Wheeler: Commander, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sister Mabel, all Brothers and Sisters, it is certainly a pleasure for me to have our Commander-in-Chief ask me to respond to the Ladies, as I think this is just a wonderful group of girls. I want to thank you very much on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief for coming in here today when I know you are busy to bring his greetings to him. I want to thank you very much.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: Sister Mabel, will you do the honors in introducing the fine ladies standing behind the Altar?

P.N.P. Mabel Taylor: They are Sisters Marian Leach, Alice Harwood, Erma Landis, Edna McCready, Della Richard, Mary Noonan, Edra Gene Tighe and Elizabeth Koch — Past National Presidents ALL.

The Ladies were then escorted out of the room.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: Brother Escorts, we thank you. We are now ready to get back to business with the Report of the Officers Reports Committee. Brother William Haskell, are you ready?

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS REPORT COMMITTEE

Your Committee has reviewed the reports of the National Officers. We commend the Commander-in-Chief on his scholarly and comprehensive report. We also wish to commend him on his devotion and fine work in behalf of our Organization.

The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief had no recommendations. We assure you they have performed their duties to the best of their abilities, especially the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief in regards to his membership program.

We wish to compliment National Secretary-Treasurer Chester S. Shriver for his fine financial and membership reports and for the advice and counsel, not only to the National Officers, but to the membership at large.

All other National Officers performed their duties as prescribed by the Constitution and Regulations.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: Commander, I would move you where there be no objections to the recommendations as submitted by the Chairman of the Committee on Officers Reports they be accepted by the sound of the gavel.

The motion was seconded by P.C.-in-C. Yocum and carried.

P.C.-in-C. Haskell continued: Recommendations of the Commander-in-Chief:

Recommendation #1. We concur.

Recommendation #2. We concur.

Recommendation #3. We concur.

Recommendation #4. We concur.

Recommendation #5. We concur.

Recommendation #6. We concur.

Recommendations of the National Secretary-Treasurer:

Recommendation #1. We concur.

Recommendation #2. We concur.

Recommendation #3. We concur.

Recommendation #4. We concur.

Recommendation #5. We concur.

Recommendation #6. Refer to Budget Committee.

Recommendation #7. We concur.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: I do not rise to object to this because I am in accord with it, but somewhere back in the Proceedings from years back (I think the motion was made by the late Col. Bauer) that since we had extended many invitations and no action was taken, we'd leave the door open and when the Daughters and Woman's Relief Corps wanted to come back "home" we will welcome them. I want to point out to you that in urging them to come with us, as I said, I am not opposed to it, but we must realize that when we become four and five organizations, it's going to be more and more difficult to get four and five complimentary suites; it's going to be more difficult to get four and five meeting rooms; it's going to be more difficult to get the accommodations. It means we're going to have to go to a much larger hotel. I am not cognizant of the attendance at the Daughters and Woman's Relief Corps any more. I merely want to point this out to you. I am not objecting to the thought, but we must take into consideration what it's going to involve, how we're going to become involved, and we could find ourselves in tight quarters.

P.C.-in-C. Stoudt: I, too, feel that we have nothing to gain by having the other two organizations with us. I say this because in 1947 which was two years before the Grand Army ceased to function, we discussed this on the floor as to what we were going to do when the Grand Army ceased to function and it was a recommendation that we have the incoming Commander-in-Chief ask the other four organizations to name two members to a committee to select an Encampment site and we had two members from our Organization. We had ten people spread throughout the country to select a site. It was not adopted. So we came to 1949 when the Grand Army did cease to function. We elected John Runkle of Pennsylvania Commander-in-Chief and we accepted the invitation of Massachusetts to meet in Boston the following year. We invited the other three organizations to join us and they ignored us. They went to California instead. That year we met one week before the other three organizations and even though John Runkle was then out of office, he was so keenly interested in this that he spent his own money to fly to California to try to persuade the other organizations to come back to us and they turned him down. For a number of years we had resolutions that we invite them and we always did

and we were always turned down. In 1954 we were meeting in Duluth, Minnesota, and General Ulysses S. Grant, III, was our Commander-in-Chief and we re-elected him. Through his personality and name he was successful in getting the five organizations to meet together the following year in Cincinnati and they were fighting among themselves before the Encampment was over. And when it WAS over, they went their way and we went ours. Some years ago, we had a resolution from the Illinois Department calling upon us to get the family together even though it meant giving up the leadership. Allen Howland was Chairman of the Resolutions Committee that year and when he reported for his committee he said, "We're not giving up ANYTHING to have the other organizations come back to us, because we had pleaded with them for many years and they turned us down." And he recommended nonconcurrency, and the committee was sustained. After the Cincinnati Encampment, the other three went their way and we went ours. Later the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic came to us and still later the other two organizations split up. So, if the two couldn't get along, I don't know how you think that the five are going to get along. May I call this to your attention — the Woman's Relief Corps takes the attitude that THEY should lead the organizations because they are the Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, and if we should join together, you will be traveling much further to your National Encampment for this reason — the bulk of the membership of the Daughters and the Relief Corps is in the West. The Daughters are meeting this week in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and the Woman's Relief Corps meets next month in West Bend, Oregon. And you will be going to the far West much more often than you have been or you won't have the other organizations with us. So, frankly, I cannot see encouraging it.

Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver: Mr. Chairman, Commander-in-Chief, Brother Leroy, every statement you made is correct and true. Most of us who have been here down through the years remember this. May I just clarify this quickly. Last year you Brothers took action to extend this invitation. The invitation was extended to the National Secretary of each of the two lady organizations. Not the courtesy of a reply to either letter has been received. During the course of the travels of the past year our Commander-in-Chief has been asked by the National President of the Daughters and the Woman's Relief Corps, "Why were we not invited?" It is the assumption, and you should never assume, of the Commander-in-Chief and myself and perhaps a few others that these letters originally sent by our Organization on our letterhead died in the National Secretary's office and were never carried forth to anybody else. More recently this Spring in his travels to the Department Encampments, again our Commander-in-Chief was confronted by the National President of the Daughters, Jane Riley, and the National President of the Corps — we thought we were invited, at least received notice that eventually we would become a Grand Army family — we are in concurrence. So, Brothers, on July 21 a letter was sent to each one of the National Presidents, not the Secretary, again stating our sincerity. My recommendation is only to be sure that the National Presidents are informed of our feeling. Basically, it's problems, if it ever becomes a reality, but I feel that, if we are going to be the Sons and the leader, at least we should have the courtesy of a reply.

P.C.-in-C. Hugcock: Commander-in-Chief, actually, Brother Chet, all you're doing in that letter of July 21 is fulfilling your duties as an officer and pursuant to the action that was taken last year. I do happen to know that the Woman's Relief Corps has appointed a committee to look into this. None of us has heard anything from them, so they may be feeling among their own members

first to come up with a report this year before they pursue it outside, which would be, in a sense, a proper thing to do because if the majority of their members don't want to join, they should find out first.

P.C.-in-C. Stoudt: May I just add this? Those who attended the Encampments while the Grand Army of the Republic was still in session will recall the Sons and Auxiliary were always at the bottom of the list. When we had banquets and Campfires, etc., we were the last ones to be called upon, even though we are the senior ones in existence. When it came to selecting the hotels in the Encampment city, naturally, the Grand Army took the best hotels and the Woman's Relief Corps went with them. Then the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic selected their hotel and the Daughters selected theirs and *we took what was left*, and in many cases it was a third or fourth class hotel. So, when I was Commander-in-Chief, Katy Flood, Past National President of the Daughters, went to the National Secretary-Treasurer of the Grand Army, and the brains behind the organization, and I asked her just why we were at the bottom of the totem pole. She said, "Sonny, (she always called me Sonny) I'll tell you — in 1918 the Grand Army went to California, the Sons and Auxiliary did not. They went to Niagara Falls and, therefore, you withdrew from the family, so the following year when you came back you had to go to the bottom of the list." That's why we were always last, according to her.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: Apparently her story to you was different from her story to me because she told me that when the Grand Army went to Portland, Oregon in 1929, the Sons and Auxiliary felt they couldn't afford to go that far West and went to Portland, Maine, and she said that's when we ended the relationship with the Grand Army of the Republic.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: We are at the point where the committee recommends concurrence as read.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: I would move you this item be tabled rather than voted down.

The motion was seconded by P.D.C. Rule. On the question, quite a few members voted "yes" and quite a few voted "no". Brother Heacock asked for a vote by roll call and then yielded to a standing vote. The Guide counted those voting, and the result was 44 Ayes (in favor of tabling it) and 15 Nays.

P.D.C. Cecil Baer of New York questioned whether or not a motion to table a motion had to be a unanimous vote. National Counselor Heacock said, "No, but a motion to table cannot be debated."

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: Commander-in-Chief, I am NOT opposed to their knocking on our front door and saying they want to come home and, believe me, I'll do everything within my power to help make that a completely-oriented occasion, but, repeating the words of Allen Howland when he was Chairman of that Committee, "I'll not yield a point!"

Brother Heacock's remarks were followed by a loud round of applause.

Brother Haskell continued: Recommendation #8 — We concur.

P.C.-in-C. Wheeler: I'm not disagreeing with your recommendation regarding Recommendation #8, but am wondering if you had some unusual circumstances like we did in New Hampshire—if that had happened a little bit later, we would have been caught in this restriction. (Note: The Secretary-Treasurer of the Department of New Hampshire passed away suddenly.)

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: The national body has the authority to set anything aside and to seat you when you get there. I am not in disagreement with this recommendation, but my thought is this—is there any particular law that this recommendation conflicts with?

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: Brother Rippey, would you care to comment at this time?

P.C.-in-C. Rippey: I don't know. I'd have to look it up. Mark Twain once said that on a question asked of him, he said he was happy to give a prompt answer, he didn't know.

Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver: May I just add a comment. Brothers, in defense of the Credentials Committee, I dare say that one-third of their time has been spent at this Encampment completing credentials that should have been completed back home. If these Camps and Departments report membership and per capita tax as required by our Constitution and Regulations, and if a little more work is completed back home, we don't have to spend the time here on administrative work. When a Brother comes here, he is supposed to have his credential card and his membership identification card so the credentials committee can execute a report at the Monday morning session. Perhaps this recommendation might be a reminder back home for the Departments to do their homework and get the per capita tax and reports in on time.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: Commander-in-Chief, Chapter III, Article II, Section 3, of the C & R — "A Department which fails to pay its per capita tax or other indebtedness, or fails to make reports, shall not be entitled to representation in National Encampment meetings." I am in accord with that thirty-day deal, but somewhere along the line, I think that thirty days should be incorporated in here and not merely as a recommendation.

Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver: Many times we pass motions and recommendations at National Encampments and then go home and they are forgotten. I feel that if this is published in the Proceedings and The BANNER it may help coordinate the responsibilities of everyone in our Organization.

P.D.C. Rule: Couldn't this also be incorporated so it would be in the Proceedings? The Department Secretary sends you a letter and a report to get this in by a certain date so that we can make our report to the National Encampment; otherwise, we won't be able to vote. Couldn't we put in there that the credentials will be sent to the proper people fifteen days, at least, before the Encampment so that when the delegate or Past Department Commander comes to the Encampment he will have his credentials with him? Now, it's a lot of work for a Department Secretary to do, but when we have to wait for him to get here, or if he didn't get here for some reason, we'd be without credentials or we'd be hunting the National Secretary-Treasurer begging for another one. So why can't they make that a prerequisite and put it in the Proceedings? If necessary, I will make that a motion.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: I think you'd run into another change in the C & R with the duties that are set for the Department Secretaries in the C & R and Department By-Laws. I think you'd better sit on that, Brother Bill.

P.D.C. James Y. Ledwith: We have over one hundred life members. As life members, does that affect us if we come into this Encampment if we don't have a credential card because our Departments have failed to comply with the rules?

P.C.-in-C. Rippey: Commander-in-Chief, may I suggest that the motion of Brother Rule, while very well taken, is out of order. We are on the subject now of the Committee on Officers Reports. We either sustain them or we don't sustain them.

Brother Haskell continued: Recommendation #8. We concur.
 Recommendation #9. We concur.
 Recommendation #10. We concur and suggest
 that they be our guest at our annual Encampment *Banquet*.

That completes the report of the Officers Reports Committee. We thank the delegates for their kind attention and hope that we have done the best we could.

Committee on Officers Reports
William W. Haskell, Chairman
Russell H. Milnes
John J. Junge
Wayne Lyle

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: Commander-in-Chief, I move you that the Report of the Committee on Officers Reports, as a whole, be accepted and made a portion of the Proceedings.

P.D.C. Rule seconded the motion and it was passed.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: The next item of business is the Report of the Committee on Resolutions. Brother Rippey, may we have your report?

P.C.-in-C. Rippey: Brother Commander-in-Chief, this year there have been many items submitted to the Committee on Resolutions and the Committee, consisting of Rev. Partington, Richard Schlenker, Harold Goodman, Charles W. Hooper, Jr. and myself have been in session two times, spending considerable effort on each one of the proposed resolutions and communications in relation to it. I'll start in with the easy ones and then we'll come to some which will be more lengthy and I'll ask you how you want those handled.

First of all, the resolutions which are submitted by the Committee itself, as follows:

1. Resolved, that the thanks and appreciation of this Encampment are expressed to the Sheraton-Hartford Hotel and its management and employees for their courtesies and gracious hospitality.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: Commander-in-Chief, I would move you that the Resolutions as reported by the Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, where there be no objections, they be accepted as read, by the sound of the gavel.

The motion was seconded by Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver and carried.

Brother Rippey continued:

2. Resolved, that the thanks and appreciation of this Encampment are expressed to the City of Hartford for its courtesies and gracious hospitality.

3. Resolved, that the thanks and appreciation of the Encampment are expressed to the National Encampment and Convention Committees for their dedicated efforts, courtesies and hospitality in making this a most comfortable, enjoyable and rewarding Encampment.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: I would suggest that a copy of that Resolution be conveyed to the Committee through the office of the National Secretary-Treasurer.

Brother Rippey continued: The subject of Memorial Day has come up in various ways and we have then drawn up this Resolution covering several different suggestions and communications so that the wording of this is our own rather than any submitted.

4. Resolved, by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in annual national encampment assembled, this 15th day of August, 1979, that it is the sense of this encampment that the legal public holiday of Memorial Day be redesignated as May 30th of each year and that the Congress of the United States and the legislatures of the States be petitioned to so designate the same.

Further resolved, that copies of this resolution be sent to the President and to the clerks of the United States Senate and the House of Representatives, the Governors and the clerks of the legislatures of each of the States, and to such other persons as may be determined by the National Secretary.

I will read this letter first and then the Resolution which we have drawn up as a result. (Brother Rippey read the letter that was written to Fred H. Combs, Jr. by Lyman S. Hainline, which was printed in its entirety under communications in these Proceedings.)

5. Resolved, by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in annual national encampment assembled, this 15th day of August, 1979, that all records in the possession or under the control of the government of the United States and the governments of the several States pertaining to veterans of the Civil War, be available for examination and copying by citizens of the United States and such other persons as the keeper of such records may determine, and that the respective legislatures be petitioned to make such records so available.

Further resolved, that copies of this resolution be sent to the clerks of the United States Senate and the House of Representatives, and the clerks of the legislatures of each of the States, and to such other persons as may be determined by the National Secretary.

Brother Rippey continued: Now, you will notice in that connection that it's so worded that it includes Confederate veterans, too.

Brother Heacock said he would like to see a more comprehensive resolution to cover ALL wars. Brother Rippey explained that this resolution was drawn up in answer to this specific request.

P.C.-in-C. Rippey: Commander-in-Chief, this resolution is submitted by the New Jersey Department and it's in the form of a communication and it does not request us to take any action on it. Therefore, I'll read it now and tell you what our disposition is.

(Brother Rippey read the Resolution, which is printed in its entirety under Communications in these Proceedings.)

We took no action on it. It does not request any. But we approve the sentiment.

The next two Resolutions come from the Ohio Department regarding record-keeping for historical purposes on the Department and on the National levels.

(These Resolutions are printed in their entirety under Communications in these Proceedings.)

We heartily approve that one. We concur, although it doesn't require us to take any action at all.

Now, there are several that are headed as Resolutions. However, they are merely in the form of communications as no action is requested of us and, as a matter of fact, it appears that they were originated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and adopted by the Pennsylvania Department by adaptation. Every one of them is good. About 3/4 of them were read by our National Secretary on the first day when he was reading communications. Assuming that the intent was that we take some action on them, the Committee therefore has done that and has adapted the Resolutions to apply to our own National Organization in the same wording as the Resolutions were originally made up.

(Brother Rippey gave several alternatives to the reading of these many Resolutions, all of which are printed in their entirety under Communications in these Proceedings. It was decided that he should just give the substance of them and read the resolutions parts of them because that is what has been acted on.)

6. Never Forsake America's Missing in Action
7. Opposition to Communist Cuba
8. Pensions for World War I Veterans
9. Soviet Communism and American Security

10. Regain and Sustain a Total American Defense Posture Which is CLEARLY No. 1
11. Strategic (Salt) Negotiations With the U.S.S.R.
12. No Women in Combat Jobs
13. Oppose Restoration of Citizenship for Draft Evaders
14. Unswerving Support for the Republic of China or Taiwan
15. Unwavering U.S. Support for the Republic of Korea
16. Resolution from the Department of Pennsylvania pertaining to Fort Chickamauga. Referred to the National Military Affairs Committee.

17. The next one has already been taken up by the Budget Committee and it refers to an expenditure from the Memorial Fund. I won't read it because it's three pages.

18. This next report is the Report of the Committee on Legislation, which was already read to you in full. It contains a recommendation #3 that our Order encourage the States to observe the birth of Abraham Lincoln by declaring February 12th to be an annual holiday or by authorizing appropriate exercises to commemorate his life and ideals in the schools. You possibly recall that Abraham Lincoln's birthday is not a National holiday. This simply suggests as a recommendation, not as a resolution, and I think possibly it has been rectified already as it is in the Report.

19. Here is a Resolution adopted at the 97th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, SUVCW, April 21, 1979, Springfield, Massachusetts: "WHEREAS, our National publication, The BANNER, has two important services: (1) to record significant events that have already taken place, and (2) to inform the membership of upcoming programs; and

"WHEREAS, the second function should be of particular interest to newer members of our Organization and encourage them to fuller participation in our Department and National affairs; and

"WHEREAS, regardless of the publication dates of The BANNER, its actual appearance is too often not far enough in advance of important coming events to afford sufficient notice for alerting interest and facilitating planning;

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the distribution dates from National Headquarters of each quarterly issue of The BANNER should not be later than January 15, April 15, July 15 and September 15 of each year."

Our recommendation on this—we do not concur with that for the reasons that this particular year Albert W. Lambert, the present Editor of The BANNER, is continuing again for the next four issues when he said that he had resigned from that office, and it's a pretty hard job sometimes to get out the material on specific dates. It seems to us that we shouldn't pin him down, particularly at this time, to these particular dates. Therefore, we take no action on this Resolution, because we don't approve it for the National Organization.

20. This Resolution, Gentlemen, is being submitted to you, or back to the people who originated it, because we consider it a bit ambiguous. I will read it.

"WHEREAS, an effort appears in the making for a joint Encampment with the Allied Organizations and the Sons of Confederate Veterans; and

"WHEREAS, such an enactment on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the SUVCW in 1981 appeals to the members of the 99th Annual Department Encampment of the Pennsylvania Department, SUVCW;

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pennsylvania Department, SUVCW, that, in lieu of meeting in Pennsylvania, we would not be adverse to a joint Encampment in a southern State; and

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if a later date be more suitable, such as 1982, 1983 or 1984, that a later date be acceptable."

Is that specifically referring to a Department Encampment, or is it intended that it should be accepted for us?

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: It means it should be adopted for us, but in view of what I have previously reported, the Department of Pennsylvania would like to withdraw that Resolution.

P.C.-in-C. Rippey: Commander-in-Chief, this completes our report and, unless something else is submitted later to this Encampment, it is a final report.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: Commander-in-Chief, I would move you that the Report of the Resolutions Committee be accepted as read and it be made a part of the Proceedings.

The motion was seconded by P.D.C. Chester Hudson and carried.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: That completes our Committee Reports, and I will at this time discharge the various committees with heartfelt thanks from not only myself, but this entire Encampment. This is where the business is enacted with a lot of hard work.

Under new business, I will call on Brother Bill Rule, who has something he wants to discuss.

P.D.C. Rule: Those of you who attended the Department Encampment of the State of Connecticut know the excellent display and discourse on the American history of flags that was presented by Philip Dale. He doesn't charge anything for any of his appearances and will gladly travel a reasonable distance absolutely free. He has a place somewhere where he displays all of his flags together on a pole and he has flags from all over the world, and American Flags specifically. He has one of the flags that flew on the moon that was given to him by the Space people. He has flags from many organizations but he has no flag from the SUVCW that he can place next to his flag from the Confederacy.

Philip Dale wants an organization flag of the SUVCW, and it must be 3 feet by 5 feet and he is requesting the flag of the National Organization of the Sons.

P.D.C. James Y. Ledwith: The man was here Sunday night with some of his display. He doesn't have a flag from ANY of the Allied Orders or the Grand Army of the Republic. The Ladies of the G.A.R. are taking it up at their meeting.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: We have been in existence for 99 years, and I'm just wondering why we haven't been approached before this. I would move you this matter be referred to the incoming Council of Administration for proper orientation and disposition thereof and their disposition or recommendation, if necessary, be reported back to this Encampment next year.

The motion was seconded by Brother Rule and passed.

Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver: Just a few quick items: Based on the membership reports during the past fiscal year, the Department with the highest PERCENTAGE of membership increase will be entitled to the General U. S. Grant membership silver cup. With 93.8% increase in membership is the Department of Colorado and Wyoming—they have gone from sixteen members to thirty-one members.

The Department and/or Camp-at-Large who has earned the Harold E. Arnold membership plaque with the highest NUMBER of membership increase during the past year is Fort Chickamauga Camp-at-Large #1 with twenty members.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: If a Camp-at-Large is entitled to it, that's fine, but if a Camp-at-Large is entitled to it, then an individual Camp of a Department

should be just as much entitled to it as the Department or the Camp-at-Large.

Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver: Last year, attorney Richard McCandless, representing the Camp Commander of Fort Chickamauga came forth and picked up the General Grant Memorial Trophy out at Grand Rapids.

D.C. Richard Schlenker of Maryland: May I ask for the reading of the rules on this awarding?

Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver: That must be in the Proceedings of the year when they were started. Now, all we have to do is pinpoint what year they were started in. I only have eight years' Proceedings with me here.

P.D.C. Haueter: Why do we have Camps-at-Large?

Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver: Because there's no Department.

P.D.C. Haueter: They're not large enough in that area to make a Department?

Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver: We have carried Departments on our records with only four members and never done anything about it, and yet in our Constitution and Regulations it designates what constitutes the membership of a Camp and a Department and we have carried Departments that have memberships of far less than required. Minnesota was just recently dropped because the last man died. We have been lenient in so many areas that if we are going to start to clarify our own weaknesses, it is going to take us a lot of time. So, Brothers, I can only report and follow through with the custom that has been established in the preceding years.

D.C. Schlenker: If the Proceedings are not available, I will bow to the knowledge of the men with experience as to the basis on which it has been awarded in the past. You've refreshed our memories, so let's award it.

James Gerard Dennis Marley, Delegate from Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, it would seem that you are comparing Camps-at-Large with established Departments. A new Camp-at-Large has the advantage of no debits, where an established Department—for example, Massachusetts had a gain of 30 and lost 15—and I think that we ought to bear that in mind if some future arrangements regarding the award is to be made. The point I'm trying to make is that you have a difference—it's like comparing apples and oranges. My hat is off to the Brothers from Fort Chickamauga for their achievement, but there IS a difference, I think.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: It would seem that we do not have whatever the terminology might be, the evidence pro or con, so to speak, to go specifically one way or the other. I see nothing to do as of now but to accept the report as given.

Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver: There has been only one item of business referred by this Encampment under the title of New Business, and that was the letter from the U. S. Department of Interior, National Parks Service in New York City regarding the General Grant National Memorial.

(Brother Shriver re-read the letter, which is printed in its entirety under Communications in these Proceedings.)

P.D.C. Baer: I'm an active member of the Grant Birthday Committee in New York City and we have also personally received the same letter, I, therefore, move you, Sir, that it be answered that no action was being taken by this Encampment at this time.

The motion was seconded by P.D.C. Chester Hudson, also of New York City.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: Commander-in-Chief, may I ask the good Brothers from New York the reasoning for that particular type of motion, that we go on record as taking no action in this matter?

P.D.C. Baer: As an active member of the Grant Birthday Committee for

many years, a few years ago someone got about \$20,000 from the Federal Government project to put up this mosaic. Originally, it was supposed to be a mosaic on the floor, to which we had no objection, but they had individuals from the community helping out putting this mosaic up. To us who are active and to others who have come from out of town, this mosaic has nothing to do with General Grant or the Civil War and we feel that the best thing to do is to tear it down. All of us are getting letters. I understand they are passing flyers out on the street. What they are really looking for today is FUNDS to help either repair it, restore, or tear it down. Our point is, if you take some action and send them even \$5.00, you're going to do it all the time—New York City itself has nothing to do with this. But New York City needs funds and is sending the same type of letter to us and they would like the people in general to help sustain, maintain and restore monuments.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: If it's not in keeping with the purpose of the monument, I think we should have the secretary say that this is not in keeping with the monument and, therefore, no action taken.

Brother Baer changed his motion to the following: That our National Secretary-Treasurer be instructed to send a letter to the designee instructing him that the matter was taken up at our Encampment and, due to the nature of the mosaics, it is not in keeping with the Grand Army of the Republic tradition, so no action was taken.

The motion passed.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: That's all we have under new business.

P.C.-in-C. Stoudt: I move you that we recess until 1:30 p.m. this afternoon, at which time we will continue with the business of the Encampment.

The motion was seconded by Sr. V. C. Place and a discussion followed regarding the 1 o'clock check-out time for the hotel rooms. P.C.-in-C. Wheeler felt that the election of officers should be held while everyone was in attendance and he felt that, if the session were recessed, some of the Brothers might check out of the hotel and leave for home. The motion did not pass.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: I would like to comment and compliment all of the Brothers in attendance at this Encampment for the courtesy shown to this office and the way you gave your reports and expressed your remarks. Now, does anyone have any more new business?

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: Commander-in-Chief, although it's late in the day, I would like to make a motion that the National Secretary-Treasurer be instructed to send a telegram of warm wishes to the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War assembled in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The motion was seconded by D. C. Graham and passed.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: Yesterday we heard the Commanding Officer's Report specify how they are being infringed upon at Washington, D. C. and various places as far as the presentation of the Commander-in-Chief's colors are concerned. I would, therefore, move you, Commander-in-Chief, that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee of three to meet and discuss this matter and plan a format for future presentations at such events.

The motion was seconded by Sr. V. C. George Place and passed.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: You have heard also something pertaining to a Charter. When I was Commander-in-Chief, I raised the very same issue and I was told that I should let a sleeping dog lie. Unfortunately, I let a sleeping dog lie and I have resented it ever since. I would, therefore, move you, Commander-in-Chief that the National Secretary-Treasurer be instructed to ascertain to whom he should write and communicate and ascertain why we can't have a

document evidencing that we are not just a Bill of Congress, but that we are somebody or something and that it was signed by somebody.

The motion was seconded by P.D.C. Mellor and passed.

Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver: Gentlemen, in the meantime, if you would like to be in support of your local Congressman, write to him and ask him to send you a copy of the 83rd Congress, Public Law 605, Chapter 774, Second Session (H.R. 8034) as approved August 20, 1954. He will be very happy to send you a xeroxed copy of our authorization by Congress—the Charter. Brother Jack Yocum has his copy in his hand right now. Your Congressman will come back and thank you and he wants your vote, too, the next time he runs for Congress.

P.C.-in-C. Yocum: P.C.-in-C. Joseph Rippey, in revising the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, went to all the trouble to have all this printed up and in the back of this booklet is a copy of your Charter. That was two years ago, and the booklets were handed out at the Encampment.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: I am sure you will recall my bringing this up for the last six years — the illegal appointment of a Committee on Constitution and Regulations. The law provides that a Committee on Constitution and Regulations shall consist of five members, two of whom when the committee was created could serve for two years, two serve for one year, and, automatically, the retiring Commander-in-Chief goes on that committee for one year. The Commander-in-Chief should appoint two members for two years only. Who are the two Brothers who would go off the committee this year?

P.C.-in-C. Rippey: Commander-in-Chief, the subject was covered at the 1977 National Encampment with the following words by a change in the Regulations.

Chapter III, Article VII, Committees, new Sections 4 and 6 were added as follows, and the former Section 4 is re-numbered 5. That booklet that was displayed by Jack Yocum was up to date in 1977 but we have had a few amendments since and this is one of them.

“Section 4. Standing Committees on Constitution and Regulations shall have continuity of membership. The Commander-in-Chief shall appoint each year two members to hold office for two years. The retiring Commander-in-Chief shall be a member to hold office for one year.”

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: Who goes off this year?

P.C.-in-C. Rippey: I think probably the appointment was simply made without regard to the length of term, and possibly the solution would have to be that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint two for two years and two for one year and that will solve it.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: Commander-in-Chief, I move you at the close of this Encampment ALL members of the Committee on Constitution be discharged and a new Committee appointed in compliance with the revised Regulations.

The motion was seconded by many and carried.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: A few months ago I had correspondence with the National Secretary-Treasurer pertaining to the very elaborate letterheads the Organization uses. The thing that I am particularly interested in is the fact that I love that very expensive letterhead. The black and white letterhead is fine for us to use among ourselves but I think we should have a nicer one to use when writing to dignitaries. I can't see, in view of the cost that was involved when the letterheads were printed, how we can afford now to have new ones made.

A brief discussion followed and Brother Heacock moved, and it was seconded by P.D.C. Altland, that the Committee which will be appointed to up-date the

Rituals re-design the letterhead and report back to this Encampment next year. The motion passed.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: Commander-in-Chief, during the involvement of Philadelphia Camp 200 and the stir-up of transfers, the Department Secretary-Treasurer of Pennsylvania inquired of me what he should do about the issuance of transfers in view of the wordage that was thereon. I advised him what I thought he should do and, in contacting one of the members of the Council of Administration for the approval he was seeking, he was advised that, since the transfer was not a part of the Constitution and Regulations, that literally you could do anything with it you wanted to because there is nothing governing it. I am sure when that transfer was originally adopted it was recognized as a part of this Organization and what was inscribed thereon was expected to be lived up to. If you can take a transfer and re-use it any way you want to without anybody's approval, then there is no reason why you can't do the same thing with anything else that comes in the form of a paper or a form that is not recognized as a part of the C. & R. — such as the application for membership.

I would, therefore, move you, Commander-in-Chief, that all papers and forms not presently included as a part of the Constitution and Regulations and all future forms that may hereafter be adopted be considered and recognized as a part of the Rules and Regulations.

The motion was seconded by Sr. V. C. George Place of Massachusetts.

P.C.-in-C. Rippey: Brother Frank is absolutely right. There aren't any forms, as a matter of fact, that are a part of our Regulations. The forms have all been written up and the ones used have been, by tradition, worked out. So, we have as part of the Regulations the badges, the forms of badges, but not any paper forms or transfers or anything else. If we are to have all our forms a part of the regulations, it would seem that we should have them all reviewed in light of present circumstances and those forms, if necessary, be revised. and those that we need as new ones be also drawn up by some people that were appointed by either the Commander-in-Chief or others. But Frank's point is right, there aren't any forms that are a part of the Regulations at the present time.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: I will change my motion to read then, instead of a new committee being appointed that this matter be referred to the Committee that's going to review the Constitution and Regulations. Is that acceptable to my seconder?

Sr. V. C. George Place agreed to the change and the motion was passed.

P.C.-in-C. Heacock: Commander-in-Chief, in view of the fact that the 1981 Encampment is going to be our Centennial Encampment, I would move you that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee to ATTEMPT to implement and work out an observance-type program for the Centennial Encampment and to work in conjunction with AND WITH the 1981 National Encampment Committee that arranges for the Encampment.

The motion was seconded by P.D.C. Rule and carried.

C.-in-C. Greenwall: At this time, I want to discharge, with a great deal of thanks to all the Committees that have functioned during this Encampment. At this time, I want to relieve from duty my staff—as I look around the room, I'm very proud, Brothers, you did a fine job.

It was moved by P.D.C. Elton Koch of Pennsylvania, seconded by Earl K. Ballard, Delegate from New York, that the minutes taken by our Secretary-Treasurer and on the tape, with the approval of the outgoing and incoming

Commanders-in-Chief be considered the official Proceedings of this Encampment. The motion passed unanimously.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: May we have a final count from our Credentials Committee?

P.D.C. Forest Altland: Delegates entitled to vote number seventy-six; registered, but not present—twenty-seven. We have a total of one hundred and three paid registrations.

C.-in-C. Greenwalt: We are now ready to proceed with the nominations of officers for our National Organization. Nominations are now open for the office of Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year. Will the Secretary please call the roll of Departments.

It was moved by P.C.-in-C. Heacock, seconded by D. C. Graham of Ohio, that the rules be suspended; and the officers, if nominated without opposition, be declared elected by acclamation. The motion was carried.

The following Brothers were nominated:

Commander-in-Chief Elton P. Koch
of Pennsylvania by Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Sr., Pennsylvania.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard E. Wyman
of New Hampshire by Department Commander Russell Milnes, New Hampshire.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Harry E. Gibbons
of New York by P.C.-in-C. Joseph S. Rippey, New York.

Council of Administration (2 years) Miles P. Harrington, Sr.
of Massachusetts by P.C.-in-C. William Haskell, Massachusetts.

(Note: The other two Council of Administration Members are Joseph S. Rippey, whose term ends 8/80, and the out-going Commander-in-Chief Richard L. Greenwalt, who will serve for one year.)

Since there was only one candidate for each office, the officers were declared duly elected by acclamation.

Newly-elected Commander-in-Chief Elton P. Koch stated that he had asked P.C.-in-C. Leroy Stoudt to be his Installing Officer because on November 4, 1935 Brother Stoudt was Department Commander of Pennsylvania, and obligated him into Camp 295 in Hellertown, Pennsylvania. Brother Leroy said he would be glad to do it but would have to renege because of his eyes, so Commander-in-Chief Koch asked P.C.-in-C. Frank M. Heacock Sr. to do it. He then appointed the following Installation Staff:

Guide P.C.-in-C. John C. Yocum, Pennsylvania
Chaplain P.D.C. Richard O. Partington, Pennsylvania

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

National Counselor P.C.-in-C. Fred H. Combs, Jr., N. J.
National Chief of Staff P.C.-in-C. Norman R. Furman, N. Y.
National Patriotic Instructor P.D.C. Donald L. Roberts, N. Y.
National Chaplain P.D.C. Robert U. Werkheiser, Pa.
National Historian P.D.C. Charles E. Sharrock, Sr., Colo. & Wyo.
National Graves Registration Officer P.D.C. Wm. W. Vanderhoof, N. J.
National G.A.R. Highway Officer P.D.C. Grover Huff, Wisc.
Dist. of Columbia Representative D.C. Arthur R. Glenum, Md.
Personal Aide P.C.C. William Hosmer, Pa.

After the Installation Ceremony, Installing Officer Heacock turned over the gavel to the new Commander-in-Chief. It was the gavel that his wife, Elizabeth

Koch, used when she was National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

All elected and appointed officers were duly obligated at the Altar and escorted to their stations. Present for this ceremony was the daughter of out-going Commander-in-Chief Greenwalt, Mrs. Nancy Greene, who recited the following poem to her father:

Often your tasks were many and more than you thought you could do
And often those roads got rugged and the hills seemed insurmountable, too
But you'll always remember the roads ahead were never as steep as they
seemed

And, with faith in your heart, you started upward and you climbed 'til you
reached your dream.

For nothing in life that is worthy is ever too hard to achieve
If you have the courage to try it and if you've got the faith to believe
For faith is a mover of mountains; there's nothing that you just can't do
So you started that day with faith in your heart and you climbed 'til your
dream came true.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Betty) Koch was presented and she pinned the Commander-in-Chief's badge on him, saying: "Elton, I am proud to pin on you the badge of the Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and I hope that you will have an excellent year. Wear it proudly, do your heritage proud, so that when your year is over the men here assembled can say, 'Elton, well done!' For the pride we have *IN* you, and the love we have *FOR* you, the best of luck."

Natl. Secy-Treas. Shriver: As no Commander-in-Chief will leave this podium without one thing in his mind during the next fifty-two weeks—membership—Elton, I have the honor and pleasure of presenting to you your first new Camp of your administration—Cross Camp No. 199, Seneca Falls, N. Y.—thanks to the advance efforts of Past Commander-in-Chief Greenwalt and the Brothers of the New York Department.

Commander-in-Chief Koch announced the names of his Standing Committee Members and closed the 98th Annual National Encampment.

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COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

Wednesday, August 15, 1979

A Council of Administration meeting of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was held on Wednesday, August 15, 1979, in the Headquarters Suite, Sheraton-Hartford Hotel, Hartford, Connecticut.

Commander-in-Chief Elton P. Koch called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m. with the following present:

Commander-in-Chief Elton P. Koch, Pa.

Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard Wyman, N. H.

Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Harry Gibbons, N. Y.

Council of Administration Members: William L. Simpson, Pa.

Miles Harrington, Mass.

Joseph S. Rippey, N. Y.

Richard L. Greenwalt, Ohio

National Secretary-Treasurer Chester S. Shriver, Pa.

National Counselor P.C.-in-C. Fred H. Combs, Jr., N. J.

The minutes of the previous meeting held Sunday, August 12, 1979, were approved as read by National Secretary Shriver.

The following items were presented, discussed and action taken as follows:

1. Following several phone calls from Bro. Albert W. Lambert, Editor of The BANNER, to several Brothers at the 98th Annual National Encampment during the period of the Encampment concerning the editorship and distribution of The BANNER for the fiscal year 1979-80, a motion was made by Council Member Rippey, seconded by National Secretary Shriver to appoint Bro. Albert W. Lambert as Editor for the current fiscal year. Motion carried.

2. Interest on the Life Memberships for the current fiscal year 1979-80 was established at \$6.00—payable January 1, 1980.

3. The goal for the National Patriotic Instructor was set at \$1,700.00.

4. The continuing condition of non-contact with any Brothers or Officers of R. M. Smith Camp-at-Large No. 21, Beaufort, South Carolina, was presented by National Secretary Shriver. Special efforts by phone have failed, as have many letters of inquiry to former Camp Officers. Special effort will now be stressed through current Camp 21 Auxiliary members.

Several matters pertaining to situations in certain camps and/or Departments were discussed.

There being no further business to be brought before the Council, the meeting was declared adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Elton P. Koch

Commander-in-Chief

Chester S. Shriver

National Secretary-Treasurer

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENTS

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|------|------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1st | 1882 | Oct. 18 | Pittsburgh | Pennsylvania |
| 2nd | 1883 | Aug. 6-7 | Columbus | Ohio |
| 3rd | 1884 | Aug. 27-30 | Philadelphia | Pennsylvania |
| 4th | 1885 | Sept. 17-18 | Grand Rapids | Michigan |
| 5th | 1886 | Sept. 1-2 | Buffalo | New York |
| 6th | 1887 | Aug. 17-19 | Des Moines | Iowa |
| 7th | 1888 | Aug. 15-17 | Wheeling | West Virginia |
| 8th | 1889 | Sept. 10-13 | Paterson | New Jersey |
| 9th | 1890 | Aug. 26-29 | St. Joseph | Missouri |
| 10th | 1891 | Aug. 24-29 | Minneapolis | Minnesota |
| 11th | 1892 | Aug. 8-12 | Helena | Montana |
| 12th | 1893 | Aug. 15-18 | Cincinnati | Ohio |
| 13th | 1894 | Aug. 20-23 | Davenport | Iowa |
| 14th | 1895 | Sept. 16-18 | Knoxville | Tennessee |
| 15th | 1896 | Sept. 8-10 | Louisville | Kentucky |
| 16th | 1897 | Sept. 9-11 | Indianapolis | Indiana |
| 17th | 1898 | Sept. 12-14 | Omaha | Nebraska |
| 18th | 1899 | Sept. 7-9 | Detroit | Michigan |
| 19th | 1900 | Sept. 11-13 | Syracuse | New York |
| 20th | 1901 | Sept. 17-18 | Providence | Rhode Island |
| 21st | 1902 | Oct. 7-9 | Washington | D. C. |
| 22nd | 1903 | Sept. 15-17 | Atlantic City | New Jersey |
| 23rd | 1904 | Aug. 17-19 | Boston | Massachusetts |
| 24th | 1905 | Sept. 18-20 | Gettysburg | Pennsylvania |
| 25th | 1906 | Aug. 20-23 | Peoria | Illinois |
| 26th | 1907 | Aug. 20-21 | Dayton | Ohio |
| 27th | 1908 | Aug. 25-27 | Niagara Falls | New York |
| 28th | 1909 | Aug. 24-26 | Washington | D. C. |
| 29th | 1910 | Sept. 20-22 | Atlantic City | New Jersey |
| 30th | 1911 | Aug. 22-25 | Rochester | New York |
| 31st | 1912 | Aug. 27-29 | St. Louis | Missouri |
| 32nd | 1913 | Sept. 16-18 | Chattanooga | Tennessee |
| 33rd | 1914 | Sept. 1-3 | Detroit | Michigan |
| 34th | 1915 | Sept. 28-30 | Washington | D. C. |
| 35th | 1916 | Aug. 30-31 | Kansas City | Missouri |
| 36th | 1917 | Aug. 22-23 | Boston | Massachusetts |
| 37th | 1918 | Aug. 20-21 | Niagara Falls | New York |
| 38th | 1919 | Sept. 9-11 | Columbus | Ohio |
| 39th | 1920 | Sept. 22-24 | Indianapolis | Indiana |
| 40th | 1921 | Sept. 27-29 | Indianapolis | Indiana |
| 41st | 1922 | Sept. 26-28 | Des Moines | Iowa |
| 42nd | 1923 | Sept. 4-6 | Milwaukee | Wisconsin |
| 43rd | 1924 | Aug. 12-14 | Boston | Massachusetts |
| 44th | 1925 | Sept. 1-3 | Grand Rapids | Michigan |
| 45th | 1926 | Sept. 21-23 | Des Moines | Iowa |
| 46th | 1927 | Sept. 13-15 | Grand Rapids | Michigan |
| 47th | 1928 | Sept. 18-20 | Denver | Colorado |
| 48th | 1929 | Sept. 10-12 | Portland | Maine |
| 49th | 1930 | Aug. 26-28 | Cincinnati | Ohio |
| 50th | 1931 | Sept. 14-17 | Des Moines | Iowa |
| 51st | 1932 | Sept. 19-22 | Springfield | Illinois |
| 52nd | 1933 | Sept. 19-21 | St. Paul | Minnesota |
| 53rd | 1934 | Aug. 14-16 | Rochester | New York |
| 54th | 1935 | Sept. 9-12 | Grand Rapids | Michigan |
| 55th | 1936 | Sept. 22-24 | Washington | D. C. |
| 56th | 1937 | Sept. 6-9 | Madison | Wisconsin |
| 57th | 1938 | Sept. 5-8 | Des Moines | Iowa |
| 58th | 1939 | Aug. 29-31 | Pittsburgh | Pennsylvania |
| 59th | 1940 | Sept. 10-12 | Springfield | Illinois |
| 60th | 1941 | Sept. 15-18 | Columbus | Ohio |
| 61st | 1942 | Sept. 15-17 | Indianapolis | Indiana |
| 62nd | 1943 | Sept. 20-23 | Milwaukee | Wisconsin |
| 63rd | 1944 | Sept. 12-14 | Des Moines | Iowa |
| 64th | 1945 | Oct. 1-4 | Columbus | Ohio |
| 65th | 1946 | Aug. 25-29 | Indianapolis | Indiana |
| 66th | 1947 | Aug. 10-14 | Cleveland | Ohio |
| 67th | 1948 | Sept. 26-30 | Grand Rapids | Michigan |
| 68th | 1949 | Aug. 28-31 | Indianapolis | Indiana |
| 69th | 1950 | Aug. 20-24 | Boston | Massachusetts |
| 70th | 1951 | Aug. 19-23 | Columbus | Ohio |
| 71st | 1952 | Aug. 24-28 | Atlantic City | New Jersey |
| 72nd | 1953 | Aug. 23-27 | Buffalo | New York |
| 73rd | 1954 | Aug. 8-13 | Duluth | Minnesota |
| 74th | 1955 | Aug. 21-25 | Cincinnati | Ohio |
| 75th | 1956 | Sept. 9-13 | Harrisburg | Pennsylvania |
| 76th | 1957 | Aug. 18-22 | Detroit | Michigan |

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| 77th | 1958 | Aug. 17-21 | Boston | Massachusetts |
| 78th | 1959 | Aug. 16-20 | Long Beach | California |
| 79th | 1960 | Aug. 21-25 | Springfield | Illinois |
| 80th | 1961 | Aug. 20-24 | Indianapolis | Indiana |
| 81st | 1962 | Aug. 19-23 | Washington | D. C. |
| 82nd | 1963 | Aug. 18-22 | Miami Beach | Florida |
| 83rd | 1964 | Aug. 16-20 | Providence | Rhode Island |
| 84th | 1965 | Aug. 15-19 | Richmond | Virginia |
| 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 |
| 90th | 1971 | Aug. 13-17 | Philadelphia | Pennsylvania |
| 91st | 1972 | Aug. 5-9 | Palm Springs | California |
| 92nd | 1973 | Aug. 18-22 | Bretton Woods | New Hampshire |
| 93rd | 1974 | Aug. 10-14 | Rochester | New York |
| 94th | 1975 | Aug. 15-19 | Columbus | Ohio |
| 95th | 1976 | Aug. 14-18 | Des Moines | Iowa |
| 96th | 1977 | Aug. 13-17 | Grand Rapids | Michigan |
| 97th | 1978 | Aug. 12-16 | Hartford | Connecticut |
| 98th | 1979 | | | |

PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF

Elected

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| 1881 | Harry T. Rowley | Penna. |
| 1882 | Harry T. Rowley | Penna. |
| 1883 | Frank P. Merrill | Maine |
| 1884 | Harry W. Arnold | Penna. |
| 1885 | Walter S. Payne | Ohio |
| 1886 | Walter S. Payne | Ohio |
| 1887 | George B. Abbott | Illinois |
| 1888 | George B. Abbott | Illinois |
| 1889 | Charles F. Griffin | Indiana |
| 1890 | Leland J. Webb | Kansas |
| 1891 | Bartow S. Weeks | New York |
| 1892 | Marvin E. Hall | Michigan |
| 1893 | Joseph B. Maccabe | Mass. |
| 1894 | William E. Bundy | Ohio |
| 1895 | William H. Russell | Kansas |
| 1896 | James Lewis Rake | Penna. |
| 1897 | Charles E. Darling | Mass. |
| 1898 | Frank L. Shepard | Illinois |
| 1899 | A. W. Jones | Ohio |
| 1900 | Edgar W. Alexander | Penna. |
| 1901 | Edward R. Campbell | Md. |
| 1902 | Frank Martin | Indiana |
| 1903 | Arthur B. Spink | Rhode Island |
| 1904 | William C. Dustin | Illinois |
| 1905 | Harley V. Speelman | Ohio |
| 1906 | Edwin M. Ames | Penna. |
| 1907 | Ralph Sheldon | New York |
| 1908 | Edgar Allan, Jr. | Md. |
| 1909 | George W. Pollitt | New Jersey |
| 1910 | Fred E. Bolton | Mass. |
| 1911 | Newton J. McGuire | Indiana |
| 1912 | Ralph M. Grant | Conn. |
| 1913 | John E. Sautter | Penna. |
| 1914 | Charles F. Sherman | N.Y. |
| 1915 | A. E. B. Stephens | Ohio |
| 1916 | William T. Church | Illinois |
| 1917 | Fred T. J. Johnson | Md. |
| 1918 | Francis Callahan | Penna. |
| 1919 | Harry D. Sisson | Mass. |
| 1920 | Cliffham A. Barrows | Neb. |
| 1921 | Clifford Ireland | Illinois |
| 1922 | Frank Shelhouse | Indiana |
| 1923 | Samuel S. Horn | Indiana |
| 1924 | Wm. M. Coffin | Penna. |
| 1925 | Edwin C. Irelan | Ohio |
| 1926 | Ernest W. Homan | Md. |
| 1927 | Walter C. Mable | Mass. |
| 1928 | Delevan Bates Bowley | Penna. |
| 1929 | Theodore C. Cazeau | C.&P. N.Y. |

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| 1930 | Allen S. Holbrook | Illinois |
| 1931 | Frank C. Huston | Indiana |
| 1932 | Titus M. Ruch | Penna. |
| 1933 | Park F. Yengling | Ohio |
| 1934 | Frank L. Kirchgassner | Mass. |
| 1935 | Richard F. Locke | Illinois |
| 1936 | Wm. Allan Dyer | N.Y. |
| 1937 | Wm. Allan Dyer | N.Y. |
| 1938 | Wm. L. Anderson | Mass. |
| 1939 | Ralph R. Barrett | Calif. |
| 1940 | J. Kirkwood Craig | Minn. |
| 1941 | Albert C. Lambert | N.J. |
| 1942 | Henry Towle | Maine |
| 1943 | C. Leroy Stout | Penna. |
| 1944 | Urion W. Mackey | Michigan |
| 1945 | H. Harding Hale | Mass. |
| 1946 | Neil D. Cranmer | N.Y. |
| 1947 | Charles H. E. Moran | Mass. |
| 1948 | Perle L. Fouch | Michigan |
| 1949 | John H. Runkle | Penna. |
| 1950 | Cleon E. Heald | N.H. |
| 1951 | Roy J. Bennett | Iowa |
| 1952 | Frederick K. Davis | Ore. & W. |
| 1953 | Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd | Md. |
| 1954 | Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd | Md. |
| 1955 | Frederic G. Bauer | Mass. |
| 1956 | Fred E. Howe | N.Y. |
| 1957 | Abert B. DeHaven | Maine |
| 1958 | Earl F. Riggs | Calif. |
| 1959 | Harold E. Arnold | Rhode Island |
| 1960 | Thos. A. Chadwick | Vermont |
| 1961 | Charles L. Messer | N.Y. |
| 1962 | Chester S. Shriver | Penna. |
| 1963 | Joseph S. Rippey | N.Y. |
| 1964 | Joseph S. Rippey | N.Y. |
| 1965 | W. Earl Corbin | Ohio |
| 1966 | Frank Woerner | Calif. |
| 1967 | William W. Haskell | Mass. |
| 1968 | Frank M. Heacock, Sr. | Penna. |
| 1969 | Fred H. Combs, Jr. | N.J. |
| 1970 | George L. Cashman | Illinois |
| 1971 | Norman R. Furman | N.Y. |
| 1972 | John C. Yocum | Penna. |
| 1973 | Allen B. Howland | Mass. |
| 1974 | John H. Stark | Penna. |
| 1975 | Clarence E. Riddell | Penna. |
| 1976 | Kenneth T. Wheeler | N.H. |
| 1977 | Harold T. Belby | N.Y. |
| 1978 | Richard L. Greenwalt | Ohio |

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