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Seventy - eighth
Annual National Encampment

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



LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA
AUGUST 16-20, 1959

NATIONAL OFFICERS 1958-1959

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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF 1958-1959



Earl F. Riggs, Upland, California



PRE-ENCAMPMENT ACTIVITIES

August 16, 1959

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

A meeting of the Council of Administration was held at 2:15 P. M., Sunday, August 16, 1959 in the Lafayette Hotel, Long Beach, Calif., with the following present: Commander-in-Chief Earl F. Riggs; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles A. Brady, Jr.; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Carder A. Perkins; Council of Administration Member Albert B. DeHaven, Past Commander-in-Chief; and National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert.

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

(1) Commander-in-Chief Riggs appointed a Sub-Committee of the Council of Administration, consisting of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles A. Brady, Jr. and Council of Administration Member Albert B. DeHaven, to examine the audit of the Certified Public Accountant, presented by the National Secretary-Treasurer; and to prepare a budget for the coming year—to be submitted on the final day of the Encampment for action of the Encampment.

(2) In the matter of the "New Hampshire Plan" relative to the re-organization of the Order, and to "Collateral Descendants"—it was requested by the Chairman of the Committee, Past Department Commander Chester S. Shriver of Pennsylvania, that no action be taken by this Encampment on this matter; and that the Committee be given further time to more completely investigate and study this plan—the Council took action to refer the matter to the incoming Commander-in-Chief for his consideration.

(3) Action was taken by the Council to accept the quotation, as submitted by National Secretary-Treasurer Lambert, for editing, printing and distribution of The Banner for the year 1960—six issues, 1500 copies, 8 pages each, at \$350.00 per issue.

(4) In the manner of the acceptance of a \$100.00 Life Membership, from a Camp in California Department, on behalf of a nine (9) year old boy; the Council took action to accept it—"In Trust" until such time as the boy reaches the age of 16, at which time he will become a Life Member of the organization. During the time it is held in trust, interest will be paid by the National Organization to this Camp—and the transaction will be set up, in the following form:

The Camp is taking a Life Membership for Philip K. Conley, Jr., who will be sixteen (16) years of age on August 18, 1966; with proper details to be worked out by the National Secretary.

(5) In the matter of expense incurred by Past Commander-in-Chief and National Counselor Richard F. Locke for travel to Detroit and Lansing, during the past year, in connection with the Michigan Department problem; action was taken by the Council to authorize payment of \$120.00 to Past Commander-in-Chief Locke to cover such expense.

(6) Relative to attendance at meetings of the U. S. Civil War Commission by National Secretary-Treasurer Lambert, our representative for this organization, action was taken by the Council that when necessary to make trips and incur expense, in order to represent this organization at meetings of the Commission, compensation should be made for such expense, as approved by the Commander-in-Chief.

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE PROGRAM

Pageant Room — Wilton Hotel

Sunday, August 16, 1959 — 7 P. M.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

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"In Memory of the Grand Army of the Republic"

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Musical Prelude	Mary A. Gordon
Processional "Old Rugged Cross"	
Invocation	Rev. Thomas H. Langdon
National Chaplain, Sons of Union Veterans	
Scripture Reading	Ada J. Anderson
National Chaplain, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic	
Solo "The Lord's Prayer"	William B. Coon
Tributes:	
To the Grand Army of the Republic	Richard F. Locke
Past Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans	
To Past Commander-in-Chief J. Kirkwood Craig and to all Past Com- manders-in-Chief	Albert B. DeHaven
Past Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans	
To Past National President Catherine G. Schroeder—Mabel S. Taylor Past National President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic	
To Past National President Emma Stuart Finch	Lela Shugart
Past National President, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans	
To Past National President Mae E. Clothier	Eva B. Blackman
Past National President, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans	
Memorials:	
To Past National Presidents	Harriet E. Hughes
Past National President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic	
To Past National Presidents	Wilma L. Combs
Past National President, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans	
To Past Department Commanders and Members	Harold E. Arnold
Past Department Commander, Sons of Union Veterans	
To Past Department Presidents and Members	Gussie L. Morin
Past National President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic	
To Past Department Presidents and Members	Lenore Glass
Past National President, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans	
To Veterans of all Wars	
Lighting of Last Candle	
Solo, "Crossing the Bar"	William B. Coon
Floral Tributes Placed by Department Commanders and Department Presidents	
In Memoriam (Adapted)	Amy Noll
National Chaplain, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans	
Benediction	Rev. Thomas H. Langdon
National Chaplain, Sons of Union Veterans	
Recessional "Beyond the Sunset"	Mary A. Gordon

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR CAMP FIRE PROGRAM

Pageant Room — Wilton Hotel

Sunday, August 16, 1959 — 9:30 P. M.

Call to Order	Frank Woerner Past Department Commander, California General Chairman, Encampment Committee	
Advance of Colors	Florence Post No. 305 American Legion State Champions 1957, 1958, 1959	
Introduction of Master of Ceremonies	H. S. Rainwater Past Department Commander, California	
National Anthem	William H. Coons, Soloist Mary A. Gordon, Accompanist Led by Thomas A. Chadwick, National Patriotic Instructor	
Pledge of Allegiance	Led by Thomas A. Chadwick National Patriotic Instructor	
Welcome	Virgil H. Sponberg Vice Mayor, City of Long Beach	
Greetings	Vernon E. Cheney Department Commander, California	
Address	Ernest G. Wells Secretary, Massachusetts State Civil War Centennial Commission	
Songs	Presbyteers Quartet Santa Ana, California	
Greetings	Ursula W. Shepardson National President, Auxillary to Sons of Union Veterans	
Greetings	Lura B. Frye National President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic	
Greetings	Margaret Hixon Department President, California, Auxillary to Sons of Union Veterans	
Response to Greetings	Earl F. Riggs Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans	
Songs	Presbyteers Quartet Santa Ana, California	
"America"	Assembly	
Retirement of Colors	Florence Post No. 305 American Legion	
Merit Award	Thomas A. Chadwick National Patriotic Instructor	

JOINT OPENING — SONS AND AUXILIARY

Monday, August 17, 1959 — 10:00 A. M.

The Joint Opening of the Sons and Auxiliary was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Lafayette Hotel, in charge of National Chiefs of Staff C. Leroy Stoudt of the Sons, and Lillian Messer of the Auxiliary.

The welcome was extended by National Chief of Staff Lillian Messer of the Auxiliary; after which the National Aides were escorted in by the Colors. The National Aides took their places on either side of the Ballroom; and remained standing in that position during the entire ceremony—and all guests were brought in, through this "Guest of Honor" formation, and presented to the assembly. It was a very lovely, and impressive ceremony.

Commander-in-Chief Earl F. Riggs of the Sons, escorted by his wife, Beatrice Riggs; and National President of the Auxiliary, Ursula Shepardson, escorted by her husband Harold P. Shepardson were the first to be presented; and appropriate songs for each were sung by Mary A. Gordon.

The National Officers of both organizations, as well as the Past Commanders-in-Chief of the Sons, with eight (8) being present; and the Past National Presidents of the Auxiliary, with sixteen (16) present; were escorted in and introduced.

The Massachusetts delegation of the Auxiliary then came in, and presented a "big bouquet of yellow roses" to National President Ursula Shepardson.

Ten (10) grand-children of the Commander-in-Chief Earl F. Riggs, were then escorted in and presented.

Past Commander-in-Chief Frederic G. Bauer, then extended greetings to both organizations, on behalf of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

National Chief of Staff Lillian Messer extended thanks to everyone for coming; and expressed the wish to both her National President and Commander-in-Chief that they would have pleasant and successful encampments. She then presented National President Shepardson.

National President Ursula Shepardson: Thank you, Sister Lillian for this lovely opening. It was wonderful, and I thank you, and the National Aides for making it so. The National Aides must be very tired, standing all this time; and I know you are nervous, and the boys want to get to their business session, so I will be brief.

Thank you, again, for your efforts in making this such a grand opening of the 73rd. Annual Encampment of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Commander-in-Chief Earl F. Riggs: I want to welcome all of the boys of the Sons, and all the girls of the Auxiliary to our Encampments here in Long Beach, and I hope that you will all have an enjoyable time here in California.

I want to thank the two Chiefs of Staff for the fine opening—it was just fine.

And, now the Sons would like to be excused so that we might go to the Sky Room of the hotel and begin our business sessions.

Thank you for all your courtesies; and Sister Shepardson my best wishes to you for a splendid Convention.

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

Headquarters—Lafayette Hotel; Long Beach, California

Sessions—Starlight Roof

MONDAY MORNING SESSION

August 17, 1959 — 11:00 A. M.

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: The Officers and Members of the Seventy-Eighth Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will please come to order.

Past Department Commander Frank Woerner, General Chairman of the 1959 Encampment Committee, and Department Commander Vernon E. Cheney of the California Department came into the Encampment—each presented a basket of flowers to the Commander-in-Chief: one on behalf of the Encampment Committee and the other for the California Department. These were graciously accepted by Commander-in-Chief Riggs.

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: I wish to make the following appointments:

Guide—Department Commander Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts

Color Bearer—Delegate L. B. Jones, Iowa

Guard—Delegate James Y. Ledwith, Connecticut

Musician—Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Carder A. Perkins

The Encampment then opened in Ritualistic form.

Roll call of Officers showed all present except Members of the Council of Administration John H. Runkle and Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd. (also District of Columbia Agent); and National Graves Registration Officer Bertrand O. DeForest.

The roll of Past Commanders-in-Chief was called, with eight present. (As the roll was called by the National Secretary, personal gifts were presented to each National Officer and Past Commander-in-Chief by the Commander-in-Chief. All were accepted, with sincere appreciation.)

COMMITTEES

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: I wish to appoint the following Committees for this Encampment:

Credentials

Bertram Isaacs, Delegate, New York, Chairman
Alton Sharp, Past Department Commander, New Jersey
Vernon E. Cheney, Department Commander, California
James M. Blackman, Past Department Commander, Illinois
Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer

Resolutions

Frederick K. Davis, Past Commander-in-Chief, Oregon, Chairman
 Richard F. Locke, Past Commander-in-Chief, Illinois
 Charles W. Hooper, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts
 Fred H. Combs, Sr., Past Department Commander, New Jersey

Officers' Reports

Joseph S. Rippey, Department Commander, New York, Chairman
 Charles H. E. Moran, Past Commander-in-Chief, Massachusetts
 Roscoe T. Mathis, Department Commander, Illinois
 Charles Lowe, Department Commander, Iowa

Constitution and Regulations

Albert B. DeHaven, Past Commander-in-Chief, Maine, Chairman
 Frederic G. Bauer, Past Commander-in-Chief, Massachusetts
 Cecil McConahy, Department Commander, Indiana
 Harold E. Arnold, Past Department Commander, Rhode Island
 H. S. Rainwater, Past Department Commander, California

Ritual and Ceremonies

Harold P. Shepardson, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts,
 Chairman
 Ernest G. Wells, Delegate, Massachusetts
 Spencer Leonard, Past Department Commander, Oregon & Washington

Restoration of Rank

Fred E. Howe, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York, Chairman
 Dr. L. J. Snow, Past Department Commander, California
 Dr. Karl Rothschild, Past Department Commander, New Jersey

Press

John W. Teed, California, Chairman
 Allen F. Spink, Past Department Commander, Connecticut
 J. Elmer Wohlgenuth, Past Department Commander, California

Fraternal Greetings

Richard F. Locke, Past Commander-in-Chief, Illinois, Chairman, and
 all Past Commanders-in-Chief

Encampment City (1961)

C. Leroy Stoudt, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania, Chairman
 Albert B. DeHaven, Past Commander-in-Chief, Maine
 Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Is there a report from the Credentials Committee at this time?

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Delegate Bertram Isaacs, New York: Commander-in-Chief, we present a preliminary report of the Credentials Committee, which shows a total registration of 88.

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Thank you.

We are now under Reports of Officers; and if the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief will advance to this station, I will present my report.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Brady assumed the office of Commander-in-Chief; and Commander-in-Chief Riggs presented:

REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

August 17, 1959

To the Officers and Members of the
78th Annual Encampment of the
Commandery-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Greetings:

One year ago, in the city of Boston, Massachusetts, at the 77th Annual Encampment, I assumed the duties and responsibilities of the highest office within your gift. I herewith offer the following report of the activities of the office of Commander-in-Chief.

Membership and Honor Roll

The following Brothers have been reported as securing five or more new members, and have been awarded the Gold Ribbon as Special Aides, and their names have been published in The Banner. Congratulations, and thank you for the service to our Order.

Ernest G. Wells of Massachusetts—for the organization of Camp No. 3, Portsmouth

John M. Caylor, Past Department Commander, Indiana—6

Daniel F. Clancy, Ohio—6

Visitations

Representing you as Commander-in-Chief, I have traveled across this nation four times. I have visited from Maine to California; from Seattle, to Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Due to conflicting dates, it is impossible to attend all the Department Encampments. I tried to visit each Department with a called meeting, but this was not always possible. However, I did visit nine Department Encampments; three called Department meetings and one Central Regional meeting.

On November 15, 1958, I attended Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, Pa.

In April, 1959, I attended the dedication of the Grand Army of the Republic marker at Rindge, New Hampshire, in the Cathedral of the Pines. Both of these services were outstanding; and much credit should be given to Brother Chester Shriver the Chairman of the Gettysburg observance; and Brother Thomas Chadwick, National Patriotic Instructor for his efforts in connection with the Cathedral of the Pines observance.

Correspondence

All letters and invitations have been answered as soon as possible. When I could not be in attendance, I have appointed someone else to attend. To those Brothers who so graciously accepted the appointment and represented your Commander-in-Chief, a sincere "thank you."

1960 National Encampment

The National Council of Administration selected the city of Springfield, Illinois as the site for the 1960 National Encampment.

Invitations were sent to all the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic to join with us. In view of the fact that we have,

each year, invited our Allied Orders to join with us and, for one reason or another, they have not done so, I offer as:

Recommendation No. 1: "That no further invitations be issued to the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, with the exception of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. But, that we welcome them to join with us at any time, in the future, should they care to join us."

I do not feel that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War should take further steps in trying to bring the Allied family together, when they have not shown any interest in doing so.

The Budget

I have tried to live within the budget, as set up by the Council of Administration. Five General Orders have been issued through The Banner, bills have been approved for the Lincoln Tomb Commemorative Ceremonies, and also stationery for the National Centennial Committee.

I suggest that the Budget Committee give consideration to setting up a special fund for the National Centennial Committee, to pay for their postage and printing of special material. No Committee can function without some funds, and this will be our most important Committee for the next four years.

Because I felt that the National organization should lead the way with assistance to Departments in preparing the Centennial Commemoration plans, I appointed a Committee. This Committee has been working hard, and much material is now available for the asking. In that connection, I offer:

Recommendation No. 2: "That this Committee be retained for the duration of the Centennial, 1961 to 1965, and that the Commander-in-Chief be given the privilege of appointing any additional members to this Committee as seems necessary each year."

The Banner

Our official publication—every member of our organization should subscribe to it, as much information can be gained from the reading of this publication. Only words of praise can be given to Brother Albert Lambert for his devotion and research for the material which is published.

Publicity

During the past year, publicity has been uppermost in my mind, for that is one phase in which our organization has been lacking. So many people say, "I never heard of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War."

I have made a concentrated effort to secure publicity. Several articles which I have written have been published in our local paper. My picture, together with my itinerary, has been in every two weeks. Advance publicity of my visits to all Departments has been sent; and Brother Drown will show a good report of his work in the New England States.

On July 4th, in Ontario, I was chosen by the All States Picnic Association as the most honored citizen in our community, was appointed Grand Marshal and given a trophy. They furnished a convertible, with decorations and driver, for myself and Mrs. Riggs to head the parade; and a luncheon was tendered in my honor.

The showing of my collection of Grand Army of the Republic badges to His Honor Mayor Poulson, of Los Angeles, received ex-

cellent publicity in the Los Angeles papers. I would recommend that a concentrated effort to secure publicity be made for the future benefit of our organization.

"Michigan Department"

As per the instructions of the Council of Administration at the Council meeting following our Encampment in Boston last year, Brother Richard F. Locke, National Counselor; and Brother Charles A. Brady, Jr., Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief were appointed to call a special meeting in the Michigan Department.

Copy of notice, which is on file, was sent to voting membership of the Michigan Department, namely; Past Commander-in-Chief, Past Department Commanders, Past Camp Commanders, Camp Commanders and those Delegates named as such by their respective Camps for the year 1958. This notice was issued September 29, 1958. The meeting was called for Saturday, October 25, 1958.

The result of this meeting was an agreement for the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to hold their 1959 Department Encampment with the Allied Orders of Michigan, in Grand Rapids.

The Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic held their 1959 Encampment on June 3 and 4, 1959. The Department Commander of the Michigan Department, nor any of his representatives, attended this meeting. To the best of my knowledge, no Encampment has been held by the Michigan Department, Sons of Union Veterans. At least, your Commander-in-Chief has not been so notified.

On February 21, 1959, I sent a registered letter to the Department Secretary, asking for a report of the financial standing of their Department. This was the only complaint sent to me—"that the Department Secretary-Treasurer would not send out receipts, nor would he send financial statements to Camps." This letter, dated February 21, was refused by Charles F. Dexter.

As Commander-in-Chief, I have received no correspondence from any of the Department Officers of the Michigan Department, until after the issuing of the order dissolving the Department. Acting on advisement of National Counselor Locke, said Order was issued according to Constitution, Rules and Regulations—Article No. VI, Section No. 5. "The Commander-in-Chief shall have the power to revoke the Charter of any Department which may not conform to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of this Order, or which becomes reduced to less than the number of Camps and members required for organization thereof."

No Commander-in-Chief would ever pick up the Charter of any Department if he did not feel it was for the best interest of the organization. Lack of co-operation on the part of the Department Officers of Michigan, and ignoring of the C. R. & R. brought this about; and this must cease—if we have laws, we must abide by them. The difficulty in the Michigan Department seems to stem from a dictatorial attitude on the part of a few. In order to protect the sincere members of that Department, and on advice of my National Counselor, Brother Locke, Past Commander-in-Chief, I found it necessary to take the action outlined above.

I would like to congratulate Brothers Locke and Brady for the commendable manner in which this unpleasant affair has been handled; and thank them for their time, patience and effort in calling this special meeting, and acting on behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief.

From the report of our National Secretary-Treasurer, you will hear the report of the membership of the Michigan Camps at Large.

Brother Lambert will also have a recommendation regarding this matter, which I trust this Encampment will approve.

Officers

The Commandery-in-Chief, and myself, have been most fortunate in having an outstanding group of elective and appointed officers this year. I am sure the membership will be pleased with their reports.

I would like to thank, and commend, Brother Charles Brady, Jr., Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, for the outstanding program which was arranged for the Lincoln Tomb—it was my loss to be unable to be present.

Each National Officer has given of his time and effort to make this year's work a success. To Brother Albert Lambert, our National Secretary-Treasurer, you are most efficient and faithful and it is never too much trouble to you to help your Commander-in-Chief. It has been a pleasure to hear from your office—courteous, prompt and business like, at all times. My personal thanks to you and may you have continued good health; and give many more years of service to our organization.

Appreciation

To the National President of our Auxiliary, Mrs. Ursula Shepardson, words fail me in expressing to you, and to the membership of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, my appreciation for the many kind courtesies extended to me. Your words of encouragement and your assistance in planning our visitations have been truly appreciated. I can only say a humble, "Thank You," and hope that I have, in some small way, been of help to you.

To the membership of my own Department—for your loyal support, for the beautiful reception which was tendered in my honor, a sincere "Thank You." To those who have served on the Encampment Committee, to make this Encampment one to be remembered; and to the membership who have contributed so generously, I can only say, "Thank you."

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Commander-in-Chief. I shall always treasure the many friends made, from coast to coast; and shall be ever grateful for the courteous and understanding cooperation extended to me during this past year. I pledge to my successor my full support.

May we all join in working for the building of a better organization—one that we may be proud of and one that will be of use in the preserving of our American way of life, as left to us by Our Fathers, the men who wore the Union Blue.

Sincerely in F. C. & L.,

(Earl F. Riggs)
Commander-in-Chief.

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

National Counselor Locke: I move that this report be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports; and that all other Officers reports also be referred to that Committee. (Seconded by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Perkins, and carried.)

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

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: We will now have the report of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Brady:

REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Chicago, Illinois

August 10, 1959

To: Commander-in-Chief Riggs and Members of the
78th National Encampment,
Long Beach, Calif., August 16-20, 1959.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to have served the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as a National Officer, this past year. While the requirements of my occupation are such as to preclude all but local travel ordinarily, I did leave the State on two occasions in connection with matters relating to our Order, and served as our National representative at a public function held in downstate Illinois.

Pursuant to an order issued by the Commander-in-Chief, I served as presiding officer at the Special Encampment of the Michigan Department, which met at the Hotel Olds in Lansing, Mich., on October 25, 1958. National Counselor Locke, however, was technically in charge of that meeting and reported on its outcome to the Commander-in-Chief. Suffice it here to say that this special meeting was exceptionally well attended and that both sides of the controversy which had beset that Department were fully aired at that time. By an overwhelming vote of those attending, it was agreed that the Michigan Department of the Sons would resume holding its annual Encampments, jointly with the Michigan Departments of the other Allied Orders, and, while there was little doubt at the conclusion of the meeting that the Officers of the Michigan Department were not in agreement with the general membership on this matter, still there was reason for believing that the agreement would be fulfilled. Events since that time have proven this optimism to be unjustified, however, and it was with considerable regret that we noted the wishes of the Michigan Department's general membership being repeatedly ignored or overridden until it became necessary for the Commander-in-Chief to take appropriate action.

In December, I attended a reception for National Officers at the Hotel Severin in Indianapolis, Ind., which was given by the Indiana Department. Not only was it pleasant to meet so many of our Brothers in the Hoosier State, but the trip afforded me an opportunity to spend several hours afterward with Commander-in-Chief Riggs and National President Shepardson, discussing their visitations up to that point in the year and matters affecting the well-being of our Order which had been noted.

From the first of the year up until the middle of April, I was kept busy with preparations for the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, which our Order holds annually on April 15 at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Ill., in commemoration of the Civil War President's death. The Commander-in-Chief had appointed me chairman of this ceremony, and the Council of Administration had stressed that the ceremony must be made more significant and given wider publicity than in the past. Accordingly, I set to work at planning for a ceremony which would be truly worthy of presentation as a National function of our Order. Through the kind assistance of Brother George L. Cashman, Curator of the Lincoln Tomb, the members of my committee and other brothers of the Illinois Department,

plus the enthusiastic cooperation of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, we were able to arrange for a dignified and impressive program which drew favorable comment from all participating.

As in the past, we were assisted by the Loyal Legion in conducting the ceremony, but for the first time other patriotic, civic, veteran and fraternal organizations were invited to participate by presenting wreaths and their organizational colors. A total of 24 wreaths were placed at the cenotaph as a result of this broadened participation policy, and included representation by such prominent organizations as the Daughters of the American Revolution, American Veterans of World War II, Daughters of '98, The Mayflower Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and American Gold Star Mothers, as well as all four of our Allied Orders. The Illinois National Guard furnished a color guard, a Springfield Post of the American Legion provided the firing squad, and an Eagle Explorer Scout served as bugler. Considerable space was accorded this function by the press, and the representatives participating from the various organizations were apparently all highly satisfied with the ceremony so that we can assume they gave a favorable report of it to their respective memberships.

A chartered bus was provided for transporting participants between the Tomb and the Hotel Leland in downtown Springfield, where a luncheon was held following the services. Principal speakers at the Tomb ceremony had been Brother Wm. M. Coffin, Past Commander-in-Chief of our Order, and Wm. C. Duval, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion; for the luncheon, Harlington Wood, Jr., U. S. Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois and a Lincoln scholar, was our guest speaker. There were close to 60 persons at the luncheon, and all members of the Loyal Legion and their wives attending the tomb ceremony were guests of our Order at this luncheon.

It was my understanding that our budget allowed \$50.00 for the expenses concurrent with the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony. I tried conscientiously to keep our expenses within that figure, but found it impossible to do so, since we were attempting to expand the participation in the ceremony and create wider attention for the observance. To have an observance worthy of public note, we need to present more than just a few of our members meeting at the Tomb with a wreath, saying a few words, and then departing. The more complete program which evolved for the observance this past spring should point the way for those charged with planning it in future years; it was not perfect but will serve as a good basis for the next one. I would certainly recommend, however, that an appropriation of not less than \$100.00 be authorized for the observance in future years.

In June it was again my pleasure to meet with both Commander-in-Chief Riggs and National President Shepardson when they attended the Illinois Department Encampment at Joliet, Ill. At that time, I was happy to arrange a reception in their honor at the Hotel Louis Joliet, and we were also honored by the presence of National President Lura Frye of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and National President Elizabeth Jeans of the Woman's Relief Corps at this reception.

In recent years, those occupying the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief have been engaged principally in work regarding the locating of G.A.R. property, and, in the case of records from former posts, arranging for their return to the communities where the particular post had been located so that they might be placed on permanent exhibit in some public building or institution. While I was primarily concerned with the other matters which the Commander-

in-Chief had assigned to me, I was not unmindful of our organization's interest in G.A.R. property. No specific information regarding any such property was referred to me during my term of office, but I did have a news release sent to 150 of the leading newspapers throughout the nation, urging Americans to search their attics and cellars for Civil War material which might be used in connection with the coming Civil War Centennial, and particularly stressing our Order's interest in locating property of former G.A.R. posts. Whether this effort will eventually lead us to any such property remains to be seen, but I am of the opinion that whatever publicity value we have received from the release has made the effort fully worthwhile. Our Order should receive considerably more publicity than has been given it in recent years—especially with the centennial so near and our opportunity to gain new members growing so much greater. Consequently, it would seem to me that every effort should be put forth to secure such publicity.

I trust that the performance of my duties during the past 12 months meets with your approval, and I thank you for the honor of serving our beloved Order in so responsible a position.

Respectfully yours in F. C. & L.,

(Charles A. Brady, Jr.)

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.)

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Thank you, Brother Brady for that fine report. Is the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief ready with his report?

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Perkins:

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

7 Lonsdale St.
Dorchester 24, Mass.

To: The Officers and Members of the
78th National Encampment,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I herewith submit a report of the activities of your Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief for this past year.

I attended all the annual Encampments in the New England States, except Maine; and I was happy to bring the greetings of our National organization to these Encampments. The office I represented was respected to the highest degree.

Please accept my sincere thanks for the honor of serving as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I shall always cherish this honor, and the pleasant memories of this year.

Due to the way that many of our members conduct themselves, forgetting the obligation taken at the time of their initiation; I would like to recommend that, in the future, during the initiation of new candidates, at the time when the oath is taken, that each member of the Order take these vows, again, with the new candidate.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

(Carder A. Perkins)

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.)

**GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT
OF THE AUXILIARY**

The Greetings Committee of the California Department, of the Auxiliary, headed by Department President Margaret Nixon; and the California delegation which numbered 45 were then escorted into the Encampment and introduced. Department Commander Vernon E. Cheney of the California Department joined the delegation; and both extended greetings and introduced the members of their respective delegations. Department President Margaret Nixon also presented flowers, on behalf of her Department of the Auxiliary; and these were accepted gratefully by the Commander-in-Chief; after which the delegation was escorted from the Encampment.

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

National Secretary Lambert:

**REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER
1958-1959**

August 8, 1959

To: Earl F. Riggs, Commander-in-Chief,
78th National Encampment,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief and Brothers:

1. For the eleventh consecutive year, it is my privilege and pleasure to report to you on the fiscal transactions of the office of National Secretary-Treasurer. The books, records, assets, etc. have been audited by the J. S. Teunan Co., Certified Public Accountants, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959. Their audit and survey, and certified copies of their report have been furnished to the Council of Administration, and to the Congress of the United States. Attached to this report is a statistical supplement from their report.

2. At long last, there are signs that we have passed the crisis, and now can expect to see increased activity and an increase in membership. Our losses this year are the lowest in recent years, while many Camps and Departments are demonstrating the imagination and the initiative needed to become recognized in their communities. We are an organization with an important message for our country. We must be constantly testifying to the faith of our fathers. Their tempo was dynamic, and ours cannot be sluggish. We must believe in our truths, as the men of the G.A.R. believed in theirs.

3. Never before has our Order been in better financial condition. The future of the Order depends upon keeping and improving upon this sound financial structure. We have made remarkable progress in the past few years, in spite of a decrease in membership. This has been due to the unselfish service of your National Officers in protecting the funds of the organization. However, a tendency to spend is detected, and I respectfully request you to resist this. I can recall very well the embarrassing situation that existed a few years ago. We will need all of our resources to meet future emergencies, and I urge your cooperation and help.

4. The Permanent Fund continues to be a bright spot in our financial structure. This is made up of revenue from dividends; by donations to the Honor Roll Fund, by Life Membership Fees, by Member at Large fees; and by generous donations by loyal and interested members. The perpetuation of our Order is best assured by the support of the Permanent Fund. Particular appreciation should be extended to Brother U. S. Grant, 3rd, for his annual sub-

stantial contribution. Income and expense incident to the Permanent Fund for the year are as follows:

Income		Expense	
Donations	\$509.00	Interest on Life Member-	
Cash Dividend	461.76	ships	\$53.75
Stock Dividend	450.00	Life Membership Bars . . .	55.40
Honor Roll	40.00		
Life Membership	100.00		\$109.15
Member at Large Fees . . .	80.00		
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	\$1,640.76		

A Life Membership was purchased during the past year by Brother Edgar L. Tenney of the California Department. The following made donations to the Permanent Fund during the year by entering names on the Honor Roll:

Fred Ray
Frank D. Smith

Truman Vincent
John R. Hardy

5. The third annual ceremony held at the Lincoln Tomb on April 15th in Springfield, Illinois was an outstanding event reflecting great credit on the ability of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles A. Brady, Jr. As reported in The Banner, there were representatives of all of the Allied Orders as well as from various veteran organizations that placed 24 wreaths at the impressive ceremony, which was followed by a luncheon at the Hotel Leland. This event is rapidly becoming an outstanding event at Lincoln's Tomb, and deserves our full appreciation and support. We had the close support of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion who were our guests, as we were their guests at the February 12th observance in Washington, D. C. at the Lincoln Monument. To assure the continuance of the observance at Abraham Lincoln's Tomb in Springfield, Ill. on the date of his death, I offer:

Recommendation No. 1—That the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a Committee to arrange for the observance, said Committee to secure a wreath, arrange a program, and advise our membership in advance of the event, to insure attendance.

6. The Banner has again been published at a modest cost to the Order. Camps are again reminded of the advisability of having every member receive The Banner. The member that does not attend Camp meetings is the one that needs the Banner most, to be advised of the activities and accomplishments of the Order.

7. Correspondence has been received and answered daily on a variety of questions. Quarterly report blanks have been furnished each quarter to each Department; a National Roster has been issued; Banner subscriptions have been recorded; the 1958 Proceedings have been edited and published; the investments of the Permanent Fund have been supervised; minutes and actions of the Council of Administration were reported and edited; a perpetual inventory of supplies has been kept; and orders for supplies have been filled; the Banner addressograph mailing list has been maintained and corrected.

8. It was my great pleasure to represent you on February 12th at the ceremonies held at the Lincoln Monument in Washington, D. C. under supervision of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. We were accorded every courtesy, and were permitted to place our wreath immediately following Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd who is the Commander-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion. As this was the Sesquicentennial of the birth of the Civil War President, an outstanding dinner and program was given in Washington on the evening of February 11th

by the Lincoln Group of Washington, which I had the privilege of attending.

9. Three matters were referred to the Council of Administration for official action during the year, as follows:

A. Amendment proposed by Senator Herman C. Talmadge (S. J. Res. 32) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States reserving to the states exclusive control over public schools.

This was unanimously adopted by the Council of Administration.

B. Resolution permitting Michigan Camps that were no longer affiliated with the Michigan Department to become Camps at Large.

This was unanimously adopted by the Council of Administration, with one abstention.

C. An invitation from the Illinois Department Sons and Auxiliary and the Convention Bureau to hold our 1960 National Encampment in Springfield, Ill., August 21-25.

This was unanimously accepted by the Council of Administration.

10. As ordered by the 77th National Encampment, held in Boston last year (see page 69 of the proceedings) a special Department Encampment of the Michigan Department was convened by order of Commander-in-Chief Riggs on October 25th at the Hotel Olds in Lansing, Michigan. An official call for this Encampment was printed and distributed.

The meeting was presided over by National Counselor Locke, and was also attended by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Brady. Instead of holding a new election of officers as authorized by the official call, the previous officers were permitted to continue in office on the strength of their promised cooperation. Although these officers promised to cooperate with the Camps and the Allied Orders, they apparently have not done so, and the tension increased to a point where several Camps refused to send quarterly reports to Department Headquarters. In other words, nothing was accomplished by the special Department Encampment.

The situation became progressively worse, until on February 2nd, when several Camps requested that they be permitted to become Camps at Large in the Order, or they would disband.

The Council of Administration then authorized such Camps to file their reports directly with National Headquarters as Camps at Large.

This brought about a situation where the numerical strength of the Michigan Department became less than that required by the C. & R. (see Page 4, Constitution, Article VI, Section V). On June 6th, I received a directive from Commander-in-Chief Riggs authorizing me to notify all Michigan Camps that the Michigan Department Charter was revoked, and that all Camps should be instructed to remit directly to National Headquarters.

Accordingly, on June 10th, at the request of Commander-in-Chief Riggs, I wrote a Registered Letter to Department Secretary Charles F. Dexter, requesting him to send me all of the property of the Michigan Department, including the Charter, books, records, and assets. This Registered letter he refused to accept. I then sent the letter to him regular mail, which I am confident he received. Not receiving a reply, I then wrote to Brother Dexter that the entire matter would be reported to the Bonding Company unless he complied with the order of the Commander-in-Chief.

At present, the following Michigan Camps are all in good standing as Camps at large:

MacArthur Camp 4—Detroit—9 Members
Blair Camp 7—Jackson—31 Members
Davey Camp 8—Detroit—11 Members
Howe Camp 9—Pt. Huron—33 Members

Finch Camp 14—Grand Rapids—48 Members
Colgrove Camp 22—Marshall—17 Members

Then on July 18th, I received a facsimile Department quarterly Report from Brother Dexter, listing 8 Camps and 176 members, together with a check for \$54.50. Of the eight Camps which he listed, four Camps are among those listed above that have already filed their Quarterly Report directly to National Headquarters. These were Camp 4, Detroit; Camp 7, Jackson; Camp 8, Detroit; and Camp 22, Marshall.

In view of the Commander-in-Chief's directive and previous action taken, I returned the facsimile report and check to Brother Dexter, again calling his attention to the fact that the Department had been disbanded, by order of the Commander-in-Chief.

While this correspondence was being exchanged, I received a letter from a Mr. Craig Thompson, Attorney and Counselor at Law advising me that he had been retained by the Michigan Department, requesting that the directive disbanding the Michigan Department be rescinded. I replied to Mr. Thompson advising him that he was not in possession of all of the information, but that I was forwarding his letter to Commander-in-Chief Riggs for reply.

As it is far more desirable to have a Department than to have these Camps as Camps at Large, and as we have no desire to have this matter thrown open to the public in the courts, I offer:

Recommendation No. 2—That the incoming Commander-in-Chief call a special meeting of the Michigan Camps at the earliest possible time, for the purpose of resolving differences, and for the election and installation of Department Officers. It certainly is not the desire of the National Organization to dictate to this or any other Department, but rather to act as an impartial referee so that they can arrive at their own decisions in a democratic manner.

11. The 100th anniversary of the great Civil War is just about upon us. We, as citizens and members should with our enthusiasm and interest of local history, help to bring alive once again, the memories of those by-gone days, and the sacrifices that were made by all of our citizens in order that our great Nation could be preserved.

The spirit of the Grand Army of the Republic will never die. It lives in the hearts of millions of vigorous young Americans. In that spirit, and by that spirit, the future of our Nation is forever secure.

Their ideals and traditions will, and should, be carried on by our generation and our future generations. This great heritage is not just a blessing and a privilege, but an obligation and a trust. Let us, now, pledge to the memory of those men of the G.A.R. that we will in time of peace or war, show our great appreciation of the heritage they have handed down to us, by preserving it for ourselves and the future generations.

The sounding of "Taps" for the G.A.R. marked the close of a great period in American History. They lived to see our country become the strongest unified nation in the entire world. They have taken their places among the ranks of the immortals who have gone before them. The tradition and obligation is now ours to carry on and to fulfill in its zenith.

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

Sincerely in F. C. & L.

(Albert C. Lambert)

National Secretary-Treasurer.

NATIONAL TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

JULY 1, 1958 to JUNE 30, 1959

	General Fund	Nat'l Patr. Instructors G.A.R. Fund	Permanent Fund
<i>Balance July 1, 1958</i>	\$4,214.61	1,172.25	344.47
RECEIPTS			
Per Capita Tax	5,373.60		
Supplies	852.05		
Banner Subscriptions	1,010.70		
Registration Fee—Boston	280.00		
Gift from Auxiliary	500.00		
Charter Fees	5.00		
Sale of Proceedings	6.00		
Nat'l Patriotic Instructor—1957-1958 ..		492.50	
Nat'l Patriotic Instructor—1958-1959 ..		298.15	
Donations			500.00
Cash Dividend—Wellington Fund			461.76
Stock Dividend—Wellington Fund			450.00*
Honor Roll			40.00
Life Memberships			100.00
Member at Large Fees			80.00
	8,027.35	790.65	1,640.76
	\$12,241.96	1,962.90	1,985.23
DISBURSEMENTS			
Supplies	731.25		
The Banner	2,097.79		
Commander-in-Chief	1,000.00		
National Secretary-Treasurer	1,200.00		
F. I. C. A.	41.50		
Encampment Expense	553.60		
Rent	400.00		
P. C. in C. Badge	114.40		
Proceedings—1958	718.23		
Office Exp.—postage—tel.—express	395.97		
C. P. A. Audit	100.00		
Flowers—Craig	13.50		
Wreath—Gettysburg	10.30		
Insurance	10.00		
Wreath—Lincoln Monument	15.30		
Lincoln Tomb Observance	85.05		
Congressional Record	18.00		
Centennial Expense—DeHaven	100.00		
Wreath—Cathedral of the Pines	18.50		
Grave Marking Committee		25.00	
Lincoln University—Scholarship		300.00	
American Coalition		25.00	
Nat'l Patr. Instructor Riggs Expense ..		38.79	
Woolson Medal Pictures		10.00	
Interest on Life Memberships			53.75
Wellington Fund—Stock Dividend			450.00*
Life Membership Bars			55.40
	7,623.39	398.79	559.15
<i>Cash Balance June 30, 1959</i>	\$4,618.57	1,564.11	1,426.08

Permanent Fund	
Cash Balance June 30, 1959	\$1,426.08
1033 shares Wellington Fund (market value \$14,926.85)	13,150.66
	<u>\$14,576.74</u>

Comparative Balance Sheet		
CASH	June 30, 1959	June 30, 1958
General Fund	\$4,618.57	\$4,214.61
Patriotic Instructor G.A.R. Fund	1,564.11	1,172.25
Permanent Fund	1,426.08	344.47
PERMANENT FUND INVESTMENTS	13,150.66	12,700.66
INVENTORY at COST	2,538.42	2,483.60
	<u>\$23,317.84</u>	<u>\$20,915.59</u>

Stock and Supplies Account			
Cost of supplies on hand 7-1-58	\$2,483.60	Received for supplies	\$852.05
Cost of supplies purchased	731.25	Cost of supplies sold	656.43
	<u>\$3,214.85</u>	Profit on supplies	\$195.62
Cost of supplies on hand 7-1-59	2,538.42		
Cost of supplies sold	\$656.43		

Recapitulation—Secretary's Report		
	Camps	Members
In good standing 6-30-58	347	5469
GAIN	10	461
	<u>357</u>	<u>5930</u>
LOSS	31	798
In good standing 6-30-59	326	5132

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Departments	Good standing June 30, 1958		GAIN		LOSS		Good standing June 30, 1959		Associates Included	Delegate Representation
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members		
Calif. & Pacific	14	301	..	17	1	48	13	270	8	0
Colo. & Wyo.	2	32	..	1	..	..	2	33	..	2
Connecticut	19	302	..	16	1	28	18	290	..	0
Illinois	12	135	1	16	..	12	13	139	..	4
Indiana	7	73	..	21	2	14	5	80	..	3
Iowa	6	91	..	..	..	17	6	74	1	2
Kansas	6	55	..	1	..	1	6	55	..	2
Maine	19	331	..	10	1	39	18	302	..	7
Maryland	6	65	..	..	1	9	5	56	2	2
Massachusetts	65	1003	..	31	7	128	58	906	..	19
Michigan	9	225	..	..	9	225	..	..	..	..
Minnesota	5	61	..	..	..	2	5	59	..	2
New Hampshire	11	177	..	5	..	21	11	161	5	4
New Jersey	16	301	..	6	1	39	15	268	8	6
New York	35	586	..	20	..	50	35	550	..	12
Ohio	28	351	3	34	5	57	26	328	..	7
Ore. & Wash.	3	74	..	8	..	4	3	78	5	3
Pennsylvania	49	832	..	112	..	57	49	887	15	19
Rhode Island	12	159	..	2	1	6	11	155	..	4
Vermont	13	195	..	4	1	16	12	183	..	4
Wisconsin	6	78	..	3	1	17	5	64	2	2
Camp 21, Beaufort, S. C.	1	16	..	..	..	1	1	16	..	1
Camp 4, St. Louis, Mo.	1	15	..	..	..	1	1	14	..	1
Camp 30, Springfield, Mo.	1	6	..	..	..	..	1	5	..	1
Camp 7, Jackson, Mich.	..	..	..	31	..	..	1	31	..	1
Camp 8, Detroit, Mich.	..	..	..	11	..	..	1	11	..	1
Camp 14, G. Rapids, Mich.	..	..	..	48	..	..	1	48	..	1
Camp 4, Detroit, Mich.	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	9	..	1
Camp 9, Port Huron, Mich.	..	..	..	33	..	..	1	33	..	1
Camp 22, Marshall, Mich.	17	1	17	..	1
National Camp at Large	1	5	..	5	1	10	..	1
	347	5469	10	461	31	798	326	5132	46	126

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CAMPS LOST: Calif., Santa Cruz; Conn., Hartford; Ind., Ft. Wayne, Connersville; Maine, Brownfield; Maryland, Grafton, W. Va.; Mass., Plymouth, Dighton, New Bedford, Westfield, Northampton, Charlestown, Townsend; Mich., Dep't; New Jersey, Camden; Ohio, Navent, Fostoria, Ravenna; Rhode Island, East Providence; Vermont, Huntington; Wisconsin, Baraboo.

The reading of this report was followed by the applause of the Encampment, after which it was referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Thank you, Brother Lambert for your splendid report; and thank you, too, for your invaluable assistance all during the year.

National Counselor Locke: It is a little unusual to interrupt the business of the Encampment, at this time, for a word from me; but I have something I would like to say.

You will notice that both the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and the National Secretary-Treasurer had a great deal to say about the trouble in the Michigan Department, in their respective reports; and I want to tell you how pleased I am with both of those reports. They have stated things exactly as they are. We could have gone into the courts, but I wouldn't consent to the publicity and notoriety which would have been connected with such a procedure. I would not be a party to such publicity; and nothing could have been accomplished. I want to refer to the letter from Craig Thompson, Attorney relative to this matter (reads portion of letter from Mr. Thompson). It is quite evident that he is not in possession of all the facts in the case; and I feel we have done what is the best thing in this situation. I want to commend the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary for what they have done; for their efforts in solving this problem and I feel that the recommendation of Brother Lambert is fine, and will be the answer to the entire matter. It is unfortunate that this condition ever existed; and I think everyone will agree with me that there was only one member who is responsible for it—and we all know who he is.

I think we are going to re-organize the Department of Michigan in the very near future, and I sincerely hope that this can be accomplished and that there will be no further trouble in this respect.

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

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Camp 8, Detroit, Mich.	1	11	1	11	..	1
Camp 14, G. Rapids, Mich.	1	48	1	48	..	1
Camp 4, Detroit, Mich.	1	9	1	9	..	1
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MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION**August 17, 1959 — 1:30 P. M.**

The Encampment opened in Ritualistic form.

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: We are now under Reports of Officers; and will hear the report of the National Patriotic Instructor.

National Patriotic Instructor Chadwick read the following:

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

To: Commander-in-Chief Earl F. Riggs and
Delegates to the 78th Annual Encampment,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Officers and Brothers:

I was both surprised and pleased when I was offered the office of National Patriotic Instructor one year ago—surprised because I had not aspired to National office; and pleased at the opportunity to bring a measure of national recognition to the ever-loyal Department of Vermont, and to serve the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

At the beginning of my administration of this important office, I had visions of rallying all Patriotic Instructors to a new level of enthusiasm and efficiency in their important duties; but letters mailed to all Department Patriotic Instructors, asking for the names and addresses of Camp Patriotic Instructors, brought only one reply. I, therefore, was forced to abandon my plan to make personal contact with all Patriotic Instructors. I can only hope that the letters which I did write, with my articles in the Banner, may have given some encouragement to my fellow Patriotic Instructors.

During my term as National Patriotic Instructor, within our Order I have attended the reception to National Auxiliary President Shepardson in Boston; all the meetings of the New England Regional Association; the Department Encampments of Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Connecticut, as well as my own in Vermont; all the meetings of my own Camp, and nearly all those of our new Camp at Brandon, as well as many Camp meetings in Vermont and New Hampshire.

I also took a prominent part in the dedication of the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Plaque, as the representative of Past Commander-in-Chief Cleon Heald, at the Cathedral of the Pines, at Rindge, New Hampshire.

Without our Order, I made sure that those people who were present were made conscious of the high ideals of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at two meetings of the Vermont State Civil War Centennial Commission, of which I am a member; and at two large towns—one in Vermont, and one in New Hampshire, at which I was the principal Memorial Day speaker; and at several lesser gatherings.

So many of the Department Patriotic Instructor's reports were so good that it would be very difficult to say that any single one among them was outstandingly better than the others. Of twelve reports received, up to the present time, I chose the following to be outstanding for the reason noted: Pennsylvania, Ivan Frantz, most interesting; Maryland, R. S. Valleau, most complete; Oregon &

Washington, Creighton Dodge, the neatest; New Jersey, Frank L. Clark, largest percentage of Camps reporting. To each of these Department Patriotic Instructors I am awarding a large, interesting and attractive Civil War wall map, in color. These awards will be mailed to the winners immediately upon my return home.

In spite of the indifferent success of the first group of letters which I mailed out, I maintained my belief that a personal letter is more appealing to the average person than is a printed form or circular. In following this belief, I mailed over 700 letters and cards in performing the work of my office. This would have been too great a task for me alone; therefore, I must give credit to a faithful member of the Auxiliary for the many long hours she spent typing for me.

A few of these letters were written upon request, in an effort to make use of the prestige of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for worthwhile patriotic purposes, such as the one written at the call of Chester Shriver, of Pennsylvania, protesting the destruction, and calling for the restoration, of a Civil War monument. In this instance, the monument was restored, at a new site and I like to think that my letter contributed, at least a little, toward this happy outcome. Some letters were written to members of Congress, bearing upon issues in which our organization is interested.

But most of my letters went out to Secretaries, those too-little appreciated guys who feel so deeply and work so faithfully for our Order, that they are actually its backbone. First, I wrote to each Department Secretary, asking for a list of their Camp Secretaries. Almost by return mail, I received a list from Bill Fuller of Massachusetts, with helpful suggestions added; and other lists came right along—and through them. I contacted every Camp listed, in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund. I am quite proud of the results of this campaign, as listed below.

I may be criticized for turning to the Secretaries for help, as this fund is usually raised through the Patriotic Instructors; but my first appeal to the Department Patriotic Instructors elicited so little response, and my year was passing so swiftly, that I felt justified in following this course. I want to express here my thanks to the many Secretaries who sent me not only money, but friendly and interesting letters. Yes, and several who had no money to send, but who took the time to write to me about themselves and their Camps. The money belongs to the Order—the letters are mine, and I sincerely treasure them.

In defense of the Patriotic Instructors, I want to say that, in the end, many of them had come through with a lot of help. I want to thank them, one and all.

I also want to thank you, Commander-in-Chief Riggs for giving me this opportunity for service, and for his helpful advice; and also our National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert, for his assistance.

Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund

The following is a list of the donations received for The Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund:

Department of California and Pacific	Total
Commander-in-Chief Earl F. Riggs, \$5.00; Camp No. 20, \$3.00; Camp No. 14, \$5.00; Camp No. 15, \$5.00; Camp No. 12, \$5.00; Camp No. 17, \$5.00; Camp No. 4, \$5.00; Camp No. 8, \$4.00; in memory of James A. Hughes, \$1.00; Fred A. Paugh, \$5.00; John Gately, \$5.00	\$48.00

Department of Connecticut

George C. Clark, \$1.00; Dept. Com. Harold L. Scott, \$1.00; Allen F. Spink, \$2.00; P.D.C. G. Leon Lewis, \$2.00; Henry W. Storrs, \$2.00; P.D.C. Robert E. Daniels, \$2.00; Brown C. Newton, \$2.00; Camp No. 22, \$5.00; Camp No. 7, \$15.00; Camp No. 17, \$5.00; Camp No. 1, \$5.00; Camp No. 11, \$5.00 47.00

Department of Illinois

Department of Illinois, \$50.00; Charles A. Brady, Jr., \$5.00; Camp No. 60, \$2.00; George Lovering, \$2.00 59.00

Department of Indiana

Camp No. 251, \$5.00; Argus Ogburn, \$5.00; C. E. Ross Smith, \$2.00; Camp No. 356, \$5.00; Elmer B. Johnson, \$1.00; Cecil McConahay, \$1.00; Camp No. 28, \$5.00 24.00

Department of Iowa

Camp No. 33, \$8.00; H. H. Legrand, \$1.00; Sam Guynn, \$1.00; Sid Bemis, \$1.00; L. B. Jones, \$1.00; Ed Wittam, \$1.00; Charles P. Lowe, \$1.00; Charles Walker, \$1.00; Charles L. Miller, \$1.00; Jacob Kirchner, \$10.00; P.C.C. Roy J. Bennett, \$5.00; Camp No. 3, \$1.00 32.00

Department of Kansas

Ellsworth Camp, \$3.00 3.00

Department of Maine

P.D.C. Charles York, \$1.00; Robert Hunt, \$1.00; John Chamberlain, \$1.00; Maurice Warner, \$1.00; George Melvard, \$1.00; Walter James, \$1.00; Phil Boyd, \$1.00; R. F. Calderwood, \$1.00; William Dow, \$.50; A. L. Calderwood, \$.50; P. E. Hamlin, \$.50; C. P. Renell, \$.50; W. Nedeau, \$.50; C. Nason, \$.50; P.C.C. Albert DeHaven, \$5.00; Camp No. 1, \$3.00; Camp No. 30, \$2.00; Camp No. 3, \$5.00; Camp No. 46, \$5.00; Camp No. 4, \$1.00 32.00

Department of Maryland

P.C.C. Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd., \$25.00; John E. Palsgrove, Sr., Washington, D. C., \$5.00 30.00

Department of Massachusetts

Camp No. 1, \$2.00; Emerson and Grace Whitman, \$2.00; Camp No. 81, \$5.00; Camp No. 34, \$2.00; Camp No. 5, \$5.00; Henry Gates, \$1.00; Camp No. 6, \$2.00; P.D.C. Wm. O. Fuller, \$3.00; Camp No. 86, \$2.00; Camp No. 112, \$5.00; Camp No. 11, \$2.00; Camp No. 134, \$10.00; Camp No. 35, \$2.00; Camp No. 17, \$2.00; Camp No. 109, \$1.00; Camp No. 143, \$2.00; Stanley H. Blanchard, \$.50; Arthur L. Merritt, \$.50; William Hills, \$.50; Donald C. Wilder, \$.50; In Memory of William H. Tillson, \$5.00; Camp No. 25, \$1.00; Camp No. 104, \$5.00; Camp No. 61, \$5.00; Camp No. 55, \$10.00; Camp No. 79, \$5.00; Camp No. 80, \$5.00; Gllman W. Harrington, \$1.00; Earl W. Harrington, \$1.00; Allan B. Howland, \$1.00; Harold E. Drown, \$5.00; Ernest G. Wells, \$5.00; Jr. Vice C.C. Carder Perkins, \$1.00; Charles Hooper, \$1.00 101.00

Department of Minnesota

Camp No. 8, \$5.00 5.00

Department of New Hampshire

Dept. Aux., \$2.00; P.C.C. Cleon Heald, \$5.00; Camp No. 1, \$4.00; Camp No. 5, \$5.00; Camp No. 10, \$5.00; Abraham Lincoln Camp, \$5.00; Dept. of New Hampshire, \$10.00; P.D.C. Homer Atkins, \$1.00; P.D.C. Jack Carr, \$1.00; Gertrude Craig, in Memory of P.C.C. J. Kirkwood Craig, \$10.00 48.00

Department of New Jersey

Department of New Jersey, \$10.00; Camp No. 5, \$5.00; P.C.C. Albert C. Lambert, \$5.00 20.00

Department of New York

P.C.C. Fred Howe, \$5.00; P.D.C. Truman A. Vincent, \$5.00; P.D.C. Charles L. Messer, \$2.00; Camp No. 40, \$2.00; Camp No. 93, \$1.00; Camp No. 2, \$5.00; Camp No. 108, \$5.00; Camp No. 223, \$3.00; Camp No. 199, \$1.00; Camp No. 52, \$5.00; Camp No. 89, \$2.00; Camp No. 146, \$5.00 41.00

New England Regional Association

New England Regional Association, \$5.00 5.00

Oregon and Washington

P.C.C. Frederick K. Davis, \$5.00; Eugene Camp, \$5.00; Dept. of Oregon and Washington, \$10.00 20.00

Department of Pennsylvania

R. G. Landis, \$5.00; Robert E. Delcamp, \$1.00; P.C.C. John Runkle, \$5.00; R. E. Pugh, \$1.00; P.D.C. Chester S. Shriver, \$1.00; Ivan E. Frantz, \$3.00; William J. Blakely, \$2.00; Camp No. 34, \$5.00; Camp No. 198, \$3.00; Camp No. 39, \$1.00; Camp No. 182, \$5.00; Camp No. 160, \$10.00; Camp No. 31, \$2.00; Camp No. 208, \$2.50; Camp No. 44, \$1.00; Camp No. 54, \$5.00; Camp No. 16, \$5.00; Camp No. 40, \$5.00; Camp No. 2, \$5.00; Camp No. 149, \$2.00; Dept. of Pennsylvania, \$25.00 94.50

Department of Rhode Island

P.D.C. Harold E. Arnold, \$8.00; George S. Short, \$1.00; Dwight Bromley, \$1.00; Fred J. Arnold, \$1.00; Roscoe Morin, \$1.00; Joseph Randall, \$1.00; Camp No. 6, \$5.00; Dept. of Rhode Island, \$10.00 28.00

Department of Vermont

Camp No. 11, \$3.00; Raffles, \$40.97; Sisters of the State Camp, \$5.00; District No. 5, 10.00; suppers by Sisters Scovell, Chapin, R. Farrar, B. Farrar and Nichols, \$99.85; P.D.C. George Farrington, \$5.00; P.D.C. Alaric Nichols, \$1.00; P.D.C. Will Reed, \$1.00; P.D.C. Lewis Abbott and Mrs. Abbott, \$2.00; P.D.C. Archibald, \$2.00; P.D.C. Roy Ring, \$2.00; P.D.C. Ernest Eddy, \$1.00; P.D.C. Association, \$5.00; Dept. Comm. Arthur L. Ballou, \$1.00; P.D.C. Samuel F. Bradford and Camp No. 4, \$15.00; Vermont Dept., \$5.00; Henry Bell, \$1.00; Evelyn Taylor, \$.50; Edwin Taylor, \$.50; Bob Patch, \$.25; Walt Lackey, \$.25; N.P.I. Thomas A. Chadwick, \$15.00; A sister of the State Camp, \$10.00; State Camp, \$10.00; Camp No. 91, \$10.00; Camp No. 28, \$5.00; Camp No. 50, \$5.00; Camp No. 93 and Aux. No. 23, \$5.00; Camp No. 34, \$3.00; Brother and Sister Carroll Bridgeo, \$5.00 269.32

TOTAL \$908.82

**Summary of 12 Department Patriotic Instructors
Reports Received:**

Camps Reporting—85
 Camps Observing Memorial Sunday—71
 Camps Participating in Memorial Day Observances—82
 Cemeteries Covered—348
 Flags Placed on Graves—71,324
 Headstones Placed—72 (All by Pennsylvania)

Sincerely in F. C. & L.,

(Thomas Chadwick)
 National Patriotic Instructor.

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

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Thank you, Brother Chadwick for that fine report. You certainly have done a wonderful job.

If the National Chaplain is ready, we will now have his report.
National Chaplain Rev. Thomas H. Langdon:

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

August 17, 1959

To: The Officers and Members of the
 78th Annual National Encampment,
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Brothers:

It was with a thankful heart that I received the appointment to this office in the early fall of last year, after the close of your Encampment in Boston, Massachusetts.

Shortly thereafter, while planning my work in connection with the duties of this office, I was taken ill with a light stroke. I was taken to the hospital, and later removed to a rest home in Pasadena; where I was visited by Commander-in-Chief Riggs and his personal aide John Gately. At a later date, my brother-in-law brought me down here to El Centro where I am, at present, residing, believing the climate would be of some benefit to me; and I am happy to say that my health has greatly improved.

Due to my illness, I was unable to do all that I had planned. I wanted to serve, to the best of my ability; but my activities had to be sharply curtailed because of my physical condition.

I deeply thank you, Commander-in-Chief Riggs for your kindness and understanding, for the kind words and encouragement you gave to me when I was ill; and for the opportunity to serve you, even under those circumstances.

I regret that I could not accomplish nearly all that I originally planned; but I assure you that I shall always do all that I can for the good of the Order of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as long as I live.

I was proud to serve in this office, and thank you for the privilege.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

(Rev. Thomas H. Langdon)
 National Chaplain.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.)

VISIT OF AUXILIARY PRESIDENT OF INGLEWOOD

Past Department President Bess E. Garwood, President of the Stanton Auxiliary of Inglewood, California was escorted into the Encampment, and introduced.

She presented a gift to Commander-in-Chief Riggs; and extended greetings, on behalf of her Auxiliary as well as her own personal greetings; and also presented a gift to Frank Woerner, Chairman of the Sons Encampment Committee.

Response was by the Commander-in-Chief; after which she was escorted out.

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Is the National Counselor ready with his report?

National Counselor Locke: Brother Commander-in-Chief, I am not ready to submit my report as yet.

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: We will then have the report of the National Historian.

National Historian Allen F. Spink read:

REPORT OF NATIONAL HISTORIAN

175 Ridgewood Road
West Hartford 7, Conn.
August 6, 1959

Earl F. Riggs,
Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My dear Commander-in-Chief:

This past year, your National Historian wrote each Department endeavoring to have a letter reach each Department Historian. I am pleased to report that I have heard from many Departments, and have been able to accumulate a partial list of names and addresses of Historians.

From the California Department, I received an interesting report giving some historical data about the Department.

Connecticut Department contributed a brochure of their 75th Encampment, including a brief history of the Department.

Illinois Department sent a very complete report of the observance at the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln on April 15, 1959.

Massachusetts Department sent two papers entitled, "Eleventh Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry."

New Hampshire Department still publishes a monthly news sheet, "Camp No. 10 News" and many of these publications are on file with the National Historian.

New York Department sent a booklet including "Chemung County's Part in the Civil War" by Past Commander-in-Chief Neil D. Cranmer, and the 1959 Memorial Year Book, in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Oregon and Washington Department sent a paper on aid rendered by the State of California during the Civil War period.

Wisconsin Department Secretary sent me a nice letter filling in details of the passing of General Kuechenmeister, Department Commander of Wisconsin; also stating that there is a very active Centennial Committee in their Department.

Our National Secretary forwarded, "The Final Report of the Grand Army of the Republic," and programs of some events that have occurred in previous years.

At the present time, I am gathering the historical data that I think would be of interest to the Civil War Centennial Committee; and will forward it to them, in the early fall.

Our Banner has a great deal of current history and notes are kept for reference on various items that are found therein.

Official Duty

At your request, I was privileged to represent you at the 75th Annual Encampment of the Connecticut Department, held in New Britain May 2-3, 1959. A detailed report was sent you after the Encampment. It was a pleasure to have done this; and I hope it was completed to your satisfaction. Thank you for the honor.

The expense of this office this year has not warranted my turning in a bill but, however, I recommend that an appropriation of \$25.00 be given this office again next year.

May I thank you Brother Commander-in-Chief for the pleasure of acting as your National Historian this year; and wish for you a most successful and harmonious Encampment.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

(Allen F. Spink)
National Historian.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.)

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Is the Chief of Staff ready to report at this time?

National Chief of Staff Stoudt: Commander-in-Chief, there is no report. There was very little activity in this office during the year, and I feel that a report is not necessary.

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Thank you, Brother Stoudt. I believe the report from our representative in the District of Columbia is here; so we will now have that report.

National Secretary Lambert read:

REPORT OF THE WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE

1135 21st. St., N. W.
Washington, D. C.
11 August, 1959

Commander-in-Chief Earl F. Riggs
National Encampment, SUVCW
Lafayette Hotel,
Long Beach, California

1. Co-operated with the Civil War Centennial Commission as Chairman thereof, to see that the organizations in the Grand Army family were asked to name representatives on the Commission's Advisory Council. No acceptance of such appointment has been received by the Commission from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Daughters of Union Veterans. For the latter, Mrs. Cadieux informally indicated her acceptance before the Commission's staff was organized, and later Mrs. Howard of Ohio indicated to me verbally that she would accept such appointment, but neither has accepted the Commission's invitation and apparently no indication of a choice of a representative has been received from either National President.

Recommendation: That the Commander-in-Chief ask the National Presidents of both of these organizations to write me at the Centennial Commission's office, 700 Jackson Place, N. W., Washington 25, D. C., the name and address of the member she would like to have

represent her organization on the Centennial Commission's Advisory Board. The same request should be made of the National President of our Auxiliary.

2. Letters were written to the appropriate Committees of Congress in support of the bills to give a Congressional Charter to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Although I was not notified of the hearings, the Senate bill passed and has become Public Law 86-47, approved June 17, 1959. This is a great triumph for Mrs. Worrell, who has been working for the bill for several years. A number of bills for the incorporation of other organizations were not favorably acted on.

Recommendation: That a resolution be passed by the Sons congratulating the Ladies of the G.A.R. upon their federal incorporation, and especially Mrs. Worrell, on the final success of her efforts. Copy of the Law is enclosed, which should be returned to me.

3. The indorsement by our Order of the legislation to appropriate funds for the purchase of land necessary to prevent harmful commercial encroachments on the Antietam, Gettysburg and Manassas battlefields was brought to the attention of the appropriate Congressional Committees, and I appeared at the hearings. The legislation was passed and appropriations made with certain not too restrictive limitations.

4. The support of the SUVCW of legislation and adequate appropriations for the Civil War Centennial Commission was helpful and very much appreciated by the Commission; especially the letters of the National Secretary-Treasurer.

5. Our Order's endorsement by letter of Senator Talmadge's bill proposing an amendment to the Constitution "reserving to the States exclusive control over public schools" was sent to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate; absence from the city having prevented my attendance at the hearing. I have not heard of the Bill having passed, or made much progress.

6. The legislation authorizing the National Park Service to take over the Tomb of General Grant on Riverside Drive in New York, which was indorsed by our Order, also passed and it has now been transferred and is now the "General Grant National Memorial."

7. Your representative in Washington by invitation attended one of the early meetings of the Lincoln Sesqui-Centennial Commission, has co-operated with it when practicable, and was elected an honorary member of the said Commission.

8. Favorable action was taken by the Civil War Centennial Commission on your Resolution (8). No action was taken in regard to Resolution (10), because I ascertained that the President had appointed a special Committee to study the question of establishing a Military-Naval Museum in the National Capitol, and said Commission hoped we would not enter the field with a competing proposal, at least until the Commission had completed its studies and made its report to the President.

9. As Chairman of the Committee on disposition of the Woolson Gold Medal, I am happy to report that the Smithsonian Institution has indicated its readiness to accept it for preservation and display. Accompanying are copies of my exchange of letters with the Secretary of the Institution.

Recommendation: That the National Encampment, by formal resolution approve the conditions of the gift as stated in my letter of 7 August 1959, and that the incoming Commander-in-Chief communicate with me his wishes in regard to the formal presentation

of the Medal, as suggested in my letter of August 7th to Dr. Carmichael.

10. Considerable correspondence has been carried on relative to—

(1) The New Hampshire Plan

(2) The situation in the Michigan Department, and

(3) The ceremony at President Lincoln's Tomb on April 15th.

I regret more than I can say that my wife's infirmity will prevent my attendance at the National Encampment August 17-20, 1959. My greetings and best wishes to all.

Respectfully submitted,

(U. S. Grant, 3rd.)

Washington Representative.

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.)

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: I think the report of the National Graves Registration Officer is next; and I will ask Brother Spink to read this report.

National Historian Spink read:

REPORT OF NATIONAL GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

1381 Dartmouth Street,
Baldwin, L. I., New York
July 22, 1959

Hon. Earl F. Riggs
Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Upland, California

Dear Commander-in-Chief Riggs:

This is the 34th annual report of the progress and the accomplishments of the veterans' graves registration and marking project since its inception, and the 14th consecutive annual report to be submitted by me in this office. I consider it an honor and a privilege to have served our Order in this Post for so long a term, and once again to make report of my stewardship as National Graves Registration Officer to you and, through you, to the members of the Seventy-Eighth annual encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

To those who are not familiar with the work of this office, I wish to briefly summarize. It is conducted similar to any busy commercial office whose affairs are concerned on a national basis. Its routine has included answering a steady flow of correspondence, rendering advice and assistance to Department and local Camp grave registration officers and committeemen; supplying applications for Federal and State veterans' headstones upon request, and assisting in procuring the required information for them. The office has frequent requests for ancestors' war service records and the location of the graves of veterans, and even for information concerning genealogy which require considerable research through the use of various sources.

Newly appointed Department and Camp Graves Registration Officers requesting information concerning their duties as such, have been given instruction based on the experience of successful operations. Occasionally the columns of THE BANNER have been used to impart such information and instruction.

The past term has been no exception to the customary volume of correspondence passing through this office, and from the reports received from various sections, we can be assured that much has been accomplished in the work we are attempting to do. Despite the years we have been engaged in this important project, during which

great strides have been made in locating and marking the graves of our veterans, the work is far from complete. There are many unmarked graves, except for an iron G.A.R. flag marker, which should have a headstone erected thereon. Many of these unmarked graves will present a problem involving considerable research before an application for a headstone will be approved. Consequently there is much yet to be accomplished and the project still remains an important and herculean task.

For example as a matter of record, the application we made for a headstone to be erected at the grave of the last known survivor of the crew of the U.S.S. "MONITOR," Thomas L. Taylor, and which had taken weeks of research, struck a snag when the U. S. Navy informed us there was no record of Taylor's name in the Navy files. This opened a whole new campaign of research, beginning back at the little town of Putnam in Connecticut and on through numerous sources ending with the National Archives and Record Service in Washington, D. C., where at long last the "Red Tape" unravelled and U. S. pension records dated December 11, 1897 were dug out to assure our headstone application of approval. The townspeople of little Putnam, who have followed our progress with great interest, will join Connecticut Department officers in appropriate exercises at the grave of this veteran Navy Man when the stone has been erected. This project alone has taken some eleven months to accomplish, but in Connecticut our Order has been credited with the achievement which other organizations had despaired of and failed. Thus another job in grave marking has been done. This is but one example of many problems in research which have been the object of occupation by this office throughout the years.

It would be difficult if not entirely impossible to compile a record of the number of headstones erected; the number of graves of veterans located and registered; the number of cemetery maps drawn, and the number of local projects which have been accomplished over the thirty-three years that our Order has been engaged in this work on a national scale. It can be readily imagined that the figures would be surprisingly large considering the reports received over the past term. Unfortunately for this office, not all of these accomplishments are reported, and, therefore, proper recognition cannot be made of them. This is typical of many of our good Brothers who have worked at this task for their local Camps year after year, as a labor of love and devotion to the memory of their fathers and grandfathers and the Grand Army of the Republic, but with no thought of reward. To all of these Brothers I extend the commendation and the thanks and appreciation of our great Order, for their loyalty and for their accomplishments.

Outstanding service which has come to my attention during the past term has been rendered by the following Brothers, all of whom are experienced graves registration men with long and enviable records of achievement in their fields:

Benjamin N. Rose, Department Graves Registration Officer, Connecticut Department.

Charles C. Webster, Department Graves Registration Officer, Maine Department.

Robert E. Delcamp, Graves Registration Officer, Camp No. 34, Pennsylvania Department.

Samuel W. Morrell, Graves Registration Officer, Central Veterans Association, Inc., Stamford, Connecticut Department.

Alva Reef, Department Graves Registration Officer, Indiana Department.

To these Brothers and to all those un-named Brothers who are so active in this work, the thanks of the Order is heartily extended.

Connecticut: More than 50 headstones have been erected at veterans' graves during the past year and several cemeteries have been given special attention. Brother Morrell has travelled a total of 721 miles, visiting cemeteries in the Stamford area, most of which he did on a bicycle. Brother Morrell is past 70 years of age and has been engaged in this work since 1923. He is presently working on a new book containing the maps with location of veterans' graves in 75 cemeteries. Department Graves Registration Officer Benjamin H. Rose, beside traveling hundreds of miles to and from cemeteries in the state, and working on the Taylor headstone project in Putnam, has arranged erection of a number of headstones in New London cemeteries. Brother Rose has also conducted research for the location of the grave of Brig. General Henry Moses Judah, at the request of the author of a book being written on the Union Generals of the Civil War. Brother Rose who passed his 70th birthday this year and was presented with a 50 year membership badge by his Camp, is one of the Order's most active members in the grave marking project.

Indiana: Since the last report of 1958, Department Graves Registration Officer Alva Reef has added 2,000 names of veterans buried in 150 cemeteries in Indiana, and has arranged for the erection of 12 Federal headstones. Brother Reef's book of registered veterans' graves now totals 13,196 names in 56 counties and 448 cemeteries, together with the war service record of each veteran. This book is a valuable record which is available to our Order.

Maine: Twelve applications for headstones for veterans buried in Bath, Portland, Bangor and Gray are presently being processed and shortly Department Graves Registration Officer Charles C. Webster will arrange for erection of these headstones. Camps in and around these Maine communities are actively working on the project, under Brother Webster's supervision. Brother Webster's ardent efforts throughout the years he has been in charge of this work in Maine, has placed the Maine Department in the lead of our Order in the marking with headstones the graves of veterans buried in that state. If the work can be said to be nearly completed anywhere, it is in the great Pine Tree State, and the credit is largely due to Brother Charlie Webster.

Michigan: Not only is the grave marking project progressing within the boundaries of the state of Michigan, but one of its Brothers located in Port Rowan, Ontario, Canada, is working on data for a headstone for a veteran's grave in Canada, who served with a Michigan regiment in the Civil War. Brother A. C. Marvin, whose membership is in Camp 7, Jackson, requests that grave flags be furnished him at Memorial time for Union veterans buried in Port Rowan.

Minnesota: A monument to be erected in memory of the 1st Minnesota Regiment, said to be the first regiment given to President Lincoln when he called for volunteers, is the project of Department Secretary-Treasurer C. L. Charter. Brother Charter has petitioned the legislature for an appropriation for such a monument, and is working to have it erected.

New York: Camps in all sections of the great Empire State are busily occupied with the work of grave registration and the erection of headstones. Oliver Tilden Camp No. 26, of New York City has an active Committee in this work, headed by its new Commander Owen E. Coyle and its Patriotic Instructor Robert A. Maguire. U. S. Grant Camp No. 20 of Brooklyn, is also working on this project, under the supervision of its Commander Franklin B. Korbelt, and its Secretary, Norman Dellinger.

Pennsylvania: Top honors in the actual placing of headstones on veterans graves by any one unit of our Order must go to Brother Robert E. Delcamp and his loyal Committee from Garfield Camp No. 34 of Mt. Carmel. These Brothers have actually erected 160 Federal bronze headstones or markers at veterans graves in and around Mt. Carmel, and as this report is being written are requesting 25 more blank applications for Federal headstones for veterans' graves in other cemeteries in their area. This is a most outstanding record for any one Camp. A picture of Brother Delcamp and his Committee of Camp No. 34 appeared in the January-February issue of THE BANNER, with a story of their accomplishment.

In an official capacity, I attended the 75th Diamond Jubilee Encampment of the Connecticut Department, held at New Britain, Conn., May 2-3, and the banquet and reception to their officers. I was privileged also to participate in the ceremonies of the merger of two of Connecticut's oldest Camps, Col. Charles L. Russell Camp No. 26 and Wm. E. Wooster Camp No. 25, to create the new Wooster-Russell Camp No. 22 at Ansonia-Derby. A period of hospitalization following an operation curtailed my social activities, to some extent.

Commander-in-Chief Riggs, it has been a pleasure and an honor to have served on your staff during your administration. I thank you for the confidence you reposed in my ability in appointing me to this important office. I trust that my endeavors have met with your approval. To my successor in this office, I offer my whole-hearted cooperation and my best wishes for the successful continuation of this great work.

The amount budgeted for the use of this office does not compensate for the expense it annually incurs, and curtails to some extent the propagation of material which could be most useful to Department and Camp Grave Registration Officers and their Committees. It is, therefore, recommended that the allocation be increased to \$50.00 per annum.

The amount of \$25.00 allocated for this term has been used for postage and supplies and to partially cover the regular expenses in connection with the conduct of a business office.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,
(Bertrand O. DeForest, Sr., P.D.C., Conn.)
National Graves Registration Officer.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.)

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Is the Personal Aide ready with his report?

National Personal Aide Gately read:

REPORT OF NATIONAL PERSONAL AIDE

August 15, 1959

To: The Officers and Members of the
78th Annual Encampment of the
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Brothers:

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve our Commander-in-Chief as personal aide.

I can only say I am sorry that conditions existed which prevented me from traveling with him on his entire itinerary.

Yours in F. C. & L.,
(John O. Gately)
Personal Aide.

(Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.)

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Are there any other Reports, which have not been given?

National Secretary Lambert then presented:

REPORT ON PUBLICITY

Stoughton, Mass.
August 5, 1959

Commander-in-Chief Earl F. Riggs and the
78th National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Brothers:

My duties on "public relations" have been equally paramount with those as a "publicist" on printed page, for the past administration. Complete news items on the National Encampment in Boston, 1958, were compiled and photostated since my appointment, though actually written and originally published as I served the National body, in this capacity, through Then Commander-in-Chief DeHaven and Encampment Chairman John L. Day, Past Department Commander of Massachusetts.

Items concerning our Order have appeared, on better than once a week average, in Boston newspapers. These represented encampments, receptions, group meetings, public celebrations, Civil War Centennial proceedings, Lincoln 150th observances, Camp 75th anniversaries, dedications, and countless other minor events. Publications, quite freely, over New England and even outside, have had my attention, when opportunity presented itself. Much news has appeared in California and elsewhere, through contacts of the Commander-in-Chief Earl F. Riggs personally. Thank you, Brother Earl for fine co-operation all year. Through my source, releases were submitted for many of the Department Encampments; which spoke of Commander-in-Chief's attendance, etc., at his request. Also, sent advance Encampment report for "free lance" publication. A photostat of partial "clips" of year now available. One more, perhaps two, are in preparation.

It has been my pleasure to give the "Gettysburg Address" on frequent occasions, representing the Commander-in-Chief and National Body, at each citation. Notably, the Lincoln classic was given at Emancipation Statue, Park Square, Boston, on February 12th, in conjunction with City of Boston "public celebrations," the date being exactly the 150th year of Lincoln's birth.

Also, at Brockton, Mass., on November 19th, the exact date of the 95th anniversary of the original utterance. Other requests granted included twice on Memorial Day at Dorchester, and in Stoughton. But NEVER have I given it with more fervor than at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on Boston Common, while dedicating it to the memory of Brig. Gen. Harvey E. Landers, of "Boston Globe" staff, who had been fatally stricken but a few hours before; and one week preceding Memorial Day. Landers had served the Grand Army and their heirs for 35 years, as a gentleman journalist; having no superiors and few peers in the profession, during my experience of 45 years of correspondence. I represented the Commander-in-Chief at large military funeral of our benefactor. News items stated "loss to us (S.U.V.) tremendous."

On the anniversary of the original dedication of the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Highway, held May 3rd at New Bedford, I was privileged to be the guest speaker and also represented Commander-in-Chief Riggs.

At the Massachusetts Department Conventions of the Ladies of the G.A.R. and Woman's Relief Corps; Plymouth County and Metropolitan Boston Associations and at the 75th Anniversary of Hawes Camp, New Bedford was the national spokesman.

Had an additional honor at The Weirs, New Hampshire, in presenting to Louis E. Winchell "Mr. New England Regional Assoc." a Past Commander's badge. This was his request—that I be the one to do it "if it had to be done"; and so it was, on behalf of the Association, and as a National official.

One happy evening, some of us initiated an aspiring young attorney of Lynn—Ralph J. Luise, into the Order. He has authored an appealing volume on "Victory at Gettysburg," which he hopes to have dramatized on T.V. "Bea" Riggs, wife of our Earl, has worked hard to get results on it, and seems very likely to reach fruition. Felt it my "duty" to start all this rolling.

Some publicity that is easiest to acquire, is sadly overlooked. Many of our Brothers, who have passed on, have prominent obituary notices published, but nary a word of affiliation with our Order. Two glaring examples of this misfortune were recent—in the demise of our Past Commander-in-Chief Craig and Davis Goodwin Maraspin; the latter an associate, professionally, of Past Commander-in-Chief Bauer. There seems no way of offering a "recommendation" on it, but if possible to eliminate repetition of this situation, in the future, we should be concerned.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted.

(Harold M. Drown)
National Publicist.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.)

COMMUNICATIONS—GREETINGS

The National Secretary read the following Telegrams and letters of greetings and best wishes for a successful Encampment, and expressions of regret at their inability to attend from:

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman, New York
 Past Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston, Florida
 Past Commander-in-Chief Neil D. Cranmer, New York
 Past Commander-in-Chief Roy J. Bennett, Iowa
 Past Commander-in-Chief U. S. Grant, 3rd, Washington, D. C.
 Past Department Commander Charles C. Webster, Maine
 Past Department Commander Dewey B. Mead, Minnesota
 Teresa Fuller, Sec'y., and members of Clara Barton Tent No. 14, D.U.V. of C.W. of Long Beach, Cal.

Resolutions

These Resolutions were read by the National Secretary, after which they were referred to Committees:

(1) From Fred E. Colwell, Chairman of the National Legislative Committee—requesting cooperation on the part of all broadcasters, TV and radio networks, newspapers, etc. in using the term "commemoration" rather than "celebration" when referring to the Civil War Centennial—

(Referred to the Committee on Resolutions.)

(2) From the Department of New York—That bills to allocate funds for the purchase of land at the Gettysburg and Antietam

Battlefield sites, be supported by the Congress of the United States—to prevent any further despoiling of these sacred grounds—
(Referred to the Committee on Resolutions.)

(3) From the Department of Pennsylvania—That Forms 2, 3, 100, 23, B, 26, 27, 28 should be supplied to the Camps and/or Departments without charge, by the National organization—
(Referred to the Committee on Resolutions.)

(4) From the Department of Pennsylvania—Relative to an amendment to the Constitution and Regulations, Article 7, Section 3, referring to "Associates"—
(Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.)

(5) From the Ohio Department—Relative to an amendment to the Constitution and Regulations—that the name of annual meetings be changed from Encampment to Convention—
(Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.)

(6) From Governor Dennison Camp No. 1, Ohio—that a new supply of Civil War campaign medals be procured by the Office of the Adjutant General, and immediately issued to all eligible surviving next of kin—
(Referred to the Committee on Resolutions.)

(7) From the Department of Colorado and Wyoming—that restoration of rank of Past Department Commander be granted Frank Colton—
(Referred to the Committee on Restoration of Rank.)

(8) From Mrs. Margaret Worrell, Past National President, Ladies of the G.A.R.—relative to S. J. Resolution No. 122—to establish a National Shrine Commission to procure a site for a Veterans Memorial Building in Washington—
(Referred to the Committee on Resolutions.)

National Counselor Locke: Commander-in-Chief, I would like to inflict myself upon the good Brothers with a few remarks; which will be regarded strictly as a rambling discussion and one which, perhaps, might be regarded by some as completely unnecessary. But, in spite of that I am going to say what I have in mind.

First of all, I am curious. I wonder if there is anyone present here at this Encampment who has been a member longer than I have. I got out the records recently, and refreshed my memory on it—I was initiated June 25, 1891. If any of you can beat that, speak up now—otherwise I am going to distinguish myself by advising you that I am a member longer than anyone else here.

It was my good fortune to be raised in a G.A.R. atmosphere. I was born in Iowa, and raised on the plains in Dakota territory. The territory of Dakota had recently been opened up to homesteaders; and Congress had passed an amendment to the homestead law permitting Union soldiers to deduct from the five years, the length of time they were in the service of the Union Army; and that caused a great many veterans of the Civil War to take up these grants.

In the community in which I lived, 60% of the voters were G.A.R. members; and no man dared run for office unless he was a member of the G.A.R. or supported by the G.A.R. Out there on the plains we were 20 to 25 miles from the railroad, and there was little in the way of entertainment to offer the family. The G.A.R. public installation attracted everyone in town, and was looked forward to, with a great deal of anticipation. So, you can see that I was very familiar with the G.A.R., and was raised in the atmosphere of that organization. It played an important role in my life.

I joined the Sons of Union Veterans when I was 15 years old; and I have been actively engaged in the work of this organization

during all the years that intervened; so you can see that the Sons of Union Veterans, too, has played an important part in my life. There were times, I will admit that I have been very much discouraged with our organization—so much so that I questioned whether I should continue with my activity in it. However, that is the time that I thought, particularly, of my father—and made up my mind to carry on. So, I am still active; I'm still going and hope to continue for many years to come.

Problems have confronted us, in this organization—many of them logical ones, brought about by the progress of the world in which we live; and we have failed to solve them because of our inability to look into the future, and determine just what we want to do. New projects, for the good of this organization, have been suggested—have been passed in our Departments and in our National Encampments of the Commandery-in-Chief. We have been very enthusiastic about many of these, but then we go home—and do nothing further about them. We have had some splendid ideas passed, but we have failed to carry them through to completion. Our method of putting into operation the plans and projects we adopt at our Encampments seems to be faulty—we adopt them all right, but never get around to completing them.

I just want to point out a few of the fine projects which we have undertaken, and I would ask you to listen carefully, and keep it in mind for the future. There are three which are uppermost in my mind:

(1) We adopted the G.A.R. Highway—with U. S. Route No. 6, to be so marked and so known from coast to coast. Brothers, that is about the only project that we ever put through completely and successfully, and it took between twelve and fifteen years to do it.

(2) I believe it was in 1955 that we adopted the proposal for a project, similar to the G.A.R. Highway, that U. S. Highway No. 20 be named the General U. S. Grant Highway. In Illinois, it was put through without a dissenting vote in the Legislature—it was so designated in Illinois and it is marked in Illinois; but nothing has been done about this project anywhere else.

(3) Now, let us come to the matter of the G.A.R. property. It was in 1953, in Buffalo, that this matter was decided upon. Four or five of us were designated to go to Duluth, and have a talk with Comrade Woolson; but it seemed that we never could get together, at the same time, to go up there. Therefore, Past Department Commander Dewey Mead of Minnesota was appointed as a special aide to Comrade Woolson. He wrote me that the old gentleman had asked that a deed be prepared, covering the G.A.R. property, which he would sign. It took me several weeks to prepare it, and I then sent it up to Dewey Mead; and he went up to Duluth with it. On his arrival, the first words Comrade Woolson spoke were, "Dewey, I want all of the G.A.R. property to go to the Sons of Union Veterans." He signed it, and it was filed in the District of Columbia and the U. S. District Court approved it.

Then, we heard a good deal of criticism about it: in a number of instances—and they felt we were taking something that didn't belong to us. We actually didn't take that property for ourselves; but took it "in trust," for the purpose of putting it back into the communities, and the places, in which it belonged. The minutes of these G.A.R. Posts, and the property of those Posts belongs in the area where the Post was located—we want to get it back where it belongs, for the benefit of the people of that community. It is of

historical value to those communities; and these records and property of these Posts should go there, to be preserved for future generations.

This project is one of the greatest things we have ever attempted. There is still much to be done, so let's not relax now—let us go on with this work until all of this property is back in the community to which it belongs—so that our children, and their children, may know and learn its historical value and its ultimate effect on our American way of life today.

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Thank you, Brother Locke. That was an inspiring message, and I hope that it will be carried out.

We are now under Reports of Committees; and we will have the report of the G.A.R. Highway Committee. I will ask the Chairman of that Committee to give it at this time.

National Chairman Frank Woerner read:

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

August 17, 1959

To: The Officers and Members,
78th Annual Encampment,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Brothers:

As an over-all picture, the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, U. S. No. 6, looks like it has been in very good hands this year.

Brother Harold E. Arnold from Rhode Island says that, at the present time, a large part of the highway is under construction and re-location will be completed by 1960. He has been assured by the Highway officials that the highway will be suitably marked with new signs that will be visible at night, the entire length of the highway, as required by legislation.

Brother Millard F. Brown of New Bedford, Massachusetts says that the highway is in very good shape; and that on May 3rd the highway was re-dedicated as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, with the help of the Camp and Auxiliary of New Bedford.

From Brother Cecil Baer comes the news that the portion of the highway from Monroe, N. Y., at which point N. Y. No. 17 and U. S. No. 6 are one and the same highway, has been re-built and re-marked with new G.A.R. signs. And Brother More from Owego, N. Y. says that that portion of the Highway is marked every three miles, on each side of the highway.

Chairman William J. Blakeley of Pennsylvania states that (24) large markers on the 463 miles of highway in Pennsylvania, presently erected are in excellent condition, and under proper maintenance; and that the surface of the road is in very good condition.

Chairman Boutin from Iowa says Our Highway Commission is doing some good work on the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, by way of straightening, widening and paving the roadway. In places, it is being moved several miles to go around small towns, through which it passed. And, in all cases, there are still a goodly number of signs left. Brother Boutin states that funds have been authorized for additional tables and that they expect to keep on placing tables along the highway.

The Department of California and Pacific has just had the State Engineer replace all new signs on the highway, and when the free-way is completed it will be suitably marked. The Department of California has, at the present time, \$1,572.00 in the Department

treasury, earmarked to build a suitable monument at the terminus of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway in Long Beach, California.

There are some States, through which this highway passes, where there are no Camps; and we must keep a watchful eye on them to see they are kept well marked.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

(Frank Woerner)
National Chairman,
G.A.R. Highway Committee.

Delegate John Gately, California: I move that the report of the Committee, as read, be adopted. (Seconded by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Perkins, and carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Thank you for that fine report, Brother Woerner. The Committee on G.A.R. Highway is hereby discharged, with the thanks of the Encampment.

Is the report of the Americanism Committee ready?

National Chairman Messer presented:

REPORT OF AMERICANISM AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

633 Clinton Avenue,
Albany, N. Y.
August 10, 1959

To: The Officers and Members of the
78th National Encampment,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Greetings:

One year ago, I was appointed Chairman of the Americanization and Education Committee by our Commander-in-Chief. I was again proud and honored to serve him in this capacity.

I have written to the Board of Education of many States asking them to put more emphasis on the effects, and the events of the Civil War in our schools.

I have addressed several patriotic gatherings of our organization and on my visits to other groups; and I stressed the Spirit of True Americanism, as expressed by the Grand Army of the Republic.

I have tried to see that Memorial Day Services are attended by more members of our organization. One of the most enjoyable gatherings this year was the services held in my own District, at Mt. McGregor, to honor the birthday of General Grant. It is now a Rest Camp for the Veterans of all Wars, and many were present at our exercises at the Auditorium and the Point.

I hope that, in a small way, I have promoted the interest of our organization and awakened the public to thinking about the Grand Army.

Recommendation:

No. 1. It is recommended that a member be appointed from each Department to serve on this Committee, along with the Chairman.

Fraternally submitted in F. C. & L.,

(Charles L. Messer), Chairman
Americanism and Education Committee.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Perkins: I move that the Report of the Committee, as read, be accepted; and that the recommendation

be adopted. (Seconded by Delegate George O. Walker, Massachusetts, and carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Thank you; and the Committee is hereby discharged, with our gratitude.

I believe the Civil War Centennial Committee is ready to report.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Commander-in-Chief, I move you, in the presentation of Committee reports, where no objection is raised, it be adopted, as read. (Seconded by National Historian Spink, and carried.)

Chairman Fuller read:

**NATIONAL CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE
1959 ANNUAL REPORT**

July 29, 1959

To: Commander-in-Chief Earl F. Riggs
78th National Encampment,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My dear Commander-in-Chief:

In accordance with your instructions, this Committee organized, by correspondence, and solicited the assistance of its members.

As the activation of this Committee was not announced until the January-February 1959 issue of THE BANNER, its tenure has been but little over 7 months. However, it is believed that much has been accomplished in that short time.

First, your Committee wishes to go on record as recognizing THE BANNER as our best all-around medium for the dissemination of information on the forthcoming Centennial. We urge all Brothers to maintain their subscriptions, if they wish to continue to be kept apprised of developments on national, state and local levels.

We commend the summation of our Order's Centennial efforts by National Patriotic Instructor Thomas A. Chadwick in the January-February 1959 issue of THE BANNER.

No report of a Centennial Committee would be adequate without an expression of gratitude, respect, and admiration for the many invaluable services of our own Past Commander-in-Chief Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd, the Chairman of the National Civil War Centennial Commission. This great Brother and friend of ours has been, and is, indefatigable in his efforts to further the Centennial program.

We commend the formation of the following Civil War Centennial organizations, for which members of our Order and our Auxiliary were largely responsible:

The Massachusetts Civil War Centennial Committee of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic (comprising the Department Committees of each of our Allied Orders); the Vermont Department Centennial Committee; the Centennial Committee of the Department of Illinois; the Northwestern Illinois Centennial Boosters Association; the Rock Island County (Ill.) Centennial Committee; the Rockingham County (N. H.) Committee; the Cambridge (Mass.) Committee; the Boston (Mass.) Committee; the Brockton (Mass.) Committee; the Abington (Mass.) Committee; and the Chelsea (Mass.) Committee.

No doubt there were many others within our Order, but these are those of which we have been apprised.

We wish to give special commendation to one of Massachusetts' best beloved "Old Timers"—Frank F. Johnson, "the blind patriot of Cambridge," for his continued devotion to our Order; but specifically for being the originator, as Chairman of his City's Centennial Committee, of the program that had Gen. Logan's Memorial Day Orders read in very many schools in his section of Massachusetts.

This is a campaign that will be continued for other holidays and special days—and seems to be a rapidly spreading idea. For instance, the next project will be the reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address as special exercises in all schools just prior to Dedication Day (November 19th).

Frank Johnson's Centennial Committee has been officially adopted by the City of Cambridge.

After the Commander-in-Chief's notice in the March-April 1959 issue of *The Banner*, relative to our readiness to supply Centennial literature and suggestions, we received (and answered) the following requests:

Dept. Council Member Jacob Kirchner of Fort Dodge, Iowa; Dept. Secretary-Treasurer LeRoy B. Jones of Waterloo, Iowa; Dept. Secretary-Treasurer Charles A. Brady, Jr., of Chicago, Illinois; Patriotic Instructor Richard E. Mullaly of Camp Lookout, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Anita Selby, Aux. Dept. Centennial Committee, Mansfield, Ohio; and Past Dept. Commander Maurice Warner of Bath, Maine.

If our services have contributed to the development of the Centennial effort in any of these areas, we will feel amply repaid.

As two of the members of this Committee are also members of the Massachusetts Department Centennial Committee, we believe you will allow the pardonable pride that leads to the following inclusion in this report.

Two members of this Department were the co-authors of the legislation which eventually led to the creation of the Civil War Centennial Commission of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts—comprising, among others, 2 regularly appointed representatives of each one of the Allied Orders thereon.

Finally, of the two "Sons" thereon, one was elected Secretary and the other was appointed the chairman of the vital sub-committee on finance.

We are pleased to recognize the appointment of Past Commander-in-Chief Cleon Heald to the New Hampshire State Civil War Centennial Commission and National Patriotic Instructor Thomas A. Chadwick to the Vermont State Civil War Centennial Committee.

We also commend the appointment of Past Department Commander William Dorsey to the Ohio State Civil War Centennial Commission and we wish continued success to the plans for the expansion of the Civil War Centennial Army in this Department.

The Pennsylvania Department's outstanding contributions toward the Centennial program is also recognized, and commended.

We are glad to report, working harmoniously with our G.A.R. representatives on the Massachusetts State Commission, are delegates from the Massachusetts Loyal Legion and The Greater Boston Civil War Round Table.

We wish to call attention to the obvious value of the Civil War Centennial Joint Membership Drive of our Oliver Tilden Camp of New York City and the New York Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Our thanks to Pennsylvania's Past Department Commander Chester S. Shriver (of this Committee) for his help and suggestions.

For the greater promotion of truly "Friendly Relations"—as well as an eminently successful program of Centennial preparations—we wish to call attention again to Massachusetts' general Centennial Committee of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.

We wish to also commend Past Department Commander Maurice Warner, of Bath, Maine, for his development of local Civil War Centennial plans with his City government, as well as further plans to sponsor a Bath Area Civil War Round Table.

Recommendation No. 1—We recommend that the work of this Service Committee for the "rank-and-file" of our Order be continued. (Adopted.)

Recommendation No. 2—We recommend that this Committee be enlarged to include a representative from each Department, for the term of one year; who will be appointed by his Department Commander as the most informed member of the Department in Civil War Centennial planning.

Recommendation No. 3—We recommend that this Committee be required to present a proposed project at the next National Encampment in 1960, to identify this Commandery-in-Chief with the Civil War Centennial on a national basis.

National Secretary Lambert: This is not an objection, but I should like to ask what you have in mind.

Delegate Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts: This Committee merely makes this recommendation, so that the next Committee might study the matter more thoroughly. There might be some project—such as an essay, or even the Tournament of Roses. This does not specify any particular project. It merely gives an additional duty, of study and research along those lines, to the next Committee. (Adopted.)

Recommendation No. 4—To assist in the implementation of the proposed project in Recommendation No. 3; we recommend that this Committee be authorized to raise monies, by any feasible means, but always in accord with the honor and dignity of this Order; if and when approved by the Commander-in-Chief. (Adopted.)

Recommendation No. 5—This Committee concurs with the suggestion of Commander-in-Chief Riggs that the National Organization enter a Float in the parade of the Tournament of Roses, in Pasadena, January 1, 1961.

Delegate Ernest Wells, Massachusetts: This National Committee was not aware that the Department of California had similar plans for a float in this parade; but we would like our recommendation adopted. Perhaps we might solve the matter by assistance to the California Department in this project.

Past Department Commander Spencer Leonard, Oregon: We are a National body, composed of many individual States. In fairness to all states, if we recognize the desires and objects in one State, we are duty bound to do it in all cases. We have a beautiful parade in Portland; and we, too, would like to have a float. If consideration is given to one State, then it should be given to all the others too.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: We, in Pennsylvania, are actively engaged in raising funds for various projects at Scotland School for Veteran's Children and we could use the support of the National organization also. Likewise, many of the other Departments could do the same, for projects in which they are interested; and I don't think it would be wise for the National Body to set a precedent by entering a float in this parade.

Past Department Commander Kenneth T. Wheeler, New Hampshire: Under existing circumstances, I think it would be just as well to let the California Department go ahead with their plans for this float, and let the National body stay out of it. As Brother Stoudt just pointed out, we all have projects in our own Departments—and if National sponsors one thing for one Department, they should do it for the others. For that reason, I would be in favor of dropping this matter.

Delegate Herman Black, Wisconsin: In Wisconsin, we have been trying to get people to recognize the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I think that a float in the Tournament of Roses parade would be one of the best means of publicity we could have; and I think that the National body should try, in some way, to have a float in that parade—not only for one year, for every year. It would get our name before the public, it would get people more interested in this organization and we might gain members through such a project.

Delegate Edward T. Carmichael, California: It is my understanding that it takes a lot of money to put one of those floats in the Tournament of Roses Parade; and we would not want some cheap, little thing—to represent us. California will do what they can; but if the National body could help us, it would be much better.

Chairman Fuller: The Committee concurs with this recommendation, and feel that a minimum of \$2.00 a man could be raised, with very little effort. Our thought was primarily that of putting the organization before the public.

National Secretary Lambert: I don't want to cut off debate, but I would like to point out to you that \$5,000 would not mean a great deal. Those floats cost from \$50,000 to \$100,000. I think we should endorse the action of the California Department in their endeavor; and possibly might have some industry or individual to underwrite this as a G.A.R. float, even if there is a little advertising involved, for the donor. An oil company, or some other large company might be interested in such an arrangement; but this organization cannot undertake such a proposition.

I move you that we endorse the work of the California Department, commend them, and attempt to help; but not commit ourselves, as a National organization, financially. (Seconded by Department Commander Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts.)

Delegate Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts: The simplest way is to re-word the Committee recommendation: The Committee recommends that the National body, through its individual members, assist the California Department in having a float in the Tournament of Roses parade.

Chairman Fuller: A point of order. We now have a motion before the house. Let's act upon that.

Delegate Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts: Then, Commander-in-Chief, as an individual, not as a member of that Committee, that because of our inability to enter the Tournament of Roses parade in 1961, no action can be taken by this Encampment. (Seconded by Past Department Commander H. S. Rainwater, California, and carried.)

Recommendation No. 6—This Committee, in the event of the acceptance of Recommendation No. 5, further recommends that a special Committee be appointed to raise funds for the proper implementation of same.

(This recommendation automatically deleted; because of non-acceptance of No. 5.)

Recommendation No. 7—This Committee concurs in the suggestion of National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert that the Committee conduct an essay contest, with a suitable prize for the winner.

(Adopted.)

We close with a quotation from our own General Grant: "So, the Centennial observances must be a new study of American patriotism and capability—a study which should give us deeper understanding

of the immense reserves of bravery, of sacrifice and of idealism which lie in the American character."

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

(William O. Fuller, P.D.C.), chairman,
National Civil War Centennial Committee.

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Thank you, Brother Fuller. This Committee is now discharged, with our thanks for a job well done.

VISIT OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE AUXILIARY

The National President of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Ursula W. Shepardson, and her National Personal Aide, Miss Flora D. Bates were escorted into the Encampment. (The National President was escorted by her husband, Past Department Commander Harold P. Shepardson, Massachusetts.)

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: This is one of the high-lights of our Encampment—when we receive, and welcome the National President of our Auxiliary. It has been a pleasure to work with you, and to be associated with you during the past year. And, now, it gives me great pleasure to present to you Ursula Shepardson, the National President of our Auxiliary.

National President Shepardson: Brother Commander-in-Chief, and my Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is a happy privilege to come here to your National Encampment this afternoon and extend the greetings of the National Organization, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War—and, in addition, my personal greetings; and to present to you wonderful boys this love token from our organization.

We think a lot of you boys, and realize that you can't get along without us girls—and we wouldn't want to get along without you. We need each other; and I sincerely hope that we may go through the years to come, just as we have in those gone by—working together in close harmony and co-operation to achieve our goal.

We are very happy to bring to you this token to really show our love, respect and appreciation for you—and for the work you are doing to help perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Thank you, and Commander-in-Chief Riggs may you have a happy and successful Encampment. (Presents check to Commander-in-Chief.)

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Thank you so much. I want to tell you, before I turn it over to the National Secretary-Treasurer that this is a check for \$500.00 from our Auxiliary. (Applause of the Encampment followed.)

It is now my pleasure to call upon the National Personal Aide, Sister Flora Bates.

National Personal Aide Bates: Commander-in-Chief, and Brothers; it is a pleasure for me to be here; and I want to wish for the assembly here a wonderful Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Thank you. I will ask Past Commander-in-Chief Howe to respond to you.

Past Commander-in-Chief Howe: It is a great pleasure, and an honor, for me to respond to our fine National President from Massachusetts.

We always look forward to the visit from our National President, and it is indeed a pleasure to have you with us. We know the fine

work you have done all through this year, not only for your organization, but for the Sons too; and we are very grateful to you.

Sister Bates is a resident of Worcester, where I was born; so I feel a very close relationship to her—that of a fellow townsman; and wish to extend especially warm personal greetings to her.

Again, Sister Shepardson, I want to tell you how very appreciative we are of your taking time out, from a busy schedule, to visit us today; and we sincerely thank you for the wonderful gift.

We are glad to welcome you, and hope that you will come back to visit us at any time. Thank you again, and we wish for you a successful and happy Convention. Thank you all; and take our love and best wishes back to the girls of the Auxiliary from all of us boys.

(They were escorted from the Encampment.)

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

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

August 18, 1959 — 9:30 A. M.

The Encampment opened in Ritualistic form.

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: We are now under reports of Committees; and will have the report of the Committee appointed to check into the matter of the disposition of the Woolson Gold Medal.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOOLSON GOLD MEDAL

National Secretary Lambert: Commander-in-Chief, the Committee appointed, at the close of the Encampment last year, to check into the matter of proper disposition of the Woolson Gold Medal, for future display of this medal consisted of Past Commander-in-Chief Grant, Wm. D. Duval of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, and myself.

Inquiries were made throughout the year, at a number of places to find a suitable one in which to display this medal. The Commander-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion has collaborated with us in this matter; and after due consideration, we have come to the conclusion that it should be in the Smithsonian Institution.

General Grant has been in correspondence with Mr. Leonard Carmichael, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution—and arrangements have been made to display it there, in accordance with the following letter from Mr. Carmichael, to General Grant, under date of August 12, 1959:

"I am pleased indeed to learn that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have kindly agreed to present the Albert Woolson Gold Medal to the Smithsonian Institution. Our immediate plan for the Woolson Medal is to exhibit it in a Civil War biographical case in the North Hall of the Arts and Industries Building. This, you will recall, is the hall in which memorabilia of illustrious Americans is exhibited, including the effects of General Grant and other Civil War leaders. It is the first hall the visitor enters.

Your suggestion of a simple presentation ceremony is a splendid one. I will look forward to hearing from you in regard to a convenient date for the event.

Please accept our sincere appreciation for the thoughtful courtesy of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in offering the Woolson Medal to the Smithsonian Institution."

The ceremony will take place within the next month or two. However, General Grant makes a suggestion, in a letter to Mr. Carmichael under date of August 7, relative to the presentation of this medal. Based on this suggestion, your Committee recommends:

"That the Woolson Medal be given to the Smithsonian Institution, with only the proviso that should the Institution ever wish to dispose of it, or be rid of it, the Medal will revert to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Should they no longer be in existence, in the second place to the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, and, if not accepted by it, then to the Columbia Historical Society or its successor as the historical society of the National Capitol."

Delegate Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts: I move you that the report of the Committee be received, that the Encampment concur with the recommendation of the Committee; and that the incoming

administration continue this Committee. (Seconded by Department Commander Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts; and carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: I think we are now ready for the Report of the Legislative Committee, and will ask Brother Lambert to read it:

The National Secretary read:

REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Earl F. Riggs, Commander-in-Chief
Officers and Delegates
78th Annual National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Long Beach, California
August 16-20, 1959

Tentative Report

Senator Kenneth B. Keating introduced his Dedication Day bill (S. J. Res. 50) and Representative Jessica McCullough Weis her Dedication Day bill (H. J. Res. 126) in the early days of the first session of the 86th Congress. They are identical bills and read as follows:

Joint Resolution designating November 19, the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, as Dedication Day.

WHEREAS, The Gettysburg Address of President Abraham Lincoln is an outstanding classic and will touch the hearts of men and inspire them with faith in our matchless Republic as long as time endures; and

WHEREAS, in the address Mr. Lincoln adjured his fellow countrymen to dedicate themselves anew to the principles of democracy in order that 'government of the people, by the people and for the people' shall not perish from the earth; therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that November 19, the anniversary of the delivery of the Gettysburg Address be, and hereby is, designated in the calendar of our special days as Dedication Day. That the President of the United States is requested to proclaim November 19 as Dedication Day, and to suggest that the address be read on that day in all schools, and public assemblages throughout the United States and its possessions, on our ships at sea and wherever the American flag flies.

Already September 1st has been mentioned as the probable date of adjournment of Congress; and yet both Mr. Keating and Mrs. Weis, both of Rochester, N. Y., have had their two bills before the Senate and the House of Representatives for more than six months, where both bills are pending with no assurance of passage as yet. Our time is fast running out, so may I make a suggestion—to wit:

Our National Chaplain to lead the assemblage in a standing offering of the Lord's Prayer in concert, followed by his earnest, but brief, plea to our Great Commander-in-Chief on high that, if it be His will, He will put it into the hearts and minds of the members of both Committees on the Judiciary, to give these two bills their earnest and favorable consideration.

Then, have all present sign a letter addressed to the Hon. James G. Eastland, Chairman, Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.; and I hope every officer, delegate,

alternate, and if we have any visitors they are welcome to sign also, will not leave the room until he has affixed his signature thereto.

I trust every one of you is enjoying all that western hospitality so generously provided by the California-Pacific Department; and that your 78th Annual National Encampment will be harmonious and successful in all ways.

Cordially yours in F. C. & L.,

Fred E. Colwell, Chairman, N. Y.,
Willard B. Stephan, N. Y.,
Cleon E. Heald, N. H.,
Harold E. Arnold, R. I.,
Harry Tyndale, California,
National Legislative Committee.

(Adopted as read. The Encampment repeated the Lord's Prayer, with a moment of silent prayer following; and National Historian Allen Spink was designated by the Commander-in-Chief to get the signatures of those present.)

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Is the Committee on Resolutions ready with their report at this time?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Past Commander-in-Chief Davis: Commander-in-Chief and Members of the Encampment, your Committee on Resolutions present the following:

(1) Resolution from the Department of Pennsylvania—That the National organization furnish Camps and Departments Forms 2, 3, 100, 23, B, 26, 27, 28, free of charge.

The Committee felt that this would place an unreasonable burden on the National organization, to furnish all of these forms free of charge and, therefore, the Committee recommends disapproval of this resolution. (Committee recommendation adopted.)

(2) Resolution from Gov. Dennison Camp No. 1, Columbus, Ohio—relative to re-issuance of Civil War campaign medals to next of kin—urging that a new supply of these medals be procured by the Office of the Adjutant General; and made available to all eligible surviving next of kin.

The Committee did not know how many people were interested in these medals, nor all the rules necessary to obtain them. We felt that the re-issuing of these medals was a rather doubtful undertaking for the Government; so we recommend that the resolution be rejected.

Delegate George O. Walker, Massachusetts: I understand that the eldest male descendant living is eligible for these medals. I don't think this country is so poor that it couldn't give this medal, and I think it should be continued.

Past Department Commander Charles W. Hooper, Massachusetts: I do not think these medals should be discontinued; and I feel we should put forth every effort to provide a means of securing them.

Delegate Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts: I rise to voice an objection to the recommendation of the Committee. With the advent of the Civil War Centennial, more people will become interested in the Civil War, and their ancestry. This medal will work out well, in connection with the Civil War Centennial observance. Therefore, I believe we should request a continuance of the issuance of these medals, and that new medals should be struck off by the U. S. Government.

National Counselor Locke: I want to correct a misapprehension of circumstances here. We are not desirous of preventing anybody from securing the Civil War medal. I don't think the Committee was antagonistic to the proposition at all; but they did not have sufficient information to act upon it intelligently as they did not know exactly what, and how, it is intended. I move that this matter, and everything in connection with it, be deferred until the next Encampment. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Howe.)

Delegate Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts: I cannot see deferring this matter. Now is the time we should make up our minds, and take positive action on it. We cannot afford to waste another year. This, as I pointed out before, will fit in perfectly with the Civil War Centennial—at which time there will be increased interest in the Civil War. Let us provide for these medals now, so that they are available when the Centennial is in progress. Let's not delay any longer—now is the time for action; so let us ask the U. S. Government to provide these medals now—not next year.

Past Department Commander William O. Fuller, Massachusetts: We simply ask the U. S. Government to continue the use of these medals. That's all there is to it—they are provided, and all you do is to apply for them.

National Counselor Locke: Brothers, you are asking for action on something on which we are not completely advised. This organization is too often inclined to act haphazardly on things on which we do not have sufficient information. Let us find out more about this—and then decide what is to be done. Perhaps it might be well to appoint a Committee to check into this matter more thoroughly. Then, after they know exactly what is required, take steps to get this medal. But, Brothers, be sure you know what you are voting for. Let's use some good, common sense; and know what we are doing when we take action on it. I call for a vote on the motion. (Motion of National Counselor Locke lost.)

Delegate Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts: I believe we should take action upon the Resolution, as submitted by the Ohio Camp. I move you that this Encampment go on record as approving the Resolution of the Ohio Camp, asking the Federal Government to again issue Next of Kin Civil War Medals; and that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Adjutant-General. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Charles W. Hooper, Massachusetts; and carried.)

National Secretary Lambert: It occurs to me that we have two other organizations here who might be concerned with this particular matter; and I would suggest that someone be designated to contact our Auxiliary and the Ladies of the G.A.R.—telling them of our action; and asking for similar action by them, so that this Resolution can be adopted by all three organizations.

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: That is a splendid idea, Brother Lambert. I will appoint Brother Ernest Wells to go to these organizations; and tell them of our action, and get their endorsement, if they so desire.

(Report of Resolutions Committee interrupted, to receive guests.)

REPRESENTATIVES OF CITY OF LONG BEACH AND LAFAYETTE HOTEL RECEIVED

The following were then escorted into the Encampment and presented:

Gene McNicholas, Promotion and Service Director, Long Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc.

R. L. Miller, Resident Manager, Lafayette Hotel.

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Gentlemen, it is a pleasure to welcome you to our Encampment. We will now hear from Mr. McNicholas, representing the city of Long Beach.

Mr. McNicholas: Commander-in-Chief, and Gentlemen of the 78th Annual Convention of the Sons of Union Veterans, sincerely, on behalf of the city of Long Beach, I want to welcome you. It is a great privilege and honor to have you here in Southern California. During your stay here, we hope that your visit will be a very enjoyable one.

If there is any way in which we can aid in making your stay more pleasant, do not hesitate to advise us and we will be happy to be of service to you.

We want to make sure that everything runs along smoothly for Mr. and Mrs. Riggs as they have worked hard to assure you of a wonderful time, and a fine Convention here in Long Beach. They have put forth every effort possible, and I am sure the results are to your liking and that you will have a fine time here with us.

We, of the city of Long Beach, hope you have an enjoyable stay here in Southern California, and that someday you will come back again. Thank you.

Mr. R. L. Miller: Distinguished gentlemen, I represent the Lafayette Hotel, and I want to take this opportunity to welcome you here. We are most happy to have you in Long Beach; and it is our privilege to have many of you with us here at the Lafayette Hotel.

I was a bit hesitant about coming in to your Convention because of my name and origin. My name is Robert Lee Miller, and I am from North Carolina, and I was not quite sure how I might be received, in this organization because you are representative of the North, and I of the South. However, that really doesn't make any difference now, and I am sure you feel as I do, in that respect. The Civil War is over for a long time and we are no longer concerned so much as to whether we are Southerners, or Northerners. We are all Americans, no matter what our origin might have been.

My apologies, too, for being a little negligent in coming to visit you, but I have a very heavy schedule at the present time, and I hope you will forgive me for not coming to your opening session, as I should have done.

Sincerely, it is a pleasure to welcome you, and we here at the Lafayette trust you will enjoy your stay in Long Beach. If I, personally, or anyone from our staff here at the Lafayette can do anything to make your stay here more pleasant, do not hesitate to call upon us.

I hope that the sessions of your Convention will be very interesting and beneficial to all of you.

Thank you for permitting us to come in, and break in on the business. We appreciate your courtesy and now, with your permission, we will continue on our way as we still must contact the other organizations meeting here.

(They were then escorted from the Encampment.)

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE (Continued)

Past Commander-in-Chief Davis: We will now continue our report:

(3) From Fred E. Colwell, Chairman of the Legislative Committee—urging news writers, TV and radio networks, newspapers, etc. to delete the word "celebration," and use the word "commemoration" when referring to the Civil War Centennial observance (1961-1965).

Your Committee recommends adoption. (Adopted.)

(4) From the Department of New York requesting that the bills which would allocate funds, through the Department of the Interior.

for the purchase of land for the Gettysburg and Antietam battlefield sites, be supported by the Congress of the United States, to prevent further despoiling of sacred ground dear to the hearts of every loyal American.

The Committee recommends adoption of this Resolution.

Delegate Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts: Action on these two battlefields has already been taken by Congress. However, there are those of us who believe that a definite stand by such an organization as ours would have some effect, however slight, upon encroachments.

(Committee sustained.)

(5) From Mrs. Margaret Worrell, Past National President, Ladies of the G.A.R.—relative to S. J. Res. No. 122—establishing a National Shrine Commission to select and procure a site, and formulate plans for the construction of a permanent Memorial building, in memory of the veterans of the Civil War.

The Committee felt that, although this is an admirable project, it would have been more favorably received if it applied to, and included, other members of the G.A.R. family instead of exclusively the Ladies of the G.A.R. Therefore, the Committee recommends no action on this Resolution.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I am just wondering if we couldn't just give it our endorsement, and moral support, instead of casting it aside.

National Counselor Locke: I think the recommendation of the Committee is the right one. I think it is in poor taste, and I dislike very much to say that about the Ladies of the G.A.R. However, I think they have been ill advised in this matter, and the Committee should be sustained.

Department Commander Cecil McConahy, Indiana: A point of information. What is the status of that bill at the present time?

National Secretary Lambert: This was known as the Jenner Bill. Jenner is not a Senator any longer—and, therefore, this bill died.

Past Commander-in-Chief Howe: I might suggest that you be fully prepared to give an answer to the Ladies of the G.A.R. on this matter. Margaret Worrell is very much interested in it, and certainly will follow it through.

National Secretary Lambert: This is a delicate situation. I agree completely with the findings of the Committee. I think it was poorly worded; and the Allied Orders, and the Sons of Union Veterans should have been consulted.

On the other hand, we do not want to give the impression that we would not support such a bill, if presented properly. It would seem to me that deferring action might be the proper thing for us to do. I will move that the matter be deferred until the next Encampment, at which time it should be given further study. (Seconded by Delegate George O. Walker, Massachusetts; and carried.)

Past Department Commander Dr. Karl Rothschild, New Jersey: I think the best way would be to let the Ladies of the G.A.R. know our action; and ask them to bring in a new Resolution, after consultation with the other Orders.

Past Commander-in-Chief Davis: That is a partial report of the Resolutions Committee. A further report will be made later.

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Thank you, Brother Davis.

If the 1961 Convention Committee, relative to our place of meeting at that time is ready, we will now have that report.

REPORT OF 1961 ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, as usual, your National Secretary has received quite a number of invitations for us to meet in various cities in 1961.

Your Committee has considered all of these invitations. One, however, is outstanding, in the opinion of the Committee, and that is the one from the city of Indianapolis.

Indianapolis had the first and last Encampments of the G.A.R. and we, therefore, feel it an appropriate place in which to start the Centennial observance.

Included in this invitation is the resolution of the Indiana Department (reads resolution), invitations from the Governor of Indiana, the mayor of Indianapolis and the Chamber of Commerce; and we feel that it is very complete, and the most acceptable.

Your Committee recommends the acceptance of this invitation, provided that the usual requests and conditions, as outlined by our Council of Administration, are fully met to our complete satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Leroy Stoudt, Chairman, Pennsylvania,
Albert B. DeHaven, Maine,
Albert C. Lambert, New Jersey,

1961 Encampment City Committee.

(Adopted.)

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Is there any other Committee ready to report?

Past Commander-in-Chief Howe presented:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESTORATION OF RANK

Your Committee on Restoration of Rank unanimously agree with the request of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming for restoration of rank to Brother Frank Colton of the said Department who was reinstated as a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War the last quarter, preceding National Encampment.

We request favorable action in the matter of Restoration of rank of Past Department Commander to Brother Frank Colton, upon payment of the required fee.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred E. Howe, N. Y., Chairman,
Dr. L. J. Snow, California,
Dr. Karl Rothschild, New Jersey.

Committee on Restoration of Rank.

(Adopted.)

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Thank you, Brother Howe; and thanks to you Brother Stoudt for the 1961 Encampment Committee report. Both of these Committees are hereby discharged.

Is the Committee on Constitution and Regulations ready to report?

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION
AND REGULATIONS**

Past Commander-in-Chief DeHaven: Your Committee on Constitution and Regulations wish to report on the following changes submitted to us:

(1) From the Department of Ohio—That

(A) In the Constitution, wherever appears the word "encampment," change the same to "convention." This affects Article V, Sections 1, 2 and 3; Article VIII, Sec. 6; and Article IX.

(B) In the Regulations, wherever appears the word "encampment," change the same to the word "convention." This will affect the following:

Chapter I —Article II, Section 5;

Chapter II —Article I, Sections 2 and 3; Article II, Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4; Article III, Sections 1(a), (b) and (c); Article IV, Sections 2 and 5; Article V, Sec. 1, 3, 5 and 7; Article VII.

Chapter III—Article II, Sections 1, 2 and 3; Article III, Sec. 1; Article IV, Section 2; Article V, Sections 1, 3, 4, 5(b); Article VI, Sections 1 and 3; Article VII, Section 3.

Your Committee recommends adoption.

Past Department Commander Spencer Leonard, Oregon and Washington: I am in hearty support of the resolution, as submitted by the Department of Ohio; but they failed to include in the Resolution the wording "Encampment" contained in the Ritual, on pages 39 and 46.

Parts of the C. and R. were copied from Article V, Section 2 into Public Law 605, of the 83rd Congress—"The supreme governing authority of the corporation shall be the national encampment thereof." This is a Public law, and stands as written until amended by the Congress of the United States.

Therefore, I want to add an amendment to the Resolution to include the change of wording "encampment" to "convention" where it appears in the Ritual; along with the changes in the Constitution; and I would like to move that we submit it to Congress, asking them to act on our Articles of Incorporation and make the necessary changes.

Delegate George O. Walker, Massachusetts: The Grand Army of the Republic used the word "encampment." This is one of the traditions of the G.A.R. which we still carry on. There are too many of those traditions which we are trying to obliterate—and I feel we should continue to use the word "encampment."

Past Department Commander H. S. Rainwater, California: The Committee had the advice of Colonel Bauer, and I would like to have him say a word on this subject.

Past Commander-in-Chief Bauer: I do not have a copy of the Act of Congress before me. However, if it does say "National Encampment," and I think it does—we can't change it. Any change must go to the Congress of the United States for their action.

It is simply a question of words, and what difference is there in what we call it. The Act of Congress calls it the National Encampment, and that is what it must be. We can't change it.

There would be considerable work involved to have it changed by Congress; and it is not a simple matter for them to take action to make this, or any other, change to an existing Public Law. I think we are wasting a lot of time on something that is absolutely immaterial.

Delegate Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts: If we are going to be an organization, related to the Civil War, let us retain the customs of that era which are part of us and our heritage. Let us, at least, not do away with the term "encampment," but let us continue to use it, as did our fathers.

Therefore, I move that this Encampment reject the recommendation of the Committee; and continue to refer to our meetings as "Encampments." (Seconded by Delegate George O. Walker, Massachusetts.)

National Counselor Locke: Brothers, we certainly are champions in the art of wasting time discussing non-essentials. If we would devote our time, and efforts, to things which are essential and which are important for the good of this organization rather than this sort of thing, we might really accomplish something of value to the Sons of Union Veterans.

Why not let things rest just as they stand? Actually, we can do nothing else, in this case as we must follow the Charter, under which we are now in existence. Let us use good judgment, and put forth our efforts in worth-while legislation rather than non-essentials.

(Committee recommendation rejected; and "Encampment" retained.)

(2) From the Department of Pennsylvania—relative to the establishment in Departments and Camps of Associates.

In the initial report of the Committee, they recommended suggested changes to the Resolution, as presented by the Department of Pennsylvania. However, after considerable discussion of the Encampment; and with the consent of the members of the Committee, they recommended non-concurrence with the Resolution from the Department of Pennsylvania. (Committee sustained.)

Respectfully submitted,

Albert B. DeHaven, Maine, Chairman,
 Frederic G. Bauer, Massachusetts,
 Cecil McConahy, Indiana,
 Harold E. Arnold, Rhode Island,
 H. S. Rainwater, California,

Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Thank you; and your Committee is now discharged, with our gratitude for your work.

Is there a supplemental report of the Credentials Committee?

Delegate Bertram Isaacs, New York: Commander-in-Chief, the Credentials Committee now reports a total of 101 registered.

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Thank you, Brother Isaacs. We will now recess until 1:30 P. M.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

August 18, 1959 — 1:30 P. M.

The Encampment was called to order by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Brady, in the absence of the Commander-in-Chief who had gone, with the Past Commanders-in-Chief to pay their official visit to the Auxiliary.

The Session opened in regular form.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Brady: While the Commander-in-Chief and Past Commanders-in-Chief are out of the Encampment, we are going to have a period of general discussion, for the Good of the Order.

A discussion period followed, with members speaking on various projects in their Camps and Departments, which may be of interest. Past Department Commander Spencer Leonard of Oregon and Washington spoke, in detail, about historical records of the G.A.R., and where they may be found. Past Department Commander Dr. Karl Rothschild, New Jersey spoke about the loss of membership—making suggestions as to what can be done to increase interest in the organization, and bring about a gain in membership.

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

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Thank you, Brother Brady for presiding in order that I might accompany our Greetings Committee to the Auxiliary. We were graciously received, and had a pleasant visit; and I am grateful to you for allowing me the privilege of going over to call on them.

The Greetings Committee from the Ladies of the G.A.R., consisting of:

Cassee H. Orsborn, Past National President, Idaho,
 Mabel S. Taylor, Past National President and National Secretary,
 Rhode Island,
 Nellie D. Howe, Past National President, Michigan,
 Gussie L. Morin, Past National President, Washington,
 Twanette Paull, Past National President and National Counselor,
 Missouri,

were escorted in and presented to the Encampment. Mrs. Orsborn extended greetings of her National President, Lura B. Frye, and the National Organization of the Ladies of the G.A.R., together with her own personal wishes for a fine Encampment; and presented a gift to Commander-in-Chief Riggs. The other members of the Committee also extended their good wishes.

(Response was by Past Commander-in-Chief Frederic G. Bauer.) The ladies were then escorted from the Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Are there any Committees ready to report at this time?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

Department Commander Joseph S. Rippey, New York: Commander-in-Chief, and Brothers, your Committee on Officers' Reports have gone over the reports submitted to us, and present the following:

Report of Commander-in-Chief

The Committee has read this report with great interest, and in great detail. Commander-in-Chief Riggs, as we all know, has traveled

many miles during his term of office, and his report reflects the results which he has accomplished.

During his term, he has had one major problem, and many minor ones; and all of them have been handled very well. He has carried out the duties of his office in a very creditable manner, using tact and good judgment; and we heartily commend him.

The following recommendations are contained in his report:

(1) That no further invitations be issued to the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, with the exception of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. But, that we welcome them to join with us at any time in the future, should they care to join us.

On that particular recommendation, the Committee was divided in opinion and, therefore, feels that they do not want to make any recommendation as to action on it.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Perkins: I would be very much against adoption of this recommendation. As I suggested in my report, each of us should renew our vows of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, at the time of initiation of a new candidate, and that means to me renewal of those vows to the G.A.R. family. I think we must be very considerate, and very cooperative; and should strive to keep harmony with all the organizations.

Past Commander-in-Chief Moran: Inasmuch as the Committee has not made any recommendation, I move that the matter be referred to the next annual Encampment. (Seconded by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Perkins, and carried.)

(1-a) That the Budget Committee give consideration to setting up a special fund for the National Centennial Committee, to pay for their postage and printing of special material.

The Committee concurs, but suggest that it be referred to the Council of Administration with respect to the amount to be appropriated. (Adopted.)

(2) That the Centennial Committee be retained for the duration of the Centennial 1961 to 1965, and that the Commander-in-Chief be given the privilege of appointing any additional members to this Committee as seems necessary each year.

We have had some discussion on this matter this morning in the Encampment, and we have given this matter a great deal of consideration.

Your Committee recommends that the Committee set up by the Commander-in-Chief should be retained as such; but that the membership of that Committee shall be appointed each year by the current Commander-in-Chief. (Adopted.)

Report of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

We listened, with great interest, when Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Brady read his report yesterday. It is a fine report, and is excellently prepared. It shows that the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief has gone beyond the regular duties of his office, in his efforts in behalf of our organization. He is to be highly commended, both for his work, and for the fine preparation of his report. He is certainly an asset to this organization, and we are very fortunate, indeed, to have him in this office.

There is one recommendation in his report:

(1) That an appropriation of not less than \$100.00 be authorized for the Lincoln Tomb observance, in future years.

The Committee concurs in that recommendation. (Adopted.)

Report of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

This was a short, but very good report; and we commend the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief for the performance of the duties of this office, and in the preparation of his report.

Brother Perkins made one recommendation:

(1) At the initiation of new candidates in the future, all members will stand and renew their obligation, taken at the time of their initiation.

The Committee concurs in that recommendation. (Adopted.)

Report of National Secretary-Treasurer

This report is very thorough, and complete; and is in keeping with the usual excellent report presented by our National Secretary-Treasurer. It is so detailed that it needs only the reading of it to get a complete picture of the operation of the financial structure of this organization during the year. We urge you to read it, so that you will be well informed along these lines.

We commend Brother Lambert for his efficient and devoted service, not only for this year but through all the years, to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Two recommendations are contained in his report:

(1) That the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a Committee to arrange for the observance at the Lincoln Tomb on April 15th, said Committee to secure a wreath, arrange a program, and advise our membership in advance of the event, to insure attendance.

The Committee concurs. (Adopted.)

(2) That the incoming Commander-in-Chief call a special meeting of the Michigan Camps at the earliest possible time, for the purpose of resolving differences, and for the election and installation of Department Officers.

The Committee heartily concurs. (Adopted.)

Report of National Patriotic Instructor

This report, as we all know, is a wonderful one. It indicates a great deal of work, and devoted effort on the part of Brother Chadwick and he should have the gratitude of all of us. The time he has put in, the money spent, and the results accomplished by him are to be highly commended. He has done a fine job, and he has raised a splendid amount in the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund, and we are grateful to him for his efforts.

He makes no recommendations in his report, but the report should be read by each and every one of us.

Report of Washington Representative

The Committee considered this report thoroughly, and wish to express to General Grant grateful thanks for the fine service rendered to this organization. We feel that without him, we would be at a great loss in our Nation's Capitol. He is an excellent representative, and we feel he is our best man to handle this assignment.

He makes his usual fine report, not particularly long but right to the point. In the report, he has several recommendations:

(1) Relative to no acceptance of appointment of representatives on the Civil War Centennial Commission's Advisory Council by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Daughters of Union Veterans.

The Committee feels that this calls for a Resolution and, therefore, refer it to the Committee on Resolutions. (No objection.)

(2) That a resolution be passed by the Sons congratulating the Ladies of the G.A.R. upon their federal incorporation, and especially Mrs. Worrell on the final success of her efforts.

The Committee refers this to the Committee on Resolutions. (No objection.)

(3) That the National Encampment, by formal resolution approve the conditions of the gift of the Woolson Gold Medal to the Smithsonian Institution, as stated in letter to Dr. Carmichael, under date of August 7th.

The Committee refers this to the Committee on Resolutions.

National Secretary Lambert: That deals with something which we have already done, in another report. It has already been acted upon, and no further reference is necessary.

Report of National Historian

This report is well prepared, and shows evidence of great interest in this work by the National Historian. He has done an excellent job, and we express our appreciation to him for it.

One recommendation is included in this report.

(1) That an appropriation of \$25.00 be given the office of National Historian again next year.

The Committee concurs. (Adopted.)

Report of National Chaplain

This report is written out in long-hand which shows the special interest of National Chaplain Driver in the preparation of the report.

It is a very brief report, but it shows that he has performed the duties of his office in a dignified and creditable manner; and the Committee commends him for this and for his devotion to our Order. We wish him continued good health, and thank him for this fine report.

Report of Personal Aide

This report is also quite brief, but well prepared. The Committee has read it with interest, and commend him for his service to us. There were no recommendations contained in this report.

Report of National Graves Registration Officer

As usual, Brother DeForest gives us a very complete and interesting report. It is evident from this report that the position was well filled during the year by him. We know it is a difficult job to handle, and it has been done with finesse and with the interest which should be devoted to this work. He has done an excellent job; and we wish to express our appreciation to him for it. One recommendation is contained in this report:

(1) That the amount budgeted for the use of this office be increased to \$50.00 per annum.

The Committee concurs with this recommendation. (Adopted.)

Report of Publicity Chairman

This report is from a man who is very familiar with publicity—a subject of utmost importance to our organization. We, ourselves, in our Departments have stressed publicity and find that when it is stressed, we have received several times as much publicity.

Publicity will be very important to us, especially during the next few years and we must keep working, and always be alert in order to make the most of it. With the Centennial approaching, publicity

will be more important than ever before; and much can be accomplished if we use it to our advantage.

The Committee commends Brother Drown, and would suggest that everyone read this report, and digest it.

The Committee has taken great interest in these reports, Commander-in-Chief, and Brothers and we appreciate the opportunity of serving you in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph S. Rippey, New York, Chairman,
Chas. H. E. Moran, Massachusetts,
Roscoe C. Mathis, Illinois,
Charles Lowe, Iowa,

Committee on Officers' Reports.

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Thank you, Brother Rippey, and members of the Committee for a job very well done. The Committee on Officers' Reports is hereby discharged, with thanks.

GREETINGS FROM WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS AND DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS

The following Committees were escorted into the Encampment and introduced:

Ruth E. Johnson, Past National President, Woman's Relief Corps,
Faye Boone, Past Department President, Woman's Relief Corps,
Shirley Nichols, Department President, California, Daughters of
Union Veterans,

Hester Cook, Department President, Oregon, Daughters of Union
Veterans.

They extended greetings, on behalf of their National Presidents and their organizations; as well as personal greetings for a successful Encampment, and presented gifts to the Commander-in-Chief.

National Secretary Lambert responded to the Committee from the Woman's Relief Corps; and National Historian Spink to the Daughters of Union Veterans—after which they were escorted from the Encampment.

GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM THE AUXILIARY

The Greetings Committee from the Auxiliary, led by Lenore Glass, Past National President and thirty-five members of the California delegation came into the Encampment, and were introduced.

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: It is a pleasure to welcome this fine group from California here to my Encampment; and I should like to call upon Sister Lenore Glass at this time.

Past National President Lenore Glass: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I am pleased to come in this afternoon, and bring with me this fine California delegation. We want to bring our greetings, wish you well and tell you how proud we are to have a Commander-in-Chief from this great state.

We wish for you a successful, and happy Encampment and I am sure you are having just such an Encampment.

We all know, Brother Riggs, what a fine job you have done during this past year; and we sincerely thank you for all your efforts. However, we know that it could not have been the success it was without the assistance of your wife, Bea Riggs, and I want to present her to

you, and this Encampment so that she might extend her greetings to you.

Past Department President Beatrice Riggs, California: My Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, this is about the last time that I will be privileged to address you, using that title, as your term of office is soon at an end.

I was very proud to have my husband serve the highest office in the Sons of Union Veterans. It has been a pleasure to go with him during the year, on his official visits, to meet you nice people and I thank you for all the courtesies extended to us. I am very happy that he had the opportunity to serve in this office, but I will be glad to welcome him back home.

Response was by Department Commander Vernon E. Cheney; after which the delegation was escorted out.

GREETINGS FROM LONG BEACH WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

The following representatives of the Woman's Relief Corps No. 93, of Long Beach, were then brought in, and presented:

Rosa Whitmyre, President,
Charley Yeam, Junior Vice President.

Each extended greetings and good wishes for an enjoyable meeting in Long Beach.

Response was by National Patriotic Instructor Thomas Chadwick. They were then escorted from the Encampment.

VISIT OF MRS. MARGARET WORRELL

Mrs. Margaret Worrell, Past National President of the Ladies of the G.A.R., was escorted in, and introduced.

She extended greetings, and spoke about her efforts in behalf of Legislative work in connection with the Civil War, especially with reference to S. J. Res. No. 122 to establish a National Shrine Commission to formulate plans, and select and procure a site for the construction of a Memorial Building, in memory of the Veterans of the Civil War.

(Response was by Past Commander-in-Chief DeHaven.)

MASSACHUSETTS CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES PRESENTED

The following members of the Massachusetts Civil War Centennial Commission were escorted in, and presented:

Ernest G. Wells, Secretary,
Alice F. Harwood, Treasurer,
Mary V. Darcy, Executive Secretary.

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: We are pleased, and honored to have these members of the Massachusetts Civil War Centennial Commission present here today, and we welcome you.

We will now hear from Brother Wells, who is the Secretary.

Delegate Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, and my Brothers of this National Encampment of the Sons of Union

Veterans of the Civil War, my message will be very brief as most of you attended the Campfire, at which time I spoke, on behalf of the Commission.

However, as a matter of record in his report in Massachusetts, it is the sincere wish from the Massachusetts Centennial Commission, by direction of Senator Charles W. Hedges, through its Secretary, that you have a prosperous Encampment; and I take this opportunity to convey the good wishes of the Commission to you all.

The Massachusetts Civil War Centennial Commission is actively engaged in, and dedicated to study the situation, in relation to the Civil War; and plan for this commemoration to be held from 1961-1965. There is much research to be done to find original records from the Civil War, diaries, equipment used in the Civil War, etc. and we request your cooperation. Any information you can furnish us will be greatly appreciated; and I assure you that, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, we will cooperate with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I represent the Sons of Union Veterans on the State Commission and, therefore, there will be cooperation.

However, this is simply a matter of formality for the records of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and we thank you for receiving us.

(Applause of the Encampment followed, after which they were escorted out.)

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Is there any other business to come before us before we recess until tomorrow?

National Secretary Lambert: I move you that we recess, to meet at 9:30 A. M. tomorrow morning—then to stay in session until we have reached nomination, election and installation of officers. (Seconded by Department Commander Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts; and carried.)

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

August 19, 1959 — 9:30 A. M.

The Encampment opened in regular form.

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Does anyone have anything to offer, before we continue with reports of Committees?

Delegate Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts: There is one thing I would like to add, in regards to the Civil War Centennial Commission.

I have been in receipt of information just recently, and would like to include in the records, that the California Department has been very busy preparing for the Centennial. Past Department Commander Coby Wilcox formed a Committee of the Allied Orders in California. They formed their Committee, and started their plans last October; and have met two, or more, times since then.

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Thank you, Brother Wells. You can be sure that California will do their best; and I am sure that they will put forth all their efforts to have a fine observance here during the time of the Centennial.

Is the Committee on Resolutions ready to complete their report?

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Past Commander-in-Chief Davis: Your Committee on Resolutions wish to present the following additional report:

(6) From the report of Past Commander-in-Chief Grant, Washington Representative—that a resolution be passed by the Sons congratulating the Ladies of the G.A.R. upon their federal incorporation.

Your Committee presents the following Resolution:

"We compliment and congratulate the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and your legislative agent Mrs. Margaret Worrell, on the granting to your organization of a Congressional Charter.

This brings to your great patriotic organization of ladies the National status and recognition to which you are so worthily entitled.

We, as another Civil War organization chartered by Congress, look forward to future years of mutual cooperation and trust we can work hand in hand on projects commemorating the Union Veterans of the Civil War."

Your Committee recommends adoption of this Resolution. (Adopted.)

(7) From report of Fred E. Colwell, Chairman of the National Legislative Committee—that the five Capital letters SUVCW shall be the official abbreviation for this organization.

Your Committee presents the following Resolution:

"When letters are used to designate our organization, they shall be SUVCW. We regard, with disapproval, the use of only the letters S.U.V. and wish to see this, and other practices, discouraged where practicable.

This announcement shall be published in The Banner several times for the information of members."

Your Committee recommends adoption of this Resolution. (Adopted.)

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick K. Davis, Oregon and Wash.,
Chairman,
Richard F. Locke, Illinois,
Charles W. Hooper, Massachusetts,
Fred H. Combs, Sr., New Jersey,
Committee on Resolutions.

Past Commander-in-Chief Davis: This is the conclusion of our report, and we would ask to be discharged.

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Thank you, Brother Davis. You, and your Committee have done a fine job and we are grateful to you. The Committee on Resolutions is hereby discharged, with our thanks.

Delegate Ernest G. Wells, Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, with reference to the assignment given me yesterday to go over to the Auxiliary and the Ladies of the G.A.R. to advise them of our action asking the Federal Government to again issue Next of Kin Medals, I would like to report that both organizations approve of our action, and will adopt similar resolutions on this matter.

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Thank you, Brother Wells, for calling on them: and for this report.

National Secretary Lambert: I understand that when our delegation went over to visit the Ladies of the G.A.R., they extended the invitation to them to meet with us in 1961, in Indianapolis. I believe we should extend the same courtesy to our Auxiliary, and would suggest that someone be appointed to go down to the Auxiliary and extend this invitation.

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Thank you for making the suggestion. I will appoint Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt to take care of this matter.

We will now have the report of the Budget Committee of the Council of Administration.

REPORT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE— COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Past Commander-in-Chief DeHaven: The Budget Committee of the Council of Administration wish to present the following proposed budget for the coming year:

Proposed Budget—1959-1960

RECEIPTS:

Per Capita Tax—4800 members at \$1.00	\$4,800.00
Registration Fees—120 members at \$2.00	240.00
Sale of Supplies	660.00
Banner Subscriptions	1,000.00
Gift from Auxiliary	500.00
Total Receipts	\$7,200.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

The Banner	\$2,100.00
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses	1,000.00

National Sec'y.-Treas. (Salary)	\$800.00	
	(Expense) 400.00	
Supplies		1,200.00
Encampment Expense		500.00
Shipping Expense—Supplies, etc.		1,500.00
Rent of National Headquarters		100.00
Miscellaneous (Incl. P. C. in C. Badge)		400.00
Printing, Stationery, Postage		300.00
Proceedings (1959)		300.00
C. P. A. Audit		700.00
		100.00
Total Disbursements		\$8,200.00

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

- \$50.00 for Committee on Grave Marking
- \$25.00 for National Historian Expense
- \$100.00 for G.A.R. Highway Committee
- \$300.00 for Lincoln University Scholarship
- \$25.00 for American Coalition
- \$100.00 for Lincoln Tomb Observance
- \$50.00 for Lincoln Monument Exercises
- \$30.00 for Wreaths at Gettysburg and Cathedral of the Pines
- \$50.00 for Centennial Committee Expense

Respectfully submitted,

Albert B. DeHaven, Maine,
Chas. A. Brady, Jr.,

Budget Committee,
Council of Administration.

(Adopted.)

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Is there any new business to come before this Encampment?

National Counselor Locke: You have heard me say that I am unalterably opposed to anything being done by us which would, in any way, create dissention among the several Orders composing the G.A.R. family. I want to make a motion that the incoming Commander-in-Chief be directed to extend an invitation to the Daughters of Union Veterans and the Woman's Relief Corps to meet with us in 1961 in Indianapolis—the idea being that each year hereafter the same invitation shall be extended; and I am asking the unanimous vote of this Encampment. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Melville R. Riggs, California.)

Past Department Commander Spencer Leonard, Oregon and Washington: Does that rescind any previous action which has been taken?

National Secretary Lambert: Yes, it does. Two years ago there was a discussion on this matter, and it was decided that we should invite them. Our action, at that time, was that we notify them that we would meet in Boston in 1958, and in Long Beach in 1959 and if, at any time in the future, they would want to join with us, we will be pleased to have them.

Our previous action, in this Encampment, has been that it be referred to the next National Encampment.

National Counselor Locke: I still think we should do nothing to create any dissension with them. It takes but a little effort, on our part, to be courteous, and extend this invitation. Let us act like gentlemen, and continue to put forth an effort to have pleasant relations with all the organizations in the G.A.R. family. I propose

"that we have peace among the G.A.R. family, even if we have to have war to get it"—to quote the old G.A.R. veterans; and I completely agree with that thought. (Adopted.)

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: As you instructed a short time ago, Brother Riggs, I went down to the Auxiliary, and extended the invitation to meet with us in Indianapolis. I wish to report that the Auxiliary was very appreciative of our thoughtfulness in extending the invitation to meet with us in 1961. They unanimously adopted the invitation and will meet with us next year in Springfield, Illinois; and in 1961 in Indianapolis.

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Thank you, Brother Stoudt.

Is there any more business? If not, we will have the Report of the Credentials Committee.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE — FINAL REPORT

Delegate Bertram Isaacs, New York: The Credentials Committee wish to present a final report:

Number of members enrolled, 105, composed of:

Past Commanders-in-Chief	8
Past Commanders-in-Chief (Registered, not present)	1
Past Department Commanders	31
Past Department Commanders (Registered, not present)	9
Department Commanders	8
Department Commanders (Registered, not present)	2
Delegates	29
Delegates (Registered, not present)	1
Alternate Delegates	16

Total 105

Respectfully submitted,

Bertram Isaacs, New York, Chairman.
 Alton Sharp, New Jersey,
 Vernon E. Cheney, California,
 James M. Blackman, Illinois,
 Albert C. Lambert, New Jersey,

Credential Committee.

(Adopted.)

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: The Credential Committee, and any other Committees not previously discharged, are now discharged; and I thank you for your work, which has been well done.

Past Commander-in-Chief DeHaven: Commander-in-Chief, I move that we go into Nomination and Election of Officers. (Seconded by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Perkins; and carried.)

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Nominations are now open for the office of Commander-in-Chief.

The National Secretary called the roll to Massachusetts.

Past Commander-in-Chief Moran: Commander-in-Chief, and Brothers. My assignment, at the moment, is a most pleasant one.

We have a brother of this organization who has been a faithful, and diligent, worker for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for quite a number of years. He comes from a small Department in our organization—one which has never had a Commander-in-Chief.

However, the Department may be small; but in that particular Department they don't need an office in order to work, and they work mainly in the interest of the organization. We, in New England, know that they do work very hard. We know how the work is done, who does the work and the fine accomplishments they have to their credit. It is a small Department but their accomplishments, on behalf of this organization, are great.

This brother joined this Order in 1927. He served in the chairs in his local Camp and in the Department, has served as Department Commander; and is, at present, Secretary-Treasurer of the Department. He has served the National body in the capacity of Council of Administration Member, National Patriotic Instructor and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; and you Brothers who regularly attend the Encampments know him as well as I.

Much more could be said about him, both from an organizational and personal standpoint; but you all know him and are aware of his merits.

I take great pleasure, on behalf of the Department of Rhode Island, and myself, in nominating Harold E. Arnold for the office of Commander-in-Chief of this organization.

(Seconded by Departments of New Jersey, Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Massachusetts, California and Pacific, Illinois, Iowa, Vermont and Wisconsin.)

Delegate John Gately, California: I move that where there is but one candidate, the National Secretary cast the unanimous ballot of this Encampment. (Seconded by Department Commander Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts; and carried.)

(The National Secretary cast 92 (actual voting strength of the Encampment, excluding those registered, not present) votes for Harold E. Arnold for Commander-in-Chief.)

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Brother Arnold, you have been elected Commander-in-Chief. Do you accept?

Past Department Commander Harold E. Arnold, Rhode Island: I do; and will serve you, to the best of my ability.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: National Secretary, you will call the roll for nominations for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The National Secretary called the roll to Illinois.

National Counselor Locke: Brothers, a task has been assigned to me today, and it is with extreme pleasure that I accepted it.

Last year, in Boston, we elected as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief a young man in our ranks, from the Department of Illinois, and we have been very well pleased with what he has done. He is a fine young man and an energetic worker in this organization and he has made a wonderful record, not only this past year, but through the years in which he has been associated with the Sons of Union Veterans. He has never failed to do anything required, or asked, to do; and we, in Illinois, are very proud of him and of his accomplishments.

You have had an opportunity to observe him here in this Encampment, as well as last year in Boston, and I am sure you have been pleased with what you saw, and with what he has done. We, in Illinois, know what he does and what he has the ability to do and we feel he is just the type of man greatly needed by this organization.

Never have I taken greater pleasure in presenting a candidate for this, or any other, office in this organization; and I wish to nominate Charles A. Brady, Jr. for another term as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(Seconded by Departments of Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon and Washington, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and Wisconsin.)

(The National Secretary cast 92 votes for Charles A. Brady, Jr., for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.)

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Brother Brady, you have been re-elected to the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Do you accept?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Brady: I do, and will do my best to live up to your expectations.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

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

The National Secretary called the roll to New York.

Past Commander-in-Chief Howe: Commander-in-Chief, it is with great pleasure that I rise to nominate a man from the New York Department for this office.

He has been a member of this order for 53½ years and has attended 40 National Encampments. He is a Past Department Commander of New York, a Past Commander of the American Legion, and a retired railroad man. He is a hard worker, and devotes a great deal of his time and efforts on behalf of this organization. He attends not only our National Encampments, but is very active in his own Department, and in his Camp.

I take great pleasure in nominating Charles L. Messer of the Department of New York for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(Seconded by Departments of Rhode Island and Wisconsin.)

(The National Secretary cast 92 ballots for Charles L. Messer for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.)

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: You have been elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brother Messer. Do you accept?

Past Department Commander Charles L. Messer, New York: Yes, and I will serve to the best of my ability.

Member of Council of Administration (2 Year Term)

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Nominations are now open for a Member of the Council of Administration, for a 2 year term.

National Counselor Locke: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I assume your opinion of me is that, in many respects, I am a "stickler" for conforming to rules and regulations at all times, no matter what happens. So, this will probably surprise you.

A situation confronts us, at the present time, in this organization which seems to me to justify if not to demand, if you please, something unusual be done for the good of this Order.

I am here now to move that the rules and regulations of this order be suspended; and that this Encampment now elect General U. S. Grant, 3rd, even though he is not present at this Encampment, to a 2 year term as a member of the Council of Administration, and that it be a unanimous vote. (Seconded by Delegate George O. Walker, Massachusetts; and carried, and Past Commander-in-Chief Grant elected, by unanimous vote of the Encampment, to a 2 year term as a Member of the Council of Administration.)

Commander-in-Chief Riggs: This concludes the business of the Encampment, with the exception of Installation of Officers. Brother Arnold, will you name your Installing Officer, and proceed with that order of business.

Commander-in-Chief elect Arnold: The Installing Officer will be Past Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Howe.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Installation of Officers followed, with Past Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Howe as Installing Officer; Department Commander Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts, as Installing Guide; and Past Department Commander Spencer Leonard, Oregon as Installing Chaplain.

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

National Patriotic Instructor—Chester S. Shriver, Pennsylvania
 National Chaplain—Spencer Leonard, Oregon
 National Counselor—Richard F. Locke, Illinois
 National Historian—Allen F. Spink, Connecticut
 National Chief of Staff—C. Leroy Stoudt, Pennsylvania
 Registered Agent in D. C.—Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd, U.S.A., Ret., Maryland
 National Graves Registration Officer — Bertrand O. DeForest, Connecticut
 Personal Aide—George A. Strait, Rhode Island

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

G.A.R. Highway Committee—Frank Woerner, California
 Legislative Committee—Fred E. Colwell, New York
 Americanism and Education Committee—Joseph S. Rippey, New York
 Civil War Centennial Committee—William O. Fuller, Massachusetts

Past Commander-in-Chief Howe: The National Secretary will call the names of the newly elected officers (compiled with) and:

Commander-in-Chief—Harold E. Arnold, Rhode Island,
 Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Charles A. Brady, Jr., Illinois,
 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Charles L. Messer, New York,
 National Counselor—Richard F. Locke, Illinois,
 National Chief of Staff—C. Leroy Stoudt, Pennsylvania,
 National Chaplain—Spencer Leonard, Oregon,
 National Historian—Allen F. Spink, Connecticut

were installed in Ritualistic form.

Past Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Duke, it is a great thrill and honor for me to perform this duty. I present to you the badge of the Commander-in-Chief of this organization, and it is with pride that I pin it on you today.

I have worked with you for the past twelve years, and it has been a pleasure for me. I have watched you, during those years, and I know you will make a fine Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: Thank you, Brother Riggs.

A few years ago, in Rhode Island, we started a little project; that of awarding a plaque to an outstanding member of our order. Today, on behalf of the Department of Rhode Island, it is my pleasure to present this plaque to you Earl.

Past Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Thank you. It is an honor and I am more than grateful for this award.

National Counselor Locke: Commander-in-Chief, I should like to speak, for a moment, to Past Commander-in-Chief Riggs.

You know Earl, now that your successor has been elected and installed, you are a Past Commander-in-Chief but, up to the present moment, you haven't any proof of your attaining that status.

We followed your career very closely during the past year and we are not the least bit disappointed in you, or in your performance in the office of Commander-in-Chief. You have performed your duties

well, you have conducted yourself in the manner our Commander-in-Chief should, and we are proud of you.

You now have taken a course of instruction in the work of the Sons of Union Veterans, and you now join that group of men who have served the highest office in this organization. You are now completely qualified to get out and go to work; and we know that you will. You won't just sit on the sidelines and do nothing—we are sure of that, as your interest in this organization is too great.

It is my great pleasure to present to you, on behalf of the organization which you have served so well, the emblem of a Past Commander-in-Chief.

I don't know what more I could say to you, at this point, Earl. You have proved yourself, and we are proud of you. We now welcome you into the ranks of the Past Commanders-in-Chief.

I also have the privilege of presenting to you the lapel button of a Past Commander-in-Chief. I know that you will wear both of these emblems of a Past Commander-in-Chief with pride and satisfaction, and may you have a long and healthful life to wear and enjoy them.

Past Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Thank you, Brother Locke. Some of the boys in California have heard me make the statement that I would never do anything to hurt the Order, and you can be sure that I will always do all in my power for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: I would like to thank each and every one for electing me to this high office of Commander-in-Chief.

Little did I realize when I joined this organization, at the age of 15, that I would stand here today.

I want to sincerely thank you for the confidence you have expressed in me here today. With this fine group of officers, I am sure there will be complete cooperation; and we will try to make this year one of the best we have had in a long time. Thank you.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Brady: Brother Commander-in-Chief, I would like to offer sincere congratulations on your election as Commander-in-Chief, and I am delighted to have the opportunity to serve on your staff. I know this will be a "rip-snorter" this year; and I assure you that I will do all in my power to be of assistance.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Messer: Commander-in-Chief, that goes for me too. I am available at any time, and ready to do my bit—I'm at your beck and call.

National Chaplain Leonard: Commander-in-Chief, I was taken by surprise at the appointment to this office, an honor which I did not expect; and I assure you that I will put forth my best efforts for the work of this order.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve in any capacity, and I assure you that I will fill this office to the best of my ability.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stouidt: Commander-in-Chief, I certainly add my humble congratulations to those of the other Brothers. Anything you want, just say so—and I'll do my best.

National Secretary Lambert: During the year, Commander-in-Chief, you will call on me for some things necessary in conducting the work of this organization. I will assure you, as I did your predecessor, that I will stand by you and the organization.

National Counselor Locke: Commander-in-Chief, I would just like to mention one thing to you—in the way of instruction to you.

You will remember that I called your attention, yesterday, to the fact that in the past there were too many projects which were half-heartedly adopted, and never completed by this organization. So, I hope you fellows will go home and get something done this year that will put this order on the map.

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: We certainly will try our best.

Department Commander Vernon E. Cheney, California and Pacific: On behalf of the Department of California, I wish to again express our appreciation to all of you delegates for having been with us on this occasion. Many of you came long distances, and we are grateful to you for coming to California. You have had the opportunity of finding out how far we travel, each year, to be with you folks and we hope that, someday in the future, we might have the pleasure of seeing you in California again.

We trust you have enjoyed your stay with us, that you will all return to your homes safely and that, someday, you will want to come back to California again.

California congratulates you, Commander-in-Chief on being elected to the office you now hold; and I am sure we will do everything in our power to make your term of office one of success, one of many accomplishments, and one which you will enjoy.

I doubt if any Commander-in-Chief can accomplish as much as Brother Locke hopes for, but set your sights high; and I hope you reach your goal, whatever it may be. I congratulate and thank you, on behalf of the Department of California.

Past Department Commander Carder A. Perkins, Massachusetts: I make a motion that a rising vote of thanks be given the Department of California, and the Convention Committee, for the fine Encampment we have enjoyed here. (Seconded by Department Commander Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts, and carried; and rising vote of thanks given by the Encampment.)

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Brady: Commander-in-Chief, I would like to take this opportunity to speak, on behalf of the Department of Illinois.

We are looking forward to entertaining the National Encampment next year. We think California did a magnificent job this year, and we hope to measure up to what they have done. We assure you that we will put forth every effort to give you a fine Encampment and, on behalf of the Department of Illinois, wish to invite you all to Springfield next year.

Commander-in-Chief Arnold: Thank you for the invitation, and I am sure that we will have a fine Encampment at Springfield.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I move you, Commander-in-Chief, that the minutes of this Encampment, as taken by the Encampment stenographer, be the official proceedings of this Encampment, when approved by the retiring Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary-Treasurer; and that this Encampment now adjourn. (Seconded by Department Commander Clark W. Mellor, Massachusetts, and carried.)

The Encampment closed in Ritualistic form.

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

Earl F. Riggs
(Commander-in-Chief.)

Attest:

Albert C. Lambert
(National Secretary.)

Annamae D. Berhalter
(Official Stenographer.)

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING**August 19, 1959 — 12:15 P. M.**

A meeting of the Council of Administration was held in the Lafayette Hotel, Long Beach, California, immediately after the close of the 78th annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Commander-in-Chief Harold E. Arnold presided; with the following present: Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles A. Brady, Jr.; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Messer; Council of Administration Member Past Commander-in-Chief Earl F. Riggs; and National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert.

A number of matters, projects and suggestions for the good of the order were discussed—but no formal action was taken by the Council.

The only matter referred to the Council by the Encampment was relative to the invitation to meet in Indianapolis, Indiana in 1961. After consideration and discussion, National Secretary Lambert was designated by the Council to go to Indianapolis within the next month, to make suitable arrangements and complete details in connection with the 1961 Encampment.

REPRESENTATION

Chapter 3, Article 2, Section 1, Constitution and Regulations: "one delegate from each Department, whatever its membership, and one additional delegate for every fifty members or major fraction thereof."

Department	Seniority Rank	Date Instituted	June 30, 1959 Membership	Delegates
California and Pacific	19	July 1, 1886	270	6
Colorado and Wyoming	23	March 22, 1929	33	2
Connecticut	5	May 15, 1883	290	6
Illinois	10	July, 1883	139	4
Indiana	18	June 12, 1885	80	3
Iowa	6	June 2, 1883	74	2
Kansas	9	June, 1883	55	2
Maine	4	April 10, 1883	302	7
Maryland	20	June 15, 1887	56	2
Massachusetts	2	July 17, 1882	906	19
Michigan	15	June 24, 1884		
Minnesota	17	January 1, 1885	59	2
New Hampshire	11	August, 1883	161	4
New Jersey	8	June 14, 1883	268	6
New York	13	November 6, 1883	550	12
Ohio	3	August 1, 1882	328	7
Oregon and Washington	22	June 8, 1923	78	3
Pennsylvania	1	July 4, 1882	887	19
Rhode Island	14	February 14, 1884	155	4
Vermont	12	October, 1883	183	4
Wisconsin	21	September, 1887	64	2
Camp 21, Beaufort, S. C.			16	1
Camp 4, St. Louis, Mo.			14	1
Camp 30, Springfield, Mo.			5	1
Camp 7, Jackson, Mich.			31	1
Camp 8, Detroit, Mich.			11	1
Camp 14, Grand Rapids, Mich.			48	1
Camp 4, Detroit, Mich.			9	1
Camp 9, Port Huron, Mich.			33	1
Camp 22, Marshall, Mich.			17	1
National Camp at Large			10	1

SEVENTY-EIGHTH ENCAMPMENT ROLL

Long Beach, California

August 16-20, 1959

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<i>Elected</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Address</i>
1881	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	
1882	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	
1883	*Frank P. Merrill	Maine	
1884	*Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania	
1885	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	
1886	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	
1887	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	
1888	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	
1889	*Charles F. Griffin	Indiana	
1890	*Leland J. Webb	Kansas	
1891	*Bartow S. Weeks	New York	
1892	*Marvin E. Hall	Michigan	
1893	*Joseph B. Maccabe	Massachusetts	
1894	*William E. Bundy	Ohio	
1895	*William E. Russell	Kansas	
1896	*James Lewis Rake	Pennsylvania	
1897	*Charles E. Darling	Massachusetts	
1898	*Frank L. Shepard	Illinois	
1899	*A. W. Jones	Ohio	
1900	*Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania	
1901	*Edward R. Campbell	Maryland	
1902	*Frank Martin	Indiana	
1903	*Arthur B. Spink	Rhode Island	
1904	*William C. Dustin	Illinois	
1905	*Harley V. Speelman	Ohio	
1906	*Edwin M. Amies	Pennsylvania	
1907	*Ralph Sheldon	New York	
1908	*Edgar Allan, Jr.	Maryland	
1909	*George W. Pollitt	New Jersey	
1910	*Fred E. Bolton	Massachusetts	
1911	*Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	
1912	*Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	
1913	*John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania	
1914	Charles F. Sherman	New York	51 Woodridge Circle, Trumbull 19, Conn.
1915	*A. E. B. Stephens	Ohio	
1916	*William T. Church	Illinois	
1917	*Fred T. J. Johnson	Maryland	
1918	*Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania	
1919	*Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts	
1920	*Pelham A. Barrows	Nebraska	
1921	*Clifford Ireland	Illinois	
1922	*Frank Shellhouse	Indiana	
1923	*Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania	
1924	Wm. M. Coffin	Ohio	3755 Hyde Park Ave., Cincinnati 9, Ohio
1925	*Edwin C. Irelan	Maryland	
1926	*Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts	
1927	*Walter C. Mabie	Pennsylvania	
1928	*Delevan Bates Bowley	Calif. & Pacific	

<i>Elected</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Address</i>
1929	*Theodore C. Cazeau	New York	
1930	*Allan S. Holbrook	Illinois	
1931	Frank C. Huston	Indiana	1071 Edgewood Ave., Jacksonville, Fla.
1932	*Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania	
1933	*Park F. Yengling	Ohio	
1934	*Frank L. Kirchgassner	Massachusetts	
1935	Richard F. Locke	Illinois	526 Crescent Blvd., Glen Ellyn, Ill.
1936	*Wm. Allan Dyer	New York	
1937	*Wm. Allan Dyer	New York	
1938	*Wm. L. Anderson	Massachusetts	
1939	*Ralph R. Barrett	California	
1940	*J. Kirkwood Craig, D.D.	New Hampshire	
1941	Albert C. Lambert	New Jersey	P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.
1942	Henry Towle	Maine	13 Free St., So. Portland 7, Me.
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1946	Neil D. Cranmer	New York	568 Robinson St., Elmira, N. Y.
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1949	John H. Runkle	Pennsylvania	814 N. 2nd St., Harrisburg, Pa.
1950	Cleon E. Heald	New Hampshire	21 High St., Keene, N. H.
1951	Roy J. Bennett	Iowa	924 Loomis Ave., Des Moines 15, Iowa
1952	Frederick K. Davis	Ore. & Wash.	1193 Pearl St., Eugene, Oregon
1953	U. S. Grant, 3rd	Maryland	1135 21st, N.W.
1954	Maj.-Gen., U.S.A., Ret.		Washington 6. D. C.
1955	Frederic Gilbert Bauer	Massachusetts	123 Heights Road, Ridgewood, N. J.
1956	Colonel, A.U.S., Ret. Fred E. Howe	New York	1345 Michigan Ave., Niagara Falls, N. Y.
1957	Albert B. DeHaven	Maine	35 Berwick St., Box 550, Sanford, Me.
1958	Earl F. Riggs	California	1371 W. 7th St., Upland, California

Sons of Veterans

1881	†*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania
1882	†*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania
1883	†*Edwin Earp	Massachusetts
1884	†*Edwin Earp	Massachusetts
1884	†*Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania
1885	†*Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania
1886	†*Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania

The Post System

1889-90	†George W. Marks	New York	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1890	†George T. Brown	New York	

Honor Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief

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

PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDER

E. Howard Gilkey	Ohio
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* Deceased

† Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENTS

<i>No.</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>State</i>
1st	1882	Oct. 18	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
2nd	1883	Aug. 6-7	Columbus	Ohio
3rd	1884	Aug. 27-30	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania
4th	1885	Sept. 17-18	Grand Rapids	Michigan
5th	1886	Sept. 1-2	Buffalo	New York
6th	1887	Aug. 17-19	Des Moines	Iowa
7th	1888	Aug. 15-17	Wheeling	West Virginia
8th	1889	Sept. 10-13	Paterson	New Jersey
9th	1890	Aug. 26-29	St. Joseph	Missouri
10th	1891	Aug. 24-29	Minneapolis	Minnesota
11th	1892	Aug. 8-12	Helena	Montana
12th	1893	Aug. 15-18	Cincinnati	Ohio
13th	1894	Aug. 20-23	Davenport	Iowa
14th	1895	Sept. 16-18	Knoxville	Tennessee
15th	1896	Sept. 8-10	Louisville	Kentucky
16th	1897	Sept. 9-11	Indianapolis	Indiana
17th	1898	Sept. 12-14	Omaha	Nebraska
18th	1899	Sept. 7-9	Detroit	Michigan
19th	1900	Sept. 11-13	Syracuse	New York
20th	1901	Sept. 17-18	Providence	Rhode Island
21st	1902	Oct. 7-9	Washington	D. C.
22nd	1903	Sept. 15-17	Atlantic City	New Jersey
23rd	1904	Aug. 17-19	Boston	Massachusetts
24th	1905	Sept. 18-20	Geltysburg	Pennsylvania
25th	1906	Aug. 21-23	Peoria	Illinois
26th	1907	Aug. 20-21	Dayton	Ohio
27th	1908	Aug. 25-27	Niagara Falls	New York
28th	1909	Aug. 24-26	Washington	D. C.
29th	1910	Sept. 20-22	Atlantic City	New Jersey
30th	1911	Aug. 22-25	Rochester	New York
31st	1912	Aug. 27-29	St. Louis	Missouri
32nd	1913	Sept. 16-18	Chattanooga	Tennessee
33rd	1914	Sept. 1-3	Detroit	Michigan
34th	1915	Sept. 28-30	Washington	D. C.
35th	1916	Aug. 30-31	Kansas City	Missouri
36th	1917	Aug. 22-23	Boston	Massachusetts
37th	1918	Aug. 20-21	Niagara Falls	New York
38th	1919	Sept. 9-11	Columbus	Ohio
39th	1920	Sept. 22-24	Indianapolis	Indiana
40th	1921	Sept. 27-29	Indianapolis	Indiana
41st	1922	Sept. 26-28	Des Moines	Iowa
42nd	1923	Sept. 4-6	Milwaukee	Wisconsin
43rd	1924	Aug. 12-14	Boston	Massachusetts
44th	1925	Sept. 1-3	Grand Rapids	Michigan
45th	1926	Sept. 21-23	Des Moines	Iowa
46th	1927	Sept. 13-15	Grand Rapids	Michigan
47th	1928	Sept. 18-20	Denver	Colorado
48th	1929	Sept. 10-12	Portland	Maine
49th	1930	Aug. 26-28	Cincinnati	Ohio
50th	1931	Sept. 14-17	Des Moines	Iowa
51st	1932	Sept. 19-22	Springfield	Illinois
52nd	1933	Sept. 19-21	St. Paul	Minnesota

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53rd	1934	Aug. 14-16	Rochester	New York
54th	1935	Sept. 9-12	Grand Rapids	Michigan
55th	1936	Sept. 22-24	Washington	D. C.
56th	1937	Sept. 6-9	Madison	Wisconsin
57th	1938	Sept. 5-8	Des Moines	Iowa
58th	1939	Aug. 29-31	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
59th	1940	Sept. 10-12	Springfield	Illinois
60th	1941	Sept. 15-18	Columbus	Ohio
61st	1942	Sept. 15-17	Indianapolis	Indiana
62nd	1943	Sept. 20-23	Milwaukee	Wisconsin
63rd	1944	Sept. 12-14	Des Moines	Iowa
64th	1945	Oct. 1-4	Columbus	Ohio
65th	1946	Aug. 25-29	Indianapolis	Indiana
66th	1947	Aug. 10-14	Cleveland	Ohio
67th	1948	Sept. 26-30	Grand Rapids	Michigan
68th	1949	Aug. 28-31	Indianapolis	Indiana
69th	1950	Aug. 20-24	Boston	Massachusetts
70th	1951	Aug. 19-23	Columbus	Ohio
71st	1952	Aug. 24-28	Atlantic City	New Jersey
72nd	1953	Aug. 23-27	Buffalo	New York
73rd	1954	Aug. 8-13	Duluth	Minnesota
74th	1955	Aug. 21-25	Cincinnati	Ohio
75th	1956	Sept. 9-13	Harrisburg	Pennsylvania
76th	1957	Aug. 18-22	Detroit	Michigan
77th	1958	Aug. 17-21	Boston	Massachusetts
78th	1959	Aug. 16-20	Long Beach	California

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